



Cobdogla Steam and Irrigation Museum volunteers Kent Barney, John Victor, Kym Schober, Robin Bawden, Merv Dunk and Brian Grayson yesterday after SA Water informed them they would be locked out of the museum from Friday. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

OUSTED Cobdogla museum set to close at short notice

VOLUNTEERS fear it is the end for the Cobdogla Steam and Irrigation Museum after receiving notice they would be locked out from this Friday.
 Cobdogla Steam Friends Society president Robin Bawden

said the group was informed of SA Water's decision on Tuesday, with the agency citing safety concerns stemming from the flooding River Murray as the reason behind the decision.

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Whirlwind of developments across Riverland

ANOTHER visit from the Premier, who announced his government had secured over 22,000 nights of last-resort accommodation, a fact-finding trip by the nation's emergency services minister, and ongoing concerns about false flow data dominated the Riverland's fast-moving flood scene yesterday.

Peter Malinauskas travelled to Morgan to unveil a \$1.2m commitment to provide up to 500 beds – on a given night – to match expected demand from people seeking emergency accommodation.
 The Premier's second visit inside a fortnight followed a visit earlier this week by federal Emergency Services Minister Murray

Watt, who was updated on flood preparation and infrastructure issues, while also meeting with representatives from the struggling local wine industry.
 The visits and flood preparations progressed amid a backdrop of lingering dissatisfaction over the shock announcement that River Murray flows into SA were sig-

nificantly higher than was being reported, potentially impacting the mitigation efforts of locals.

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Riverlander blows 0.286

A LOCAL is set to appear in court after he was found driving nearly six times over the legal alcohol limit.

Police stopped a 47-year-old Barmera man who was driving on Farmer Street, in Barmera, on Monday, December 5, when he allegedly returned a positive reading of 0.286 to a breath test.

Police issued the man with an instant 12-month loss of licence.

A 22-year-old Royal Park man had previously been reported by police for driving with a disqualified licence on Wattle Street, in Renmark, on Saturday, December 3.

It is understood both drivers had their vehicles impounded for 28 days, and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

Family in court over boat crash tragedy

THE family of a former local man who died in a boating accident that occurred in the Mid Murray region have sued a fellow relative for his involvement in the matter.

Family members of Gawler man Chad Gill, who lost his life following a 2019 boat crash at Swan Reach, last week launched a \$100,000 personal injury lawsuit against Mr Gill's cousin, Alexander Gill, it was reported in The Advertiser.

Mr Gill sustained fatal injuries after his boat was overturned in a collision with Alexander Gill's vessel, who was initially charged with causing death by dangerous driving and attempting to pervert the course of justice after the accident.

The Advertiser reports that it is understood the matter remains in court and will be heard again next year.

Goalposts moving on flow forecasts

PAUL MITCHELL

PREDICTED maximum River Murray flows into SA – impacting the flood-hit Riverland first – continue to rise, despite assurances they remain “within forecast limits”.

An anomaly was uncovered last Thursday, when flows were confirmed to be approximately 23GL a day higher than reported – from 157GL to 180GL – but in the same SA government announcement the peak-flow forecast continued to creep upwards.



Last week's flow update showed the peak flow would be “between 190 and 200 gegalitres a day”, which a media release from SA Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs claimed was “largely consistent with previous projections”.

However, just 35 days earlier, on November 3, the SA government

said the latest advice it had received showed the River Murray's peak flow projection “remains at 135 gegalitres per day”.

Issued by Mr Szakacs and Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Susan Close, the same media release warned of a “moderate possibility” of a peak of 150GL a day and only a “low probability” of 160GL a day.

Just over a week earlier, on October 25, a media release from

Prescient predictions?

→ October 25
120GL

→ November 3
135GL

→ December 8
190-220GL

Dr Close – about new flow information available at a government website – said “latest modelling predicts river flows of up to 120 gegalitres a day”.

PAGE 6 Goblins in flow models

Murray discovers Watts up in the Riverland

ALEXANDRA BULL

FLOOD preparation, infrastructure issues and meetings with grape growers were among the items on federal minister Murray Watt's agenda when he visited the Riverland on Monday afternoon.

The Minister for Emergency Management and Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry spoke with grape growers in Renmark, headed to Loxton to visit the Incident Management Team Centre, before meeting with all three Riverland mayors to address some of the infrastructure issues facing the region.

Mr Watt was joined by the SA Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services of South Australia, Joe Szakacs, Chaffey MP Tim



SES incident control officer Craig Brassington, Federal Emergency Services Minister Murray Watt and his SA counterpart Joe Szakacs at the Loxton Incident Management Team Centre on Monday afternoon. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Whetstone, and SA Liberal Senator Anne Ruston.

“There is obviously a lot of good preparation being done to try and shield communities from the flooding that we know is coming,” Mr Watt said.

“It's pleasing to hear that the expected peak maybe won't be quite as severe as what was originally thought, so that can give people a little comfort.

“Nonetheless we are still looking at the biggest flood the region has seen in a very long time.

“I think these sorts of times really test different

levels of government but I am really pleased we have had very good co-operation between the federal and South Australian governments so far.”

Speaking with grape growers in Renmark, Mr Watt said “even before these floods came along, it was no secret that the wine industry locally was doing it pretty tough”.

“Now the floods are happening I expect we will see some financial support for these growers as well,” he said.

Kingston Road is expected to be closed by week's



end and Mr Szakacs said local road closures were being “really well managed” by the Department for Infrastructure.

“All of the closures are being deemed on an absolute needs basis and I'm really confident they are being left open for as long as possible,” he said.

“The truth is a number of these roads will become inundated, and sometimes because we are trying to

keep these roads open as long as we can, then the notice of closure is often sometimes short.

“I know that creates a bit of anxiety for the community, but I want to give my assurance that we are keeping them open as long as we can.

“I have been throughout the Riverland the last couple of months and I have been hearing and seeing how abundantly clear how this water is affecting transport, not just road, but also the ferries.

“So we are just trying to minimise that impact.”

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Morgan Riverside Caravan Park owner Leigh Cock and SA Premier Peter Malinauskas at the caravan park yesterday. PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Morgan Riverside Caravan Park owner Leigh Cock and SA Premier Peter Malinauskas at the caravan park yesterday. PHOTOS: Christine Webster

Premier back for Morgan

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE SA Premier met with Morgan community members, including Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey and a local caravan park owner, yesterday to hear first-hand about the impact of the River Murray floods.

Peter Malinauskas examined the levee being built along the town's riverfront to prevent the rising waters from impacting too much on the town's infrastructure.

He also inspected the Morgan Riverside Caravan Park.

The caravan park's owner, Leigh Cock, is anxiously watching the river levels and is hoping the levee will keep the water away from most of his business infrastructure.

Mr Cock said he has

already seen 32 of his unpowered sites submerged by the rising river.

His caravan park also has 49 powered sites and 55 semi-permanent sites and 14 cabins, but he told The Murray Pioneer he is no longer taking online or phone bookings.

Mr Cock said bookings over spring – usually one of his best seasons – were “down more than 80 per cent”.

He said he was only taking walk-in guests, mainly people working in the area, and had provided accommodation to about six locals who had been displaced due to their homes being flooded.

Mr Cock said he was unsure whether he would be open during the summer school holidays.

“We are still operating



Mr Cock and Mr Malinauskas speaking to the visiting Adelaide Media.

if people arrive and come through,” he said.

“We will allow people to be here if we are comfortable, but future bookings at the moment are being paused.

“We are just doing emergency relief for peo-

ple who have to move out of their homes.”

Mr Malinauskas encouraged tourists to still visit the Riverland and Mid Murray council area.

He said visiting the area was still a “safe

proposition”.

Mr Malinauskas said the one in 50-year event was “spectacular to see and safe to look at provided people followed the appropriate rules and guidance particularly around road closures”.

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Beds secured for our ‘highly anxious’ Riverland communities

EMERGENCY accommodation will be secured for Riverlanders impacted by the current Murray River flood event in an attempt to calm “anxious” local communities.

The state government yesterday announced a \$1.2m commitment to pre-book emergency accommodation for locals displaced from their homes due to the flood.

The initiative, run through the Short-Term Emergency Accommodation Plan, will provide up to 500 beds on any given night in a variety of locations.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the accommodation would be booked for individuals and families, and would include motels, powered caravan sites and cabins in Berri, Glossop, Waikerie and Barmora.

“I understand the affected communities are feeling highly anxious this week as the river continues to rise,” Mr Malinauskas said.

“I want to offer reassurance we are doing everything we can to provide support to River Murray communities as the situation develops.”

“Be assured, we have taken prudent steps to make sure people will be supported if they have nowhere else to go.

“If your primary place of residence is flood-affected, you can be assessed to get assistance with emergency accommodation now.”

Mr Malinauskas said 16 Humanihut structures, able to accommodate 64 people, would also be constructed at the Riverland Exhibition Centre, which could also hold 200 caravans with power and amenities.

It is understood the government has also taken lease of a fully accessible site suitable for people with mobility issues and care needs.

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- Peter Malinauskas

- Morgan Riverside Caravan Park owner, Leigh Cock

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Barker MP says Riverlanders were ‘let down’ by incorrect flow rate info



FLOW DATA DISAPPOINTS

The view over Cobdogla on the weekend. Barker MP Tony Pasin (inset) says Riverlanders have been “let down” by Murray River flow rate modelling, which was last week confirmed to have been inaccurate. PHOTO: Barry Phillips

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A LOCAL federal MP has been left “incredibly disappointed” by the announcement measurements of Murray River flows entering South Australia were incorrect.

The SA government last week revealed daily flow data at the South Australian border had become inaccurate.

Data last Thursday morning showed flows into South Australia of approximately 157GL/day, however later in the day it

was confirmed the level was actually around 180GL/day.

Barker Liberal MP Tony Pasin said local residents attempting to prepare for flood risks needed accurate flow data.

“I’m incredibly disappointed that flood predictions were so far off the reality we are now facing,” Mr Pasin said.

“I’ve heard from many Riverland residents that they prepared their properties based on the advice given by state government agencies regarding river flows and that given the

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new number of 220GL, they are now feeling ill prepared.

“Yet again, Riverland residents are feeling let down by the state government.

“It’s simply not good enough and when the immediate crisis is over, I’ll be calling for an investigation into how and why these predictions were so extraordinarily inaccurate.”

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said improved methods of measuring flows over the border were necessary.

“The department have fallen into a false sense of security using historical data,” Mr Whetstone said.

“You can’t compare 1974 to 2022, because the landscape has changed significantly.

“Once upon a time it was an open flow, particularly with a lot of the floodplains. Now there’s a lot more sophistication with farms that have bigger equipment.

“They’re building large levees around their farms (upstream), and that’s directing water into South Australia. So there’s more water on the river and less on the floodplain.”

The latest DEW SA River Murray Flow Report – released on Friday, December 9 – advised floodwaters had “spread across much of the floodplain near the border, with flow also occurring through anabranches and across floodplain areas that are nor-

mally dry”.

“This situation is extremely challenging for measuring river flow,” the report read.

“The current observed flow and river level is also much higher than what has previously been gauged during field visits at many monitoring locations, or it has been almost 50 years since field measurements were made at this flow.

“Consequently river managers advise that at these current flood levels, River Murray flow estimates should be interpreted with a high degree of caution.”

The report stated daily calculated flows into South Australia were no longer “considered to be a useful measure in relation to the forecasted flow and water levels”.

“The difference between the forecast and calculated flow to SA has increased, which is now understood to be caused by an increasing amount of flow bypassing the river monitoring site and the topographic changes,” the report read.

Mr Whetstone said constant challenges presented by the flood meant it would be necessary to learn from errors.

“I hope we learn as we go along with practical experience, because using historical data is clearly flawed,” Mr Whetstone said.

“As long as we’re learning, we will be better prepared.

“More Riverlanders have not seen a flood event than have. It’s a historical event, but at the same time we’re learning.”

It is understood peak flow prediction levels – of between 190GL and 220GL – have remained unchanged despite the discrepancy in data.

PAGE 2 Goalposts moved

Community rallies after Waikerie tragedy

THE Waikerie community has rallied around the family of the nine-year-old boy who tragically lost his life recently.

The tragedy occurred at the town pool on Saturday, December 3. Louise Thiel, who started the GoFundMe fundraiser, said:

“A lot of people were contacting me with offers of helping the family and a few had suggested a Gofundme.

“After conversing with the family, I believed that this would be the best way to support the family while still respecting their privacy. This would allow the family to give their gorgeous boy the send-off they wanted, without the financial stress.

“The account went live on Monday and has already raised over \$16,000 which is incredible.

“I have been approached by other members of the community about keeping the page open for a minimum of a week in order for them to be able to make donations.

“At this stage we do not have a definite closing date for the GoFundMe I will endeavour to update this on the page when the closing date is confirmed.

“The support from the community and surrounds has been overwhelming and it shows how amazing people are.

“Louise, the family and their friends would like to thank Waikerie and the wider community for coming together to care, protect and support the family at this time.

“The ripple effect this will have on our small community will be felt for a long time.

“Louise urges anyone affected by the tragedy to seek support.”

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DefenCell to protect the Berri riverfront



Works to install DefenCell barriers along the Berri riverfront began on Monday, starting in front of the Berri Riverside Holiday Park. PHOTO: Josh Brine

WORKS to install temporary flood barriers to protect the Berri riverfront have begun, with the local council securing 1km of DefenCell to mitigate potential inundations.

The first barriers along Riverview Drive were installed on Monday near the Clarke Road intersection in front of the Berri Riverside Holiday Park, with the temporary levee to run along the riverfront to Crawford Terrace.

The levee is designed to protect properties and infrastructure along the riverfront – including businesses, parks, reserves and community facilities – ahead of peak flows later this month.

At a recent community meeting in Barmera, Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong said the barriers had been secured through the SA State Emergency Service (SASES).

“It is not anticipated with the current flow data available to council that the entire area would be subject to inundation, but there are areas along there that are low and would allow water to overflow Riverview Drive and fill on the other side of the road,” he said.

Council has also explored options for protecting low sections of Riverview Drive towards Martin Bend, with the SASES and SAPOL liaising with property owners to advise them on actions they can take to prepare for the event.

Meanwhile, locals and volunteers have been remediating existing flood levees in Winkie, Loveday and Overland Corner.

Although under current modelling council has determined the areas are not in need of “immediate remediation with respect to risk to public safety, community infrastructure and number of properties”, residents in low-lying areas were working together to protect their properties.

“I’m aware some extremely passionate local residents, combined with the help of some volunteers, have been undertaking

“There are areas along there that are low and would allow water to overflow Riverview Drive and fill on the other side of the road...”
- Dylan Strong

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some work in those areas on those levees, and also some self-protection around homes on some of those horticultural blocks where they might not be protected by a ‘56 levee,” Mr Strong said.

Council has also issued a safety warning for locals around flood water, given the speed of current river flows.

“If any of you have been down to the riverfront recently, you would see the water is absolutely racing through there,” Mr Strong said.

“There is (also) significant submerged infrastructure there which is not visible from the foreshore at all.

“I must stress that they do pose a significant risk to public safety...”

“In alignment with the current restrictions of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Lake (Bonney, in Barmera) itself is still open for use for recreation outside of a 250m buffer zone that runs along the lake foreshore.”

Mr Strong also thanked council staff, work crews and volunteers for their efforts on flood preparation works across the district.

- JOSH BRINE

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Renmark Paringa Council staff, SES volunteers and Costa Group workers constructing the DefenCell sandbag barrier at the Renmark riverfront last Wednesday. PHOTO: supplied

RPC ups its local flood defences

A TEMPORARY levee has been constructed along a Riverland town’s riverfront space, as part of the local council’s “dedication” to preparing the community for peak flows.

Renmark Paringa Council last week installed a DefenCell sandbag barrier at the Renmark riverfront, between the Visitor Information Centre and the former Westpac Bank building.

A Renmark Paringa Council statement said support from local business Costa Group was integral to constructing the DefenCell levee.

“Costa Group have seconded over 30 members of its Pacific Islander workforce for this project,” the statement read.

“Renmark Paringa Council would like to extend its sincerest thanks to Costa Group and in particular to the 30 individuals who are compacting material into DefenCell to enable it to work effectively.

“This task is extremely labour intensive and council resources alone would not have been able to complete the project in time for the peak.”

It is understood council has also requested additional DefenCell units be installed through to the Taylor Riverfront Precinct.

The council statement advised Renmark’s levee banks would be further heightened due to the disparity between flow rates and expected river levels.

“Council has recently become aware that the relationship between the flow in gigalitres and the water level in Australian Height Datum (AHD) is not exactly as expected,”

the statement read.

“The flow modelling that the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is undertaking is proving to be accurate but the associated water levels, particularly in the vicinity of Renmark, are proving to be higher than expected.

“Council is in constant contact with DEW, has begun stockpiling clay in strategic locations and is able to increase levee bank capacities across the entire 38km network.

“Works have already commenced in some areas to further increase the height of our levee banks.”

Further information regarding Renmark Paringa Council’s management of the current flood event is available by visiting the River Murray Flood Advice webpage (www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/river-murray-high-flow-advice), or by using the attached QR code.



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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Goblins in the flow modelling

AMID considerable fanfare, Oxford Dictionaries last week anointed “goblin mode” its word of the year for 2022.

For the record, goblin mode – coined in reference to people reluctantly emerging from Covid-19 lockdowns – means “a type of behaviour which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations”.

This slang term took hold on social media, hardly surprising given other recent winners include “vax” (2021), “climate emergency” (2019) and “selfie” (2013).

However, if an award existed for most despised word of the past few years, “modelling” would surely be a contender, particularly in the Riverland, currently grappling with its greatest flood event since 1956.

Last Thursday we learned of an alarming discrepancy surrounding the daily data on water flow into South Australia.

Early in the day we were told flows were at 157GL per day, but just hours later the figure had suddenly jumped to 180GL per day. Essentially, what was coming across the border each day was different to the figure being recorded and distributed to governments, authorities and flood-hit communities like the Riverland.

The divergence actually made perfect sense to a number of keen local observers, who had been quietly pointing out that under the same flow figures, the river in 2022 was substantially higher than the river in 1974.

But this was more a calculation problem than a modelling fault.

Modelling starts to become a dirty word if we look back just a few short weeks.

On November 3, hardly eons ago, the SA government told us the latest advice it had received was that the “peak flow projection remains at 135GL per day”. It warned of a “moderate possibility” of 150GL per day and a “low probability” of 160GL per day.

Around a week earlier, on October 25, the government said modelling predicted “river flows of up to 120 gigalitres a day”.

Fast forward to last Thursday and the latest SA government release tells a forecast flow of between 190GL and 220GL per day into Renmark by the end of December is “largely consistent with previous projections”.

Using “consistent” in that summary – from 135GL per day to possibly 220GL per day – is stretching credibility.

And given the bulk of the substantial rainfall was already in the system before November 3, it seems the modelling – charged with taking into account all relevant factors – is seriously out of whack, and anything but consistent.

Flows of 120GL per day, even 135GL per day, look pretty good right now.

Once this flood event is over, perhaps the methods of River Murray flow modelling need to be examined, given people have been making crucial decisions based on this information.

In recent times “modelling”, and those responsible for producing it, have a bit to answer for. Remember Covid-19 modelling?

We were told to expect substantially more infections and deaths than eventuated, and took many nation-altering – and since-proven unnecessary – precautions as a result.

Which makes another SA government release – pushed out on November 12, apparently without considering the inaccuracy of flow modelling, or the weather records of 2022 – both deliciously ironic and spectacularly fanciful.

“Modelling shows hotter days and less rain for South Australia to 2050 and beyond...”

It seems we can’t forecast river flows six or eight weeks ahead of time, but we can confidently predict the weather 30 years from now, and make decisions based on those predictions.



Cars, modern for their day, unloading from the Berri ferry during the Murray River flood of 1931: In 1931 the river level was so high, there was but little of the ferry ramp showing. At that time, about 100 metres from the ferry, the ‘old road’ to Loxton took a hard turn to the right and followed the river closely downstream to the west, then south towards the cliffs at Bookpurnong. Just prior to the cliffs, the road crossed an old, wooden bridge over Salt Creek, then climbed a steep track, now Schwarz Road, up the cliff to near the Bookpurnong church. At the junction of what is now Gordon and Nitschke roads, the road to Loxton turned south heading on Bookpurnong Road to Loxton. Today, Bookpurnong Road also heads directly north downhill from that junction toward Berri some 4.5km across the sometime dusty, sometimes muddy and occasionally inundated river flats. The photo was taken by the intrepid Jean Koenig, who took many locally significant photos. Her husband, Aussie, was driving the front car, a 1930 Model A Ford roadster. Behind is a 1929 Pontiac tourer. Interestingly, just this week, the current flood reached the level of the 1931 flood. PHOTO: Perc Munchenberg

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hydrogen hub the next grandiose dud

READING The Advertiser article by Cameron England relating to a possible new ‘hydrogen hub’ (3/12/22), I was reminded of another two grandiose projects from the past.

First was the plan to develop a new satellite city at Monarto and second was the proposed Multifunction Polis (MFP) at Gilberton, on the north side of Adelaide.

Both of these projects were duds.

Monarto is now a park for giraffes and the potential participants in the MFP lost interest.

I believe both of these projects are conceived in part to distract voters from day- to-day, real problems by promising Utopian, futuristic projects.

If the SA Premier really wanted to turn South Australia into the United Arab Emirates of Australia, or Adelaide into the Dubai of South Australia, he should pursue a future in nuclear energy.

JEFF KNISPEL
Wigley Flat

Positive news on Red Cross bus

IT was about 12 months ago that I was whining and carrying on about poor treatment regarding the Red Cross medical bus.

Boy, has my attitude changed. I had to visit a cardiologist at the Ashford Cardiac Clinic on November 30. My appointments are usually organised for me some time prior to the date.

Kelly was the lady I spoke to back then to arrange for me to travel on the bus.

Because I am no spring chicken and a country person from Victoria, I know very little about Adelaide and where their various buses etc. run.

I asked Kelly if a Red Cross

car in Adelaide could collect me from the cardiac clinic and convey me to the country bus terminal, on Franklin Street. She told me she would make inquiries.

About November 28 I contacted the Berri office and asked if a car had been arranged. The next day a gent rang me from Red Cross Adelaide to say ‘yes’. Shortly after, Narelle rang me with the same news.

Thanks go to Peter (Loxton) who drove two other ladies and myself to Adelaide, Ian (Adelaide Red Cross) who was waiting for me as soon as I had finished my visit to the cardiologist.

Thanks a million everyone. You are a great bunch of people. Better service could not have been had.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

LOU HUNT
Loxton

Politicians and climate change

IT is rewarding to note that this is one of the few papers that prints all sides of the climate change debate in their opinion column, which bucks the normal media trend.

In this respect I was recently quite shocked to hear one of the federal ministers state that she felt such a sense of satisfaction when she took off from Sydney and saw the many wind farms on her way to the ACT.

What a short-sighted, uninformed, flippant statement to make.

Yes, there is unproven evidence that we are experiencing CO2-influenced climate change and need to take informed, appropriate action to reduce human derived emissions.

But is climate change only the result of increased CO2?

The answer is a proven, resounding no, as there are many other factors that we have no control over that change

our climate. In fact, a limited increase in CO2 benefits plant life.

Rushing into renewables, in particular wind farms and solar panels, without looking long term and ensuring reliable power supplies, will be disastrous.

In a world where we are forced to rely more and more on electrical equipment and electronics 24 hours a day, reliable energy is a must.

Unfortunately, most of our politicians’ grasp of the history and other factors influencing climate change – with sensible possible mitigation – is seriously lacking.

They just tend to follow the intense propaganda for political purposes.

Due to the many negatives of renewables, far more attention needs to be placed on nuclear power generation.

GORDON FORREST
Barmera

CSIRO is credible climate source

IN response to Jim West’s letter (‘Climate crew sorely lacking in science, Murray Pioneer, 7/12/22), I said it was the greedy fossil fuel industries that should be brought to account, but that is unlikely to happen. The true creators of fear regarding climate change are the fossil fuel industries who pay the human Judas sheep, lobbyists, to sway government and public opinion leading to climate inaction.

Over 600 lobbyists attended the recent COP climate conference – no wonder nothing of substance comes out of such meetings.

Mr West wants me to share my scientific evidence.

It’s not my scientific evidence, as I’m not a climate scientist. But what would he do when dozens of pages filled

with strange terms, symbols and equations that are scary enough to make the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics look like walk in the park, are presented to him?

Science boffins are paid to do the climate science in the same manner that engineers are paid to build things that work and brain surgeons are paid to chop out the right bits of one’s brain.

Like the rest of us, politicians are advised by scientists, but when this situation is distorted by powerful fossil fuel industries who pay lobbyists to manipulate the situation in order to encourage confusion and climate inaction we have a serious problem.

There are mountains of empirical evidence available to anyone interested and capable of understanding the science that proves humans are the main drivers of climate change. Just do a Google search.

Mr West may be concerned about the CSIRO’s scientific status, but he would prefer to believe the discredited ravings of such people as geologists with links to fossil fuel industries.

As well, I’d be much more concerned about the workings of wealthy and powerful groups manipulating public opinion than ‘wokes’ wanting sex changes.

Mr West asks: “Why is it that the graph line used to demonstrate the modelling of temperature increases from the past 30-odd years moves almost diagonally across and up the page, yet the graph line indicating the actual recorded temperatures for the same period runs almost horizontally across the page? It’s a big scare.”

I suggest he check out some graphs produced by the CSIRO that show he has been conned by someone like a geologist with links to fossil fuel industries.

“It is rewarding to note that this is one of the few papers that prints all sides of the climate change debate...”

- GORDON FORREST



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I also suggest Mr West toss out his ‘climate denier 101’ manual and stop reading conspiracy sites that will tell him anything he wants to hear in return for paid subscriptions.

ALF RAPISARDA
Elwood, Victoria

To live and die in my town of Morgan

I LIVE in the small town of Morgan on the Murray River. I want to die in Morgan. Not right now – in 40 years or so. That is why I work at delivering meals, driving people to health care appointments and – due to the high river event – finding places for people to stay.

It helps people be where they belong. I want Morgan to grow, not decline like it has for the past few decades and I work to make that growth happen.

What I feel here in Morgan is un-voiceable; I could say spiritual but that’s too metaphysical. I guess the best way to put it is that I don’t want to be carted off to a nursing home, because then I would never see the night sky again.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

SA’s regional roads are crumbling

THE lives of drivers, passengers, and vulnerable pedestrians – like school children – are at risk in South Australia’s regions.

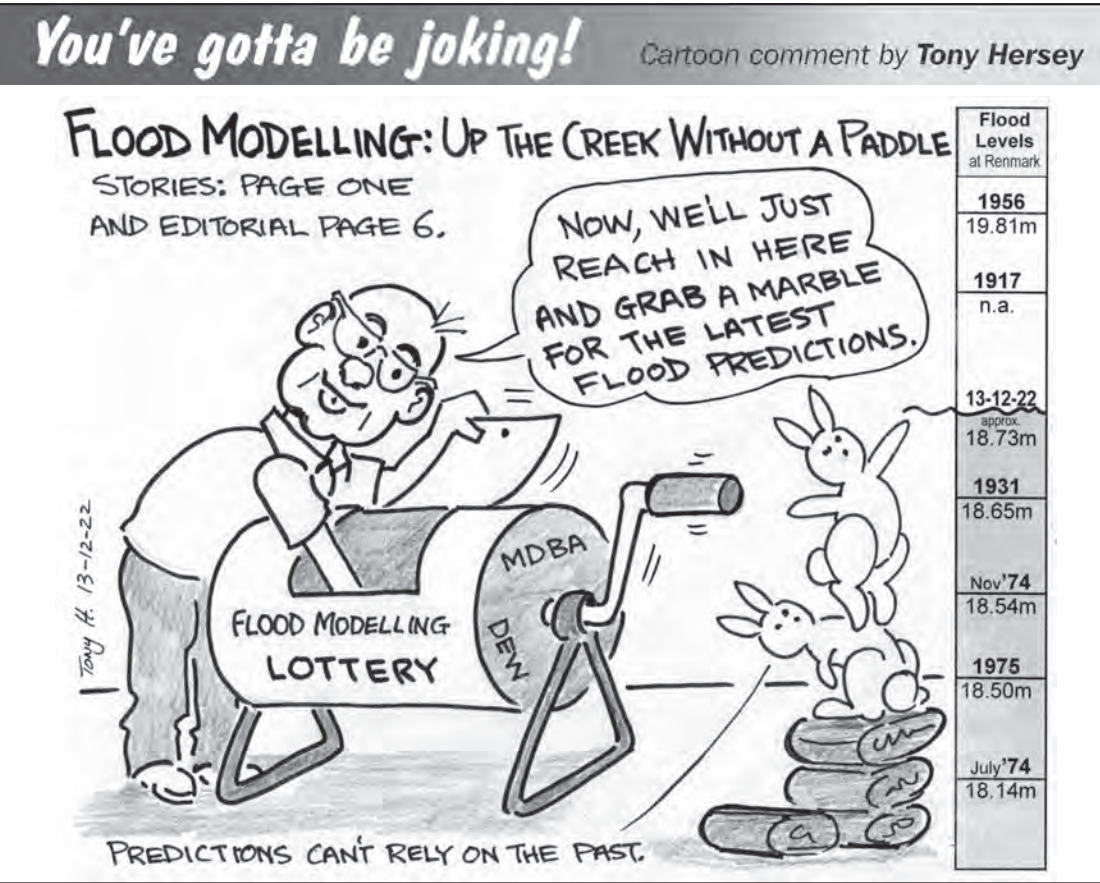
Right now, I am anxious about the state of our roads – so much so that I drove a stretch of road from Marrabel to Kapunda, stopping 13 times in 17km to document the enormity of the issue.

I’ve travelled around the state more times than I can remember and am constantly confronted with witches’ hats and markers that attempt to warn drivers of huge road craters.

It’s not good enough and I am getting the impression our regional roads have been forgotten by the Malinauskas Labor Government.

While I acknowledge the vast distance between city and country, that doesn’t mean an ‘out of sight, out of mind’ approach is acceptable.

We’re in the middle of harvest and approaching vintage. More trucks will be on the road and as the weather gets warmer



we welcome the tourists who will venture into our beautiful parts of the world.

But I fear the consequences of ignoring these safety issues could be tragic and that’s why I have raised these matters directly with Minister for Regional Roads, Geoff Brock. We cannot afford to wait another day.

I heard from one constituent who raised concerns about the safety of a mother and her child who cross a certain road every day to wait for the school bus.

With such terrible potholes on this stretch of road, if a driver served to miss a crater, the worst could become a reality.

The former Liberal government joined forces with the former Coalition federal government and invested billions of dollars in our road network. The Horrocks Highway is an example of that.

Now is not the time to take our foot off the pedal. While it appears crucial funding for regional road upgrades has been prioritised for other city-centric projects, I’m calling on Geoff Brock to act and plead with Premier Peter Malinauskas.

Lives literally depend on it. Please find the money and get these damaged and dangerous roads fixed.

PENNY PRATT
Liberal Member for Frome

What a run

THE Ulysses Club Inc. Mallee Branch Committee would like to thank all of the 150 riders who rode in the Riverland Toy and Tucker Run on Sunday, December 4.

Without you this event would not be the success it has been over the past 20 years.

To the crowds of people who came out at each of the towns to watch and give cash, non-perishable food and toys for the Riverland Christmas Appeal, thanks for supporting the ride.

Through your efforts we were able to raise \$3440 on the day, plus all of the food and toys.

To the Salvos, thanks for supplying liquid refreshments to the riders at Renmark and Berri on a 39C day. It was appreciated by all riders who took part.

DAVID MOORE
Secretary
Ulysses Club Inc. Mallee Branch

Loxcare to keep helping in 2023

I WOULD like to sincerely thank all those who have supported Loxcare throughout the past year and wish you the very best of everything for 2023.

Loxcare is very grateful for the donation of clothing, furniture, electrical goods, money

and time from so many people across the Riverland.

Our hope is to continue helping those in the community who need to purchase good, second-hand items at reasonable prices and require emergency assistance from time to time.

Loxcare volunteers are involved in running our two second-hand stores, Arthur’s Bazaar (clothing, bric-a-brac) and Len’s/Ken’s Shed (furniture, household items); an emergency relief office; the Loxton Centrelink Access Centre; an after-hours bakery run and our Friday morning Meet, Greet & Eat sessions in the Loxcare Community Hub.

We are very thankful for all our volunteers and it is a privilege to work with such community-minded people.

Loxcare’s last day of trading for 2022 is Thursday, December 22 and we will reopen on Tuesday, January 10 at 9am in our retail outlets.

We ask that all donations be held until this date so that our volunteers may take a much-needed rest and spend some quality time with their families. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter and we hope you all enjoy a break and the many blessings of the Christmas season.

BEV SCARFE
Loxcare co-ordinator

Looking back...

10 years ago December 13, 2012



Counting cost of closure



Local grain grower Jason Rover could pay up to \$80,000 more to store his grain after major grain handler Viterra’s decision to close its Paringa and Waikerie silos for this year. The third generation Paringa grain grower, who is hoping to start harvest this week, said the closure of his local silo means he will have to transport his crop to either Loxton, Port Adelaide or Roseworthy. “We can take our grains to Loxton but we prefer not to do that because the freight rates work against us there,” he said.



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20 years ago December 13, 2002



Vale Max Jones: Renmark’s very own bush detective
The original bush detective, Max Jones, has died aged 83. He was born in a long line of bush detectives in the Riverland. He was a well-known figure in the community, known for his expertise in bushfire prevention and his dedication to the environment. He was a member of the Riverland Bushfire Committee and was involved in many bushfire prevention projects. He was a well-known figure in the community, known for his expertise in bushfire prevention and his dedication to the environment. He was a member of the Riverland Bushfire Committee and was involved in many bushfire prevention projects.



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TEXT LINE

Last week I went into Paringa to see how much Bert Dix Park had changed. Some Islander workers were down there in the water. They were too far away for me to speak to them, but I thought that maybe they don’t understand what a Riverland flood event is. They may not have this sort of flooding over their way. Is the warning about having fun in flood waters being taken seriously? It’s too close to Christmas to have

any drownings.

MAC
Paringa

‘Albanese come, Albanese go’ (Murray Pioneer, 7/12/22), very good.

MLA
Berri

Why were ratepayers not consulted or informed about the closure of Lake Bonney before it was done, very quickly and hush-hush, generating lots of rumours and uncertainty

in the town? We pay the highest rates in the Riverland and deserve more respect from council. And where is our missing-in-action new mayor in all this? Not good enough Berri Barmera Council.

KAREN
Barmera

Isn’t it sad that we have such a lovely bridge at Berri but we are unable to utilise because of the flood waters covering Bookpurnong Road. So, for my Christmas

wish I’m asking Santa for a raised causeway and new bridge over Salt Creek.

ROXY
Loxton

The fire brigade in Renmark used to have an audible alarm that was tested at 7pm. This is on display at Olivewood. I checked with a Renmark councillor to see if they have one in case of an emergency. The reply was no and they won’t have one; SMS and phone calls

will be done. Sorry, but in an emergency not all residents have mobiles, and many would not check it in the middle of the night anyway. I know we are not in Europe, where there are air-raid sirens, but feel we should have an audible warning siren. Maybe Angoves siren, which was once heard throughout the district, could be utilised in an emergency?

ANN
Renmark

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Mental health boost for Riverland

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE state government will provide increased specialist and early intervention mental health services as part of a \$1m package to assist River Murray flood affected communities.

SA Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton announced the first part of the SA Floods Mental Health Response during a visit to Waikerie last week.

The program will promote positive mental wellbeing for individuals, families, and communities to reduce the risk of mental ill-health and suicide.

Mr Picton said it would also ensure mental health services were equipped to manage increased demand associated with the floods.

“We know that floods not only have an impact on property, but they also have a significant mental health impact,” he said.

“Similar to other emergencies, like fires, we know we will need additional mental health support for the region.”

The package will include more psychological and mental health nursing services provided by the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network, to engage further staff through FocusOne Health in partnership with the Country SA Primary Health Network.

Increased psychiatrist support via Telehealth from the Rural and Remote Mental Health Unit will be provided by the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network.

The funding will also provide additional staff for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to provide more child mental health support.



Professor Nicola Spurrier and SA Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton at the Waikerie Health Service last week.
PHOTO: Christine Webster



This will include assessment, care plans and therapeutic interventions.

Wellbeing SA will also run community resilience and wellbeing programs throughout affected communities.

Extra support will be provided to the Mid-Murray Suicide Prevention Network and the Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network.

An extended hours service for young people will increase capacity to respond to new and existing referrals, plus Telehealth psychiatry reviews and partnerships with schools to identify at-risk children,

Mr Picton said additional programs would be announced over the coming weeks to respond to community need as the flood crisis continues.

Legal service’s \$60k for flood support

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND legal service has received \$60,000 in state government funding to help support flood-affected residents.

The funding will assist the Riverland Community Justice Centre, located in Berri, to ensure locals get the necessary legal support to respond and recover from the floods.

Services in the region will include legal awareness workshops, outreach to other affected areas and specialist legal support around issues such as insurance matters.

SA Attorney-General Kyam Maher said in the wake of a natural disaster “people need immediate, face-to-face support”.

“There are a lot of services where it’s a lot easier... face-to-face at a time when there are issues being raised that people haven’t thought of before like insurance matters, family law, child access and custody matters,” he said.

“As we go on over the com-



SA Attorney-General Kyam Maher (right) spoke with Riverland Community Justice Centre lawyer Georgie Portus about the region’s need for legal services during the ongoing flood event at the centre’s office in Berri this week.
PHOTO: Josh Brine



ing weeks and months, if people have any questions at all about legal matters, they can contact the Community Justice Centre here in Berri to get those first answers and see what other help and advice there is around for them.”

Riverland Community Justice Centre lawyer Georgie Portus said the service was able to work in collaboration with other agencies through the emergency relief centre located in Berri.

“When people are coming in to the relief centre those services are all available to them,” she said.

“That means they’re not reading a million different numbers and they’re not struggling to get the information they need. It’s all in one spot for them.”

Ms Portus said the service had gained experience by working on the Bushfire Legal Project during

the 2020 Kangaroo Island bushfires.

“Through that we’ve learned a lot as a service about why community responses are so important and what that response is on a community level – all the way to the federal level and how all those stages work together to meet those community needs,” she said.

“Every emergency is going to be different, every disaster is different and every community is different, so the fact I’m a local here and volunteer for the SES unit means I know the geography of the place and know what those community needs are.

“Mixing that great base of knowledge we have with our local knowledge is what we’re striving to do.”

Community Justice Services SA CEO Cathy McMorris said the service had already begun holding community forums and workshops distributing information on what services people may require during flood.

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Education staff's \$300 travel vouchers...



The decision to make \$300 travel payments available exclusively for Department for Education employees impacted by road and ferry closures (like Bookpurnong Road, pictured) across the Riverland has been queried. INSET: Nicola Centofanti. MAIN PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

'Why is it only them?'

By
PAUL MITCHELL

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THE SA government has been queried about singling out education staff for \$300 travel allowance payments resulting from flood-forced road and ferry closures.

A one-off payment will be made to Department for Education school and pre-school staff whose travel to and from work is impacted by the flood.

The taxpayer-funded payments are not available to any other public sector or private sector workers and Riverland-based Liberal MLC Nicola Centofanti said the scheme is unfair.

"I think there are other situ-

ations that deserve support or assistance that are being overlooked, such as people having to travel between towns for medical reasons," Dr Centofanti said.

The closure of a stretch of Bookpurnong Road adjoining the Berri Bridge earlier this month turned a 40km Loxton to Berri trip – and vice versa – into a 140km haul for commuters, adding as much as \$80 to their weekly fuel bill.

Likewise, ferry closures and the impending shutdown of Kingston Road are leading to significant detours for motorists.

Education Minister Blaire Boyer said the one-off payments to eligible education staff would help ease the extra costs associated with the longer trips and help them cope with pressures surrounding the flood.

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"It will cover extra fuel costs for those staff driving extra distances...in turn helping them manage the cost of living at an already challenging time of year," he said.

"We know that this is just one of many impacts for our staff, many of whom are residents who are coping with all the stress and impacts being felt in the general community."

Mr Boyer said the funding will apply to about 60 teachers and ancillary staff from 36 different school, pre-schools, playcentres, kindergartens and OSCH services.

The \$300 payments are part of the state government's \$51.6m support package for River Murray communities,

announced late last month.

Dr Centofanti said the education staff payments were an example of inconsistencies within the package that benefited some over others.

"The reality is that the government have taken a very 'ad hoc' approach to the assistance package which is unfortunately leading to winners being picked," she said.

"This is resulting in others in our community, many of whom are vulnerable and are just trying to go about their daily lives as best they can, being left without support."

Speaking about Bookpurnong Road in last week's Murray Pioneer, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the government's financial support should be extended to all Riverlanders who would normally use the road for work-related travel.



SA Health has begun moving aged care residents to higher ground, after relocating 20 vulnerable people to other aged care facilities last week. PHOTO: Josh Brine

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Reshuffle to protect aged care residents

THIRTY Renmark aged care residents are being relocated from their rooms this week after the second phase of SA Health's flood contingency plan was triggered on Saturday.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion said families of the 30 residents located in low-lying sections of the Renmark Paringa District Hospital's aged care facility had been contacted and offered a choice of a room change in the hospital facility or relocation to a different facility.

"Two of the aged care buildings and the main hospital building at Renmark Paringa District Hospital are situated on higher ground than the rest of our aged care buildings," he said.

"Pleasingly, these buildings are located above the anticipated peak water height.

"It is possible to safely accommodate all of the remaining aged care residents and three of the remaining hospital patients in these buildings, ensuring that the residents are above the river water level..."

"Alternatively, some families may wish to have their loved one at home over the Christmas period, in which case we will support them with additional community-based home support services.

"Initial conversations indicate the majority of families would prefer for their family member to remain on site, where they will continue to receive care from the same team, be with other aged care residents and access their usual recreational activities."

The second stage of the facility's relocation began on Monday after the RMCLHN received advice from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) regarding the anticipated peak flood level at the hospital levee.

"SA Health has complete confidence in the work that the Renmark Paringa District Council has undertaken to strengthen the hospital levee," Mr Champion said.

"We are relying on it to protect the facility so that our aged care residents can relocate back into their normal homes when flooding has subsided.

"We are conducting the resident relocation out of an abundance of caution, to protect the health and wellbeing of our vulnerable aged care residents, who could easily slip or fall and therefore be subject to undue risk in the very unlikely event of a levee failure.

"We will continue monitoring the water levels and will inform staff, residents, families and carers of any further requirements to change accommodation arrangements."

Last week, 20 of the facility's most vulnerable residents were relocated to other facilities in the region, with one other to be relocated to Adelaide.

SA Health said one family contacted regarding stage two indicated they wished to care for their loved one at home over the Christmas period.

As of this Saturday, 61 aged care residents and five hospital patients remained on site, with the hospital temporarily ceasing patient admissions.

Barmera 'angry' about lake disconnection

PAUL MITCHELL
and **JOSH BRINE**

A LAKE Bonney crusader says Barmera is "angry" about the lake again being blocked off from the river system.

Berri Barmera Council said protecting infrastructure, including Barmera's wastewater network, was behind the installation of an earthen levee at Nappers Bridge, completed earlier this month.

However, John Beech, a founding member of the Save Lake Bonney group, has condemned the move and told a flood meeting last week the lake would suffer without water flow. Mr Beech said extending a levee to protect the infrastructure in question would have been preferable.

"Having been here in 1956 and seen where the flood level was, I think the prudent thing would've been to extend (the existing levee)," Mr Beech said.

"The caravan park have got the levee there – what's that about a kilometre of flood bank – and that would've kept Barmera safe."



John Beech addressing the gathering at last week's flood meeting in Barmera. PHOTO: YouTube

Mr Beech told the River Murray Flood Community Meeting, held at the Barmera Recreation Centre – that the lake relies on the occasional "good flush out" and that blocking it off from the river system, as happened in 2007 during the Millennium Drought, was the wrong decision.

"There is a slight salinity problem with the lake – it seems to cope but we do rely on floods to really push that salinity down," he said.

"We welcome a flood and we... condemn the annexing of the lake from the river.

"The lake is part of the river system, and I do believe legally that (it) should not be annexed ever from the river system..."

"The town is extremely angry about that. We've seen it before."

Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong told The Murray Pioneer last week that infrastructure deemed at risk of inundation – had the inlet remained open – included the Barmera stormwater network, plus the wastewater network supporting Barmera, Cobdogla and Loveday.

"Community recreational

FLOOD EVENT

facilities/parks and reserves and low-lying residential areas close to the foreshore are also protected from potential inundation by the Lake Bonney Levee network," he said.

"The community wastewater network runs adjacent the Lake Bonney foreshore and consists of sub-surface mainline, sumps and pumping stations and connects to the wastewater lagoons between Barmera and Monash."

Mr Beech, who worked on the 1956 flood bank around Cobdogla, said installing infrastructure below the 1956 flood level was a mistake – a declaration welcomed by many at the gathering.

"You talk about the infrastructure, well if you put infrastructure on a floodplain it's going to be flooded," he said.

"So more fool you if it's not secured against flood."

Mr Beech played a major role in having the lake finally reconnected to the river system in 2010.



RIVER MURRAY FLOODING SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS

Support will be available soon to meet costs of relocating or re-establishing pumping/generator infrastructure for primary producers impacted by the River Murray floods.

PIRSA is recommending growers keep records of costs incurred in advance of funding being open.

Register your details below for more information on the application process, terms and conditions and grant timelines.

Register your interest now.
Details: https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding_and_support/

CITRUS SA HAS ITS SAY ON THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018 REVIEW

Last month, Citrus SA made a submission to the review of the Modern Slavery Act 2018. A summary of the submission included:

1. Reporting entities are forcing our growers to spend more, and absorb more, to meet their self-auditing demands, and yet still they expect to purchase our growers' product at the lowest possible price. This is simply unsustainable.
2. Given that the legislation is only to apply to companies with a turnover of \$100 million, the cost and administrative burden needs to shift back to the reporting entities, who are the only entities which have the financial resources to fund annual compliance.

If you would like a copy of the full submission, please email contact@citrusa.com.au

ORCHARD FLOOR MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Citrus growers are invited to attend an orchard floor management workshop tomorrow, Thursday, December 15, from 8am to 9.30am at 345 Anderson Road, Loxton North (Duxton Apples).

Dr Thomas Lines and Professor Tim Cavagnaro from the University of Adelaide will present the new orchard floor trial in Loxton North. Topics covered will include soil health, soil carbon ('What is a carbon stock?'), ground covers and what to select, management techniques, biodiversity and water infiltration.

Please RSVP to Thomas Lines (thomas.lines@adelaide.edu.au).

RURAL BUSINESS SUPPORT AVAILABLE

If you are having trouble servicing your debts, Rural Business Support may be able to offer some assistance. Its business financial counsellors may be able to help you get control of your business finances including managing your debt. The service is free, independent, and confidential for eligible primary producers and small rural-related businesses.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service supports you to understand your financial position, navigate financial issues, develop plans to manage cash flow and creditor payments, access dispute resolution services, consider succession pathways, seek broader professional advice and support and access government and community grants, programs or

schemes.

Details: Freecall 1800 836 211 or go to ruralbusinesssupport.org.au

PIRSA URGES GROWERS TO PARTICIPATE IN FRUIT FLY SELF-BAITING AND LURE PROGRAM

Commercial growers in red outbreak areas and yellow suspension areas are eligible to be a part of the new self-baiting and lure program. PIRSA is supplying Naturalure to growers who register for self-baiting.

MAT cup lures (collectively known as 'attract and kill devices', or AKDs) are also available free of charge for commercial growers in red outbreak areas to put out on their properties. Once deployed, MAT cups can ensure large parts of each outbreak area are covered for around three months. The more growers there are using these lures the better chance there is of reducing fruit fly numbers.

Details: Call PIRSA on 1300 666 010 or go to fruitfly@sa.gov.au

EOI SOUGHT FOR QLD STUDY TOUR APRIL 2023

Would you be keen to tour citrus growing and packing operations in Queensland in April 2023?

Citrus SA is taking expressions of interest for a group study trip. More details will be released in the new year. Please email contact@citrusa.com.au to register.

DECEMBER PRODUCTION TIPS

Hedging and pruning: Either hand or machine prune.

Foliar nutrient spray and fertigation: Conduct leaf analysis to determine what is lacking in trace elements. Potassium foliar sprays can help boost tree reserves.

GA application: Apply at golf ball size

Calcium application: Many packing sheds are encouraging extra calcium applications to assist with rind strengthening. Consult your agronomist or packhouse or refer to material supplied earlier regarding ways to avoid albedo breakdown.

Pesticide sprays: Critical timing for red scale, LBAM, mealybug and spined citrus bug. Start Fuller's rose weevil management program.

Earwig reminder: Monitor populations, particularly near vineyards. There are options to control, consult your agronomist or packhouse for further clarifications.

Irrigation: Continue monitoring during warmer months.

Weed control: Knockdown herbicides or residual herbicides as required.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CHAIR MARK DOECKE:

"It has been a challenging year for citrus growers due to several issues and even now we have faced another cold spring and some flooding issues from the high river. On behalf of the Citrus SA committee, I would like to extend our best wishes and the blessings of Christmas to all growers who consistently go beyond to grow the best citrus in the world. We hope the challenges we face can all be managed in 2023."

'Considerable work' still required on carp virus

A REPORT on the potential feasibility of a biological carp-control measure that took six years and cost \$10.4m to produce has determined further investigation into the use of a virus on the pest is required.

The federal government earlier this month released the completed National Carp Control Plan (NCCP), aimed at investigating "whether the carp virus can be used as a biological control... within Australian waterways".

The plan's executive summary stated "effective, long-term carp control is difficult".

"Carp are widespread, abundant and possess biological traits that mean their populations tend to rebuild rapidly following reductions," it read.

"No silver bullet for carp control currently exists, nor will biological control constitute such a solution.

"Modelling conducted under the NCCP indicates that biocon-

trol using the carp virus could reduce carp populations by approximately 40 to 60 per cent, and 60 to 80 per cent in less-resilient carp populations."

The federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website advised "all Australian governments will determine how the advice in the NCCP will be used to decide whether or not to proceed further with the potential release of the carp virus as a biocontrol agent".

"The process will ensure every aspect of the NCCP is adequately examined and considered before approaching agricultural ministers for an initial decision," the website stated.

"The Australian and state and territory agriculture ministers will be the ultimate decision-makers on whether to proceed further with the biological release program following a formal review of the NCCP.

"Ministers will not consider

content in the NCCP and associated documentation until this process is completed."

Development of the NCCP lasted for more than six years, cost \$10.4m and involved 11 national and international research institutions, and more than 40 research scientists.

The department's website advised "considerable work is required before any potential release of the carp virus could occur".

"In terms of its nature and scale, this proposal is unprecedented in Australia," the website stated.

"It is necessary to complete a comprehensive and rigorous assessment."

The NCCP can be read in full by visiting the website (www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/pest-animals-and-weeds/national-carp-control-plan).

\$6k for KOMPS river activities

A RIVERLAND primary school recently received almost \$6000 in funding from a community association.

Kingston-on-Murray Primary School received \$5935 from the Moorook Kingston-on-Murray Community Association to go towards the purchase of canoes and kayaks, a trailer and racks.

To assist with purchasing a spare tyre and registration for the trailer, Kingston Estate also contributed \$320.

"This will assist us greatly in navigating Yatco Lagoon and our mighty River Murray first-hand with our Riverlinx guests as well as our own Kingston on Murray Primary School and Moorook Primary School students," the school said in a Facebook post.

"With everything happening around KOM at the moment, for these committees/businesses to find time and money for us is extremely humbling.



Kingston-on-Murray Primary School's Kerry Albrecht-Szabo accepted the cheque for almost \$6000 from Moorook Kingston-on-Murray Community Association secretary Steve Munn. PHOTO: Facebook

"We are so blessed to live in such a kind, generous and community-minded environment.

"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

- ELYSE ARMANINI

CFS plea: Join the Barmera brigade

ELYSE ARMANINI

BARMERA Country Fire Service (CFS) is among stations across the region calling for increased volunteer numbers at this time of year.

Barmera CFS captain Nicholas Svetec joined the brigade when he was in year 10 and never looked back.

"I joined because I had friends who were cadets and I have stuck around since then," he said.

"My friends convinced me to come and try it out, so I did and fell in love doing it and can't see myself giving it up any time soon.

"I have done nine years of volunteering and will continue on."

Mr Svetec said CFS volunteers help the community by "providing protection and safety".

"Being CFS volunteers we respond to all types of jobs



from grass fires, structure fires, HAZMAT (hazardous materials) and car accidents, to search and rescues," he said.

"I have gained many new skills from joining the CFS. Last year I was able to obtain my HR licence to be able to drive the trucks, and my people skills have come a long way compared to what they were when I was younger which has helped me in my work life.

"The friendships I have made in CFS are second to none and the

experience I would not trade for anything else."

Anyone interested in joining the brigade is encouraged to "give it a shot".

"There are many roles within the CFS that don't involve fire-fighting," Mr Svetec said.

"The feeling you get from the pager sounding is pure adrenaline and when you return from the job you get a feeling of pride that you have helped out, no matter how small the job is.

"If people are interested in joining a CFS brigade then they can find more information online (cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteers) on how to join.

"Barmera CFS is located behind Pitstop in Barmera and we train every Monday of the year, with training starting at 7pm."



The Waikerie riverfront levee has been deemed unsafe for the public, with access now closed off. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Access to Waikerie levee bank closed

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

LOXTON Waikerie council has announced that public access to the Waikerie levee bank structure has been closed, however a riverfront viewing platform is being considered.

Councillor Clive Matthews delivered the message to a crowd of about 450 people at Waikerie's Carols by Candlelight on Sunday.

"With predicted flows of 190GL to 220GL expected by Christmas Day, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport along with the SES, as of yesterday, (Saturday) have made the decision to close off public access to the Waikerie levee bank structure," he said.

"We are aware that the public has enjoyed using the levee bank to take in the awesome river views.

"However, with concerns for the levee structure and recent increases in flow the area has been deemed unsafe for public access.

"We therefore request the public take note of the recent fencing and warning signs and no longer enter the levee area.

"We will however be looking into installing a riverfront viewing platform so that the magnificent views can be taken in by locals and tourists safely."

Cr Matthews said due to power connections within infrastructure at the Waikerie riverfront, council was inves-

tigating options to install pumps to the Waikerie Water and Nature Play Park, Heppner Park, and the Waikerie Soldiers' War Memorial Oval (Waikerie oval).

He said the connections would ensure these facilities were maintained and continued to provide the community with open space and facilities.

Cr Matthews said council-owned moorings had been equipped with steel pylons to provide security to houseboat owners.

"Council has been working together with community, government and leading agencies to provide services to the community during this flood period," he said.

SA Police Water Operations Unit divers searched Ross Lagoon at Taylorville in an attempt to find belongings of the dead man discovered in the water on Sunday. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



Police divers, detectives search Ross Lagoon

POLICE searched Ross Lagoon at Taylorville north of Waikerie on Monday in an attempt to find items belonging to the body of a man found on Sunday.

SA Police Water Operations Unit divers and detectives assisted with the search.

On Sunday afternoon, police and emergency services attended an area off Taylorville Road after a member of the public reported seeing the body of a person in the water.

Police responded with the assistance of CFS and SES personnel and located the

body of the man.

He was yet to be identified yesterday.

Anyone with information that may assist the investigation is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at crimestopperssa.com.au

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Car rolls down cliff outside of Waikerie

A CAR was extensively damaged when it rolled down a cliff at Good Hope Landing, east of Waikerie, last week.

Police were called to the incident on Nitschke Road last Tuesday at about 8.45pm.

They said the owner of a white Holden Rodeo had parked his car on the road and exited the vehicle.

"It is believed the handbrake failed and the vehicle rolled down the road in reverse (then) down a cliff face, coming to rest approximately 50 metres at the base of the gully," a police spokesperson said.

No one was injured in the incident, but extensive damage was caused to the car.

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Fines issued after weekend river blitz

POLICE say they were “disappointed” to detect people without lifejackets on three different vessels on the local stretch of the river over the weekend.

SAPOL’s Water Operations Unit is providing a policing presence throughout the Riverland and Murraylands during the flood event, and while most people are “doing the right thing”, a minority are putting their own safety at risk.

“Police were disappointed

that occupants on three separate vessels stopped over the weekend were not wearing life jackets and not carrying the required safety equipment,” a SAPOL spokesperson said this week.

“On one vessel a fire extinguisher was produced for inspection that was so old it fell apart in the officers hands. This is a timely reminder that safety equipment must be present on board vessels and in good working order.

“The three operators were fined for safety equipment offences.”

During the period of heightened risk police will be checking properties and infrastructure, speaking with vessel operators, conducting drug and alcohol testing and inspecting vessels to ensure compliance with safety equipment.

The Water Operations Unit remind locals and visitors to exercise “extreme caution”

when near any body of water.

“As well as fast water flows, officers reported seeing large floating logs, obstructions just below the river surface and a number of snakes looking for higher ground,” a spokesperson said.

“Police encourage every person to be responsible and safe around the water and to call triple zero (000) in an emergency, or 131 444 for police assistance.”



The view from inside one of the Water Operation Unit vessels, which fined three operators for safety equipment offences last weekend.

PHOTO: supplied



New Renmark Paringa Citizen of the Year Ian Tolley at his home yesterday.

PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Ian’s a first-class citizen

A LIFELONG Renmark man’s connection to the town, which spans generations, is set to be highlighted at next year’s Australia Day awards.

Renmark man, and internationally regarded citrus expert, Ian Tolley was last week named as Renmark Paringa Council’s 2023 Citizen of the Year.

Mr Tolley said he was left “speechless” when told he would receive the award.

“It’s the first recognition in the region of what I’ve been doing,” he said.

“When I was asked to be the guest speaker at the Australia Day ceremony last year, I was very happy to be recognised as a dyed-in-the-wool local, and to be able to say what I did... but this was different altogether.”

Mr Tolley was one of the first Australians to be awarded a Churchill Fellowship, was a previous chairperson of the Renmark High School, chairman of the Renmark Agricultural Bureau, and received an Order of Australia medal in 1995.

Mr Tolley said leading the plan to re-locate the Renmark High School to its current location, and sup-

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porting the development of the Chaffey Theatre, had highlighted his contributions to the local community.

“It took me nine years to make the change to the new high school,” he said.

“I was able to get the Chaffey Theatre built because we had factored-in the facilities in our plan. Our application was the best because it was thousands of dollars cheaper.

“My work has been so diverse and has covered a range of areas people would be surprised at.

“I’m still going and still touring.”

Ryde Clothing founder Nathan Woodrow was named Renmark Young Citizen of the Year, while the Remark Rowing Club’s Wharf to Woolshed Long Row 2022 received the Event of the Year award.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said Mr Tolley and Mr Woodrow both displayed a “commitment to

enhancing our community life”.

“We appreciate their active citizenship within our community through the extensive voluntary work they have contributed,” Mr Hunter said.

“I proudly look forward to presenting the recipients with their awards at council’s Australia Day celebrations.”

Mr Tolley said the award also served as recognition for previous generations of his family who helped establish Renmark.

“I’ve observed in recent decades how lucky we were that there was some very bright people involved, including the Chaffey Brothers, and my grandfather, in the establishment of Renmark,” he said.

“My uncle was the first engineer of what was going to be the Renmark Irrigation Trust, then he handed (the role) over to my father, who was there for 27 years.

“The Tolley name has been here forever.”

The awards will be presented at council’s Australia Day Celebrations, to be held at the Renmark Club, on Thursday, January 26.

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Council’s temporary RV park in Loxton

LOXTON Waikerie council has set up a temporary RV Park location in Loxton in anticipation of higher river flows.

The temporary RV park

site is located on Pine Avenue within the Loxton football oval grounds.

Usage is restricted to self-contained RV vehicles only, with vehicles allowed to stay

for a maximum of seven nights.

The nearest dump point is located at 2A West Traeger Drive.

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Three flood markers were incorrectly installed in Renmark by DIT last week and quickly removed following discussions with Renmark Paringa Council. PHOTOS: supplied

Flood markers spark ‘panic’ in Renmark

A LOCAL council says “miscommunication” with a state government department led to flood markers being incorrectly installed in Renmark.

Three 2m-high flood markers were last week installed at locations along Renmark Avenue by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).

Photos of the markers were soon shared online, with numerous locals commenting on the Riverland Forum Facebook page that unnecessary “panic” would be spread through the community as a result.

A statement on the Renmark



Paringa Council Facebook page later advised installation of the markers was “not authorised by council”.

“Flood markers were installed on Eighteenth Street and Renmark Avenue,” the statement read.

“There was a misunderstanding within DIT and the markers will be removed.”

The Advertiser reported Premier

Peter Malinauskas said “things are going to go wrong” during the flood event.

“Over the weeks and months ahead, there will be mistakes that are made by a contractor or a private levee that breaks,” Mr Malinauskas said. “These things are going to happen and what matters is the way we respond to it.”

“I’m actually grateful because once the error was identified, the department was sent to its quick rectification.”

The markers were removed by Wednesday morning.

- HUGH SCHUITMAKER

Renmark to avoid a flood crisis, Mr Tolley predicts

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A LIFELONG local remains optimistic Renmark will avoid large-scale flooding consequences, despite predicting an increase on current peak River Murray flow projections.

Renmark man Ian Tolley OAM assisted the co-ordination of emergency responses during 1956 and said a lack of specialised machinery at the time made it difficult to prepare, and respond to the flood event.

“We were in emergency conditions for three months and it showered or rained the whole time,” he said.

“There was no heavy equipment to renew or heighten the 1931 flood banks, so that work fell to Ferguson TE20 tractors, and the placing of very large numbers of sandbags around the town by hand.

“The big news every day was that the water level had risen an inch overnight. Eventually it began to fall an inch overnight and we could begin to think we had survived, as the flow peaked at 341GL/day.”

Mr Tolley expected water coming into South Australia from the Darling River would add to current expected peak projections.

“The first flooding has now filled the huge Barmah Forest area, just above Echuca, and all the Murray River flood water is coming



through the Barmah Choke,” he said.

“The Darling River joins the Murray River below Mildura at Wentworth, and it is in flood now that the Menindee Lakes are overflowing.”

However, Mr Tolley said improved machinery, communications and flow measurements would allow for a better response to potential flood emergencies.

“A month ago I estimated we could face 160GL/day, when most other estimates were between 90GL/day and 120GL/day,” he said.

“Now I think the figure could reach between 200GL/day to 220GL/day, which is still well below the levels we saw in 1956.

“This time Renmark has at its disposal a lot of mechanical equipment that is very fit for these purposes, and that has refreshed the town’s 38km of flood banks.

“Communication and the co-ordination of resources is much now much better, and this leads me to believe we will survive in much better shape compared to 1956.”



Renmark resident Ian Tolley, who assisted with the emergency response to the 1956 floods, says he expects Renmark will avoid large-scale flooding consequences. FILE PHOTO

“This time Renmark has at its disposal a lot of mechanical equipment that is very fit for these purposes...”

— Ian Tolley OAM

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BIG4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park has closed temporarily to focus on protecting the business against high waters during the ongoing flood event. PHOTO: Facebook

BIG4 announces temporary closure despite levee bank

RISING flood levels along the River Murray have caused the temporary closure of the BIG4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park, just days after a neighbouring park was evacuated.

The park announced the closure via social media last Friday, after notifying guests who were already booked in of the closure via email.

“As the water levels slowly increase here in Renmark, we have decided to make the decision to temporarily close our park,” the Facebook post reads.

“We are contacting affected incoming guests directly to either reschedule, receive a voucher or refund.

“We would like to reassure you that we are not flooding, however, our team need to

FLOOD EVENT

now concentrate on maintaining our levee to protect the park from the high waters expected at the end of December.

“We look forward to re-opening and welcoming everyone back as soon as it is safe to do so.”

The park, visited by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and SA Premier Peter Malinauskas earlier this month, is protected by a levee bank built to 1956 flood levels.

The closure follows the evacuation of six people from the nearby Riverbend Caravan Park last Tuesday night following an order by the SES.



Flood-Emergency Warning

●The SES last week released this map along with a Flood Emergency Warning regarding the Riverbend Caravan Park, in Renmark. The park’s owner has since labelled reports of a levee breaking as “sensationalised”. IMAGE: supplied

Park owners say flood closure ‘sensationalised’

FLOOD EVENT

OWNERS of a Riverland caravan park say “sensationalised” announcements regarding its closure, including false reports of a levee breaking, have contributed toward “reputational damage” to the region during the current flood event.

Renmark’s Riverbend Caravan Park was closed until further notice last week due to risks associated with the Murray River flood.

However, Edwards Group CEO, and Riverbend Caravan Park owner, Stephen Edwards said no immediate danger was posed to guests.

“This is very early in the response phase, so I hope to have a chance to talk more broadly to the SES to see how things like this might be better handled going forward, and how their communication might be improved,” Mr Edwards said last week.

“The way they handled the evacuation and public announcements was disappointing as it sensational-

ised a sense of urgency that wasn’t necessary.

“It is important we work together with SES, other relevant authorities and industry bodies to develop a best-practice response that prioritises safety but also mitigates damaging fallout and reputational damage to our region.”

A Flood Emergency Warning released by the SES on Tuesday, December 6, stated “the Renmark Riverbend Caravan Park levee is failing and there is a risk of flood waters threatening the safety of people in the park”.

“Park residents and visitors need to evacuate immediately,” the warning read.

“The park is closed until further notice.”

Mr Edwards said a total of six guests were relocated from the park “with ample notice before the SES emer-

gency warning and media release were published online”.

Mr Edwards said a team of staff would remain on site “to ensure the levee banks remain sturdy and minimise damage to the Park”.

“While we understand the importance of flood preparation and ensuring the safety of our community, it is perhaps timely that we all take away some learnings from last night,” he said.

“There was a miscommunication of the flood evacuation and it’s important to correct this misinformation.

“The levee did not breach nor was the park inundated with water, and there was no immediate danger to anyone, including guests and staff.

“We have been consistently working with the SES and authorities on the engineering of our levees to ensure the continued safety of our guests, and support the measures in place to prepare for the higher rivers coming our way.”

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Nicola & SA Health drop in to issue mozzie warning

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

PEOPLE living along SA's River Murray are being urged to take precautions against mosquitoes in what is predicted to be a "significant season" for the pest due to the flood.

Chief Public Health Officer Professor Nicola Spurrier issued the warning during a visit to Waikerie last Wednesday, predicting that mosquito numbers were "going to explode because there was so much water around".

Professor Spurrier reminded Riverlanders to get vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis if they spend at least four hours per day outdoors on most days.

"People who are most at risk are those that work and live along the Murray River," she said.

More than 10,000 people living or working in eligible postcodes along the River Murray, Lakes, and Coorong communities have been vaccinated against JEV since a targeted program began in October.

Nine JEV cases have been recorded in SA since December last year, with all cases hospitalised and two deaths.

"That was part of last year's mosquito season," Professor Spurrier said.

She said the cases were "all clustered around the Murray River".

Professor Spurrier said anyone from the age of two months was eligible to be vaccinated against JEV.

"We have a special vaccine for the little ones, two-months to nine months old, and also for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding and people who are immunocompromised," she said.

Emergency services and shack owners eligible for JEV vax

ELIGIBLE SA emergency services workers assisting during the River Murray flood and at-risk shack owners have become eligible for the Japanese encephalitis (JEV) vaccine.

SA's Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton and Chief Public Health Officer Professor Nicola Spurrier made the announcement at the Waikerie Health Service site last Wednesday.

People living in River Murray towns in SA have already been eligible to receive the JEV vaccine since a targeted vaccination program began in October.

Professor Spurrier said emergency services workers and volunteers who would be in Murray River, Lakes and Coorong areas for at least four



ABOVE: Spreading the message of the importance of JEV vaccination at Waikerie last week were Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network's governing board member Elaine Ashworth (left), RMCHLN CEO Wayne Champion, State Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton, SA Chief Public Health Officer Professor Nicola Spurrier, Waikerie Health Service director of nursing and midwifery Murray Dalgleish and RMCHLN community allied health executive director Brad Birleson. PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Professor Nicola Spurrier speaking in Waikerie last week.

Among those being vaccinated last week at Waikerie was Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCHLN) CEO Wayne Champion.

SA's Minister for Health and

Wellbeing Chris Picton said Mr Champion's outdoor lifestyle meant it was important for him to receive the JEV 'jab'.

"He spends a lot of time running and cycling so he is going to be certainly protected with a vaccine," Mr Picton said.

Professor Spurrier also advised people to remain vigilant in protecting themselves against mosquito bites.

"A vaccination against JEV does not protect against other mosquito-borne diseases," she said.

Professor Spurrier said people should also be aware of the dangers posed by the Ross River and Barmah Forest viruses, plus Murray River encephalitis, none of which people can

be vaccinated against.

She said she made sure to dress appropriately for her visit to the Riverland.

"You need to have loose-fitting long-sleeved light-coloured clothing to cover most of your body," she said.

Professor Spurrier said people needed to cover all their skin with insect repellent to stop the mosquitoes from biting.

"If you leave a little patch without the insect repellent, that is where the mosquitoes will bite you," she said.

For more information about how to protect yourself against mosquito-borne diseases search for Fight the Bite online to connect to the SA Health website.



Registered nurse Gayle Cowley, from the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network, administers a JEV vaccine to the organisation's CEO Wayne Champion at Waikerie.

weeks or more and be outdoors for four hours on most days would be eligible to be vaccinated.

"It is for people who are actually going to be here with boots on the ground for at least a four-week period," she said.

Professor Spurrier said this four-week period did not have to be a continuous period.

"Emergency services workers who come and go over a four week period would also be eli-

gible," she said.

Mr Picton said a number of emergency services workers who came from outside the flood-affected areas would be supporting communities along the river during "this prolonged flooding event".

"This is a very serious disease," he said.

"We don't want people to contract it and get ill because of it."

Mr Picton said around 3000

holiday homes along the banks of the River Murray would be impacted by flood waters and it was important to protect their owners from the mosquito-borne virus.

"Those people will obviously want to spend time there, particularly in the clean-up operations at their properties," he said.

"A lot of that time will be outside and they will be at risk."

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

New tool for levee fault reporting

ENSURING Renmark’s levee bank network is able to withstand the current flood event is the goal of new graphic aids produced by the local council.

Renmark Paringa Council last week released a levee-monitoring tool aimed at assisting “the community in identifying faults in the levee network and how to report them”.

A post on the Renmark Paringa Council Facebook page said reporting any suspected faults in the levee network was crucial.

“Council staff and contractors will be monitoring the full 38km levee network daily and in some instances, some levee banks will be monitored twice daily,” the post read.

“The integrity of our levee network is vital

to protecting our towns and if a fault is found it is imperative that it is reported to council.

“Our levee-monitoring team will respond to reported faults straight away as timing is crucial in order to repair any faults.”

The visual tool includes representations of four potential levee faults, including water seepage through the levee, under the levee, seepage adjacent to a pipe and slumping.

The Facebook post urged locals to prioritise safety when near any section of the levee network.


“The levee-monitoring tool is not intended to encourage people to monitor the council’s levee network on our behalf, as we have a fully established monitoring team and schedule for this,” the post read.

Levee Bank Monitoring

How you can help protect our community

The network of levee banks protecting the townships of Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup have been carefully remediated and are being monitored by Council and its contractors. To support this, Council is engaging the local community to assist.

Awareness of the types of faults that may affect the levee network can help you recognise issues and alert Council so the faults can be fixed as soon as possible. Below are examples of ways that levees may be compromised.

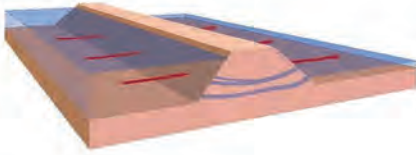
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Potential fault: Seepage through the levee

Water seeping through to the land side of the levee.

Possible causes

- Burrowing animals
- Rotting tree roots
- Settling or cracking

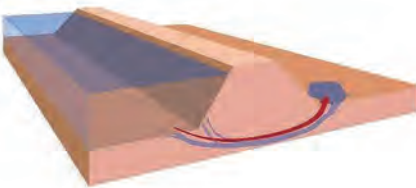


Potential fault: Seepage under the levee

Water seeping through the foundation the levee is built on, rather than through the levee itself.

Possible causes

- Part of the foundation material is allowing water through, such as a sand or gravel layer.



“We are however aware that so many from our community are out and about exploring and we want to educate the community on what

faults they need to be on the lookout for and how to report them.”

Further information regarding Renmark Paringa Council’s man-

agement of the current flood event is at the River Murray Flood Advice website (www.renmark-paringa.sa.gov.au/river-murray-high-flow-advice)

●Renmark Paringa Council last week released new graphic levee-monitoring tools to assist the community in reporting potential faults in Renmark’s levee bank system.

‘Bring in the army’



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone with SA Liberal leader David Speirs in the Riverland recently.

The Liberals are calling for the state government’s flood support package to SA River Murray communities to be expanded.

SA Libs call for more local flood support

CALLING in the army and setting up a JobSeeker-style scheme are among measures the SA Liberals say would better support the flood-hit Riverland community.

The state opposition has called for Labor’s “one-size fits all” \$51.6m package – dedicated to River Murray communities – to be expanded to ensure businesses stay open and proactive landholders who took early mitigating measures are eligible for support.

“As I speak to people in river communities there is huge appreciation for the work being done but there are also residents and business owners who are falling through the cracks when it comes to support and communication,” said state opposition leader David Speirs, who spent two days touring the Riverland and Murraylands last week, accompanied by local Liberals Tim Whetstone and Nicola Centofanti.

“One of the biggest areas of concern is loss of power and emergency accommodation, and the communication around this simply hasn’t been good enough.

“As we saw during the 2019/20 bushfires, the defence force could be a significant help with prevention works as well as going door-to-door talking to people impacted.

“Those who have personally gone to great lengths to protect their properties by building levees or purchasing generators and businesses who stay open are also currently missing out on support.

“Expanding grant eligibility criteria as well as JobKeeper-style assistance would mean more people who need help will get support and local economies will be better off.

“It’s currently a one-size-fits-all approach but it’s clear that that size doesn’t fit many.”

Dr Centofanti, the Liberals’ upper house leader and spokesperson for the River Murray, said the initial assistance packaged was welcomed, but flawed.

“Unfortunately we are seeing too many people miss out either because they are ineligible or the process is too difficult for them,” she said.

“Those that have taken proactive action to protect themselves should not be worse off.”

Chaffey MP Mr Whetstone hosted a community forum in Swan Reach last week, with Mr Speirs in attendance, and echoed Dr Centofanti’s concerns.

“River communities are anxious for what’s to come and while they welcome the government’s support package, many who need help are finding out they are not eligible,” Mr Whetstone said.

“Access to housing, power and water are key concerns for local residents and businesses and I will continue to provide constructive advice on how the government can better support people who need it.”

Hammond MP Adrian Pederick also joined Mr Speirs on his trip through the Riverland and Murraylands.

Flood event puts state government’s housing plan on hold

THE flood has forced the creation of a long-term housing and infrastructure plan for the Murray Mallee to be placed on hold.

The SA government says postponing the plan will give communities the time and council resources necessary to weather the flood event – and incorporate any rebuild efforts into long-term planning for the towns.

Consultation on the Murray Mallee regional plan – led by



the State Planning Commission – was due to start this month, however it will now commence in December next year.

The decision follows ongoing consultation with the Local Government Association and allows more time to assess the extent of flood impacts across the Riverland and Murraylands

as communities respond over the coming months.

“We have listened to councils and are prioritising the immediate needs of flood-affected residents,” said Minister for Planning, Housing and Urban Development, Nick Champion.

“Efforts to mitigate impacts on homes and businesses need to come first.

“Long-term planning in the region will be crucial – but we

can’t plan properly unless we know the full extent of the damage caused.

“We are determined to give councils the tools they need to deal with the emergency flood threat and ensure long-term planning requirements in the region are met.”

Mr Champion said regional plans focus on how each region will look and function over the next 15 to 30 years.



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Protecting heritage from flood damage

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A DESIRE to protect local history from potential flood damage has seen a Riverland museum temporarily close its doors. Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum was closed last Thursday due to the increasing risks surrounding the current flood event.

Olivewood committee chairperson Ann Ryan said the decision was made in an attempt to best prepare for peak flows expected in Renmark this week.

“We’re not trying to scare people, but it’s preventative,”

FLOOD EVENT

Ms Ryan said. “The flooding at Plush’s Bend was a bit of a worry, and made me think what would happen if the hospital levee went, or at Bookmark Avenue.

“We would have a massive problem.”

Ms Ryan said sandbags would be used to protect the museum’s homestead, built by Renmark founder Charles Chaffey.

“The homestead itself is from 1889... insurance or

not, you can’t replace it,” she said.

“It’s the same with the small items in the displays. We’ve gone through and done our best to lift things up to bench height.

“We’ve got cellars, and you know what seepage does.

“It’s a massive amount of sandbags with the homestead itself, because one side is lower. We’ve got to get up to the surrounding ground height to start.”

Ms Ryan said work by Olivewood’s volunteers would be crucial to protecting the museum’s exhibits.

“The volunteers we have here regularly have done an



Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum was last Thursday closed until at least the end of February, due to risks associated with the current flood event. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

amazing job to get as far as we have,” she said.

“A couple of people who live on Twentyfirst Street

have offered to come and help if we need them too.”

Ms Ryan said the museum would remain closed until at

least the end of February.

“They’ll have a big job when they get back putting it all together,” she said.

Saving Loxton’s precious history



The levee bank to the left of the Loxton Historical Village. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Loxton Historical Village is doing everything it can to prepare for floodwaters, including packing up irreplaceable items and storing them safely.

The village, which is situated on the Loxton riverfront, has had a levee bank installed to protect it from rising floodwaters, and is safeguarding its previous historic items.

Loxton Historical Village curator Roselyn Sincock said The History Trust of South Australia has been assisting the village.

“We have started packing all the delicate things that will be ruined if water comes,” she said.

“A wedding display has been packed away because there were wedding dresses from hundreds of years ago, baptismal gowns, things like that.

FLOOD EVENT

“Displays are still open for people to come in and have a look, but it’s just not as extensive.

“There is still plenty to see here, you can’t really see where we have been, we have a lot of gear here.”

Ms Sincock said it was important to continue to preserve the his-

tory of the village.

“Once that’s gone, it’s just not going to come back,” she said.

Loxton Historical Village coordinator Julie Noble said the village was “happy to see council are reinforcing and extending the levee”.

“They have told us they are doing this work up to 250GL a day, so even if we get to the 220GL which we might in a couple of

weeks’ time, we feel quite assured that we won’t have to move,” she said.

“We are still open, we are not in imminent danger of flooding. We have the most amazing view from our mound, so you can do a nice river walk, which is just amazing.

“The history on display here is amazing; you’ve got things from the 1890s to the 1950s.

“We are ready if we need to be.”

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BERRI CAROLS: Around 300 people attended the Berri Carols by the River event on Sunday night. Guest artists included the Encounter Church Vocal Group (pictured), Our Lady of the River students, Kerry Stanger and Caroline Eichenberger. Ron Harris told a story for the children and pastor Clinton Wardle gave the address. Riverland Life FM did a live stream, while Joella Crossfield acted as MC. Band members were Jason Gwiazda, Garry Pinnington, Suzanna Tovey, Lyn Pinnington and Barney Lindsay. PHOTO: Anne Chase



Ron Harris telling a Christmas story to children. PHOTO: Anne Chase



BIG BAND: Enjoying the Adelaide Big Band performance at the Chaffey Theatre last Saturday were Glenda Malinovski (middle) with her daughters Mia and Caitlin. PHOTO: supplied



RAIN MOTH: Waikerie Primary School student Ester painting for the current student exhibition at the Rain Moth Gallery. PHOTO: supplied

Our Lady of the River students at the Berri carols event. PHOTO: Anne Chase



PRIMARY GRADUATES: Barmera Primary School's year 6 students celebrated their graduation at the Barmera Club on Monday, December 5. PHOTOS: supplied



Barmera Primary School year 6 student Marley Fridd was awarded the Tim Whetstone Award of Excellence at the graduation ceremony.



BARMERA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Kubura Turnbull and Masud Akaso, both of Moorook, enjoying pageant night in Barmera last Friday. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

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

WEEKLY
Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506).

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

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

WEEKLY
U3A Riverland fourth term vacancies: Card cafe, third Wednesday of the month, 1pm-4pm in the clubrooms. Social bridge, Fridays, from 9.30am in clubrooms. Mahjong, Barmera Library on Wednesdays, Renmark Library on Thursdays, 1pm-3pm. French and German conversation Thursdays, 10am-12 noon and 1.30pm-3pm, respectively.

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

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

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

WEEKLY
Line dancing at the Monash Club every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.

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

WEEKLY
The Barmera Community Men's Shed is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are wel-

come. Not open on public holidays.

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

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

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

WEEKLY
Loxton Historical Village is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, including public holidays. Closed Good Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Inquires phone 8584 7194.

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

WEEKLY
Tea nights at Barmera RSL, Sturt Street, Barmera. Every Friday night, served from 6pm. \$15 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter (0408 813 882).

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).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
Barmera Library's after school activities for kids. Christmas pudding biscuits and lanterns, 4pm. Bookings essential, phone 8588 2872.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
Charity for all Christmas bingo at the Loxton Club. Doors open at 12.30pm and eyes down at 2pm. All welcome, with lots of raf-fles and afternoon tea available.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
Riverland Youth Theatre's Christmas music and movement, 9am to 10am. Come dressed in your Christmas best. Free for ages 0-4, no bookings required.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
Riverland Youth Theatre's ballerina after-noon tea, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, for people under 10. Join Lucy for ballet dancing and an afternoon tea of fairy bread and cake. To book visit www.ryt.org.au.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Christmas craft at Riverland Youth Theatre, 6pm to 8pm, no bookings required. Make your own Christmas cards and wrapping paper with artist Jess. Free for all ages.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
Looking for something to do on long week-ends? Loxton Historical Village will be open on the public holidays over the Christmas period, including January 1 and 2. Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Barmera duo saying farewell

ELYSE ARMANINI

BARMERA Primary School will farewell two beloved staff members – boasting 79 collective years of teaching – this week.

Cherie Cooper and Glenys Matthews are both looking forward to some “me time” when they finish up at the school.

Miss Cooper said she had been thinking about retirement “for a little while” but will continue to provide relief teaching after her long-service leave.

“I still love the teaching and I still love the kids,” she said.

“I’m not going to be finishing completely, so I’ll still be able to teach every now and then and keep in contact with the kids.”

Miss Cooper said she was most looking forward to spending time with her family and her Jack Russell.

“I also have about three piles of books that have been there for a while – I keep buying new ones and they just keep piling up,” she laughed.

Mrs Matthews said it was the right time for her to retire, after 46 years with the Department for Education.

“I have been a teacher-

librarian here for 10 years and that was a passion for me,” she said.

“Unfortunately, that didn’t continue this year. I was back in the classroom, which was a big step.

“I think I’ve been teaching long enough and now it’s time for a bit of ‘me time’.

“I was a Barmera Primary School student in year 6 and 7, at the old school, so I’ve never really left the school.”

Miss Cooper was in grade six when she decided to be a teacher and said she had created many memories from her time at BPS.

“I went to primary school in Canberra and I had a teacher called Ms Cummings and I thought she was fabulous – that was when I decided to become a teacher,” she said.

“I’m well-known for a few of things: my loud voice, my laugh, my class camps... and my plays at Christmas concerts.

“You’re supposed to have a two-minute or three-minute slot and my plays would go 15 to 20 minutes.

“They’re good memories. The friendships you have with staff, and teaching children of children that you’ve taught... that’s a ‘woah’ moment.



Barmera Primary School staff members Cherie Cooper and Glenys Matthews will both farewell the school this week as they head into retirement. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

“They’re definitely things that will stay with me for some time.”

For Mrs Matthews, moving to Barmera from Sydney was the defining factor in her decision to become a teacher-librarian.

“I was going to be a marine biologist... then we moved to Barmera where we still had water with the lake but it wasn’t quite the same as Sydney (beaches),” she said.

“So, I just decided that my next step was teaching.

“I have organised, over quite a number of years, all of the environmental education things here.

“I was very passionate

about that kind of thing.

“I took students who were environmentally focused over to Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Mildura on a Kids Teaching Kids conference.

“I ran environment expos... at times we’d have 500 students here over a two-day expo doing environmental workshops that students had worked on.”

When announcing their retirement to the school and students, the two received some emotional goodbyes.

“Quite a few asked ‘Why? Aren’t you too young?’, then they asked who would be here next year...” Miss Cooper said.

“It is nice to know you will be missed.

“But I also know when the new year starts I will be a memory. They have to accept the change, but it’s hard for some people to do that.

“We’ve had parents who have come in and said, ‘Oh we’ll miss you’ or ‘I remember when I was in your class’.”

Mrs Matthews said some of her class gave her handwritten notes “which was really cute and made me a bit teary”.

The pair were farewelled by the school staff and members of the community on an emotional night at the

Barmera Club earlier this month.

“The school – the staff here – put in a mammoth effort for both of us and it was just lovely,” Miss Cooper said.

“I was surprised I didn’t cry.”

Mrs Matthews said it was the little details on the night that made the event so special.

“I’m quite known for dressing up – I dressed up every day for Book Week – and I walked in and there were all my dress-ups hanging up,” she said.

“They’d gone and raided my dress-up wardrobe at home.”

Big turnout for Waikerie’s annual Xmas carols

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie community united on Sunday to celebrate Christmas with its annual Carols by Candlelight event.

One of the organisers, Chris Mibus, said more than 450 people attended.

“It is the largest we have had in quite a while,” Mr Mibus said.

“The highlight of the evening was seeing so many members of the community gathering to celebrate the season and be blessed with the performances of a variety of different community groups,” he said.

Mr Mibus said people of all ages attended.

“From the youngest of the community to some of the oldest,” he said.

“From the newest of arrivals in Waikerie to some that have lived here over 70 years, the community spirit was definitely showing last night.”

The MC for the evening was Mark Doecke from the Ramco Lutheran Church.

The Waikerie Children’s Centre, children from the Mainly Music group, and students from the Ramco, Waikerie, and Waikerie Lutheran primary schools entertained the crowd.

The Waikerie Choir and local Fijian singers also sang carols.

Waikerie Lutheran Parish Pastor Julian Bayha delivered the Christmas message.

Loxton Waikerie councillor Clive Matthews also gave a Christmas greeting on behalf of council.

“While this festive season is a time for celebration, I also acknowledge it is a time of uncertainty and sadness for some of our fellow community members,” he said.

“Waikerie is a community that always supports each other in times of need.

“This year in particular we need to do just that and take the time to be kind to one another.”



About 450 people attended Waikerie’s Carols by Candlelight on Sunday night. PHOTO: Christine Webster

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Fruit fly zone extended

THE detection of fruit fly larvae in backyard fruit has seen a quarantine zone inside Renmark extended.

PIRSA last Wednesday announced the Renmark West fruit fly outbreak boundary had been extended to now include the Industry Park area off Airport Road.

A PIRSA spokesperson advised local workers “need to be aware not to move fruit from lunchboxes off this site”.

There are currently 16 active fruit fly outbreaks in the region, including at Lindsay Point across the Victorian border.

The expected end date of all outbreaks is currently February 22, however this may change if further detections are made.

Further information regarding fruit fly outbreaks in the region can be found by visiting the website (<https://fruitfly.sa.gov.au/>).



Cherries ripe for theft

PAUL MITCHELL

IT'S the case of the mysterious Christmas cherry theft.

A Renmark resident says her backyard cherry tree was last week “stripped” of its 5kg bounty, while the handful of fallen cherries were also taken.

Subsequent social media inquiries indicated other Riverlanders had experienced similar thefts, prompting the woman to contact PIRSA (Primary Industry and Resources SA) to check whether the region's fruit fly response might be responsible.

“My social media post said that either the thieves were very tidy, because they cleaned up the few cherries that were on the ground as well, or that PIRSA had taken them,” the woman said.

“The tree's in my backyard, so I would have thought you'd need to be

looking for it.”

However, PIRSA has reassured The Murray Pioneer that its co-ordinated fruit fly response – being carried out by its so-called orange shirt brigade – played no part in the unsolicited cherry-picking.

“PIRSA has no record of fruit being stripped from this cherry tree due to the presence of fruit fly,” said Nick Secomb, general manager of the PIRSA Fruit Fly Response Program.

“While fallen fruit can be picked up and infected fruit taken from trees, when either of these actions is taken the property owner is notified and the data is recorded by PIRSA.”

While Mr Secomb said PIRSA has strict protocols in place for the collection of fallen and fruit-fly-infected fruit and its staff are easy to spot, he encouraged locals to report any suspected fruit thefts.

“PIRSA fruit fly staff are identifiable by their orange overalls and each staff member also carries official photographic ID,” he said.

“Suspicious behaviour is encouraged to be reported to SAPOL on 131 444.

“We take all public inquiries around this area seriously and look to work with the community when issues are reported.

“We are proud of our fruit fly team, who work to the highest of standards to protect the community and local economy, and after investigating, feel extremely confident none were involved in this.”

The Renmark resident said PIRSA took her query seriously and that its staff were “fantastic”. Meanwhile she is left lamenting the costly theft over Christmas, with cherries currently retailing for between \$23 and \$25 per kilogram.



Singing Magpie Produce owner Sue Heward, of Monash, was awarded Rural Social Influencer of the Year at the recent RMC SA/NT Awards. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Singing Sue's praises at SA awards

A RIVERLAND business owner has been recognised for her social media influence at a recent media communications awards night.

Sue Heward, owner of Monash-based Singing Magpie Produce, was awarded Rural Social Influencer of the Year at the 2022 Rural Media & Communicators SA/NT Awards.

The award – sponsored by AgCommunicators – was presented to “recognise the changing landscape of rural media”.

“It is important we recognise people outside of the traditional journalism and photography industries for the important work they do in communicating to rural and regional SA/NT and how individuals can tell the story of rural life over social media,” RMC SA/NT president Leigh Radford OAM said.

“This is the second year of these innovative awards, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow in popularity in years to come.”

Ms Heward took to Facebook to share her appreciation of the award.

“It's a total honour to be acknowledged for sharing the stories of what is like to grow/produce food in Australia, our Singing Magpie Produce story and life on our 101-year-old family orchard in the Riverland, South Australia,” she said.

“And thank you to you all, our Singing Magpie family and community, for supporting us all the way.”

TV GUIDE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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24. At that time
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27. Eject from property by law
28. Psychological shock
29. Salty
30. Linger
32. Under
34. Pertaining to wings
35. To be ill
36. Letter of the alphabet

December 2022 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Input from friends who are negative won't help you. You don't want your positive energy to be suffocated by people who have much less initiative themselves. **Romance.** A positive aspect to Venus around the middle of the week will help to draw you closer together. Use this opportunity to make up for lost time.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Time spent with people you hardly know will give you a chance to expand your social life. One person in particular will catch your eye. **Romance.** You and your partner may be at different energy levels this week. You will need to be patient in order to bridge the gap between you.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

Don't let a rather stuffy older person to dampen your enthusiasm. You are full of beans at the moment, and mustn't allow anybody to hold you back. **Romance.** A disagreement with your partner could develop into a power struggle. You need to relax and take things easy: don't be slow to back down if you get into an argument.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A get-together later in the week will help to put your social life back on track. You may be feeling a little left out at the moment. Don't worry: you haven't been forgotten! **Romance.** You will both be feeling a lot more relaxed this week. Your relationship will benefit from time spent together.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

You might need to cut a few corners in order to get things done this week. An approach which works in theory may not be so good in practice. Don't listen to advice from somebody whose own track-record is suspect. **Romance.** If you don't find a way to use up all your excess energy you may start to become a little tense. This would be an excellent time to get involved in a new sport.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

You will get annoyed if your needs are not taken as seriously as you think you deserve. Don't be afraid to make your feelings plain. **Romance.** If your partner is not as sympathetic as you would like, there will be trouble. A favourable aspect to Mars could make you both a little tense at times, especially around the beginning of the week.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Don't accept everything that you are told. A meeting later in the week will help you to find out what has really been going on behind your back. **Romance.** You will be surprised when someone that you were introduced to several weeks ago wants to get in touch with you. This person obviously hasn't forgotten you!

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A powerful aspect to Jupiter later in the week will give you the confidence you need to push ahead. This is not the best time to take a risk with a situation that you are not sure of, however. **Romance.** Time spent extending your social life will be well-spent. You may need to be the one who takes the initiative.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A day dream which seems to make no sense at first will tie in with events which have been on your mind recently. Drill down and you will manage to make sense of everything. **Romance.** Don't do anything to annoy your partner. They could be slightly on-edge at the moment and may get angry.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A casual remark will give you an important insight into the way this person really feels about you. He may not be quite as negative as you have been thinking! **Romance.** This should be a very rewarding time, both for you and your partner. A series of powerful aspects to Mercury at the beginning of the week will help you to communicate well.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

You have been using your superb intellectual powers to figure out a way to get ahead. Now is the best time to make your move. Don't delay, because your luck may soon change. **Romance.** Your partner will appreciate your openness. A long discussion will show them that you are serious about improving the quality of your relationship.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

Take the initiative a little more. If you sit and wait, you will wait forever! A joint venture with a friend will be successful, but you may be the person who has to organize everything. **Romance.** You might be feeling a little fragile this week. Your partner will have to be even more sympathetic than usual.

BUDDY BUNYIP
BIRTHDAY
LIST

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on Buddy's Birthday list?
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SUDOKU No.407

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

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

Level of Difficulty: Very Hard

Solution No. 406

1				3			2
4	3	7		1	6		9
			6			7	3
			9	1			
	5			6			2
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6	1			4			
7		2	1			5	9
5			2				6

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LOOKING BACK AT 130 YEARS



CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS



2011

Riverlanders came out in droves to view this year's Renmark Club Christmas Pageant. Renmark Hospital's *Smurfs*-themed float won the award for best entry in the community group/not-for-profit organisation category, while Devilee's (inset) won Most Outstanding Float.

PHOTOS: Will Slee



1996

The Barmera Churches Kid's Club had an Australian Nativity scene as the theme of their float at last year's Barmera Christmas Pageant.



Pageant Preparations Under



1995

THERE WAS AN OLD LADY: Halls Pharmacy put a lot of effort into their float at last year's Christmas Pageant with the theme 'There was an Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe'.

The Murray Pioneer

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Festive fever pitch

The festive season countdown is well under way, with last Friday's Renmark Club Christmas Pageant reminding locals they have less than three weeks until the big day.

PAGE 7 Story and more pageant pics



2011



1978



2004

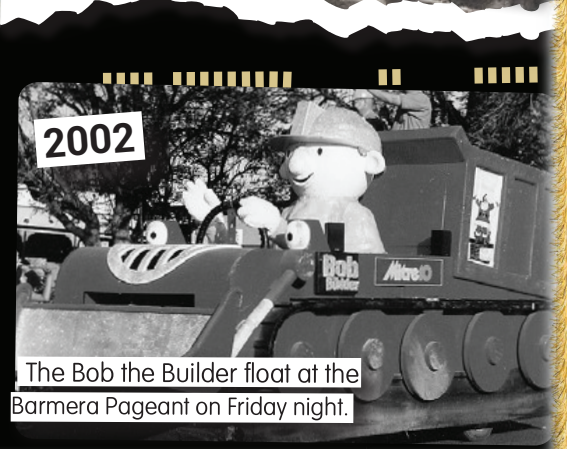
Harrison Stavrou, Mackenzie Book, Jack Wellington, Jordan Beech, Sophie Morena, Cacia Clarke and Hannah Stavrou of St. Joseph's school at the carols by the lake in Barmera on Sunday evening.

Funniest Float Prize



1984

Winners of the most humorous float in the Renmark Christmas Pageant was Rivergrowers. The staff imitated the West Indian and Australian test cricketers, all except for their cricketing skills! From left, are Phillip Frahn, Wayne Rothe, Dean Nixon and Chris Lacey.



2002

The Bob the Builder float at the Barmera Pageant on Friday night.



Ballistic Fireworks put on a "show-stopping" display to finish the Barmera Christmas Pageant last Friday night. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



LEFT: Barmera Agricultural Bureau took out top prize in the best four floats of the night. RIGHT: Berri Barmera Lutheran Churches was awarded second place in the float parade. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Santa Claus making his way down Barwell Avenue. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Barmera Primary School's colourful float rounded out the top four floats of the Barmera Christmas Parade. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Enjoying the Barmera Christmas Pageant parade were, back (from left) Bruce Barnes and Cameron Gudyer. Front: Kailan Voigt, Michael McMahon (holding Phoenix Voigt), Tanya McMahon, Marissa Gudyer (holding Sophie Gudyer), Meg Norman and Maddison Norman. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Barmera pageant back with a bang

ELYSE ARMANINI

MANY happy faces greeted the return of a full-strength Barmera Christmas Pageant last week, after two years of cancellations and changes.

The popular pageant returned to Barwell Avenue last Friday night, with entertainment from Mr Oopy, Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm and Rosie Clark Princesses, the vintage car parade, float parade and many more amusements and games.

Ballistic Fireworks put together another impressive fireworks display, which went off in perfect weather at the Barmera oval to finish the night.

Barmera Christmas Planning Committee member and Barmera Central co-ordinator Kelsey Hogan said the committee was pleased with the event's overall success.

"We're happy with the crowd we had. It was lower than what we were hoping for but we realise there was basketball and other things on that night," she said.

"We had perfect weather for it. We always receive great feedback about the fireworks display. It's a show-stopper every year.

"The petting zoo is always a draw card. Everything we had there was really popular. Lots of kids were enjoying themselves.

"Santa Claus was busy all night. He

was in the Bonney Theatre after the parade, the cave was open and he was having a chat with all of the kids."

This year's float parade had a theme of Christmas Around the World, and with many interesting entries it was a tough decision to decide the best four of the night.

"The best float overall was the Barmera Agricultural Bureau, they got the top prize of \$250," Ms Hogan said.

"Their float (illustrated) old equipment to new equipment, with a little timeline of their agricultural implements. They had a big truck with some of the older equipment and it was followed by the newer tractors and things.

"Second was the Berri Barmera Lutheran Churches, the third was Kymm's Mobile Hair and fourth was Barmera Primary School."

The Barmera Christmas Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to join in preparation for next year's Christmas events.

"Anyone who is interested and passionate about Christmas... if they come in here we can let them know when the next meetings are and they're welcome to join," Ms Hogan said.

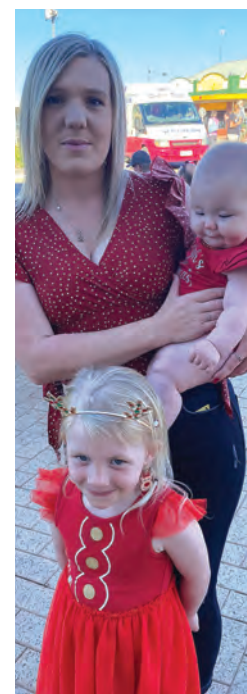
"It's all open to everyone."

Interested people who would like to join the committee or would like more information can also call Ms Hogan at Barmera Central (8588 2289).

RIGHT: Kymm's Mobile Hair placed third in the best floats of the parade. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Eli Neumann, 9, of Barmera, Henry Elphick, 9, of Monash, Evie Neumann (front), 5, of Barmera, Tyler Elphick, 8, and Riley Elphick, 5, both of Monash. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



Lauren Leaney, of Glossop, with daughters Avaleigh, six months, and Tahlee, 4. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

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JUST 11 sleeps until Christmas Eve. Occasionally it can get you in a panic, or stressed out by all that has to be done as the days go by. But it doesn't have be like that. If we stop and take some time to quietly assess what is important, the rest will fall into place. It is at Christmas that we celebrate with families and loved ones; for some families there will be an empty chair at the table this year. We think of you and your loved ones.

As the River Murray continues to rise throughout the state our communities are coming together to support each other. We now realise that the high river will be with us for many months, as it was in those years gone by, when our families endured without the hi tech equipment now available. We are appreciative of the messages from friends who are concerned about the flood and we give thanks to those who have travelled to our region to spend time and money in our local towns. What a great initiative to have scenic flights over the region. Let's hope they continue as the weeks go by. Thanks to those who share their excellent photography of the river in flood to others through Facebook. The collection of film and photos will be a great pictorial history of this present time and sure to be of interest to others in future years.

It was exciting news when acclaimed author Hannah Kent announced recently that the film Run Rabbit Run will premiere on the opening night at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2023. Directed by Daina Reid and written by Hannah, the film will open the 'midnight' section of the festival. Congratulations to Sarah Snook for her performance and the entire crew who helped with the film. It was an exciting time for the residents and staff at Waikerie's Warrawee Village, as some of the filming was done there. Some of the locals got roles as extras. Hannah's connection with Waikerie is also very special.

The residents of Warrawee enjoyed an outdoors early Christmas lunch with board

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members and staff during the week. Santa even took time out of his busy schedule to call in to see them, and the residents say thanks for that special day.

Thanks to all who visited Santa's Cave during the past week. For many it was their first time and they were pleasantly surprised to see such a beautiful display. Some Santa's Cave visitors mentioned that in Adelaide this year parents had to arrange bookings and pay a cost to see Santa in city stores.

With the River Murray in flood the decision to change the venue of the local Australia Day celebrations is certainly a wise one. We are looking forward to this popular event for our community and the many visitors who enjoy being here for that weekend. Citizen of the Year will be announced, along with Community Event of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, while an award for 'active citizenship' will also be presented.

The flood-related decision return to the Civic Centre lawns for the Rotary Christmas Market this Sunday, December 18 (from 9am until 2pm) was both necessary and a good one. For details of reservation of stalls email (enquiry@waikerie market.com) or go to Facebook. Some senior residents enjoy the markets at this venue, catching up for coffee and chat with friends. Expect an abundance of stalls with produce, plants, gifts, tasty food and much more.

Thought for the week: "If you want to be cheerful and happy, act that way and you'll soon find yourself becoming that way." - Maria Fontaine



Waikerie Rotary Opp Shop volunteers Glenn Crawford (left) and Karen Richardson at a Christmas lunch organised by local Rotarians to recognise the shop's volunteers. PHOTO: supplied

Op-shop's Christmas lunch

WAIKERIE Rotary Opp Shop volunteers took part in a Christmas luncheon at the Waikerie Club recently.

The Rotary Club of Waikerie said the op shop

owed its success and efficiency to the community volunteers who helped sort clothing, donations, price and tag garments, rotate stock, cut rags, and dress the mannequins.

The club said not all its volunteers could make the luncheon, so a box of chocolates was given to all those who missed the lunch to say thank you.



OPP SHOP LUNCH: Waikerie Rotary Opp Shop volunteers Denise Spelling, Wayne Burris and Alex Ballantyne enjoying a Christmas lunch at the Waikerie Club recently. PHOTOS: supplied



Volunteer Chris Luksa and Rotarian Wendy Birkett at the Waikerie Opp Shop Christmas lunch.

the quiz

1. On which part of the body would a sautoir be worn?
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2. Hippus relates to which part of the face?
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3. What is the surname of Raymond in the US television show 'Everybody Loves Raymond'?
.....
4. A megaton is the equivalent of how many tons of TNT?
.....
5. The US animated television series 'Family Guy' is set in a fictional city in which state?
.....
6. During which month in 1937 was the Golden Gate Bridge in California officially opened?
.....
7. What type of creature is a potoo?
.....
8. Time Warp and Dammit Janet are songs from which 1975 musical film?
.....
9. In the famous children's story which creatures did the Pied Piper of Hamelin rid the town of?
.....
10. The Frog Cake was created in 1922 by Balfours Bakery in which Australian state?
.....
11. Late singer Michael Jackson was burned during the filming of a commercial in 1984 for which brand of soft drink?
.....
12. On February 10th 1996 what was the name of the computer which became the first machine to win a chess game against a reigning world champion under regular time controls?
.....
13. Prairie Wolf is another name for which animal?
.....
14. In the US state of California which word precedes the names of the towns of Monica, Rosa and Barbara?
.....
15. Businesswoman Wendi Deng divorced which media mogul in 2013?
.....
16. 'Take Me Home' is a 1995 autobiography by which late US singer?
.....
17. The cultivation of which crop was banned in France in 1748 because it was thought to cause leprosy?
.....
18. The Dally M Awards are held annually for players of which sport?
.....
19. Which animal represents the deadly sin of envy?
.....
20. Which Roman Numerals depict the year 1990?
.....

BONUS QUESTION: Which is the only bird in the world to have its nostrils at the tip of its long beak? Answer in next week's Quiz

Answers on page 32

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Tree-mendous tribute to Queen Elizabeth

QUEEN Elizabeth's 70-year reign has been honoured and her memory preserved in living colour via the completion of a project in Barmera.

A tree-planting program along Queen Elizabeth Drive was recently completed to honour the late monarch, after \$20,000 was awarded through the federal government's Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee Program to the Berri Barmera Landcare group.

The program was announced at the beginning of Her Majesty's 70th year as monarch and Barker MP Tony Pasin said planting trees to honour the Queen was even more meaningful now, as it provided an opportunity to reflect on her passing and life of service.

"During Her Majesty's 70 amazing years, Australia hosted the Queen on 16 occasions, and on many of these visits trees were planted at community events and ceremonies, leaving a long-lasting reminder of the special occasion for the people in those communities," Mr Pasin said.

"In fact, the Queen is said to have planted 1500 trees throughout her reign.

"(The program) is a fitting way to celebrate and honour our longest-serving monarch, and I congratulate Berri Barmera Landcare on taking up the opportunity and for the lasting legacy this avenue of trees will offer to the Barmera community in the Queen's honour along Queen Elizabeth Drive."



Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall and Barker MP Tony Pasin preparing to officially unveil a plaque marking the completion of the Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee Program in Barmera, along Queen Elizabeth Drive.
PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

An official ceremony was held on the lakefront to mark the project's completion.

Landcare Berri Barmera general manager Sharon Schrapel said the community came together for the project.

"The local community was actively involved in the project, with members of the Riverland Special School, Barmera Girl Guides, Riverland Landcare Volunteers, 1st Barmera Scout Group, Berri Girl Guides and Berri Barmera Council planting 100 eucalyptus salubris gimlet trees to create a stunning avenue along Queen Elizabeth Drive in Barmera," Ms Schrapel said.

Mr Pasin made a special trip to the Riverland for the ceremony.



Berri Barmera Landcare consultant Andrew Walladge, Barker MP Tony Pasin, Berri Barmera councillors Adrian Little, Rhonda Centofanti and Trevor Scott, and Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall officially unveil a plaque commemorating the Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee Program in Barmera, along Queen Elizabeth Drive.
PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



Tony Pasin with Barmera Girl Guides' Sue Webber, holding her group's certificate of appreciation. The pair are pictured at Sunday's Barmera Markets.
PHOTO: supplied



This 26-bell mobile carillon, crafter South Australian company Vin's Bells, will play Christmas carols tomorrow at Lotsa Pots, in Renmark.
PHOTO: supplied

Ringing in Xmas spirit

REMARK residents have been invited to celebrate Christmas in a unique manner with a local business.

Renmark business Lotsa Pots will tomorrow host a performance from a 26-bell mobile carillon, built by South Australian-based company Vin's Bells.

The mobile carillon will play at Lotsa Pots, at 17 Renmark Avenue, tomorrow, between 5.30pm and 8pm.



St Albert's Catholic School principal Jacky Swanson with students Mason, Olivia, Nora, Delaney and Mack. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Grant and cut-price fees for Catholic school

ELYSE ARMANINI

EXCITING things are happening at a local Catholic school, which is buoyed by news of a \$400,000 grant, as it prepares to introduce reduced fees for 2023.

St Albert's Catholic School, Loxton, has been named as a recipient of a \$400,000 Commonwealth grant, which will go towards the construction of a new nature play area, upgrades to outdoor learning spaces and the school's music room, and a technology room for cooking lessons.

In addition, the school will reduce its annual school fees for 2023, including providing additional relief for lower-income families.

This announcement fol-

lows reductions made in 2021 as part of Catholic Education SA's Making Catholic Schools More Affordable initiative, including "unprecedented" fee reductions in every Catholic parish primary school in South Australia.

All 85 other Diocesan Catholic schools across SA have – at a minimum – frozen fees for 2023.

St Albert's Catholic School principal Jacky Swanson said the school was thankful to be able to offer the fee reduction to families "with the support of Catholic Education SA".

"These fees have been set with local families in mind," Ms Swanson said.

"Every parent can know

that we are here to help support them in this challenging and uncertain time."

Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie director Nichii Mardon said the decision to reduce fees at St Albert's "recognises the ongoing financial pressures being faced by many families".

Since joining the school in July, Ms Swanson has made a number of changes, including building on the existing music program that sees students from reception to year 6 learning an instrument, implementing literacy programs that will be in place in 2023, and additional counselling sessions for students.

For more information visit the school website (stalbert.catholic.edu.au).

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DEATHS



BUCK, Cyrus John.

3/9/2013 –
3/12/2022

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of Matt and Bec.
Gorgeous little brother
of Noah, Summer
and Maddison.
Cherished and
beloved grandson,
great-grandson,
nephew, cousin
and friend.

We're missing you
a little more,
Each time we hear
your name.
We've cried so
many tears,
Yet our heart's
broken just the same.
We miss our times
together,
Things in common
we could share.
But nothing fills
the emptiness,
Now you're no
longer there.
We've so many
precious memories,
To last our whole
life through.
Each one of them
reminders,
Of how much we're
missing you.
Cherished and loved
by all he met,
too precious for
this earth.



FLIGHT, Bob.

The Loxton Football
Club are saddened
with the news that
Bob Flight has passed
away.

A past president,
premiership player
and valued member.
Our condolences to
the family.

HAINES, Phill.

With many treasured
memories of a true
friend.

A courageous battle
with Alison by his side.
Forever in our hearts.

Danny, Diana,
Emily and Madison.

See ya, mate.

DEATHS

KUCHEL, Garnet
Ashleigh.

21/1/1948 –
6/12/2022

Passed away
December 6, 2022.

Aged 74 years.

Dearly beloved
husband of Ngari.

Much-loved father,
father-in-Law
and papa of
Karl, Sarah,
Ashley and Beau,
Carmen, Graham,
Jaiden and Eleisha,
Nicole, Paul,
Kaden and Chelsea.

Forever in our hearts
and in God's care.



PARRY, Margaret.

Passed away
peacefully on
December 4, 2022.

Dearly loved sister
and sister-in-law of
John and Maureen
Spangler
(both deceased).
Treasured and
much-loved auntie
of Debbie, Michael,
Stephen, Anthony
(deceased),
and families.

It's not what we write,
It's not what we say.
It's how we
remember you,
In our own special
way.
XX

PEARCE, David Lyall.

Passed away
peacefully with family
present at
Hawdon House,
Barmera on Saturday,
December 10, 2022.

Aged 94 years.

Loved and loving
husband of Jenny
(deceased).

Beloved father of
Anthony (deceased),
and Deb.

Adored grandpa of
Anthony, Stephen
and Scott.

Loved great-grandpa
of Ivie, Aria
and Piper.

Your heart of gold
stopped beating,
Your working hands
at rest.

Our thoughts are
always with you,
Your place no
one will fill.
In life we loved
you dearly,
In death we love
you still.

DEATHS

WEDDING, Phyllis
Maud (nee Altmann).

7/5/1924 –
8/12/2022

Passed away
peacefully in Loxton.

Aged 98 years.

Dearly loved wife of
Murray (deceased).
Loving mother and
mother-in-law of Helen
and Theo Kaesler,
Merilyn and
Ian Kalisch.
Dear grandma of
Nathan and Nicola,
Sarah and Rob,
Brad and Jody,
Kylie, Peter
and Matthew.
Dear great-grandma
of Aidan, Harrison,
Jackson;
Lily, River, Taj;
and Chloe.

Many thanks to
Dr Cameron
Robertson and the
nursing and caring
staff of Riverview
Lutheran Rest Home,
Loxton, for their care
of Phyllis.

FUNERALS

BUCK, Cyrus John.

Cyrus' family and
friends are respectfully
invited to attend his
funeral service
commencing at

12pm noon on Monday,
December 19, 2022
in the SA Kleemann
Chapel, 10 Cates
Avenue, Waikerie.

A private cremation will
follow this service.

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FUNERALS

KUCHEL, Garnet
Ashleigh.

21/1/1948 –
6/12/2022

Family and friends
are invited to attend
Garnet's memorial
service to be held
at the Adare Uniting
Church, 6 The Drive,
McCracken at 1pm on
Wednesday, December
14, 2022.

Live-streaming of
the service can be
accessed by searching
'Garnet Ashleigh
Kuchel' on YouTube.



PEARCE.

Family and friends
of David Pearce are
respectfully invited
to attend his funeral
service to be conducted
entirely at the Riverland
Funeral Chapel,
32 Hughes Street,
Berri on Thursday,
December 15, 2022
at 11am, followed by
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at the Riverland
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WEDDING, Phyllis
Maud (nee Altmann).

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are respectfully
advised that Phyllis's
funeral service
will be conducted
at the Concordia
Lutheran Church, 79
Bookpurnong Terrace,
Loxton on Friday,
December 16, 2022
at 11am.

Following the service,
the cortege will
proceed to the Loxton
Lawn Cemetery for the
committal.

In memory of Phyllis,
donations to Riverview
Lutheran Rest Home
Loxton would be
appreciated. Envelopes
will be available at the
service.



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CASEY, Bill.

It has been three
years now since
I lost you.

It is a hard road
I travel each day
without you.

My love for you is
forever with me.
I long to be with you,
if only I could.

Val.

THOMAS, Andrea Joy.

25/8/1968 –
19/12/2014

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back the old days,
When we were all
together.

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is broken,
But memories
last forever.

Mum, Dad, and your
family.

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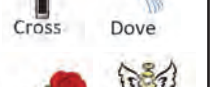
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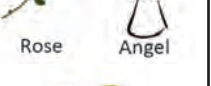
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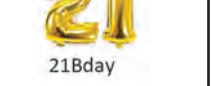
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RENMARK - 98 Eighteenth Street. Sunday, December 18 from 8.30am. Brass queen size bed \$200 ono, rowing machine \$100 ono, lots of books - novels, kids books, quilting magazines, ladies handbags, ladies shoes (size 9), boys bike and lots of household stuff. No early callers.

RENMARK - 130 Seventeenth Street. Saturday, December 17 from 8.30am - 1pm. Plant sale. Range of shadehouse and outdoor plants.

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Anglican Church
Riverland

Saturday, December 17

I I am - Loxton
The Resurrection

Sunday, December 18

9am - Barmera
St Edmund's
9am - Renmark
St Augustine's
9am - Loxton
The Resurrection
I I am - Waikerie
St James

Contact:
Fr. David Patterson
8586 3288

Catholic Church
Mass Times

Our Lady of the River
Catholic Parish

WEEKS 1, 3 & 5

Saturday
Renmark 6.30pm
Morgan 6.00pm
Sunday
Berri 9.00am
Loxton 11.00am
Waikerie 11.00am
Barmera 6.00pm

WEEKS 2 & 4

Saturday
Berri 6.30pm
Waikerie 6.00pm
Sunday
Renmark 9.00am
Morgan 9.00am
Barmera 11.00am
Loxton 6.00pm

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BERRI / BARMERA

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Barmera, Nookamka Tce
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LOXTON

Sunday, December 18
10am HC
Rev Linda Forsyth

Contact
Rev Linda Forsyth
0401 815 488

RENMARK

10am
Renmark Avenue
8.30am
Renmark West

Glenys Badger
Phone 0401 815 488

Seventh-day
Adventist Church

Riverland

19 Sunrise Court, Berri
Bible Study 10-11am
Worship every Saturday
(Sabbath) Now 11.15am

All Welcome

Pastor Andy Krause
Ph: 0418 617 582

Lutheran Church
of Australia

BERRI | BARMERA

Sunday, December 18
Barmera 9am
Berri 7pm
Pastor S Trautwein

All Welcome
Phone 0493021960

LOXTON

4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18
St Peter's 8.30am
10am

Concordia 10am
da Costa

Myrla & New Residence 9am
(Myrla) Georg

Bookpurnong 8.30am
da Costa

Riverview Rest Home Wed, Dec 21
10.30am dC

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

Lutheran Ministry Centre
Phone 8584 5522
Pastor Chris Georg
(Concordia and outlying)
Pastor Jason Sander
(St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA

Sunday, December 18
Renmark 9am
Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome
Pastor Roland Adams
Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Sunday, December 18
Waikerie 10am
Lowbank 8.45am
Ramco 8.45am

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

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

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

Meals on Wheels
There's a volunteer in all of us! Meals on Wheels have a variety of Volunteering opportunities in kitchen, delivery and administration, at a number of locations across the Riverland. If you have some time to put to good use, please contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles your volunteering tastebuds!



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RIVERLAND ROSE AND
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Garden Festival –2022

To all volunteers, open gardeners and event holders who contributed to this year's Festival, the Committee wishes to sincerely thank you for your contribution to help make it a great event. The Festival was an astounding success with many visitors to all parts of the Riverland making it a truly regional event.

This would not have been achieved without your support. We look forward to another successful event next year which we hope you will once again support.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at the Berri Hotel starting at 6.30pm.

We would love to see you there.

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Christmas Period Arrangements

The below information is subject to change as a result of any operational demands required to manage and respond to the current flood event.

Office Closures

Given the current emergency being experienced throughout the region as a result of the River Murray flood, Council will have staff working throughout the Christmas and New Year holiday period to manage Council's ongoing response to the event.

However, residents and ratepayers are advised that, at this point in time, it is planned that Council offices will be closed for the period from 12noon on Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen 9:00am on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

During this period **Customer Service staff will still be contactable** on (08) 8569 0100 as normal, or refer to Council's website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au for relevant information. Council also has a dedicated page on this site, which contains the latest information concerning the high river event.

For the most up to date information about the flood and other emergency assistance visit www.sa.gov.au the SES website www.ses.sa.gov.au or call 1800 362 361.

Waste Collections

General household and recycling waste collections over Christmas and New Year will take place as per the normal collection schedule. Please refer to the Kerbside Collection Calendar or Council's webpage.

Wheelie bins are to be out by 6:00 am on collection days.

Waste Transfer Stations

All Waste Transfer Station facilities will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All facilities will be closed on CFS declared total fire ban days except where advertised opening time is prior to 12 noon (see Council website for operating times & fees).

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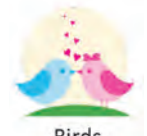
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Berri

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- Assisting with budget and cash flow projections, budget preparation, salary estimates, cash flow and monthly expenditure reports.
- Arranging servicing and appropriate maintenance of fleet vehicles in line with agency policies.
- Maintaining office equipment, stationery and office systems.

For enquires please contact Joanne Brand, Business Manager on 8595 2400 or email: joanne.brand@sa.gov.au.

For further information please visit iworkfor.sa.gov.au and search for reference number **514219**.

Applications close: 27 December 2022

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AUSTRALIAN VINTAGE LTD

2023 VINTAGE CELLAR HANDS

One of Australia's largest wineries, Australian Vintage Limited, are looking for enthusiastic, reliable people to be part of our 2023 Vintage team. There are a number of positions available for **Cellar Hands** across all levels of experience; offering the opportunity to gain wine industry experience.

We are looking for people who will work positively with our existing workforce in achieving a successful vintage. Inductions will be held in mid-late January 2023 with the Vintage period expected to commence late January 2023, for an estimated 10-12-week period with many positions extending well beyond this (up to six months), depending on performance.

Applicants with previous vintage experience will be highly regarded however, if you are self-motivated and have a can-do attitude, we encourage you to apply. A forklift licence will be required for some Cellar positions.

Successful applicants are required to have their own transport, be safety conscious and be available to work rotating shifts, including weekends.

Applications are to be submitted
on our online careers page at
<http://careers.australianvintage.com.au>

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KINGSTON
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Kingston Estate is one of Australia’s largest and most progressive family-owned wine growers, having achieved award winning international recognition and success.

Our Vision: *To be the Leading Grower and Producer of Australian Wine for the World*

2023 Vintage

Vintage is the perfect time to enter the wine industry with the opportunity to secure full-time employment. If you prefer seasonal employment, we welcome you to join our high rate of returning vintage team members.

Vintage commences in Late January/February and concludes in April/May. To increase your chance of gaining employment, you are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible.

Cellar Hands

Cellar Hands perform various tasks that contribute to the production and dispatch of wine. This position will suit you if you enjoy working in a team along with being outdoors and physically active. Experience in general cellar activities will be highly regarded although not essential. You will possess basic literacy and numeracy skills. A current forklift will be considered an advantage.

Vineyard Operators

Vineyard Operators are responsible for performing safe vineyard operations including tractor and tote bin driving, observing and mechanical harvesting activities. This position will suit you if you enjoy working in a team along with being physically active outdoors. Experience in harvesting operations and/or general tractor experience is preferred.

Winemaking Technical Assistant

The Winemaking Technical Assistants provide support and assistance to the Winemaking team in the management and control of all aspects of vintage winemaking operations. Ideal applicants will possess excellent attention to detail and effective literacy, numeracy, communication and analytical skills. The capacity to work a rotating shift roster during the vintage period and be available to work reasonable additional hours as required to meet production needs.

Vintage Intake Scheduler

The Vintage Intake Scheduler supports the Grower Relations/Technical Advisor to coordinate and schedule grape supply into the winery from company vineyards and external growers. This position will suit you if you possess accurate and high-speed data entry skills, are proficient in the use of Microsoft applications, have a commitment to meeting deadlines and can liaise effectively with people. Previous experience within a similar role or in a supply chain position will be considered an advantage.

MC Truck Drivers

Truck Drivers are responsible for the safe cartage of grapes within the regions. This position will suit Truck Drivers looking to work consistent hours. Applicants must be willing to undertake shift work, overtime and possible weekend work. A current MC drivers licence and experience driving a road train is essential. A base casual rate of pay of \$40 per hour plus overtime, shift loadings together with up to \$4000 bonus payment available at end of vintage is on offer to secure the right candidates.

Casual Cleaners

Cleaners are required to maintain a high level of cleanliness and hygiene across all areas of our facility including offices, toilets, kitchens and common areas. The successful candidates will be required to work a variety of shifts, so reliable transport is essential.

Grape Supply Admin

We are seeking an Administration Officer to provide support to our team over the Vintage period. Key responsibilities of this role include spreadsheet management, data entry, providing up to date information to internal customers and general administration duties. You will demonstrate professionalism, customer service, time management skills and attention to detail and be able to work with a number of internal stakeholders.

Successful candidates will share the values of our Company; Accountability, Teamwork, Continuous Improvement, Integrity and Respect.

To apply please complete an application form or email your resume, stating the position you are your applying for to hr@kewines.com.au or apply via our website (click on the ‘Careers’ tab). To increase your chance of gaining employment you are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible. For all enquiries contact Sean Leesue Human Resources Advisor on 08 8583 0568.

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Please email LDCC for Position Details or visit SEEK for more information.

For applications email cover letter, current resume and two references to the Centre Director director@loxtonchildrenscentre.com.au

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Shopping local crucial for flood-hit Riverland



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone is leading a ‘shop local’ push, to help Riverland businesses through the region’s current flood crisis. PHOTO: supplied

‘Businesses counting on us this year’

THE damaging high-river makes supporting Riverland small business – by shopping local this Christmas – even more important than usual, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone says.

On the doorstep of the festive season, Mr Whetstone said many businesses are already feeling the effects of the flood and will rely on community support.

“Every dollar spent at a local business in the lead-up to Christmas is important for the region’s economy,” Mr Whetstone said.

“During this festive season, I am encouraging locals to support small business in the region wherever they can and provide an important financial injection into the local economy.

“Across the Riverland and Mallee, we have some fantastic retail businesses with fantastic stock and great local service.

“Ultimately, by spending money locally you are giving back to your community by supporting jobs.

“The positive impact of spending locally, especially this year, cannot be understated and the money received by local businesses for their goods or services, for the most part, goes right back into our local community.”

Mr Whetstone also encouraged locals to consider holidaying in their own backyard.

“Book a holiday in one of our great caravan parks, consider a stay in luxury at one of our great accommodation providers and re-connect with our great food and wine through an experience at one of our many restaurants, wineries and breweries,” he said.

“We have so much on offer in our region and the price of fuel is a great reason to experience all the Riverland has to offer this.

“Small business owners are the heart and soul of our local communities and many in the Riverland and Mallee are owned and managed by small families and employ local people.”

“This year has been particularly difficult with the grape market fluctuations, fruit fly and now the disruptions being caused by the Murray River.

“It is our obligation to support local business, many of whom are owned by our friends and neighbours, by committing to shop, eat, and spend locally, when possible, especially once the high river subsides.

“We have so many locally-owned businesses with amazing products, service, food, and experiences to offer and these businesses will only survive if we get behind them.”



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Ranson Riverland’s latest record-breaker

BEN LENNON

FOLLOWING the despair of the cancelled Hysterical Carnage Backyard Ultra marathon event in Loxton last month, one Riverlander has achieved ‘redemption’ after setting an Australian record recently.

Competing in the 12-hour time-based ultra at Glenelg last fortnight, Holly Ranson and her fellow competitors aimed to run as far as they could in the allotted time period.

Ranson’s total distance of 136.6km smashed the previous record of 133.5km, with race organisers now in the process of officially writing her name into the record books, pending the times becoming official.

She was one of just five runners remaining in last month’s Riverland-based event when the race was called off due to poor weather.

The anti-climactic ending to the Loxton event inspired her to head to the city and finish the year on a high.

“I had the fitness and didn’t want to waste it and I had the desire to feel like I’d completed something by the end of the year,” she said.

“It hadn’t been on my agenda before but then I thought I’d go down and give it a crack.

“It’s filled that void of there being no end (in Loxton). It felt like I was missing something but now I feel like I’ve achieved some-

thing for the year.”

Ranson is a veteran of long-distance running events, but said breaking records had never crossed her mind until recently.

“It’s not something I’d ever really thought of and I don’t even know when it started for me, to be honest,” she said.

“It’s not something that’s motivated me and it’s not even something I really knew existed until a few months ago.

“But, once I get my mind set on achieving something, I have to go out and test it. Now that I’ve achieved this, lots of other things seem achievable, so I’ll probably keep chasing records.

“It’s pretty special to have

achieved something where your name goes in the record books and that might stand for a while, whereas if you win one race that’ll probably just have a different winner next year.”

Ranson believes the key to success in long-distance events is the mental aspect of being able to stay motivated during the marathon, something she trains for in the lead-up to race day.

“You’re running at a relatively slower pace, so it’s not like sprinters who need to have superior technical skills and need to be great runners,” she said.

“When you do longer distances at slower paces it really comes down to your mental strength and your



Holly Ranson takes a seat following her record-breaking 12-hour run at Glenelg last fortnight. PHOTO: supplied

ability to put up with the pain for a long period of time.

“I try to come up with worst-case scenarios of how I might be feeling in those worst moments and I think of a strategy to combat it.

“That might be thinking of a person that inspires me or what I’m going to do

when I finish, how I’m going to celebrate...

“It’s that and then just breaking the race down into small, manageable time chunks so it’s more like one small accomplishment after the next, whether it’s one lap or one hour, and not focusing on the big scale of things.”

Supercats hand Lakers their first loss

LOXTON became the first side to topple Barmera in the Riverland basketball women’s division one/two competition, running out 11-point winners away from home last Thursday.

Mackella Hogan led the way for the travelling side, scoring 12 points in the win, while Elise Foulds provided a valuable contribution, also scoring double-digit points in the victory.

Ashleigh Haigh topped the scoring charts for the Lakers, but her 11 points failed to save the side from its first defeat of the season.

The win means the Supercats now sit on top of the ladder, leapfrogging Barmera in the process, with both sides tied on seven wins but Loxton ahead due to its superior percentage.

Meanwhile, Waikerie secured a comfortable win against Renmark, thanks largely to an impressive showing from Sarah Campbell.

The West Adelaide football star dropped 17 points on the Steamers, helping her side to a 13-point win.

Thursday night’s men’s division one fixtures saw two of the top three sides run out comfortable victors, while Renmark enjoyed a week off.

Barmera trounced the Blazers as Kye Stokes exploded for 35 points at home, with 12 of those coming from beyond the arc.

He was supported well by Mitch Wellington and Dillon Millard as the Lakers solidified their grip on third place on the division one ladder.

Loxton also enjoyed a convincing victory, taking down Waikerie by 55 points.

The Supercats shared the scoring duties around, with five players managing double-digit points against the Warriors, while Jonathon Twigden was the only Waikerie player able to score more than seven points in the match.

RESULTS WOMEN

Division one/two				
Loxton	11	24	34	45
Barmera	4	18	28	34
Points: Loxton – M. Hogan 12; E. Foulds 11, B. Hahn, S. Smith 5, M. Pfeiler, A. Modlinski, S. Rucioch 4.				
Barmera – A. Haigh 11, K. Barnett, L. Hill 7, C. Wutke 5, T. Dillon 4.				
Barmera D2	11	19	19	29
Steamers	7	15	19	22
Points: Barmera D2 – B. Pietrolaj 10, H. Hodgson 8, R. Gay 7, M. Kassulke, S. Whitbourne 2. Steamers – M. Newman 9, A. Esam 6, O. Hughes 4, J. Crook 2, K. Schumann 1.				
Waikerie	13	23	28	43
Renmark	4	9	13	30
Points: Waikerie – S. Campbell 17, H. Lehmann 9, S.				

Hyde 7, T. Fridd 6, L. Hahn, C. Turner 2. Renmark – L. Haynes 10, D. Haynes 7, M. Haynes, T. Moldovan 6, D. Johnson 1.				
Berri	7	14	29	35
Loxton D2	5	7	13	17
Points: Details not provided.				

Division three
Wildcats 28 d Allstars 12; Berri 53 d Tigers 10; Catstars 53 d Supercats 27; Renmark 19 d Waikerie 9; Barmera 45 d Loxton 26.

Division four
Blazers 22 d Loxton 15; Barmera 44 d Supercats 25; Berri 47 d Renmark 34; Steamers 36 d Waikerie 21.

Under 18
Barmera 47 d Loxton 33; Berri 42 d Waikerie 12.

Under 16 (div 1)
Loxton 51 d Renmark 21; Berri 32 d Barmera 29.

Under 16 (div 2)
Loxton 21 d Supercats 20; Waikerie 32 d Renmark 24.

Under 14 (div 1)
Berri 77 d Loxton 17; Barmera 55 d Waikerie 13.

Under 14 (div 2)
Lakers 12 d Barmera 10; Supercats 33 d Loxton 11; Renmark 35 d Berri 18.

Under 12 (div 1)
Loxton 46 d Barmera 1; Renmark 19 d Waikerie 10.

Under 12 (div 2)
Tigers 23 d Berri 6; Waikerie 19 d Barmera 1.

MEN
Division one

Barmera	26	41	66	92
Berri	15	28	49	65

Points: Barmera – K. Stokes 35, M. Wellington 14, D. Millard 10, K. Wright, B. Hembling, A. Smith 8, R. Haigh 7, L. Warnett 2. Berri – Harrison Campbell 23, J. Szalbot 12, L. Dack 9, Heath Campbell 7, O. Hunyadi 6, R. Kunoth, W. Frankel 4.

Loxton	24	50	68	85
Waikerie	4	14	26	30

Points: Loxton – R. Kennedy 18, J. Hutchinson 15, J. Will 14, C. Lange 12, B. Tregear 10, K. Miller 6, K. Serafin, C. Wright 5. Waikerie – J. Twigden 12, D. Leuders 7, D. Kennedy 6, K. Ling 5.

Division two
Barmera 25 d Berri 19; Loxton 22 d Waikerie 19.

Division three
Steamers 37 drew with Allstars 37; Barmera 39 d Waikerie White 26; Blazers 71 d Tigers 11; Supercats 85 d Berri 25; Renmark 33 d Rovers 17; Waikerie Black 66 d Caffey 41; Loxton 51 d Wildcats 49; Warriors 30 d Paringa 18.

Division four
Barmera 41 d Berri 17; Lakers 27 d Blazers 22.

Under 18 (div 1)
Loxton 49 d Renmark 45; Berri 44 d Barmera 42.

Under 18 (div 2)
Renmark 41 d Loxton 40; Waikerie 39 d Supercats 30.

Under 16 (div 1)
Barmera 59 d Waikerie 53; Renmark 38 d Loxton 29.

Under 16 (div 2)
Barmera 43 d Loxton 33; Renmark 81 d Waikerie 23; Blazers 19 d Supercats 17; Berri 43 d Lakers 17.

Under 14 (div 1)
Barmera 59 d Loxton 13; Berri 33 d Waikerie 12.

Under 14 (div 2)
Supercats 42 d Barmera 34; Loxton 23 drew with Lakers 23.

Under 12 (div 1)
Barmera 20 drew Renmark 20; Berri 29 d Loxton 26.

Under 12 (div 2)
Waikerie 23 d Barmera 22; Lakers 23 d Loxton 22.



Loxton’s Summer Smith attempts a two-point field goal against Barmera during last week’s round of Riverland division one women’s basketball. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Kye Stokes’ 35 points helped Barmera to a comfortable win over Berri in last week’s round of division one men’s basketball, with the Lakers running out 27-point victors.

Six of the best for ABCDE FC

REIGNING premier ABCDE FC won its sixth consecutive Riverland futsal men’s title, with its win over Under Construction sealing the regular season premiership for the all-conquering team last Sunday.

The side, featuring several stars of the Riverland Soccer competition, finished level on points with That’s Cooked but edged the challengers on goal difference.

That’s Cooked triumphed last month when the two went head-to-head, but ABCDE FC’s consistency saw it over the line across the 10 rounds.

The two will now enter this Sunday’s Top Four Cup alongside Barmera FC and Under Construction, who finished third and fourth respectively in the overall standings.

Banana Slugs finished top of the women’s division, with a 16-5 win against Sam last weekend sealing the deal.

The Slugs finished just one point ahead of Chicks ‘n’ Kicks, who also managed a comfortable victory on the weekend, running out 10-goal winners against Deadly Daggers.

The mixed division saw Angry Plovers score an upset win over Rooney Tunes, but it was not enough to lift the newcomers off the bottom of the table.

Their opponents finished the season in second place, nine points behind Tastes Like Chicken in first.

The Bradys, led by former Riverland Soccer Association president Michael Cartwright, finished the mixed division season in third and will take part in the Top Four Cup,

along with fourth-placed Banana Slugs.

The Liquorice All Sports emerged on top of the under 14 competition, overcoming all opponents to finish the season with 25 points, nine more than next best Royan.

Blues Brothers took out the under 12s competition in comfortable fashion, while River Runners were crowned champions of the under 13 girls division, finishing narrowly ahead of Project Mbappe.

The action continues this Sunday with a host of teams vying for Top Four Cup Glory.

RESULTS MEN ABCDE FC 13 d Under Construction 1.

Best: ABCDE FC – T. Pipinis, F. Vallelonga. Under Construction – A. Sarakinis, H. Smith. Goals: ABCDE FC – F. Vallelonga 5, R. Barber 3, K. Barber Jr 2, M. Barber, T. Pipinis, J. Trudgian. Under Construction – M. Kondoprias. Renmark Thunder 5 drew with The Saints 5.

Best: Renmark Thunder – S. Cocks, J. Botten. The Saints – L. Ransley, D. Kondoprias. Goals: Renmark Thunder – S. Cocks 3, N. Radloff, J. Botten. The Saints – A. Kondoprias, D. Kondoprias 2, J. Coombe.

That’s Cooked d Barmera FC (forfeit).

Points: ABCDE FC 25, That’s Cooked 25, Barmera FC 18, Under Construction 10, Renmark Thunder 6, The Saints 2. WOMEN Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 11 d Deadly Daggers 1.

Best: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace, H. Amos. Deadly Daggers – S. Lees, K. Botten. Goals: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – H. Amos, M. Rayner 4, J. Grace 2, E. Flavel. Deadly Daggers – S. Lees. Banana Slugs 16 d Sam 5.

Best: Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell, E. Ashby, A. Perry. Sam – C. Formby, M. Lockwood. Goals: Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell 5, E. Ashby 4, A. Perry 3, K. Skilton, G. Skilton, T. Mitchell, A. Perry.



Points: Banana Slugs 24, Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 23, Sam 7, Deadly Daggers 3.

MIXED Angry Plovers 4 d Rooney Tunes 3.

Best: Angry Plovers – H. Schuitemaker, S. Lees. Rooney Tunes – S. Cocks, J. Perram. Goals: Angry Plovers – Z. Gallo 2, S. Bradbrook, S. Lees. Rooney Tunes – M. Barber 3. The Bradys 15 d Renmark Thunder 3.

Best: The Bradys – M. Cartwright, D. Aston. Renmark Thunder – J. Botten, K. Botten. Goals: The Bradys – D. Aston 4, K. Aston 3, A. Aston, V. Rothe, M. Cartwright, J. Cartwright 2. Tastes Like Chicken 8 d Banana Slugs 6.

Best: Tastes Like Chicken – C. Mitchell, M. Mitchell. Banana Slugs – L. Ransley, M. Coombe. Goals: Tastes Like Chicken – T. Mitchell 3, R. Mitchell 2, J. Mitchell, M. Mitchell, C. Mitchell. Banana Slugs – A. Perry, M. Coombe 2, J. Coombe. Points: Tastes Like Chicken 30, Rooney Tunes 21, The Bradys 18, Banana Slugs 12, Renmark Thunder 7, Angry Plovers 4. UNDER 14 Royan 17 d Saint Frannies 4.

ABCDE FC won it’s sixth consecutive Riverland futsal title on Sunday, with Jacob Trudgian (left), Kevin Barber Jnr, Marty Barber and Francesco Vallelonga all scoring in the side’s 13-1 win. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

The Liquorice All Sports d The Red Devils (forfeit).

Points: Liquorice All Sports 25, Royan 16, Red Devils 12, Saint Frannies 6. UNDER 13 GIRLS River Runners 11 d Blue Bombers 4.

Best: River Runners – C. Formby, E. Passmore. Blue Bombers – A. Dale, M. Pitt. Goals: River Runners – A. Kondoprias 4, A. Perry 3, C. Formby, C. Williams 2. Blue Bombers – M. Pitt 3, A. Verco. Honey Bees d Project Mbappe (forfeit).

Points: River Runners 21, Project Mbappe 18, Honey Bees 10, Blue Bombers 4. UNDER 12 Black Bandits 10 d Sting Rays 5.

Maywald wins the clay target crown

ROBERT Maywald was named champion of champions at the final Barmera Clay Target Club event of the year recently.

He finished the year in style, taking out the B grade 50-target event and finished the season with a score of 470/570.

RESULTS Event one 25-target skeet: A. Mattschoss 23/25, G. Schmaal, T. Shaddock 21/25. Event two 50-target double barrel Peter Caddy Memorial Shield: A grade – A. Mattschoss 49/50, G. Carter 44/50. B grade – R. Maywald 48/50, R. Faux 46/50. C grade – B. Morris 45/50, G. Schmaal 44/50. Event three 20-pai Deauville doubles: G. Carter/T. Shaddock 19/20, R. Maywald/B. Morris 19/22, R. Wylie, J. Pankhurst 18/22. Turkey shoot: J. Pankhurst. High gun: A. Mattschoss 72/75. 2022 champion of champions: R. Maywald 470/570.

Stevens sails ahead

SEVEN single-handed sailors tested their skills across a range of conditions on Lake Bonney during Saturday’s heats three and four of the Lake Bonney Yacht Club championship.

Despite winds swinging wildly in both strength and direction, racing was extremely close, with only 10 seconds separating the first three boats across the line in both heats.

Chris Stevens put on a masterclass in his laser, Blade, showing off his local knowledge to lead both races from start to finish, narrowly holding off the fast finishing RS Aero 7s Just and Mainiac sailed by Steve Thomas and John Eshman.

Stevens, Thomas and Eshman filled the podium in the same order in both races, leaving the rest of the field in their wake.

The club will host its annual Queen of the Lake regatta this Saturday before breaking for Christmas.

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RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

BERRI Wednesday, December 7 Stableford: C. McKinlay 38pts, S. May 36, J. Adams 35, S. Wade 35, K. Traeger 35, C. Hyde 35, T. Shearer 34. Saturday, December 10 Stableford: M. Bayliss 40pts, P. Mudge 38, M. Wilksch 38, I. McHugh 38, R. Keightley 37, J. Adams 36, L. Campbell 36. M. Boon 35, S. Wade 35, M. Heuzenroeder 35, E. Dawson 34, W. Thiele 34, A. Thiel 34, D. Shawyer 33, S. May 33. Sunday, December 11 Stableford: C. Munn 51 pts, S. Hawkins 36, J. Adams 35, I. Bradshaw 35, B. Eckermann 34, M. Heuzenroeder 33, R. Nagy 33. LOXTON Wednesday, December 7 Stableford: Men – D. Marsland 39pts, H. Kara-Ali 35, J. Bentley 35. Women – S. Pannell 39, J. Patching 36, M. Thomson 34. Saturday, December 10 Stableford: Men’s A grade – P. Morris 37pts, L. Gray 37, P. Harmnan 36, G. MacInnes 36, H. Kara-Ali 36. B grade – C. Harman 40, S. Polymiadis 37, D. Peberdy 38, A. Ling 36. Women – J. Bullock 36, S. Grein 34, J. Sawade 31.

RIVERLAND WOMEN’S EIGHTBALL RESULTS

ROUND 13 Waikerie Club 14 d Lyrup Blue 1.

Best: Waikerie Club – K. Wilson, K. Bannister. Lyrup Blue – S. Giumelli, S. Bini. Bonnie Pelicans 12 d Lyrup Lion Cubs 3.

Best: S. Verco, G. Dyer. Lyrup Lion Cubs – C. Jansen, C. Walton. Monash Club DV8s 8 d Renmark Roses 7.

Clubmates collide in Riverland baseball

BERRI’S two baseball sides went toe-to-toe in last weekend’s round of Riverland baseball, with Berri Red emerging as victors in a high-quality contest.

Both sides came out of the blocks strong, with Red amassing three runs in the first inning and Blue posting two in reply.

But, Berri Blue struggled to score following the first inning, with Red’s Jamie Fraser throwing three strike-

outs before handing pitching duties over to Paul Reid, who did well to restrict Berri Blue.

Both sides were alert in the field which helped restrict scoring, but Red was able to break away in the third inning, posting seven runs and brining its lead to 11.

Blue managed two runs in reply but three runs at the top of the fourth sealed victory for Red.

Meanwhile, Renmark

Angels and Riverland Pirates went head-to-head, with Renmark overcoming a lacklustre start to run out comfortable victors.

A fielding error helped Angels out of the blocks, before a triple from Noah Koumbarakos saw a number of his team-mates home and increased the lead for Renmark.

The Pirates were kept scoreless in the third before Renmark

added a further five runs, thanks largely to a Colby Lawton triple and some fast running between the bases.

This Friday the association will be holding a charity round, with members of the community invited to come down to Glassey Park and get involved.

RESULTS Innings 1 2 3 T Berri 1 7 5 13 Pirates - 1 - 1 Safe hits: Renmark – N. Koumbarakos 1t 1s, C.

out on top by just one run.

Cobby and Loxton took the points in C grade, securing victories over Renmark and Loxton respectively. Results A Grade Berri 8 d Loxton 1. Best: Berri – L. Brauer, W. Nuske, C. Venning. Loxton – D. Venning, H. Symens, A. Stokes. B grade Berri 25 drew with Loxton 25. Best: Berri – K. Ferguson,

Lawton 15, H. McDonald 1d 1s, L. O’Brien, T. Golding, G. O’Brien 1s. Pirates – B. Halupka 1d. Strikeouts: Renmark – C. Lawton 5. Pirates – R. Halupka, S. Goldspink 1.

Innings 1 2 3 4 T Berri Red 3 3 7 3 16 Berri Blue 2 - 2 - 4 Safe hits: Berri Red – J. Fraser, A. Rogers 1d 1s, P. Redi, J. Stemberger 2s, A. Arnold, K. Karpany 1s. Berri Blue – L. Kambouris 1d, S. Mancini 1s. Strikeouts: Berri Red – J. Fraser 3. Berri Blue L. Sutherland, L. Peltz 2, S. Mancini 1.

A. Collard, L. Collard. Loxton – J. Hansen, J. Hucks, T. Dowdy. Berri 15 d Loxton 14. Best: Berri – K. Ferguson, L. Campbell-Collard, S. Sampson. Loxton – O. Johnson, B. Geraghty, J. Hansen. C grade Cobdogla 10 d Renmark 9. Best: Cobdogla – W. Grieg, K. Swart, L. Bowers. Renmark – K. Moxham, D. Askew, M. Morris. Loxton 14 d Berri 6. Best: Loxton – L. Johnson, B. Geraghty, W. Stokes. Berri – M. Fridd, L. Chlaris, K. Goldspink.

Redsox run riot in bumper round of Riverland softball

BERRI’S best flexed their muscle in last week’s round of Riverland A grade softball, with the side running out comfortable victors over Loxton at Glassey Park.

Wyatt Nuske was in fine form again for the Redsox, smashing a four-bagger on his way to being included in the side’s best players alongside Cara Venning and Lara Brauer.

Ali Stokes also produced a four-bagger, but was the only one to hurt Berri on the scoreboard, with Loxton finishing the match with just one run, seven short of Berri.

Meanwhile, Berri and Loxton took part in a double-header in the B grade competition following a cancelled game last month.

Points were shared in the first contest, with

Asharne Collard and Hayley Watkins in fine form with the bat.

Collard nailed a four-bagger, while Watkins produced two three-baggers, but it was not enough to wrestle a win from Loxton, with the latter well served by strong showings from Jo Hansen and Jess Hucks.

Berri would pick up the win in the second contest, though, coming



The 2023 Riverland dinghy season has been postponed indefinitely as high flows continue to impact Riverland communities. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Dinghy delay in 2023 FLOOD EVENT

A SPORT unique to the Riverland has been forced to delay the start to its 2023 season amid the region's biggest flood event since 1956.

The Riverland Dinghy Club announced last week it would postpone the beginning of next year's season indefinitely and president Scott Jenke has hinted at a potential reshuffle of the traditional fixture.

"We thought we would postpone it rather than cancel it and we'll operate with a revised program," Mr Jenke said.

"There might be a total re-jig of the program where events we normally run later in the year might be at the start of the season and then

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we switch back to the short-course races.

"It's likely that we run two short-course events in succession, whether that's under lights in front of the Renmark Club on a Friday and then a circuit race later that weekend..."

"The traditional opener with the Dash for Cash and the Dinghy Derby might be in rounds four or five instead of round one."

Although the final event of the

2022 season went off without a hitch amid higher-than-normal water levels, flows have since doubled, leaving the club unable to use its desired courses.

"Now we're at double the flow of the Huncree Run, we actually can't even control the course due to the fact that we're entirely on flood plains," Mr Jenke said.

"It's going to be very hard to funnel the races where we need them to race."

The dinghy season's return date is yet to be nailed down, but Mr Jenke is keen to get going as soon as it is safe to do so, as are the majority of racers.

"It depends on how quickly the

river is going to recede, that's basically the issue," Mr Jenke said.

"We'll start watching the recession of the water but we're predicting that the water is going to stay high for a long time, and government predictions say that as well. It doesn't take Einstein to identify that.

"To run the races that we run along the Renmark foreshaw we need the flows to be low enough that we can put our pontoon in and the elevation of the river needs to drop back.

"We probably couldn't run the event at anything above 50-60GL. We've put the pontoon in during moderate flows but nothing like

this.

"We know our racers are keen. One or two might lose interest with that extra few months off, but the majority of our racers have endorsed the club's decision and said 'as soon as you can get us back on the water, we'll be there'.

"I think we've got a very big responsibility to the community. As soon as we can put on a national event, it's going to help the Riverland recover financially.

"To bring that money into the area as soon as it's safe to do so, we definitely want to do it for the community. We know tourism will need a big bounce-back and we'll do it as soon as we can."



Riverland A grade women's premiers, Girl Diggers. Back: Della Haynes (left), Ashley James and Courtney Lynch. Front: Kailey Waechter, Lily Haynes and Madison Pitman. PHOTOS: supplied



Riverland A grade men's premiers, Derelicts. Back: Ashley Clark (left), Ben Haslett, Daniel Clark and Michael Kruger. Front: James Haslett and Simon Clark.

Riverland volleyball's best dig deep in finals

THE champions of the 2022 Riverland volleyball season have been crowned, with an action-packed night of grand finals taking place last week at Renmark.

Derelicts took out the A grade men's competition after narrowly defeating De Blanc in four sets.

The eventual premiers took an early lead before De Blanc drew level, winning the second set, however Derelicts finished strongly, winning the remaining two sets comfortably and claiming the premiership.

Girl Diggers ran

out winners of the women's A grade, downing Short Giraffes in four sets after finishing the regular season in top spot.

Only Aces won the B grade men's grand final in straight sets, while Spike Girls took out the B grade women's crown.

ALL STAR SIDES

A grade: Men – A. Webb, D. Clark, A. Rothe, C. Voumard, S. Clark 9, J. Watson. Women – K. Hank, A. Lellmann, K. Schumann, C. Webb, T. Hayes, M. Tzanavaras 12.

B grade: Men – L. Keynes, M. Petersen, C. Goodman, J. Kroemer, E. Evans, R. Kennedy. Women – L. Rothe 19, L. Burnard 15, R. Files 13, C. Hodgson 13, C. Schumann 10, M. Catalano 10. Penny Belehris, Front: Emma Smith, Kayla Thiele and Rihanna Parkyn.



Riverland B grade women's premiers, Spike Girls. Back: Heidi Stanojevic (left), Kaidee Jones, Rachel Files, Kyia Coombs and Penny Belehris, Front: Emma Smith, Kayla Thiele and Rihanna Parkyn.



Riverland B grade men's premiers, Only Aces. Back: Ethan Evans, Rex Kennedy, Lachlan Keynes and Isaac Morgan. Front: Amir Uruzgani, Stephen Files and Harrison Keynes.

Waikerie bounces back on Saturday

WAIKERIE returned to the winner's list in last weekend's round of Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants division one action, securing a comfortable victory over Loxton under the dome.

The home side set out to atone for its surprise loss the week prior against Renmark and did so in style, winning all three rinks.

Andy Fulwood's four trounced Peter Kimber's quartet by 20 shots, while victories to the remaining fours skipped by Wayne Collins and Grant Frahm helped to secure a 26-shot win for Waikerie.

The victory leaves Waikerie just two points behind first-placed Berri on the division one table, with the top side also running out comfortable winners last weekend.

Andy Hill's quartet went down, but wins to Mason Kaufer and Dennis Treloar's rinks saw the side emerge victorious by 17 shots over The Lawns.

Both Waikerie and Berri remain locked on eight wins each, but Berri comfortably holds the aggregate

advantage, 101 shots in front of the second-placed side.

Barmera maintained its hold on third spot with a win over Renmark in the other division one fixture, with wins in all three rinks seeing the Lakesiders over the line by 17 shots.

Meanwhile, Waikerie remains top of second division after it claimed a 25-shot win over Lyrup on Saturday.

Berri sits in second spot just 14 points behind the ladder leaders, while Monash and The Lawns Red round out the top four.

Waikerie is also the team to beat in third division, with its undefeated streak stretching to 10 last time out against The Lawns.

The side is the only undefeated team across the four divisions, but Barmera and Berri remain hot on its heels in second and third place respectively.

RESULTS FIRST DIVISION
Barmera 70 d Renmark 53.

J. Morena 25 d M. Lacey 21; R. Reynolds 22 d B. Dopson 26; C. Karantonis 23 d M. Rice 16.
Berri 68 d The Lawns 51.
A. Hill 15 lost to P. Lawton

16; M. Kaufer 32 d R. Adam 17; D. Treloar 21 d R. Lawton 18.
Waikerie 74 d Loxton 48.
A. Fulwood 29 d P. Kimber 9; W. Collins 22 d D. Schliebs 21; G. Johns 23 d R. Coombs 18.
Points: Berri 206; Waikerie 204; Barmera 171; Renmark 95; Loxton 58; The Lawns 46.

SECOND DIVISION
Barmera 51 d Loxton RSL 42.

C. Gamble 11 lost to D. Drabsch 21; D. Mills 20 d C. Inglis 12; P. Thompson 20 d G. Huppertz 9.
The Lawns Red 79 d Monash 54.
R. Sutton 28 d M. Wood 22; R. Ashworth 25 d M. Kruger 16; B. Haby 26 d I. Potts 16.

Waikerie 70 d Lyrup 45.
D. Thompson 30 d S. Munro 15; R. Davies 23 d R. Smith 11; D. Morley 17 lost to J. Wrigley 19.

Renmark 54 d Berri 52.
H. ter Bogt 14 lost to B. Hollis 18; B. Knight 25 d R. Kuchel 13; L. Warren 15 lost to K. Carpenter 21.
Loxton 69 d The Lawns 64.

W. Harrison 24 d B. Lewan 18; H. Appleton 30 d K. Smith 20; T. Thurston 15 lost to M. Spano 26.
Points: Waikerie 175; Berri 161; Monash 108; The Lawns Red 107; The Lawns 106; Barmera 102; Loxton 101; Lyrup 100; Renmark 90; Loxton RSL 87; Berri Red 33.

THIRD DIVISION
Loxton RSL 67 d Monash 46.

T. Watkins 19 d C. Traeger 13; P. Smith 17 lost to S. Voigt 19; J. Smith 31 d M. Daley 14.
Moorook 75 d Lyrup 45.
M. Couzner 37 d D. Hill 11; C. Pantic 28 d J. Calgie 12; A. Wachtel 10

lost to P. Denton 22.
Barmera 65 d Loxton Red 42.
I. Lloyd 24 d R. Lee 16; H. Robinson 26 d M. Schutz 11; T. Brown 15 drew with K. Maywald 15.
Renmark 60 d Berri Blue 58.
M. Walker 17 d R. Grosser 16; C. Vriends 20 d P. Ledsham 19; J. Thompson 23 drew with G. Pahl 23.
Berri 71 d Loxton White 67.
B. Bland 23 d T. Altschwager 11; K. Tanner 26 d B. Arnold 21; J. Bradford 22 lost to G. Sichler 35.

Waikerie 55 d The Lawns 46.
B. Hill 27 d C. Haar 11; S. Canney 12 lost to L. Pinyon 18; G. Pursche 16 lost to A. Eckermann 17.
Points: Waikerie 243; Barmera 201; Berri 187; Renmark 153; Loxton Red 142; Monash 118; The Lawns 117; Moorook 115; Loxton RSL 95; Loxton White 86; Lyrup 67; Berri Blue 34.

FOURTH DIVISION
Waikerie Hornets 37 drew with Moorook 37.
M. Morley 23 d J. Rushby 13; M. Schiller 14 lost to L. Tschirpig 24.
The Lawns 47 d Monash 27.
V. Crouch 21 d R. Wright 19; M. McCauley 26 d T. Swanbury 8.

Waikerie Regents 38 d Loxton 31.
J. Mortimer 25 d N. Milich 8; G. van der Myle 13 lost to M. Tygh 23.
Points: Waikerie Regents 166; Monash 136; Waikerie Hornets 127; The Lawns 76; Barmera 72; Moorook 63; Loxton 8.



Mason Kaufer (above) led his rink to a 15-shot win over Ron Adam's (below) quartet during Berri's 17-shot victory over The Lawns in last weekend's round of Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants first division action. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Top trio triumphant in Wednesday pennants

WINS to each of the top three sides in the Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennant first division have further increased the gap between the best and the rest.

Barmera's win away from home against Renmark solidified it as the team to beat as of round 11, while Waikerie and Monash picked up wins over Loxton and The Lawns respectively.

The Lakesiders sit 24 points ahead of Waikerie, with Monash a

further one point behind.

Berri moved in to the top four following its convincing win over Lyrup, with Kerry Treloar's rink particularly impressive, producing a 26-shot win over their opponents.

Lyrup's 1-10 record sees it remain at the foot of the table, with Renmark in front of the bottom side by 55 points.

The two Berri sides continued their dominance in the second division, with Berri Red taking down

Waikerie at Waikerie and Berri Blue triumphing away against Renmark.

RESULTS FIRST DIVISION
Barmera 63 d Renmark 49.

J. Gartner 15 d C. Eagle 14; K. Mellon 23 d S. Schulz 19; C. Shugg 25 d J. Cooper.
Monash 62 d The Lawns 53.
R. Potts 28 d M. Spano 12; J. John 19 d S. Machel 18; S. Elsdon 15 lost to J. Knight 23.
Berri 79 d Lyrup 35.

K. Treloar 35 d R. Adam 9; C. Eichenberger 24 d B. Howe 13; R. Butt 20 d R. Smith 13.
Waikerie 78 d Loxton 49.
J. Morley 28 d M. Schutz 19; C. Davies 26 d D. Vaughan 15; J. Strauss 24 d B. Mattner 15.
Points: Barmera 226; Waikerie 202; Monash 201; Berri 139; The Lawns 136; Loxton 127; Renmark 83; Lyrup 28.
SECOND DIVISION
Berri Red 53 d Waikerie 34.
L. Blades 22 d N. DellaZoppa 18; J. Bradford 31 d S. Short 16.
Moorook 38 d The Lawns Red 33.

H. Smith 12 lost to E. Kennedy 25; L. Tschirpig 26 d R. Christie 8.
Loxton RSL 43 d Barmera 25.
J. Smith 21 d C. Pickering 12; H. Dreschler 22 d M. Wade 13.
Berri Blue 62 d Renmark 16.
M. Miller 36 d B. Cornelius 7; K. Tanner 26 d B. Warren 9.
The Lawns 40 d Loxton 36.
C. Haar 24 d N. Milich 17; L. Pinyon 16 lost to J. Badcock 19.
Points: Berri Red 236; Berri Blue 209; The Lawns 189; Moorook 166; The Lawns Red 143; Loxton 125; Loxton RSL 102; Waikerie 101; Barmera 27; Renmark 22.

Tight midweek triples ties

A NUMBER of close encounters headlined last week's round of Bowls Riverland midweek triples action.

Loxton Blue emerged victorious in the closest match of the round, defeating Barmera Pelicans by a single shot, while Barmera, Waikerie and The Lawns Red also took the points in tight contests.

Berri Blue trounced Monash at home, thanks largely to a 20-shot win from Ken Carpenter's rink.

Renmark Green and Berri Red also picked up

wins over The Lawns and Lyrup respectively.

RESULTS

Barmera 85 d Loxton Red 81.
J. Morena 22 d G. Cockshell 16; A. Gapco 27 d T. Hucks 20; C. Karantonis 18 lost to R. Coombs 29; C. Healey 18 d G. Schulz 16.
Loxton Blue 76 d Barmera Pelicans 75.
D. Schliebs 27 d P. Symens 20; W. Harrison 21 d T. Daelman 14; D. Kimber 19 lost to H. Robinson 22; T. Thurston 9 lost to I. Lloyd 19.
Waikerie 84 d Loxton RSL 81.
W. Burris 12 lost to G. Huppertz 23; R. Mortimer 26 d T. Wurst 20; N. Harcombe 22 lost to B. Manuel 23; G. Lloyd 24 d D. Drabsch 15.
Berri Red 87 d Lyrup 74.
S. Eichenberger 28 d P. Denton

14; G. Elleway 24 d P. Drewett 13; K. Stokes 17 lost to G. Milich 23; J. Trezise 18 lost to L. Recchia 24.
Renmark Green 89 d The Lawns 78.
M. Rice 21 d M. Hudson 20; J. Thompson 21 lost to C. Weir 24; S. Blee 22 d K. Knight 21; B. Knight 25 d K. Tschirpig 13.
The Lawns Red 74 d Renmark Gold 71.
R. Adam 19 d P. Amos 13; R. Lawton 7 lost to B. Dopson 28; S. Ivanovic 22 d B. Cropper 15; P. Lawton 26 d H. ter Bogt 15.
Berri Blue 109 d Monash 66.
K. Carpenter 37 d W. Pahl 17; J. Centofanti 28 d R. Jury 10; B. Hollis 17 lost to P. Raams 25; A. Kosturjak 27 d B. John 14.



CHRISTMAS CHEER: The Lawns Bowling Club held its annual Christmas celebration evening last weekend, with a packed house enjoying the festivities. PHOTOS: Facebook

‘Super Saturday’

A NEW initiative geared towards bringing people together made its debut last weekend, with the Riverland Lawn Tennis Association hosting its first ‘super Saturday’ event at Berri.

The day saw all the action in both the senior and junior grades take place at one location, bringing together the Riverland tennis community.

Association president John Pick said the event had been in the works for a while and described the first edition as a “success”.

“It was driven by the Riverland junior committee in trying to address some of the issues about improving the playing experience for different Riverland clubs,” Mr Pick said.

“It’s one of the new initiatives we’ve put in place this year and this was the first of its kind.

“It was built around the fact that having more people at one major venue is something that might appeal to people.

“The Berri Tennis Club did a great job of hosting the event and we think it’s got possibilities of improving upon it in coming seasons.

“You just saw a sea of courts and people on-court and I think it has some possibilities going forward.

“Smaller clubs that cannot host those sorts

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of events, we need to be a bit circumspect there and try and not be afraid of trying things.

“It’s already attracted more publicity than a lot of other things, the idea of the super Saturday, and there’s room to do it more than one time in a season.”

Mr Pick believes that having people in the same place can help build a better culture at Riverland clubs, and said the association is working towards keeping teams together more often.

“Over the last two years we’ve been working more towards trying to get all the teams at each club at one venue on the weekend and create a bigger atmosphere, so it sprung from that a bit,” he said.

“Afterwards we had a barbecue and a get-together and a few awards for some different things, so we’re trying to make tennis more than just what happens on the court.”

Despite the success, Mr Pick remains cautious about diving into the deep end with the idea, keeping smaller clubs less capable of



Riverland tennis players and supporters flocked to Berri last weekend, for the Riverland Lawn Tennis Association’s inaugural ‘super Saturday’ event, with all clubs in action at one location.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

hosting a whole region in one day front of mind.

“It’s about balance for us. You need to keep in mind that you’ve got bigger clubs and smaller clubs and they’re all important, so we have to come up with a mix that works well,” Mr Pick said.

“We’re trying to be up to speed and not afraid of trying different things and to address what the community is saying to us.

“We held a survey last year, meetings in the off-season and a women and girls meeting the other week and this is a different idea again.”



Cohen Battams (right) of Cobdogla took down Loxton White’s Phil Smith at the Riverland Lawn Tennis Association’s ‘super Saturday’ event at Berri last weekend. Battams’ side went on to win the contest by two sets, despite falling behind on games won. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Table-topping tennis clash in division one

A BLOCKBUSTER clash between the top two sides in the Riverland Lawn Tennis Association headlined last weekend’s ‘super Saturday’ at Berri.

After combining the top two divisions for the first seven matches of the season, the teams have now split into two groups according to their ladder placings after the first seven rounds.

Cobdogla and Loxton White went toe-to-toe after qualifying for division one in first and second place respectively, and the reigning premier survived a scare to run out two-set winners, despite winning four fewer games than its opposition.

The doubles contests were evenly split, with both teams picking up three wins, but Cobby’s top singles stars came to play, with the side’s

top four players claiming victory.

Will Swinstead went undefeated on the day for Cobdogla, securing the points in both of his doubles contests and his singles rubber against Justin Lane.

Despite the win, Cobdogla is only in second place on the first division table, which reset when the combined division split in two last weekend.

First place now belongs to Renmark, with the side enjoying a comfortable win over Berri Blue last time out.

Dave Strongman and John Pick combined to take two victories in the doubles competition, while Strongman also claimed a win in his singles contest against Paul Reid.

Olivia Hughes was also in fine form for Renmark,

claiming a win in all three of her matches on the weekend.

The first round of second division matches saw Barmera Hall of Framers take down Loxton Yellow and Berri Red run out comfortable winners over Loxton Black.

DIVISION ONE

Cobdogla 7-62 d Loxton White 5-66

Doubles: S. Butterworth/H. Carter d A. Waters/J. Lane 9-5; C. Battams/W. Swinstead d P. Smith/S. Gillett 9-7; L. Nettle/H. Drogemuller lost to T. Smith/N. Kruger 5-9; H. Carter/C. Battams lost to A. Waters/P. Smith 2-6; W. Swinstead/E. Carter d J. Lane/T. Smith 7-6; J. Inglis/H. Drogemuller lost to S. Gillett/N. Kruger 2-6. Singles: H. Carter d A. Waters 6-2; C. Battams d P. Smith 6-3; W. Swinstead d J. Lane 7-6; J. Inglis d S. Gillett 6-4; L. Nettle lost to T. Smith 1-6; E. Carter lost to N. Kruger 2-6.

Renmark 10-73 d Berri Blue 2-41

Doubles: D. Strongman/J. Pick d P. Reid/P. Cresp 9-6; C. Cornelius/unspecified player d S. Mcpherson/S. Vallelonga 9-4; O. Hughes/C. Martin d E. Reid/K. Hayes 9-1; D. Strongman/J. Pick d unspecified player/S. Mcpherson 6-2; C. Cornelius/O. Hughes d P. Cresp/E. Reid 7-6; E. Sleep/C. Martin d K. Hayes/S. Vallelonga 6-3. Singles: D. Strongman d P. Reid 6-4; C. Cornelius lost to P. Cresp 3-6; E. Sleep lost to S. Mcpherson 0-6; unspecified player d S. Vallelonga 6-0; O. Hughes d E. Reid 6-0; C. Martin d K. Hayes 6-3.

DIVISION TWO

Barmera Hall of Framers 9-67 d Loxton Yellow 3-45

Doubles: M. Jericho/L. Marks d N. Gibbs/T. Griffin 9-4; M. Henwood/S. Jericho lost to M. Roberts/ J. Rubarth 3-9; S. Albrecht/ K. Bannear d J. Pearn/D. Marks/S. Albrecht d J. Pearn/N. Gibbs 9-2; M. Jericho/M. Henwood d B. Reichelt/ T. Griffin 6-4; L. Marks/S. Albrecht d J. Pearn/N. Gibbs 7-5; K. Bannear/ S. Jericho d N. Gibbs/ M. Roberts 6-2. Singles: M. Jericho d B. Reichelt 6-1; J. Marks lost to T. Griffin 1-6; M. Henwood lost to N. Gibbs

2-6; S. Jericho d J. Rubarth 6-3; S. Albrecht d J. Pearn 6-0; K. Bannear d D. Gibbs 6-3.

Berri Red 11-81 d Loxton Black 1-25

Doubles: B. Rogers/ R. Mason d J. Loxton/ C. Wall 9-4; unspecified player/R. Cresp d C. Kruger/G. Amaechi 9-3; J. Fulham/ K. Reid d S. Nield/Z. Hughes 9-1; B. Rogers/ R. Mason d L. Loxton/C. Kruger 6-0; unspecified player/ J. Fulham d C. Wall/Z. Hughes 6-4; R. Cresp/E. Cresp d L. Shacklock/G. Amaechi 6-4. Singles: B. Rogers d J. Loxton 6-0; R. Mason lost to C. Wall 6-7; unspecified player d C. Kruger 6-0; R. Cresp d G. Amaechi 6-1; J. Fulham d S. Nield 6-1; K. Reid d L. Shacklock 6-0.

DIVISION THREE

Moorook 9-56 d Berri 1-16; Loxton Bashers 5-46 d Barmera All About That Ace 5-47; Barmera Ace Ace Baby 7-51 d Renmark Sharks 3-33; Cobby Crushers 9-55 d Cobdogla (3) 1-19; Cobdogla (2) 9-57 d Renmark Dolphins 1-24.

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Green 1

Berri Topspinners 4-37 d Renmark Owls 4-31; Cobdogla 5-39 d

Loxton Millman 3-40.

Green 2

Cobdogla Falcons 4-28 d Berri 4-27; Waikerie Slammers 8-51 d Cobdogla Kites 0-18; Barmera Blues 5-34 d Barmera Bombers 3-26.

Green 3

Loxton Hewitt 4-31 d Barmera Lions 3-28; Berri 6-42 d Barmera Tigers 2-21; Waikerie 4-33 d Renmark Kookaburras 3-32.

Green 4

Loxton Deminaur 3-27 d Berri 1-24; Cobdogla Eagles 7-38 d Cobdogla Hawks 0-12; Waikerie 4-32 d Loxton Stosur 3-24.

Orange 1

Loxton Poppyrin 4-28 d Berri 3-20; Cobdogla Kestrels 5-21 d Cobdogla Harriers 3-25; Renmark Koalas 5-28 d Loxton Saville 3-21.

Orange 2

Barmera 6-33 d Loxton Tomljanovic 1-11; Renmark Possums 5-27 d Cobdogla 2-21.

Yellow

Renmark Sharks 5-38 d Cobdogla 3-28; Barmera Power 8-48 d Loxton Kyrgios 0-7; Loxton Barty 6-39 d Barmera Crows 2-31.

It's curtains for Cobby in 2023

BEN LENNON

AFTER declaring its intention to re-join the Riverland football fray last month, Cobdogla Football Club has confirmed it will not take the field in 2023.

The Eagles went into recess following the 2021 season due to a lack of off-field organisers but formed a committee last month, with the aim of joining the new Murray Valley Football Netball league, formerly the Riverland Independent competition.

But, the introduction of the new league and Cobdogla's lack of involvement in the set-up of the competition left the club with too high of a mountain to climb.

The club was invited to

meetings regarding the formation of the MVFNL but no representatives attended, leaving the club behind the eightball.

"For next year, they've practically already got it set and we're not going to be able to get back in, which is a bugger really," said newly-elected Cobdogla president Karen Brown.

"We really should have done it back in September. I didn't know anything about the meetings because I only took over in December.

"So, I can't really comment on that, but I was the treasurer anyway, so if I knew they were on I would've popped along and seen what the go was."

Ms Brown is the head of Cobdogla's new committee,

and says the club still has every intention of returning to play, although it remains more than a year away.

"We had our AGM and there was a pretty good crowd there. Football isn't going to be the problem, it's going to be the netball because they want us to go in with both," Ms Brown said.

"Getting enough girls to play is going to be the problem.

"But, we're still only in recess, so it's a matter of getting back early, doing these meetings and seeing who's available.

"Getting a team isn't a problem but it's making them want to stick around too.



Cobdogla Football Club will not return to action in 2023, with the club set to remain in recess for another 12 months. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



"It all comes down to the fact that

you need helpers as well; you need more than a few people.

"You need a good committee, and ours is very dedicated, but then you need the players as well. That's what these little towns do, so we just need to get everyone

back in there again.

"It's still very positive, but you've got everything else going on now as well with Christmas and the floods going on.

"I think in February we will call everyone back and see how we go."



Barker MP Tony Pasin with some of the Riverland recipients of the grants from the Local Sporting Champions Program (from left) Molly Petersen, Logan Bowers, William Stokes, Natalia Hocking and Lachlan Keynes. PHOTO: supplied

Grants to boost Riverland's young sporting champions

SEVERAL young Riverland sports stars have received grants through the federal government's Local Sporting Champions Program to help them pursue their sporting dreams.

Barker MP Tony Pasin met with five of the students, Molly, Natalia, Logan, William and Lachlan, in Berri last week to present them with certificates and congratulate them on their achievements.

Administered by the Australian Sports Commission, the program saw 11 Riverland students awarded funding to help them participate in state or national competitions.

Mr Pasin said the initiative awards successful individual applicants a minimum of \$500 to assist with the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment.

"The Local Sporting Champions Program is available to young people, between the ages of 12 and 18, representing their state or nation, travelling more than 250km return to compete," Mr Pasin said.

"The program is a rolling application process and I encourage all sporting groups and individuals that meet the eligibility criteria to apply."

For more information on the Local Sporting Champions program go visit

the website (http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions).

The full list of the latest Riverland recipients is:

Kaitlyn Ferris (Loxton, basketball); Molly Petersen (Renmark West, Australian rules football), Natalia Hocking (Waikerie, hockey), Elise Schaefer (Loxton, hockey), Logan Bowers (Cobdogla, hockey), William Stokes (Winkie, hockey), Lachlan Keynes (Renmark West, basketball), Rylan Coppin (Barmera, table tennis), Amahli Kell (Berri, hockey), Kayos Bronish-Rice (Renmark, athletics), Riley Burgess (Berri, hockey).

More out than in as RFL silly season continues

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland football silly season is in full swing, with rumours of player movement and coaching changes drifting from town to town as the new year approaches.

All six RFL clubs have locked in a coach for next season, with many having already started pre-season training as the weather starts to warm up again.

Despite each club being linked with a host of new faces, the reality of this off-season so far is that there have been more departures than arrivals in the RFL.

Renmark triple-premiership coach Josh Vater is no stranger to the RFL landscape and offered his thoughts as to why we haven't seen a plethora of new players arriving in the Riverland so far this summer.

"I've got a few thoughts but it's all quite generic and not specific to any club. Some I assume would still be chasing pretty hard. There might be more to be announced by some clubs," he said.

"My perception is that some clubs, and this isn't to say the guys leaving aren't good people, but they might be focusing more on cultural development rather than performance development.

"Clubs need to make sure they recruit people that they want at their footy club."

Vater himself was recruited to Renmark in the late 2010s and works in the area as a teacher at Berri Regional Secondary College.

Despite now living locally, Vater knows how hard it is to get players to commit to playing away from their place of residence.

"The main thing really is we live a fair way away from Adelaide, so to travel is actually really challenging," he said.

"Yeah, there's some people getting paid, but money doesn't necessarily make it easier.

"It's really challenging on your time, your family, your partner and mentally having to jump in the car for three hours and then perform and fit in socially and all those things.

"It's not easy to do long term and anyone who does more than a few years, I

take my hat off to them and I take my hat off to the club that they're at.

"If a club is able to keep a player travelling for a few years, they must like what they do at the club because it's more than money keeping them coming back."

"So, you hope that clubs are focusing on getting those sorts of people and getting their clubs in a strong cultural position so that players want to be there and it's not just a payday.

"I know it (money) is a factor, but you wish it wasn't a big factor in why players move around. You hope that players want to be at clubs."

Vater's Renmark has lost a number of key players this off-season due to relocation and retirement, while would-be challengers Loxton, Waikerie and Berri have also lost stars.

"I think it will be a strong competition still and probably an even one," he said.

"I expect the top four to be different to what it was this year, which I think is a sign of an even competition."

OFF-SEASON MOVES* BARMERA-MONASH

Confirmed in
Fraser Sampson, Aedan Lyon, Sam de Michele.
Confirmed out
Mason Middleton

BERRI

Confirmed out
Matt Hodge, Tom Finlay, Jake Egel, Pat Minchella.
Confirmed in
Nil

LOXTON

Confirmed out
Dillon Millard
Confirmed in
Chris Knapp

LOXTON NORTH

Confirmed out
Nil
Confirmed in
Nil

RENMARK

Confirmed out
Grady Obst, Tom Charlton, Matt O'Loughlin, Fraser Sampson, Will Stockman.
Confirmed in
Nil

WAIKERIE

Confirmed out
Jack Grieger, Matt Spencely, Jake Spencely.
Confirmed in
Nil

*All moves sourced from social media

Warriors the early benchmark

WAIKERIE-Ramco has established itself as the team to beat in the Riverland under 16s cricket competition, remaining undefeated across the opening four matches of the season.

The side has knocked off Berri and Renmark North twice in both a one-dayer and two-dayer, with stars Flynn Andrew and Thomas Waanders at the heart of the action.

The duo have opened the batting for the Warriors throughout the start of the season and have rarely put a foot wrong, getting their side off to a strong start with the bat each week.

Waanders has also starred with the ball, his pace proving difficult to deal with for opposition batsmen.

Despite the pair of



Flynn Andrew has captained Waikerie-Ramco to a 4-0 start this season.

losses, Berri remains one of the competition's strongest sides, with a number of its players featuring in both the senior and junior competitions.

The club's A grade Colts side is made up predominantly of those in the under 16s, giving the youngsters some much-needed experience against the Riverland's best.

Archie Peltz has

proven himself a valuable member of the side in the early rounds, as has Mitchell Cawse, with the pair producing impressive performances with both bat and ball.

Meanwhile, Loxton has managed two wins, both against Renmark North.

The Tigers boast one of the most formidable quicks in

the competition in Dan Zdanowicz, but the side has failed to match it with the best in its two contests with Berri.

Loxton is yet to face Waikerie-Ramco, after their third-round clash was rained out on both weeks.

Renmark North remains at the foot of the ladder but has shown signs of improvement since beginning the season with just nine players.

The Bluetongues, led by co-captains Stephen Files and Logan Foley, have shown glimpses of quality, with primary school student Anant Singh-Dhillon particularly impressive.

Despite the improvement, the Bluetongues remain winless to start the year and take on Berri this week at home.



Thomas Waanders has starred for Waikerie-Ramco in the early rounds of the Riverland Turf Cricket Association under 16s season. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Dave Strongman leaps to return a shot during Renmark’s clash with Berri Blue on Saturday. The fixture was played at Berri tennis Club, as was every other match in the round as part of the region’s first ever ‘super Saturday’ event. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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