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ECHOES of the 1980s vine-pull scheme are reverberating across the Riverland, thanks to a crippling oversupply of red wine grapes.

Amid forecasts of a restructure, including grower exits, some contracted locals are being encouraged to replace red wine varieties for white wine varieties or accept drastically reduced payments for the non-delivery of certain varieties for the 2023 vintage.

The news update coincided with a senior industry figure advising that economic difficulties could force a restructure of the local industry ahead of the 2023 vintage.

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Family walks away after 100 years FINALLY overwhelmed by falling prices and rising input costs, a third-generation Riverland grape grower is walking away from 100 years of history – and holds grave fears for the local industry's future. **PAGE 2**



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PAUL MITCHELL

FINALLY overwhelmed by falling prices and rising input costs, a third-generation Riverland grape grower is walking away from 100 years of history – and holds grave fears for the local industry's future.

The grower says 2022 vintage prices paid for red-wine grapes were "just above break even" and that the spectre of further price cuts for 2023 sealed his family's decision.

"Rumours are that pricing for 2023 vintage red varieties could drop as much as \$100 a tonne," he said.

"It's frightening – with the rise in the cost of power, diesel, spray materials and fertiliser - what's going to happen to the grower."

Speaking to The Murray Pioneer on the condition of anonymity, the grower said from receiving \$1200 a tonne in the 1990s, his shiraz and cabernet sauvignon grapes were fetching \$560 and \$540 a tonne in 2021, and just \$360 a tonne each this year.

We have decided to exit the industry, turn the water off and watch over 100 years of work end," he said.

"There's no sense putting in good money after bad.

"After years of droughts, water restrictions, leasing water to keep the vines going, more frequent hail storms, tougher penalties from wineries if fruit is damaged, we have had enough. It's time to stop for us.'

The grower claimed early signs of an industry-wide contraction had already led to local job losses within the industry.

He said the downturn was largely due to the loss of the formerly substantial - and lucrative - China export market.

'China was an important market for us, taking volume as well as (paying) high dollars for the wine,"

he said. "2021 was

a big vintage which has caused a problem with tank space leading into the 2022 vintage.

'There was many tonnes left on the vines to rot, or dropped on the ground, or sent... for distillation, but this barely covered harvesting or freight.

"From what I've been told by a grape supply officers even if we could resume exporting to China, getting containers is a huge problem (and) it would take up to three years to get back into a balanced supply."

In the meantime, the grower said his family would exit the industry and look for other employment.

"We will try to get casual work in the area," he said.

"Another option is to get a caravan and follow the harvest trail. There is plenty of work out there if you are keen.

"In the end why take all the risk? Go to work, get paid and let someone else do all the worrying."

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Houseboat forum Saturday **HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

HOUSEBOAT owners in a Riverland town will gather this weekend to voice concerns surrounding the local council's major development project.

The Renmark/Paringa Houseboat Collective will this weekend hold a public forum at the Renmark Club, aimed at addressing concerns surrounding the forced relocation of Ral Ral Creek mooring holders due to the upcoming development of the Jane Eliza Estate marina.

It is understood River Lady Eco Cruises operator Jack Gibb will present at the meeting.

The Renmark/Paringa Houseboat Collective meeting will be held at the Renmark Club, on Saturday, at 2pm.

Registrations will be required and can be made at the club from 1.30pm.



TODAY



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left) says government support is needed for Riverland grape growers facing oversupply challenges ahead of the 2023 vintage. PHOTO: supplied

Whetstone calls for government support

GOVERNMENTS need to support struggling grape growers through a looming vintage squeeze, says Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone.

An oversupply of red wine grapes, plus global demand and supply chain issues, is expected to place increased financial pressure on Riverland growers and wine producers in the months ahead, prompting the Liberal member to speak out.

"I don't believe enough is being done by governments to

alleviate stockpile pressure and it's not just the growers being impacted; this is sadly confronting all of the industry," Mr Whetstone told The Murray Pioneer yesterday.

"This is challenging every single grower and winemaker in the country.'

Mr Whetstone said the Riverland's economy remains heavily reliant on a successful wine industry and that growers would need to adapt in the months and years ahead.

"Sixty per cent of our region relies on sustainable wine grape prices," he said.

"Global demand and supply chain issues are going to cause some challenges for local wine

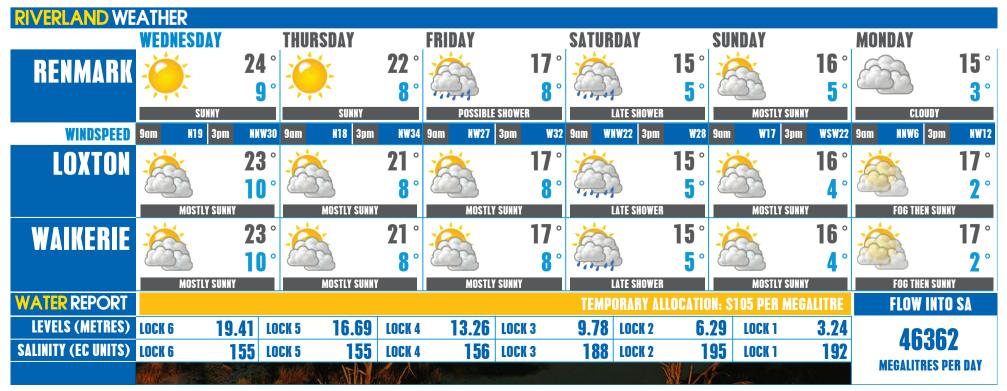
grape growers "They should be closely assessing their short and longterm forecast and how will it affect their business.

"They need to consider the least profitable sections of the vineyard and alternatives crops, or if they look at removing vines



and enter the temporary water market.

"Growers must take affirmative action if they are to work through these upcoming struggles."



Desperate times, 🁹 desperate measures

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

SOME wine grape growers will be encouraged to replace vines, or take payments for the non-delivery of certain varieties, as a senior figure expects economic difficulty to force a restructure of the local industry ahead of the 2023 vintage.

Riverland Wine last Thursday hosted its Outlook for the Grape and Wine Sector session at the Loxton Research Centre, focused on discussing current industry challenges.

Inland Wine Regions Alliance chair Jim Caddy said he expected an oversupply of unsold wine from previous years to have major impacts on the viability of growing red grape varieties.

"There will be some (grapes) that cannot be sold," Mr Caddy said.

"There will be some growers who will try and get out of the industry if they can.'

A CCW Vintage 2023 Update - given anonymously to The Murray Pioneer - also indicated to growers that shiraz and cabernet were in oversupply.

In response, a red to white grape redevelopment program has been offered to CCW's growers, based on 300 hectares of shiraz and 200 hectares of cabernet vines being removed, and being replaced by 400 hectares of sauvignon blanc, and 100 hectares of pinot grigio.

It is understood that patches of red grape vines nominated for this offer would be undeliverable for the 2023 vintage.

The pricing payment structure on grapes from these patches would then be for five delivery years, with growers able to choose from either a minimum, or a

fixed-price option.

Mr Caddy said it was necessary for Riverland growers to consider their long-term economic positions.

"That is a decision that each grower has to make in consultation with their winemaker," he said.

"It is a very expensive decision to change varieties, or change to another product.

"Any change needs to be done after discussion with their winery representative."

Under the Accolade plan, it is understood that growers can also elect to receive a non-delivery payment of \$750 per hectare for nominated patches of shiraz and cabernet for the 2023 vintage.

Deliveries from these nominated patches would then be paid a 10 per cent premium on the negotiated variety prices in the 2024 and 2025 vintages.



Riverland Wine independent chair Dr Darren Oemcke presenting at the Outlook for the Grape and Wine Sector session, held at the Loxton Research Centre, last Thursday. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

However, the CCW update also said all other varieties would be required and would follow normal business routines through the year for pricing.

Mr Caddy said a growing demand for white varieties could provide some economic stability for Riverland growers.

"The Riverland is the largest wine region in Australia of both red and white," he said. "The Riverland has a mix of about 56 per cent red and 44 per cent white, and that probably needs to be

about 50/50.

"The demand for whites is expected to continue the slow growth over the next few years.

"Price increases will depend on the other factors affecting the industry such as the increased freight prices."

Accolade and CCW working together for growers

THE Riverland's largest co-operative group and its biggest winery are working together on new programs to assist the region's wine producers through a "significant disruption" to the local industry.

A CCW Vintage 2023 Update sent last week indicated local grape growers would be encouraged to replace patches of shiraz and cabernet vines with white wine varieties, or take reduced payments for the non-delivery of grapes in the 2023 vintage.

Accolade Wines supply chain officer Derek Nicol said the initiatives were aimed at providing the best possible economic returns for growers.

"CCW and Accolade have been working closely together to create a number of programs to address these external market challenges in a way that supports growers and future-proofs the wine industry for the long term," Mr Nicol said.

"This includes a grape redevelopment program replacing some shiraz and cabernet sauvignon hectares with pinot gris, sauvignon blanc, glera/prosecco and grenache to address the longer-term structural need for white wine and other emerging varietals, and to provide long-term surety of pricing

and supply. "In addition, the intro-

yield management of red duction of a new initiative also minimise overall costs and maximise return for growers, while reducing waste through the supply chain.



"We believe these new plans will provide more stability to growers and the entire Riverland wine industry over the coming years, and we will be working closely with

business services

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CCW and growers to support these changes. "Accolade will also be adopting these

approaches for vintage 2023 across all our vineyards and our other grower vineyards in the Riverland.'

Mr Nicol said ensuring Riverland wine production remained sustainable through current industry challenges - including an oversupply of wine from previous vintages was a priority for both Accolade Wines and CCW.

"The wine industry has been impacted by a number of challenges in recent years, including bushfires and floods affecting vintages, and Covid has resulted in significant

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disruption to the entire supply chain and changes in consumer behaviour and trends." he said.

"In addition, the five-year tariff increases from China, combined with large vintages in 2021 and 2022, has resulted in an oversupply of red wine in the Australian market, increasing competition for growers and wine companies.

"As the biggest wine grower co-operative and the biggest wine supplier in the Riverland, we are committed to collaborating on key challenges and opportunities to support the long-term health of the wine trade." - HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

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Retirement village's \$20m expansion

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE company behind the establishment of the Waikerie Lifestyle Village has confirmed a \$20m expansion of the retirement village.

Eighty-one new homes will be built for over 55s, as part of the fifth stage of the residential land lease community.

Waikerie Lifestyle Village CEO Stephen Edwards said SA civil contractor LAKA Civil from Roseworthy recently won the tender for the stage five development.

He said the breaking of ground for infrastructure was expected to commence this month.

"The construction of the first homes are expected to start in October, with the first residents looking to move in during May next year," Mr Edwards said.

"It will be subject to demand, but given what we are experiencing, we are expecting to have 12 homes built by May next year.'

Mr Edwards said a waiting list already existed for these homes.

"We are in the process of getting some pre-agreements in place with at least three different groups," he said.

The first homes were built at the Waikerie retirement community in 2010 and the village has already expanded in four separate stages.

Mr Edwards described the new homes as an "exciting new phase of growth" for the village, Waikerie, and the Riverland.

"The demand for our village is increasing, as is evident in the speed of sale for the final homes in stage four," he said.

"This demand has allowed Waikerie Lifestyle Village to expand and bring not only 140 new residents to Waikerie in the coming years, but also spend a significant proportion of our investment with local and regional based trades and contractors.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky said the 81 new homes at the retirement village would help address the present housing shortage.

"The region is at an all-time low for new housing purchases, so it couldn't have come at a better

time," he said. "It is certainly great news for Waikerie and the Riverland in gen-

eral.' Mr Stasinowsky said Waikerie was earning a strong reputation as a retirement destination, due to

its weather, location, and facilities such as the hotel and hospital. Mr Stasinowsky said the wider

region was benefiting as a result. "People don't just have to stay at

the village, they can travel around the rest of the Riverland and the Barossa instead of doing it from Adelaide," he said.



The 81 new homes will be built to the far left of the existing village, as outlined by the white rectangles. **PHOTO:** supplied

"It is a win-win situation." Waikerie Lifestyle Village community manager Doug Rogers encouraged prospective retirees to register their interest.

We have seen a shift from having 'spec' homes available for sale at our open days to retirees buying off the plan and moving in as soon as a home is built," he said

"The last spec homes of the previous development sold quickly earlier this year, within weeks of the plans being released for sale on our website, some even before they hit the market."

Residents at the village pay for their utilities and a low weekly site fee, but do not have to pay stamp duty, entry or exit fees, council rates or water rates.



Village CEO Stephen Edwards (left), and community manager **Rogers say** demand for their Waikerie residential land lease Christine

In a daze over damn diesel prices

ELYSE ARMANINI

WILDLY fluctuating diesel prices between Riverland towns, plus ongoing impacts of the recordhigh figures, are con suming one local business owner.

Already lamenting the recent fuel-price phenomenon, transport operator Kevan Steinert also queried the differing prices while travelling from Berri to Renmark last weekend.

"I was in Berri on Saturday, where it was \$2.03 for diesel at On the Run and then you get to Renmark and it's \$2.19 at United, and the Woolies BP was \$2.22..." said Mr Steinert, owner of Paringa-based KC & RJ Steinert Pty Ltd.

"Someone is getting ripped off somewhere.

"The price has doubled since 2021. In February '21 it was \$1.15 (per litre) and recently it's \$2.25. "Some places we travel to are

charging \$2.40-2.50 (per litre)." Mr Steinert said only part of the fuel-price increase had been passed onto his customers.

"We've had to put a fuel surcharge on, but that's not enough to cover the increase, so we end up absorbing some of it," he said. "Diesel is only a by-product

of the oil; it's not refined like petrol. Petrol was always twice the price of diesel and now it's the other way around."

Mr Steinert said the price increases were causing companies like his to "shut up shop".

"With Covid and the unavailability of drivers, the fuel, and everything else the government throws at you, they've just had

enough," he said. "You can't get a truck or a



driver in different places around the countryside and it's going to get worse."

To become more sustainable, Mr Steinert said the cost per litre for diesel would have to "come back down to where it was in 2021".

"But it feels like it never will," he said. "All the fuel companies we deal with are trying to make as much out of it as they can for themselves, there's no mateship... "It doesn't matter how long

you've been with them, they're not really looking after anyone. "It's just a big price gouge."

"It's just a big price gouge." Mr Steinert said "everyone is feeling" the financial strain due to the increased prices.

"I know some of the boys that

work at the Murtho packhouse (and) it's costing them \$50 or more a week to run their car up there," he said.

"(But) you get no more in your pay packet."

The RAA recently called for diesel prices to be lowered at the bowser following a significant drop in wholesale costs due to a fall in crude oil prices.

RAA fuel expert Mark Borlace said the wholesale price cuts must also flow through to pumps across South Australia.

"The cost of diesel at the pump should be around 14 cents per litre cheaper than motorists are currently paying," he said.

"While there is a time lag – up to a week in regional SA – for

wholesale costs to pass through to the pump, motorists should be enjoying cheaper prices now than they are, given the recent large drop in wholesale costs in the past four weeks."

As of yesterday, the price for diesel at bowsers across the Riverland differed by up to an extra 20 cents per litre, according to the PetrolSpy website.

Loxton pumps were offering the best price, at \$1.99 per litre, while Berri, Glossop and Barmera followed close behind at around \$2.02 per litre.

Waikerie diesel costs were up slightly at \$2.12 to \$2.14 per litre, while diesel users in Renmark were worst off, with the price ranging from \$2.18 to \$2.20. ABOVE: Paringa-based K.C. & R.J. Steinert Pty Ltd owner Kevan Steinert says the increased cost of diesel at local bowsers is impacting his transport business and many others.



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Round-the-clock petrol proposed for Waikerie

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

AN independent SA fuel distribution company is proposing to establish an unstaffed fuel outlet to operate 24/7 on the Sturt Highway at Waikerie.

Perrys Fuel Distributors is headquartered in Crystal Brook in the Mid North and owns, operates or supplies more than 50 retail sites.

The company's development application – lodged with PlanSA in March – is for an aboveground fuel-cell (tank) on the land, and acoustic wall at a former fuel station.

The proposed fuel-cell would have a total area of 29.6 square metres and a total height of 2.89 metres.

The company has also requested permission to erect a 2.4m high price-board to advertise the fuel available.

Town planning specialist URPS has been engaged by Perrys Fuel Distributors to support it during the development application process.

In a letter written in July last

year to Loxton Waikerie council, URPS senior consultant Phil Harnett said the site for the proposed development comprised buildings previously used as a fuel outlet.

He said the locality featured large allotments, some of which comprised shops and commercial uses, while some dwellings were also situated at least 150m from the subject land.

Mr Harnett said the site would only be used for the fuelling of motor vehicles and involve the sale of fuels. He said the proposed development would utilise the existing canopy and all other buildings and fences would remain on the land.

The proposed development still requires planning and building approvals and will be considered by the Riverland Regional Assessment Panel.

Public submissions for the proposed unstaffed fuel outlet close this Friday at 11.59pm.

More information can be found at plan.sa.gov.au/en/ public_notices.







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No false alarm for grape growers

AESOP'S Fables included The Boy Who Cried Wolf, a cautionary tale about the folly and potential fallout of raising false alarms.

Cynics have, over the years, occasionally pondered whether certain members of the Riverland wine scene have been guilty of such a charge, given the industry's survival and occasional periods of relative health, including a couple of boom periods.

However, alarm bells are well and truly warranted for the latest set of circumstances facing Riverland growers, many of whom would consider it the most serious threat to their livelihoods yet.

A perfect storm of factors have converged to make the outlook particularly grim for some, especially certain red wine grape growers across the region.

Prices, already down last year, are tipped to drop further, set against a backdrop of oversupply and an alarming lack of storage space – matters not unrelated.

Skyrocketing input prices, from electricity to fertiliser to equipment and everything in between, have savaged already thin profit margins, and seem certain to render the industry unsustainable for a percentage of growers.

One of the 'solutions' put forward by a major winery has been transitioning from red wine grapes – currently in glut supply – to white wine grapes. Any well-intentioned idea is better than no idea, but replanting is a costly exercise at the best of times, and that economic hit is exacerbated by the current circumstances.

Costs are going up everywhere, while growers face the prospect of lower returns. Plus replanting is a labour-intensive exercise and obtaining workers can, at present, be a difficult task.

Difficult pathways loom for some growers, who may be forced into decisions about whether to press ahead with pruning and other preparatory measures ahead of the 2023 vintage, or the alternative.

All of which means, the situation is serious and will impact the broader Riverland economy, one way or another.

A long-time Riverland industry participant generously spoke to The Pioneer, on the condition of anonymity, about his family's current plight.

The prospect of another cut to grape prices has convinced him to finally exit the industry, after years of seemingly pushing uphill.

This particular local chose against revealing whether he was part of any particular grower collective, but has obviously had winery contracts – either current or in the past.

He spoke to The Murray Pioneer on the condition of anonymity, which The Pioneer was more than happy to accommodate, given his circumstances. Indeed, this request is 'the norm' for The Pioneer on this topic.

Over the years many growers have offered to tip the bucket on industry developments, often but not always involving grower-winery relationships.

The fact growers still wish to remain nameless, even while exiting the industry, is interesting, and sparks questions like 'How much worse can it get?' and 'What else have you got to lose?'.

'Pride' may well be the answer to the latter, but the dynamics of grower-winery-industry relationships must be permanently warped for irrigators to still feel the need to keep their heads down even while their livelihoods slip away.

Finally, it is worth remembering that some of the factors listed above, mainly stemming from China's policy, are negatively impacting wineries too. It adds up to a seriously challenging 2023 vintage for the local industry, and by extension the Riverland.

To survive, growers may require the 'never give up' message of Aesop's The Tortoise and the Hare story.



'Mount Richard Wood', south-east of Mindarle, 1980s: This drifting sand-dune, 20-25m high, taller than the average house, was named by the somewhat sceptical local farmer John Berger. John's title for the wasteland dune was intended as a euphemistic challenge to the Department of Ag's soils conservationist Richard Wood, who had gently challenged him to rehabilitate the land for cropping and to remove its source of destructive, crop-hungry rabbits. John had preferred to spend his scarce finances elsewhere but, he figured if the department's advice failed, the name would point the blame to his advisor. Like his father before him, John was using farming methods now understood to be inappropriate for the sandy Mallee. This region was looked on dimly as very poor, marginal farmland. Disc ploughs, used to till the land, destroyed soil structure and with other factors, led to dreadful sandstorms in which it seemed like evening at midday. Significant technical advances by the Ag Department and Adelaide's Waite Institute included improved tillage and using medic pastures to improve soil health and nutrition. This, with many other helpful approaches, brought radical change. The 'challenge mountain' became productive farmland and the Mallee a productive cereal farming region. PHOTO: John Berger

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memorial to an amazing person

WITH the passing of the legendary Aboriginal singer songwriter Archie Roach, the monuments on the Barmera lakefront, which have been dedicated to Archie and Ruby Hunter, will become permanent memorials for these two amazing people, who took their unique indigenous culture and songs to the rest of the world.

Since being unveiled in May, the monuments have attracted a lot of favourable attention and have become very popular with visitors and locals alike.

After Archie's passing Cheryl Norris and I visited the site with floral tributes to place there in his memory. There were already other tributes there when we arrived.

Archie and Ruby did so much for their people, particularly the children, by giving them encouragement and spiritual, physical and emotional support.

They also encouraged them to make a safe and secure place for themselves in the wider community. Ruby and Archie played a huge role in breaking down barriers to bring about equality and natural justice with reconciliation.

Both Ruby and Archie were members of the Stolen Generation and she became an advocate for those who were affected.

Neither of them saw their parents again, although they later connected with their siblings. Archie's most successful song, They Took the Children Away, revealed the pain, separation and segregation suffered by the Stolen Generation and the indigenous community, and touched a lot of hearts of people all around the world.

They had two beautiful children of their own and adopted several others. Over the years they provided accommodation for over 30 young Aboriginal boys who were at risk, and provided them with a loving home and safe family life.

Archie worked and they provided for their extended family

out of their own pockets, with no help from the government.

When Ruby passed suddenly, Archie was devastated because he had lost his soulmate, the love of his life. Ruby was such a very colourful and fascinating person, who made friends everywhere she went, regardless of colour or culture, and the world became a sadder place for her passing.

Their individual totems were the eagle for Archie and the pelican for Ruby, so when his loved one sat with him as he passed they were amazed and delighted to see a pelican land within the hospital grounds. They knew their mother and grandmother had come to take him home.

It would not surprise me if the Victorian government decided to give him a state funeral.

Either way we will be holding a memorial service for him on the lakefront in Barmera at a later date for his family, friends and followers.

ROSEMARY GOWER Cobdogla

No haggling here

FORGET Covid-19 – there is a curse in this world that, to my mind, is even more widespread.

Although it was many years ago, I was in an Asian country where tourists were expected to haggle over items they bought.

I once offered the asking price, thinking they needed the money more than I, and was looked upon as if I was some sort of idiot.

It is still the same everywhere. People think you are dumb if you exceed group expectations. The price of individuality?

One can't help but laugh at the blind, narrow ignorance that besets this mad world.

A. BELL Barmera

'Non-jobs' aren't enough for housing

LOCAL councils are said to be about the 3 Rs: rates, rubbish and roads.

and roads. That's rubbish, because local councils are about ratepayers.

Any other focus leads to a declining local council; further

in debt with diminishing services, increasing their rates every year as their sole plan for the future. Ratepayers are how you pro-

katepayers are now you protect the future of a local council. Regional councils are getting some increase in ratepayers, but it's a small, unplanned increase, mostly driven by financial refugees who are flotsam washed

into regional councils by our ongoing housing crisis. Accidental increases won't

help. Neither will tourists. Taking ratepayers' money to subsidise coffee and sandwiches for grey nomads will lead to an increase in 'non-jobs' like parttime baristas and casual cleaners.

These non-jobs, don't pay enough to afford housing or raising a family.

Even worse, your children will refuse these jobs and go elsewhere – somewhere they have a better chance. JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER

FMD number one issued raised

I SPENT much of last week in the South East catching up with local farmers, producers and business owners, as well as enjoying the hospitality of the wonderful community.

Foot and mouth disease was certainly the number one issue raised with me, particularly the importance of remaining vigilant and the need for state and federal government action to help prevent any incursion to our shores.

Prevention is much better than cure and there was widespread support for increased biosecurity measures at our airports, including 100 per cent individual luggage inspection rate for incoming flights from Indonesia and a national cull of feral animals.

I also enjoyed informative discussions with a range of stakeholders, including the local mayor, the team at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, Women in Business, and the Chamber of Commerce.

NICOLA CENTOFANTI SA Liberal MLC Berri

To stop FMD, just stop buying meat

EIGHTY billion dollars. That figure is being bandied around as the cost of foot and mouth disease (FMD) reaching the country.

Prices will surge, we are assured, although now the WA Agriculture Minister is under attack for saying prices will drop, since animals won't be exported in hell-ships to be slaughtered in other countries.

In other words, the entire debate is about one thing – money. Barely a word is said on the suffering of animals who might catch FMD.

The only thing upsetting meat corporations is the loss of profits, because without FMD the animals would still have been on a slaughterhouse truck, terrified and hungry, but earning them money. Please, spare us your fake weeping.

The real lesson of FMD is the same as all zoonotic diseases.

Keeping large numbers of animals crammed into small spaces like piggeries and feedlots, and feeding them antibiotics to make up for the loss of everything natural, can only lead to disease and terrible suffering.

The best way to avoid such diseases, and minimise the massive environmental damage from letting these corporations profit off vast tracts of our land, is to stop buying meat and dairy.

DESMOND BELLAMY Special projects co-ordinator PETA Australia

Let pensioners work

I HAVE been joined by senior Australian leaders to urge the Federal Government to let pensioners work after I introduced a motion for an opt-in scheme to increase the income test threshold for pensioners with limited savings.

Businesses across regional Australia are crying out for more staff.

In our seniors, we have an experienced workforce that, like many Australians, is facing cost of living pressures and wants the opportunity to earn a wage with"Archie and Ruby did so much for their people, particularly the children, by giving them encouragement and spiritual, physical and emotional support..." - ROSEMARY GOWER

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out being unfairly penalised. This is a single solution to two major issues that just makes sense.

Under current rules, single pensioners with no other income or assets lose half of every dollar they earn above \$490 a fortnight. In addition to income tax, their pension income is also taxable.

It means thousands of working pensioners with limited savings are being penalised at a tax rate higher than the wealthiest Australians in the top income tax bracket.

An opt-in scheme will also benefit vulnerable Australians who don't have sizable savings, particularly older women who often have little or no superannuation when they reach pension age.

REBEKHA SHARKIE Member for Mayo

Volcanoes, oceans... and the weather

DESPITE Green/ABC propaganda, recent Australian floods were not caused by coal, cattle or cars.

Weather is driven by winds; solar energy powers the winds and draws moisture for them from the oceans. These eternal natural rain-making processes have been aided recently by two extra factors.

Firstly, a big La Nina weather event in the Pacific Ocean has left warmer water closer to Australia

Secondly, 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 Earth.

Even in today's warm Holocene Era, the Little Ice Age, was a time of war, famine and distress whereas the Medieval warm period heralded a time of peace and plenty.

Earth's weather is driven by winds powered by convection currents which get most of their energy from the sun.

I just heard about Senator Pauline

Hanson walking out during the

ridiculous Welcome to Country.



Eastern Australia is currently under the influence a large La Nina event in the Pacific Ocean. These periodic ENSO (El Nino-Southern Oscillation) weather cycles are Earth's most significant short-term weather events and have been identified in Earth's climate as far back as 1525, well before the Model T Ford and the Watt steam engine.

The great El Nino of 1877-78 heralded China's Great Famine, brought droughts to Brazil and caused failures of the Nile floods and the Indian monsoon. Even the Titanic was an El Nino casualty when it met an iceberg blown far south by El Nino winds.

Australia's famous weather forecaster, Inigo Jones, was well aware of the natural cycles in climate as far back as 1923 – long before coal, cattle and cars could be blamed for "global warming". ENSO oscillations are not

driven by atmospheric conditions or human activities – they react to the beat of a geological drum. ENSO timing and strength is largely determined by volcanic

activity and the movement of tectonic plates, particularly along the Pacific 'ring of fire' and the mid-ocean ridges splitting both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

But largely hidden from view is another huge weather-maker sub-sea volcanoes.

Right now, volcanic activity (mostly sub-oceanic) is melting parts of polar ice sheets as well as releasing volcanic dust and other natural gases into the oceans and atmosphere. The warmed sea water expands, raising sea levels and increasing the evaporation which produces clouds and rain. Right now, the Tonga volcanic eruption is evaporating sea water that is probably adding to the record La Nina rains of Eastern Australia.

Volcanic hot spots can also melt ice-bound methane from the sea floor thus releasing large unmeasured quantities of methane gas into the atmosphere.

Man's coal, cars and cattle are puny compared to what nature can do.

Hysterical children and political agitators keep bleating about "man-made global warming".

But climate history shows that the real danger to life on Earth is "global cooling" – a return of the great continental ice sheets creating a frigid zone north of a line from London to Chicago.

Russians and Alaskans know about frozen mammoth bodies in the ice, and understand this threat, but the western world continues to worship Saint Greta.

A bleak northern winter approaches. As blackouts beckon and the lights start to flicker, coal is suddenly okay again.

But Europeans and Australians still plan a "net zero" ritual sacrifice of their farmers on the alarmist altar. None of this sacrifice will deter La Nina, or stop the volcanoes, or feed the people.

Someone should ask the new green government of Australia this:

"If emissions of CO2 are the problem, why have we banned emissions-free nuclear power?" **VÎV FORBES**

Washpool, Queensland

TEXT LINE

apricots for the Ingersons in a small shed, with tea served without milk - because milk curdled in the heat. The red hot sand burnt my feet no matter how fast I ran and the irrigation channel was the only way to cool - when it flowed - with At 6pm the flies disappeared and then came the mossies. On Friday nights my grandparents went to the Berri Hotel to catch up with friends wharf into the river without fear or supervision until we were rounded home. The smell of the river, the picnics, the great fishing and the great memories has brought me back to the place I love. GARY Waikerie





LOCAL FOOTY FLASHPOINT: Riverland Football League player suspensions - or lack of them – are in the spotlight following a succession of exonerations at the local tribunal. Ten local footballers and officials fronted the tribunal over the past two weeks, with each one escaping suspension. BSR club secretary Rocky Warren has this week spoken of "thuggery" and believes player safety could be at risk, unless local umpires are given more support in the form of player suspensions.



FISHERS REJECT PAY-OUT: Riverland commercial fishermen have labelled the State Government's compensation packages for banning gillnet fishing as "insulting". The Government has offered fishers a choice of two financial assistance packages, both of which are open only until September 30. Fishers who choose to relinquish their licence will be entitled to an ex-gratia payment based on their average annual income for the last three years multiplied by a factor of 1.5 to take into account other circumstances.

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

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Good on her. Waikerie

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Pat Mickan writes with such brilliance (Murray Pioneer, 27/7/22). There's nothing like fresh-picked Riverland orange squirting all over you. And yes, I too experience that deep connection when I'm drawn home. Our roots are important to us all.

Clare

Well done to the Riverland Field Days committee for pushing ahead this year. If you're worried about catching Covid at events like this. just don't go. It's outdoors anyway - so wear a mask if you want to.

CHRIS Renmark

Yes, Loxton Football Club might set

the example for others to follow ('Tigers as for a mask', Murray Pioneer, 27/7/22). Politely asking for masks, but letting people make their own decisions. SUE

I applaud Loxton Football Club's policy. I think everyone should be wearing a mask in public places, but if we can't do that, then this is the next best thing. Well done. PETE

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Loxton Football Club closing the clubrooms, discontinuing Thursday night meals, not having their own kitchen and bar. They're moving to a sterile space that they can't access most of the time, where no club history can be displayed. They're planning to knock down the clubrooms to create a space open to the elements to watch a winter sport. Now asking people to wear a

mask indoors? Give us a spell. ANDREW

Why is it so? Diesel prices on average are \$2.20 in Renmark, \$2.02 in Berri and \$1.99 in Loxton. We don't deserve this.

Thank you Frank Schuite for your entertaining and hilarious letter ('Remember booze, smokes in hospitals?', Murray Pioneer, 27/7/22).

DAVID Winkie

I always read Pat Mickan's column in The Murray Pioneer about her lovely childhood. I vividly remember the hard and hot times I endured as a young person from Adelaide in the Riverland. My grandparents, the Tippers, lived at the end of the road now named Ingerson Road. 5km out of Berri. I spent much of

my time over summer holidays with my grandparents as a child, slicing

Loxton JEFF Renmark

care taken to watch for snakes. and my uncle Lou Seekamp, who at that time managed the front bar. Us kids jumped off the up and herded into the back of granddad's Zephyr ute to head

New wine cadetship chances now open

ASPIRING local wine writers can now apply for a cadetship program promoting excellence in Australian wine media and communications.

The 2022 Wine Communications of Australia cadetship – now in its sixth year – is aimed at empowering young people wanting to be wine writers.

The successful cadet will receive unique opportunities to gain insight and experience in South Australia's wine industry

"The successful cadet can expect to undertake varied wine and media experiences during their six-month tenure," said Wine Communicators of Australia executive officer Andrew Stark.

A p p l i c a t i o n s are open to South Australian residents with a minimum three years' experience in the wine industry until Friday, August 19 at 6pm.

The successful applicant will be announced in September, with the cadetship to run until February 2023.



The Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club says its September meeting is already attracting plenty of interest. INSET: The Murray Pioneer from March 16 this year.

Early interest booming in resurrected cup meet

EARLY interest in next month's rejuvenated Mindarie-Halidon Cup meeting suggests a triumphant return from the dead.

All 26 marquees – about 10 more than usual – for the Sunday, September 18 meeting are fully booked, and online ticket sales have commenced.

The iconic annual meeting was all but history just a few months ago, after the meeting was axed by the sport's governing body, Racing SA. The decision to withdraw support for the 100-plus year meeting, staged at Halidon, 45 minutes south-west of Loxton, sparked a spirited response from the club and its sizeable band of supporters.

An online petition calling for the meeting's reinstatement quickly garnered over 1300 signatures, while at their AGM club members pledged to fight to retain the event. Constructive meetings and dialogue followed between club officials and Racing SA and culminated in a formal 'reinstatement' announcement in April.

Club secretary Krystina Durdin has encouraged locals to book tickets online via Moshtix (search 'Halidon').

While free of Covid-enforced crowd restrictions, the 2022 meeting will have a 2000-person capacity, as per the club's licence.

"Enthusiasm is high and we're looking forward to a great meeting in September," Mrs Durdin said.

The 1000 public tickets offered for last year's Covid-limited event sold out weeks before the meeting.

The Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club hosts just one meeting per year at its grassed Halidon track and clubrooms.





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- Council is reviewing short listed developers from the Request for Detailed Proposal (RFDP)
 Council completed an Expression of Interest (EOI) for proposed Marina and Boat Precinct operators and occupiers with strong interest received
- WHAT'S NEXT
- Commencement of a Code Amendment to seek State Government planning support and undertake community consultation
- Appointment of a preferred developer to deliver the project and reduce the risk to the Council and community
- Developer to undertake detailed site
- investigations including flood mitigation

¹ Council's economic impacts modelling prepared by Lucid Economics in August 2021.
² Gross Regional Product is the value of the total economic output minus the costs of goods and services used as inputs, plus net taxes.

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Visit **www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au** for further information on the Jane Eliza development.



Support our local drop

FURTHER support from local clubs and hotels is needed to build the status of Riverland-produced wines, according to one of the region's senior winemakers.

Barmera-based Ricca Terra winemaker Ashley Ratcliff has recently called for Riverland hospitality venues to carry higher amounts of locally produced wines on their menus.

Mr Ratcliff said increased local support would benefit the reputation of Riverland wine in other markets.

"If you're in the Barossa, McLaren Vale, or Clare, it's something you definitely see," Mr Ratcliff said.

"They are 80 per cent local wines.

"There's always a bit of a stigma about Riverland wines not being as good as some of those other regions, which is not right.

"I travel to Sydney, New York, London, or Shanghai when we sell wines... if it's good wine and well priced, they love it."

Hotel Renmark general manager Darren Baker said highlighting Riverland wines was an ongoing priority for the establishment.

"It's a growing market with tourists," Mr Baker said.

"The board of management have provided



a clear strategic direction to ensure our local produce is showcased within both food and wine menus.

"Hotel Renmark will also connect its customers with the Riverland Wine Centre to further showcase our region's offerings."

Mr Ratcliff said current challenges facing the wine industry – included expected price decreases for grapes in the 2023 vintage – meant support for local producers was vital.

"That's something we've been driving," he said.

"If you're a grape grower in the Riverland and you've just been told you're getting a price decrease, then you go into your community pub and you're drinking a wine that comes from Clare, you would think, 'Why are our local clubs and pubs supporting other regions?'.

"We've got some great support and I think that's the way you change it, by shouting out those businesses that get behind local produce."

There's always a bit of a stigma about Riverland wines not being as good as some of those other regions, which is not right...

- Ashley Ratcliff Ricca Terra winemaker

Basin Plan 'next to impossible', says minister

A SENIOR federal politician has revealed it will be "next to impossible" to fulfil the Murray-Darling Basin Plan on time.

The ABC reported Federal Minister for Water Tanya Plibersek – during a National Press Club Address – said meeting Murray-Darling Basin Plan targets on time would be challenging.

"I'm actually gobsmacked at how badly we're doing as a nation on meeting that target," said Ms Plibersek, who visited the Riverland last month.

"I have to confess – perhaps I should have known – I didn't know how far behind we were on meeting those environmental flows until I took on this portfolio.

"I think it is extremely challenging to meet that (450GL) target and to meet it on the time frames that have

Tanya Plibesek

been set. "I think it will be – I have to be honest with you – next

to impossible, given where we're starting from (and) how far behind we are." However, Riverland-based MLC, and state opposition spokesperson for water resources and the River

Murray, Nicola Centofanti, said the federal government had failed to prioritise "real outcomes" for the river system.

"As someone who lives in the Riverland I understand

the importance of the River Murray," Ms Centofanti said. "I wrote to Minister Plibersek when she was first appointed to confirm the South Australian Liberal Party's commitment to the Basin Plan and emphasise our support for efficiency projects which provide the best solution to recovery of water for the environment while ensuring that river communities do not suffer.

"I am concerned Labor will now resort to water buy backs to deliver the 450GL, which will rip productivity out of our river communities, devastating regional economies, risking jobs and further adding to inflationary pressures.

"We need Susan Close to... make sure the 450GL of environmental water is delivered via water efficiency projects not buy backs."



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Do you live in a red outbreak area?

We're increasing our fruit fly eradication activities as spring approaches.

Look out for PIRSA staff in orange overalls from August, and please give them access to your yard so they can put up traps, apply organic bait, or check for signs of fruit fly.

We all love home-grown fruit – make sure you're part of the solution! Managing your garden to prevent fruit fly will help the traps and bait have the greatest impact.



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Familiar weapon in fruit fly battle

STERILE fruit flies are again being deployed in the Riverland to combat ongoing outbreaks of the pest.

PIRSA on Monday began the release of Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) male fruit flies across the region, aimed at interrupting breeding of the pest before spring.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said the sterile flies would be released – from the back of utes - in the highest-risk areas surrounding detection sites.

"Aerial sterile fruit fly release was one of the successful tactics used in the metropolitan Adelaide fruit fly response last year where 12 outbreaks were successfully eradicated," Ms

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PIRSA vehicles on Monday began the release of Sterile Insect Technique fruit flies across the Riverland as part of ongoing efforts to eradicate the pest.

Scriven said.

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"The fruit fly response tactics are ramping up now because flies that hibernated over winter will become more active as spring approaches."

The sterile flies are being

released in quantities of approximately 3000 per hectare.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said local growers could support eradication efforts by participating in PIRSA's



Approximately 20 million sterile male fruit flies will be deployed each week throughout the region. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

self-baiting program.

"Commercial growers in 'red' fruit fly outbreak areas can now register for a new self-baiting program where they will receive free bait and devices, such as traps to use on their properties," Mr Size said.

"Growers know their properties best, and growers can achieve a greater reach across the region.

"Growers will be more involved than ever before and will give fruit fly eradication efforts greater reach and greater intensity than previously possible."

PIRSA general manager of fruit fly response Nick Secomb said quantities of SIT flies would also be released by a low-flying plane from September.

"Riverland residents may notice more PIRSA field staff visiting their properties, and they may see sterile insect release vehicles on the streets and the airplane up above," Mr Secomb said.

"We want to get rid of flies as soon as they emerge and prevent breeding as much as possible. PIRSA,

growers and the community all play a role in achieving this.

"The sterile fly release works best when baiting, traps and lures are hard at work on the ground - so PIRSA staff in orange overalls will continue to visit residential properties to hang traps in trees and check for fruit fly."

Riverland growers interested in participating in the self-baiting program can email (fruitfly@sa.gov. au), or call 1300 666 010 to request a registration form.

McCormick Centre stays fruit fly war room

THE ongoing battle against fruit fly in the Riverland will see eradication efforts continue to run from a local council's environmental centre until at least December.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last week's general meeting to extend PIRSA's lease on the McCormick Centre (pictured) for another year.

A Renmark Paringa Council report on the matter said supporting the eradication of fruit fly from the Riverland was a priority.

"Since March 2022, several new fruit fly outbreaks have emerged across the Riverland and as a result, PIRSA have extended their fruit fly program until at least December 2022," the

'The Minister for Primary



Industries and Regional support the fruit fly program by granting PIRSA a new Development (Clare Scriven) has confirmed that PIRSA lease. wishes to negotiate a new lease for the McCormick Centre on an annual basis with a mutually agreed

renewal term. "Although council is actively considering the sale of the McCormick Centre,

PIRSA has run its fruit fly response program from the centre since March 2021, and initially expected to

have vacated the premises by April 2022. It is understood council

will also undertake a market

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STATE THEATRE



A STATE MP has urged Riverland growers and residents to assist fruit fly eradication efforts before the beginning of spring.

PIRSA's Fruit Fly Spring Eradication Plan was launched on Monday, and focuses on lowering fruit fly numbers as temperatures warm heading toward September.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said the new initiative encouraged higher levels of involvement from local growers and community members.

"Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility, and when everyone can help - by picking their ripe fruit promptly and collecting fallen fruit off the ground - we can together break the fruit fly lifecycle," Ms Scriven said.

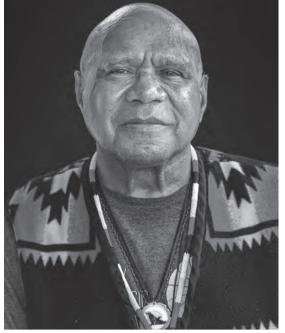
Commercial growers who want to be a part of the self-baiting program, should email fruitfly@sa.gov.au or call 1300 666 010 to request a registration form.



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www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, August 3, 2022 NEWS 11 Ex-Riverlander remembered as Australian icon...



Singer-songwriter, Aboriginal leader and former Riverland resident Archie Roach died on Saturday, aged 66. PHOTO: Facebook



Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach Monument Committee members Rosemary Gower and Cheryl Norris laying flowers at the Lake Bonney monuments. PHOTO: supplied

Our voice, Archie AN indigenous singer and Roach's passing. songwriter who once called "His contribution to the the Riverland home is being music industry will be for-

remembered as a brilliant ever remembered, as will his talent, storyteller and connection to our region and Aboriginal leader following the Murray River," he said. his death over the weekend. Mr Roach spent his early Musical artist and years in Mooroopna in Gunditjmara and Bundjalung Victoria before he was taken senior elder, Archie Roach away at two years old, when AM, died aged 66 at he was fostered out until he Warrnambool Base Hospital,

found a permanent home. His foster family shared their diverse love of music with Archie, and their daughter Mary taught him to play the guitar and keyboard.

He was in his teens when he learnt the truth about his birth family, who he'd been told had perished in a fire, so he took his guitar to follow his roots, and earned a living busking on the streets of Sydney, before moving to Adelaide.

Mr Roach's first release, Charcoal Lane, won him two Aria Awards, with his song, They Took The Children Away, becoming an instant success and winning him a prestigious Aria Award and the Human Rights Achievement Award.

He went on to make eight albums, many of which he and Ms Hunter produced together, winning multiple awards and achieving international recognition.

A documentary called



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Wash My Soul in the Rivers Flow was made to record Mr Roach and Ms Hunter's lives and careers, premiering at Renmark's Chaffey Theatre.

Local historian Rosemary Gower said two monuments unveiled in Barmera in honour of the couple earlier this year would now stand as "monuments for these two amazing people who took their indigenous culture and songs to the rest of the world".

"Since the double monuments have been erected they have become very popular with visitors and locals alike," she said.

"(Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach Monument Committee member) Cheryl Norris and I visited the site with floral tributes to place there in Archie's memory. There were already other tributes there when we arrived."

A private ceremony honouring Mr Roach will be held.

Local restaurant in mag's top 100 A LOCAL restaurant has been

named among the top 100 restaurants in South Australia.

Eleni's at Mallee Estate placed 91st in part one of the 2022 delicious. 100 list for South Australia, released on Saturday in the SA Weekend magazine.

The delicious. 100 guide is made up of four lists of top-ranking restaurants in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, and returned this year after a two-year hiatus.

Eleni's restaurant/cellar door and functions manager Erica Dodd said the staff at Eleni's were "really proud" to receive the recognition for the restaurant.

"We are excited to be putting the Riverland on the map as a food and wine destination," Ms Dodd said.

"When we opened the restaurant in 2017 we didn't expect to set the new standard for culinary experience in our region. It's humbling to know after just six months of opening our restaurant we were the catalyst for so many others to start planning and opening restaurants in the Riverland.

"The Riverland is now being recognised more and more as a stunning tourism destination with amazing food, wine, accommodation and tour experiences.

"We feel privileged and honoured to have the opportunity to contribute to the tourism industry in Renmark and the changing perception of the region.

"We would like to thank all of the locals and tourists whose continued support has made this possible."

His contribution to the music industry will be forever remembered, as will his connection to our region and the Murray River...

- Tim Whetstone **Chaffey MP**



his family announced on

called the Riverland home

with his late wife Ruby

Hunter, helped set up homes

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Albanese described Mr

Roach a "brilliant talent, a

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al truth teller". "Archie's music drew

from a well of trauma and

pain, but it flowed with a

beauty and a resonance that

we honour his life and we

hold to the hope that his

words, his music and his

indomitable spirit will live on

Chaffey MP Tim

Whetstone said he was

"saddened" to hear of Mr

to guide us and inspire us."

"We grieve for his death,

moved us all," he said.

Prime Minister Anthony

at risk.

Mr Roach, who once

Facebook on Saturday.

THE worst thing you can do as a columnist is become self-indulgent in your opinions and commentary and write for yourself.

Apologies to those who read on.

Over two years of a global pandemic which has become endemic - and now a war in Ukraine which reprises the Cold War, the only thing not changing is constant change. While Russia, China, and the USA spar for

dominance, in a fight without Queensberry Rules, the world suffers.

On top of this spiteful wrestle, a prolonged period of low interest rates is fast ending, much sooner than expected. The inevitable increasing cost of money is already rippling through the community, as are the effects of interrupted supply chains.

It all sounds a bit gloomy, depressing and frightening, but perhaps it's the opposite. A one-off opportunity?

This geopolitical strife is by and large mostly out of our control and offshore.

Maybe globalisation is nearing its end or at least a lengthy intermission.

As we wonder 'what next?', ponder the dilemma for our leaders.

As an aside, I'm one for letting them worry about the regulation while I focus on the things I can affect.

Time invested by me will be more productive with a focus closer to home: my family, friends and community.

Governments will compulsorily intervene to tighten regulation, particularly for technology, and hopefully to tax the ultra-wealthy and foreign entities. They will also become inserted in solutions for labour and the social



mores around education and health. This break in the charge towards the unknown of one big world could be a time for a reset.

Unfortunately, we don't have the opportunity to turn off the power and get an automatic reset when we re-power up; like you do at home with an overloaded electronic device.

For me, after a forced reset six months ago, it has been a case of lightening my own load of self-expectation by jettisoning some dreams and making sure there is not too much lead in my saddle bags.

My reset prompted discussions with those most important to me, firstly my wife, then others close, and now things seem simple. Clarity has come with a focus on trying to do some high-priority things well, rather than everything not so well.

There is some solace that we are all living in a turbulent period, bringing significant change that affects all.

If change is your friend, this is the best kind, unknown unknowns.

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.

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QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Citrus SA

Guest speakers at an upcoming fruit fly workshop will include James Altman from Biological Services, Andrew Jessup (Janren Consulting Pty Ltd), Dan Papacek (Bugs for Bugs) as well as Nick Secomb (PIRSA) and Andrew Creek (NSW DPI)

The workshops will be held at two locations on Wednesday, August 17. The morning session will be held at the Loxton Research Centre on Bookpurnong Road from 8.30am to 12 noon. The afternoon session will be held at GM Arnold & Son, 57 Dunstan Rd, Waikerie (meet at the shed).

Topics will include pest fruit flies in Australia, systems approach, Queensland fruit fly biology, impact of temperature, frosts, rain and drought, crop protection plan, fruit fly monitoring and explanation of different traps.

Andrew Creek and James Altman will cover the citrus IPDM extension program and grower survey results.

Nick Secomb will talk about the integrated package to eradicate fruit fly this spring, while the orchard session with Dan Papacek will include monitoring, male annihilation blocks and bait spray demonstrations

Corteva and AgNova representatives will also be in attendance to answer grower product questions.

Please RSVP to Andrew Creek, NSW DPI, 0428 934 952.

FRUIT FLY IN THE **RIVERLAND – WHERE THINGS ARE AT FOR THE CITRUS INDUSTRY?**

There are 13 Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland, with the most recent outbreak declaration an extension to the Queensland fruit fly outbreak at Renmark South. It is important to check the map on the fruit fly website to see how restrictions affect vou

To give us all the best chance at getting fruit fly numbers right down ahead of warmer spring weather in September, PIRSA is starting its Spring Eradication Plan in August.

Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke says with growers' help, this spring the eradication effort will achieve a greater reach and greater intensity than previously possible.

Commercial growers in red outbreak areas will be eligible to be a part of the new self-baiting program. Growers with properas insida a daclarad 1 outbreak area are encouraged to register as soon as possible with PIRSA by emailing (fruitfly@ sa.gov.au), or calling 1300 666 010 to request a registration form (see detailed information below).

"The citrus industry has been working closely with PIRSA to explore new ways of responding to the Riverland fruit fly outbreaks," Mr Doecke said.

"We've had good support from PIRSA and we encourage all growers to contact PIRSA with any questions and be upfront and clear about what they need.

"The citrus industry is confident these outbreaks will be eradicated, following the success with Berri, Cooltong, Monash and with the 12 Adelaide outbreaks last year.

"Please be a responsible grower and keep your orchard clean, and don't forget your own home garden because how you care for your property and home garden now is a critical part of the eradication process.'

FRUIT FLY SPRING **ERADICATION – GET ON** BOARD

Spring will see more grower involvement in fruit fly eradication efforts, with the Department for Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) supplying free bait, as well as lures and traps, to growers in red outbreak areas.

Riverland commercial growers in the 1.5km red outbreak areas are strongly encouraged to register for the 2022 self-baiting program, which together with PIRSA's efforts in the highest risk areas will reduce fruit fly numbers ahead of widespread sterile fly release in the last half of the year.

Starting in August, the selfbaiting program will run until December 2022 and offers more options and flexibility in eradicating the Riverland fruit fly outbreaks. Grower involvement will ensure greater reach and greater intensity than previously possible. PIRSA will focus its response activities on high-risk areas including intensively baiting detection sites and placing Cera Traps[®] in residential gardens across outbreak areas.

Sterile flies will also be released comprehensively across affected areas from August onwards for 36 weeks.

Naturalure[®] will be supplied to growers (who are in a red area) when they register; it is the preferred option as it is organic, and PIRSA has plenty on hand ready to distribute in August and September. Lures and traps (collectively known as 'attract and kill devices', or AKDs) will also be made available free of charge for growers in outbreak areas to put out on their properties.

Once registered with PIRSA, you can collect bait and AKDs from PIRSA at the Loxton Research Centre, 8am-4pm weekdays or Ramco Heights, 8am-4pm weekdays. Further information on the program's terms and conditions will be provided when you register.

If you are a commercial grower in a red outbreak area and would like to be part of the self-baiting program, email (fruitfly@sa.gov. au), or call 1300 666 010 to request a registration form.

PRODUCTION TIPS:

Pruning: It is a good time to begin your annual pruning program, especially before flowering begins. Those who prune gener ally see a vast improvement in class one fruit pack outs.

Fertilizing and fertigation: Soil temperatures will soon start to warm up, so start thinking about your fertilizer program to cover the spring flush. Those on drip irrigation or micro jets should also begin fertiliser programs. Foliar applications can be applied in late August to ensure a healthy spring flush.

Weed control: Once fruit has been harvested it is important to control weeds to reduce the competition for water and nutrients, especially during the spring flush period.

A pesticide targeting the damaging varroa mite parasite, which has the ability to wreak havoc on the Riverland's bee industry, is currently under development as part of a collaboration with the University of Sydney and Hort Innovation. **PHOTO:** supplied

Varroe mite pesticide now in development

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Riverland bee industry will benefit from a world-first hormonebased pesticide that is safe for honey bees but fatal to the destructive varroa mite.

Amid Australia's first varroa mite outbreak, the grower-owned research and development corporation Hort Innovation has joined forces with the University of Sydney to develop the hormone-based pesticide that is fatal to varroa mite, but will not affect honey bees.

As part of the initiative, scientists will create molecules that selectively bind and interfere with hormone receptors of varroa mite and fellow honey bee pest, the small hive beetle, interfering with reproduction, development and behaviour.

The target receptors are absent from vertebrates, making the pesticide safe for other beneficial animals in the environment.

Hort Innovation chief executive Brett Fifield said the project aims to help safeguard Australian honey bees and will have positive impacts on horticulture production.

"Thirty per cent of global agricultural production is reliant on pollination by honey bees," he said.

"Across the board, this production is currently under threat from pests including the varroa mite and the small hive beetle.'

Mr Fifield said pesticides are a crucial aspect of sustainable agriculture and disease control, but underlined the pressing need for more environmentally-friendly pesticides that have selective action against 'bad" versus "good" insects.

"The development of a commercial pesticide that is fatal to varroa mite and small hive beetle, but not honey bees, will lead to a worldwide market opportunity to export Australian-based technology," he said.

"It will also offer a significant step toward protecting global agricultural systems that are reliant on honey bee pollination."

Until recently, Australia was the last known inhabited continent in the world unaffected by varroa mite, which causes weakness in honey bee colonies by feeding on larvae and pupae, but can also live on adult honey bees, transmitting viruses.

Chemical control methods exist but research shows varroa mites globally are building up tolerances

and some treatments are unsuitable for the Australian environment.

University of Sydney project lead Professor Joel Mackay said insecticides that target varroa mite, as well as small hive beetle receptors, have not been successfully created before.

"There has been international recognition of the potential value of insect hormone receptors as targets for safer selective control agents," he said.

'Several companies have tried and encountered technical difficulties largely because these proteins are challenging to express, purify and characterise.

"However, our team has had over a decade of experience tackling and overcoming technical challenges, and we have one of only two laboratories in the world that have determined atomic structures of the hormone proteins of the receptors we ae targeting.

'We have also developed a unique receptor-based chemical library screen for discovery of new pesticide leads molecules."

La Trobe University and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute are also contributing to the five-year project.

Almond industry addresses threat

THE nation's almond authority says it is continuing to work with individual states to best manage the bee hive shortage created by the varroa mite incursion in NSW.

The Almond Board of Australia (ABA) has told its grower members that under the varroa eradication response, state jurisdictions are undertaking activities under a risk-management framework.

The ABA said all decisions are being made in the interests of preventing the spread of varroa.

It also said the upcoming Australian almond season would be impacted by being unable to access the full number of hives, and that maximising the number of hives available to all growers was its top priority.

The ABA told its member growers that individual state governments without varroa were reluctant to allow hive movement where there is a potential risk of varroa exposure.



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PAUL MITCHELL

THE rare phenomenon of unanimous community support, plus crucial information "off the back of a truck" were among the recollections of those present at last week's Berri Bridge anniversary event.

Held 25 years to the day since the bridge opened, on July 27, 1997, the event drew together key players in the structure's history, including local government figures who lobbied for years to get the green light, and those involved in its construction.

Those gathered at the Berri Bridge mural, beneath the structure, were told the project united the region in a unique way.

"I've been working on infrastructure projects for more than 40 years and I've never seen a project where the community is 100 per cent behind the project (before Berri)," said David O'Sullivan, construction manager for Built Environs.

"You've usually got a corner somewhere with some people objecting...

"We came fresh from the Hindmarsh Island bridge (controversy) and were full of trepidation. We weren't sure what we would get..."

Former Berri Barmera mayor Margaret Evans and ex-Loxton Waikerie mayor Jan Cass - who were in office when the bridge finally became a reality - jointly addressed the crowd, with Mrs Cass outlining a key factor in the state government finally agreeing to replace the two ferries with a permanent structure.

"We tried to find out from the department how much those ferries were costing to run, (but) we couldn't find that out; they wouldn't tell us," she said.

"So, we served on the RDC (Riverland Development Corporation), Margaret and I, with Harry Sugars, who was a union rep.

"We said to Harry, 'Do you think somehow that information could fall off the back of a truck?', and he said 'yes' he thought so.

"Within a very short time the information came back. It was costing a million dollars a year just



former Loxton Waikerie mayor Jan Cass, current Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt, former Berri Barmera mayor Margaret Evans and former Berri Barmera Council CEO Mike Hurley. The group is pictured in front of a special banner, erected to mark the 25th anniversary. INSET, LEFT: David O'Sullivan, construction manager for Built Environs. INSET, RIGHT: Artist Garry Duncan. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



In their mayoral positions, Margaret Evans and Jan Cass played vital roles in securing the Berri Bridge. Both spoke at last week's event. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

for the running of the two ferries – not actually for the replacement ferries or anything like, that's just the running costs.

"So... we worked out our mathematics that the bridge didn't have to be here for too many years



At the official function to mark the Berri Bridge's 25-year anniversary were Berri Barmera councillor Margaret Evans, public library officer Bree Wilksch, former CEO Mike Hurley, library technician and local history officer Jacque Zagotsis and current CEO Dylan Strong. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

before it started costing the government nothing."

Earlier, Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt welcomed those to the celebration, including thencouncil CEOs Mike Hurley (Berri Barmera) and Norm Winn (Loxton Waikerie).

Berri Barmera Council local history officer Jacque Zagotsis said organisers were pleased that "so many people involved" attended last week's event.

"There were also a few mem-

bers of the general community in attendance, some who had worked on the bridge or had family do so," she said.

Local artist Garry Duncan, who was involved with the indigenous mural, also spoke and said during preparations and construction "the spirit of goodwill within the community, and in particular the indigenous community, was something to behold".

After the ceremony beneath the bridge, attendees moved to an area on the river front, opposite the Berri Hotel, to view a long banner placed there.

"The 'bridge banner' will stay in place for some time," Mrs Zagotsis said, "remembering the 25th anniversary of the bridge.'

A morning tea was then held in the Berri Town Hall's Len Mahoney Room, while the hall housed a display of photographs and video footage of the bridge's construction.

Morning tea speakers included Don Boffa, who was with the Department of Transport in 1997, Mr Hurley, Neil Verringer, who was the Commonwealth Bank's financier for the bridge, and Shane Karpany, the mural artist.

Berri Regional Secondary College media students took video footage of the event, and interviewed a number of those involved with the bridge.

Mrs Zagotsis said travelling around the Riverland today "wouldn't be the same without the vision of the leaders of the day, plus the collaboration from our community who were behind the bridge being built".





Berri vs Adelaide Oval

THE decades-long struggle to secure a bridge over the River Murray at Berri contrasts sharply – and revealingly – with construction of a \$40m footbridge in the Adelaide CBD, says former Berri Barmera mayor Margaret Evans.

told the gathering at last week's Berri Bridge 25th anniversary event.

when a footbridge was proposed for the convenience of people to come from North Terrace over to the Adelaide Oval... that was \$40 million?

"You just wonder. We talk about city centric ... '



14 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, August 3, 2022 Ex-viticulturist digging new soil role

A FORMER viticulturist has been appointed 'soil extension officer' at the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board.

Barrie Williams will provide the region's land managers with practical, onground help and access to technical information, while also assisting them to optimise soil condition and sustainability.

He is one of five soil extension officers working across the seven landscape board regions, thanks to funding from the National Landcare Program.

Mr Williams has a long history working in the viticulture industry as a senior viticulturist for an organic vineyard and winery, winning Langhorne Creek's Viticulturist of the Year award in 2019.

He comes with a wealth of technical knowledge, including a Bachelor of Applied Science in Viticulture and is currently studying for a graduate certificate in regenerative agriculture.

Mr Williams is looking forward to working with land managers to help them improve their understanding of soil science and develop the skills and knowledge to translate soil test results into on-farm action for improved soil health.

"Regenerative agriculture and soil health have become a passion of mine over the years," he said.

"I soon came to the realisation that without soils, we do not exist. This has led me to have a keen interest in soil biology microbe interaction and the human gut microbiome, as they are linked."

The soil extension officers work closely with the new state soils co-ordinator, who is hosted by the SA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub.



Loan increase to help get good times rolling

A LOCAL sporting club will receive additional funds to complete a major upgrade of its playing surface, after a Riverland council approved an increase to the club's loan.

Berri Barmera Council endorsed an \$18,000 increase variation in the Barmera Bowling Club's previous loan, bringing it to a total of \$180,000, with the club using the funds to replace its existing bowling greens a project that was recently completed.

\$325,000, with \$162,000 to be funded through the council loan and the balance to be paid by the club.

The increased expense related to required upgrades to irrigation infrastructure not covered by the initial costing.

Council congratulated the bowling club for the completion of its new greens, and said the investment would present "opportunity for growth of the club and the attraction in hosting future bowling tournaments within the region".

The project was initially costed at

Mid-year preschool intake for 2023

LOCAL families can now submit registrations of interest for mid-year preschool entry for 2023.

The state government announcement is part of Labor's election commitment to ensure families have earlier access to education for their children.

Children born in the middle of the year will have the opportunity to be enrolled at a time more appropriate to their age and stage of development.

From 2023, children who turn four years of age:

□ Before May 1, can continue to start preschool at the beginning of the year

□ Between May 1 and October 31, can start preschool in Term 3 of the year After October 31, can start preschool

at the beginning of the following year

"I'm proud to see the progress of this key commitment that aims to support every child to get the most out of their school experience with the midyear intake an important step in ensuring children have the best opportunities at the right time," said Premier Peter Malinauskas.

Public schools around the state stopped offering multiple school intakes in 2014, however the resumption aims to help reduce large age gaps and differences in students' development in early year classes.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer said recent research on early childhood has "made it clear how crucial the years before school are to the rest of a child's life".

"All preschool children will continue to receive 600 hours of preschool across four terms, regardless of whether they start at the beginning of the year, or through the midyear intake," he said.

Parents and carers can register interest from now until September 30 by visiting www. education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment.



Winter clothes dryer warning from MFS will remove a waxy build up RIVERLANDERS have The MFS recommended been urged to remain following these safety tips on the filter. vigilant of the potential for to reduce the potential for a

clothes dryers to cause fires fire: in homes during the winter □ Never the leave clothes cold weather. MFS community engage-

said a "few quick actions"

could reduce the risk of a

fire starting due to a clothes

ber to let the dryer complete

its cool-down cycle and

remove dried clothing before

turning it off, as fires have

started with clothing being

bunched up while still hot

inside the dryer," Mr Baohm

"The MFS strongly rec-

ommends cleaning the lint filter before every use and if

using anti-static sheets, scrub

the filter every month using

warm soapy water and rinse

thoroughly to remove the

help avoid a fire tragedy. On

average, 64 people a year

lose their lives in preventable

house fires across Australia."

"These quick steps can

waxy build up.

"It's important to remem-

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said.

dryer running while no one is at home. ment officer Ryan Baohm □ Follow the manufactur-

er's instructions and ensure the lint filter is cleaned before every load.

□ Never turn the dryer off before the cool-down period is over. There have been fires resulting from clothing being left bunched up while still hot inside the dryer. Clothes dryers are designed to allow clothes to cool down before the cycle is finished.

□ Never use the dryer for drving clothes or rags that have been used to absorb flammable liquids or oils. You need to wash clothes worn while using oils or sprays in hot water and detergent to remove such substances before putting them in a dryer.

□ If you use anti-static sheets, scrub the lint filter with warm soapy water and then rinse every month. This

□ Never use the dryer to dry clothes that have not been washed. Unwashed clothes have a greater buildup of contaminants, especially oils and grease. Lint from these clothes will be more combustible and can ignite when hot.

□ Move the drver and vacuum lint that has collected behind and underneath the unit, at least once a year. □ Ensure there is ade-

quate room for ventilation around the dryer. □ Any repairs of your

clothes dryer must be carried out by a qualified tradesperson in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The MFS advised Riverlanders to combine these safety tips with interconnected smoke alarms that are less than 10 years old, and a home fire escape plan.

Further information regarding home fire safety is available by visiting the MFS website (mfs.sa.gov. au).

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It's good to go to someone you know!

Centofanti doubles down on foot and mouth criticism... 'It's a flat-footed response'

PAUL MITCHELL

FRONT-line experience with animal disease has convinced local MP and former veterinarian Nicola Centofanti to double down on her condemnation of the Malinauskas government's "flat-footed response" to the threat of foot and mouth disease (FMD).

Ms Centofanti's initial criticism of the State Government's FMD measures, plus her call for additional biosecurity at Adelaide Airport, was last week dismissed as "politicising" the issue by Labor minister Clare Scriven.

However, Riverland-based Ms Centofanti has hit back with a three-pronged attack that reinforces her views, underlines her credentials, and provides a timeline of key local FMD developments.

"I won't ever apologise for advocating and calling for increased measures to protect our livestock and farmers from the catastrophic threat of FMD," Ms Centofanti, the Opposition spokesperson for primary industries, told The Murray Pioneer.



Nicola Centofanti says she "won't ever apologise for advocating and calling for increased measures to protect our livestock and farmers from the catastrophic threat of FMD (foot and mouth disease)". PHOTO: supplied

"As a veterinarian with 15 years' experience, and someone who has witnessed the devastation of animal disease on the front line, fighting for the safety of our animals and community is in my DNA.

"And we cannot forget the irreversible damage FMD will inflict on local jobs, our economy and cost-of-living expenses.

"That's why I won't accept any flat-footed

response from any government, regardless of political lines.

"I wouldn't be able to live with myself if I had to help farmers destroy their livestock and livelihoods because of FMD when I knew I could have – and should have – done more."

Ms Centofanti previously said extra staffing at Adelaide Airport on the final day of the recent school holidays would allow for the luggage of every traveller from Indonesia to be individually inspected. Ms Centofanti said Labor governments were "sluggishly" rolling out disinfectant mats.

In response, Ms Scriven, the SA Minister for Primary Industries, accused Ms Centofanti of "political point scoring at the expense of farmers".

Ms Centofanti was a veterinarian immediately before entering state politics as a

Nicola's foot and mouth 'politics' criticised

Last week's Murray Pioneer

Liberal upper house member in 2020.

Ms Centofanti's office provided The Pioneer with the following commentary and timeline of FMD events:

MAY 9 - Indonesian authorities advise Federal Government of an outbreak of FMD in Indonesia.

JUNE 2 - Opposition discovers (FMD) is missing from the biosecurity list of priorities in Malinauskas Labor Government's Budget "despite imminent threat to our shores from an outbreak in Indonesia". "Labor unable (to) explain FMD's absence on biosecurity list of priorities."

JULY 5 - Indonesian authorities confirm further spread of outbreak of FMD into popular tourist island Bali.

JULY 18 - The Opposition calls on Malinauskas Labor Government to urgently work with the Federal Government to increase biosecurity measures at Adelaide Airport and start an advertising campaign to help prevent FMD entering South Australia.

JULY 20 - The Federal Government announces rollout of sanitation foot mats at international airports and estimates mats should be at Adelaide Airport in a week.

JULY 21 - South Australia's livestock industry is "on high alert" after FMD viral fragments are detected in an undeclared beef product at Adelaide Airport.

JULY 24 – "The Opposition is forced to call for additional biosecurity officers to be stationed at Adelaide Airport - including a 100 per cent individual luggage inspection rate for incoming flights from Indonesia - as fears grow over FMD following little Malinauskas Labor Government intervention".

JULY 26 – "The Opposition has it confirmed (that) sanitation foot mats are finally in use at Adelaide Airport but remains alarmed it took seven days to implement the crucial biosecurity measure."

Bad Barker top 10 for blood pressure, cholesterol

BARKER has claimed an unwanted double, being ranked in Australia's top 10 electorates for high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

A recent Deloitte study found 28 per cent of the Barker population over the age of 15 has high blood pressure, and 15 per cent has high cholesterol, placing the electorate second highest in Australia in both categories.

That equates to an estimated 40,727 people living with high blood pressure and 22,166 people living with high cholesterol.

Those behind the study say the figures are "concerning" because high blood pressure and high cholesterol are two modifiable stroke risk factors.

In addition, the Stroke Foundation says a recent survey of 5000 people showed that the Barker electorate's awareness of high blood pressure as stroke risk factor declined by 7 per cent in 2021.

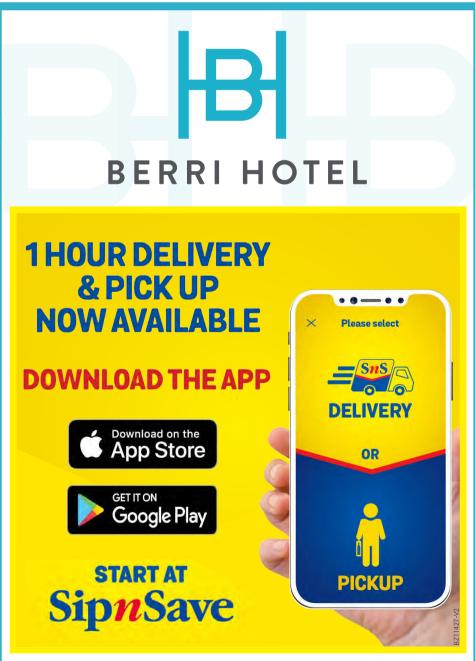
"We know that 80 per cent of strokes are preventable and lowering blood pressure has been conclusively shown to prevent both ischaemic and haemorrhagic strokes," said Stroke Foundation acting CEO, Dr Lisa Murphy.

"It's important that people recognise the risk factors like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking, so they can make lifestyle changes where applicable and reduce their risk of having a stroke."

Dr Murphy says several things can be done to lower high blood pressure.

"One of the keys to preventing and lowering high blood pressure is firstly knowing you have high blood pressure so it's crucial to get regular health checks with your GP," she said.

"If you've been identified as having high blood pressure, you can control it by changing your diet and lifestyle, particularly through regular exercise and maintaining a healthy weight."





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TWO young Riverlanders were last week named finalists in the 2022 South Australian Training Awards (SATA).

Presented by the South Australian Skills Commission, SATA showcases some of the best examples of vocational education and training (VET) in the state and looks to inspire the next generation to take advantage of the opportunities VET pathways can create.

Sakina Qambari, of Renmark, is a finalist for the School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year award – sponsored by the Department for Education – and is nominated for the Voters' Choice Award.

Sakina, a year 11 student at Renmark High School, works at the Renmark Club and is currently undertaking a Certificate III in Hospitality through TAFE SA.

"To get to where I am today, it has required the support of many people and mentors especially when it came to decision making," Sakina said.

"Despite all the hardships and challenges I faced, I believe every second was worth it and I have never regretted my choices."

Sakina was the Australian School Based Trainee of the Year runner-up at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards this year.

William Gillett, formerly of Loxton, is a finalist for Trainee of the Year – sponsored by Mas – and is also up for the Voters' Choice Award.

A former Loxton High School student, William is currently com-

pleting an internship with Primary Producers SA while studying full-time at UniSA to complete a Bachelor of Business (Economics, Finance & Trade).

"Whilst attending high school I had the chance to complete a Certificate III in Micro Business with TAFE SA through the schools VET program," William said.

"This opportunity really made me aware of what vocational education had to offer and only reaffirmed my goal to do a traineeship."

William was named the Trainee of the Year at this year's Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards, through his traineeship with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone.

Voting for the Voters' Choice Award is open until Thursday,



Sakina Qambari, of Renmark, is a School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year finalist at the 2022 South Australian Training Awards.

August 18. Only one vote can be made per person. Visit the website to vote or for more information (skillscommission.sa.gov.au/satraining-awards/2022-sata-finalists/ voters-choice-award).

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at the



William Gillett, formerly of Loxton, is a Trainee of the Year finalist at the 2022 South Australian Training Awards. PHOTOS: supplied

Adelaide Convention Centre on Thursday, August 25, during National Skills Week.

SATA winners will have the opportunity to compete for a national award title when South Australia hosts the Australian Training Awards on November 18.

Jesse's code to future success

A CREATIVE teenager from Berri has come up with an innovative solution to feeling left out of an interactive virtual gaming space – while also securing his first job.

Jesse Cross has autism and, with support from the NDIS, accesses virtual gaming programs through Minds at Play – an online program supporting more than 200 players around the country. Jesse's mum Tegan dis-

covered Minds at Play at a Berri Barmera online expo, hosted by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), offering new social and community participation supports.

"It's a struggle to find ways to spend NDIS money in a rural area that fits the boys' goals and helps them grow and improve their ways, so that's why I went to the expo," she said.

"By far the program that stuck out the most was Minds at Play."

Jesse, 17, felt he was too mature for Minecraft – which his younger brother Alexander, 14, loves – and struggles emotionally with Dungeons and Dragons (D&D), which his older

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Jesse met with staff members from Minds at Play online to prepare for his coding lessons.

brother Zach, 21, enjoys. "D&D and Minecraft are not really my perspective,"

Jesse said. "I felt kind of bored because I couldn't do anything and my brothers were having all the attention... I felt a bit left out."

Jesse, who describes himself as a gamer, coder and streamer person, took the initiative to ask Minds at Play to consider running a program through Scratch – a virtual coding space where Jesse enjoys using his coding skills to create and play

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his own custom-built games with like-minded people.

"Jesse came to us and told us, 'I am good at Scratch, I know how to teach this thing and this is something I can do'," said Minds at Play director and co-founder Dwayne Fernandes.

"Being then 16 and pitching an idea like this to us, that is pretty spectacular."

Jesse taught the Scratch program during the school holidays and as well as being paid for his efforts, the lessons will also contribute towards his SACE credits.

Being then 16 and pitching an idea like this to us, that is pretty spectacular...





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Jesse Cross put his coding skills to work when he taught lessons on Scratch during the school holidays. PHOTOS: NDIS



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TIM O'BRIEN AM **SOLICITOR - CONSULTANT** After 53 years of living and working in Berri, Tim has now relocated to Adelaide. He is committed to travelling back to Berri as a

consultant and will continue to assist and provide advice as required. For those clients who require the benefit of Tim's accumulated history and background knowledge, Tim will still maintain an association with the firm via an ongoing consultancy agreement.



ROXANNE GILLESPIE | SOLICITOR Working at the District Court of South Australia for three years before moving back to her hometown of Berri in 2021, Roxanne now works in conveyancing matters, including sales and purchases, land divisions and subdivisions. She looks forward to expanding her knowledge and moving into further areas including estate planning and succession.



Working with JL as a GDLP student in the middle of 2020, Oliver was admitted to practice as a lawyer a year later. As a lawyer, Oliver now operates within our corporate and commercial practices. specialising in the space of private mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructures corporate advisory, general commercial law, and civil litigation



TYSON BATEMAN | SOLICITOR Working with JL as a law clerk in 2020 before moving to the position of lawyer upon his admission to practice in 2021, Tyson works and collaborates within our commercial transactions, corporate advisory and taxation advisory teams. Importantly, Tyson in experienced in advising on Federal and State taxation law and in assisting on commercial transactions across the agribusiness, property, retail pharmacy and retirement sectors.



PRACTICE MANAGER | ADELAIDE With more than 30 years' experience in the legal industry, Sia is in charge of practice management, business development, and client relationships (if we are truly honest... she's in charge full stop!) Sia is your first port of call - just give her a call

HELEN PEDLER

ADMINISTRATION CLERK

of roles within our firm.

With over 10 years' experience as a legal

administration clerk Helen has held a variety

Helen is an all-rounder and assists in filling

in where required and maintaining client

files and documents, Trust accounting,

reception and general support work.



KATHY ROSENTHAL PRACTICE MANAGER | BERRI Kathy has over 47 years' experience in the legal industry. Her current varied role includes the day-to-day running of the firm including financial management, staff recruiting, and HR management, planning and marketing, information management, streamlining processes to ensure best practice and compliance, and providing day to-day guidance to staff relating to their duties and responsibilities



SUE CODEN | PARALEGAL Sue has worked as a clerk and legal secretary in the Riverland for almost 40 years

Throughout her time in legal support she has worked in many areas of the law and currently as a paralegal, specialising in primarily Wills and Power of Attorney, Probate and a predominant part of estate administration.



SIMONE GUNN | PARALEGAL Simone has had experience as a legal secretary with Adelaide legal firms prior to coming to the Riverland. She has 35 years' experience in the legal industry and has worked in a variety of legal roles. As a paralegal Simone is involved in general commercial law, leasing documentation and Probate and estate administration



MERRIDY RADY | RECEPTIONIST -ADMINISTRATION CLERK With a solid knowledge of Riverland clients Merridy is our receptionist and will greet you in person on the telephone and will assist you with your first inquiry. Merridy's role as support clerk has her maintaining client flies and documents and assists our various staff in many areas



CINDY KASSEBAUM CONVEYANCING CLERK Cindy has over 25 years' experience in administrative roles and undertakes an active role in general office administration and reception. In 2021, Cindy commenced training as a conveyancing clerk.



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Berri Dental reminds locals to **'love your teeth'**

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"Gums are as important as teeth for not only aesthetics but functioning," Dr Sachin Kulkarni says.

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2. Clean between your teeth using floss once a day

3. Eat a healthy, balanced diet with limited added sugar. 4. Visit the dentist reg-

ularly (every 6 months for a check-up and clean). It should not be a

normal expectation that you will lose your teeth as a part of getting older because of tooth decay or gum disease.

Instead, you should expect to keep your teeth for a lifetime. After all, you don't expect to lose an arm or leg, so why expect to lose any of your teeth?

We understand you are busy and probably have a million things on your to-do list, but good oral hygiene is easy and can be seamlessly incorporated into your daily

routine. Berri Dental is dedicated to assisting you and your family in developing and maintaining positive oral health habits.

If you are due to see the dentist, contact Berri Dental on 8582 1944 to book an appointment.

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> ter. "We want to do everything we can

> RIVERLANDERS will continue to

have access to free flu vaccines until

to protect South Australians and keep them out of hospital this winter," he said.

"Extending our free flu vaccination program is another step we are taking right now to reduce pressure on our health system.

"I am urging anyone yet to roll up their sleeves to head to their GP or pharmacy, get vaccinated and take

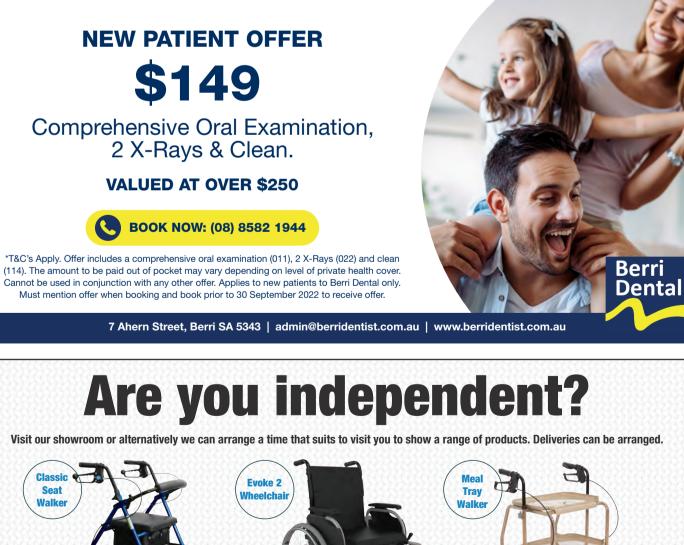
"You'll be helping yourself, your family and the frontline workers already dealing with significant demand.

"I also want to thank GPs and pharmacists who have worked with the government to deliver what continues to be an excellent initiative."

The extension comes after flu cases recorded in South Australia reached 10,280 as of July 28, compared to 16 at the same time last year.



Last year's Kick off ya Boots dinner performances were both sell-outs, with this year likely to be the same. PHOTO: supplied



A UNOIUE outdoor attraction has been installed at the Loxton river front.

Loxton river front

The newly installed ping pong table at the Loxton river front is part of the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program.

PHOTO: Facebook

Have a rally along

Funded by the federal government under the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program, outdoor ping pong tables have been installed at the river front.

The ping pong table will also soon feature artwork by a local artist, transforming the attraction into a unique point of interest.

Waikerie will also house an outdoor ping pong table, which will be installed at the Water and Nature Play Park.

Free flu jab program extended again

the end of August, after the State Government extended the program SA Health Minister Chris Picton said the extension of the free flu vaccine

hospitals through until the end of winadvantage of this state-first program.

> **Kicking off boots** again for 2022

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE popular Little Town Productions' Kick off ya Boots event will return in 2022, with the show running over two weekends in September.

After two sell-out performances in 2021, this year's program will comprise four dinner theatre performances, on Friday, September 16 and 23, and Saturday, September 17 and 24, at the Lutheran Peace Hall in Loxton.

Kick off ya Boots will again showcase the life of the Conner family, as they tackle tough topics of succession, drought and financial security, while going about their farming lives. A visit from Willow, a city journalist, ensures many uncomfortable decisions are brought to a head.

Project co-ordinator Jo Oldman said she expects this year's shows to sell out quickly. "Last year was really well received, and it

is a really enjoyable evening," she said. Ms Oldman said the show tries to connect with families to let them know they are not necessarily the only ones going through hard times.

'It is done in a fun format to watch, but it really does cover some touching and important points," she said.

"It looks at wellbeing and covers a lot of issues that are based in rural communities.

"If you are at all interested, make sure you get online and book tickets quickly.'

Tickets for this year's Kick off ya Boots performances go on sale this Friday, August 5, at 8pm via the link (https://littletown.com. au/koyb/).





'Vaccine injured' Renmark man steps out of the shadows... **'People need to speak up'**

PAUL MITCHELL

PUTTING pressure on politicians and the medical fraternity is a Renmark man's motivation for identifying himself as "vaccine injured".

Earlier this year Darren Richter told his story to The Murray Pioneer on the condition of anonymity, aiming to shield his family from any fallout stemming from his views.

However, Mr Richter said a doctor's visit – when he was refused the controversial antiparasitic drug Ivermectin – and the continued refusal of politicians, mainstream media and doctors to publicly acknowledge vaccine injuries prompted him to reveal his identity.

"I'm putting my nuts on the line, because other people won't do their job," he said.

"Doctors won't speak out, but I've had a vaccine injury and I hear about plenty of other people who have had them too. So hopefully me coming forward will encourage others to come forward."

Mr Richter is double-jabbed, but says he will never take a third shot, convinced the vaccines were responsible for health problems he endured for months after his first shot, in September 2021, including leg and chest pain, and general fatigue.

The 54-year-old previously told The Pioneer of his regret in being vaccinated and claims doctors are pressured into staying silent about vaccine side effects.

"Doctors need to take a stand and speak up," he said.

"Are they giving out the vaccine without reading any of the reports about side effects?"

However, he is most upset with politicians, who he claims either refuse to read reports about vaccine injuries – including Pfizer's infamous 80,000-page 'data dump' in May – or know more about vaccine

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Renmark man Darren Richter has called on politicians, the medical fraternity and mainstream media to speak more openly about Covid-19 "vaccine injuries". Mr Richter says his life was turned upside down after his first Covid-19 vaccination shot last September. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

injuries than they reveal publicly. Mr Richter said he has contacted several local politicians, but is yet to receive a response.

"I'm calling on Australian politicians to come forth and tell people the truth," he said.

"I shouldn't have to put myself on the line. Politicians should be calling for an investigation.

"And people need to know that if they do get ill from this – and I'm not saying everyone will – there's nothing for them. There's no Workcover, only unemployment.

"I'm still on the dole, waiting to get my claim accepted.

"I still feel like sh*t, but life goes on. All I can do is keep pushing, keep the fight up, and try to help out other people by making them aware."

Mr Richter said he was pleased that Liberal SA Senator Alex Antic and his Queensland-based LNP colleague Gerard Rennick had attempted to air some "alternative information" about Covid-19, vaccines and vaccine mandates.

Mr Richter was unable to work for some time after receiving the vaccine, but said a detox program had contributed to him being "on the mend" and that his fatigue problems were now behind him.

The Australian Government's own Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) website provides a Covid-19 vaccine weekly safety report, which carries an extensive summary about vaccines, including:

□Total adverse event reports following immunisation.

Reported side effects for Covid-19 vaccine.

□Vaccine safety in children and adolescents.

Booster doses.

Reports of deaths in people who have been vaccinated.

The summary shows an adverse event reporting a rate of 2.2 people per 1000 doses, with a total of 134,000 adverse events from the near 60 million doses delivered in Australia.

The TGA also reiterates that the protective benefits of vaccination "continue to far outweigh the potential risks".



A new needle-free Covid-19 vaccine patch has been developed in UQ's lab.

Needle-free patch 'more effective'

A NEEDLE-free vaccine patch could better fight Covid-19 variants, such as Omicron and Delta, than a traditional needle vaccine, according to a new Australian study.

The University of Queensland (UQ) study in mice shows the vaccine patch appears to counteract new variants more effectively than the current SARs-CoV-2 vaccine delivered by injection.

Conducted in partnership with Brisbane biotechnology company Vaxxas, the vaccine tested the Hexapro SARS-CoV-2 spike vaccine using the Vaxxas highdensity microarray patch (HD-MAP) technology, and the results found the patch was "far more effective" at neutralising Covid-19 variants.

"The high-density microarray patch is a vaccine delivery platform that precisely delivers the vaccine into the layers of the skin which are rich in immune cells," said UQ's Dr Christoper McMillan said.

"We found that vaccination via a patch was approximately 11 times more effective at combatting the Omicron variant when compared with the same vaccine administered via a needle."

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OUT & ABOUT

Nine days to the release of Troy's three-CD set

TROY Cassar-Daley is releasing a three-CD set titled 50 Songs 50 Towns on August 12, recorded during his 2019 acoustic Greatest Hits Tour (with daughter Jem Cassar-Daley joining him on some tracks).

The pre-order campaign has already started and if you go to his website (troycassardaley.com. au) you can order the 50 Songs 50 Towns three-CD bonus set for \$30.

Leading up to that official release, it is being released to all digital outlets, 10 songs at a time, on June 17, July 1, July 15 and July 29, with the final 10 tracks on August 12.

This would be a very special one to have in your collection.

On a sad note, last week Troy lost his beloved mother **Irene** Daley, who, having had health issues for some years, passed away in her sleep.

Troy was on a March-October tour with Ian Moss when he was informed of her passing in her home near Kempsey, so the Western Australia and Adelaide shows were cancelled.

Irene was very proud of Troy and his musical achievements, including the fact that he has won 40 Golden Guitar awards, the highest tally ever won by an individual artist.

My thoughts are with Laurel, Clay and Jem, and Troy's extended family members.

I recently received, via email, a track from Justin Standley titled If You Can't Beat 'em, a ditty to be included on a future CD

All I am going to reveal is that Justin has said "it's a comedy song with a nod to yodellers, and friends he loves".

Justin is on the Mildura Wentworth Country Music Festival program, and I wanted to mention it as you may like to surprise him by requesting this song when you see him.

Marry Me In Heaven is the latest 12-track CD released by Justin, and will be sought after by his fans when he gets to Mildura. It is good to see that he is

back on track, writing more good songs, and performing at festivals again.

Speaking of the festival, there has been a link established for the Friends of the Festival on the website, so for details check online (mildurawentworthmusicfestival.com) and follow links, or do a search on Facebook.

Larrys Prosciutteria will host a ticketed show, The Paul and Don Costa Show, from 7pm on Saturday, September 24, and you will need to contact the venue to book, on 0499 527 797.

Venues announced are the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club, Pizza Café, Corporate Moose, Red Cliffs Club, Gol Gol Hotel, Mildura Golf Club, Café 1909, Mildura Grand Hotel, Crown Hotel Wentworth, Trentham Estate Winery, Euston Club, the Setts Bar, Mildura Brewery, and Nowingi Place.

Music by the Darling, Apex Riverbeach Caravan Park, and Music City Mall, and any other outdoor venue, require you to take your chair, but most of us have one in the boot anyway.

Some caravan parks are only taking booking for the duration of the festival, but there are a few that allow you to book for the amount of days you are there.

Programs will cost \$2, and will have vouchers in them. A

ROBYN MCINTOSH MY KIND OF COUNTRY

special festival CD will be available, with three unreleased tracks included.

As is the norm for any festival, sometimes (through no fault of the organisers), artists can change as no one is guaranteed of good health these days.

Dates for the festival are September 23 to October 1, with the 'seven-day venue rotation acts' component of the festival running from Saturday, September 24 to Friday, September 30.

Not strictly a country music entertainer, Frankie Davidson was a talented variety comedian who I caught up with a few times over the years.

In 1976 Frank earned an Australian entertainment industry Mo Award for the Most Versatile Act of the Year.

Unfortunately Frankie passed away on July 22 aged 88, so let's remember a few of his comedy tracks that we remember him for.

Have You Ever Been To See Kings Cross, Gimme Dat Ding, I Love A Sunburnt Football, I Hope Your Chooks Turn Into Emus (And Kick Your Dunny Down), Ball Bearing Bird, The Australian Barbecue Song, and Hector The Trash Collector are a few of the entertaining songs.

I apologise to my readers for my inability to post a regular column last fortnight. Hopefully it will never happen again, but I hope you enjoyed my Tamworth photos.



LOXTON LEGACY WIDOWS: Jenny Nitschke at the June Loxton Legacy Widows Club meeting, wearing a Dutch hat and showing a dress she made from newspaper. **PHOTOS: Mandi Schwarz**







HAVE SOME SOCIAL PICTURES TO SHARE?

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Melva Radomi in a newspaper sailor's hat.



Janine Burgess wearing her newspaper creation.

Marjorie Rowe with a beret featuring the Duke and **Duchess of** Cambridge.



Dorothy Bell with her archbishop crown made by her daughter Gail.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

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

Every Thursday and Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery on Barwell Avenue is open for sales. Inquiries to Ruth 0428 899 506. WEEKLY

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

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

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

Berri Seniors meet every Tuesday from 1pm-4pm at the club rooms at 4 Draper Road, Berri. Pool, cards, games, computer

or just socialise. Everyone welcome. WEEKLY

Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street,

Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer 8595 1560. WEEKLY Tea nights at Barmera RSL, Sturt Street, Barmera. Every Friday night, served from 6pm. \$12 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter on 0408 813 882.

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

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

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street Loxton, every Fridav at 10am. Come and enjoy morn-

ing tea and a chat. Inquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people, good times. **THURSDAY, AUGUST 4**

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

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susceptible to photosensitive epilepsy or have other photo sensitivities.

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Fourth-generation Lowbank farmer David Schmidt is anticipating above-average prices for wheat and barley this year. He is pictured with his dog Casey. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Farmers counting on more rainfall

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

FOURTH-generation Lowbank farmer David Schmidt is hoping for at least another 20mm of rain over the next fortnight to boost cereal crop production this season on his family's 10,000ha property.

Mr Schmidt owns the farm, east of Waikerie, with his father Glynn and brother Anthony.

The family grows wheat, barley, triticale, vetch and medic, while also breeding sheep.

Mr Schmidt is optimistic about this year's harvest, despite a dry start.

"The first few months of the year started off really dry, but we received rain around Anzac Day," he said. "That rain was about 13mm and it was enough for us to start seeding." Mr Schmidt said crop

germination was patchy until about 30mm of rain arrived at the end of May. "This got everything real-

ly going," he said. "The crops are starting

to use a lot more moisture as the plant grows, so we would love to see more rain to keep things moving along."

Mr Schmidt said cold weather would slow down the development of crops.

"But, it doesn't hurt them," he said, "as they will pillar out a bit more and not race ahead too fast."

Mr Schmidt said a spell of sunny warm weather last week has spurred on the development of crops and he is expecting this year's harvest to begin in late October to early November.

Mr Schmidt said farmers should receive above-average returns of about \$450 a tonne for wheat and just below \$400 a tonne for barley this year.

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has led to a global food crisis with surging prices for grains, cooking oils, fuel and fertiliser.

Russia and Ukraine together produce nearly one-third of global wheat supplies.

Mr Schmidt said the high prices being offered for grain this year would hopefully cover the increased cost of fuel and fertiliser.

www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, August 3, 2022 NEWS 21 Mid Murray's new waste-transfer plan

MID Murray Council is inviting residents in the district to provide feedback on its plan to update the operations of local transfer stations.

The council said it ran 10 transfer stations across the district, more than any other comparable SA rural council.

But it said the amount of waste received at the stations each year has reduced significantly over the past two years as other waste services have been enhanced.

The council is proposing to reduce the operations of its transfer stations, with five to transition to seasonal operations.

Under the proposal, the remaining five would be open on a rotational basis, with opening hours based on demand.

The council said it is proposing these changes to ensure the district's waste services remain efficient and sustainable.

The preferred option follows an extensive review of council's hard waste disposal services and transfer station operations earlier this year.

Council considered seven options, ranging from closing some of the smaller and less-frequently used transfer stations through to reducing some stations to opening once a month only, or only on weekends.

Council's preferred option is to split the transfer station operations into northern and southern sectors, open on alternate weekends, with the exception of transfer stations at Morgan and Mannum which would open once midweek – with accessible operating hours – and on weekends.

Transfer stations at Cadell, Tungkillo, Swan Reach, Cambrai, and Bowhill would transition to seasonal operation, opening six times per year to accommodate free green waste and free hard waste disposal voucher opportunities.

Prior to considering the options, council also benchmarked its transfer station services alongside those of other regional South Australian councils, with Mid Murray found to offer considerably more transfer station services to its residents.

Mid Murray Council chief executive officer Ben Scales said the proposed changes aimed to maintain appropriate service levels for residents who use the transfer stations.

He said this would also hopefully ensure the stations were operating as efficiently and cost effectively as possible.

"With the increased use in recent years of council's kerbside general waste collection service, the volume of waste taken to our transfer stations has reduced significantly," Mr Scales said.

"Council's preferred option aims to reduce costs and inefficiencies, while also streamlining the services offered at our transfer stations," he said.

"We recognise that distance can be an issue for residents in accessing services such as waste disposal, and we've reflected this in the option to retain all stations, but reducing operational hours at sites where attendance is low."

Mr Scales said in response to community feedback, council has also reinstated its free hard waste disposal voucher system and will continue to provide free green waste disposal days in conjunction with its transfer station operations.

He said recyclable materials will still remain free to dispose of at transfer stations as well, to encourage recycling and reuse.

Mr Scales said community feedback during council's recent hard waste service and transfer station operation survey earlier this year indicated support for a transition to sustainable transfer station operations, including a review of operating hours.

For more information about the changes and to take part on an online survey visit mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Consultation on the proposed changes to Mid Murray Transfer Station operations will remain open until Friday, August 12.

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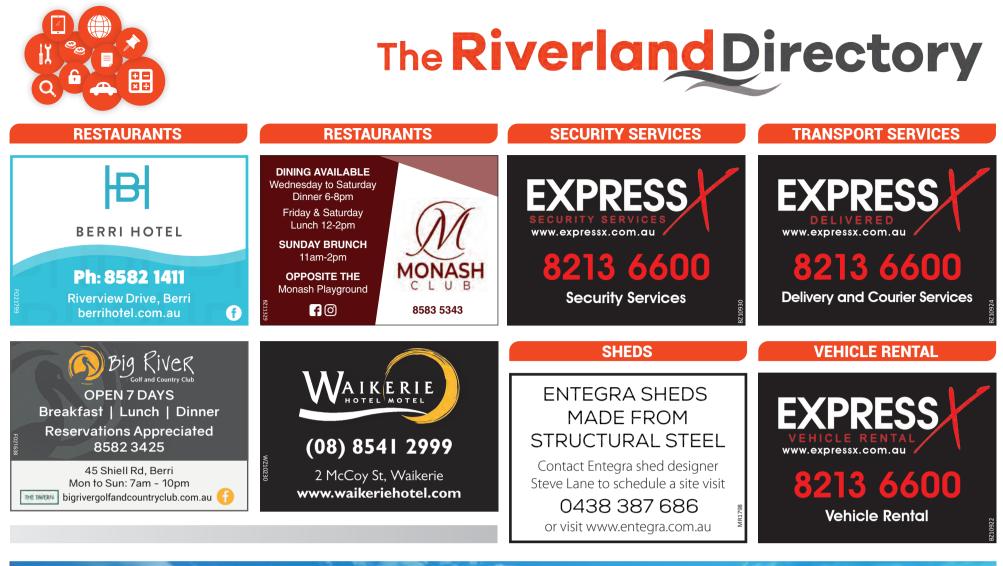
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August 2022 Horoscopes: week 1 ARIES (March 21st - April 20th) You may be a little more careless than usual at the moment. A simple

mistake could have serious consequences later in the week. Romance. A powerful aspect to Venus will help your love-life to power ahead. A romantic get-together at the beginning of the week will be particularly successful.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

You need to deal head-on with an issue which you have been trying to avoid: rather than wasting any more time deciding, just go for what you feel is right. Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus will help to turn a forthcoming meeting into a much more romantic encounter.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

This will be an excellent chance to move your colleagues over to your side: a favourable aspect to Mercury early in the week will help your powers of communication. Romance. An off-the-cuff remark may upset you - until you realise that it was meant as a compliment.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

You might have a need for extra security at the moment. A recent letdown may have worried you more than you realise, and you need to be reassured that it won't happen again. Romance. A major boost to your relationship will come from an unexpected source. You need to be prepared for a surprise!

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A call from a person whom you care about will cheer you up. You have not heard from this friend for many weeks and may have been worried that you had lost touch with them. Romance. A powerful aspect to Jupiter later in the week will give you the confidence you need to make some important changes in your relationship.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

Don't get stuck in a rut. A difficult aspect to Uranus may make you nervous about some recent changes; unfortunately they will go through whether you like it or not. Romance. Your partner may be upset about something. Do your best to stay calm and you will avoid getting into an argument.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

If you are blamed for something which was not your fault you must find a way to make your feelings clear. Don't forget that the other person concerned may not know the full story. Romance. A powerful aspect to Mars later in the week could make you a little nervous at times. A phone call will help to give your confidence a boost.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A dream will help you to understand what is in store for you over the next few weeks. Think carefully about what is involved before you take the plunge. Romance. A recent surge in your popularity may surprise you. This will be a good time to put your love life onto a firmer foundation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A disagreement will finally be resolved. The person concerned has ideas which are very different from your own, but you have much more in common than you realise. Romance. A phone call from a person whom you respect will help to get your love-life back on track after a long barren period.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

Be firm with a colleague who seems to want to take advantage of your good nature. If you don't make your limits clear you will get more of this nonsense. Romance. Your powers of intuition will be especially strong at the moment. Make sure that you act on any "gut feelings" which you have

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Stand your own ground and be firm about what you think is reasonable and what is not reasonable. They will give in in the end. Romance. Your partner may find your energy levels a little overwhelming. Take things easy, especially towards the end of the week.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A discussion with a friend could help you to see recent events in a much more positive light. This person's insight will help you later in the week, as well. Romance. Think carefully before you take up a suggestion which you know is not appropriate. The other person concerned may not understand the consequences as well as you do.

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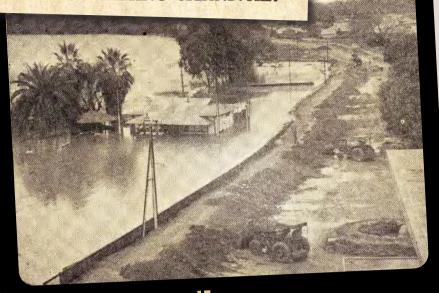
BOWLS — OR SWIMMING CARNIVAL?

A swimming carnival would be more appropriate than bowls on the greens of the Renmark **Bowling Club** at present. This view was taken from above the Renmark Hotel.

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Next Wednesday





1956 Riverland Flood

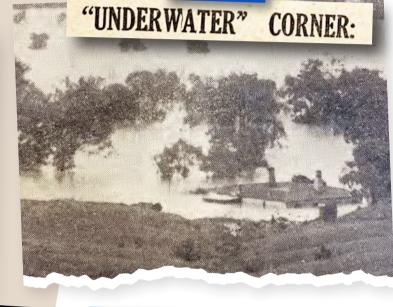
Lashed by high winds, floodwaters pound into the shores of Lake Bonney, with one of the shadehouses awash, almost to the roof.



ITH a reading of 29 ft. 64 inches at W Renmark this morning the level is the River. highest in the history of white man on the River, eclipsing the highest of several figures quoted as the 1870 peak-29 ft. 5 in.

This reading has taken place after the most eventful week of the flood emergency, followed by a quiet night last night.

The Engineer-in-Chief (Mr. J. R. Dridan) in his latest forecast, predicts a peak of 29 ft. 9 in. next Wednesday. Since this was given, however, the levee protecting the Lake Woolpoolool area on Calperum, has broken and that area is now being rapidly flooded. It is felt locally that this should ease the position at least slightly at Renmark.



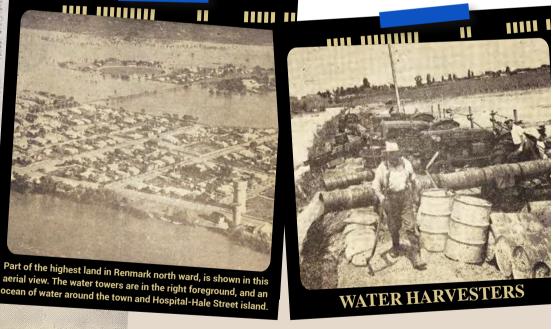
LEFT: The historic old building at Overland Corner is shown here with floodwaters almost to the roof. Mr and Mrs Denman are building an alternate Post Office and store premises on higher arounds beside the new bitumen road. Only in 1870 did these premises previously become "underwater" rather than Overland Corner.

BELOW: This picture shows water harvesters at work clearing water from more than 200 acres of fruit blocks in the Bookmark Avenue sector, at Renmark.

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Taken from the Railway line, this picture shows how the Sturt Highway is under water at Paringa. The levee protecting the township is also shown

with the Lutheran Church in the background.



STURT HIGHWAY UNDER WATER AT PARINGA

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WAIKERIE PUMPING **STATION** THREATENED

Just over the top of the main building can be seen the break in the levee around Waikerie Pumping Station. The flooded office and temporary office are on the left, and the Co-op, winery and oval are deeply submerged in the background, with the ferry also visible on the right.

THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

Winter's end

WELL, here we are in August and looking forward to the promise of spring. I've mentioned before my

love of bulbs; they're such a powerhouse of promise.

I am delighted that I now have the first of the daffodils flowering. Their bright gold and yellow flowers are so cheerful.



To-do list: The coldest months brings a few garden tasks. It's time to get pruning.

1. Hydrangea bushes can be cut back. Dead head back to the first pair of plump strong buds, remove completely any weak canes. You can use the prunings as cuttings to propagate new plants. If you are planning on

changing the colour of the

flowers, now you can add aluminium sulphate to the soil for blue flowers, or lime if you want pink.

2. Roses need pruning now to promote strong, healthy growth and flowers. Look out for demonstrations in your local area. I have found that they are hard to kill even if you don't really know what you're doing. Remove any leaves and spray with a copper solution.

3. Remove old wood from citrus. 4. Cut fuchsia back by

about a half. 5. Kniphofia and liriope can

be cut back to the ground. 6. Most trees can be

shaped at this time.



Moving plants

Another job for this time of the year is to move any plant that is in the wrong spot. My husband has a rule: "Three moves and that's it, no

more." The rules for a move are the same as a new plant.

Prepare the ground in advance. Remove as much

root ball as possible, plant at the same level as before and water in well with a Seasol solution. You can also use StressGuard to help with the transplant shock.

If it is a deciduous plant, taking soil is not as important. Place the roots in a bucket of weak Seasol solution before moving to its new spot. Water with the same solution.

Weeds

I mention these little blighters almost every time. Don't they love the winter rain? They seem to appear overnight.

Stay on top of them and make sure they don't seed before you remove or spray them. You don't want twice as many next season. Fertilising

Your annuals such as pansy,

primula and cineraria will love you for foliar feed, as will your bulbs.

Liquid feed (with a fertiliser formulated to promote flowers) any violets, cymbidium orchids and salvias in your garden. Share

You can divide any summer



flowering perennials now to either move or share.

Clumps of phlox, aster, shasta daisy etc. will benefit from this, as will your friends if

you share. Vegies It's time to plant rhubarb crowns and asparagus. It's also time to get in seed pota-

toes. Move your winter veg along with applications of liquid fertilisers. You can make your own by two methods that I have found successful:

1. Start a wormery and harvest the worm wee.

2. Place banana peels and weeds (that have not gone to seed) into a bucket of water and leave to break down. Make sure you keep a lid on as the perfume is not the best.

Both of these liquids need to be diluted until they look like weak tea. This is very important as you don't want to burn your plants.

Until next time, enjoy the longer days, stay safe and well.

Police urge online shopping caution

POLICE have reminded Riverland consumers to be wary when making online purchases, following an increase in scams on shopping and buy-sell websites

The scam involves a victim purchasing items at low prices through an online marketplace, however, after making payment they will receive either fake goods, or nothing at all.



A SAPOL spokesperson said "online shopping scams result in millions of dollars lost every year from unsuspecting victims".

"Scammers are constantly adapting their methodologies to exploit online shoppers through fake social media ads and websites that look like genuine online stores," the spokesperson said.

SAPOL has provided the following tips for locals to remain safe online:

Conduct online shopping with reputable companies that are located within Australia that are protected by Australian law.

□ Make payments through reputable online financial services which have robust consumer protection.

□ Be aware that online sellers may not be who they purport to be.

Be cautious if the advertised price of an item online looks unusually low.

□ Scammers will send emails that appear to be from genuine companies and brands and they may appear legitimate.

□ Check the websites security - ensuring it has a full authentication system (such as verified by Visa/MasterCard).

□ Conduct your own research and don't rely on reviews posted on the website or within the social media post itself.

Further information regarding scams currently affecting South Australia can be found by visiting the website (http://www.police. sa.gov.au/scams).



- Which country has the largest stadium in the world? 1.
- Who led India to its independence? 2.
- . Who is also known as Bruce Wayne? 3.
- What is the name of the residence of Elvis Presley?
- 5. What are the names of the three Simpsons children?
- From which language does the word "Renaissance" 6. come?
- What's the meaning of the acronym POTUS? 7.
- Who is currently the richest person on this planet? 8.

- Who painted the Sistine Chapel? 9.
- 10. Who played Rachel Green in Friends?
- 11. What is the baby of a kangaroo called?
- 12. Which country is referred to as India's teardrop?
- 13. Which national capital is closest to the South Pole?
- 14. Who wrote the Communist Manifesto?
- 15. What is the official language of the USA?

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16. How many syllables form a haiku?

- 17. Which Australian athlete successfully defended her World Javelin title recently?
- 18. What did the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution repeal?
- 19. Who was the Roman god of the Sea?
- 20. What is the national anthem of France?





What are the only two double landlocked countries in the world? A double landlocked country is not only landlocked but is also completely surrounded by other landlocked countries. Answer in next week's Quiz.

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Art is alive in Loxton

ALEXANDRA BULL

ART has officially taken over Loxton this month, with the August Art Trail kicking off last Monday.

Throughout August over 20 businesses will become a progressive gallery, exhibiting a collection of local artwork.

As part of SALA, the August Art Trail has several events that celebrate art throughout the month, including Arts on Terrace, which sees the town come alive with creativity on Sunday, August 14.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and event manager Sonya Altschwager encouraged locals to get involved throughout the month.

"The creative workshops are going to be very popular this year, and they are specifically for people with limited to no 'art' experience," she said.

Workshops are a popular part of Loxton's August Art Trail, which allows participants to try something new and start their own art journey. PHOTO: supplied

"It's a simple step to try something new that is not usually available, and start their own art journey. Art brings people together."

This year's workshops include Colour Inspired by Frida with Kat Bell, Copper Leaf Earrings with Julie Wallis and Botanical Resin Art with Jax Isaacson.

This is the ninth year of the August Art Trail, which will showcase over 60 local artists in total.

Full details are available at the Loxton Chamber of Commerce website (www. loxtonchamber.com.au/our-events/).

Constellation projection show opening in Barmera

BERRI Barmera Council will host an official opening this weekend for a light show telling the story of Lake Bonney "through the eyes of a Murray cod".

Constellation, produced in partnership with illuminart, will screen at the Barmera digital projection site at the Bonney theatre throughout August, with the opening to be held this Friday and Saturday from 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

WELCOME to August as we turn the page in our diary. The welcome light showers at the weekend gave us pleasure as the gardens say 'thank you' in readiness for springtime and the forthcoming Riverland Rose and Garden Festival. Now is the time to visit your local garden centres if you are needing a few new plants to brighten up a corner or two in the garden.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch group in Waikerie will be Monday, August 8, at the Waikerie Senior Citizens Hall at 1.30pm. We welcome new members to the group and we have interesting guest speakers at our bi-monthly meetings. This month will be the AGM and a member of the Domestic Violence Unit in Berri has been invited as guest speaker. Invite a friend to come. Afternoon tea will be provided.

August brings together the SALA Festival and this year we celebrate 25 years since its inception. Brochures are available online or at your local Foodland supermarket, so pick one up and check out what is happening in your local area. If you're planning a trip away, the brochures might provide you with some options to visit a gallery or two.

Next Sunday, August 7, at 2pm the Rain Moth Gallery committee and friends of the gallery welcome you to the opening of Lyn Anstey's exhibition, The River and Gum Blossom Memories, on display in Waikerie until the end of September.

Waikerie Lions Club members have asked for community support as they plan for the 2022 Christmas Pageant in Waikerie. Thanks to Waikerie Men's Shed members who Coffee and light refreshments will be available on site at the opening. The show is part of the

'Constellation trail' around regional South Australia, with further shows in Quorn, Port Pirie, Wallaroo and Karoonda.

The Barmera show, titled The Story of the Motherfish, tells a story of the River Murray and Lake Bonney, home to the Murray cod and other creatures until the arriv-



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have offered to give assistance with the pageant, to be held on Friday, November 25. For many years the last Friday in November has been regarded as the Waikerie Pageant night, introducing the forthcoming Christmas season events to all Riverland communities.

A message to all organisations, schools, church groups, businesses, and sporting groups: Have you thought about a float in the Christmas Pageant this year? Contact Waikerie Lions Club for more details.

The community extends sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs Dixie Hansen upon her recent passing. She was a beautiful, much-loved and admired lady, who will be sadly missed by many. Sincere sympathy also to the family of Stewart (Bill) McWaters upon his recent passing. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

When the news report came through of the passing of Archie Roach I stopped and gave thanks for the privilege of being at music festivals to see and hear this gifted, storytelling musician, who has given so much to our country over many years. It was at WOMADelaide 2021 that Julie and I last saw him. We were sitting in row two from the stage in the park. With compassion, he told his story in word and music, and what he wanted for others in the future. It was a most memorable vision, prompting

al of carp impacted on the river system, and highlights the fragility of local ecosystems.

The shows are the first time a linked series of light shows has been presented simultaneously in Australia, with the science-themed program showcasing regional artists, community innovators and specialists. For more details about

the show, visit constellation. illuminart.com.au.

a standing ovation from the audience.

It was an exciting and memorable gala night at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre last Friday, when the Adelaide Football Club celebrated the anniversary of the 1997 and 1998 AFL grand premierships. Our Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group was represented at the dinner by committee members Jan Pearson and Vicki Jones. Given the way the Adelaide Crows played on Saturday against Carlton, perhaps there should be more regular gala nights.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie welcomes you to the free showing of the Country Arts SA and State Theatre Company presentation of the EUPHORIA film next week. It will be shown at Loxton on Tuesday, August 9 at the Loxton Peace Hall at 7pm. It will also be shown at the Waikerie Football Club on Wednesday, August 10 at 7pm. This film will be shown at no cost but bookings must be made with Country Arts (www. countryarts.org.au/events / arts-on-screen-euphoria/). This film is a tale of the good days, the bad days and everything in between. A country town, a festival, a local tragedy, a town that doesn't talk, so let's find out how they come together. Remember book your complimentary tickets asap.

Thanks for the great coffees and the pleasant service you gave us all Jordan 'The Carpenter's Daughter' and best wishes to you always.

Thought for the week: If we want to keep the blessings of life coming to us, we must learn to be grateful for whatever is given.

- Harold Klemp

Loxton Waikerie libraries monthly update:

THANK you to all the families that joined in the holiday program fun at the Loxton Waikerie libraries during the recent school holidays.

It was great to see so many children enjoying the story and craft sessions as well as borrowing lots of books for holiday reading.

We are nearing the final stages of the Premier's Reading Challenge, however students still have plenty of time to complete their reading record, as the challenge concludes on September 9.

Please come into the libraries if you require a student reading record form or assistance with sourcing the appropriate books.

The Loxton Library holds Storytime every Wednesday at 10.30am during school terms. The sessions include singing nursery rhymes, scarf and shaker play, reading a story using our interactive story board and making a craft to take home.

Loxton Waikerie libraries were very fortunate to receive an Early Childhood grant from the Local Government Association totalling \$11,898 to purchase some fabulous resources to implement science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workshops for 2-5 years.

The Little Creators STEM workshops have commenced for term 3. The program goes for four weeks, exploring the themes of magnetism, co-ordination and balance, and light, colour and sound, in a supported learning environment. Both libraries are still seeking participants for the term 4 program. Phone Loxton on 8584 8051 or Waikerie on 8541 0720 to register your child for the program.



LOXTON WAIKERIE TOP 10 NOVELS

Lying Beside You by Michael Robotham

A Matter of Time by Claire Askew

White Noise by Mercedes Mercier

The Secret World of Connie Starr

by Robbi Neal

The Fall by Rachael Blok

The Murders at Fleat House by Lucinda Riley

The Last to Disappear

by Jo Spain **Outback Skies**

by Barbara Hannay **The Murder Rule**

by Dervla McTiernan A Stone's Throw Away

by Karly Lane



TITLE: The Lost Apothecary AUTHOR: Sarah Penner BOOK REVIEW BY: Karen Flavel

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THE Lost Apothecary is Sarah Penner's debut novel. It is an enthralling work of murder, mystery, trust, and betrayal. Set in London, the story

flows skilfully from past to present, revealing the heartaches and lost dreams of the three main characters. The pageturning drama surprises right up until the final paragraph. In 1791, Nella Clavinger is

an apothecary who caters to clientele with ulterior motives. Her shop is hidden behind a wall in a storage room on Bear Alley. This concealed space allows her to observe prospective customers through a tiny peep hole. Nella gets them to leave a note for her in weevil-infested grain.

It allows her to keep her identity and the identity of her clients secret.

Nella, a highly skilled apothecary, sells well-disguised poisons to women who have been wronged by men, making their 'man problem' disappear. She gives women a choice in an era where they can't just walk away from abusive husbands, fathers, brothers, or employers. But Nella has rules – lines

drawn in the sand that she believes she'll never cross. Her newest patron, 12-yearold Eliza Fanning, is a lady's maid. She visits Nella on

behalf of her mistress. She has specific instruction of what tincture to purchase and who it is meant for. She is an intelligent, loyal, and trusting girl who is aware of what the vials contain and what



they will do.

In present day London, Caroline spends her 10th wedding anniversary alone. She has discovered her husband's infidelity and decides to take their planned holiday alone to give herself time to work out what went wrong. Although heartsick over her husband's betrayal, she starts to re-evaluate choices she has

made, including giving up on her dreams of being a historian. Caroline meets up with a mudlarking group whose members are scrounging along the River Thames' shoreline searching for old and valuable items. She finds an old blue apothecary vial with faded markings that could be an address. After a visit to the British Library, Caroline's desire to discover the history of old things comes roaring back.

Nella's story is slowly revealed, along with the circumstances that led to her decision to turn her mother's shop, once a place of healing, into a haven for betrayed women who believe they have no choice but murder.

An affinity is created between the reader and Nella, Eliza, and Caroline. We want them to find a way around the problems that seem about to escalate out of their control. The Lost Apothecary is a

captivating read and provides great insight into the themes of motherhood, and the changes, both physical and emotional, in the journey from childhood to womanhood.





BEST: Renmark - D. Woolford, T. Woolford, R. Garrett, F. Sampson, T. Charlton, J. Vater. Loxton North - J. Worsfold, C. Koehne, M. Hampel, T. Kent, S. Steer, M. Eckermann. GOALS: Renmark - T. Charlton 6, T. Woolford 3, A. Haynes, J. Vater 2, J. Austin, T. Blight, M. Jenke, M. O'Loughlin, W. Stockman, T. Thorpe. Loxton North - M. Hampel, J. Neumann, B. Pfitzner.

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Kassulke, M. Mock. GOALS: Waikerie - J. Grieger, K. Hilton 2, D. Gordon, S. Hausler, C. Miller, B. Moon, J. Spencely, M. Spencely, R. Turner.

Barmera-Monash - J. Smith 2, R. Lehmann, M. Middleton. LOXTON BERRI

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Jackson, J. Staunton, M. Grosser. R. Bromley, S. Atkins, Loxton -M. Reichstein, M. Guidolin, M. J. Evans. Thiele, B. Oxlade, B. Falting, T.

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Renmark 7.4 (46) d Loxton North 4.5 (29).

BEST: Renmark - M. Edwards, A. Prokopec, H. Beavis, D. Johnson, D. Strongman, K. Polst. Loxton M. Arnold, H. Keller, J. Nelson. B. Butson, S. Meneghetti, M. Lidgerwood GOALS: Renmark - D. Johnson 3, M. Smith, C. Munn, K. Polst. D. Strongman. Loxton North - M. Schinckel, B. Smith 2.

Waikerie 8.8 (54) d Barmera-

Monash 3.5 (23). BEST: Waikerie - T. O'Hara, T. Lambe, B. Johnston, R. Shaw, T. Campbell, D. Kranz. Barmera-Monash - B. Watson, J. Kleinig, C. Gillespie, A. Karpany, S. van Der Warkethe worthahn, R. Shaw 2, A. Lean, S. Meredith, J. Sutton, A. Thompson. Barmera-Monash - S. van Der Woude 2, M. Wellington.

Berri 11.4 (70) d Loxton 10.3 (63). BEST: Berri - M. Foulds, J. Campain, R. Kruger, J. Kelly, D. Westley, A. McNab. Loxton - C. Wright, B. Salmon, L. Zdanowicz, Z. Huddleston, C. Loxton,

UNDER 18

GOALS: Berri - A. McNab 3, M. Carter, J. Kelly, R. Kruger 2, H. Campbell, M. Foulds, Loxton - Z. Huddleston, L Zdanowicz 3, C, Rankine 2, R, Pontt, C, Vowles.

Loxton North 8.11 (59) d Renmark

7.4 (46). BEST: Loxton North - D. Petch. F. Wagner, J. Wooldridge, J. Koehne, S. Uzzell, J. Meaney. Renmark - L. Harrington, N. Stockman, R. Curtis, J. Hansen, T. Bonner, J. Rothe. GOALS: Loxton North - J. Koehne, T. Psarakis 2, K. Fielke, J. Meaney, E. Wagner, W. Zimmermann. Renmark - J. Hansen, L. Harrington, T. Johnson 2, N. Stockman.

Barmera-Monash 10.7 (67) d Waikerie

6.2 (38). BEST: Barmera-Monash - A. Hodgson, A. Scordo, T. Ogle, M. Pietrolaj, J. Whitbourne, C. Marks, Waikerie - J. Pillion, S. Trandafil, H. Greaves, C. Daniels, M. Lloyd, F. Andrew. GOALS: Barmera- Monash - A. Hodgson. Marks, N. Richardson 2, C. Marks, A. Monaco, T. Ogle, A. Scordo. Waikerie K. Hilton 2, C. Daniel, M. Lloyd, B. Loffler, R. Turner.

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Berri 10.7 (67) d Loxton 3.3 (21). BEST: Berri - B. Wenman, A. Peltz. N. Rothe, B. Reid-Fletcher, P. Dale, L. Watson. Loxton - K. Evans, C. Rankine, M. Perre, R. Tripp, M. Sexton.

GOALS: Berri - B. Reid-Fletcher, B. Wenman 3, C. Lloyd 2, B. Pankhurst, L. Watson, Loxton - L. Headon, K. Evans, M. Sexton.

Renmark 13.5 (83) d Loxton North 1.6 (12).

BEST: Renmark - L. White, C. Goodman, A. Schumann, H. Flett, E. Evans, O. Lang. Loxton North - J. Wooldridge, L. Clayton, J. Hutchinson, R. Wooldridge, E. Obst, O. Cook. GOALS: Renmark - C. Goodman 5,

L. White 4, E. Evans, A. Kazantzis, L. Keynes, I. Morgan. Loxton North - E. Obst.

Barmera-Monash 8.4 (52) d Waikerie 1.2 (8).

BEST: Barmera-Monash - J Dymmott, T. Drogemuller, B. Rashleigh, F. Dillon, W. Nuske, W. Marks. Waikerie - B. Richards, A. Kipling, T. Edwards- O'Cass, J. Coombe, M. Lloyd, A. Kuchel. GOALS: Barmera-Monash - J. Dymmott 3, M. Richter 2, F. Dillon, R. Hunt, H. Westcott. Waikerie - F. Andrew.

UNDER 13

Berri 6.3 (39) d Loxton 2.1 (13). BEST: Berri - S. Marsden, C. Blanck. R. Critchley, C. Kruger, J. Hunter, R. Hill. Loxton - B. Duthie, S. Polymiadis, T. Marlor, D. Mayes, H. Eatts, B. Sylvia. GOALS: Berri - C. Blanck, R. Hill, J. Hunter, C. Kruger, S. Marsden, R. Wishart. Loxton - L. Deren, B. Duthie.

Renmark 3.8 (26) d Loxton North

3.0 (18). BEST: Renmark - H. Riedel, H. Dring, S. DePalma, N. Martinson, H. Pitman, C. White. Loxton North - T. Meaney, S. Williams, B. Serafin, C. Schwarz, A. Kent, E. Dalzell. GOALS: Renmark - H. Meuret 2, N. Martinson. Loxton North - T. Meaney 2. A. Kent.

Barmera-Monash 16.9 (105) d Waikerie 1.1 (7).

BEST: Barmera-Monash - H. Banks, D. Marks, M. Johnson, I. Ness, S. Humphries, K. Nixon. Waikerie - J. Coombe, E. Lawrance, H. Radolovic-Tripodi, P. Singh Sandhu, A. Rankin, J. Stevens.

GOALS: Barmera-Monash - D. Marks 4, T. Allder, K. Nixon 3, J. Doupis 2, H. Banks, S. Humphries, M. Johnson, I. Ness. Waikerie - P. Singh-Sandu.

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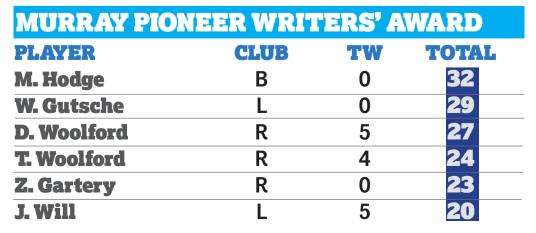
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Waikerie keeps the heat on Loxton

WAIKERIE kept its hopes of a toptwo finish alive with a vital win over Barmera-Monash in last week's round of RFL A grade.

The Magpies responded to a 10-goal defeat at the hands of Renmark the week prior by taking care of the Roos by 47 points at the Lakeside.

The win keeps last year's runners-up in touch with Loxton, with the Magpies still just two points behind the secondplaced Tigers.

The pair will do battle in the final round of the season Saturday week in a clash that will likely decide who gets the double-chance.

The travelling side was without Timothy Bevan for its clash with Barmera-Monash, but the inclusion of West Adelaide junior Kade Hilton proved to be an inspired one as he helped Shayne Stevens' side cruise to victory.

Hilton kicked two goals and was named in the best players, after having returned from Westies duties from the week prior.

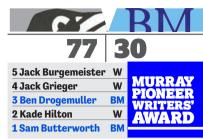
Also in the goals for the victors was Jack Grieger, with the utility booting two majors in an influential performance that saw him dominate on the wing and the flanks.

Forward Jack Burgemeister was named best for the Magpies after the youngster worked tirelessly to provide a tall option down the line.

Dustin Gordon suited up for the first time since round seven against Renmark and kicked a goal in his return.

The full forward will be looking to return to full fitness in time for another finals campaign in black and white.

Barmera-Monash welcomed back skipper Sam Butterworth to the line-up, with the Roos virtually full strength for the clash.



He was named in the best players alongside midfield workhorse Ben Drogemuller, who was able to help keep the Roos in the contest in the first half through his work in the engine room.

Jake Smith was the only multiple goalkicker for the home side and looked to be back to somewhere near his best after missing a large chunk of the season.

Reece Lehmann and Mason Middleton registered a goal each in the loss, but Waikerie showed why it still has a genuine premiership chance, running over the top of the Roos in the second half.

Barmera started the match strongly, finishing the first term just one point adrift of the Magpies and at half time, the difference was just over two goals.

But, Waikerie's class shone through in the third and fourth quarters, as the visitors outscored the home side six goals to one after half time.

Next week sees the Roos head to Loxton in what looks to be another difficult encounter for the fifth-placed team that has still only managed victory against winless Loxton North in 2022.

The Magpies, on the other hand, will host the Panthers in what looms as a potential percentage booster ahead of their final-round clash with the Tigers at home.



Youngster Kade Hilton (left) celebrates with Jack Grieger as Waikerie storms to victory over Barmera-Monash in last weekend's round of RFL A grade football. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Waikerie's Jake Spencely desperately lunges after Barmera-Monash utility Matt Wutke.



Paringa donned pink guernseys as the side raised almost \$2000 for breast cancer awareness during last week's round of RFL Independent football. PHOTOS: Facebook



Wunkar also raised money for a good cause last weekend as it participated in the World's Greatest Shave fundraiser.

Covid causes a stir in the RFL Independents

A COVID-cancelled fixture has drastically affected the finals race in the RFL Independent competition.

A surge in cases in Brown's Well caused the side to forfeit its clash with Ramco last Saturday, with the teams to share the points due to the SANFL's Covid protocols.

The two sides sit next to each other on the Independent ladder, with the Bombers ahead of the Roosters by just one point.

The result of last weekend's clash would have gone a long way to deciding who would occupy fourth spot, currently held by Brown's Well, come season's end in two weeks' time.

Brown's well takes on BSR and Paringa in the final two matches of the season, while Ramco heads to Wunkar this weekend before travelling to Sedan-Cambrai in round 15.

Elsewhere, BSR maintained its undefeated record with a thumping win over Paringa in Blanchetown.

The Redbacks stormed to victory by 97 points in a fixture that, last time out, proved to be a tricky one for Alan Harvey's men.

The home side got the jump on the visitors, booting 13 goals in the first half compared to Paringa's two majors.

Jake Medhurst and Max Martinson managed nine majors between them, while Cam Horstmann was named best on ground for another dominant display in the middle for the Redbacks.

The former West Adelaide junior con-

tinued his stellar season that has seen him named in the best 12 times in 13 games under Harvey.

Dean Hill was the only Swan to kick multiple goals, with the target-man booting three majors in the loss.

Paringa coach Peter Siddall was named in the best players, while Isaac Frahn produced another strong showing in the ruck for the travelling side.

The Swans remain in the hunt for the top four, but will need results to go their way over the final two weeks of the season if they are to play finals football.

Sedan-Cambrai secured the double chance in the other match of the round, defeating Wunkar by 40 points in Wunkar.

Jackson Le Couteur booted four goals for the travelling side, while Shawn Klose dominated at the other end in the win.

Kenrikk Riley and Zachary Lawrence put in strong performances for the Bulldogs, who are now locked in to a thirdplace finish this season.

Meanwhile, two Independent sides were busy for good causes last week, with Paringa and Wunkar raising significant funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and Leukaemia Foundation respectively.

Both sides auctioned off match-worn guernseys to raise funds and reported on social media that they were able to comfortably meet their fundraising goals.

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Technical Assistant

Permanent Part Time Position

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- Pest and disease monitoring at the Coldridge Vineyard and other vineyards as required.
- Preparing of Spray Diaries and Calibration Sheets to ensure compliance with the company's responsibilities regarding MRL and HACCP
- Soil moisture monitoring in conjunction with the vineyard manager
- Organise the collection of phenological data
- Organise the collection of petiole, nematode, and soil tests. Any other duties, as required.

Role Requirements

The successful applicant will demonstrate sound communication skills coupled with exceptional planning and organisational skills.

You will have a minimum of 5 years' experience in Viticulture/ Horticulture with tertiary qualifications in Viticulture or Agriculture favourable. High level MS Office skills are mandatory.

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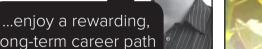
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KINGSTON

HR / Winery Admin Coordinator

As the HR / Winery Administration Coordinator you will support the Human Resources Team to deliver general administrative support for the winery.

Providing a high level of service to both internal and external customers, you will assist the human resources team in partnering with our managers to ensure our most important asset, our people, are recruited, onboarded, trained and inspired in a manner that contributes to positive personal and organisational outcomes.

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- Providing external and internal customers with professional and helpful support. Coordinating and supporting successful Riverland and company-wide functions within
- budgeted parameters. Support recruitment and selection processes to achieve best fit appointments.
- Assist in sourcing training options and maintaining training records.
- Ensuring general staff amenity requirements are met.
- Co-ordinating company uniform orders with suppliers.

Our preferred candidate will ideally possess:

- Previous experience in administration and / or human resources in a fast paced environment.
- Appropriate business or human resource management qualifications.
- High level Microsoft office skills.
- Effective time management and organisational skills.
- A basic understanding of employment Legislation and its application within the working environment.

Benefits:

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- Uniform and wine allowance.
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Successful candidates will share the values of our Company; Accountability, Teamwork, Continuous Improvement, Integrity and Respect.

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For all enquiries contact the Human Resources Advisor, Sean Leesue on 08 8583 0568

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12 Month Contract Position

We are currently seeking a highly motivated administration professional to join our sales team in the role of Export Logistics Coordinator, exporting wine around the world in the dynamic wine industry

This position is responsible for coordinating domestic and export wine orders including acknowledging and processing orders, organising shipping and export approvals, and preparing export documentation.

Key responsibilities include:

- Ensuring all orders are acknowledged, cross checked against the relevant allocation and the customer's financial status is reviewed.
- Liaising and co-ordinating with freight companies daily.
- Receiving, checking, acknowledging, and distributing all export and domestic orders. Ensuring the dispatch of bulk wine meets customer, company and regulatory requirements and expectations.
- Preparing and ensuring the accuracy of all sales documentation.
- Maintaining order databases and ensuring company systems are accurate.
- Our preferred candidate will ideally possess:
- Previous experience in export logistics in a fast-paced environment.
- Previous experience in an administration team leader or supervisory role desirable.
- A basic understanding of the wine export market and / or freight logistics or a willingness to learn.
- The ability to build strong customer relationships and be proficient in the use of Microsoft Office suite of products
 - Excellent organisational and communication skills and a high level of attention to detail.
- Benefits: • Competitive salary.

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KRUSCHEL, Susanna

Went to

Heaven Friday, August 5, 2016.

Aged 67 years young.

Lovingly remembered

by husband Robert.

Mother and

mother-in-law of

Jamie and Sarah,

Amanda and Brett,

Shannon and Daina

Precious grammy of

Mercedes, Aiden,

Dakota, Jayda,

Emma and Holly.

You have not

gone from those

who love you,

Nor have you

travelled far.

You have just stepped

inside God's Garden,

And left the door ajar.

"My faith looks

up to thee."

SOMERFIELD, Pat.

3/8/2018

"They are not

dead who live in

the hearts of those

they left behind."

Love forever.

Julie and Chris.

BURGEMEISTER,

Diane, Kathy, Alison

and Peter sincerely

wish to thank

relatives and friends

who have offered

kindness, support

and messages

of sympathy and

comfort since

Special thanks to

Stephen and Rosslyn

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Kerri (celebrant)

Natasha (Flowers

on Segneri) for

the beautiful floral

tribute, and Kay and

her wonderful team

of volunteers from

the Lutheran Church

HUCKS, Wanda

Allan and family would

like to thank relatives

and friends for cards,

phone calls, flowers

and condolences on

the sad loss of their

dear wife, mother, nan

Special thanks to all

the staff at Riverview

Lutheran Rest Home

for their care of Wanda.

Please accept this as

our personal thanks.

and great-nan.

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Connie.

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Mary.

DEATHS

BLUM, Noel. Passed away peacefully in Melaleuca, on August 1, 2022. Aged 95 years. Beloved uncle of Ron and Elaine. Resting peacefully. EASTON, Valerie May (Val).

Passed away peacefully at St Catherine's, Berri on Friday, July 22, 2022. Aged 93 years. Loved wife of Wally (deceased). Loving mother of Robert, Sue, Jeanette (deceased), Ray, Chris, Barry,

and Kathy. Rest in peace.

GANNER, Joseph. Refer to funeral notice.

HANSEN, Dixie Olive. 1/11/1926 -27/7/2022

Wife of Wilf (deceased)

Precious mother and nana to us all, from the oldest to the youngest.

Mother of Kaye, Denise, Susan, Richard (deceased), Janet, and mother-in-law of Ross, Ken. Robert. Dianne.

Craig, and Andrew. Devoted nana to 11 grandchildren and Nana Dixie to 15 great-grandchildren, Megan and Andy,

Robyn, Lauren and Lyndon, Ainsley and Damon, Fletcher and Mari, Dylan and Bec, Stuart and Kate, James and Mei. Thomas and Diana, Jack and Miranda, and Harry. Oscar and Olivia, Blythe and Ted, Jaxon and Marley,

Indiga, Malachi, Karlu and Soren, Isla, Ashton and Ethan, Barnaby and Olive.

Mum, you gave us all unconditional love, care and devotion and memories to treasure.

"Our family is a circle of love not broken by loss but made stronger by our love and memories.'

Privately cremated as per her wishes. A gathering to honour

Dixie's life, will be held ON THIS DAY, Wednesday, August 3 from 2 – 4pm at the Waikerie Lutheran Social Centre, 4 Cates Avenue, Waikerie.

A very special thank you to everyone at Pioneer Lodge who cared for Dixie during the time she spent there. Very much appreciated.

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DEATHS HAYDEN, Elda Daphne (nee Schwertfeger). 18/3/1923 -25/7/2022 Died in her 100th year at Renmark, on Monday, July 25, 2022.

Devoted wife to Leslie (deceased). Loved aunty, great-aunty and great-great-aunty.

Treasured memories of visits to the farm, exploring and adventuring will never be forgotten.

Elda's funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 2 at the Cambrai Cemetery.

Riverland 💒 FUNERALS

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HAYES, Cecilia Margaret (nee Mahoney). 23/8/1933 -1/8/2022

Loving wife of Lawrie (deceased). Mother of Tom, Bill, Karen and Jeff.

Mother-in-law of Felicity, Sandi, Richard and Jo. Grandmother of 10,

great-grandmother of 3. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Berri.

Date to be confirmed. Passed away peacefully.

KOHRT, Darrin Lynn (Pastor). Passed away

at the Loxton **Hospital Complex** on July 28, 2022. Aged 54 years.

Beloved husband of Vanessa. Loving brother-in-law

of Alex and Lisa (Stephen). Adored son-in-law of Bill and Wendy Voigt.

Much-loved son of Carl (deceased) and Marie Kohrt

(Iowa, USA). Devoted and loving brother to Debbie (Todd) Bohlen, Darci (Steve).

Alley, and Dawn (Bryan) Caspary. Very proud and loving uncle to Vance, Brodie, Ashton, Olivia, Abigail, Christina, Avery

and Bailee. Finally at rest in the loving arms of his Saviour, after an incredibly brave and fierce battle with pancreatic cancer.

We are forever grateful for the palliative nursing team, and Dr Andrew Searles, who went above and beyond in their loving care.



KOHRT, Darrin.

Much-loved Pastor and Shepherd of Concordia Lutheran Church, Loxton. Called to glory on July 28, 2022 at the Loxton Hospital Complex.

Our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to Vanessa and his

family in Adelaide and Iowa, USA. He fought a

courageous battle and is now at rest in the arms of our loving Saviour. We profoundly grieve the loss of Pastor Darrin, who was a devoted servant of the Lord, our faithful, much loved and respected Pastor for 16 years.

He played a significant role in the lives of many and will be deeply missed.

Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me.

even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die". John 11: 25-26.

Rest in peace Pastor Darrin, love from your 'family' at Concordia.

KOHRT, Pastor Darrin. Our much-loved pastor who served us so well for 15 years.

Our prayers and condolences to wife Vanessa. From the

> Bookpurnong Lutheran Congregation.



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KOHRT, Pastor Darrin.

Pastor Darrin truly cared for our individual spiritual needs. We are thankful he regularly shared God's message with us, always with a compassionate heart. We will always remember his leadership, time spent in study and fellowship, his friendship, sense of humour, shared meals, and the many bonfires. We will miss him in our lives. Dear Vanessa.

vou know our love and care and prayers are with you.

May God's peace be with you and comfort you as you

remember Darrin. Keep the faith. It's the only thing

that matters. From the fellow believers of St Johns, Myrla, Trinity, New Residence and St Peters, Moorook Lutheran

Ross.

congregations. LEHMANN, Philip

1/8/2022 suddenly. Loved father of Tim and Daniel,

and dear brother to Kym, Viv and Di. Sadly missed.

MAGDALINOS, Angela. Passed away at

Cogan Wing, Barmera on Thursday, July 21, 2022. Aged 83 years. Loved wife of

George (deceased). Rest in peace.

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FUNERALS

EASTON. The relatives and friends of the late Val Easton are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the **Riverland Funerals** Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 11am.

(Pastor)

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are respectfully

advised that Darrin's

funeral service will

be conducted at the

Concordia Lutheran

Church, Loxton on

Friday, August 5, 2022

After the service, the

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to the Loxton Lawn

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the Geraja Kristen

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The relatives and

friends of the late Mrs

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

Riverland **FUNERALS**

Berri and Renmark

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GANNER, Joseph. Relatives and friends are respectfully advised that Joseph's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety at the Loxton Uniting Church on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12 noon.

Joseph will be laid to rest in the Loxton Cemetery in a private burial. In lieu of flowers. donations to the Loxton Men's Shed would be appreciated. Envelopes



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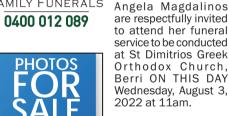
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BLUM, Noel.

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IN MEMORIAM **FUNERALS** KOHRT, Darrin Lynn Relatives and friends



BLYTH, Alexander (Sandy) 14/10/1928 -2/8/2010

Twelve years ago.

just a breath away.

I said goodbye to you,

My final say.

I could not stop

what had to be,

Even though your love

was everything to me.

Each day I think

of you, my Dad,

Our time together,

Eternally glad.

At night I give a

silent prayer,

For the love

of a Father,

Son did share.

Forever in my heart.

Your Piper's Son,

Keith.

DOEVENDANS, Clint.

5/8/1994

Clint's passing left

a heartache no

one can heal.

Love leaves memories,

no one can steal.

Love always,

Mum and Dad. xx

Clint, I know your

wings are always

around me.

Much love, Nic. x

EDWARDS, Robert

4/2/1932 -

5/8/2001

As time unfolds

another vear.

Memories keep

vou ever near.

Silent thoughts

of time together,

Hold memories

that last forever.

Love never ends.

Loving you and

missing you always,

daughter Penny.

6/8/2020

Time doesn't

stand still,

we miss you,

but God had a

position to fill.

God gave us a

husband, father,

grandfather,

he was an honest,

trustworthy man.

We loved you

whole-heartedly,

happy to know you

are resting in eternity.

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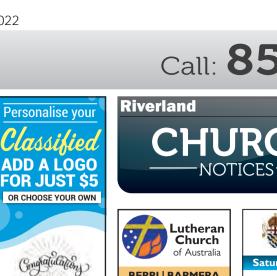


AGM - Barmera Community Men's Shed is holding its AGM at the Shed on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 11am. Anyone in-terested is welcome to attend. Any further information phone 0427970948.



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- Available to attend some out of hours calls and weekend work. Applications close Sunday, 21 August 2022.

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Network Maintenance Leader

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Central Irrigation Trust (CIT) is a leading water irrigation infrastructure operator serving horticulture, industry, and household customers in the Riverland Region in South Australia.

CIT seeks a Network Maintenance Leader to join the business in Barmera. This role suits applicants with civil construction experience who have good communication and technical skills, the ability to prioritise, plan and implement outcomes, and that understand the critical role water plays in supporting its customers and the economy.

The Network Maintenance Leader reporting directly to the Operations Manager supports effective delivery of water and drainage services and leads and manages the day to day activities of the Network Maintenance Team.

Key accountabilities are leadership of the Network Operations Teams in safe delivery of corrective and preventative maintenance outcomes and an emergency response for CIT's pipelines, land holdings and structures, supporting works management systems ensuring effective asset management, and engaging and supervising work undertaken by contractors. The role works inclusively with other business units contributing to the smooth running of CIT's operations.

As the successful candidate you will have a 5+ years relevant civil construction experience. Your priority management, planning and decision-making skills will be excellent, and you will readily demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate, collaborate and problem solve with a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders with tact and discretion. Experience in the infrastructure, utilities and/or asset investment sectors will be well regarded, and you will hold a current 'C' class motor vehicle licence.

This role is an opportunity to join an essential service for the communities it serves. CIT supports cross industry applicants and will offer a competitive remuneration package.

Applications should be received by the Operations Manager, Central Irrigation Trust, PO Box 34, Barmera SA 5345 or via email to office@cit.org.au by no later than Friday 12th August 2022. For enquiries, please contact Michael Andriske on (08) 8580 7100. BZ11603



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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The British band that became the first to reach number one on the charts with their first three singles in 1963 was Gerry and the Pacemakers.



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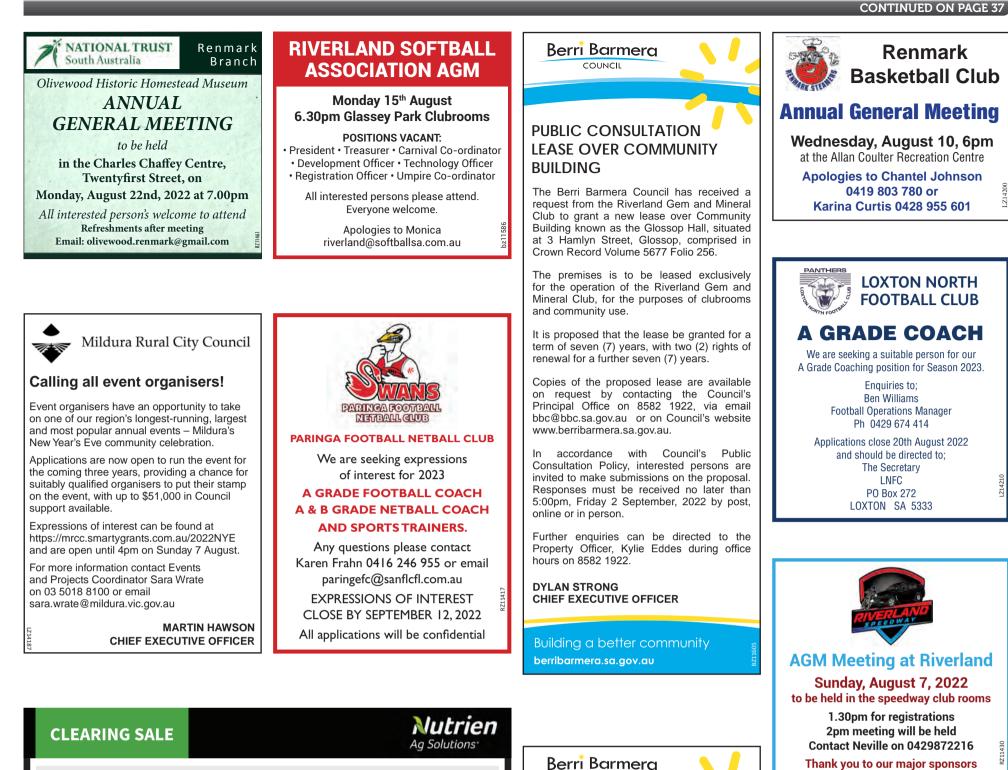
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To enquire please visit our website or contact Katrina Bell on 08 8576 3002.

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Lots 1 to 17 as below, to be offered on the Farm Clearing Sales online auction platform in conjunction with the traditional clearing sale onsite. Listing and photographs on the website. Pre bids will be accepted online from Tuesday the 23rd August. Live bidding online begins 12noon sharp August 26. Inspection days for these items are Monday 15th August and Monday 22nd August 10am to 12noon. By appointment with the vendor or agent.

Lot 1 Jaguar XJ6 series 2; Lot 2 JD x 155r ride on mower 100 hours; Lot 3 Kubota LA340 4WD , with attachments 80 hours; Lot 4 A.J.S 1946 fully restored motor bike with side car, excellent condition; Lot 5 FJ holden as is; Lot 6 JD 1130 with forks , runs well; Lot 7 Playboy boat 3.2 m with near new 15 HP mercury motor and trailer; Lot 8 front mounted post hole digger; Lot 9 knocker, king hitter; Lot 8 Lot 10 BSA motorbike, needs repair; Lot 11 Volvo sedan; Lot 12 HQ holden ute , needs repair; Lot 13 TEA 20 Massey Ferguson, petrol; Lot 14 Buick buckboard; Lot 15 JD 5620 with cab, 9465 hours; Lot 16 JD 1040, 11184 hours, 2 WD; Lot 17 MF 5435 4 WD, cab 9465 hours.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION LEASE OVER COMMUNITY LAND The Berri Barmera Council has received a request from the Monash Bowling Club to grant a new lease over Community Land situated at their evicting premises known

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request from the Monash Bowling Club to grant a new lease over Community Land situated at their existing premises, known as the Monash Bowling Club, 17 Madison Avenue, Monash, comprised in Crown Record Volume 5541 Folio 448.

The portion of the land is to be leased exclusively for the operation of the Monash Bowling Club, for the purposes of recreation, club and community use.

It is proposed that the lease be granted for a term of seven (7) years, with two (2) rights of renewal for a further seven (7) years.

Copies of the proposed lease are available on request by contacting the Council's Principal Office on 8582 1922, via email bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au or on Council's website www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au.

In accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, interested persons are invited to make submissions on the proposal. Responses must be received no later than 5:00pm, Friday 2 September, 2022 by post, online or in person.

Further enquiries can be directed to the Property Officer, Kylie Eddes during office hours on 8582 1922.

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The three Committee members retiring

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Should more than the required number of

candidates be nominated, an election will be

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Nominations Forms may be obtained from the Administration and Finance Manager,

Hotel Renmark, Murray Avenue, Renmark.

noon, on Friday 19th August, 2022.

All three are eligible for re-election.

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Ms Glenys Benda

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Mr Stephen Jaensch Mr Tarik Wolf

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Rovers gearing up for finals

BEN LENNON

RENMARK continued its charge towards the RFL A grade finals with a thumping 108point win over Loxton North last Saturday. The Rovers saw off a first-

term challenge from the Panthers before putting their foot down in the following two quarters, booting 12 goals to one in a dominant display. Renmark coach Josh Vater

said while the scoreboard was one-sided, Loxton North showed it was "better than a zero-win side". "They're a better team than

that and have better plays than their record shows this year," he said. 'They've probably just been hurt with a lack of depth and

some injuries and that sort of thing, which hurts them at the back end of games. "Each time you play them

you know you're going to come up against a strong contested ball side and to be honest they really challenged us early.'

While Matt Woolford remained absent from the Renmark line-up with a calf issue, the reigning premier welcomed back full forward Jack Austin to the starting 18.

"Matt will play this weekend, so we're getting close but we're probably still carrying four or five injuries at a guess," he said.



Goliath trounced David last weekend when Renmark defeated Loxton North by 108 points in RFL A grade football. PHOTO: Tracy Proud

"There'd be very few moments through the year where any club is 100 per cent, so we can manage with a couple and hopefully they come good over the next few weeks."

Austin kicked a goal in his return while fellow forward Tom Charlton filled his boots, kicking six majors in the victory.

Matt's brothers Tim and Dan Woolford were named best for the Rovers, with Tim kicking three goals and Dan picking up a lot of disposals across the ground.

The pair are neck and neck in the race for the Murray Pioneer Writers' Award, with Renmark ruckman Zac Gartery also in the hunt.

The Panthers had a number of solid contributors, particularly early, but were unable to match it with the competition's best across four quarters yet again. Joel Worsfold continued his

stellar form with another strong performance in the middle for the bottom-placed side.

Ruckman Matthew Hampel held his own against the best in the competition in Gartery, while youngster Caleb Koehne impressed in a number of positions on the day.

Finals are just two rounds away and nobody can mathematically catch Renmark, with Vater's side crowned minor premiers for 2022 after last weekend's victory.

Despite having dropped just one match all season, Vater is fully aware of the quality the other sides possess in the RFL A grade competition.

"It's nice because the competition is very strong," he said.

'You always prep yourself with Waikerie because they've got some firepower and Loxton has been on the improve for a few years now too.

"Even Berri as well has been improving steadily and brought a bunch of players in this year.

"I'm not surprised that outside looking in it looks a bit up and down. It shows that it is even and any team on their day, if you don't do the right things, can beat you."

Loxton North's special Parkinson's support

A RIVERLAND football club has announced the beneficiary of its nowregular annual charity event, to be held this weekend.

Part proceeds from Loxton North Football Club's charity game, dinner and auction will go towards Parkinson's disease.

The gesture recognises the long-standing service to the football club of life member, club doctor and current president Dr Andrew 'Doc' Searles, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's five years ago.

A club spokesperson said the charity initiative started several years ago, after the Renmark Football Club asked the Panthers to participate in the Rovers' charity game, with both teams wearing specially designed guernseys and clubs donating money to Ronald McDonald House in Adelaide.

"Since that first charity game we have continued with the same format, usually but not always with Renmark," a club spokesperson said.

"Players are given first option to purchase their charity guernsey, with those remaining going up for auction with several other larger items."

In recent years the club has donated part of the proceeds to a relevant charity including SA Cancer Council. Long-serving A grade team manager Geoff Davis recently lost his battle with cancer.

Last year it was directed to Cystic Fibrosis SA, after Brok Bates, son of Nikki Bates and step-son of club stalwart 'Robbo' Robertson, died suddenly after a lifelong battle with CF.

"We realise our donations to The Hospital Research Foundation Group - Parkinson's is not likely to help 'Doc' and others in our community who currently suffer from this, as yet, incurable disease," the spokesperson said.

"But we hope that it will go a small way towards finding better treatments or a cure for Parkinson's disease."

Loxton North hosts Renmark this Saturday.



Second spot Loxton's to lose

LOXTON was able to pull off its second consecutive comeback win in the RFL A grade competition last Saturday when it overcame an early deficit against Berri.

The Tigers trailed the home side by three goals at quarter time but were able to steal the advantage back at the main break.

Berri remained in the contest for the remainder of the match but was unable to topple the Tigers, eventually falling 16 points short at the conclusion of play.

While the Demons gave a good account of themselves, Loxton's inaccurate goalkicking kept Clint Ridgway's side in the contest, with the Tigers boasting 11 more scoring shots than the Demons.

Loxton skipper Jesse Will was the standout performer on the ground, kicking three goals when up forward and providing valuable contributions in the middle of the ground.

He was aided by a strong performance from veteran Luke Harder, who kicked two goals in the win, while Berri's Jake Egel topped his side's goalkicking charts with three majors.

Luke Teasdale was supplied well in the middle of the ground by ruckman Tom Finlay, but the Demons were unable to stop the outside run of Loxton.

Lachlan Evans and Lachlan Bradley played vital roles for the Tigers as they used the width of Berri Oval to penetrate the Demons' back 50.

Evan Penaluna and Hugo Kregar stood tall in defence for the home side but

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eventually the weight of entries became too much for Berri and Ridgway's side was overrun.

The win means Loxton remains in the driver's seat in the race for second place, while Berri will likely remain in fourth position, barring a slip-up from Waikerie or Loxton.

Waikerie takes on Loxton North this week, while Loxton hosts Barmera-Monash, both of which should end in victory for the second and third placed sides.

This would set up a mouth-watering final-round clash between the two sides, with the winner the likely to capture the double chance for the 2022 season.

Berri on the other hand runs into a redhot Renmark this Saturday in Renmark, in what is sure to be a stern test.

Ridgway has spoken on numerous occasions this season about Renmark being the benchmark for the competition and the one team his side still needs to defeat.

Renmark coach Josh Vater was full of praise for the Demons earlier this week. so expect both sides to enter the clash with a point to prove.

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38 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, August 3, 2022 **Robinson claims SA over 70s title**

BEN LENNON

A RIVERLAND local has enjoyed success on a big stage, with Renmark Table Tennis Association's Dennis Robinson crowned state champion at a recent event in Adelaide.

'Table Tennis Dennis' took out the overall singles title in the over 70s category, which counts for twice the points of a regular tournament in the state rankings, as well as the doubles crown alongside partner Gary McDougall of Brighton.

"This is the big finale for the season, the one that everyone wants to win," Robinson said.

"I had a quick look and I believe the win gets me to state ranking number one, so I'm totally rapt.

"To my knowledge, there hasn't been a country player to win the state title, at least in the last three decades.'

The win guarantees him selection in the state team for the upcoming national tournament in Darwin, something he has had his eyes on for some time

"My goals over the past two years were to make the state team, coach Rylan (Coppin) at state level, achieve a top-five ranking and to win the state title," he said.

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"I was hoping for doubles but to win both is brilliant."

Robinson has taken rising Riverland teen star Coppin under his wing in recent years and believes he may now have done "too good of a job", after the student defeated the teacher in last week's round of Renmark table tennis.

Coppin recently spoke of his desire to take down his mentor and he backed it up last week, becoming the first person to beat Robinson in the local competition this season.

"I've spent a lot of time teaching him not only how to play the strokes but how to play the person as well,"

Robinson said.

"When I was playing him I was thinking about how I win these points against lots of people, but I've spent all this time teaching him what to do in those situations.

"I've unfortunately done a damn good job, but he's great kid with plenty of respect for me, so it's all in good fun."

Coppin's win saw his Top Guns side claim victory over Robinson's Crushers, while elsewhere, Desperados pulled off an upset win, defeating the table-topping Shooters.

RESULTS Desperados 13 d The Shooters 9. Top Guns 12 d Crushers 10.



Riverlander Dennis Robinson took out the state over 70s title at a recent table tennis event in Adelaide. **PHOTO: supplied**

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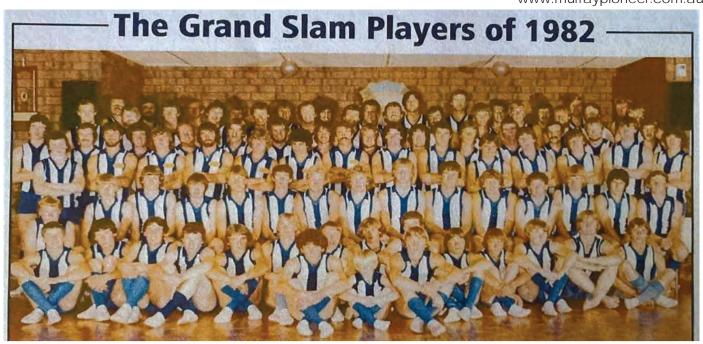






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Renmark's historic 1982 crop of players that won every premiership available to them 40 years ago will be honoured this Saturday as the club hosts a reunion. PHOTO: supplied

Renmark reunion to celebrate grand slam

BEN LENNON

A RIVERLAND sporting powerhouse is set to celebrate 40 years since its crowning achievement this weekend, when Renmark Rovers host their 1982 reunion at The Kennel.

It was an historic year for the club and for the RFL, as the Rovers completed a feat that has not since been matched, with the club winning every premiership on offer for the season.

The A grade ran out victors over Barmera-Monash in the grand final, while the seconds, thirds and junior colts all picked up wins in their respective final matches.

One of the heroes of the A grade final was playing-coach 'Psycho' Steve Symonds, who booted seven goals from the forward pocket in the win. Now, 40 years on, he reflected on what was a

record-breaking year. "It definitely wasn't just the players, it was the support staff and everyone involved," he said.

"It was a great year for the whole club, not just the A grade.

"I had a lot of support as well. First and foremost Alan Coulter was a massive part of that – he got us fit and I'm sure the players 'enjoyed' his sessions.

"What we achieved that year was unprecedented at the time and in those days it was a big day out at the footy.

"As well as that I had a number of support staff and my wife Bett who all helped out a lot.

"We had big crowds. All the

cars were around the ground by eight o'clock and it was impossible to get a seat in the clubrooms afterwards."

As for his side, Symonds said as a coach he had the luxury of a "very talented playing group with plenty of experience".

"In the A grade, we had a lot of players between 23 and 27 years of age and it was a very strong side," he said.

"We had a lot of guys playing on flanks and wings that could've been key position players in less strong sides and plenty of players in the seconds that, in another era, would've been playing firsts."

Symonds is looking forward to seeing some familiar faces this weekend and highlighted how important it is to celebrate those involved in the historic year that are no longer alive. "Some of our players, supporters and staff from that era are no longer with us, but they'll stay forever young in my mind and it's important we recognise them as well," he said.

Present-day coach Josh Vater said he was looking forward to the chance to mingle with those involved in the success.

"As a playing group we'll look to get across and say g'day straight after the game," he said.

"But at the same time, you don't want to rain on their parade because they're there to catch up with the people that they played with and the connections from that time.

"We want them to enjoy that time and that chance to catch up."

Renmark Oval lights up

BEN LENNON

RENMARK Oval's new lights are up and almost running, with the towers erected midway through last week.

The lights, which are set to be switched on for the first time this week, were due to reach completion in December of last year, before Covid-19 and delivery delays threw a spanner in the works.

Both cricket and football stand to benefit from the improved lighting, which is similar to the Loxton lights that were installed partway through last Summer.

Newly elected Renmark North Cricket Club president Sam Bradbrook said the club wants to replicate Loxton's night games from last season so "the game can become an event for the community".

"We're really excited to play some night cricket," Mr Bradbrook said.

"We had a game under lights at Loxton last year and it was great fun and something different for the team.

"Hopefully we can get some people out to watch so we can raise some money for the club.

"We also hope it'll get some new or returning guys out who are attracted by



being able to do something a little bit different."

Renmark Football Club president Robbie Bonner echoed Bradbrook's sentiment, stating the new lighting opens the door to new opportunities for both codes.

"It may be beneficial for women's footy as well, because it means we could start that earlier in the year in the off-season of hockey and soccer, which could really boost the numbers," Mr Bonner said. "It'll be very good and will give us two ovals in the Riverland with some sensational lighting.

"We were more than happy to put some money towards the lights as well so we can potentially get some night games in. "The cricket club got some funding and

then the SACA put some money in too. "From there we were asked to put money in, which we obviously did and then the rest was funded by the council."

Lyrup to host tri-city eightball tournament

THE the annual tri-city eightball tournament will be held at the Lyrup Club this weekend, with the public encouraged to come and cheer on the Riverland side.

The tournament sees teams representing Sunraysia, the Riverland and Broken Hill go head to head across five divisions, with action kicking off from 7.30am through to 8pm on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Lyrup Club Muppets continue to dominate the local competition alongside Barmera Balls in Holes, with the pair separated by just one point at the top of the first division.

Both picked up wins in last week's round, while division three remains a two-horse race between Loxton Black and Titko Radlyanko.

RESULTS

Division one/two Mundic Yabbies 9 d Monash Club Bandits 7; Lyrup Club Muppets 13 d Paringa Bushy 3; Barmera Balls in Holes 13 d Barmera Bowling Club 3; Lyrup Odd Bunch 10 d Cobbers 6; Monash Club 11 d Renmark Bowling Club 5; Loxton RSL BC 9 d Loxton 7.

Points: Lyrup Club Muppets 29, Barmera Balls in Holes 28, Monash Club Bandits 20, Mundic Yabbies 16, Monash Club 16, Cobbers 15, Loxton RSL BC 13, Loxton 13, Lyrup Odd Bunch 13, Paringa Bushy 11, Renmark Bowling Club 7, Barmera Bowling Club 7. **Division three**

Barmera Pelicans 9 d Cobby Scorpions 7; Cobby G.O.B 8 drew with Cobby Club 8; Loxton Black 10 d Lyrup Club 6; Titko Radlyanko 13 d Renmark Bowling Club 3. Points: Loxton Black 31, Titko Radlyanko 28, Barmera Pelicans 22, Lyrup Club 13, Cobby Club 13, Cobby G.O.B 12, Renmark Bowling Club 8, Cobby Scorpions 1. **Division four**

Bourbon Legends 15 d Riverland Respite 1; Cobby Eagles 9 d Lyrup Club 7; Lyrup Club Blue 9 d Cobby Roos 7.

Points: Lyrup Club 28, Bourbon Legends 18, Lyrup Club Blue 18, Cobby Roos 17, Cobby Eagles 15, Riverland Respite 0.

Berri golf results

Wednesday, July 27

Stableford: J. Curren 40 pts, L. Smith 38, G. Morrison 35, M. Heuzenroeder 34, S. Wade 34, G. Mack 34, K. Wyman 33, J. Parker 33, L. Mudge 33. Saturday, July 30

Saturday, July 30 Stableford: M. Clifford 38, L. Smith 37, L. Berry 36, S. May 36, M. Jennings 35, P. Mudge 35, C. Berry 34, J. Curren 34, J. Angove 33, G. Leyson 33, R. Keightley 33. Sunday, July 31

Stableford: B. Eckermann 39, S. Wade 36, P. Efthimiou 32, J. Brand 32, G. Nunn, S. Jennings 30, P. Jealous 23.



MILESTONE MAN: BSR stalwart Aleck Zadow brought up his 100th game in style last weekend as the RFL Independent club raised money for breast cancer awareness in their pink guernseys. PHOTO: Facebook

Whillas medal - Monday, September 8

Duthie medal - Sunday, August 28



Barmera United's 2022 league-winning open women's side. Back: Kevin Barber Sr (left), Chelsea Hillier, Karri Stilton, Ella Kassebaum, Jiji Mitchell (co-captain), Marlee Coombe (co-captain), Kayla Tsorotiotis, Shona Lee. Front: Tessie Mitchell, Hannah Beames, Matilda Mitchell, Georgia Skilton, Tilly Albrecht, Macy Bourton, Alyssa Perry. Absent: Saran Beames, Maddy Munchenberg, Mikayla Rayner. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Barmera crowned women's champions

BEN LENNON

BARMERA United secured the 2022 title with victory over Renmark in last week's round of Riverland open women's soccer.

The defending champions stormed to victory over Olympic, thanks largely to two goals from the talismanic Jiji Mitchell.

Barmera clinched the title with four rounds still to play in the season, with second-placed Renmark nine points adrift with two byes to come in the final four weeks.

Coach of the side, Kevin Barber Sr, lauded his team's efforts in what has been a topsy-turvy year for Riverland soccer.

"It's been super special and they've really moved up a step since last season," he said.

We've got some super young talent and some older heads as well that keep everyone level-footed which is a key.

"We've got some really young superstars. I think Macey (Bourton) scored 19 goals and Jiji Mitchell scored 16, and all up I've got 12 different goal scorers."

As free-flowing a threat as Barmera has been in attack, its defence has been equally as impressive, with the side yet to concede a goal this season.

Still, there remains plenty to play for according to Barber, despite having secured the championship so early on in the year.

"We can still get beaten and still let goals in, and the cherry on the cake for us is the Top Four Cup," he said.

"We've still got some goals to achieve and the other sides will still want to stop us."

Barmera has been the standout club of the Riverland this season, with the men's side also sitting in first place with just a few rounds remaining.

Barber believes the players have bought into the club's culture and it "is showing on the pitch".

"We started off the year doing a quiz night with the men and women, so everyone got to know each other and know what the club's about," he said.

"That's continued and it's across the board, with a number of players from both of those sides now on the committee as well."

Meanwhile, in the open men's division, Renmark's title hopes were left in tatters thanks to a shock 6-3 defeat at the hands of Berri.

Olympic fell to a 1-3 disadvantage early on their home turf, before bringing it back to 2-3 with plenty of time on the clock.



But, it was not to be for the reigning premiers, with four goals from Dennis Greer sealing the win for Berri

Loxton was unable to produce a side for its contest with Barmera, handing United a 3-0 win via forfeit.

The victory means Barmera extends its lead at the top of the table to six points, with just four matches left in the season.

It would take an almighty slip up for Renmark to overcome the deficit, with Barmera firmly in pole position for the 2022 title.

Renmark's woes at home continued in the under 16s, with the side suffering a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Berri, while Barmera trounced Loxton 7-1.

Renmark and Barmera emerged victorious in the under 14s, while the under 12s division saw Renmark Black triumph over clubmates Renmark White.

RESULTS

Open women's Barmera 3 d Renmark 0. Goals: Barmera – J. Mitchell 2, M. Bourton. **Open men's** Berri 6 d Renmark 3. Goals: Berri - D. Greer 4, T. Pipinis, F. Vallelonga. Renmark - M. Cartwright 2, H. Eleftheriadis. Barmera d Loxton (forfeit). Under 16

Berri 1 d Renmark 0.

Barmera's title comes after a dominant season so far, with the side yet to concede a goal in the campaign.

Goals: Berri - D. Hronopoulos. Barmera 7 d Loxton 1. Goals: Barmera – J. Bourton 2. K. Kenefick, N. Mitchell-Cocks, J. Toor. C. van Der Woude, R. Verrall. Loxton - J. Perram. Under 14 Renmark 3 d Berri 1.

Goals: Renmark - L. Ivanovic 3. Berri - Z. Hronopoulos. Barmera 4 d Loxton 3.

Goals: Barmera - J. Sweet 2, M. Bourton, A. Liddell. Loxton - L. Perre.

Under 12 Renmark Black 3 d Renmark White 2. Goals: Renmark Black – K. Launer, E. Altundag, J. Parker. Renmark White – J. Curtis, L. Brown.

Barmera 8 d Berri 4. Barmera - J. Sweet 4, J. Garoufalis 3, E. Bascomb. Berri - K. Krendl 3, D. Heuzenroeder.

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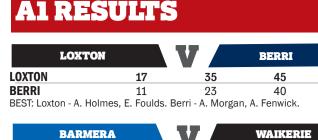
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Aimee Holmes (right) and **Emily Beaton** (middle) combined well for Loxton in their side's 10-goal victory over Berri last Friday night in Riverland A1 netball. **PHOTOS: Grant** Schwartzkopff



WAIKERIE 10 24 32 BEST: Barmera - H. Boylan. Waikerie - S. Campbell, C. Helbig.

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LOXTON NORTH		V	RENMARK			
LOXTON NORTH	8	22	38	51		
RENMARK	15	26	34	44		
BEST: Loxton North - P.	Roberts, G. Br	rown. Renmark -	M. Rothe, E. Sto	ockman.		

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BARMERA

Berri 44 d Loxton 31. BEST: Berri - T. Willmott, A. Felini. Loxton - T. de Wet. Loxton North 51 d Renmark 42.

BEST: Loxton North - K. Waechter.

Barmera 45 d Waikerie 29.

Loxton North 60 d Loxton 47.

BEST: Loxton North - K. Edmead,

J. Whitelaw. Loxton - J. Lange, K.

Cobdogla 47 d Waikerie 44.

Waikerie 50 d Barmera 40.

BEST: Waikerie - E. McDonald, S.

Paschke. Barmera - M. Hosking.

Loxton 64 d Loxton North 48.

Berri d Renmark Blue (forfeit).

Loxton North - B. Charles.

BEST: Loxton - A. Panagis, M. Smart.

BEST: Cobdogla - K Hallam, J.

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Renmark - K. Schumann, M. Haynes.

BEST: Barmera - L. Hill, G. Tsorotiotis. Waikerie - B. Wilksch, E. Smart.

Barmera 79 d Waikerie 19. BEST: Barmera - L. Moore, C. Drogemuller. Waikerie - M. Coombe, H. Arnold.

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Loxton North 36 d Renmark 22. BEST: Loxton North - J. Pankhurst, S. Gibbs. Renmark - L. Rothe, A. Logos.

15B

Barmera 32 drew with Renmark White 32. BEST: Barmera - K. Verrall, E. Jordan. Renmark White - C. Hodgson, A. Teakle.

Renmark Purple 72 d Cobdogla 5. BEST: Renmark Purple - S. Phan, H. Teare. Cobdogla - T. Polst, K. Miller.

Loxton North 37 d Renmark Blue 32.

BEST: Loxton North - B. Taylor, E. Boucher. Renmark Blue - C. Gadaleta, J. Haines.

13A Barmera 54 d Waikerie 4.

BEST: Barmera - M. Kassulke, H. Brattoli.Waikerie - C. Salt, E. Matthews.

Loxton North 53 d Renmark 12. BEST: Loxton North - K. Harman, L. Hutchinson. Renmark - A. Bentley.

13B

Berri 31 d Renmark 4. BEST: Berri - T. Glen, H. Ritchie. Renmark - M. Gill, E. Long.

Loxton North 62 d Cobdogla 23. BEST: Loxton North - M. Paull, H. Terekia-Evans. Cobdogla - M. Wegener, L. Bowers.

13C

Renmark Blue 23 d Berri 10. BEST: Renmark Blue - E. Lang, G. Wegner. Berri - C. Lippis, K. Nugent.

Waikerie 16 d Barmera 15. BEST: Waikerie - L. Valentine, L. Hahn. Barmera - L. Parrotta, G. Mader.

Loxton 21 d Loxton North 18. BEST: Loxton - C. Kaesler, C. Hucks. Loxton North - K. Sheffield, S. Hall.

11A

Loxton North 17 d Renmark 15. BEST: Loxton North - I. Williams. P. Bates. Renmark - C. Pearce, A. Roberts.

Waikerie 31 d Barmera 16. BEST: Waikerie - G. Zarmbalas, I. Venning. Barmnera - G. Trigg, T. Inglis.

Berri 57 d Loxton 35. BEST: Berri - M. Pitt, E. Cresp. Loxton - G. Staben.

11**B**

Loxton Black 13 d Loxton Gold 1. BEST: Loxton Black - M. Cozens. I. Vowles. Loxton Gold - A. Williams, N Schmaal.

Waikerie 14 d Renmark Blue 3. BEST: Waikerie - C. Golding, S. Barker, Renmark Blue - A. Lindner, L. McLeod

11C

Berri 44 d Loxton Tigers 5. BEST: Berri - M. Butson, K. Smith. Loxton Tigers - A. Vowles, M. Roissetter.

Cobdogla 13 d Barmera 3. BEST: Cobdogla - L. Sanderson, S. Johnson. Barmera - Details not provided.

Loxton sides on the up

FOR the second time in three weeks, Renmark – unbeaten until round 11 - has suffered defeat at the hands of a Loxton-based side in Riverland A1 netball.

Loxton North was able to topple the ladder leaders in a hard-fought contest that saw the eventual victors trailing at the first break.

The home side reduced the sevengoal deficit to just four at half time, before claiming the lead in the third term, outscoring Renmark 16-8.

North's defensive pressure was beginning to make a difference and it was able to run out victorious by seven goals.

Both sides went into the contest less than full strength, with Renmark missing reigning Riverland A1 best and fairest Lauren Collins and North without star player Ellie Thomas.

Loxton North struggled to adapt early in the match, but it was Paige Roberts who shone in the absence of Thomas.

The North playmaker was able to dominate the goal circle, scoring 35 of North's 51 goals.

Matilda Rothe and Emma Stockman shone for Renmark, but the side was unable to replicate the attacking threat Collins brings to the table.

Elsewhere, Loxton continued its hot run of form, defeating Berri by 10 goals away from home.

Aimee Holmes and Elise Foulds were named best for the travelling side, while Emily Beaton and Mackella Hogan also had a great influence on the match.

Lana Gregoric shot at 95 per cent for Berri, but the side struggled to overcome an early deficit.

The home side made a surge in the third term when Hogan went to the bench for Loxton, with Berri outscoring the victors 17-10, but Hogan's return in the fourth quarter

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9, Renmark White 6,

Berri 22, Renmark 20,

Waikerie 4. Cobdogla 0.

Barmera 14, Monash

10, Loxton North 8,

Renmark Blue 4.



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RENMARK	11	2	0	22	822	603
BARMERA	9	4	0	18	749	629
LOXTON	8	4	1	17	739	628
LOXTON NORTH	7	6	0	14	685	572
BERRI	3	9	1	7	706	678
WAIKERIE	0	12	0	0	384	975



iced the game for Loxton.

The victors' pace across all thirds was a highlight, with Loxton's defence particularly impressive.

Meanwhile, Barmera continued its resurgence with a thumping win over Waikerie in Barmera.

The opening quarter was played at a frenetic pace, allowing the home side to pour in 20 goals in the first term.

Waikerie enjoyed a more profitable second term, capitalising on Barmera's turnovers to score 14 goals, but the travelling side failed to stop the second-placed side's scoring.

Hannah Boylan was named best for the victors, while young duo Chelsea Helbig and Sarah Campbell stood out for Waikerie.

This Friday sees Loxton and Barmera go head to head in a match that will likely decide which team finishes in second place.

Just two rounds remain in the A1 season, with Barmera currently in second, just one point ahead of Loxton.

Meanwhile, Renmark will look to bounce back against Berri and Loxton North will travel to Waikerie.

Riverland netball standings

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Berri 24, Renmark 22, Loxton North 14, Barmera 8, Loxton 8, Waikerie 2. **B1**

Loxton 20, Loxton

North 20, Cobdogla 12, Waikerie 0. **B2**

Loxton 22, Loxton North 17A 17, Berri 14, Waikerie Berri 24, Barmera 18, Renmark 16, Loxton 13. Barmera 7 Renmark 10. Waikerie 6. Loxton Blue 5, Renmark White North 4.

Berri 24, Barmera 20,

Renmark Blue 18, Loxton 15, Loxton North Renmark White 16, Berri 14, Loxton North 4, Waikerie 0. 15A

Loxton 18, Barmera 14, Loxton North 9, Renmark 6, Berri 6, Waikerie 1. 15B

Renmark White 17, Renmark Purple 10, Loxton North 10 Renmark Blue 9,

17B

Barmera 8, Cobdogla 0. 13A Barmera 18, Loxton

North 18, Loxton 8, Renmark 8. Waikerie 0. 13**B** Berri 26, Loxton North

15, Renmark 10, Cobdogla 0.

13C Renmark Blue 22, Loxton 14, Loxton North

13. Berri 11. Waikerie 8, Barmera 7, Renmark White 3.

11A

Berri 26, Loxton 20, Barmera 10, Renmark 9, Waikerie 7, Loxton North 6. 11B

Loxton Black 26, Renmark White 18, Waikerie 18, Loxton Gold 15, Renmark Blue

11. **11C** Berri 18, Cobdogla 10,

Barmera 10. Loxton North 6. Loxton Tigers 2.

named best for Berri after battling hard against Loxton shooter Mackella Hogan (right) last

Friday night.

Morgan (left) was

Berri 51 d Loxton 34. Best: Berri - K. Reid, N. Hunt. Loxton -T. Mitchell, C. Nitschke. Loxton North 39 d Renmark Blue 22. BEST: Loxton North - C. Mitchell. Renmark Blue - E. Hinge, H. Brown.

> Barmera 41 d Renmark White 25. BEST: Barmera - T. Albrecht, A. Brauer. Renmark White - I. Koning, L. Williss.

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Renmark 37 d Barmera 29. BEST: Renmark - G. Peberdy, A. Sarti. Barmera - R. Bagguley, S. Sampson.

Loxton North 32 d Monash 28. BEST: Loxton North - details not supplied. Monash - Kayla Knight, Rebel Stone.

Waikerie 45 d Cobdogla 31. BEST: Waikerie - A. Trandafil, A. Gill. Cobdogla - P. Collins, E. Pech.

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Loxton 57 d Berri 35.

Berri - B. Gates, S. Glen.

Renmark 43 d Loxton North 39. BEST: Renmark - G. Kennedy, B. Martinson. Loxton North - E. Clayton, P. Roberts.

Berri 42 d Loxton 24. BEST: Berri - A. Morgan, E. Reid. Loxton - J. Inglis, B. Hahn.

Barmera 32 d Waikerie 24. BEST: Barmera - H. Drogemuller, A. Koumbarakos. Waikerie - F. Arnold, S.

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Renmark White 57 d Waikerie 27. BEST: Renmark White - G. Thompson, S. Tippet. Waikeire - K. Oliver, P. Steinert.

Renmark Blue 43 d Loxton North 22.

BEST: Renmark Blue - P. Martinson. C Milne Loxton North - S Drogemuller, K. Campbell.

BEST: Loxton - T. Tickle, B. Hahn.

Berri duo cops major honour

BEN LENNON

A PAIR of Riverland police officers have been selected in the South Australian women's squad for the 2022 National Country Hockey Championships in Albany this weekend.

Berri duo Maddy Spano and Talitha Gollan have booked their place on the flight to Western Australia this week alongside the state's top players, and are "looking forward to the opportunity". "We had a state champion-

ship not long ago and from those games they picked the team," Gollan said.

"We got the email recently that we were successful and were picked in that final team.

"It hasn't worked out for everyone to get to Adelaide to train together because we're all from regional areas but for us with our shift work as well, it's been hard.

"But, we're pretty optimistic for the tournament ahead and we've got some good coaches and players on board.'

The pair met when Spano joined the Berri police force last year and hit it off, becoming friends and clubmates in the time since.

Gollan heralded the support of SAPOL as the two battled to fit in training sessions and carnivals.

"We've been very well support-

ed from our workforce," she said.

"The South Australian Police have been very supportive of us with any shift changes and anything like that to help us get to trainings and tournaments.'

Both players ply their trade for Berri in the local competition, competing in both the men's and women's division.

Spano said that regular competition in what is a strong Riverland league will be something the duo will draw on throughout the tournament.

"It definitely helps us keep fit and strong out there," Spano said. "The fitness is so different with

matches. 'You can run around as much

as you want, but playing multiple games in a weekend helps with that match fitness.

'We play two games a weekend and they're normally back to back as well, so you learn to watch yourself with cramping and things like that, but it definitely prepares you for tournaments."

The pair is looking to give back to their local league, with Gollan highlighting the chance the two now have to be able to learn from some of the best in the country.

"There's so much that we'll be able to learn and bring back here," she said.



Berri duo Maddy Spano (left) and Talitha Gollan have been selected in the state country hockey side that will compete at the national championships this weekend in WA. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

"The game is always changing so much, so there's structural and tactical things we can bring back here and teach people."

The two will not be alone in that, with a host of Riverlanders selected from the recent country championships to take part in the national carnival, The full squad will be publicly

announced closer to the tournament's start date of August 6. As well as the chance to represent the state, athletes involved in the country carnival will be

putting their names forward for

higher honours.

"They pick an Australian country team from this tournament too," Spano said.

"That's definitely on the radar and is always a goal, but just winning some games would be awesome.'

Waikerie suffers first A grade defeat

LOXTON produced the upset of the season last Friday night, as it became the first team to defeat Waikerie's A grade men's hockey side in 2022.

Waikerie went into the match missing a number of key players, but still boasted a formidable line-up and an undefeated record heading into the clash.

It was a hard-fought contest, with Waikerie's Lachie Ebert receiving a yellow card, and three goals from Loxton's Liam Richardson enough to sink the unbeaten side.

While it will likely have no bearing on the final ladder positions, with Waikerie sure to finish on top of the table, the result proves that the top side is beatable, opening the door for Renmark and Berri to follow suit.

Berri seems the more likely challenger to the throne after it put Renmark to the sword last Saturday, putting seven goals past Jacob Mackenzie in the Renmark goal.

Mackenzie was named Renmark's best, showing how often the home side was on the front foot throughout the contest.

Talitha Gollan and Dan Shawyer netted twice for Berri, while Nick Hocking scored Renmark's only goal of the match.

The women's A grade division saw two games

take place, with Berri and Waikerie playing a catch-up match during the week.

Berri emerged on top in that encounter and followed it up with a win over Renmark on Saturday evening, with goalkeeper Tracy Townsend named her side's best player in both encounters.

Berri also managed wins in both the men's and women's under 17s matches, while Waikerie picked up a victory in the second under 17s women's fixture, knocking off Loxton 4-1.

RESULTS MEN

A grade Loxton 3 d Waikerie 2.

Best: Loxton - details not provided. Waikerie – O. Kroehn, R. Hope, D. Brewer. Goals: Loxton - L. Richardson 3. Waikerie - R. Hope 2.

Berri 7 d Renmark 1. Best: Berri - D. Couzner, J

Burgess, R. Burgess, J. Roberts. Renmark - J. Mackenzie, C. McNaughton, N. Hocking, J. Radloff. Goals: Berri - T. Gollan, D.

Shawyer 2, J. Roberts, D. Couzner, R. Burgess. **B** grade

Berri 8 d Renmark 2.

Best: Berri – S. Moldovan, H. Eske, A. Stiles, K. Nugent. Renmark – B. Harding, K. Selga, J. Radloff, J. Barton. Goals: Berri - S. Moldovan 4, M.

O'Callaghan 2, J. Passmore, A. Segui. Renmark - T. Heimann, K. Lowe.

Waikerie 4 d Loxton 1. Best: Waikerie - N. Gogoll, A.

Channon, A. Nitschke, L. Ebert. Loxton - S. Atkinson, H. McCarthy, B. Hammerstein, T. Cass. Goals: Waikerie - A. Channon 2, L. Ebert, A. Nitschke.



Waikerie's A grade men's hockey side suffered defeat for the first time this year when it lost to Loxton (pictured) last weekend. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Under 17 Berri 4 d Loxton/Renmark 0. Best: Berri – F. Vallelonga, S. Martin, L. Stokes, T. Faehrmann. Loxton/Renmark - D. Everett, C. Hennig, C. Morgan, T. McDonald. Goals: Berri – L. Stokes 2, F. Vallelonga, R. Ingerson. WOMEN

A grade

Berri 2 d Renmark 0. Best: Berri – T. Townsend, A. Hibberd, K. Hibberd. Renmark – details not provided. Goals: Berri - D. O'Callaghan, P.

McInnis. Berri 2 d Waikerie 1.

Best: Berri – T. Townsend, K. Jury, A. Hibberd, K. Hibberd. Waikerie –

Goals: Berri - A. Kelly, H. Crowhurst. Waikerie - O. Ebert, **B** grade Loxton 3 d Waikerie 0.

Best: Loxton - S. Robinson,

J. Kroehn, J. Ebert, O. Ebert.

S. Smart, A. James, A. Oxlade. Waikerie - A. Nitschke, B. Smith, A. Kroehn. Goals: Loxton - A. Oxlade, S.

Robinson, S. Smart. Renmark 1 drew with Berri 1. Best: Renmark - L. Fourie, A. Harding, K. Radloff, B. Newmarch. Berri – K. Jury, R. Hronopoulos, L. Marsden, M. Watkins. Goals: Renmark - J. Packer. Berri - M. Watkins. Under 17

Waikerie 4 d Loxton 1.

Best: Waikerie – details not pro-vided. Loxton – B. Geraghty, M. Gillett, E. Barnes, Z. Geraghty. Goals: Waikerie - Z. Schiller 3, T. Jolley. Loxton – B. Geraghty. Berri 6 d Renmark 0. Best: Berri – A. Kelly, C. Camilleri, A. Dale, L. Vallelonga, A. Herbert. Renmark - H. Schubert, K. Richardson, J. Richardson, K. Pick. Goals: Berri - A. Kelly 5, D. O'Callaghan. MIXED Under 14

Berri 5 d Renmark 0.

Best: Berri – L. Bowers, R. Hill, A. Kelly, B. O'Callaghan, C. Camilleri. Renmark – D. Everett, M. Pick, J.

Everett, B. Kimberley. Goals: Berri - L. Bowers 3. A. Kelly, C. Camilleri. Under 12

Berri Blue 2 d Waikerie 1. Best: Berri Blue - W. Stokes, J. Sweet, L. Gray. Waikerie - P. Fitzgerald, H. Gogoll, J. Gogoll, C.

Loffler. Goals: Berri Blue - W. Stokes 2. Waikerie - J. Cronin.

Berri Red 5 d Renmark 2. Best: Berri Red - L. Bowers, C. Camilleri, P. Boon, L. Bascomb. Renmark - H. Keynes, A. Preusker, A. Atienuza.

Goals: Berri Red - L. Bowers 3, C. Camilleri 2. Renmark - H. Keynes, A. Singh.

RFDS fundraiser hits the target

A LOCAL field and game shoot turned into a fundraising event for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) recently, after event organisers saw an opportunity to do some good.

Riverland Field and Game, assisted by Barmera Moorook Field and Game, was able to raise \$2382 for the RFDS at the first leg of its tri-state shoot on July 23-24.

The tri-state is a competition between the Riverland, Sunraysia and Broken Hill clay target shooting clubs that has been going for more than 10 years, with 71 shooters competing in the 2022 event.

Riverland Field and Game secretary Julie Gillespie said the club seized the opportunity to raise some funds.

"The idea to hold a charity shoot for the Royal Flying Doctors, to raise money for the new transfer facility at the Renmark airport on the major shoot, was an idea that came from the local field and game clubs," she said.

"As the Renmark airport is not far from the clay range, we often see the RFDS planes flying over the range, and quite a few of our members have had a RFDS experience.

"Once the new facility is built, patient transfer will be a lot more comfortable."

Local businesses got involved in the fundraising effort by donating prizes for the



Riverland Field and Game secretary Karen Miller (second from left) and Barmera Moorook Field and Game president Julie Gillespie (second from right) present a cheque to RFDS representatives Allan Eckermann and Jill Binder. PHOTO: supplied

major raffle, as well as several smaller raffles over the weekend.

Door prize winner Jo Barton donated her \$150 back to the RFDS, while another used their winnings to buy \$150 worth of raffle tickets.

RESULTS

AA grade – B. McGaffin 132/150, C. Johnson 131/150 (shoot-off 8/10), G. McSwain 131/150 (shoot-off 6/10). A grade – D. Quigley 121/150, L. Norton 121/150, R. Weaver 112/150.

B grade – M. Barton 108/150, P. Bridley 101/150, S. Hall 100/150. C grade – J. Hill-Ford 91/150, K. Miller 89/150, M.

Paneros 83/150. Veterans – R. Shawyer 122/150, J. Monaghan 120/150, P. Stowe 118/150.

Ladies – V. Norris 111/150, B. Murphy 102/150, J. Gillespie 91/150. Juniors – A. Harris 66/150.

Monash clubmates contest darts final

MONASH Wanderers clubmates Angus Martin and Wayne Bonham went head to head in the final of the Riverland darts handicap singles tournament last week.

Both went into the final having not dropped a match in the preliminary rounds and the scores were locked at 2-2 heading into the final game of the match.

Bonham shot out to a handy lead before Martin was able to reel his clubmate back in, claiming the game and winning the match 3-2.

Ray Stemp of Cobby Eagles enjoyed a strong night, scoring a maximum 180 three times, while Graham Norman of Expendables took out the highest peg of the night with 84.

In the Consolation Plate, RC Ones' Wayne Schwartzkopff was able to keep Ray Stemp at bay and claim victory.

RESULTS

Final: A. Martin 3 d W. Bonham 2. Consolation plate: W. Schwartzkopff 3 d R. Stemp

High Scores: R. Stemp 180 x 3, 140, 125 x 2, 121, 118, 102, 100 x 8, W. Bonham 140, 133, 125 x 2, 121 x 2, 100 x 12, L. Platten 140, 100 x 4, N. Flack 140, 100 x 2, W. Schwartzkopff 125 x 2, 100 x 3, C. Martin 125, 121, 100, A. Martin 121, 120, 100 x 7, S. Lockwood 121, 100 x 3, T. Josephs 120, 100 x 3, A. Barnes 101, G. Norman 100, 84 peg out.







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Two thumbs up from Barmera's Elle Kassebaum as her side was crowned champions of the Riverland open women's soccer competition last Sunday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Barmera crowned soccer champions BEN LENNON

BARMERA United secured the 2022 title with victory over Renmark in last week's round of Riverland open women's soccer.

The defending champions stormed to victory over Olympic, thanks largely to two goals from the talismanic Jiji Mitchell.

Barmera clinched the title with four rounds still to play in the season, with second-placed Renmark nine points adrift with two byes to come in the final four weeks.

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