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BUYBACK BLOW-UP

Riverland fallout from revised Basin Plan...

THE looming prospect of voluntary water buybacks – and their possible impact on the Riverland's economy – has drawn an angry response, and ominous warnings.

The Federal Government's plan to use buybacks to help deliver Murray-Darling Basin environmental flows will hurt river communities, according to state MP Tim Whetstone, his federal counterpart Tony Pasin, and the Citrus SA

Mr Whetstone says the latest plan - agreed

upon last week - could see inland grape growers exit their industry in significant numbers, hurting local economies by taking productive land out of use.

Mr Pasin has today issued a similar warning about the impact of buybacks on regions like the Riverland, while Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke says buybacks would target irrigation infrastructure operators and reduce Australia's incomingearning potential.

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Confirmation of new buyback initiative to complete Basin Plan sparks...

War of the water words

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A DECISION to use water buybacks to reach Murray-Darling Basin Plan goals is an attempt to point political fingers, and will target financially vulnerable local irrigators according to the Riverland's state MP.

Federal Minister for Water Tanya Plibersek last week announced revisions to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, including delaying the date for 450GL of environmental water to be delivered for the Murray River to 31 December 2027.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said both State and Federal Governments were focused on shifting blame instead of fulfilling the plan.

"We've got a Federal Government continuing to kick the can down the road," Mr Whetstone said.

"Extension of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan was the worst kept secret in a decade. Now it's being extended until December 2027, which pushes it past another election cycle.

"This voluntary buyback is nothing new, and it's nothing more than a bit of decoration on a plan that has been fraught with mixed responses to the most significant reform package in the country's history."

Mr Whetstone said buybacks would target Riverland irrigators currently facing economic chal-

"My biggest concern is for the inland wine grape growers," he

"They're in the firing line for water purchases, they are facing financial uncertainty and wondering where their futures in the industry lie,"

"What does it mean for the future of this region, when we've got this sector under immense financial pressure, and contemplating whether or not to sell their water?

"I think the government is going to prey on vulnerable wine grape growers in particular, and the ageing irrigation (demographic)."

State Minister for Water Susan Close said allowing for buybacks from willing allocation holders was an "essential tool for delivering environmental flows".

"After more than a decade of the Coalition sabotaging the plan, we are pleased to see strong and decisive action from federal Water Minister Tanya Plibersek to deliver it in full," Dr Close said.

"The 450GL is the bare mini-

mum we need to ensure the river's ecology can withstand the next dry spell.

"The Malinauskas Government will continue to defend the environment and ecological systems through legal action if this final agreement is not delivered in good faith."

South Australia's commissioner for the River Murray, Richard Beasley, said the new agreement was a "significant breakthrough in removing the barriers to recovering the 450GL".

"The agreement now reached on the Basin Plan is good news for its integrity, and for the environment that the Plan is designed to restore and protect," Mr Beasley said.

"The 450GL for enhanced environmental outcomes has been a long time coming, and while there will be some details to consider, the new deal puts an end to the unlawful abandonment by prior governments."

It is understood the State Government has set aside approximately \$20m for South Australia to deliver a community adjustment assistance program, aimed at lessening the social and economic impacts of water buybacks.

However, Mr Whetstone said the utilisation of off-farm efficiency projects had less impact on regional communities.

"It's the laziest political game in town to implement voluntary buybacks," Mr Whetstone said.

"There's been a 1500GL cap on buybacks since 2012, and that cap still has not been reached. So there's still an ongoing purchase program on the table.

"It's about how we actually achieve outcomes.

"There are plenty of off-farm projects in South Australia that could be implemented, but it's only for the government's lack of will to do it."

Mr Whetstone said co-operation between all Murray-Darling Basin states was necessary for the Basin Plan's success.

"There's a very confusing message out there," he said.

"People aren't sure what the extension means, what it means with Victoria not on the table, and what it means for the viability of the Riverland for the future.

"What does it mean now Victoria has walked away? Will other Basin states have to pick up Victoria's component of the 450GL?

"If we can't have all the Basin states at the table, what hope do we have in achieving a satisfactory outcome?"

Buybacks a 'backflip' says citrus industry

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE peak body representing SA's citrus industry has described the Federal Government's inclusion of voluntary water buybacks in its revised Murray-Darling Basin Plan at a "total backflip".

An agreement to deliver the Basin Plan in full has been reached between the Federal, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory governments, however Victoria refused the proposal.

Federal Environment and Water Minister Tanya Plibersek said extending the time-frame to deliver 450GL of water for the SA environment from 2024 to 2027 was based on expert advice.

Commitments were also made to the delivery of water infrastructure projects by 31 December 2026.

Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke – who has a property at Sunlands, west of Waikerie –

said the Federal Government had previously committed to using efficiency measures to return water back to the environment, instead of buybacks.

"They said they would fulfil the plan, but the extra 450GL that everyone talks about, that was subject to no community disadvantage if they bought water," he said.

Mr Doecke said the Federal Government's decision to buy back water allocations from

irrigators to achieve its environmental targets would be detrimental to regional communities and irrigation infrastructure operators.

He said it would also significantly reduce

Mark Doecke

Australia's export income-earning potential.

Mr Doecke said the Federal Government's assessment of the Basin's health was based on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's evaluation during the millennium drought.

He said an updated assessment should have been done when it was in flood last year.

"Their assessment of the health of the River Murray is not balanced," he said.

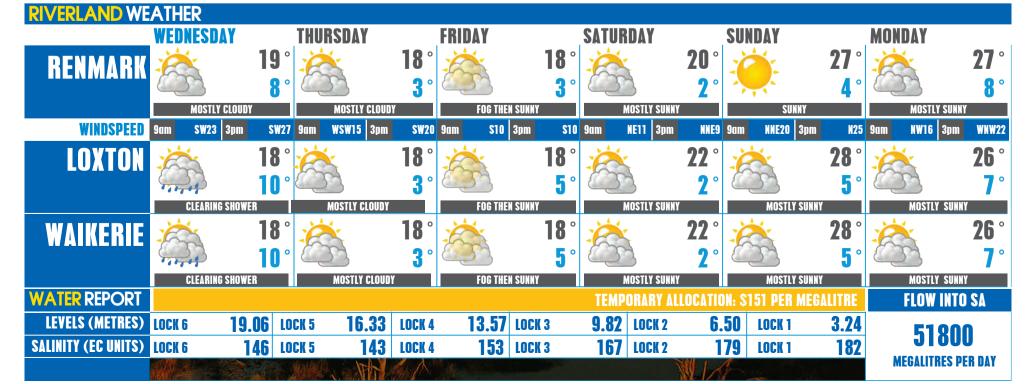
"We know damn well that what we have lost is a lot of people from regional communities and a lot of shops are shutting, and infrastructure operators have issues with abandoned properties.

"What we do not know is what we have achieved ecologically."

Mr Doecke said the entire plan should be paused until a longer-term view of river health was completed.

Mr Doecke said some Riverland irrigators, especially those growing low-income commodities, would be willing to sell their water allocations.

"The government will offer to buy their water at an unrealistic market price and that will hurt the agriculture industry as it will drive up the price of water," he said.



Loxton Tennis Club president Phil Smith

is looking forward to members being able to play

home games

at night

following

the recent

installation

of light poles

to illuminate

six courts.

PHOTOS:

Stephanie

Thompson

RIT confident in the 'new' Basin plan

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A SENIOR Riverland irrigation industry figure is confident local communities will be consulted in an effort to "avoid negative socio-economic impacts" associated with water buybacks.

Revisions to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan – agreed upon by all Basin states except Victoria - were last week announced by Federal Minister for Water Tanya Plibersek.

Renmark Irrigation Trust CEO Rosalie Auricht said the new agreement provided a "a much-needed realistic approach to completing the Basin Plan".

"The irrigation industry has been calling for an extension of the Basin Plan timeline as it was obvious that NSW and Victorian governments were not able to complete their infrastructure projects within the current legislated timeframe," Ms Auricht said.

"Incomplete projects meant irrigators would need to cover the equivalent shortfall by relinquishing real water, probably through buybacks.

"The potential for real water recovery of up to 300 gigalitres can be averted with this agreement provided NSW and Victoria have

"The extension of time, the offer of increased funding and the opportunity for new infrastructure projects to be considered should motivate those Basin state governments to get on with it."

Ms Auricht said South Australian contributions towards the 450GL target would "need to be done with great care to avoid negative third-party impacts".

"Productivity efficiency programs... were effective in our community, but the lowhanging fruit in the Riverland has largely been picked," she said.

"The current status of the wine industry is already of concern as some growers feel they have no option left but to sell their water entitlement, or are being forced to do so by

"Keeping our serviced irrigation land productive is critical for the Renmark irrigation community. Recovery of River Murray water by finding replacement water, such as councils and sporting clubs using recycled water, are all possibilities to meet the 450GL and avoid recovery of water that is used to grow food and fibre."

towns in having its tennis courts under lights. Loxton Tennis Club pres-

ident Phil Smith said players were "very excited" to have six courts under lights for the upcoming season. ways to recover water for the "For the past few years,

after Christmas has been night games, so obviously that has been pretty hard as we then don't play night games at home after Christmas," he said.

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON tennis players

will now be able to enjoy

Friday night games on home

courts, thanks to the recent

Loxton will now join

all other major Riverland

installation of lights.

"To be able to do that now will be great and we are looking forward to that."

Mr Smith said it was particularly difficult last season with players having to travel long distances every Friday night due to the Bookpurnong Road closure.

"We couldn't find fillins because no one wanted



The light poles were erected last week and expected to be operational in time for the 2023/24 season.

to drive 50km to Berri," he said.

Let there be light at tennis club

Mr Smith said the light installation would allow the club to grow.

"We are looking forward to developing this facility into something that can be used all the time," he said.

"It will hopefully expand numbers and (make it) a lot easier to retain players...

"We also want to get social tennis up and running, which was hard to do before now."

Mr Smith thanked the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) for its support.

DCLW CEO David Beaton said the project cost \$300,000 and was expected to make the club more family friendly.

"Hopefully they'll be able to schedule more training at night," he said, "and it's better for competitions."

Basin plan 'politics over people'

POLITICS has triumphed over people in the new Murray-Darling Basin Plan agreement, Tony Pasin says.

Last week's deal struck by the Federal Government and all but one Basin state to deliver the Plan, including the additional 450GL, will be to the detriment of river communities, and contribute to rising costs of food and fibre, the Liberal Member for Barker says.

Water buybacks from willing irrigators has been touted as a major part of the agreement, however Mr Pasin says it will have a disastrous impact on river communities like the Riverland.

"This water is vital for basin communities, the local economies, and our national food security," he said.

"Using buybacks to take water out of productive use will destroy jobs in our regions and add to costof-living pressures for all Australians.

"Less water available for primary production means

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higher prices for what water remains on the market and lower production means higher prices in the shops.

"To put it simply, the water buyback policy is essentially a tax on the fruit, nuts, wine grapes, vegetables, rice, cotton, dairy and sugar grown in the basin, at a time when Australian's can least afford it."

Mr Pasin used a traditional Riverland industry to illustrate his point.

'Orange juice, for example, has already increased 6 per cent in a 12-month period according to the latest figures from the ABS,' he said.

'More expensive water for our growers, will mean even higher prices on our supermarket shelves, and consumers opting for cheaper, imported alternatives. What impact will that have on local jobs?"

Mr Pasin said buybacks should never be used to recover environmental water.

"We know there are other

environment," he said.

"Our primary producers are some of the most innovative in the world. We have seen firsthand water being recovered for the environment through efficiencies and increased infrastructure.

"This new agreement is extremely concerning for river communities in SA.'

Mr Pasin conceded "there are willing sellers", but said irrigators forfeit their water out of desperation.

"Many irrigators (are) already under immense financial pressure from declining international market access and skyrocketing energy prices," he said.

"The issue is this water is being sold for the final time, not to be used on a different crop by a different farmer, but taken out of the market altogether.'

Mr Pasin also said Labor's approach to water policy stood in "stark contrast" to development of the Basin Plan.

\$90k blaze destroys caravan at KOM

EMERGENCY services were called to a caravan fire in Kingston-On-Murray on Monday night that caused an estimated \$90,000 of damage.

A Country Fire Service spokesperson said the fire on Farley Road began at about

"Volunteers on three trucks responded to the incident and found the caravan alight, with fire burning at the side of the house,

the spokesperson said.

"Quick work by crews helped to save the home, minimising the damage to the external walls and windows.

"The caravan was destroyed (and) total damages are estimated to be about

SAPOL also attended the scene, with the fire believed to be not suspicious.

- STEPHANIE THOMPSON



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EDITORIAL

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Toilet troubles

IT may have taken a few weeks longer to begin than initially expected, however Renmark's former Westpac Bank building, at 180 Murray Avenue, is quickly being brought down.

The demolition spectacle has drawn a decent share of keen local observers each day, each catching their own glimpse of what has been a key point in Renmark's recent history.

Depending on the side of thinking, either an historic building is being lost to time, or Renmark Paringa Council is fulfilling an obligation by opening up more of its riverfront for public use.

If the number of responses to council's consultation period was anything to go by, this development carries high importance for the community, and any resident of the council district who has discussed the project in recent weeks would have undoubtedly mentioned, in one way or another, the possibility of a toilet block being installed at the site.

This potential new public toilet was one of the key considerations for councillors at last week's meeting, who were faced with the unenviable task of deciding between community desires, and what is economically feasible.

While the price tag associated with a new toilet, estimated to be \$230,000 alone for the installation, would probably make it a relatively straightforward choice for some, the cost analysis is unlikely to silence criticism from that section of the community that wanted it installed.

In an attempt to compromise in the situation, council will seek to increase access to nearby public toilets on Renmark Avenue, while also including potential provisions for a toilet to be installed at the riverfront in future.

However, the debate that formed surrounding just one feature of the planned open space designs illustrates just how contentious the site is among the public, and how difficult it will be for council to please everyone in the final outcome.

A seed of inspiration

ONE of the year's more unique school traditions, and one which has only been reinforced quite recently – to the likely terror of parents throughout the Riverland– are the Book Week celebrations.

Although the annual costumes and parades have no doubt resulted in many sleepless nights for the procrastinating parent, the occasion does serve as a reminder that even in our digitally dominated world, few activities are as comforting as enjoying our favourite books.

Along with the well-documented mental benefits of regular reading, young people can discover other cultures, languages and perspectives all by taking the chance to pick up a book at home, school, or from the local library.

There's even the chance that reading books could lead to wanting to read, and then write for the newspaper, as has been the journey for more than one Pioneer staff member.

THE YEARS GO BY



James Chambers, and his brother John, were pioneering pastoralists in the region of the Murray: James had arrived in SA in January 1837, becoming one of the first settlers to arrive after Proclamation of the Colony in December 1836. The brothers were industrious. James (and later John, who arrived about 1840) was one of the first to take up land in picturesque Coromandel Valley (named after the ship that brought James to SA). A creek there today commemorates the Chambers as does a second Chambers Creek at the western end of Lake Bonney. In 1846, John was granted the first occupation licence to graze sheep on land 'on the River Murray and Lake Bonney'. It was probably then that the brothers established Cobdogla Station. This was a massive pastoral lease although the Lands Department records indicate James' lease was not actually granted until July 1851. The station incorporated land around Lake Bonney, Overland Corner, Bookmark and Chowilla, and extended on the south side of the river from present-day Moorook to Lyrup. They had outstations at Cobdogla, Pyap and Bookpurnong. Horses bred on Cobby Station were supplied to McDouall Stuart for his successful south-north return-crossing of Australia in 1862.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sixth Street safety hazard

I HAVE informed the Loxton Waikerie council of a safety hazard on the Sixth Street footpath, this being a broken inspection pit with wires protruding up onto the pavement.

I first advised them on 26 October 2021, but nothing was done. I have advised them again, two years later, and received a reply on 18 August 2023, stating it is not council's problem, and that I would need to contact

I have tried, but it is impossible to contact them in order to lodge a report.

I believe council is responsible for public safety and would be responsible if an accident happened due to someone tripping over this hazard.

I iterate the concern as we will soon have the Loxton lights at Christmas, with many adults and children walking in the dark.

Sixth Street is one of the streets on the walk.

BRIAN WILLETT

What is wrong with council?

IS it just my family or do other ratepayers, who pay for the Berri Barmera Council's existence, never get assistance when needing help?

As for the elderly, it seems certain employees think they are past their use by date and are troublemakers.

Recently I had a fall in the main street of Barmera due to pavers having risen from tree roots in the centre of both roads.

Yes, it was a well-used path. I reported this mishap to council and after two weeks absolutely nothing has been done, the area hasn't even been roped off.

I was very lucky not to have broken my bones, however I was badly hurt, grazed and bruised.

Thankfully I had two beautiful ladies who came to my assisMany thanks to them both. **ANN CORNISH**

Bills to eventually

I REFER to a recent article in the Sunday Mail by national political editor James Campbell (20/8/23, page 19), saying wewill need \$140bn a year to balance the federal budget.

In context, that figure of \$140,000m is an obscene amount. Where did he get his figures from? Because those are frightening.

We as a country are close to broke now, even though the budget showed we had a small surplus, which I don't believe.

If we get rid of all our major exports – as some people higher in the food chain want - such as coal, gas, uranium or iron ore, the government will have nil royalties coming in, so how are we as a country going to pay bills and loans?

Our home rates are high, but not as bad as we had to endure more than 20 years ago.

Our cost of living is sky high. Packaging remains the same but what is inside is getting smaller and smaller.

Our dollar is shrinking against the US greenback, so overseas travel is only for some. Even travel inside our own country has gone through the

Robberies are occurring more and more because many are short on money, or have none.

I am not sure if the young generation realises what is in store for them in future years, but after reading that article it won't be good.

If we are not in recession now we will be then.

RON HARVEY Waikerie

Case for Kimba

THE Voice referendum is still undecided but the Indigenous people of SA have already stated how the country's future sensitive projects will all fail to be approved.

There are approximately 440 nuclear power plants in 32 countries worldwide. This is a

Australia has one reactor in Lucas Heights, NSW.

Our Australian miners produce more than 50,000 tonnes of U308, or triuranium octoxide, that is all exported. This benefits both the Federal

Government and the Indigenous people, through royalty pay-

The question is, where does the waste from Lucas Heights go, or is stored, and where does the low-level waste our mining companies have left over after final production go?

SA and Australia needed the Kimba site to go ahead, and after all these years everyone thought the green light was

Why cancel at this stage? I think it is because of money, as they want all they can get.

RUBY HARVEY

Proud of our flag

SUNDAY 3 September is Australian National Flag Day.

A day to celebrate with pride the anniversary of the Australian National Flag and all that it represents.

Upon federation in 1901, Australia's first Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton, announced an international competition to design a flag for the new Commonwealth of Australia.

There were 32,823 entries, of which five nearly identical designs were awarded equal first and this design became the basis of what has become internationally recognisable as our foremost national symbol.

The Australian flag was flown for the first time on 3 September 1901, over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne, which was the then seat of the Federal Government.

Australian National Flag Day is an opportunity for individuals, community organisations,

local authorities, businesses and schools to celebrate the anniversary, express pride in our nation, respect for our heritage and acknowledgement of our history.

This week, I'll be reflecting on values the Australian national flag represents: respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, Parliamentary democracy, equality of opportunity regardless of gender, race, religion, or ethnic background.

These are the values I serve to uphold. I urge all Australians to be proud of these values and be proud of our flag.

TONY PASIN

Put an end to speciesism

ON 26 August, people around the world observed World Day for the End of Speciesism.

This day challenges and seeks to end the myth of human supremacy.

Speciesism is a prejudicial mindset that assumes the lives and interests of other animals are less important than those of humans purely because they are different in some ways.

Operating under this flawed belief, we justify routine exploitation of and egregious cruelty to other species – confining them, racing them to death, eating their flesh, and wearing their skins.

We do all this despite the fact in all the ways that matter, such as the ability to feel pain and experience emotion, we are all the same.

Basing our actions on the notion that our differences make others less than us underpins prejudices such as sexism, racism, and ableism.

Just as those prejudices lead to gross injustices, so too does speciesism, harming not only animals but also our own health and – given animal agriculture's dire impact on the environment – the planet.

"I believe council is responsible for public safety and would be responsible if an accident happened..."

- BRIAN WILLETT



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World Day for the End of Speciesism was a wonderful opportunity to explore our learned speciesism and reset our relationship with everyone with whom we share Earth.

DESMOND BELLAMY Special projects co-ordinator

Thanks for Stroke Week efforts

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian communities who have once again embraced Stroke Week, which ran from 7 to 13 August this year.

It was heartening to see survivors of stroke and their loved ones embrace this year's theme, Fighting Stroke Together, which aimed to bring people together to share knowledge, support and resources to help prevent strokes from occurring, and to aid in the recovery process for those who have experienced a stroke.

We heard heart-warming stories of a wife saving a husband's life after completing a first aid course only the day before his stroke, a man who had a lifechanging stroke just moments after crossing the finish line of Parkrun in first place, and of a toddler who has survived multiple strokes and subsequent brain surgeries.

Their stories prove time and time again that strokes can happen to anyone, at any time, and research tells us the number of working-aged people having strokes is increasing.

Behind these figures are people, including mums, dads and children. Stroke is always a medical emergency, so there is never time to waste.

Every minute during a stroke results in 1.9 million brain cells dying, and we just cannot turn that time back.

Treatment can, however, mean a full recovery, or at least a significant reduction in the degree of disability.

This year we saw more than 80 buildings including council offices, major bridges, libraries, clock towers and theatres light up in green and blue to help shine a light on this insidious condition.

With the support of major organisations located in every corner of the country, we're fighting stroke together and drawing attention to the ways stroke impacts communities.

I encourage the community to keep spreading the F.A.S.T. message all year round. Knowing about F.A.S.T. and sharing it with your family and

You've gotta be joking!

Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey



friends can be the first step in saving a life and avoiding ongoing disability.

It may be your own life or that of someone you love.

The F.A.S.T message will help you recognise the most common signs of stroke:

☐ Face – Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?

☐ Arms – Can they lift both

☐ Speech – Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?

☐ Time – Time is critical. If you see any of these signs, call triple zero (000) straight away.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us share our information this Stroke Week.

Your generosity, time and dedication has a genuine impact and is very much appreciated. We can fight stroke together.

LISA MURPHY

Chief executive officer Stroke Foundation

SA country health left in the dust

DESPITE a staggering budget blowout of \$1.1 billion, the Malinauskas Labor Government has failed to prioritise regional South Australians with muchneeded support as the cost-of living crisis reaches shocking new heights.

South Australian families are being hit hard, with the average household now \$20,000 worse off because of skyrocketing financial pressures.

And regional communities banking on extra accommodation relief through a boosted Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS) – to support rural travel to Adelaide for medical appointments – have been left devastated.

Not only has Peter Malinauskas ignored calls to boost the PATS overnight subsidy, but pleas for additional incentives to attract doctors and nurses to regional South Australia have also been reject-

Regional South Australians should not be forced to fight for budget crumbs, especially when it comes to health.

Regional South Australians have every right to feel upset and frustrated with Peter Malinauskas' State Budget that failed miserably to boost regional health services where it counts.

Despite a staggering budget blowout of \$1.1 billion, those who desperately rely on the PATS to travel and stay overnight in the city for medical appointments won't see an extra

The cost-of-living crisis is biting families hard, and we

know the average household is already \$20,000 worse off because of skyrocketing financial pressures.

With no boost to the PATS it was crucial at the very least that workforce incentives were put on the table to attract doctors and nurses to the regions so rural communities could get the care they need closer to home.

We have been desperately calling for new incentives to boost our regional health workforce because staffing levels are at breaking point, but sadly Peter Malinauskas has overlooked those pleas, and as a result has turned his back on regional South Australia.

It's also incredibly disappointing that more regional hospitals weren't provided with restraint-trained security personnel.

This is a no-brainer measure to keep nurses and hospital staff safe before police intervention. There should have been additional funding for bollards, lock down safety zones, safety glass, alert pendants and more guards.

Peter Malinauskas' failure to secure these crucial safety upgrades is another firm warning that regional health is not on his or Labor's priority list.

PENNY PRATT Member for Frome SA Liberal spokesperson for regional health service

TEXT LINE

Looking back...

10 years ago 30 August, 2013



Uncertainty over multi-million dollar cash splash

Big money...maybe









BIG MONEY...MAYBE: In an unprecedented cash splash, 13 Riverland groups or bodies could be delivered more than \$11 million of Federal Government money. However, the funding – announced on Wednesday – is dependent on either Labor winning the election, or having followed correct protocol in allocating the money. The grants would be delivered via a program that aims to build stronger regional economies, with the Riverland recipients listed including Salena Estate Wines..

20 years ago 29 August, 2003



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Water stocks rise









WATER STOCKS RISE: Water restrictions imposed on irrigators may be eased as early as next week. River Murray Minister John Hill told about 120 irrigators at Barmera yesterday afternoon that the Government could be in a position to reduce the 35% cut in water due to improved conditions further upstream. Mr Hill said there was more water in the Murray Darling Basin system now than was expected a month ago. One of M Hill's departmental experts, Peter Hoey, told growers that there had been a drastic improvement in water stocks over the past fortnight.

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Obviously Rob from Berri expects a wipe out in the RFL. Nothing is certain in a GF. Remember the dominance over a period of time not long ago from a particular team. It's now Renmark's turn, due to a team that isn't used to losing. Don't forget Renmark started in the negative.

RED T Renmark

For the privilege of navigating

semitrailers and the like through Waikerie central, you would at least think the guilty drivers who use air brakes realise it's not ok. I understand it is not illegal, but then again so are accidental flat

Waikerie

Can anyone explain what is going on in Lake Bonney? Continuously hundreds of dead young carp

along the frothy shoreline, and now thousands amassing in the water around the boat ramp, obviously dving. What then is happening to all the native fish in the lake?

ANNE Barmera

I see in the Pioneer locals are encouraged to take action on climate change (23/8/23, page 29). Until the rest of the world takes action on climate change.

all South Australians and the rest of Australia are doing is destroying our livelihood and making the cost of living so high that we'll never compete with the rest of the world on anything. As for the Voice, why would anyone vote yes to something that hasn't been explained any more than 'trust us, we know what we're doing'. Wake up Australia.

Berri

Outbreaks heighten local varroa fears

ALEXANDRA BULL

AN SA apiarist is "drastically concerned" it is only a matter of time until the destructive varroa mite parasite arrives in the Riverland, following two incursions detected in beehives located on almond orchards in the Riverina and Sunraysia.

Both infections are linked to the recent varroa mite outbreak at Kempsey in New South Wales, with the hives moved to the almond orchards before the Kempsey outbreak was discovered.

South Australian apiarist Bill Brown, who supplies his bees to a number of Riverland almond growers, said he was "unhappy" with the way the SA Government had handled varroa mite.

"Well, the main thing is that they lifted the restrictions for varroa mite from NSW which I thought was just absolutely ludicrous," he said.

"I think the critical part to keep pushing forward is to shut the borders right now and exclude bees from coming in from these hot spots.

"I believe, and so do quite a few other beekeepers around, that we could possibly have up to 10 years of being varroa mite-free in South Australia if it was policed properly."

Mr Brown said apiarist associations around Australia had been talking about how to keep varroa mite under control at "whichever port it rocks up in" for years.

"We knew that it was inevitable that it was going to come, there's no two ways about that," he said.

"We are the last country in the world that has got varroa mite, but in every other country they have lost approximately 50 per cent of all the hives that have been infected with varroa mite within two years if they don't have exclusion zones.

"So, we are potentially looking at losing 50 per cent of our hives in a very short period of time if they leave the borders open."

We are the last country in the world that has got varroa mite..

SA apiarist Bill Brown



Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton at the Loxton river front, where the high river is impacting local infrastructure. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Loxton

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER, STEPHANIE THOMPSON and ELYSE ARMANINI

LOCAL councils are again being forced to consider the potential effects of the rising river, however the impact is expected to be short lived with flows into SA to decrease in coming weeks.

River Murray flows across the border reached more than 51GL yesterday, and while significantly less than the 2022 flood peak of 190GL/day, the high river is causing some minor issues to local council roads and infrastructure.

Renmark Paringa Council was earlier this month forced to temporarily close Plush's Bend RV Park – including the boat ramp – due to risks being posed to vehicles from increased flows and the depth of the water flowing over the park's entrance.

A council statement regarding the matter said ensuring the safety of community members remained a priority, while District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) Mayor Trevor Norton said despite the reported flows, he believed the water levels were presenting higher than expected in most areas.

"I think the affects it's having here in Loxton are probably of flows far greater than 55GL/day," he said.

"Probably more along the lines of 60GL/day or so."

The Loxton town wharf is completely inundated, along with the Snake Island foot-

bridge and areas of its carpark.

However, Mayor Norton said he understood the high-river narrative was causing angst for some locals.

"Under normal circumstances, this high river would be very welcome," he said.

"But on the back of the 2022 flood, of course it is going to cause anxiety for people.

"The other thing is to make sure that people aren't panicked into thinking we're going to get more of what we've just had – a once-in-a-generation flood."

Mayor Norton said significant Loxton infrastructure becomes impacted at about 70GL/day.

"When you look at the road to Packard's Bend, I think that's at risk of a flow of about 70GL/day across the border," he said.

"The key is not rushing into rehabilitation work when once again, we aren't sure how high the river is going to rise."

DCLW CEO David Beaton said impacts so far were minimal.

"At this stage it's affected a couple of our boat ramps, but we haven't had to lift barbecues and things like that yet," he said.

"Because the catchment is water-logged, the flows aren't subsiding as much, and because it's this time of the year and the weather has been cool, you haven't got as much going into evaporation as it goes further down the river."

Outgoing Berri Barmera CEO Dylan Strong said council was "working closely with relevant state agencies in relation to rising river levels".

"Current forecasts do not pose any serious threat to infrastructure at the moment," Mr Strong said.

"Some recent preventive measures on the riverfront infrastructure has taken place, including the temporary removal of strip lighting from the Berri wharf."

Department for Environment and Water water delivery manager Chrissie Bloss said current projected river heights would fall "a long way short" of last year's flood event.

"The flow at the SA border is steadily increasing, so water levels are continuing to rise at many locations along the river, particularly those that are a long way upstream from a weir," Ms Bloss said.

"The peak flow at the SA border is expected to be less than 55GL per day, subject to river operations.

"While the current flow and water levels are considered a 'high flow', it's not unusual to see these levels in winter and spring, when the Murray catchment receives the bulk of its rainfall."

Ms Bloss said potential existed for "minor impacts on infrastructure, but only in the lower-lying areas" at this flow and water level range.

"This could include reduced access to some riverside parks and boat ramps," Ms Bloss said, "as well as some access tracks on the floodplain."





Community mourns passing of Murray Ricciuto

THE Riverland community is mourning the loss of Murray Ricciuto, the father of Waikerie-born former Adelaide Crows premiership player and Brownlow medallist, Mark Ricciuto.

Mr Ricciuto's passing was announced on The Adelaide Crows official Facebook page.

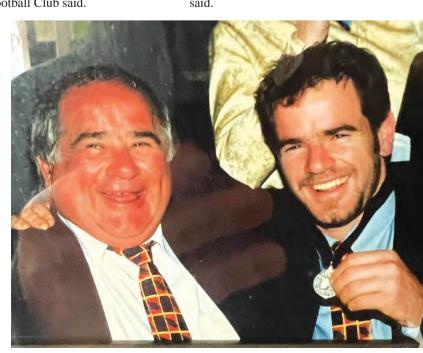
"Our thoughts are with the Ricciuto family following the passing of Murray," the Adelaide Football Club said.

"The Crows family sends its love and condolences."

Carolyn Ricciuto, Murray's wife and mother of Mark, Lisa and Craig responded and said "We will miss him terribly, but know he went peacefully and will never be forgotten."

"Rest in peace my darling husband and loving father to Lisa, Craig and Mark," she said.







Rozz Dyer with Meals on Wheels participant Kim Hildyard. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

MOW hungry for more volunteers

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOCAL organisation is on the hunt for more volunteers to assist with providing muchneeded help to community members.

The Renmark branch of Meals on Wheels is looking for four more drivers to help out once a fortnight across its Renmark and Berri delivery routes.

Today also marks National Meals on Wheels Day, with South Australia having more than 80 branches and approximately 6000 volunteers across the state.

Renmark delivery driver Rozz Dyer is putting an urgent call-out for more volunteers, saying once they start many "really enjoy it".

"In Renmark, we have between 65 and 70 clients with around 60 deliverers who deliver once a fortnight, with delivery taking roughly an hour and a half depending on how long our brief chats with clients are," Ms Dyer said.

"I also have a few emergency relief deliverers but would like to build on this as well, as it really helps to cover last minute unavailability and deliverers who do like to travel during the colder months of the year.

"The clients benefit by getting social contact, a good nutritious meal and a basic wellness check. The deliverers also have social contact, so it's a win-win all round."

All that is required to be a

volunteer is a police check and a valid drivers licence.

Renmark Meals on Wheels participant Kim Hildyard said if he missed the meals, he would fail to get the nutrients he needs.

"I have been getting meals for about 20 years, I wouldn't want to be without it," he said.

Gay Haynes, who also receives Meals on Wheels, said the service is "very important"

"Especially with the way I am with my arthritis, I just found that I couldn't do what I used to do," she said.

"Somebody said to me 'well get meals on wheels' and well bloody hell, the meals are amaz-

Ms Dyer said the people she

delivers to have become an extended family for volunteers at the Renmark branch of Meals on Wheels.

"It has a double benefit, most of our drivers are retired so they are getting out and doing things too," she said.

"We are also looking after that next generation in the community as well so it does become like a big extended family.

"I really enjoy it, and as long as I can limp around and do it, I will."

For more information, or to become a volunteer, contact the Renmark Meals on Wheels kitchen n 8586 6040 or Rozz Dyer on 0409 928 248.

PAGE 23 Terry's Take



her Friday morning delivery route.



Renmark Meals on Wheels delivery driver RozzDyer getting ready for Remark Meals on Wheels volunteers Nicole Sykes, Sue Judge and Rozz Dyer.

Offenders caught across Riverland

A NUMBER of traffic offenders were caught across the Riverland over the weekend.

On Friday 25 August Riverland police stopped a Holden sedan on Murtho Street at Renmark for a mobile driver test.

The driver, a 73-year-old man from Renmark, submitted to a breath test and provided a positive result of 0.126.

He was reported for drink driving, received a six-month instant loss of licence and had his vehicle impounded. He will appear at the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

At 6.30am on the same day, police were conducting speed detection duties on the

Old Sturt Highway, at Berri, when they spotted a car travelling at 69km/h in a 60km/h zone.

A 23-year-old man from Renmark North was issued with a traffic infringement notice

for speeding, and further checks revealed he was driving while disqualified. He was reported and will be summoned

to appear in court at a later date. On Sunday 27 August, Riverland police

stopped a white Toyota utility vehicle on French Road at Loxton North for the purpose of a mobile random breath test. The driver, a 57-year-old male from

Sandy Creek, returned a positive result and was issued an expiation for drink driving.

A driver from Berri was also stopped over the weekend, where they submitted to a drug test and returned a positive result to an illicit substance.

Pending the result of their sample, the driver may be reported for drug driving and summoned to be appear in court at a later





Councillor queries confidentiality in meeting agenda

ELYSE ARMANINI

A BERRI Barmera councillor questioned the need for two agenda items to be kept in confidence at last week's ordinary meet-

Cr Andrew Kassebaum firstly took issue with confidential item 20.2.1, regarding expressions of interest for Lot 340 Riverview Drive, current site of the Berri Visitor Information Centre and River Jacks Café.

The council agenda stated the item should remain confidential because disclosure of information "could confer a commercial advantage on a third party"

"I don't believe that is a reasonable excuse to keep it in confidence because there is no com-



Cr Andrew Kassebaum

mercial information that I can see..." Cr Kassebaum told the chamber last Tuesday night.

Berri Barmera CEO Dylan Strong said the matter was to be considered in confidence "at this point in time" because conversations with the lessee were yet to occur.

Cr Kassebaum also queried the need to keep the minutes confidential

from the CEO review panel, which met to discuss a replacement for the departing Mr Strong.

The agenda stated that the item was considered confidential as the release of information would "involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)".

"I can't see any personal information in that doc-ument," Cr Kassebaum said.

"The panel review decided on who was going to do recruitment but I can't find any private information in that document to keep it in confidence.

"The minutes are the record of the meeting... I don't believe (they) are a confidential matter.'



Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella Winnall and CEO Dylan Strong try their hands at flight simulators at the Barmera Library recently. PHOTO: Berri Barmera Library Services

Council duo takes flight in library

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Riverland Model Aero Club recently attended the Barmera Library's A Night Of Firsts, with its flight simulators on full display.

Riverland Model Aero Club member it up very quickly,

Bruce Hopgood said the evening was "really well done".

"We had the Berri Barmera Council mayor and CEO have a go on the simulators, which was unexpected," he said.

"The CEO picked

he was right onto it. Some people just take to it like a duck to

"We had a lot of people coming to try the flight simulator, and a lot of people coming over to watch

"A big thank you to

the Barmera Library for running the event and doing such a good job, hopefully they do it again.'

The Riverland Model Aero Club is based in Loxton North and meet every Sunday, with new members welcome.

University puts palliative care survey out to Berri residents

BERRI residents are invited to complete a survey regarding what is already known about end-of-life experiences.

A new University of South Australia research project is exploring ways to support rural people in palliative care to have important conversations, find key support and live better for longer.

The 'Living well as long as we can' project is aimed at improving awareness and understanding about end-of-life planning and care, so that people can make active and informed end-of-life choices.

The project encompasses four rural areas in South Australia - including Berri - and will begin by seeking input from each community about what they already know about palliative care and end of life issues, via an online survey.

UniSA associate professor Kate Gunn said the project involves working with local community leaders to find ways to highlight how rural communities can support each other when making end-oflife choices, effectively navigate systems and make their existing strengths more

"Community members are very well placed to support each other with the numerous challenges that can present at end-of-life," she said.

"Rural people are especially good at this – they often have to be when formal services are limited.

"However, we are really excited to be working with rural community leaders and Palliative Care SA on this project to explore novel ways to encourage conversations and enhance this further.

"By working together, we can facilitate meaningful conversations about palliative care and encourage community collaboration and support in some of the most challenging of circumstances."

To complete the survey, visit the link (bit.ly/ruralpallcaresurvey).



Time to cast off boat registration labels

STREAMLINING the registration process for Riverland boat owners is the aim of new legislation coming into effect this week.

From Friday boat owners will no longer be required to replace and display registration labels each year.

Feedback given to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport from boat operators indicated current registration labels would fade and crack over time, particularly given boats are often exposed to harsh weather conditions.

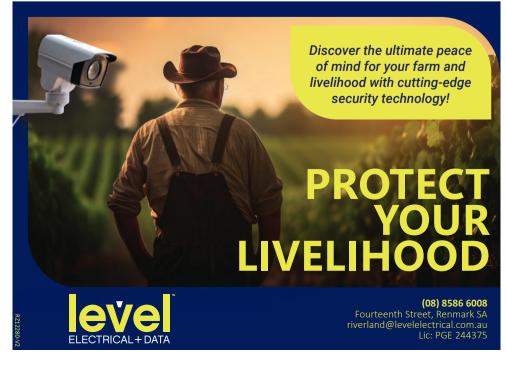
Riverland boat operators are reminded marine safety officers regularly monitor boat ramps and waterways to ensure safety responsibilities are being followed.

Penalties apply for operat-

ing an unregistered boat.

Boat owners will continue to receive registration renewal notices approximately six weeks before expiry and a certificate as proof of registration once paid.

Further information regarding boat registrations can be found by visiting the website (www.service.sa.gov. au/boat-rego).



New support against rising cost of living

A NEW statewide funding ing of individuals, families, program will be aimed currently battling the rising cost of living.

The State Government last week announced the \$4.8m Financial Wellbeing and Resilience Program.

A range of services including financial counselling, debt management and renegotiation, support to access no-interest loans, and emergency financial assistance - will be offered through the program.

Minister for Human Services Nat Cook said the program was designed to boost the financial wellbe-

young people, and vulnerat assisting Riverlanders able communities who face security. added cost-of-living pressures.

> "It's important to provide people with immediate help now but also make available the ongoing skills to selfmanage income and prevent future crisis situations," Ms Cook said.

> "People experiencing financial crisis can engage with the emergency assistance aspect of the program as a first point of contact, and then continue with financial counselling to address broader concerns and ultimately find a path

towards financial 'These

services are available to anyone w h o needs the service."



Nat Cook

It is understood the program is based on successful financial wellbeing services provided to River Murray communities during the recent flood event and subsequent recovery efforts.

ac.care will be the Riverland service provider for the program.

TEMPERANCE

The Murray Pioneer's editor HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and advertising sales manager GLENDA MALINOVSKI attended last week's soft opening of Hotel Renmark's new fine-dining experience Temperance...







Hotel Renmark's new Temperance experience highlights a farm-to-table philosophy using the best Riverland and South Australian produce.

Hotel Renmark's new temptation

THE tables are set, glasses are ready to be filled, and myself and fellow colleague Glenda Malinovski are among those fortunate enough to sample Temperance's first offering.

Temperance, paying homage to the alcohol prohibition movement of the late 19th century in Renmark, has been brought to the community largely from the mind of Hotel Renmark executive chef Hugh Hazelwood, who previously trained under some of England's top culinary names before returning to his hometown.

Working alongside fellow chef Anthony Cresp, who also grew up in Renmark, and with a clearly committed team, through Temperance the pair are focusing on a farm-to-table philosophy to utilise the best Riverland and South Australian produce.

While diners can choose from a number of formats in which to enjoy the Temperance menu, some of the highlights I enjoyed included seared Adelaide Hills venison with beetroot, pecorino and watercress, and blue swimmer crab tortellini with pink grapefruit, sea herbs and shellfish bisque.

What was probably most notable about the Temperance experience was the attention to detail within the service, with staff remembering the names of everyone on our table, and providing an insight behind each dish and its accompanying wine.

For visitors looking for a showcase of South Australia's finest produce during their Riverland visit, or locals who want to spend a special evening with family and friends, Temperance provides a high-quality dining experience in a comfortable setting.



Bookings for Temperance, which opens on Friday 8 September, can now be made by phone on 8586 6755.

Further information is available by visiting the website (www.hotelrenmark.com.au/ temperance).

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

Nicola's farming fears in Pioneer

RIVERLAND-based MLC Nicola Centofanti has penned an opinion piece inside today's edition of The Murray Pioneer.

Dr Centofanti's column examines the effect on the agricultural sector of a need to adapt to new technologies, and the challenges of rising input costs.

PAGE 23 Nicola's column

Community health grants now open

APPLICATIONS are now open for the Flinders University Rural and Remote Health Community Grant, with Riverland community groups encouraged to enter.

Grants of up to \$2000 will support projects that benefit local, rural and regional communities within the local government areas of Flinders Universality Rural and Remote SA Health-located campuses.

Funds can used for a range of purposes including providing access to recourses and information to improve community awareness of health-related issues, to develop and strengthen communities and to assist with solutions to community problems.

The 2022 grant round assisted in supporting community projects across the state including meal packs for community members, music packs for those living with dementia, a community safety awareness program, community health and wellbeing sessions, and art and craft workshops for disadvantaged people.

Applications close on Friday 15 September at 5pm.

For more information, or to apply, visit (www.flinders.edu.au/flinders-rural-andremote-health-sa/community-engagement).



Low allocation prices expected to continue

A MAJOR water market analyst expects current economic conditions, and increased available supply, will ensure temporary allocation prices remain low for Riverland irrigators throughout the rest of 2023.

The 10th annual Aither Water Market report was released earlier this month, examining trading activity and trends in the 2022-23 water year and providing a potential outlook for 2023-24.

Aither water markets advisory lead Ben Williams said high water availability and opening allocations to entitlements saw allocation prices open at the lowest level since 2013-14, then continue to trend downward during the 12-month period.

"A rare triple-dip La Niña in 2022-23 brought extensive rainfall across the southern Murray-Darling Basin, resulting in record inflows to storages and the worst flooding in the Murray system for 50 years," Mr Williams said.

"Increased water supply and reduced irrigation water demand saw water allocation prices tumble for the third year in a

"Late in the season, allocation prices approached \$0, due to limited private carryover space and market expectations for low allocation prices in 2022-23."

However, Mr Williams expected planned Federal Government buybacks of water entitlements - through the Murray-Darling Basin Plan - would increase the price of temporary allocations.

"Delivery of the Basin Plan remains the wild card for the water market," he said.

"Entitlement prices are likely to rise if the Australian government becomes an active market participant attempting to purchase entitlements to meet Basin Plan targets."

Mr Williams said water entitlement markets were "likely to remain soft until there is an improvement in economic conditions".

"Strong opening allocations and the highest opening storage volumes on record mean lower water allocation prices are set to continue in 2022-23, despite the forecast for an El Niño," he said.

"The good times for irrigators look set to last at least this year."



Demolition of the former Westpac Bank building, at 180 Murray Avenue, has been commenced by Renmark Paringa Council. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

Council flushes hopes for new toilet

RENMARK Paringa Council has begun demolition of the former Westpac Bank building, but budget constraints have ended the community's hopes of a new toilet being added to the planned open space.

Renmark Paringa councillors at last week's general meeting endorsed removal of a toilet block from concept designs for the open space at 180 Murray Avenue, on the basis that the estimated upfront cost of \$230,000, and ongoing estimated costs of \$20,000 per annum, outweighed the community's desire for a toilet block at the location.

been made by council to allow a toilet to potentially be constructed in the future, while a raised pedestrian crossing will be constructed on Murray Avenue to increase accessibility to the existing public toilet on Renmark Avenue.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said implementation of the pedestrian crossing was aimed at creating an "environment that caters to the needs of the community while promoting a safer and more inclusive community space".

"We appreciate the input we received from the community, However, provisions have which proved invaluable in removal of a multi-level deck

shaping the final design," Mr Hunter said.

"While some alterations were necessary, we believe that these modifications will result in a usable, activated open space with magnificent views of our beautiful riverfront.'

A total of 123 public responses regarding the open space development were received during council's three-week consultation period.

Councillors also endorsed the project to proceed to detailed design, with amendments to concept designs by Adelaide-based firm Jensen PLUS including viewing platform, and adding trees within the lawned area to provide shade.

It is understood partial funding for the project obtained through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program requires the construction of the open space to be completed by 30 June 2024.

Further information regarding the 180 Murray Avenue development project is available by visiting the website (www. renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/ services/major-projects/180murray-avenue).

We believe that these modifications will result in a usable, activated open space with magnificent views of our beautiful riverfront...

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- Peter Hunter



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Getting behind the good cause this week

TOMORROW marks the 37th Daffodil Day, with Riverland residents able to get behind the cause at a number of locations.

The Berri Plaza, Berri Woolworths, Barmera Woolworths and Loxton Woolworths will all have people

fundraising for the cause, with daffodils and other items available to purchase on the day.

All donations and funds raised through Daffodil Day will directly fund cancer research projects in South Australia.





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Council backs battling Barmera pageant

ELYSE ARMANINI

A BARMERA Christmas event will receive further financial support from council following a funding shortfall.

The Barmera Christmas Pageant Committee advised Berri Barmera Council of its "significant financial and operational challenges" in requesting additional support to the amount of \$4000 and a contingency fund of \$4000.

At last week's Berri Barmera Council ordinary meeting, elected members moved to approve a total financial contribution of \$4000 towards the 2023 Barmera Christmas Pageant.

The endorsed amount includes council's annual cash contribution of \$1500.

Councillors discussed the event's impact on the community, with several members questioning the need for a fireworks display estimated to cost nearly \$10,000.

"We've always said that with any community grants that our money cannot be spent on fireworks - just like the State Government," Cr Andrew Kassebaum said.

"I don't believe a pageant needs to have



Berri Barmera Council elected members voted to endorse a total financial contribution of \$4000 to the 2023 Barmera Christmas Pageant event. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

fireworks. It's a nicety for the Barmera community to do (but) it's not for the council and other ratepayers to pay for that nicety.

"They have to be realistic, they're asking for \$8000 and there's a \$10,000 budget on fireworks - it's a nicety, not a necessity to

Cr Bruce Richardson agreed with Cr Kassebaum, stating any event that "can't be funded fully, if they want to use fireworks, shouldn't have us putting any more money

However, Cr Collis Marrett supported the motion for additional support to be provided.

"I concur with Bruce (Richardson), however I do think the fireworks are an iconic part of the Barmera pageant each year," he said.

"For the Riverland as a whole, the Barmera fireworks display is far and above the best. I know for a fact the suppliers of the fireworks supply at cost for Barmera because they are residents.

"(The committee) gets incredible value for the money they spend because fireworks are very expensive.

"In this instance, I am prepared for the council to provide a one-off \$4000 payment to support them - that money being put towards other costs, allowing their sponsorship money to go towards fireworks - but without the contingency."

We've always said that with any community grants that our money cannot be spent on fireworks...

- Andrew Kassebaum, Berri Barmera councillor



Loxton locals Peter and Carla Magarey and Carolyn Wood created a special souvenir photo book for the 50th birthday celebrations of the Loxton Historical Village this weekend. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Village's history in photos

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A SPECIAL souvenir book to celebrate the 50th anniversary of a local tourist attraction will be released this weekend.

The Loxton Historical Village 50 Years souvenir book features a large display of photos from the tourist attraction's his-

The book was created by Loxton locals Peter and Carla Magarey and Carolyn Wood.

"We would like people to be able to take a souvenir of the village and have a view of it and

understand it better," Mr Magarey said.

The project was made possible by a History SA grant and Mrs Magarey said the hardest part was choosing which photos to be included.

"Thankfully the archives at the village are very good," she said.

"The idea was that the book started with the hut and then headed down the street."

Mrs Magarey said the book appeals to all ages, with lots of colour and short pieces of text.

"Hopefully people will

enjoy it," she said.

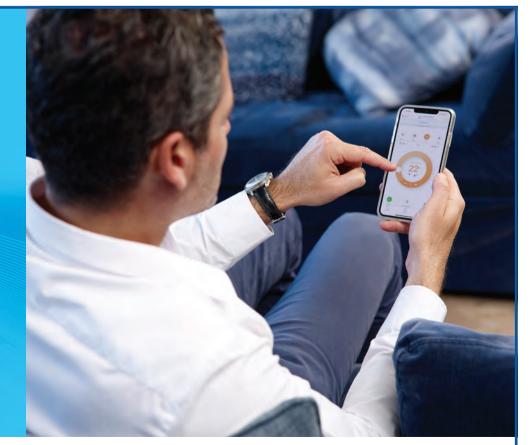
Mrs Wood said the book was a testament to the founders of both the Loxton township and the Loxton Historical Village.

"The pioneers, who had the original vision for the village, wanted to honour the actual town's pioneers who were their parents and grandparents," she said.

The books will be on sale at the Loxton Historical Village's 50th birthday celebrations this weekend at a special price of \$15.

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Murray Pioneer journalist STEPHANIE THOMPSON reviews the Loxton High School's 2023 production...

Loxton High School students break free

THERE was no doubt Loxton High School students had their heads in the game when they took to the stage for this year's musical.

This year's production of Disney High School Musical – On Stage was held over three nights at the Loxton Community Theatre.

Direction this year was by John Molden, who brings new experience to the production and choreographed alongside Julie Vivian.

While the original Disney movie – of which the musical is based – is far from a classic, it has a storyline line familiar for most and could be easily dubbed Generation Z's answer to Grease.

The thumping sound of bouncing basketballs set the tone, with the audience immediately immersed into the feel of a high school gym, with songs like Wild Cat Cheer and Getcha Head In The Game emphasising that atmosphere.

William Heuzenroeder played the lead role of high school jock, Troy Bolton. His acting was faultless, assuming his character with ease. Grace Kelly perfectly fit the role of lead Gabriella Montez, taking to the stage as the academically-gifted student.

The duo meet at a New Year's Eve karaoke contest and once re-acquainting in the classroom by chance, their respective social circles discourage their growing bond.

As the story progresses, Tony and Gabriella secretly audition for the school musical and encounter challenges and difficult antagonistic characters who try to put a stop to their success.

However, with the help of their friends, Troy and Gabriella are able to pursue their dreams without losing themselves along the way.

Grace is clearly comfortable on stage, and this shined throughout her performance in all areas. She dances with a sense of effortlessness, acts with credibility and her voice was undoubtedly a highlight.

Grace's solo piece in When There Was Me And You was particularly memorable and beautifully sung.

The interaction between



The Loxton High School musical cast, chorus and backstage and technical crew. PHOTOS: Riverland Commercial Photography/Jannette Fulham

leads William and Grace was natural, with the on-stage chemistry a credit to them both

The same could be said for Tahlia Hearn (Sharpay Evans) and Oscar Burgemeister (Ryan Evans), playing the roles of sibling antagonists.

The duo bounced off each other and were both convincing in their juxtaposing roles, with What I've Been Looking For and Bop To The Top just plain good fun for the audience.

Tahlia's one-liners and Oscar's playfulness were enjoyable to watch as they both graced the stage with clear experience and confidence

Harrison Knowles' enthu-

siasm and stage presence as high school jock Chad Danforth was a standout.

As an audience member, it was hard not to watch Harrison, waiting for his next funny expression or antic, allowing his character's charisma to shine.

Ruby Altschwager (Kelsi) was a delight with her crystal clear dialogue and it was a pleasure to see her character grow throughout the production.

Meanwhile, Bethany Davis (Ms Darbus) took her character and ran with it. She was ever-so convincing as the melodramatic drama teacher and was amusing with her witty one-liners.

Loxton High School's immense talent didn't stop

there, with Tori Lockwood, Malaika Kakoschke, Lucy Raynes, Kaitie Francis and Riley Grosse all impeccably cast for their respective

Sheree Arnold is to be congratulated on bringing together a quality band. While managing a band no doubt added an extra element of complexity, it was well worth it as the vibrations under the audience members' feet accentuated the feel of the production.

The cast was well supported by a vibrant chorus and credit should also be given to the backstage and technical crew, who were using new sound and lighting systems.

While there were some

obvious technical issues, it did little to waver the spirits of those on stage.

The final Megamix rendition was executed seamlessly, with the complex choreography a captivating spectacle.

This act also particularly highlighted the hard work by those in the costume department, while Loxton High School's reputation for quality sets was also maintained.

A special mention should also go to Juliet Haenen, who selflessly supported Tahlia Hearn as Sharpay, to ensure the show could go on despite illness.

Once again, Loxton High School has once again outdone itself and is a credit to all involved.



Loxton High School students excelled in the choreography of the High School Musical, held over three nights last week.



Grace Kelly (Gabriella), William Huezenroeder (Troy), Tahlia Hearn (Sharpay Evans) and Oscar Burgemeister (Ryan Evans) on stage for this year's production of High School Musical.



Little's passion for environment continues

A RIVERLAND landcare group will continue to have a local government representative present at committee meetings with the reappointment of a councillor.

At Berri Barmera Council's August ordinary meeting, Cr Adrian Little was endorsed to undertake the role with Berri Barmera Landcare for the fifth year.

In the request to council, Cr Little was recommended to continue in the role due to his "tenure and passion for the environment".

Berri Barmera Landcare has had a council representative attend its meetings throughout its 25-year history, and in its request stated it was "vital that this communication link continues" between the organisation and council.

The committee is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation, and oversees the implementation of its annual plan.



Hugo Kregar is one of four finalists for Apprentice of the Year at the 2023 South Australian Training Awards. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Hugo 'honoured' to be state finalist

ELYSE ARMANINI

HUGO Kregar has been named as a finalist for an upcoming state awards night, recognising the achievements of South Australians in the vocational education and training (VET) sector.

Mr Kregar, 21, is up against three others for Apprentice of the Year at the 2023 South Australian Training Awards and said he was "very honoured and excited" to be selected as a finalist.

"I was lucky enough to be shortlisted for judging, and chosen as a finalist after an interview with the judging panel," he said.

Mr Kregar said his Apprentice of the Year win at the 2022 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards in February "definitely helped" to prepare him for his state awards application.

Fellow young Riverlander Sakina Qambari won the School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year award at both the 2022 SA and Australian Training Awards after being a Vocational Awards finalist.

"I reached out to Sakina and asked her for some advice on applying, and she was really helpful," Mr Kregar said.

"It's just a waiting game from now until the awards night, which will be on 21 September in Adelaide."

Through Maxima Training Group, Mr Kregar completed his Certificate III in Carpentry with his father's Berri-based business Michael Kregar Building (MKB).

"I'd like to thank all of the highly skilled tradesmen at MKB who have taught me throughout my apprenticeship," he said.

"I'm very lucky to be working alongside some fantastic people.'

Mr Kregar is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction Management part time while continuing to work for MKB.

"I'm two years in to my bachelor studies, with three years to go," he said.

"It's been a really good way to learn as much as I can, and compare the management side of things to being on the tools as a carpenter. I learn a wide range of things, which is great."

SA Skills Commissioner Cameron Baker congratulated all finalists for this year's awards.

"The standard of entrants this year has been outstanding and should highlight to all South Australians the quality of our VET system and the positive impact it is having on both individuals and employers across the state," he said.

"The Commission and I look forward to acknowledging the hard work and dedication of all our finalists on the night and for the opportunity to bring industry and all VET stakeholders together to celebrate VET excellence from across our state."

Winners in the SA awards will go on to represent the state at the 2023 Australian Training Awards in Hobart on 17 November.



Conceptual designs for the shallow rock swale and beatification to be undertaken at the intersection of Anderson Terrace and Turnbull Terrace in Glossop as part of council's stormwater management. IMAGE: Berri Barmera Council

Upgrade for Glossop flooding hot-spot

A GLOSSOP intersection with a history of minor flooding is set to undergo a beautification initiative, with conceptual designs endorsed at last week's Berri Barmera Council ordinary meeting.

Designs for the Old Sturt Highway/ Anderson Terrace and Turnbull Terrace intersection feature a rock swale created to address persistent stormwater issues, and an overall beautification of the area.

Councillors shared praise for the conceptual designs during last Tuesday night's meeting, while Cr Bruce Richardson recalled the problem intersection being a topic of discussion for council "around 15 years ago".

"It's always that corner that's been an issue to drive through when it's raining,"

"I look at (the design) and think it's fantastic in concept, but I just wonder if it's a bit of an overkill in terms of how much water is there at any one time.

"In a lot of cases, after a big rain, it's a (wide area) but not very deep. I just wonder if in the future it might become difficult to maintain (such as) trying to keep the weeds out of it.'

Cr Andrew Kassebaum echoed some of Cr Richardson's comments.

"The stormwater is the big issue, because after any rain event there is water in that corner which is not helping the road surface at all," he said.

"If we can raise it and funnel the water off somehow into a 'water-sensitive urban design', then I think it's a win-win.

"It's a very dreary piece of dirt there. My only concern is I know there is limestone very close to the surface, so you won't be digging very deep."

Cr Adrian Little questioned why the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) was not responsible for paying for stormwater management, as Anderson Terrace was a state government-owned

In response, council manager infrastructure and operations David Pluckhahn said while the majority of the area was in a lower-depression point, "by pure design we have contributed to that corner being how it is now, collecting water".

Council heard that meetings with DIT over the past three years had proved unsuccessful, with "no action of responsibility to date from DIT and no solution" as stated in Mr Pluckhahn's report.

At the Infrastructure Asset and Works Committee meeting on 16 March, council approved the Glossop Streetscape Masterplan budget to be allocated to address stormwater issues at the site. The project was subsequently carried over to this financial year.

The indicative budget, not in its entirety, is likely "to be in excess of around \$30,000" according to Mr Pluckhahn.

Public school educators to strike this Friday for better conditions

STRIKE action by public school teachers around the state will occur this Friday, with some local educators expected to take part.

Following a ballot vote earlier this month – which saw 80 per cent of Australian Education Union (AEU) SA members vote in favour of industrial action thousands are expected to congregate at Parliament House in Adelaide.

The strike aims to fast-track the process of securing a deal with the State Government to resolve a pay dispute, with the union asking for a 20 per cent pay rise over three years and a support officer in every classroom to help manage teacher workloads.

By **ELYSE**

ARMANINI

AEU SA Branch president Andrew Gohl said he would "expect that there will be teachers and support staff in preschools and schools in the Riverland who'll be taking industrial action".

"Country members will be able to be part of a Facebook live event and participate remotely in the rally at Parliament House," he said.

"We've said consistently that this is not just about pay. It's about providing a set of working conditions that ensure our educators can provide the very best for South Australian stu-

"We care deeply about the education of children, and that's why this action is so important. We're asking for patience and support while we fight for your child's future."

Meanwhile, a spokesper-

son for the Department for Education said it would provide support to schools and preschools to "ensure that no child is turned away on Friday 1 September".

"Schools and preschools will be in touch with their parent communities later this week to advise what services will be available at each specific site," they said.

"We would urge families to keep an eye out for that advice." More information is expected

to be released tomorrow. - ELYSE ARMANINI



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Rollbusch Quality Meats owner Nigel Rollbusch (left) and his son Alex who also is a butcher with the Riverland business. PHOTO: supplied

Ham-pions at Rollbusch

has been recognised for producing the best boneless ham in Australia.

Waikerie and Barmera-based Rollbusch Quality Meats won the Australian Charcuterie Excellence Awards boneless ham category.

Rollbusch Quality Meats owner Nigel Rollbusch spent six months experimenting with a traditional brine for the maple cured ham and said his perseverance paid off.

"We use a mixture of timbers, predominantly Mallee, to smoke the ham," he said.

Mr Rollbusch said the judges at the recent presentation ceremony, held last Saturday in

A RIVERLAND butcher Melbourne, described the Riverland ham as having a "wow factor".

The butcher also received gold awards for its kransky, maple bacon, dry-cured Spanish bacon, and chorizo.

Its bone-in ham and kabana each earnt silver awards.

Mr Rollbusch said his smallgoods competed against those produced by national companies such as Bertocchi and Primo.

Не said South Australian smallgoods producers performed well in the awards.

"The German heritage of some of the state's butchers probably helps," Mr Rollbusch

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Boost to Mid Murray CFS capability

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Mid Murray CFS Group on Sunday celebrated the arrival of a bulk water carrier (BW10) and completion of the extensions to its depot at Waikerie.

The firefighting vehicle, funded through the emergency services levy, carries 10,000L of water and features a compressed-air foam system.

CFS Region 3 regional commander Shane Clinch said the BW10 would be a valuable asset in fighting fires in remote locations.

"The compressed foam system will extend the duration of the life of the water," he said.

"It also ensures the fire can be saturated and reduces the chance of it rekindling."

Mid Murray CFS group officer Graeme Ward said the Riverland West had been the last area in Region 3 to receive a BW10.

He said in the past, CFS volunteers fighting fires in remote parts of the Mid Murray where no reticulated water was available, had asked the Ridley Group at Cambrai, or the Chaffey Group at Monash to assist with their bulk water carriers.

Mr Ward said the BW10 would boost the ability to extinguish "chook manure fires, big shed and structure fires and almond and mulch fires" for CFS volunteers.

The Mid Murray CFS Waikerie headquarters has been extended to house the BW10 and equipment used by the group.



Waikerie CFS volunteers with the BW10 that will assist in extinguishing fires far more easily in remote areas of the Riverland West. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

The additions include an engine bay and an upstairs storage bay.

The project was also funded by the emergency services levy and contributions by the local CFS.

Mr Clinch said the extensions were recently completed after several years of delays caused by a shortage of material and labour due to the Covid-19 pan-

Waikerie CFS captain Shaun Arnold said the expansion of the building will provide more storage space.

"It is a group base, and the facility will allow more equipment to be stored here including the bulk water carrier," he said.

Mr Arnold said the BW10 would improve the firefighting capacity of the CFS, but more volunteers were still need-

"We need more volunteers on weekdays during work hours," he said.

"We have struggled to get one or two people on a truck to attend jobs and the Waikerie CFS are a bigger brigade that are attempting to back up Blanchetown and Morgan."

CFS officers and volunteers from by the Waikerie Rotary Club.



Mid Murray CFS group officer Graeme Ward receiving the keys to the bulk water carrier from South Australian Country Fire Service's assistant chief officer and executive officer business Tammy Moffat.

across the state, representatives from SA Police and SA Ambulance Service, and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton, were among those who attended the official ceremony on Sunday.

A barbecue lunch was also provided

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Countdown on for club's cup day

THE countdown has officially begun to the 2023 Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club's annual meeting, to be held on Sunday 17 September.

The club has stepped up preparations for the big day in recent weeks ahead of its major working bee, to be held at the Halidon racecourse this Sunday 3 September, from 9.30am.

"Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated," a club spokesperson said.

"We've got tasks that just about anyone can do, including cleaning and a general tidy-up.

"And the club will supply a barbecue lunch for everyone on hand too."

Anyone able to help is urged to contact the club via its Facebook page or just attend on the day.

The club is preparing for another bumper meeting, after a sell-out crowd of 2000 people attended last year's meeting, which attracted rave reviews from visiting industry participants - trainers and jockeys - and patrons.

"We were thrilled with the response to last year's meeting," the club spokesperson said.

To see all our hard work and effort rewarded with a big, and happy crowd, was wonderful.

"The club is blessed to have a group of passionate and diligent members and volunteers, determined to put on a good

Work on the track has been ongoing, with club officials confident it will be in fine shape for race day.

The Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club famously came back from the brink in 2022, when a strong club and community push saw the sport's state controlling body - Racing SA - reverse a decision to cease racing at the Halidon course.

A strong media push – spearheaded by The Murray Pioneer - and an online



petition, plus a club restructure, all contributed to the decision, however club members played the most important role, completing on-site works to the satisfaction of Racing SA.

Now boasting a strong, diverse committee, the club's future looks assured, and its focus is on staging the 2023 meeting.

A highlight of the day will be the 2023 Swan Reach Hotel Mindarie-Halidon Cup, carrying prizemoney of \$40,000 and to be contested over the 1800m middledistance journey. Total prizemoney on the day is a whopping \$157,000.

In addition to the racing action, the day will feature a long list of other attractions, including children's entertainment, fashions on the field, live music, and much more. The event will be fully catered.

The club recommends pre-booking tickets via Moshtix (search for 'Halidon').

Other details:

- No BYO alcohol permitted (fully catered)
- BBQ and canteen food available ☐ You can bring your own chairs and picnic tables
 - ☐ Gates open at 10am
 - ☐ First race shortly after midday
- ☐ Bookmakers and TAB services avail-





Angove Family Winemakers joint managing director Richard Angove (left) says a \$50,000 state government grant for Distillers South Australia will help grow international export markets for South Australian spirits. He is pictured with company chairman John Angove, and head distiller Ben Horley. PHOTO: supplied

Funding to showcase SA spirits

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A STATE government initiative is set to help producers of South Australian spirits target new international export destinations, according to a senior local industry figure.

The State Government earlier this month announced a \$50,000 grant for Distillers South Australia, for the development of an export strategy to enter new markets, build on existing partnerships and create jobs.

An international trade event, expected to be held next year, would also be established and aimed at highlighting the state's "topshelf offerings".

Angove Family Winemakers joint managing director, and Distillers South Australia committee member, Richard Angove said demand for local spirits already existed in Asian export markets.

"I certainly see the near-to-Australia markets as having very good potential, those being south-east Asia markets," Mr Angove said.

"We already have a number of customers we are selling our brandy and whisky to.

"The development of a strategic export plan... should be excellent in identifying target markets for all spirits, with the goal of looking at an international trade show featuring South Australian spirits."

Mr Angove said South Australia's reputation as a producer of premium spirits was growing.

"All producers have done a great job in anchoring South Australia as being the preeminent state for production and distillation of high-end spirits," he said.

"There's new players, and very old players such as ourselves... so we've got a good

our brandy and whisky to...

blend of old and new, legitimacy and a realness that I think is essential.

"There's different market segments, and I think South Australian spirit producers have an ability to appeal to multiple customer segments."

Minister for Trade Nick Champion said total domestic and international South Australian spirit sales were forecast to increase to between \$120 million and \$180 million by 2031.

"By developing a targeted strategy, led by industry, we are supporting the sector to grow while boosting our share of the nation's exports," Mr Champion said.

"We want more local producers to gain the recognition they deserve on the global stage, so establishing a premier trade event is another way we are attracting a bigger international audience."

Department for Investment and Trade director of trade Tim White said supporting access to international markets would "deliver jobs and growth for the state's economy".

"It will also showcase our world-class spirits offering to global consumers, enhancing South Australia's reputation as a premium beverage producer," Mr white said.

Mr Angove said international customers were attracted to the history behind many South Australian distilleries.

"Similar to many industries we need to have a viable export market to grow, so targeting exports as an area for growth is very important," he said.

² (Customers) like real stories, and like to know where the spirit is made and who's making it.

"Provenance is such an important piece of the puzzle when it comes to quality."

KO goes number one

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

AN ongoing desire to distil the best-possible spirits saw an iconic Riverland business highlighted at a major recent awards ceremony.

Renmark's St Agnes Distillery – operated by Angove Family Winemakers – earlier this month won the Best Brandy award at the 2023 Australian Distilled Spirits Awards for its XO Brandy, for the second year in a row.

Angove Family Winemakers joint managing director Richard Angove said the award was a testament to the high-quality spirits produced in Renmark.

"We're very passionate about our XO Brandy, and all of our brandies," Mr Angove said.

"It's exciting to win the award at one of Australia's pre-eminent shows, and we were also listed as a finalist for Distiller of the Year, which is excellent recognition for our long-term producer in the Riverland community.

"We're now doing tours of our distillery. It's a 100-yearold distillery, so people can come and really get a sense of where, and how, we make our spirits, and get an insight into what can be a mysterious blend between art and science."

Mr Angove said the brandy's strong characteristics – created in the blending process – were a key to the continued success.

"We're so fortunate that



Angove Family Winemakers Victoria state sales manager Gavin Stuart accepted the Best Brandy award for St Agnes' XO Brandy at the recent 2023 Australian Distilled Spirits Awards. PHOTOS: supplied.

we've got really lovely and old stocks of brandy to blend from," he said.

"With dark spirits, and brandy particularly, you've got to have patience and time. It's not like gin that you can make today and sell tomorrow.

"We're making spirits this year in 2023 that we're not going to sell until 2038. So it requires patience, and an excellent team.

"Our head distiller Ben Horley is incredibly experienced at blending and assessing quality."

Mr Angove said the brandy would continue to be a flagship product for both the distillery and Riverland.

"It's been something we've done since my great-grandfather built the distillery in Renmark, in 1911," he said.

"Fortunately his son did go away and study in cognac... that's how St Agnes was created.

"It's a trusted brand and it's a trusted spirit."



It is the second year in a row the XO Brandy has won the award.



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Student SALA art on display for all to see

ELYSE ARMANINI

ARTWORK by all students at a local school was last week exhibited as part of a statewide art festival.

Renmark Primary School showcased student work at an open exhibition with the theme Connecting through the Arts, as an official South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival event.

The school gym was set up for visitors and members of the school community to view the work undertaken throughout the school year so far, including painted pottery showcasing Greek myths, student interpretations of Salvador Dalí artworks, and drawings based on books students have read.

Renmark Primary School principal Sally Schwartzkopff said the event, the first SALA exhibition for the school, was "a huge success".

'All students had the opportunity to contribute artwork to the exhibition and we had approximately 150 people visit on the night," she said.

"Involvement in SALA provided us with not only an artistic opportunity for students to express themselves, but also a reason to invite families back into our school community. This has been something that has been difficult since Covid."

Mrs Schwartzkopff said she and her staff members were "extremely proud" to see student artwork on dis-

"The SALA art exhibition gave students a beautiful purpose to express themselves creatively, and when you bring all those pieces together they create a visual spectacle," she said.

"Seeing our students proudly showing off their art to their parents, carers and families when they visited the exhibition was very special."

A statement piece on the back wall of the gym reinforcing positive health messages was put together by health and physical education teacher Megan Petersen.

The Magic of Health display was a colourful, informative way to showcase what students have been learning, specifically how to keep physically, socially and mentally healthy.

"We discussed how art is a wonderful medium to spread positive messages to promote change for others and how we could use SALA to promote health for others," Mrs Petersen said in the artwork statement.

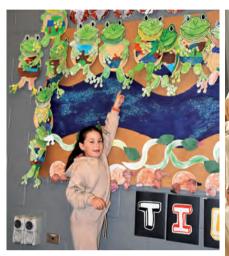
Teacher Sofy Pipinis was the "main driver" for the school's involvement in the

"She worked hard to bring it all together," Mrs Schwartzkopff said.

"A shout out also to all staff at the school who supported the festival, working with their class to create art, setting up the displays and supporting it on the night."



Health and physical education teacher Megan Petersen showing details of The Magic of Health display to visitors at the SALA exhibit at Renmark Primary School last week. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini



Renmark Primary School student Zienna Doevendans (year 1) shows which Tiddalik the Frog — based on the Dreaming Story of the same name — she



Pottery and drawings based on the Greek myth of Hercules.

Seeing our students proudly showing off their art to their parents, carers and families when they visited the exhibition was very special...

- Sally Schwartzkopff

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Many hands wanted to make workload light

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A LOCAL club is calling for members of the community to help with an upcoming initiative to assemble birthing kits for women in under-developed countries.

The Zonta Club of the Riverland will host the event on 10 September, with 800 kits needing assembly.

Zonta Riverland secretary Merylyn Rowe said the kits are designed and distributed by the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) to "help reduce maternal and newborn mortality" overseas.

"They all come in individual components and they're all put together in the kit," Ms Rowe said.

"They then get sent to women in countries that need support and don't have the facilities that we have.

Each kit contains six items to provide basic infection protection and first-line child-

- ☐ Gauze to wipe the newborn's eyes
- ☐ A plastic sheet to prevent contact with an unhygienic surface
- ☐ Soap to wash the birth attendant's hands and mother's perineum
 - ☐ Ties for the umbilical cord
- ☐ A blade to cut the cord, sterilised to reduce sepsis and tetanus risk
- ☐ Gloves for the birth attendant for protection against HIV and other infections.

To date, according to BKFA, more than 2.7 million clean birth kits have been distributed to women in need.

Everyone is welcome to attend the assembly day – held at the Berri Senior Citizens Hall, 4 Draper Road, from 1pm - with afternoon tea provided.

For more information on the assembly day, contact Jenny Boyd by phone (0429 357 599) or email (kcboyd@antmail.com.au).



COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS: Renmark Paringa Council held a citizenship ceremony prior to its August general meeting, with elected members and staff present. Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter (right) is pictured with Swetaben Aasutosh and daughter Dhanvi, and other family members. PHOTOS: supplied



New citizen Navgeet Singh with Mr Hunter.









Callie Balshaw, 4, as Supergirl and Lettie Balshaw, 1, as a pirate, both from Renmark Children's Centre.



Chad Modlinksi from Renmark West Preschool as Grug, and Jed Modlinski (year 4) from Renmark West Primary School as Hot Dog.



Jenson Hardwick (year 4) as Jigsaw from Ratbags, and Madden Hardwick (year 6) as Greg Heffley from Diary of a Wimpy Kid, both from St Joseph's School Renmark.



Thomas Hume (reception) as the Grinch and Lucy Proud (reception) as Cindy Lou Who, both from Loxton Lutheran School.



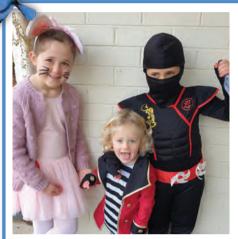
Della Lange, 6, from Loxton Lutheran School dressed up as items from Charlotte's Web, and Spence Lange, 3, from Woodleigh and Loxton Lutheran ELC as ET.



Kaylee Sumner as the Rainbow Unicorn and Hayden Sumner (year 3) from St Joseph's School Renmark, as the Lorax.



Dressed up as Prince Charming and his princesses were siblings Macy (year 3), Kira (year 1), Owen (reception) and Anna McCullough (year 5), all from Loxton Lutheran School.



Angelina (year 2) from Loxton Lutheran School as Angelina Ballerina, Jonah, 2, as Captain Hook, and Jericho Knowling (reception) from Loxton Lutheran School as a ninja from Lego Ninjago.



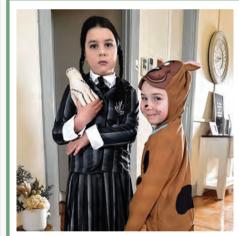
Finniss Norman from Loxton Lutheran School ELC Kindy Class as Neil Armstrong.



Witley Norman from Woodleigh as Frida Kahlo.



Ruby Fielke (year 1) from Loxton Primary School as Elton John.



Alyssia (year 3) as Wednesday Addams and Zaeli Pedisic (year 1) as Scooby Doo, both from Monash Primary School.

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MEET AND GREET: One Nation MLC Sarah Game held a 'meet and greet' at the Berri Hotel last Thursday night. Pictured with Ms Game are Matthew Chapple (left), of Berri, and Giuseppe Catalano, 17, of Renmark. Ms Game was in the Riverland for two days last week for a Legislative Council Select Committee hearing on hunting native birds.



Michael Catalano, of Renmark, One Nation SA Legislative Council Member Sarah Game, and Calvin Hoye, of Loxton, at the Berri Hotel last week. PHOTOS: Paul Mitchell



The year one/two class at Barmera Primary School embraced Book Week last week. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



The Barmera Primary School year two/three students got into the spirit of Book Week, with the class sporting a couple of minions and even a handful of wizards.



A couple of characters from Diary of a Wimpy Kid joined the Barmera Primary School year three/four class for Book Week last week.



The year four/five class from Barmera Primary School at their Book Week parade last week.



The year six class at Barmera Primary celebrated its final Book Week at the school.



Barmera Primary School teachers got involved with the Book Week Parade.



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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: A 30-year premiership reunion was celebrated recently by members of the first winning A1 Loxton North Netball Club team. Pictured are Tanya Fielke (back, left) and Marlene 'Bonnie' Tyler (coach), with Karina Tschirpig (front, left), Kylie Wooldridge, Deb Scott and Sue George. Patti Wright and Annette Schulz were absent.PHOTO: supplied



THE BEST MEDICINE: Local participants at the Shazza's Happydemic Laughter on the Lake event, held earlier this month at Lake Bonney. PHOTO: Glenda Malinovski



RADIO STARS: Magic 93.1 radio duo Brooke and Bob held a live broadcast from Renmark's Harvey Norman store Saturday, which also ran alongside a fundraiser sausage sizzle for local hip hop dancers Jayda Lambert and Chloe Marschall. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

Guided tours of The Pines Historic House are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903)

WEEKLY

Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am. Inquiries to

Ruth (0428 899 506). **WEEKLY**

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

WEEKLY

Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at Renmark Lutheran Church. 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer (8595 1560).

WEEKLY

Social badminton at the Barmera Recreation Centre Thursday evenings, 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings, 9am to 10.30am. Racquets available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

U3A Riverland yoga in the CWA rooms, Loxton. Every Wednesday from 9.30am.

Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising.

WEEKLY

Renmark Bowling Club on Cowra Street would like to welcome you to bingo. Every Thursday night from 7pm.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.

The **SACWA Loxton District Branch** meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft.

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

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584

WEEKLY

Rock 'n' roll and partner dancing at Monash Community Hall Mondays from 7pm to 10pm with the River Rock Dance Club. \$5 entry, visitors welcome to come along and enjoy great music, dancing and a friendly atmosphere.

WEEKLY

AA meetings throughout the Riverland. Kingston Institute Hall, Sunday, 2pm. Loxcare, Tuesday, 8pm. Chaffey Community Centre, Wednesday, 7pm. Loxton Uniting Church Hall, Thursday, 12.30pm. St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Berri, Thursday, 8pm.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Loxton Historical Village open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, and public holidays. Pet friendly. Phone 8584 7194 or visit the website (www.thevillageloxton.com.au).

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Loxton Senior Citizens Club meet every Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm at RVCC, corner of Bookpurnong Road and View Street. New members welcome. Please phone Jean (8584 7313).

WEEKLY

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

Mainly Music for children aged 0 to 5 at Rivergum Christian College. Every Thursday, 10am to 11.30am during school terms. \$5 per week, per family. Cost goes towards morning tea for adults, pack a snack for your child. Come and try your first session free.

MONTHLY

MONTHLY

Berri Barmera Garden Club meets every third Sunday of the month at the Riverland Central Church in Mortimer Road, Berri at 1.30pm. New members welcome. For more information phone John (0409 885 811).

MONTHLY The Loxton Legacy Widow Group meet

10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall.

on the fourth Monday of the month at

Loxcare Community Hub free mobile phone/tablet/computer questions and answers on the third Friday of each month from 10am. Enjoy a cuppa and learn about your devices as part of the Be Connected

Network. **THURSDAY 31 AUGUST**

Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Riverland Boxing. Doors open at 6pm, seated by 6.30pm for eyes

down at 7pm. Don't be late to join in the fun.

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

Daffodil Day celebrations across the Riverland, with Cancer Council Riverland Branch stalls set up on Barwell Ave in Barmera, East Terrace in Loxton, in Berri Central Plaza and Berri Woolworths.

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support

Group meeting to prepare for brochure launch. All welcome to attend at the Waikerie RSL in Thompson Street, from 10am to 11.30am.

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Father's Day craft activities for all ages at Barmera library from 3.30pm.

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Alive Day to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Loxton Historical Village. Working exhibits, demonstrations, food and craft stalls, activities and more, plus the release of the 50th anniversary book. Open 10am to 4pm, pet friendly and wheelchair acces-

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Loxton Neighbourhood Watch meeting, 7.30pm in the Pyap Room, Loxton Hotel. Guest speaker is Karen Rubarth talking about services available at the Loxton library. All welcome.

Zonta Club of the Riverland Birthing Kit Assembly day at the Berri Senior Citizens Club from 1pm. Phone Merylyn (0457 460 799) or Jenny (0429 357 599) for informa-

TUESDAY 12 & 26 SEPTEMBER

Get Creative with the Barmera Theatre Gallery, 4pm at the Barmera library. Explore different styles of art, learn new techniques and create original artworks. Bookings appreciated, call 8588 2872.

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Renmark Lions Club 'fundraising bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Many bargains. EFTPOS available, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).



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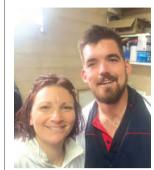
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ON THE SIDELINES: Riverland-based MLC Nicola Centofanti acted as a trainer for Berri Football club. alongside Layton Dack, during a recent RFL match against Renmark. PHOTO: supplied

New mental health figure

SUPPORTING the mental health of Riverlanders is the goal of a new senior state government figure.

Global mental health leader Taimi Allan has been appointed as mental health commissioner for South Australia.

Ms Allan's appointment marks the first time in more than three years the state will have a full-time mental health com-

Originally from South Australia, Ms Allan is currently director of Ember Innovations, was appointed to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission in New Zealand, was mental health advisor to the Royal Commission on Abuse in State Care and was deputy chair of the Suicide Mortality Review Committee.

Minister for Health Chris Picton said "Taimi is an incredible South Australian, renowned globally for her work in mental health".

"I have every confidence she will embrace the role of the mental health commissioner and help us deliver the needed improvements to the broader mental health system across our state," he

As the mental health commissioner Ms Allan will help the State Government support the mental health and wellbeing of

Riverland residents. She will work in partnership with people with lived experience of mental illness, their families and carers, plus mental health providers, the Premier's advocate for suicide prevention Nadia Clancy, charities and national mental health bodies to help improve mental health pathways.

Ms Allan said "I used the mental health system in South Australia through my teens and twenties and I know how difficult navigating the system can be".

"My own recovery has led to me working in mental health for the past 20 years and I am delighted I can now bring everything I have learned back home," she said.

'I want to bring hope to South Australians. Recovery is not just possible, but probable.'

Riverland-based MLC NICOLA CENTOFANTI has supplied the following opinion piece examining the impacts of rising costs and shifts to new technology on the agriculture industry...

Our primary production being put under siege?

A FEW weeks ago, the Western Australia Labor Government learned a valuable lesson in trying to push through laws that affect food producers.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act was rushed through Parliament and came into effect on 1 July, with very little consultation with those that it impacted the most.

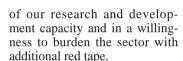
The WA Government has since stated it will overturn the Act, hopefully ending the fiasco. However, it illustrates what happens when you leave policy making to a bunch of city-centric bureaucrats with little understanding of what it is like to try to run businesses that provide food and fibre for the

Agriculture in Australia is currently under siege from new legislation and regulations proposed by state and federal Labor Governments indifferent or outright hostile to the interests and needs of this vital sector.

This is despite continuous price rises in food with inflation hurting everyday Australians.

We see it in recent federal changes to immigration schemes which pose to cripple industry's access to labour, in the march towards net zero with little regard to our primary producers, in the continued erosion





In 2023 primary producers face a range of increased costs from decisions made by government departments within the state and in Canberra.

Recently, the horticultural industry has talked to me about "accelerated greenwashing" being forced on the producers of our food and fibre – which is causing a lot of concern.

They're advised to eliminate things like industrial wrap, used to keep products safely on a pallet, but without a readily available alternative.

They're told to avoid Styrofoam crates, but no insulated credible option exists without risking produce dam-

They're encouraged to adopt solar, but as soon as they buy and install solar panels on their packing sheds, the connection and network costs skyrocket up to 30 per cent.

It's not just electricity that is up. Agricultural fertilisers and chemical costs are up. Fuel is up. Labour costs are up.

For industries like fresh produce which generally operate on 1 to 5 per cent margins, every cost to our farmers translates to increased costs for the con-

Industry is begging for a pause on rapid changes until affordable technology is available, and I think they deserve to be heard.

We can't expect smallbusiness packers to buy costly equipment to change their production methods overnight, especially when they know that new packaging will result in a huge increase in accelerated spoilage.

Office bureaucrats with 'niceto-have' ideas are creating massive food waste and sending producers to the financial brink.

Agriculture has long excelled in adopting technological innovations. For example, South Australian start-up Flux is utilising AI for targeted weed treatment in crops and orchards, drastically reducing herbicide

Agronomists use drones daily for soil mapping, microclimate analysis, crop health and even harvest yield prediction.

Livestock producers are trialling virtual fencing on properties, allowing better herd management on rangelands.

This industry embraces tech and innovation, pioneering waste re-purposing and holistic plant solutions. But what is unhelpful is aggressively mandating change without consulta-

The industry will thrive when they are part of the solution, not viewed by city academics and pen-pushers as the bulk of the problem.

Governments need to show some respect for our food and fibre producers, and the communities they support.

We need an orderly transition to ensure technology and our producers can keep up and - conversely - prices stay down for consumers.

In the current cost-of-living crisis governments of all levels need to get serious about supporting primary production and other sectors which are the lifeblood of our community and economy.

To continue pressing ahead with policies that add burden to our primary production sector is inexcusable in the current climate and reflects a lack of understanding of the key issues facing our famers.



Joyce Gurr, Sandy Sheahan and Bernadette Pash at Ladies **Probus** Club's 37th birthday celebration. held at the Loxton Club. PHOTOS: supplied



Sandy Sheahan and Glenda Campbell.



Sandy Sheahan and Jean Chisholm.

Loxton Ladies Probus members celebrate group's 37th birthday

ABOUT 80 members, along with visiting clubs, gathered at the Loxton Club early in July to celebrate the 37th birthday of the Loxton Ladies Probus Club.

Lunch was served, followed by a beau-

tiful birthday cake supplied by Country Bakehouse.

Flowers were presented to Jean Chisholm on the occasion of her 90th birthday, and Jean had the honour of cutting the cake.

Certificates were awarded to Joyce Gurr for 35 years and Bernadette Pash for 25 years, and new member Glenda Campbell was inducted.

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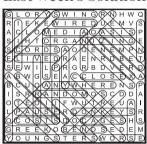
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August 2023 Horoscopes: week 5

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A series of negative aspects to Mercury could make communication challenging at times later in the week. Don't rely on someone who has let you down in the past. Romance. You are in a very positive mood, and will achieve a great deal, so long as you are not put off by the people around

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Make sure that you use your excess energy wisely. You will become frustrated if you feel that you are being held up by others. Romance. Your partner will be very impressed by a warm-hearted gesture made on the spur of the moment. A positive aspect to Venus may help to move your relationship to an even deeper level

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

You need to co-operate with someone you don't normally get on with. This may prove to be a useful lesson. A new project should finally get off the ground. Romance. You may be surprised to find out who has suddenly taken an interest in you. You won't be quite as keen as they are!

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Time spent travelling will be wasted unless you plan your trips properly. A happy-go-lucky outlook may not work: you need to get the details right. Romance. Provided you feel secure enough, you will be in a very romantic mood. An unexpected encounter later in the week will be interesting.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A powerful aspect to Jupiter could bring luck your way this week. A risk which seems unlikely at the time may pay off. Don't expect to get out more than you put in, however. Romance. A comment which is misunderstood could create embarrassment for the person concerned.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

You will be surprised how easily it is to get irritated by your colleagues at work. Don't give them a chance! Romance. You may get a little anxious if things don't quite work out according to plan. You will have to be flexible, especially later in the week, when a difficult aspect to Mercury could cause issues with communications.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Don't take the credit for everything: somebody who helped you recently may need more encouragement than you realise. Your generosity to that person will be appreciated. Romance. Don't let a minor obstacle stop you from getting what you want. You may need to be a little more flexible about what is really important to you at the moment.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

You are good at organising and motivating other people. Try to get your friends together for an evening out this week - you will be glad that you did. Romance. Your partner may seem to be a little too interested in someone that they have recently met. Don't get too suspicious!

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

Try to get family support for any changes that you make: there could be serious opposition from one person, in particular. Romance. Your love-life will soon be in very good shape. Use this opportunity to the full. Don't be afraid to make your feelings known - just choose the right moment!

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

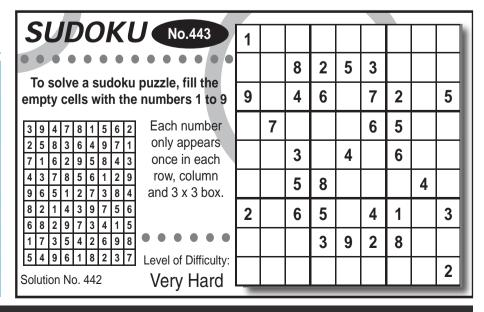
Be careful that your co-worker don't try to boss you around. One of them wants to give you advice, but this may seem more like an attempt to control you. Romance. Your relationship with your partner could come under a slight amount of strain this week. You will need to work together to resolve your

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

This is a good week to tackle some issues that have been bothering you recently. You have the energy to deal with them well right now. Romance. Your relationship with a friend at work will soon become less formal. You have a great deal in common with this person.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

This will be an excellent time to make up for a recent disappointment. Don't forget to thank the person who helped you to deal with it: you will need their help again. Romance. A rather unsubtle approach may embarrass you slightly. The person concerned means well, however



Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum committee chairman ANN RYAN has prepared the following article regarding the relocation of the Heritage Listed Renmark site Bangalore to the Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum...

Bangalore relocation: the time to act is now

Renmark branch National Trust SA Chairman

BANGALORE was Heritage Listed in 1985 and the owner Beryl Morant was allowed to remain living there until she died in 2007, aged 97.

During this period there was \$12,000 allocated yearly by the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) to maintain the buildings and fruit property, plus a Conservation Plan was also drawn up in 1994, although we have not been able to access a copy. We believe a new roof was put on the house at this time.

On 6 April 2006, the Renmark Branch of the National Trust – Olivewood, held a meeting with direct descendants of Beryl Morant, the Renmark Paringa Council CEO, assistant to, the Chaffey MP, Renmark Irrigation Trust representatives, National Trust members, 6 DEH officers and a local fruit grower.

From that meeting it was clear the family were very keen to preserve this heritage and one of the options they suggested was that the building be dismantled and relocated to Olivewood. The landowner would cover the cost of the move and the family would cover the cost of rebuilding.

After Beryl Morant passed, the family removed personal items and the property was eventually sold in 2014. Since that time attempts have been made to preserve the historical buildings and equipment.

There was an article in the Riverland Weekly, on 2 November 2011, while the building was still owned by DEH, titled 'Preserving History'. An article also appeared in the Sunday Mail on 20 November 2011, titled 'Decaying 121-year-old homestead may be demolished'. The Murray Pioneer ran a story on 30 July 2013 titled 'Piece of history in pieces'. Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone submitted questions to Parliament in 2013 about the Conservation Plan.

In 2021 the nephew of Beryl Morant, Peter Loveday, wrote and published the book Bangalore Dies with Me, the title was a phrase Beryl stated would happen to Bangalore after she was gone.

Chapter one, Renmark Beginnings, references the Chaffey Brothers and that both homes – Olivewood and Bangalore – were built by A.F Matulick of Renmark in the late 1800s.

The Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum management committee held a meeting with Heritage SA on 6 June 2022, to once more address the demise of Bangalore and to have the building and artefacts moved to Olivewood and set up on the vacant land behind the packing shed.

An inspection of Bangalore was undertaken at the time and Heritage SA has now given us permission to move it to Olivewood.

Mammoth Movers from Adelaide have also attended and inspected both buildings. The main wooden



Photos from inside the historic Bangalore homestead, in Renmark, which could be relocated to the Olivewood museum grounds. PHOTOS: supplied

home could be moved, complete with veranda and chimney. The condition of the adjacent kitchen/office and surrounds would take some repairs, but this is far from impossible.

Costs could also be minimised if we could provide equipment on this end.

Bangalore is currently located on a privately owned working fruit property and is inaccessible to the general public.

Relocating Bangalore to Olivewood would allow tourist access and secure its long-term preservation.

The National Trust of SA Branch Governance Manual – Branch Profile 2.3 references our objective as "to conserve our local heritage, our buildings and artefacts for future generations. We would also like to be more proactive in heritage issues locally so that our local council comes to us for advice on local heritage issues".

A significant part of Renmark's heritage is deteriorating rapidly. It has been an ongoing drawn-out issue that needs to be acted upon.

Correspondence over the years at Olivewood shows members of parliament were contacted, family were prepared to assist, and DEH approved the move, but nothing eventuates – the priority now is getting the project costed and accessing grant money, plus fundraising.

My drive and passion to ensure Bangalore is not lost and will be accessible to the public and compliment Olivewood as a tourist attraction is unwavering.





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- 2. Rosalind, Orlando and Touchstone are characters in which of William Shakespeare's plays?
- 3. How many tournament grass courts are there at Wimbledon All England Club?
- 4. Which European country has the longest coastline?
- 5. How long is a rugby union match, excluding stoppage time?
- 6. Zymology is a science concerned with the study of fermentation. True or false?

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7. Which star sign is King Charles III?

- 8. What in the national flower of the Netherlands?
- What was the name of the fictional woodcarver who created the puppet 'Pinocchio'
- 10. "Looking from a window above, it's like a story of love. Can you hear me?" These are the opening lyrics to which 1982 hit?
- 11. What was the name of the Labrador retriever who featured in the Australian soap 'Neighbours' between 1987 and 1993?
- 12. 'Honey Ryder' was a 'Bond Girl' played by which actress?
- 13. What word can come before colour, fall and log?

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- 14. Which book of the Bible tells the story of Samson and Delilah?
- 15. Baku is the capital of which country?
- 16. In which year did Yuri Gagarin become the first human to travel into space?
- 17. In which year was Halley's Comet last visible from Farth?
- 18. From which language does the word 'futon' originate?
- 19. In which Hawaiian city was Barack Obama born?
- 20. In rugby union, a bonus point is awarded to a team that scores at least how many tries in a match?

BONUS QUESTION:

Which action packed TV series won Best Drama award at the Emmy Awards in 1967 and 1968? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 33

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Riverland Dirt Kart Championships overall winner Cameron Brooks (Adelaide). PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



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Junior light: 1st Archer Johnson, 2nd Declan Swart, 3rd Brayden Furler.



Junior heavy: 1st Jack Lambert, 2nd Sienna Reichstein, 3rd Aiden Lambe.



KT light: 1st Cameron Brooks, 2nd Kayla Squiers, 3rd Bailey Fridd.



KT medium: 1st Luke Squiers, 2nd Jacob Childs, 3rd Zachary Muir.



KT heavy: 1st Teresa Cornwell, 2nd Bruce Muir.



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125cc light: 1st Jordan Squiers, 2nd Jacob Childs, 3rd Aaron Ooyendyk.



125cc heavy 1st Lincoln Till, 2nd Shane Price, 3rd Shani Chapman.



Outlaw: 1st Brett Morgan, 2nd Travis Parry, 3rd Lachie Shephard.



Inter-club challenge winners: Blanchetown.



Roos send Panthers packing

A COMPREHENSIVE performance from a defensive juggernaut secured one team's passage into the 2023 RFL grand final on Saturday afternoon, while simultaneously causing a straight sets exit for a rival club.

For the third time this season, Barmera-Monash emerged victorious in an away fixture against Loxton North, but this win meant more than most.

The Roos restricted the Panthers to just one behind in the second half, setting up a memorable 22-point win on a sunny Saturday at Panther Park and booking the side's spot in the 2023 decider.

It made for a disappointing end to what was an impressive season from the Panthers, but the better team on the day triumphed, following a strong four-quarter effort from Fraser Sampson's side.

After an inconsistent start to the year, the Roos were dragged into a prolonged battle for a spot in the top four, which Sampson believes has stood his side in good stead come finals.

"From round 10 onwards we really set ourselves up to have a tilt at making the finals," he said.

"The fact the competition has been so close throughout the season, we've been in a position where we just had to keep winning and keep playing our best footy.

"It certainly held us in good stead and we've had some



strong arm wrestles throughout the year."

Saturday afternoon's contest was no different, with North holding a slender lead at the first break before the visitors wrestled back the ascendancy heading into half-time.

"They were pretty disciplined with their ball use to start off with and made us accountable defensively early," Sampson said of the opening stanza.

We had to adjust a little bit with how we set up and the amount of pressure we have on the ball, and I felt like from that point on we managed to play it a bit more on our terms.

"I was really content with how we handled the pressure and absorbed the heat, and didn't allow them to get away to a three or four goal lead at quarter time."

A stalemate ensued in the third term, with neither side able to hit the scoreboard, until a monster goal from Barmera skipper Michael Mock finally broke the deadlock late in the quarter.

"We had pretty good dominance in the second quarter and started the third well, but we couldn't quite put it on the scoreboard," Sampson said.

"To get that one in the third, 'Mocky' is a pretty influential character, so when it's some-

one like him coming from down back to do it...

"If you ask him, it was from 70m out. He certainly gets the boys going."

Barmera-Monash veteran Jake Smith applied the finishing touches in the final term, slotting home a set shot to all but secure the victory for the Roos.

The Panthers tried and ultimately failed to get their run-and-gun gamestyle going throughout the match, but the Roos came prepared.

"I think it showed in the first quarter when we didn't have enough pressure through the midfield and forward line..." Sampson said.

"The backs were struggling to keep them out and they were able to springboard off half-back and take marks.

"The fact that our forwards upped their games and our midfielders became more accountable certainly helped us out."

Defender Jack Sullivan was named best, continuing his impressive finish to the year, while young guns Max Pietrolaj and Ayden Hodgson were also influential.

Mock shone as the general down back alongside Dillon Millard, and his goal proved pivotal in what was a lowscoring contest.

Midfielder Ben Drogemuller booted two firsthalf goals for the Roos, while Mitch Wellington was useful as a tall, marking target alongside Reece Lehmann.

For North, Jack Obst battled



Barmera-Monash skipper Michael Mock kicks forward while stalwart Jake Smith puts a strong bump on Loxton North player Adam Westley. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

hard to provide a tall target down the line, while defenders Codi Voumard and Bradley Beswick kept their side in the contest with a plethora of intercept marks in their defensive half.

The Panthers, who were missing star midfielder Joel Worsfold, end the 2023 season with a 10-7 record, a great improvement on their solitary win last season.

But for Terry Eleftheriadis' side, it is a case of what could have been, after wowing crowds in the opening half of the season with their attacking play.

For Barmera-Monash, attention now turns to Saturday's decider at Waikerie, with Renmark standing between the Roos and premiership glory.



Jack Sullivan takes a strong pack mark.



BEST: Barmera-Monash - J. Sullivan, M. Wellington, A. Hodgson, M. Pietrolaj, D. Westley, M. Mock. Loxton North - C. Voumard, B. Beswick, S. Lewis, D. Eleftheriadis, A. Kudra, T. Kent. GOALS: Barmera-Monash - B. Drogemuller 2, A. Hodgson, M. Mock, J. Smith, M. Wilden. Loxton North - J. Obst 2, T. Eleftheriadis, R. Proud.

SWATTY'S JUNIOR FOOTY FIX









5RM goes big for grand final

The Riverland & Mallee's 5RM will have no less than 10 hours of live coverage from this Saturday's RFL Grand Final.

Trevor Scott will conduct his 'Sideline View' program live from the Waikerie Oval, prior to the 'Game of the Day' grand final coverage, featuring 5RM's RFL commentary team of Lachie Winnall, Trevor 'Nobby' Norton and Ben Lennon.

"It's been another big undertaking this year for 5RM Riverland Football and for this week we're lifting our game once again," 5RM's Lachie Winnall said.

"We wanted to make sure nothing was missed from all the grand finals this weekend, and it's great to see 'The Sideline View' being broadcast from the boundary line.

5RM's general manager Greg Bakker said "The continued live coverage adds to 5RM's lengthy commitment to Riverland Football and the wider Riverland community."

"Trevor Scott will be in his element at the grand final; however, I can't see us changing the name of his program to 'The Boundary Line'".

Saturday's 5RM coverage can be found at 91.5FM and 801AM in addition to the iheartRA-DIO app.

8 - 10AM: SPORTS SATURDAY 10AM - 2PM: THE SIDELINE VIEW WITH TREVOR SCOTT 2-6PM: 2023 RFL GRAND FINAL



Ramco triumphed over Murrayville to keep its inaugural MVFNL season alive on Saturday afternoon. PHOTO: Facebook

Roosters crow while Murrayville sings the Blues

A SURPRISE defeat has brought an end to one club's first season of Riverland football, with just two matches now remaining in the Murray Valley Football League's inaugural campaign.

Murrayville entered its contest with Ramco boasting two more wins than its opponents for the duration of the home and away season, and a positive percentage differential of 13, but the Roosters came to play.

Ramco stunned the travelling Victorian side at Blanchetown Oval in the first game of the day, shooting out to a lead at the main break.

The Roosters kicked five goals to two in the second

term to secure the advantage at half-time, with skipper Jack Parfitt at the heart of the action, but the Blues were far from done.

Murrayville turned the tables in the third term, reversing the effort of the second quarter to head into the final break just three points adrift.

But, the fourth-placed side stormed home in the final term, holding Murrayville to just one goal while booting four of their own to secure the victory.

Jesse Consalvo, playing deep forward for the Roosters, booted four majors in the win, as did centre half forward Brodie Fridd, who was able to take a number of strong marks

throughout the day.

Parfitt was named best in the victory and added three goals of his own, as did Adam Burckett, while for the Blues, Lachlan Dumaresq and Geordie Franks kicked four each.

The midfield battle between Darcy Crane and Adam Weir was split fairly evenly, but the Roosters were able to generate more scoring opportunities and were able to convert with reasonable accuracy.

They take on Brown's Well in this Saturday's preliminary final at Cambrai, after the Bombers fell well short of ladder-leaders Sedan-Cambrai in the qualifying final.

The Magpies burst out of

the blocks to establish an early lead, booting nine first-quarter goals to Brown's Well's three, leaving the Bombers to play catch-up for the remainder of the day.

The flag favourites continued to build on their lead throughout the afternoon, kicking four goals to one in the second term, before finishing the game strong with eight second-half goals to two for the Bombers.

Brown's Well was wasteful in front of goal, finishing the day with six goals and 10 behinds, but the Magpies had the bulk of the chances.

Skipper Steve Kain finished with four, as did Jackson Le Couteur, while Jack grace and Dillon Harding combined for six majors. **RESULTS**

On-baller Jake Hood was named best for the victors, while fellow midfielder Matt Phillips starred in a disappointing outing for the Bombers.

Bryce Victor was a solid contributor up forward, but his four goals failed to keep his side in the hunt.

The Bombers will now need to regroup ahead of a sudden-death preliminary final against the Roosters.

Ramco will go into the contest full of confidence, having knocked off the Bombers just a fortnight ago, while Sedan-Cambrai will relish a week off to prepare for another grand final appearance.

RESULTS ELIMINATION FINALRamco 15.9 (99) d Murrayville

Best: Ramco - J. Parfitt, A. Weir, K. Kuchel, B. Fridd, R. Carter, J. Moxham. Murrayville - L. Dumaresq, R. Lewis, K. Gohl, D. Crane, G. Franks, J. Durdin. Goals: Ramco - J. Consalvo, B.

Fridd 4, A. Burckett, J. Parfitt 3, J. Moxham. Murrayville - L. Dumaresq, G. Franks 4, N. Wright-Bramfit 3, R. Lewis. **QUALIFYING FINAL** Sedan-Cambrai 21.11 (137) d

Brown's Well 6.10 (46).
Best: Sedan-Cambrai - J. Hood, R.
Loffler, B. Hutchings, A. Redden,
A. Grieger, J. Kain. Brown's Well M. Phillips, J. Kelton, P. Elliott, B.
Victor, P. Flavel, S. Cocks.
Goals: Sedan-Cambrai - S. Kain,
J. Le Couteur 4, J. Grace, D.
Harding 3, C. Rodriguez-Jamez,
C. Thompson 2, J. Hood, N. Le
Couteur, N. Schulz. Brown's
Well - B. Victor 4, T. Charity, M.

Inaugural Medallist to be named

THE inaugural Mail Medallist of the Murray Valley Football League will be crowned on Sunday afternoon at the Cobdogla Club, and a number of candidates are well in contention.

The Duthie Medal, which has carried its name over from the now defunct Riverland Independents, is awarded to the competition's best and fairest player across the home and away matches.

Among the most promising candidates is last year's winner Cameron Thompson of Sedan-Cambrai.

The midfielder racked up plenty of touches and has an eye for goal, booting 47 majors in 13 matches this season for the undefeated Magpies.

Working against him is the starstudded players alongside him in black and white, with Jacob Grieger and Russell Loffler likely to poll well.

At the other end of the ladder, Fraser Peters was named in the best for Paringa in 11 of his 12 games for the Swans and looks to be the best chance for the side.

Brown's Well has a host of chances, namely Jack Kelton who was named in the best in every game he played for the Bombers, while Bryce Oxlade and Matt Phillips are also strong chances.



Last year's Duthie Medallist Cam Thompson will be a major player in this season's count on Sunday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Kelly Gohl and Ryan Lewis should feature prominently for newcomers Murrayville, while newly-minted BSR skipper Cam Horstmann is a chance to bring home the top award.

Also in the mix is Jack Moxham of Ramco, along with ruck-

man Jack Parfitt, while Tarquin Schulz and Riley Stasinowsky are Wunkar's best chances.

Entertaining the masses will be Murrayville favourite son and former Carlton player Trent Sporn, with the netball best and fairest count also set to take place.



Riverland umpire Kayla Tsorotiotis officiated her 150th RFL game on Saturday afternoon at Panther Park. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

2023 RFL GRAND FINAL PREVIEW Renmark VS Barmera-Monash



BEN LENNON

A RIVERLAND Football League season blessed with a plethora of twists and turns will come to an end on Saturday afternoon at Waikerie, with a slice of history belonging to the winner of the 2023 decider.

Saturday afternoon's RFL grand final sees a galvanised Barmera-Monash take on reigning premier Renmark, in a contest set to enthral for a number of reasons.

On the sidelines, the roo crew meets the dog pack, but on the field, only one side wearing blue will emerge victorious and hoist the RFL trophy following the final siren of the 2023 season.

The history

Renmark's recent history has been well publicised, with three flags in the past three seasons entrenching the current Rovers as one of the best of the modern era.

"It's obviously been incredible, but at the same time we're blessed to be playing in a grand final," Renmark coach Josh Vater said.

"Some people are playing in their first, others will be playing in their fifth in a row, so we're just taking it for what it is.

"It's a great opportunity and a privilege to be in the club environment that we've had over the past few years."

S FLISION

Renmark skipper Matt Woolford will line up for a shot at a fourth consecutive premiership on Saturday, alongside brothers Tim and Dan.

Conversely, this will be Barmera-Monash's first grand final appearance since 2016, and should the Roos emerge victorious, their first premiership since the 2012 season.

Club stalwart Jake Smith and returning Whillas Medallist Dillon Millard are the only two players set to feature on Saturday that played in the triumph over Waikerie just over a decade ago.

"You could tell it meant a fair bit to the club, giving ourselves a chance to take it out, so it was a pretty proud feeling," Roos coach Fraser Sampson said.

"That's what I said to the boys, that I was proud of what we've been able to achieve so far but also made sure that we keep our eye on the prize, and sell that belief that we genuinely are a chance that we can take it out."

From the Roos' most recent premiership to their inaugural salute as a merged club, several members of the Lakeside faithful will remember 17 September 1983 fondly.

After developing a reputation for falling at the final hurdle, the Roos finally broke their duck, triumphing over Renmark of all clubs by 11 points.

Glenn Millard was best-on-ground that day, which kickstarted a run of five-consecutive premierships for the side in the mid-80s, but fast forward 12 years and the tables were turned.

Led by former Hawthorn star Robert 'Chopper' Handley and gun forward Rick Modra, the Rovers stormed home over the Roos in the 1995 decider, running out 51-point victors.

Also featuring that day were famous Renmark names Rover, Lellmann and Gartery. Back then it was Dale, Jason and Chris, but this weekend the next generation will take the field, with Lachlan, Brody and Zac all set to don the blue and white in the 2023 decider.

The form

Both sides will enter this weekend's contest full of confidence, after an impressive final stretch of the home and away season, plus a so-far successful finals campaign.

Renmark remained undefeated in the final five games of the regular season before thrashing would-be contenders Loxton North in the second semi-final to qualify for the big dance.

Similarly, the Roos played a brilliant past two months of football, dropping just one match in their last nine outings.

But, the Rovers have had the wood over the Roos so far this year, if only just.

Vater's side has defeated Barmera-Monash on all three occasions this season, but for a combined total of just 29 points, including two clashes decided by single-digit margins.

"We take a stack of confidence from that but at the same time we haven't played them in a while," Vater said.

"I don't think we've played them when they've had their best side, but I don't think they've played us at full strength either."

A former Renmark player himself, Sampson knows what the Rovers are capable of, but has full confidence in his side's ability to overcome the 0-3 record.

"We know what a powerful outfit they are and regardless of the situation, they're always going to come at some point," he said

"We need to make sure we're on our game from the get-go, and just play it quarter by quarter."

The personnel

Despite injury concerns to star players in recent weeks, Vater is confident his side will head into this weekend fit and firing following a week off.

The Rovers look set to welcome back star forward Nathan 'Zooma' Zunic, whose deputy in recent weeks Liam 'Jacko' Jackson went down with a shoulder injury in Saturday's reserves clash, while the status of Tim Blight remains a work in progress.

The versatile tall has been missing with a hamstring issue for the past few matches,

GRAND FINAL PRE

Renmark **VS** Barmera-Monash





Barmera-Monash emerged victorious over Loxton North in last Saturday's preliminary final to set up a grand final battle with reigning premiers Renmark

but could suit up for the first time in almost a month for the Rovers on Saturday afternoon, after proving a difference-maker against the Roos earlier in the season.

"We will probably go in Saturday as full strength as we have been all year, and so will they no doubt," Vater said.

"Zooma trained fully on Thursday and Saturday, so he's looking good.

"It was disappointing with Jacko hurting himself, which is frustrating for him and us, but there's still a couple of selection decisions and headaches for us this week.

"The guys that are around the mark this week have all played for the majority of the year, so providing they're all fit, there's going to be a tough decision, and a tough conversation for me to have, but at the same time it's what's in the best interest for the club."

Barmera-Monash should enter the match with a relatively clean bill of health, but the side hasn't had a week off since early July, compared to the well-rested Rovers.

The match-up

Keen observers will realise it is no coincidence the three times these sides have met this year have ended in a low-scoring slugfest.

The 2023 grand final sees the competition's top two defensive teams go head-tohead, and both function in a similar fashion.

Barmera-Monash have strangled opponents for the duration of the year, setting up well behind the ball and implementing a zone defence similar to that of Vater's Renmark.

It should come as no surprise, given Sampson himself was a key part of the Renmark back six for a number of years, but the Roos have taken it to another level in

While their back six will get the plaudits, the true key of the set-up is the pressure applied by the forward and midfielders, stopping the opposition from breaking free and allowing the defenders to set up correctly.

Recently, this relentless pressure has resulted in an ability to score going the other way, something Vater is acutely aware of.

"They've looked really well structured and certainly cause turnovers on their half-back line a lot, and they're quick to get you on the turnover," he said.

"That's where they've scored a lot in the last two weeks, so we'll have to be on top of that.

"But we'll focus on what we do well, and if we do that, we believe we will minimise those turnovers and limit their opportunities."

Vater has consistenly backed his own side's gameplan all year, and Sampson is set to follow suit on Saturday afternoon.

"I don't think there's too many drastic changes to be made, we just need to execute

what we do every week," he said.

"If we can do that for long enough, and obviously if we're defending really well and stopping their huge scoring power, we're going to keep ourselves in the game.

"Then we just need a few things to go our way and we're a serious chance."

The final word

While a potentially low-scoring affair awaits this Saturday, that is if recent history is to be believed, one thing punters can bank on is a tense contest between the 2023 season's two stand-out clubs.

The fact that all three junior grade grand finals see these two go head-to-head is a fitting testament to the expert work of those behind the scenes at the Kennel and on Lakeside.

Regardless, there can only be one winner come late Saturday afternoon.

"We've matured as the season has gone on and started to get a bit of continuity with having the same team every week," Sampson said of his side.

"It's going to be a huge day, and the Roo crew will be in full voice, no doubt."

Vater shared his former teammate's sentiment.

"For us, the strength of the club isn't in one grade, and to have our whole club be successful in my period here, in that five years or so, it's really impressive," he said.

"With a bit of luck, we will have some success across the grades on Saturday.

"It's going to be on, that's for sure."



Renmark star Nathan Zunic may return to the line-up this weekend after missing a number of matches due to injury.



Barmera-Monash coach Fraser Sampson will line up against his former side in this Saturday's decider.

From friends to foes

BEN LENNON

AN intriguing sub-plot to this weekend's RFL grand final between Barmera-Monash and Renmark will be keenly observed by many in attendance, but on the field, it will be all business.

Late last year, following three-consecutive premierships with the Rovers, Fraser 'Frank' Sampson switched royal blue for Lakeside blue, taking the job as senior coach of Barmera-Monash for 2023 and beyond.

Following some impressive late-season form, the Roos now find themselves in the big dance, and who else should they come up against but the reigning premiers.

While initially "a bit weird", Sampson said

lining up against his former club became more normal throughout the season.

"As the season's progressed it has become more and more natural each time we've come up against them," he said.

"For me, as much as there's a bit of extra flavour around it, I look at it like any other opponent

"Obviously I know these guys and I'm mates with a lot of them. but in terms of the actual contest it doesn't have a hell of a lot to do with it.

"But, I never really imagined it happening, so for it to happen in the first season it's a bit funny I guess."

Sampson's former coach and close friend Josh Vater sent a text message to Sampson

last Saturday night, congratulating his former half-back on an impressive preliminary final victory.

But, come Saturday afternoon, only one will be able to claim the honour of 2023 premiership coach.

"I sent him a message to say well done, but I'm not sure I want him to have good luck this week," Vater said.

"It's an interesting one because we are close mates and have been right in the thick of it for the last couple of years working together towards the same goal, and now we're on opposite ends

"It'll be on, and both teams will come out raring to go, but at the end of it we'll shake hands and have a hug, and one of us will probably be upset."

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A year in review: Loxton

IN an RFL campaign dubbed by many as the most even in recent memory, one team fell victim to the cut-throat contest that was season 2023, despite showing signs of greatness.

Loxton went into the year coming off of back-to-back preliminary final appearances and had designs for going one step further under fresh coach Luke Harder.

If the task of coming up against four high-quality sides wasn't tall enough for the Tigers, injuries to star players made it all the more difficult at vital points in the year.

But, Harder is under no illusions about the reality of the situation for his group, that was boasting talent heading into the year.

"These aren't excuses, it's more just facts," Harder said.

"When you've got seven or eight of your top 10 players out at various stages throughout the year, you can't replace blokes like Will Gutsche and Jack Evans...

"Injuries played a big part, but in saying that we also play a high-risk, high-reward style of footy.

"There were some close games there where we probably should have won."

On-ball gun Gutsche was sidelined for half of the season following a broken arm in round nine, while Evans, skipper Jesse Will, defender Che Lange and a number of others missed multiple games.

However, Harder has taken a positive approach when reflecting on the season that was, and is pleased with the opportunities that arose throughout the season for some of his young guns.

"Obviously we are a bit disappointed to not play finals, but



in saying that we look at the positives," he said.

"We've been able to play some kids that, if it wasn't through unavailability, they wouldn't have got the game time into them. It's probably all about the kids this year.

"Jacob Evans would've played A grade for the majority anyway, but he got some increased midfield time and blokes like Brock Salmon played a handful of games and he was more than serviceable.

"There's some unreal talent at the club in the juniors."

That talent was on full display at various stages, including an away contest against the reigning premiers.

Despite losing the match, the round 13 contest against Renmark, which the Tigers lost by little more than a kick, stood out as a highlight for the first-year coach.

"Just the way the kids stood up that day," he said.

"I looked in the middle at one point in the third quarter and it was Kaiden (Evans), Jacob (Evans) and Harley (Campbell) up against the Woolfords and (Josh) Vater in there.

"So that was about 25 to 30 A grade games compared to probably about 750, and the boys held their own in there.

"That was a really special moment and I know we didn't get the win, but the boys took it right up to them. We know how classy they are, so that was a bit of a highlight of the year."

As for himself, Harder relished the journey throughout

his first year as a senior coach, from the highs to the lows.

"I'm still in reflection mode at the moment," he said.

"As a first year coach, and every coach will tell you, the first year is going to be the hardest. I'm all about perseverance as well.

"I enjoy all aspects of the job – I love doing game review and going to trainings... I've thoroughly enjoyed the year.

"The adversity we've gone through this year has been challenging but I take it as a positive and try and learn from each game.

"You've got to find the right balance of when to be serious and when to have a bit of a muck around, and finding that can be challenging, but I think I found it towards the end.

"I think I know when to challenge the players and when to praise them. It's not like the old school, you've got to really know when you can go."

The Tigers finished the season with seven wins from 15 games and a percentage of 48.9, which would have seen the side also finish fifth the year prior.

Up forward, Nathan Flight played a starring role deep, while new recruit Chris Knapp was brilliant in a number of positions, culminating in a spot in The Murray Pioneer Team of the Year.

Lachlan Evans pieced together another impressive year and starred in the absence of some other key players, while down back, Lange was the pick of the bunch.

Harder is hoping the young players can continue to improve heading into season 2024, as the club aims to return to finals football.





Chris Knapp (above) was a revelation for the Tigers this season. while Will Gutsche missed the second half of the season following an arm injury. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

AROUND THE GROUNDS

ON a sudden-death weekend of Riverland football, Renmark came up trumps for the most part, booking a spot in the grand final in each of the three junior grades.

But, the Rovers's momentum was brought to a screeching halt in the reserves, as Talyn Eagle and the Tigers pounced to secure a spot in the big dance.

Eagle was too strong for the Renmark back six, presenting up the ground to take some solid marks, while making the side pay on the scoreboard.

He finished with six majors, while fellow key forward Luke Pontt booted three as the Tigers stormed to an emphatic 95-point

Loxton will now take on Waikerie in this weekend's grand final, in a rematch of the second semi-final.

The Magpies came out on top that day and will go into the clash well-rested, but the Tigers have plenty of momentum following the win on Saturday.

The day started well for the Rovers, with the under 13s securing a spot in the decider with a comfortable win over home side Loxton North.



Talyn Eagle dives to take a mark ahead of Steve Kahlon in Loxton's B grade win over Renmark on Saturday. The key forward had a big day, finishing the match with seven goals. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

The Panthers were held goalless by the rampant Rovers, who booted 10 goals of their own to secure the win and another shot at Barmera-Monash in the grand final.

The result was the same in the under 15s, with the Rovers defeating the Panthers by 85 points.

Lachie Keynes, fresh off rep-

resentative basketball action, was in dominant form, booting three goals, while gun swimmer Hugh Riedel was named best for the victors.

Loxton North skipper Josh Wooldridge battled hard for his side, but it was not to be for the Panthers.

The string of wins continued for

the Rovers in the under 18s against a gallant Waikerie outfit packed with A grade talent.

West Adelaide star Bailey White played a vital role for Renmark, getting plenty of the ball for the Rovers in their 28-point win.

His brother, Lucas, was named best for the side after booting five goals, but will likely return to West Adelaide for the grand final this weekend against Barmera-Monash.

Fellow Blood Kade Hilton was excellent for the Magpies, while skipper Hudson Greaves booted three goals and put in a strong performance

The stage is set for a massive day at Waikerie, with Barmera-Monash and Renmark going headto-head in all junior grades as well as the A grade clash, while Waikerie and Loxton are the odd ones out, contesting the reserves decider

RESULTS PRELIMINARY FINAL B GRADE

Loxton 17.9 (111) d Renmark 2.4 (16). Best: Loxton – T. Eagle, B. Wehrmuller, B. Yeomans, J. Norman, B. Falting, J. Campbell. Renmark – R. Perry, J. Howard, C. Gartery, B. Henderson, J. Bonner, M. Smith.

Goals: Loxton - T. Eagle 7, L. Pontt

3, C. Loxton 2, B. Falting, T. Jackson, N. Katsaitis, J. Norman, B. Yeomans. Renmark – L. Roberts, M. Smith.

UNDER 18Renmark 9.6 (60) d Waikerie 4.8 (32).

Best: Renmark – L. White, B. White, C. Goodman, I. Morgan, W. Grocke, T. Johnson. Waikerie – K. Hilton, H. Greaves, H. Nitschke, H. Glacken, B. Burgemeister, B. Loffler.

Goals: Renmark – L. White 5, H. Esam, T. Johnson, J. Lloyd, A. Otero. Waikerie – H. Greaves 3, H. Glacken.

UNDER 15Renmark 14.8 (92) d Loxton North 1.1

Best: Renmark – H. Riedel, N. Martinson, S. Files, L. Keynes, A. Pitman, L. Thiel. Loxton North – J. Wooldridge, J. Petch, A. Kent, S. Williams, R. Wooldridge, E. Obst. Goals: Renmark – E. Evans, L. Keynes 3, A. Pitman 2, S. Files, R. Harding, N. Martinson, H. Meuret, M. Petersen, A. Schumann. Loxton North – R. Wooldridge.

UNDER 13

Renmark 10.10 (70) d Loxton North 0.3

Best: Renmark – L. Brown, J. O'Bryan, S. DePalma, J. Shorrock, C. Phillips. Loxton North – T. Singh Rai, C. Schwarz, C. Ling, W. King, D. May, N. Kelly.

Goals: Renmark - S. DePalma, J. Shorrock 2, D. Bonner, K. Bronish-Rice, L. Brown, J. Finlayson, H. Leesue, K. Moxham.

Under 13: Barmera-Monash vs Renmark Under 15: Barmera-Monash vs Renmark Under 18: Barmera-Monash vs Renmark

B grade: Waikerie vs Loxton
A grade: Renmark vs Barmera-Monash



PUBLIC CONSULTATION LEASE OVER COMMUNITY LAND

The Berri Barmera Council has received a request from the Berri Water Ski Club to grant a new lease over Community Land situated at their existing premises, known as The Berri Ski Club, located on the Martin Bend Drive, Berri, comprised in Crown Record Volume 5288 Folio 143 and Crown Record Volume 5753 Folio 768.

The portion of the land is to be leased exclusively for the operation of the Berri Water Ski 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 September 22, 2023 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 Berri Barmera Council has received a request from the Berri Amateur Swimming Club to grant a new lease over Community Land situated at their existing premises, known as The Berri Amateur Swimming Club, located on the Wilkinson Street side of the Hayden Stoeckel Swimming Pool, Berri, comprised in Crown Record Volume 5753 Folio 775.

The portion of the land is to be leased exclusively for the operation of the Berri Amateur Swimming 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.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION LEASE OVER COMMUNITY LAND

The Berri Barmera Council has received a request from RAA Innovation Pty Ltd to grant a new lease over Community Land situated **at the** rear of Lot 282 Sturt Street, Barmera, SA 5345, contained in Certificate of Title Volume 5263 Folio 130

The portion of the land is to be leased exclusively for the operation of the RAA EV Charging Station, for the purposes of Electric vehicle charging station to charge electric vehicles and incidental purposes, including generating photovoltaic electricity and operating an energy storage system.

It is proposed that the lease be granted for a term of five (5) years, two (2) rights of renewal for a further five (5) 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 September 22, 2023 by post, online or in person.

Further enquiries can be directed to the Property Officer, Kylie Eddes, during office hours on 8582 1922.

Dylan Strong
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

ROADS (OPENING AND CLOSING) ACT 1991

Road Closing – Portion of Renmark -Wentworth Road – Chaffey

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 10 of the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991, that the Renmark Paringa Council proposes to make a Road Process Order to close and merge withSection 465 Chaffey Irrigation Area the portion of the public road adjoining Section 465 in Chaffey Irrigation Area, more particularly delineated and lettered "C" on Preliminary Plan 22/40. Also, to close and merge with Allotment comprising Pieces Q100 and Q101 in D37498 the portion of the public road adjoining Allotment comprising Pieces Q100 and Q101 in D37498, more particularly delineated and lettered "D" on Preliminary Plan 22/0050.

The Preliminary Plan and Statement of Persons Affected are available for public inspection at the offices of the Renmark Paringa Council at Eighteenth Street, Renmark, and the Adelaide Office of the Surveyor-General during normal working hours. The Preliminary Plan can also be viewed at www.sa.gov.au/roadsactproposals.



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Renmark Paringa

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS FOR AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES FOR A TERM UP TO THREE YEARS

The Riverland Councils (Berri Barmera Council, Renmark Paringa Council and the District Council of Loxton Waikerie) are seeking expressions of interest for two Independent Member positions on its Audit and Risk Management Committee for each Council totalling 6 Independent Members. We are seeking experienced professionals across a range of disciplines including finance, audit and assurance, asset management and corporate governance.

The Committee plays an important role in assisting and advising Council and providing oversight in relation to governance, financial and risk management practices as well as ensuring effective communication between the Council, Administration and Auditors in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and other relevant legislation.

Each Council's Committee comprises of four members: Two Independent Member positions and two Council Member positions and the committee is charged with enquiring into, providing advice on and making recommendations to the Council where necessary with respect to matters including:

- Financial Reporting and Sustainability
- External and Internal Audit and Compliance
- Governance
- Risk Management and Internal Control
- Fraud and Public Interest Disclosure
- Policy Development

The Committee generally meets on a quarterly basis to transact normal committee business including a meeting scheduled to consider Council's Annual Financial Statements. The Committee's Terms of Reference can be viewed on each Councils' website. Independent Members of the Committee are compensated for their time and expertise through a sitting fee, set by the Council, based on meeting attendance.

To Apply

A resume and cover letter, detailing experience, skills, knowledge and qualifications should be addressed to Mrs Liz Fourie, Manager Corporate Services, Berri Barmera Council via the appropriate link.

For further information, please contact Mrs Liz Fourie on 8582 1922 or at Ifourie@bbc.sa.gov.au.

Applications close 5.00pm MONDAY, 4 SEPTMBER 2023

THE BERRI COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED INCORPORATED

will be holding their inaugural

AGM

on Sunday September 24th at 2.00pm at The Shed, 1025 Old Sturt Hwy, Berri.

Nomination forms for positions on WORKINGGROUP COMMITTEE available at The Shed.

Any enquiries to Peter Bourne 0428215114

All Welcome!



Renmark Rowing Club Inc. **AGM**

& Special Meeting

(To discuss strategic direction)
Will be held on

Sunday, 24th of September At 10.00am

At the Rowing Clubrooms 1 Rowing Lane, Renmark

renmarkrowing@gmail.com



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UPCOMING SALE

PINNAROO OFF SHEARS SALE

Friday 15th September @ 2.30pm

53 Adelaide Road Pinnaroo SA 5304

8000 head

Further entries invited

Contact:

Paul Kinnaird 0431 537 631 Jason Berger 0488 584 889 Robin Steen 0428 838 195



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 Tulip 9.Geppetto 10.Only You by Yazoo 11.Bouncer 12.Ursula Andress 13.Water
 Judges 15.Azerbaijan 16.1961 17.1986 18.Japanese 19.Honolulu 20.4 tries

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Yahtzee was first marketed in 1956.

Nelwood

Operations and Irrigation Manager

- Almond enterprise
- Modern machinery and irrigation infrastructure
- Leadership opportunity
- Riverland, SA

Nelwood is located at Murtho, approximately 30km from Renmark comprising a developed and maturing 150Ha almond orchard. We are seeking an experienced Operations and Irrigation Manager to implement industry best practice in managing all aspects of almond production.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE;

- · Management of irrigation, fertigation and spray programs
- Management of all aspects of production including harvest operations
- Mentoring and management of permanent staff and contractors

Almond growing, harvest and irrigation experience and computer literacy is essential.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated to reflect skills and experience.

For a confidential discussion or a copy of the Position Description, please contact Martin on 0439 740 259 or apply by emailing a resume and cover letter to admin@nelwood.com

WATERVALLEY PTY

POSITIONS VACANT

Watervalley is a large mixed farming operation in the South East of South Australia, near the townships of Kingston SE and Keith.

Running primarily Angus cattle and Merino sheep, this family owned and run primary production business is known in local markets and continues to be a strong agricultural business within our region. With over 60 land holdings and 40 plus staff, we pride ourselves on strong interpersonal relationships and care for people within our team.

We are currently seeking to fill the following

• STATION MANAGER

Previous experience with livestock and general farm duties are required.

• SKILLED WORKSHOP MECHANIC

Proven experience as a workshop mechanic is desired. Knowledge of 4WD servicing and repairs

Auto electrical, hydraulic, machinery repairs and welding skills, would be an advantage.

PLANT OPERATOR

Ability to operate, service and repair heavy machinery including 30t Excavator, 19.5t Front End Loader, Grader, and Bobcat.

These positions are full time with on-property accommodation and vehicle provided.

A competitive salary package will be offered to the right applicant, based on skill set.

Please email your resume to: finance@watervallev.com.au or phone 08 8762 0316.





SECRETARY

A position exists with a local law firm for an experienced Secretary. Must have excellent word processing (audio typing) and communication skills. Attractive salary (well above award rates).

All Applications by email to:

Kudra & Co. 31 Vaughan Terrace BERRI SA 5343 Email: vsk@kudra.com.au For further information Phone: 0418 837 368



OUTBREAK ACCESS MARKET SUPERVISOR - RIVERLAND

Department of Primary Industries & Regions

Temporary

Loxton

Vacancy Number: 546555 \$80,877 - \$86,461 p.a. (OPS5)

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QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS

Due to our ongoing expansion and current contracts, Torrens Facility Management are looking for suitably qualified contractors in the following trades:

- Carpentry
- **General Maintenance**
- Handyperson
- Painters

To work with our Maintenance Division in the Riverland and Murray Bridge Area's. Contact 08 8336 4800





CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

Department for Correctional Services Various Locations Ongoing

Vacancy No: 497334 \$56,987 to \$80,000 pa (CO2)

For more information and how to apply visit: www.iworkfor.sa.gov.au

Applications close: 31 October 2023

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BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER

National Parks and Wildlife Service Berri

Part time role to 30 January 2024 Three days per week Vacancy ID: 547095 \$57,842 min - \$62,221 max p.a (ASO2) adjusted to hours worked

Based at the Berri office in the beautiful Riverland, the Business Support Officer is responsible for providing professional, timely and high quality customer service to the public as well as administration support to branch staff. Head to I Work for SA to read the role description and follow the instructions to apply. Applications will only be accepted through I Work for SA.

Initial enquiries to: Stephanie Ward,

Business Support Team Leader. (08) 7424 5738 Stephanie.Ward@sa.gov.au

To apply and for more information visit the I WORK FOR SA website: vacancy number.

Applications close: 11 pm, Saturday 9 September 2023

The Department for Environment and Water is committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace. We encourage applications from people with diverse backgrounds including all ages and gender identities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, people with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse and

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Primary Products Inspectors

- Full-time
- Minimum of 2 years experience in this position is essential
- Salary from \$70,000 (depending on experience)

Please send written application and resume to: maria@venuscitrus.com.au or PO Box 1064 Loxton SA 5333

Applications close 18th September 2023





PROJECT OFFICER

Department for Environment and Water Berri

Contract up to 2 years Vacancy ID: 547072

\$84,522 - \$94,003 per annum (ASO5)

An exciting opportunity exists for a Project Officer in Water Licensing Branch located at Berri. The Officer is responsible for management of specific programs and providing policy advice on water planning and management matters to industry representatives and customers. The position contributes to the development and implementation of agency objectives, programs and projects. Seeking a Project Officer to provide high level project management across water planning and management matters. The incumbent works with industry groups, water licence holders and the general public regarding complex water allocation and licensing matters. The role supports and contributes to regional and statewide policy development and water compliance.

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

Initial enquiries to:

Christine Fiebig, Manager, Customer Service & Regional Delivery, Christine.Fiebig@sa.gov.au or 0427 813 850

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

Applications close: 11pm, Friday 15 September 2023

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The South Australian Public Sector promotes diversity and flexible ways of working including part time. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the flexible working arrangement for this role.

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ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Drivers Licence & excellent driving history
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- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances
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This dynamic, entry-level position requires no industry experience and all training will be provided.

Typical duties will include:

- · Assisting to prepare and deliver funerals
- Greeting families and attendees
- Operating hearses and other vehicles General cleaning and maintenance
- Transfer of deceased into our care
- Engraving of plaques and signs
- Assembly of small monuments
- Operating multimedia equipment
- Trimming of coffins and caskets



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Dental Assistant SA Dental

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Scotty's Welding & Fabrication is a rapidly growing business in Berri, in the Riverland area of South Australia.

We are currently seeking a:

- Qualified Welder / Fabricator
- **Sheet Metal Worker**
- Trade Assistant

For our business, for current work and upcoming projects. We specialise in stainless steel and aluminium work within the winery and food industries, however we also do a variety of other fabrication work.

Due to the nature of the work we undertake, 70% of our work will be conducted on-site, within the Riverland area. The other 30% will be done at our workshop in Berri.

Applicants need to have a willingness to travel within South Australia if required and be able to work well in a small team environment.

All applicants for the welding position will need to sit a welding test on MIG and TIG. An attractive wage package can be negotiated for the right applicant. Any relevant certificates (working at heights, construction induction safety etc)will be highly regarded.

Applicants should show a high level of initiative and problem solving abilities.

Current Australian Driver's Licence required. Immediate start.

> To apply, send your resume to admin@scottysfabrication.com.au or phone 0413 130 164







INDUSTRIAL CLEANER **LEADING HAND - NIGHT SHIFT**

RENMARK, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

We are currently seeking an experienced individual to fill the position of Leading Hand for our Night Shift Industrial Cleaning team. This is a hands-on role, leading a team of 10+ staff.

This is a full-time and permanent position.

As an Industrial Electrician, you will be responsible for:

- Organisation of daily work duties for employees,
- Developing and implementing comprehensive cleaning procedures and protocols for different areas of the factories,
- Maintaining accurate records of cleaning activities (KPIs), schedules and cleaning supplies inventory and PPE equipment,
- Conducting quality risk assessments, internal audits, and investigations.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- Experience working in a food processing and team environment,
- Excellent communication and interpersonal abilities,
- Forklift license and EWP license,
- Certificate III in Food Processing (preferred but not essential),
- Certificate IV in Leadership (preferred but not essential).

Working Hours:

- Monday to Thursday 11:00PM 7:00AM,
- Friday 7:00PM 1:00AM.

Applications close Sunday, 3 September 2023. To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to: jobs@almondco.com.au.

For all enquiries, please contact the HR Administrator on 08 8586 8875.



GROWER RELATIONS COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR

RIVERLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

A new and exciting opportunity has become available to join our Grower Relations department based the Riverland, South Australia. This role is a diverse opportunity to build a rewarding career in member engagement and agribusiness. The primary responsibilities centre around facilitating effective modern communication between Almondco and its grower members

This is a **full-time** and **permanent** position.

In this role, you will be responsible for:

- Communicating both digitally and in person with Almondco members and building networks,
- Maintaining the digital member portal,
- Contributing to the strategy to lift member engagement,
- Assisting with operational reporting, both daily and seasonally, Maintaining member supply agreements and liaising
- with relevant industry stakeholders, Assist in managing the grower compliance software program,
- Attending and participating in regular grower meetings and industry events.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- A commitment to achieving results and best practice,
- High level planning and organisational skills,
- Outstanding communication and problem-solving skills,
- Experience in using a wide range of computer software platforms, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint, along with skills in data analytics and working with databases,
- An excellent work ethic, energy and a "Can Do" attitude.

Applications close Friday 9th September 2023.

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

> For all enquiries, please contact the People & Culture Manager on 08 8586 8819.



INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN

RENMARK, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Almondco Australia Ltd is located in Renmark, SA and is one of the largest almond processing and packing facilities in Australia. The business is in an exciting period of growth and have recently built a new blanched facility with state-of-the-art food processing and automation equipment. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our growing team!

We are currently seeking to appoint an Industrial Electrician to join our tight-knit maintenance team.

This is a **full-time** and **permanent** position.

As an Industrial Electrician, you will be responsible for.

- Maintenance of electrical systems,
- Electrical and electronic troubleshooting, fault finding and breakdowns, Industrial electrical installations,
- PLC fault finding and program changes,
- Electrical automation, Undertaking small projects.

The successful applicant will have:

- A Class electrical qualification,
- Industrial electrical experience, Excellent fault finding and diagnostic skills,
- High volume manufacturing environment experience
- (preferred but not essential),
- PLC knowledge (preferred but not essential).

and amenities for the maintenance team. Applications close Sunday, 3 September 2023. To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to:

As Almondco continues to grow, so will the maintenance

workshop with plans in place to double the footprint, workspace,

jobs@almondco.com.au. For all enquiries, please contact the People & Culture Manager on 08 8586 8819.

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FUNERALS

KUCHEL, Miriam.

Relatives and friends

of the late Miriam

Kuchel are invited

to attend Miriam's

funeral service to be

held in the Folland

Chapel at Enfield

Memorial Park at

10:45am on Tuesday

5 September, 2023.

Ph (08) 8281 0260

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Services

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35 years have passed

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For without

you, Casey,

It's not the same.

All my love, Dad.

DUNSTONE, Kevin

13/3/1934 -

1/9/2022

Dearly loved

husband of Margaret.

Loving father of

Michelle, Susan,

Leanne and Lisa.

When someone you

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the memory

becomes a treasure.

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JANSSEN, Anita

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80th **BIRTHDAY**



Happy 80th birthday, Les Burgemeister 'Burgy'

An invitation is extended to an open house for Les's 80th birthday on

9 September, at the Peace Hall, Loxton from 2pm onwards.

MARRIAGE

SCHRAPEL - LUGG.

Jane and Andrew were married at Little Cove in Port Douglas, Queensland on 15 August, 2023.



KLUGE, Hazel Mavis Merle (formerly Cook).

> Passed away on 26 August, 2023. Aged 90 years.

Loving wife of Corry (deceased).

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Michael and Vesna. Cherralyn and Wayne.

Sincere thank you to all at Melaleuca house for their care and compassion.

Now at peace. Always in our hearts.

Hazel will be privately cremated as per her



ALTSCHWAGER Family Funerai

0400 012 089



DEATHS

LEWIS, Alice May.

Passed away peacefully at Pioneer Haven, Waikerie on Monday 21 August,

Aged 91 years.

Wife of Bob (deceased) and loved sister of Mary.

Cherished mother of Judy and Max, Peggy, Robyn and Eric, Kathy, Allison and Paul.

Loved nanna of Brad and Nicole, Nikki and Justin, Lauren and Tom, and Ryan.

Old Nanna to Lochie, Kelcey, Eddie, Macy and Ellie.

Count your blessings by the flowers, Count your life by friends not hours.

Alice's service at the Waikerie Lutheran Church and interment at the Ramco Cemetery were held on Tuesday 29 August, 2023.

Riverland 3 **FUNERALS**

Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

MORRISON, Janine Edna 'Janie'.

Passed away peacefully, but unexpectedly, at Riverland Regional Hospital on Tuesday 22 August, 2023.

Aged 76 years.

Loving wife of Kevin (deceased).

Loved mother of Tim and Belinda, Sheryl and Ramsey.

Loving nanna of Liam, Brodie and Will.

> Now reunited with Kevin.

Janie's private family farewell was followed by a cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

DEATHS

PONTT, Lorna Dawn (nee Drogemuller).

Dearly loved wife of Keith (deceased).

Devoted and loving mother and mother-in-law of Barry, Judy and Barry, Mark and Sheryl.

Adored nan and great-nan of 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She lived for those she loved.

Dawn was privately laid to rest as per her wishes.



ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

0400 012 089

RICCIUTO, Mario Alto Salvatore.

Born on 28 November, 1944. Died on 25 August,

2023. Aged 78 years.

Passed away

peacefully at home. Loving husband to Carolyn.

> Proud father to Lisa, Craig and Mark.

Father-in-law to Rhys, Rachel and Sarah.

Adored pop to 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Forever in our hearts.

WITTKE, Wendy Lorraine (nee Kempster).

Passed away 19 August, 2023, in the Cairns Hospital. Beloved wife, mother, nanna and sister.

Private cremation held in Cairns.

We need your help to find a cure





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FAMILY FUNERALS 0400 012 089

The Scott family would like to sincerely thank everyone for their condolences and support that we have

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9am - Barmera

St Edmund's

9am - Loxton

The Resurrection

9am - Renmark

St Augustine's

I Iam - Waikerie

St James

Contact:

Fr. David Patterson

8586 3288

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BERRI / BARMERA

Sunday 3 September

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Sunday 3 September

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Contact

Rev Linda Forsyth

0401 815 488

RENMARK

Sunday 3 September

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Renmark West HC

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Renmark Avenue HC

Rev Linda Forsyth

Phone 0401 815 488

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MOBILITY scooter. Pride Pathrider, model Hill-Climber. Top of the range, has full suspension, 2 x 75amp batteries. Full suspension, big wheels and high clearance, can carry 180kg, hi-back swivel seat. Comes with battery charger and brand new sun canopy. Can deliver. \$4750. Phone 0438253986.

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TRAILER single axle, 7x4 with high sides, large toolbox on A-frame. Built by Riverland Steel Supplies GTM:749kgs. \$1575. Also, Honda lawnmower HRU216. self-propelled, A1 condition. \$850. Phone 0407601271.

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RENMARK - Korinthos Street. 3 bedroom. 2 bathrooms. large shed. \$340 per week. 1 year lease. Reference required. Phone 0490709159.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

KENSINGTON Antiques. Always buying records, posters, estates. bric-a-brac, old bottles, petronalia, postcards, photos, watches etc. 167-Magill Road. 169 Closed Marylands. Phone Mondays. 0421901075.



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COMMUNITY NOTICE

AGM of the Barmera Branch of The National Trust of SA will be held Saturday 9 September, 2023. Meet and greet plus nibbles at 12.15pm, followed by meeting at 1pm. All members, volunteers and friends are invited to attend at Memorial Hall, Barwell Avenue, Barmera. For more information contact the Secretary, Kent Barney. Phone 0428843240.



RAEDER'S Electric Motor Services. Workshop is for sale but still open for business until sold. For all electric motor services. Air-con, domestic pumps, irrigation motors, starter motors, alternators and power tools. Phone Danny 0438698972.

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Renmark defensive duo Sonja Modlinski and Zoe Siviour did well to curtail the influence of star Loxton shooter Mackella Hogan on Friday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Tigers no longer unbeaten

FOR the first time this season, the Riverland Netball Association's top side has been toppled, and now faces a do-or-die clash against a local rival.

Loxton came into the finals series, which began last Friday night at Renmark, off the back of one of the great home and away seasons.

The Tigers won 15 straight games to qualify in first place, but their run of wins was brought to a screeching halt by a determined Renmark outfit at home on Friday.

Last year's runners-up came to play, with a spot in the grand final on the line for the winner, but it was far from a one-sided contest.

Both sides started strong, with neither willing to give an inch in the opening stanza.

In defence, Leah Uren and Summer Smith were disciplined for the Tigers, as was Renmark duo Zoe Siviour and Sonja Modlinski.

Renmark finished the first quarter with a one-goal lead, which it increased to three goals at the main break.

The high tempo of the first half continued down the stretch, with both sides exhibiting plenty of skill, particularly in the middle of the court, with Elise Foulds putting in a strong showing.

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wing-attack to fill the void left by the injured Hollie

Her quick passing and link-up play with goalattack Aimme Holmes helped the Tigers reduce the deficit to just two goals at the final break, but Renmark would not let up.

Siviour and Modlinski played a great four-quarter match, restricting star shooter Mackella Hogan as much as possible, while at the other end, Reeni Blackley was on fire.

She shot well under pressure to help Renmark over the line by three goals, securing a spot in the 2023 decider in the process.

Meanwhile, the Tigers will need to regroup to take on Loxton North this Friday following North's win over Berri in the elimination final.

The reigning premiers kept their season alive at Renmark with a 14-goal win, with Melody Pfeiler and Paris Lawrie particularly impressive.

Lawrie has starred in her new attacking role after spending the bulk of the regular season in defence.

At the other end of the court, Courtney Hume rebounded well and recorded a number of interceptions to help set up the win for her side.

Layne Fenwick and Deni Eleftheriadis impressed for Berri, but North's pressure and skill proved too much across the four quarters, with the margin blowing out in the final

Tomorrow night sees the

Berri Hotel host Riverland netball's night of nights, with the 2023 best and fairest to be crowned following the medal count.

PRELIMINARY FINAL FIXTURES FRIDAY @ BERRI

7pm: A1 – Loxton vs Loxton North. 8.30pm: A2 - Berri vs Renmark.

SATURDAY @ WAIKERIE

10.30am: 11A - Waikerie vs Renmark. 11B – Cobdogla vs Renmark. 11C - Loxton Black vs Renmark. 13A - Berri vs Barmera.

12 noon: 13B - Renmark vs Loxton North. 13C - Renmark vs Cobdogla. 15A - Loxton North vs Berri. 15B - Loxton North vs Renmark White.

1.30pm: 15C - Loxton vs Berri. 17B - Renmark White vs Renmark Blue. B1 - Barmera vs Loxton North. B2 - Loxton vs Barmera.

3pm: 17A - Berri vs Renmark. C1 - Renmark White vs Barmera.





Qualifying final

RENMAI	RK	V A	LOXTON	
RENMARK	14	25	36	49
LOXTON	13	22	34	46
BEST: Renmark - R. E	Blackley, Z. Siviour	. Loxton - E. Fou	lds, A. Holmes.	

Elimination final

LOXTON NOR	eTH	V		BERRI	
LOXTON NORTH	11		25	35	52
BERRI	12		20	30	38

BEST: Loxton North - M. Pfeiler, P. Lawrie. Berri - L. Fenwick, D. Eleftheriadis.

Qualifying final A2

Barmera 40 d Berri 38.

BEST: Barmera - A. Koumbarakos, H. Hodgson, Berri - A. Fenwick, K. Wade.

B1

Berri 51 d Barmera 50.

BEST: Berri - A. Thackray, Z. Pankhurst. Barmera - J. Selfe, E.

B2

Renmark 44 d Loxton 32. BEST: Renmark - L. Dunne, S. Lynch.

Loxton - E. Gum, A. Barrett.

Renmark Blue 44 d Renmark White

BEST: Renmark Blue - S. Richards, D. Williams.

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Barmera 47 d Berri 36.

BEST: Barmera - J. Kassulke, H. Hodgson. Berri - A. Morgan, A.

Barmera 33 d Renmark 30. BEST: Barmera - L. Mckenzie, C.

Kollias. Renmark - K. Thiele, S. Tippet.

Barmera 45 d Loxton North 38.

BEST: Barmera - L. Moore, M. Kassulke. Loxton North - A. Lange, K.

Waikerie 43 d Loxton North 29.

BEST: Waikerie - A. Kafexholli, G. Gay. Loxton North - details not provided.

Loxton North 34 d Loxton 25.

BEST: Loxton North - M. Wyatt, K. Bhatti. Loxton - T. Nitschke, Z. Reichstein.

Loxton North 46 d Berri 40. BEST: Loxton North - M. Williams, M.

Lloyd. Berri - M. Pitt, E. Cresp.

Loxton 41 d Renmark 19.

BEST: Loxton - M. McDougall, G. Staben. Renmark - E. Lang, N. Harris.

Barmera 16 d Renmark 11. BEST: Barmera - L. Kelly, M. Hughes.

Renmark - E. McGorman, R. Stuetzel.

Loxton 46 d Waikerie 36. BEST: Loxton - S. Uren, M. Schwarz-

da Silva. Waikerie - I. Venning, P.

Loxton 17 d Cobdogla 8. BEST: Loxton - E. Thiele, E. Hondow.

Cobdogla - L. Morrell, S. Vallelonga.

Loxton North 17 d Loxton Black 3.

BEST: Loxton North - S. Freeman, M. Schulz. Loxton Black - K. Wall, M.

Elimination final A2

Renmark 39 d Loxton North 37. BEST: Renmark - P. Martinson, S. Esam. Loxton North - V. Nobile, N. Cappelluti.

B1

Loxton North 44 d Renmark 41.

BEST: Loxton North - B. Charles, E. Clayton. Renmark - G. Kennedy, E. Hancock.

Barmera 52 d Berri 25.

BEST: Barmera - L. Ambaras, D. Foster. Berri - R. Szalbot, L. Campbell-

Barmera 54 d Monash 27. BEST: Barmera - M. Campbell, A. Lowe. Monash - K. Knight, S. Coulthard.

Renmark 45 d Loxton 28. BEST: Renmark - K. Schumann, H.

James. Loxton - J. Inglis, I. Drake.

Renmark Blue 53 d Loxton North

BEST: Renmark Blue - H. Teare, 7.

Steele. Loxton North - S. Cameron, C. Wooldridge.

Berri 54 d Renmark 41. BEST: Berri - B. Gates, S. Glen.

Renmark - L. Rothe, L. Burnnard.

Renmark White 32 d Renmark Blue

BEST: Renmark White - A. Logos, L. Schloithe. Renmark Blue - T. Pryor, C. Hodgson.

Berri 30 d Renmark 29.

BEST: Berri - L. Elliott, K. Szabados. Renmark - M. Stoneham, G. Wegner.

Barmera 32 d Loxton 20.

BEST: Barmera - L. Bowers, S. Whitbourne. Loxton - N. Uren, M. Schwarz-da Silva.

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Loxton North 45 d Berri 20.

BEST: Loxton North - S. Angeleski, A. Thomas. Berri - C. Muller, K. Harrington.

Cobdogla 25 d Loxton 6. BEST: Cobdogla - J. Sparkes, A.

Cesaro. Loxton - E. Kaesler, L. Loxton.

BEST: Renmark - C. Pearce, I. Martinson. Berri - S. Heward, E. Knight.

Renmark 50 d Berri 22.

Renmark 12 d Berri 4. BEST: Renmark - G. Ekonomopoulos, B. Lock. Berri - E. Seekamp, A.

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Renmark 12 d Barmera 11.

BEST: Renmark - A. Arkan, M. Williams. Barmera - H. Wardle, A. Whitehead-Villis.

MURRAY VALLEY NETBALL LEAGUE

A grade QF Sedan-Cambrai 39 d Murrayville 34. A grade EF BSR 66 d Brown's Well 56.

B Grade QF Sedan-Cambrai 49 d Wunkar 42 (after extra time).

B grade EF

Murravville 52 d Brown's Well 43.



Berri Open men's champion Doug Johns (Barmera GC), B grade champion Joel Szalbot (Berri GC), ladies champion Annette Thiel (Berri GC) and C grade men's champion Shane Renfrey (Berri GC). PHOTOS:

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Visitors flock to Berri Open

BEN LENNON

A BUMPER crowd from around the country packed into the Berri Golf Club for its annual Open event last weekend.

The Berri Open is the largest event on the club's calendar and its team of employees and volunteers delivered on the big stage once again, with 110 competitors hitting the

Club member Doc Clifford witnessed the action first-hand and was pleased to report the feedback received from visiting golfers was all positive.

"We had a magnificent weekend," he said. "We had lots of positive feedback from people from all over the place. The players really enjoyed the course and event as a whole, which was awesome."

A pair of Riverlander's emerged victorious from the links after a full weekend of golf, with Doug Johns of Barmera Golf Club taking out the men's Open, and Annette Thiel winning the women's on her home turf.

She finished four shots clear of runner-up Wendy Hocevar, while the race for the men's crown came down to a tight finish.

"The A grade championship went to a three-way playoff," Mr Clifford said.

'We had just finished getting set up for the presentations and had begun our post golf putting competition when we had to prepare for a playoff with the three players going out to play the 10th and then the 18th.

"There was a big gallery following them and a large crowd on the deck of the tavern saw the three golfers contest the playoff on the 18th green. It was a real spectacle'

Johns eventually claimed his prize, a twonight accommodation package at Kangaroo Island Lodge and a SeaLink voucher, with Joshua Dash of Thaxted Park claiming second place.

While the action was hot on the course, there was plenty to see and do off it, with surrounding businesses benefiting greatly from the influx of 110 keen golfers across

"There was a lot of people staying at the Big River Motor Inn, the Berri Hotel and the Berri Riverside Caravan park, so accommodation facilities throughout the area got a bit of a bonus," Mr Clifford said.

"The flow-on effect from visitors not only staying in accommodation but also spending money in businesses around the town is also a positive for the area."

Mr Clifford believes one of the biggest drawcards of the event was the affordable price point to play, which was appreciated by the visitors throughout the weekend.

"The price included all the golf and then on-course food as well," he said.

"When you're having a round of golf you don't want to stop for a big meal, you just want something small that you can grab and keep moving.

"People would come up and ask how much the food was, and we'd tell them it's included in their fee, and they were really happy with that.'

The course itself was also a highlight, which Doc credited largely to the tireless efforts of a pair of club employees, plus many volunteers.

"Course-wise we have our Course superintendent Robbie Vagg and Blake Henderson doing an amazing job with a lot of volunteers helping out to present the course in such wonderful condition.

"Then, behind the scenes organising the Open is a committee that did a lot of work," he said.

"They put a lot of effort in to getting it right and we're pretty proud of how the course was showcased and how well the event was received."

"Everything just went off really well and the planning we put into it really came through.

RESULTS

Berri Open champion (gross): D. Johns (Barmera GC) 152. Runner-up – J. Dash (Thaxted Park GC) 152. B grade (gross): J. Szalbot (Berri GC) 169. Runner-up R. Sully (Berri GC) 172.

C grade (gross): S. Renfrey (Berri GC) 182. Runner-up E. Day (Berri GC) 186.

A grade (nett): R. Day (Berri GC) 139. Runner-up - P. Wood (Berri GC) 143.

B grade (nett): P. Efthimiou (Berri GC) 143. Runner-up L. Claridge (Tanunda GC) 146. C grade (nett): R. Shore (McCracken GC) 147. Runner-

up – A. Rogers (Berri GC) 149.

LADIES

Berri Open champion: A. Thiel (Berri GC) 183. Runnerup - W. Hocevar (Berri GC) 187.

Open winner (nett): Y. Reynolds (Barmera GC) 148.

Runner-up - J. Curren (Berri GC) 151

Marg Lemmey memorial winner Shelley Garrett alongside runnerup Mel Briscoe. PHOTO: supplied



RIVERLAND WOMEN'S EIGHTBALL RESULTS

THE Riverland women's eightball season kicked off last week, with the regular season commencing, along with the Marg Lemmey Memorial pre-season contest taking place.

DV8s, Lyrup Club, Waikerie Club and Odd Bunch all started their seasons with a win, while Shelley Garrett defeated Mel Briscoe to win the pre-season memorial tournament.

RESULTS

DV8s 9 d Roses 7.

Best: DV8s - T. Stieler, K. Swart. Roses - E. Carter, K Mc∆vanev

Lyrup Club 10 d Cue-Ts 6.

Best: Lyrup Club - M. Thomas, E Hoffman, Cue-Ts -S. Garrett, D. Stocker.

Waikerie Club 12 d Unpredictables 4. Best: Waikerie Club - M. Briscoe, T. Pudney. Unpredictables - S. Bini, S. Giumelli,

Lyrup Club Odd Bunch 9 d Bonnie Pelicans 7. Best: Lyrup Club Odd Bunch - W. Jones, T. Knight, Bonnie Pelicans - G. Dver. S. Haves.

RIFLE RESULTS

RENMARK SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB BOB AND DAWN WARD TROPHY

Thursday 50m: R. Ward 100.8, 100.7 (1) 200; B. Lacey 99.6, 99.6 (0) 198; A. Markeas 98.7, 98.4 (1) 197; N. Lloyd 98.5, 98.4 (1) 197.

LOXTON GOLF RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

Men: D. Marsland 37, P. Richardson 36, A. Searles 35, R. Burn (Berri) 35, R. Nagy (Berri) 35. Women: S. Grein 36, D. Harman 35, M. Tyler 34.

SATURDAY

Men: A grade - D. Sunman 37, D. Forbes 37, A. Lodge 35, P. Harman 35. B grade - N. Flight 37, D. Marsland 36, A. Ling 36, D. Henderson (North Adelaide) 34, J. Reynolds

Women: M. Thomson 33, J. Cooney 32, J. Sawade 32, J. Patching 32, D. Harman 32.



DOUBLE NO TROUBLE: Neil Flack (left) emerged victorious from his double-start, double-finish darts contest against Jeff Broekers last week. PHOTO supplied.

Final whistle blows on regular season

BEN LENNON

GOALS were scored and champions were crowned in the final round of the Riverland Soccer Association regular season last Sunday at Berri.

Renmark was officially pronounced champions of the Riverland regular season in both senior grades, with the men and women capping off outstanding seasons with comfortable wins over Barmera.

Club stalwart Mick Cartwright, who went down with injury partway through the campaign and spent plenty of time around both sides for the year, was pleased with the way all players went about their season.

"It probably wasn't expected because we had a lot of player changes and a lot of new players, particularly in the women's grade, with some younger girls coming in and stepping up," he said.

"For both teams to be able to get the championship is a fantastic effort for the club and, given we had no team prior to week one, it's been an unreal effort.

"Some of these kids are playing a full season of two games per

"It's a bit of a double-edged sword because unfortunately you know at some point a lot of them will go to Adelaide for schooling.

"It's good to have them playing while they're here and their development has come a long way this

"We'd love to keep them for as long as we can but we're mindful that some of them will head off."

At the heart of Renmark's title run has been a star goal scorer in each grade, with Chris Miller and Amelia 'Millie' Koumbarakos both taking out golden boot honours.

Miller finished well ahead of Dimitri Kanakaris of Barmera in the men's, while Millie was good for two goals-per-game for the Olympic women's side.

But Cartwright believes strong contributions in other areas of the field have been just as important for both Olympic sides.

"Chris obviously had another outstanding season, with another golden boot, and he's been really strong for us," he said.

"The whole (backline) group collectively led by Daniel Clark, with two under 16s either side, has been very strong and we haven't conceded a lot of goals.



Renmark Olympic's championship-winning men's team. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Renmark Olympic's championship-winning women's team.

"The inclusion of Millie Koumbarakos partway through the year has brought goals and sured up that attacking line.

"Angela Pavlomanolakos will probably win Player of the Year again after dominating in the middle of the park."

Finishing second in both grades was Renmark's opponent on the final weekend of the season, Barmera, with the Pelicans piecing together a strong campaign.

"You always know that Barmera is going to be strong, and they always have a really good local following," Cartwright said.

"Every time when we do play them you know the game will be fierce and tightly contested, and it's been only one or two goals either way all year.

"You enjoy those games and look forward to them, and I like the rivalry – I hope it continues for a long time.'

Cartwright, who coaches the club's under 16s side while also being involved in the senior setup, believes moving from two trainings per week to just one has helped the club greatly.

In the junior grades, a number of sides claimed remarkable undefeated premierships.

Berri's under 16s team won 13 matches and ended the season unbeaten, as did the Berri under 14 girls team.

Barmera took out the under 12s championship, while Olympic's under 14s were the pick of the bunch, winning every match of the season to claim an impressive league title.

RESULTS

Berri 7 d Loxton 2.

Best: Berri – D. Hronopoulos, F. Vallelonga. Loxton – T. Psarakis, N. Mitchell-Cocks Goals: Berri - D. Hronopoulos 3, S. Vallelonga, F. Vallelonga, M. Cawse, B. Ripley. Loxton - K. Harkins, J. Hoffmann.

Renmark 4 d Barmera 1. Best: Renmark - A. Cartwright, Y. Foulon. Barmera - M. Barber, R. Haigh. Goals: Renmark - C. Miller 2, B. Maloney,

Final standings: Renmark 40, Barmera 32, Berri 13, Loxton 3.

WOMEN

Loxton 4 d Berri 0.

Best: Loxton - S. Setchell, J. Grace, M. Lockwood. Berri - A. Dale, E. Berlage. Goals: Loxton - M. Lockwood 2, J. Grace, S. Setchell.

Renmark 3 d Barmera 0.

Best: Renmark - A. Pavlomanolakos, J. Kahlon. Barmera - all played well.



Barmera battled hard against top side Renmark Olympic in Riverland women's soccer last weekend. eventually losing a hard-fought game 3-0.

Goals: Renmark - J. Kahlon, M. Lock, A. Pavlomanolakos.

Final standings: Renmark 37, Barmera 30, Loxton 14, Berri 5.

UNDER 16

Berri 4 d Loxton 0.

Best: Berri - M. Cawse, J. Krendl. Loxton - N. Mitchell-Cocks, S. Uzell. Goals: Berri - J. Krendl 2, D. Hronopoulos, Y. Exarheas.

Renmark 7 d Barmera 1.

Best: Renmark - C. Leckie-Hefford, J. Cartwright. Barmera - no details pro-

Goals: Renmark - G. Tsolomitis, H. Dedes 2, J. Callery, J. Cartwright, A. Son.

Final standings: Berri 40, Renmark 24, Barmera 16, Loxton 3.

UNDER 14 GIRLS

Berri 10 d Loxton 0.

Best: Berri - B. Kimberley, K. Koutouzis. Loxton - details not provided Goals: B. Kimberley 6, J. Ritter, A. Dale 2.

Barmera 4 d Renmark 2. Best: Barmera – all played well. Renmark – M. Hurrell, S. Pittman.

Goals: Barmera - S. Hashemi 3, A. Perry. Renmark - M. Hurrell 2.

Final standings: Berri 39, Loxton Loxton 20, Barmera 12, Renmark 11.

UNDER 14

Berri 5 d Loxton 3.

Best: Berri - K. Krendl, A. Kent, Loxton -J. Ingerson, A. Flavel. Goals: Berri - K. Krendl 4, C. Kregard. Loxton - S. Williams 2, A. Flavel. Renmark 4 d Barmera 2.

Best: Renmark - J. Curtis, J. Cartwright. Barmera - details not provided. Goals: Renmark - J. Cartwright, J. Curtis

2. Barmera – J. Sweet, own goal Final standings: Renmark 45, Berri 27, Barmera 10, Loxton 7.

UNDER 12

Berri 3 d Loxton 2.

Best: Berri - B. Exarheas, F. Barnett. Loxton - L. Perram, R. Tree. Goals: Berri - B. Exarheas, C. Kruger, L. Saunders. Loxton – H. Martin, S. Williams. Barmera 2 drew with Renmark 2.

Best: Barmera - L. Stark, A. Akawee.

Renmark - R. Schepel, I. Atsaves Goals: Barmera - S. Balaza, Y. Kalogerias. Renmark - I. Atsaves. Final standings: Barmera 34, Loxton 21,

Berri 18. Renmark 12.

Hockey grand final picture taking shape

A PAIR of Riverland A Berri kept its season alive take on Waikerie this week- Ebert, T. Fridd, B. Kroehn. Berri - J. following impressive wins during last weekend's semifinal round.

Twin hat-tricks to Rowan Hope and Dan Schmidt helped Waikerie secure passage into the decider in the men's competition, with the Knights claiming a 9-4 victory over Loxton.

Liam Richardson starred with three goals of his own, but failed to rescue the win for his side, with Loxton now set to take on Berri this weekend in the preliminary

grade hockey teams booked with a win over Sunraysia in end, after the Knights comGoals: Walkerie - C. Willoughby, their spot in the big dance the sudden-death elimination fortably defeated Renmark C. Thiele. Berri - M. O'Callaghan, final last Saturday.

Zy Heinrich was best for the side, while Dan Shawyer netted twice to help Berri to a 4-1 win over the travelling Sunraysia.

Meanwhile, Berri edged past the combined Mildura and Sunraysia side in the top women's division and will play in the 2023 grand final.

A Maddy Spano double, coupled with a strong performance from Tracy Townsend in goal, helped Berri to a 2-1 win against the visitors.

The Victorian outfit will

in the first semi-final.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS MEN

A grade Berri 4 d Sunraysia 1.

Best: Berri - Z. Heinrich, J. Burgess, B. Kennedy. Sunraysia details not supplied. Goals: Berri - D. Shawyer 2,

S. Moldovan. Sunraysia - A.

Ouatmann. Waikerie 9 d Loxton 4.

Best: details not supplied. Goals: Waikerie - R. Hope, D. Schmidt 3, J. Smith, M. Wayner, N. Schmidt, Loxton - L. Richardson 3. T. Cass.

B grade Waikerie 2 drew with Berri 2. Best: Waikerie - S. Traeger, L.

Bowers, Z. Arruzzollo, B. Kennedy. A. Segui.

Loxton 2 d Renmark 1.

Best: Loxton - J. Mickan, K. Beer, R. James, S. Atkinson, Renmark K. Selga, D. Cabucos, M. Shugg, D. Grenfell. Goals: Loxton - K. Beer, R. James.

Renmark - H. McDonald. Under 18

Loxton/Renmark 4 d Waikerie 0. Best: details not provided. Goals: Loxton/Renmark - J. Botten, J. Everett, A. Preusker, H.

WOMEN A grade

Waikerie 4 d Renmark 1.

Best: Waikerie - A. Matulick, T. Jolley, E. Kroehn. Renmark - K. Pick, A. Schubert, K. Smart, E.

Goals: Waikerie - T. Schmidt, J. Ebert, O. Ebert, E. Kratopoulos.

Berri 2 d Mildura/Sunraysia 1. Best: Berri - T. Townsend, H. Crowhurst, A. Kelly. M/S - details not provided. Goals: Berri - M. Spano 2. M/S -

E. Hugo. B grade

Waikerie 6 d Renmark 1.

Best: Waikerie - A. Nitschke, M. Kroehn, C. Waye, B. Leske. Renmark - K. Beer, T. Nourse, J. Packer, K. Barton. Goals: Waikerie - C. Waye, M. Kroehn 2, V. Schmidt, S. Kroehn.

Renmark - T. Nourse. Under 18 Berri 2 d Waikerie 1.

Best: Berri - A. Kelly, E. Rothe, M. Stokes, C. Camilleri, C. Smart. Waikerie - J. Kroehn, O. Ebert, C. Ridley, S. Kroehn.

O'Callaghan. Waikerie - J. Kroehn.

Under 14

Berri 3 d Renmark 0.

Best: Berri - details not supplied. Renmark - A. Preusker, D. Everett, J. Everett.

Goals: Berri - A. Kelly 2, X. Day.

Under 12

Renmark 2 d Waikerie 1.

Best: Renmark - L. Everett, L. Cook, O. Blackwell. Waikerie - all played well.

Goals: Renmark - C. Vowles, L. Perrin. Waikerie - M. Palin.

Berri Blue 2 d Berri Red 0.

Best: Berri Blue - Ch. Camilleri, Ca. Camilleri, N. Skroon, Berri Red - K. Sweet, H. Coote, J. Boon, A. Bowers.

Goals: Berri Blue - Ch. Camilleri, A. Walkley.

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Top two weekly tipsters plus three bonus vouchers drawn each week.

If there are more than two winning tipsters, then it will be decided by the points margin. Winners announced in Wednesday's edition. Voucher amounts may vary.

TOP TWO TIPSTERS

Paul Frangoulis & Brodie Wegener

BONUS VOUCHERS

Brandon Martin







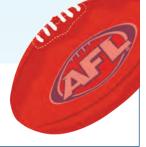














Murray Pioneer TEAM of the **YEAR 2023**

SOMEHOW simultaneously the most difficult and enjoyable task of the footy season, the process of picking this team caused some sleepless

Such has been my RFL obsession this year that I have watched a serious amount of local footy, and plenty of players are deserving of a spot in this line-up.

There are certainly a few stiff to

miss (apologies to Harley Campbell, Joel Worsfold and Brody Rover, truthfully, I tried to field a side of 24), but I believe the following 21 to be the

All have had outstanding seasons for their respective clubs, but I'm sure this will cause some debate at front bars and footy clubs across the region.

- Ben Lennon



Nathan Zunic Renmark

Silky skills and strong overhead for his size, 'Zooma' banged in the goals in 2023 for the Rovers. A tricky match-up for any defender. Brings good vibes, almost as valuable off-field as he is on it.



Nathan Flight Loxton

A physical presence with blistering pace over 10m. The Loxton sharpshooter is the RFL's greatest exponent of simply knowing where the goals are. Capable of the miraculous.



Ryan Proud Loxton North

Brought up 300 games and won the league's goalkicking trophy in the same year. A master of forward craft and still a major threat for the Panthers.

FORWARD



Zac Wooldridge **Loxton North**

Missed a few games but started the year like a house on fire. A great link-up player for the Panthers and can kick a bag. When he's on-song, North are rarely beaten.



Chris Knapp Loxton

His coach reckons he "has more presence than Santa", which is funnier if you say it out loud. A physical specimen and talented footballer that gave Loxton some muchneeded firepower this



Lachlan Evans Loxton

Should probably be on a wing but such is his versatility. Fantastic skills and deceptively long, the Tigers' ball magnet had another stellar season in black and yellow. Edges out fellow Loxtonite Harley Campbell.

HALF FORWARD



Dan Woolford Renmark

As tough as they come, 'Diesel' was a reliable contributor for the Rovers. Can win the ball on the inside more than most wingmen and has the skills to penetrate.



Sam **Butterworth** Barmera-Monash

Riverland footy's answer to 'Pendles', the Roos' skipper is the best space finder since Neil Armstrong. Cleanest skills in the competition and was rewarded with an SA country gig this



Alek Kudra Loxton North

Played on the ball a bit, but primarily a wingman in its purest form. The barometer for North, if Kudra is getting his hands on it they win, and they won a lot this year.

CENTRE



Zac Gartery Renmark

The best ruckman in the RFL and indeed Country SA, 'Hairy' has had another phenomenal vear. If by some miracle you beat him in the ruck, he will get you around the ground.



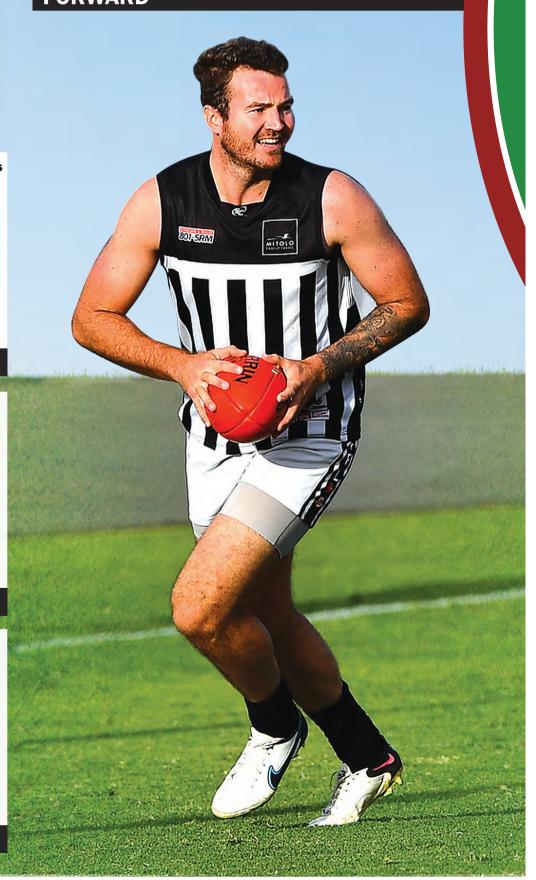
Tyrell Hocking Waikerie

The latest in a string of talented Magpie on-ballers, Hocking is a legitimate ball magnet. Will give you 40 week-in, week-out, rarely wastes a touch and wins his own ball. Evasive and skilful, a star of the comp.



Josh Vater Renmark

Played a starring role in the absence of others this year. Has entrenched himself as the punters' pick for the competition's best. Explosive out of the contest, clean skills and can hit the scoreboard, and all this while being a









Lachlan Lellmann Renmark

Oozes x-factor and is a difference-maker for the Rovers. Hits the contest hard and plays with attitude, while also having some of the cleanest distribution going around, particularly under pressure.



Matt **Woolford** Renmark

An RFL legend that finds himself on the pine primarily out of me not knowing where to start him. Versatile, experienced, hard-at-it and skilful, there isn't much 'Wooly' hasn't done in country footy.



Brody Thompson Berri

The sole Demon in this line-up and unlucky to play in the same era as Gartery. Athletic ruckman who can carry the load for four-quarters and give his midfielders first use. An understated star of the competition.

INTERCHANGE



Codi Voumard Loxton North

Captain and quarterback of the Panthers, Voumard has taken his game to another level this year. Reads the play well and initiates much of the slingshot, run and carry offence from a back flank.



Dylan Eleftheriadis Loxton North

One of the competition's unicorns, edged out Brody Rover for the coveted CHB spot, but only just. Tough, good overhead, clean at ground level, swings forward, accountable, gets free, does the lot.



Jack Sullivan Barmera-Monash

Stormed home to bump out Jake Anspach from this spot and is arguably Barmera's most influential player. Reads the play as if he's on a basketball court (which he often is) and has the athleticism to boot. A nightmare match-up.



Che Lange Loxton Loxton

Hit new heights in 2023 and kept the Tigers in a lot of games with his intercept marking. Bleeds yellow and black and reads the play as well as anyone in the game.



Michael Mock Barmera-Monash

A key cog in the league's best defence, Mock is the general for the Roos. Sticks to his task for four quarters each week and is very rarely beaten. A true leader of an impressive young side.



Tristan Geehman Waikerie

One of the smoothest movers going forward in the competition, but a battle-hardened defender ready to fight for his club when the going gets tough. An inspirational Magpie well deserving of

HALF BACK

2023 RF WHILLASMEDAL

Dan completes Woolford trifecta

BEN LENNON

HISTORY was made on Monday night at the Berri Hotel, when a third member of the same family was crowned Riverland football's best of the best.

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The gun on-baller edged ahead of Loxton North midfielder Joel Worsfold in the final round of the season, following a thrilling count.

The lead ebbed and flowed between the two throughout the first 14 rounds, with Worsfold ahead by one heading into the final game of the home and away season.

As luck would have it, the two went head-to-head in round 15, with the Rovers trouncing the Panthers and Woolford churning out a best-on-ground performance to clinch the award.

"It's a massive honour to be accepting this, and it's something I probably didn't expect," he said.

"There are a lot of good players in the RFL this year, Joel and (Josh) Vater both had good years, so I'm really privileged to win this."

Presenting the 28-year-old with the RFL's top honour was brother Tim, who had gone back-to-back over the past two years.

Dan was the third Woolford brother to arrive on the scene at the Kennel, impressing in his first season in the region last year, before hitting his straps in 2023.

"I'd been wanting to come up for a few years. I was playing in Adelaide with Walkerville, which I loved, and was working a bit in town, but obviously I was watching Matt and Tim in the RFL a fair bit," he said.

"We've got family up here as well and I was pretty keen to come up here when I did, and I'm so glad I have.

"It's a real privilege to be able to come up here and play each week. I really enjoy it.

"There's a lot of people that play a big part in helping myself and Tim come up from Adelaide.

"Peter Morath and Vater

the coach, all the boys and Robbie Bonner. It's a great environment and allows me to get the best out of myself.

"We're obviously super focused on this weekend but I wouldn't be up here today without everyone there."

Dan, Tim and Matt will all line up for the Rovers in this Saturday's RFL grand final against Barmera-Monash.

The brothers are three of five, with Dan and Tim triplets alongside other brother Lucas, with Matt the eldest of the lot.

The trio has come a long way since kicking the footy around in the backyard in their home town of Laura.

"There was a lot of footy in the backyard," Dan said.

"We were probably chasing and tackling Matt a lot as we were growing up.

"Like most people when they grow up in the country, sport is largely what you do and what everyone loves."

Woolford produced five three-vote games this season, including back-to-back best-on-ground efforts in the final two matches of the season.

Matt and Tim also fea-

tured prominently for the Rovers, while playing coach Vater had a strong showing, finishing with 13 votes overall

In third was Barmera-Monash skipper Sam Butterworth with 16 votes, ahead of Loxton North running machine Alek Kudra, who finished on 13.

Loxton star Jasper Hoffmann took out the B grade honours with 15 votes, three ahead of Loxton North's Keenan Wilksch.

Newly-minted SANFL employee Kayla Mudge was named the RWFL best and fairest, while in the under 18s, those in attendance were treated to a thrilling medal count.

The result was a threeway tie between some of the Riverland's brightest upand-coming stars.

Waikerie duo Mhavrick Harris-Light and Ryan Turner finished on 15 votes apiece, equal with Renmark star Bailey White.

White spent the majority of the year at West Adelaide, playing for the Rovers on just five occasions in the home and away season, polling maximum

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2023 Whillas Medallist Dan Woolford (Renmark).
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votes in each appearance.

The night was capped off with a memorable performance from guest speaker Dane Swan.

True to form, the Collingwood legend arrived two hours late to the event, but delivered when it mattered most on stage, as he did for much of his career.

VOTES

BARMERA-MONASH

Sam Butterworth 16, Fraser Sampson 9, Michael Mock 7, Jack Sullivan 6, Ayden Hodgson 4, Jake Smith 3, Ben Drogemuller, Matt Wilden 2, Justin Bonney, Jordyn Freeman, Jameson Whitbourne 1.

BERRI

Brody Thompson 6, Mitch Foulds, Kade Harkins, Shay Hawkins,

Michael Corbett 1.

Chris Knapp 9, Drew Kassulke 8, Luke Harder 6, Harley Campbell, Lachlan Evans, Nathan Flight 5, Raph Liddle 4, Will Gutsche, Che Lange, Jesse Will 3.

LOXTON NORTH

Joel Worsfold 19, Alek Kudra 13, Tyson Kent 7, Zac Wooldridge 6, Codi Voumard 5, Josh Nelson 4, Dylan Eleftheriadis, Jonty Koehne

RENMARK

Dan Woolford 21, Josh Vater 13, Matt Woolford 10, Zac Gartery 8, Tim Woolford, Nathan Zunic 3, Dain Austin, Harrison Brown, Mitch Jenke 2, Alex Haynes 1.

WAIKERIE

Noah Hyde 8, Jack Burgemeister, Tristan Geehman 6, Tyrell Hocking 5, Steven Braun, Mitch Hahn, Ben Smith 3, Tim Bevan 2, Ethan Neal, Ryan Shaw 1.

Renmark playing coach Josh Vater picked up the 2023 Murray Pioneer Writers' Award.



Vater the writers' pick

RENMARK playing coach Josh Vater picked up his second Murray Pioneer Writers' Award at Monday night's Whillas Medal count.

The former Central Districts player put together an impressive season for the Rovers, helping his side to a first-place finish and a fifth-straight grand final appearance.

The explosive midfielder polled 33 votes overall, and finished eight votes clear of second-place trio Sam Butterworth (Barmera-Monash), Tyrell Hocking (Waikerie) and Alek Kudra.

Vater was also named the RFL's A grade Coach of the Year, and managed a top five finish in the Whillas Medal count.



Trevor Norton (left) and Lachie Winnall (right) with 5RM Sports Saturday Award winner Ryan Proud.



A grade leading goalkicker: Ryan Proud (Loxton North).



Best first year player: Jack Sullivan (Barmera-Monash).



Mick Trussell with B grade best and fairest Jasper Hoffmann (Loxton).



RFL Golden Whistle winner Todd Charlton (right) with sponsor Drew Gallard.



Under 18s best and fairest: Mhavrick Harris-Light and Ryan Turner (Waikerie). Absent: Bailey White (Renmark).

Under 18s Coach of the Year: Stephen Marks

(Bamrera-Monash).



Guest speaker Dane Swan entertained the masses.



Under 18s leading goalkicker: Ryan Turner (Waikerie).



RWFL best and fairest: Kayla Mudge (Barmera-Monash).



RFL A grade Coach of the Year: Josh Vater (Renmark).





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BEN LENNON the winner of the 2023 decider.

Saturday afternoon's RFL grand final sees a galvanised Barmera-Monash take on reigning premier Renmark, in a contest set to enthral for a number of reasons.

PAGES 28-29 GF PREVIEW

Renmark captain Matt Woolford (left) and Barmera-Monash playing coach Fraser Sampson will both be vying for the RFL A grade premiership this Saturday afternoon at Waikerie.

WOOLFORD TRIFECTA COMPLET

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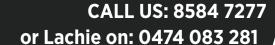


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Our cheese section is also filled with goodies from small and large local makers, as well as international classics such as aged Italian pecorino, Swiss gruyère and rich, creamy French brie. The olive section is worth exploring too, with

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As with many good things in life, a sense of adventure is key, as you never know what new favourites you'll discover. A good starting point is exploring cheese made from different types of milk. Cow's milk tends to be the mildest in flavour – its creamy, sweet taste translates into a more subtle base flavour. Goat's milk turns into a slightly more grassy, sweet and tangy cheese, whereas sheep's milk has a milder grassy flavour with a tangier backbone and less buttery taste. And from there it's time to start tasting from different regions around Australia, and then the world. Bon appétit!







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