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# All hail Hayley, our top year 12

HAYLEY Inglis (pictured), of Loxton High School, has claimed the title as the Riverland's top year 12 student after receiving the highest ATAR score in the region this week.

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PHOTO: Stephanle Thompson

## Top 10 ATARs in the Riverland:

1. Hayley Inglis 99.25 (Loxton)
2. Jasper Harding 99.20 (Loxton)
3. Erin Wood 98.65 (Glossop)
4. Jake Wade 98.05 (Glossop)
5. Lana Gregoric 98.05 (Glossop)
6. Cameron Dixon 98.00 (Glossop)
7. Caleb Schaefer 97.25 (Loxton)
8. Charlee Webb 97.20 (Renmark)
9. Deepkiran Kaur 97.15 (Glossop)
10. Jack Higgins 96.70 (Waikerie)



## COMMUNITY SERVANTS Our Citizens of the Year

Lorna Taylor, Denis Hann and Shaun Arnold have been named Citizens of the Year for Renmark, Loxton and Waikerie respectively.

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## RIVERLAND MANDATE Bowls no-jab, no-play rule

A NEW 'no jab, no play' policy will be implemented in the Riverland Bowls Association as of January 10 next year.

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## Fresh focus on Paringa intersection after tragic crash

# OVERHAUL IT

### HUGH SCHUITMAKER

THIS week's fatal car crash at Paringa – at an intersection with "restricted vision" – has prompted calls from a senior Riverland MP to overhaul the site, which has seen multiple previous accidents.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said yesterday he would request

an investigation into the Murtho Road-Sturt Highway intersection, after a local woman lost her life following a crash on Monday.

"I know that's the second death at the intersection at Murtho Road, which is very disappointing," he said.

"I would expect there needs to be some audit done on that intersection. There is restricted vision

coming out of Murtho Road onto the federal highway."

Police and emergency services units responded to reports of a crash between a car and a motorbike around 2.45pm on Monday.

A 62-year-old Paringa woman, who was a pillion passenger on the bike, died at the scene, while the rider – a 66-year-old Paringa man – was taken to Riverland Regional

Hospital in a serious condition before being airlifted to the Royal Adelaide.

Emergency services were required at two Riverland locations on Monday, after a two-car collision at Kingston-On-Murray around the same time as the Paringa accident.

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# Rocky road's sign of the times

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

SIGNIFICANT speed limit reductions will remain along the suddenly controversial Loxton to Moorook road for the time being – to the frustration of at least one local.

A section of the road near Pyap has been the subject of much attention over the past fortnight, after substandard roadworks saw part of the near-new surface lift during a recent hot weather spell.

Following safety concerns, speed limits have been cut from 110km/h to 40km/h for the duration of the 4km works, leading to a local motorist erecting a sign (pictured) suggesting the road requires a name change more befitting its current state.

The road's recent deterioration prompted anecdotal reports of bitumen routinely lifting from the road surface, damaging vehicles and sparking safety concerns.

Road construction crews returned to the site last week, focusing on the Stott Highway and Kingston Road intersection.

A Department for Infrastructure and Transport spokesperson said major works were now complete, but that speed restrictions would remain in place.

"The main pavement rehabilitation works to fix surfacing issues on Kingston Road were completed on December 7," the spokesperson said.

"Some minor surfacing repairs are continuing, with speed restrictions remaining in place to ensure new asphalt can cure correctly and to allow for line marking works."

Last week, the ABC reported that in April, the South Australian Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) completed resurfacing works on the road worth \$455,000.



A newly-erected sign along Kingston Road, showing the frustration felt by motorists after the road deteriorated significantly recently, despite two lots of road works earlier this year. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

## Nicola joins anti-mandate chorus

PAUL MITCHELL

RIVERLANDER Nicola Centofanti is the latest SA politician to publicly condemn Covid-19 vaccine mandates.

As South Australia grapples with its first Omicron infections this week, the first-term Liberal Legislative Council Member says she remains against vaccine mandates, pointing to the preservation of "our values as a community and a society".

"I think we've got to be really, really careful

that we don't create the idea of a 'second class of citizen', depending on vaccination status," Ms Centofanti said in a wide-ranging interview appearing in the River Life magazine, inserted free inside today's Murray Pioneer.

"I think this kind of discrimination, based on a personal choice in relation to decisions about people's medical treatment, is really unacceptable in a modern, free democracy that we live in, in Australia."

Barker Liberal MP

Tony Pasin – doubled vaccinated, like Ms Centofanti – recently said he had become "increasingly concerned by the actions of state governments effectively mandating vaccinations".

Ms Centofanti, who also endorsed the Marshall Government taking increased control of Covid-19 restrictions at the expense of its public service advisors, such as Professor Nicola Spurrer, is up for re-election in March 2022 after filling a casual upper house vacancy in April 2020.

The 39-year-old said one of her major achievements in office to date had been working on passing the Bill that lifted the moratorium on genetically modified (GM) crops in South Australia.

"Obviously it allows GM food crops to be cultivated in South Australia, except on Kangaroo Island, and that really allows our farmers to be on a level playing field with the rest of the nation," she said.

Ms Centofanti (pictured) is expected to be returned to the



Legislative Council at the March 19, 2022 State Election, after being placed third on the Liberals' ticket. The party had four MLCs elected at the 2018 State Election.

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# Loyalty to Loxton sees Denis honoured

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

COMMUNITY stalwart and long-standing Rotarian Denis Hann is the 2022 Loxton Citizen of the Year.

Mr Hann was “totally” surprised by the honour when he received a visit from Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky on Sunday afternoon.

“I’m not normally stuck for words, but I was,” he said.

“There are lots of people who do a hell of a lot for the community and it’s a bit embarrassing to be singled out.”

Mr Hann, 84, is the Loxton Rotary Club’s longest-serving member after being inducted in 1965.

In addition to his service club work, Mr Hann has been involved in numerous sporting and community groups. He was an inaugural Loxton Nippy’s Gift committee member and continues to help organise the February event each year.



Loxton stalwart Denis Hann is the 2022 Loxton Citizen of the Year for his dedication to the community. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

He is also a Loxton Swimming Club life member, coaching and being club president for a number of years.

Other community involvement has included the Loxton Golf Club, Riverland Golf Association, Loxton Arts Council and Loxton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Hann is most commonly known for his involvement with the Loxton News, serving as managing editor for 35 years and continu-

ing to proof read well into his retirement.

He is also a past president and life member of Country Press SA.

“I really enjoyed the opportunity to mentor young journalists,” he said.

“It’s a rare thing to have the opportunity to be editor of a local newspaper and I always felt it was a privilege.”

Mr Hann moved to Loxton in 1964 with his wife, Mary, and quickly became active in

the community.

“I’ve enjoyed the involvement with a lot of things since I came here,” he said.

“There’s a lot of enjoyment to working with people to the betterment of the community.”

The official award ceremony will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

# CFS volunteer named Waikerie’s top citizen

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE CFS captain Shaun Arnold has been named Waikerie’s Citizen of the Year for his tireless service to the community.

Mr Arnold, 58, has been a Waikerie CFS volunteer for 40 years, and has also served as a fire marshal, when the Adelaide 500 and Grand Prix were held in Adelaide.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor, Leon Stasinowsky, said Mr Arnold has made the community a safer place by providing a safe and enjoyable sporting environment, and in his role as Waikerie CFS captain.

Mr Arnold has held a number of other leadership positions in the past.

He regularly umpires cricket and is a registered umpire with the South Australian Cricket Association and is a founding and life member of the Waikerie Ramco Cricket Club.

Mr Arnold’s involvement with the Waikerie Ramco Cricket Club includes being a trainer and chef for Thursday night

teas.

He is also a volunteer with the Loxton Show Society, Waikerie High School Grounds committee and Waikerie Agricultural Bureau, and actively involved with the citrus industry.

Mr Stasinowsky said Mr Arnold was well respected by his peers and was known for being someone who was always willing to lend a hand.

“He sets a wonderful example for others in his community and is a valued volunteer in each of the organisations that he assists,” he said.

“He has a strong community spirit and considers others in everything he does.”

Mr Arnold said he was shocked to learn of the Citizen of the Year honour.

“You don’t expect this, you do things for the sake of doing them,” he said.

Over his lifetime Mr Arnold has donated countless hours to the Waikerie community and started contributing to the CFS as Waikerie’s first cadet in 1977.



Waikerie CFS captain, Shaun Arnold’s service to the community has earned him the Waikerie Citizen of the Year Award. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Meanwhile Loxton Waikerie Council’s Waikerie Event of the Year Award has been awarded to the In The West Tour, organised by three-time Golden Guitar winner, Tom Curtain and his wife Annabel.

The outback horse and dog show featured Curtain’s music with themes around mental health and anti-bullying messages, raising awareness about rural communities’ struggles in times of drought.

More than 400 people attended the event in March.

William Campbell, 18, has been named Waikerie’s Young Citizen of the Year.

Mr Campbell is a Waikerie CFS member and helped reinstate the CFS cadet organisation in Waikerie. He is still involved as a trainer.

He has also helped rebuild the Waikerie Army Cadet Unit.

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Renmark Paringa Council has announced lifelong Paringa resident Lorna Taylor as the recipient of its 2021 Citizen of the Year award. Mrs Taylor is pictured in her garden yesterday. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

### HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A LOCAL'S lifelong commitment to improving her surrounding community will be recognised at a Riverland town's Australia Day ceremony.

Renmark Paringa Council has named Paringa woman Lorna Taylor as its 2021 Citizen of the Year, with the Renmark Rocks On festival also named as Community Event of the Year.

Mrs Taylor's husband, Brad, said a small group of close friends and family wanted to nominate her for the award.

"As soon as I saw Neil (Martinson, Renmark Paringa Council Mayor) walking up the driveway I knew what it was about, but I didn't know she had won it at that stage," Mr Taylor said.

"She was on the committee at the Renmark Junior Primary School, the hockey club, and the swimming club, so her work goes on and on.

"She's been on social committees and community group committees, and the big thing is the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival display at the Institute."

Mr Martinson said Mrs Taylor's efforts had been crucial to the success of Riverland events, including the rose festival's annual display at the

Renmark Institute.

"She's lived in Paringa all that time, and her kids have been part of the community as well," he said.

"She does things tirelessly, and sometimes without necessarily being asked. She's had a huge commitment to Paringa, and to Renmark as well.

"People don't appreciate the amount of work that is put into the (Rose Festival) Institute display, and then cleaning it up afterwards, but that display has been brilliant over the years."

Mrs Taylor said contributing to the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival's success had been a highlight of her volunteer work.

"I was born in Paringa and it has changed a lot," Mrs Taylor said.

"For me, working on the Institute display has been a stand out, because that's been really successful and people enjoy it.

"I'm very proud of our town. I love Renmark, and Paringa, and so does Brad."

Meanwhile, Renmark Rocks On committee member Lyn Leuders said increasing popularity had required the festival to expand in recent years.

"When it first started we just had one band on a Friday and



The Renmark Rocks On festival was named Renmark Paringa's Event of the Year. Pictured are committee members Reg Lehmann (back, left), Bob Hodgson and Craig Leuders, with (front) Kaye Lehmann, Julie Hill and Lyn Leuders. Absent: Deb Pick. PHOTO: supplied

Saturday night, then a couple of years ago we grew to having two bands in two separate venues," Mrs Leuders said.

"Now we've gone to the bigger venue... and we've included another night of dancing on the Thursday night.

"We have a lot of visitors who come and stay before and after the festival. Some come on the Tuesday or Wednesday prior, and stay until the Tuesday or Wednesday after the event."

Mr Martinson said the event generated significant economic activity for local businesses.

"Council has supported Renmark Rocks On right through from its inception with

various grants," Mr Martinson said.

"We think it's a great drawcard not only for our community, but it also brings people who are enthusiastic about that kind of dancing into the Riverland.

"That spins-off to the businesses where they have their events. They are growing too big now that they are having trouble finding a venue, but I'm sure they will be able to sort things out."

The awards will be presented at Renmark Paringa Council's Australia Day Celebration, to be held at the Renmark Club on Wednesday, January 26.



Christmas Wonderland is the 2022 Loxton Event of the Year.

PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

## Loxton Christmas display's top nod

THE Riverland's most iconic Christmas display has won Loxton's Event of the Year award.

For the past 37 years, Christmas Wonderland has brought thousands of visitors to the region, thanks to the hard work by display owner Peter Mangelsdorf.

This year will be the last time Christmas Wonderland will be housed at Mr Mangelsdorf's Fairweather Avenue home.

Having become an annual tradition for local families, the volunteer-run Christmas display has brought joy and countless fond memories for the members of the community.



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## EDITORIAL

## THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

### Nicola’s suggestion an election pointer?

THE Barmera Christmas Pageant was scheduled to be held along Barwell Avenue last Friday night, but like the Riverland Field Days and scores of other local events, it was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Compiling a list of Riverland events called off or impacted by the restrictions or lockdowns would be an exhausting task, requiring updates on a weekly basis.

As has been well documented, South Australians have experienced far less restrictions than most other states, but for the second year in a row Covid-19 could impact how and where we spend our Christmas holidays.

Unlike 2020, this year SA Premier Steven Marshall’s decisions are being made just months out from a state election, and the big calls – and even the small ones – are undoubtedly being viewed through the prism of a looming date with the polls.

Former Riverland veterinarian Nicola Centofanti will face the public for the first time on March 22, asking to be returned to the Legislative Council – the state version of the Senate.

She is almost certain to be successful, given her relatively safe position on the SA Liberals’ upper house ticket, nestled at number three. Four Liberals were elected at the 2018 State Election, so only a major downturn in support for the party – not unthinkable, for reasons outlined below – would see her political career cut short.

The loss of livelihoods and economic cost of Covid-19 restrictions have also been well documented, notwithstanding the mitigating effects of taxpayer-funded government schemes like JobKeeper. But broad bipartisan support has helped minimise the vote-changing potential of these measures.

The fate of events like Barmera’s Christmas Pageant may cause ripples among voters. For a metropolitan equivalent, think AFL scheduling and crowd restrictions.

These inconveniences are unlikely to spark election-changing voting upheavals, however given the overwhelming majority of Australians have embraced vaccinations wholeheartedly and essentially agreed to work with governments on the matter, if Christmas 2021 is impacted in a big way, this could change.

In December 2020 many people were resigned to their Christmas being much different to normal, but were prepared to accept the change for the greater good, as a once-off.

One year on, if Christmas again fails to resemble normal, the election fallout could be substantial.

In today’s Murray Pioneer, Ms Centofanti – already emerging as a conviction politician, given her public stance on abortion last year – supports taking back decision-making responsibilities from the likes of unelected public servants Professor Nicola Spurrer and Grant Stevens.

Over the past fortnight it seems Mr Marshall, previously happy to “follow expert advice”, may be swinging in that direction, given borders remain open, despite the much-hyped arrival of the Omicron variant.

Some have suggested he has been pressured by his federal counterparts, but just as likely is that he sensed a whiff of discontent within communities that have largely done what they have been asked, yet still face the prospect of a second successive Covid-compromised Christmas.

It is no exaggeration to suggest the SA election could be won or lost in the coming 10 days.



**Hugo Elme and Ida Drabsch with Loxton’s Provisional School c.1905:** Loxton’s first school was established in 1897 by Concordia Lutheran, Skipper Thiele at his farm at Wookool Bend. Then, in 1899, Skipper with fellow pioneering wheat farmers Fred Stasinowsky and Paul Drabsch, purchased land for a second school (at the later, roundabout-Paruna Road corner). This provisional school opened in 1902 with 30 students. Government teacher Miss Rose Healy taught the three Rs, grammar, history, geography and – loved by the students – singing. School Inspector Mr Martin said that they presented “the best singing” he heard outside Adelaide. Said Marjory Casson: “Surely this school of unsophisticated country children, who loved their teacher and their lessons, was a very happy one.” Hugo taught from 1905 to 1908 while Ida taught sewing. In 1909, to replace Hugo, the Government appointed a non-German speaking teacher and, in consequence, within nine weeks, the Lutherans built and opened a second church-school on land in front of St Petri, leaving just two students at the Government school, which then closed. In 1914, the Government re-established a public school in the Congregational Church’s new, corrugated-iron hall in Martha Street before, in 1915, moving to its present site. PHOTO: LHC

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What’s happening at Mindarie-Halidon?

I HAVEN’T read anywhere but may have missed information in The Murray Pioneer about further race meetings at Mindarie Halidon.

Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club committee member Greg Griffiths said the flood of backing and support from the public had convinced the club it has a future.

“We’ve had a huge influx of people who want to support us,” he said in The Pioneer.

The meeting with racing SA was to be held in Murray Bridge, with the outcome for staging the meeting in September 2022 and beyond.

Let’s hope they gained the right outcome to continue.

The meeting is a great day out, for both the racing and entertainment.

K. DATSON  
Waikerie

**Ed:** The club met with Racing SA representatives recently and remains hopeful of staging its annual meeting in September 2022.

### Lacking authority on climate science

CORRESPONDENTS in recent weeks have sung the praises of Patrick Moore, an apparent environmentalist at heart who bravely pushes back against what some are calling the “hysterical global warming bandwagon”.

While it is a fact that Moore was significantly involved in Greenpeace in the early to mid-1980s, it appears that at some point he figured out that environmental advocacy was a tough way to make a buck and so began his career as a consultant for fossil fuel, logging and pesticide industries.

He now claims that our most renowned scientific institutions such as NASA, NOAA and our very own CSIRO have got it all wrong, that carbon dioxide cannot possibly affect the atmospheric conditions of our planet due to its low concentration.

What evidence does he have to back up this assertion? Not

much it seems.

Moore has a PHD in Forestry. His credentials in the climate sciences are non-existent as he has never had a peer-reviewed study published in any scientific journal.

He relies on his long-distant stint with Greenpeace to lend weight to his claims as an authority on climate science.

The lengths that Moore has gone in the past to misinform people knows no bounds.

In a 2015 interview, as a consultant for Monsanto, Moore claimed that Roundup was so safe that you could safely drink a quart of it.

When the Interviewer challenged him by offering him a glass of the herbicide he refused by saying “I’m not an idiot”.

It’s all there on YouTube for anyone interested.

It seems that Moore is more than willing to lie to people he thinks are idiots, for money.

When it comes down to who you trust on climate science, do you go with the guy who gets money for saying you can drink Glyphosate or the people that dedicate their lives to studying it?

I know who my money is on.  
BEN FRANKLE  
Berri

### Email the Regional Banking Taskforce

I HAVE sent a submission to the Regional Banking Taskforce to make them see Australians want solutions, not platitudes.

Submissions need to be received before this Saturday, December 18, 2021 and at the bottom of this letter I have included the details.

This is my submission:  
Banks are closing city branches and/or shortening their opening hours, trying to trap all customers into electronic transactions.

City customers are presumed tech savvy, have the latest technology and ready access to expert technical services. Banks assume everyone is the same.

For city people with money in the bank a cashless society seems convenient. This is not

true for all country people.

Why should city-centric politicians care when banks don’t? They can avoid eye contact with city beggars and walk on by with purpose.

But rural battlers similarly overlooked protest in support of a postal bank.

Regional and rural customers have been abandoned by banks, who were deliberately exploiting the post office network. This was until Christine Holgate forced them to pay properly the 2850 small business families, who run the licensed post offices of Australia Post, for servicing the customers banks had abandoned.

Because internet services are often unreliable in rural and regional Australia, access to banking services and cash is crucial. When international cyber thieves can defraud, disrupt and potentially destroy corporate and government utilities and services, what chance have small rural businesses?

There needs to be government support for a cash payments system in rural and regional Australia.

Australia Post has the network. A Commonwealth postal savings bank that operated exclusively through post offices could:

1. Guarantee banking services to all Australians.
2. Guarantee income to Australia Post and LPO ensuring the long-term viability of postal services across Australia, so they never have to beg from private banks again)
3. Guarantee all deposits of CPSB customers.
4. Support the cash payments system so that cash is always available in the economy, whereas the private banks are aggressively trying to phase out cash and trap people in electronic transactions that have to go through banks.
5. Lend to individuals, business and industries in the local communities the CPSB services, which are increasingly starved of credit by the private banks.
6. Invest surplus deposits in a national development bank to invest in major infrastructure and industry development in regional

Australia. Submissions should be emailed to regionalbanking@treasury.gov.au

JEANETTE STAEHR  
Barmera

### Where are drought alarmists now?

AS I watch the news and see the floods we are experiencing and the dams spilling, I think back to climate alarmist Tim Flannery and his predictions 15 years ago, which were part of the conspiracy that has led to the water management failure we have in place today.

During the Millennium Drought, Flannery appeared on the ABC Landline program, and the following is taken from the ABC website.

Flannery said:  
“... the soil is warmer because of global warming and the plants are under more stress and therefore using more moisture. So even the rain that falls isn’t going to fill our dams and our river systems, and that’s a real worry for people in the bush.”

As Dorothea Mackellar famously wrote, we are a land “of droughts and flooding rains”.

That is the nature of Australia.

Unfortunately, climate alarmists and those seeking political mileage have used times of drought to promote their agendas, and have been able to convince enough people to influence policy.

As a consequence poor decisions are made and there is no better example than the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, which has decimated rural communities including my once vibrant nearest town of Wakool.

Under the plan our water allocations have been decimated, all because this false “our dams will never fill again” rubbish was believed by politicians who were happy to use the fallacy to win environmental votes.

It is a tragedy that no one is now prepared to accept that we are a land of “droughts and flooding rains” and we will, at times, be dry and at other times there will be water in abundance.

If we are ever able to return to the days of effectively managing





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our water the entire nation will benefit. Our farmers and regional communities will be reinvigorated and our environment will benefit because we won't be wasting massive amounts, or trying to force too much through our river systems.

We can only dream.

**PAT HAYES**  
Wakool, NSW

**Pay ambo volunteers**

AN ambulance is not a free ride, but don't worry, your drivers are all heroes.

Western Australia has recently called for 800 volunteers to join up because of their border reopening.

If you live there you have 800 chances to be a hero now. Hero in this case means unpaid worker, helping someone else make money – that is the new definition of hero.

If you ever get called a hero, it is because you worked for free, for people who make money from your work.

If you call an ambulance, or someone else does for you, in WA it will cost you over \$1000 in an emergency, and only \$500 if not. The drivers will be told not to tell you the price. These heroes will keep mum and I am not a terrific fan of all the energy and life that volunteers bring to a group being used in such a despicable way.

Asking for 800 volunteers is not a great sign of forward planning either.

Here is what I think volunteers in Australia should get.

Six weeks off a year. No 24/7 on-call work.

Work has to be planned ahead and costs to be paid, because volunteers actually pay a lot of money to help groups out, and it's all free, as well as their labour.

And lastly a government-funded payroll scheme, because asking for people to continue to do more and more work for free will not survive into the future, but we still need the work done.

Yes, a version of a universal basic income for volunteers.

If we don't do that, we are going to have fewer and fewer volunteers signing up to be heroes, because they would rather be paid.

In fact the way things are



going they probably won't be able to afford to donate time.

So, we may as well get in early before that happens in Australia.

If WA Ambulances get their 800 volunteers, then all is well. If they do not, perhaps we should change how we look at volunteers.

Perhaps a little less hero worship and a little more treating them like people?

**JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER**  
Morgan

**Second to politics**

VICTORIAN Water Minister Lisa Neville, like all of us, knows there are “serious issues under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan that still need to be resolved” (Country News, November 23).

But at federal level there is no appetite to improve this failing plan, and this will not change while there is an election in the air.

A federal Senate Inquiry was told last month there have been 45 reviews since the Basin Plan's inception and that we should be acting on the expert advice in these reviews to make the plan better.

That will not happen until we have a parliament with the courage to implement recommendations and commit to an adaptive plan that protects the environment and our rural communities.

At present, we have a Federal Water Minister – Keith Pitt – who will not even undertake a meaningful visit to the southern parts of the Basin that are most affected by the Basin Plan. He appears to have little interest in improving the plan, or supporting these basin communities.

To the frustration of Ms Neville, and I am sure others, Mr Pitt doesn't even have enough interest in the Basin Plan to hold scheduled meetings of the Ministerial Council which oversees its implementation.

We have a Federal Environment Minister – Sussan Ley – who, despite ongoing objections from thousands of her constituents in the electorate of Farrer, appears happy to toe the party line rather than demand the Basin Plan changes that we know are needed.

We also have National Party members in the federal parliament who are prepared to call for Basin Plan amendments, but do

not have the support of Coalition leadership that is required to bring them to fruition.

All of this is occurring because making sensible, necessary changes that will improve the Basin Plan for everyone will lead to a political stoush, with various parties and individuals using our communities as their political football.

It has nothing to do with good government and sound decision-making. It has everything to do with protecting political careers. That, unfortunately, is the sad state of affairs we currently face in our nation.

As for the future, if Labor/Greens win the upcoming federal election the predicament for the Basin Plan and our communities will be even worse, as they continue pandering to city-based environmentalists at our expense.

All we can do is hope that at some point, before it is too late, we have a parliament where the balance of power tips in favour of our nation's best interests, and where decisions are made for the benefit of communities and the environment, rather than what is best for a political party.

**SHELLEY SCOLLAR**  
Table Top, NSW

**Looking back...**

10 years ago December 16, 2011



Cost of a single act of stupidity

**Vandals play, we all pay**

By PAUL NETHERELL

RENTAL - that's how much a single act of vandalism in Renmark recently cost taxpayers and the community.

A local businessman has painstakingly calculated the figure to illustrate the expense generated by such random examples of stupidity. Tony Hersey says in October, during school holidays, his business was caught up in a “spate of vandalism” that saw protective tyres on a stobie pole behind his premises doused with accelerator and burned.



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20 years ago December 14, 2001

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**High schools name top students**  
RFL clubs called on to umpire games

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To the person or people who use the Renmark dog park: Do you think you can pick up after your dog? Do not leave the poo there for other people to clean up. If it is too hard then please do not go there. Have some respect for other users of the park.

**RAE**  
Renmark

Has anyone else in the Riverland got dead fruit trees after they have been treated by the fruit fly people?

**DEL**  
Berri

Congratulations to Glossop High School for allowing their students' surnames to be published in *The Murray Pioneer's* pages of prom photos recently. A big thumb down to whoever is responsible

for the other two high schools not allowing their students' names to be published. If it is a department decision, as it said in the Pioneer, the department is being silly.

**SAM**  
Loxton

So that's it? Lyrup has no chance of getting back into the league ('Push to uncage Lions doomed', *Pioneer*, 8/12/21)? Seems a shame if they have people who want to play football. And then there are netballers ready to play too. Hopefully something can be sorted.

**GAZ**  
Glossop

Loved reading about Luke Prokopec receiving the key to Renmark ('Looking back, 20 years ago', *Pioneer*, 8/12/21). Luke was pitcher

for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Toronto Blue Jays. He became a celebrity in the USA baseball world because he pitched in tandem with fellow Aussie, Jeff Williams - the first and only time this occurred in Major League Baseball. Most importantly, Luke is a Riverland legend and a great bloke.

**REEKSY**  
Berri

It must be near Christmas with well wishes coming from our politicians etc. accompanied with, you guessed it, a fridge magnet calendar. Good onya Cary Hocking and Reality Real Estate for using imagination by coming up with a new idea, a very useful fridge magnet ruler.

**GARY**  
Waikerie

Regarding last week's item about Luke Saville ('Luke and Dasha tie the knot in style', *Pioneer*, 8/12/21), firstly Luke is described as a “product” then an “export”. Shame on *The Murray Pioneer*. I am sure there are many more suitable adjectives to describe this talented man who is giving back to the local community.

**PM**  
Waikerie

Thank you to the young musicians who gave up their time on Saturday to play Christmas carols at the plaza in Berri. Then to come home to see them in Madigan Reserve playing carols again was a lovely surprise. Thank you.

**YS**  
Renmark



Hon. Tim Whetstone MP

Member for Chaffey



Chaffey Community Column

**Have a ‘Riverland Christmas’**

I am challenging all Riverland residents to have the most ‘Riverland Christmas’ possible and purchase gifts and produce from local businesses. Look at ways you can shop local and please think twice before spending money out of the Riverland. It’s a message you will hear me saying all year round, especially around the Christmas season. However, now more ever, ‘Shop Local’ is so important. I encourage every Riverland resident to support local over the Christmas period and do your part to support our local economy and jobs.

Chaffey students awarded for excellence

Thank you to all of the Riverland schools who took part in the Tim Whetstone MP School Awards, with an extensive list of students recognised for their studies and for contributing significantly to their school and community. Congratulations to each student who was awarded this year. All the best to those who are graduating or transitioning in to their first year of high school.

The award recipients included: Dylan Barr (Monash Primary School), Grace Clayton-Day (Monash Primary School), Emily Abbott (Loxton Primary School), Saskia Gibbs (Loxton Primary School), Lily Burnnard (Renmark Primary School), Abdallah Ibrahim (Renmark Primary School), Reagan Seaman (St Alberts Catholic School), Harper Jaeschke (St Alberts Catholic School), Hanny Pamintuan (Rivergum Christian College), Sophie King (Loxton North School), Layne Petch (Loxton North School), Oliver Seaford (Morgan Primary School), Callum Ashworth (Morgan Primary School), Meg Kassulke (St Joseph’s School Barmera), Layla Moore (St Joseph’s School Barmera), Daniel Reimann (Moorook Primary School), Addy Piltz (Moorook Primary School), Eli McLeod (St Joseph’s School Renmark), Sophie Britton (St Joseph’s School Renmark), Emily Taylor (Waikerie High School), Jack Higgins (Waikerie High School), Emily Carter (Cobdogla Primary School), Sean Thompson (Cobdogla Primary School), Will Schultz (Loxton High School), Owen Sullivan (Renmark High School), Caeden Karpany (Riverland Special School), Sophie Sampson (Barmera Primary School), Toby Allder (Barmera Primary School), Leticia Roach (Glossop Primary Community School), Alissa Yard (Renmark North Primary School), Caden Watkins (Renmark North Primary School), Noah Little (Berri Primary School), Jason Anderson (Berri Primary School), Jarrod May (Kingston-on-Murray Primary School), Levi Milton (Loxton Lutheran School), Trinity Nitschke (Loxton Lutheran School), Royan Kipkosgei (Our Lady of the River School), Riley Halupka (Our Lady of the River School), Shae Zadow (Blanchetown Primary School), Jake Wade (Glossop High School), Cora O’Shaughnessy (Swan Reach Area School), Marni Lloyd (Waikerie Lutheran Primary School)



Pictured with Leticia Roach, Glossop Community School

**Expand Together Grants**

Expand Together Grant of up to \$20,000 are available to eligible multicultural organisations to upgrade, extend or build community facilities or purchase equipment for use by South Australia’s culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Applications are now open and close on Monday 28 February 2022 at 11 pm. Further information is available at [www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/multicultural-affairs/grants/expand-together-grants](http://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/multicultural-affairs/grants/expand-together-grants)

**Countdown to Christmas**

As 2021 comes rapidly to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local frontline personnel who have provided vital services throughout the pandemic in our community, police officers, doctors, nurses, health workers, emergency services, retail and supermarket workers. I’d also like to acknowledge our hard-working volunteers and community groups who play a vital role in our community. We are all very grateful for your services and commitment to our region.

During the festive period, I urge you to take care on our roads. Similarly, please remind friends and family of our strict zero-tolerance fruit and vegetable rules when they are travelling to our region. The Chaffey Electorate Office will close on December 24 and reopen on January 4, 2022. If you see me out and about, please feel free to stop to and say G’day.

# Hayley named Riverland’s top year 12

ELYSE ARMANINI

HAYLEY Inglis has claimed the title as the Riverland’s top year 12 student for 2021 after receiving the highest ATAR score in the region this week.

Hayley, who attended Loxton High School, received an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) score of 99.25 out of a possible 99.95.

Close behind Hayley was fellow Loxton High student Jasper Harding, who scored 99.20.

Hayley, daughter of Philippa and Craig Inglis, said she felt relieved and “very, very happy” when her results came through at 8.30 Monday morning.

“I wasn’t expecting (a score) that high,” she said.

“I was expecting somewhere in the 90s but definitely not that high.”

Other top achievers in the region were Glossop High School’s Erin Wood with 98.65, Renmark High School’s Charlee Webb (97.20) and Waikerie High School’s Jack Higgins (96.70).

Hayley, 17, has applied to study a Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Adelaide, which requires an ATAR score of 80 or more for guaranteed entry.

“I’ve always enjoyed maths, and they say do what you enjoy,” Hayley said.

“I never really considered (mathematics) as a career until this year because I always thought I’d get to the next grade level, it would be too hard and I would hate it.



Loxton High School’s high-achieving year 12 students were, back (from left) Tabitha Zdanowicz, Amalia Rutzen, Oscar Harding, Suhaiel Sowkath Ali, Sophie Lipman, James Haslett, Macy Wright, Erin Rollbusch and Molly Jericho. Front: Lily Gunn, Caleb Schaefer, Hayley Inglis, Jasper Harding and Amelia Magiarapis. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



●Hayley Inglis

“But I continued to really, really enjoy it this year, so I realised this is what I want to do.

“I’m not sure what I want to do after university, which is why I decided I need to study what I like at university and see what pathways that opens up.”

The greatest challenge Hayley

faced during her year 12 study was time management, combined with the larger workload.

She said her Specialist Mathematics exam was more difficult than she was expecting, and urged future year 12s in the same position to “take advantage of the study guides”.

“They don’t come out until halfway through the year, but if you can source them from previous grades, definitely do,” Hayley said.

“They’ve got past exam questions, so you’re doing exactly what you’re likely to be tested on. It’s really useful.”

Hayley thanked the people who helped her get through her

final year at school.

“My teachers, my mum and my dad,” she said.

“The teachers were really great this year. I felt like they wanted you to do well as much as you wanted to do well yourself.”

Hayley also received Loxton High’s Kingston Estate Wines/Chinner Memorial Prize, the Maths/Science Undergraduate Scholarship, the Barker Shield for Academic Achievement, and subject awards for Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics at the school’s recent presentation night.

## Riverland’s 2021 year 12 success

RIVERLAND high schools achieved a combined SACE completion rate of 98 per cent in 2021, with 35 A+ grades and 12 merit achievements.

An ATAR of 80 or above was recorded by 71 students, and 67 per cent of students received A or B grades.

Sixty-five Australian School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships were completed across the region and 151 students successfully completed VET courses.

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Top 15 ATAR scores:

1. Hayley Inglis – 99.25 (Loxton)

2. Jasper Harding – 99.20 (Loxton)

3. Erin Wood – 98.65 (Glossop)

4. Jake Wade – 98.05 (Glossop)

5. Lana Gregoric – 98.05 (Glossop)

6. Cameron Dixon – 98.00 (Glossop)

7. Caleb Schaefer – 97.25 (Loxton)

8. Charlee Webb – 97.20 (Renmark)

9. Deepkiran Kaur – 97.15 (Glossop)

10. Jack Higgins – 96.70 (Waikerie)

11. Lily Gunn – 96.70 (Loxton)

12. Amalia Belehris – 96.55 (Renmark)

13. Tyson Schutz – 96.35 (Waikerie)

14. Amelia Magiarapis - 96.35 (Loxton)

15. Chelsea Thompson – 96.30 (Glossop)



# Riverland growers to benefit from new ‘resilience’ fund... \$30m to fight fruit fly

RIVERLAND growers have been boosted by a \$30m funding injection to fight the damaging scourge of fruit fly.

Announced yesterday, the three-year federal funding commitment aims to build national resilience to manage fruit fly, five outbreaks of which have cost local growers millions of dollars over the past two years.

Barker MP Tony Pasin has addressed parliament this year about fruit fly and its impact on the Riverland, and said this week the issue needed to be tackled “from different angles, with a national approach”.

“We’re looking to stop the spread of fruit fly through regional Australia, while also driving the numbers of fruit fly down,” he said.

“We’ll work together with our state and territory government counterparts to make sure our farmers can get the best out of their crops year in, year out.”

Mr Pasin’s Liberal colleague and Riverland-based SA Senator, Anne Ruston, said tackling fruit fly was essential for local exporters to maintain their market advantage.

“It’s vital to get fruit fly off the table as a barrier for local producers and ensure regions like the Adelaide Hills and Riverland can continue to access lucrative export markets,” Ms Ruston said.

“A key component of this is our commitment to build critical post-harvest infrastructure in South Australia to meet immediate needs in response to increasing outbreaks.”

Mr Pasin said the funding – which follows an \$16.9m, four-year commitment in 2018 – would deliver more treatment options in strategic rural areas.

“Practically, this will mean growers in Barker will have more choices to get their produce to a wider range of export markets,” he said.

Earlier this year Mr Pasin told parliament that some growers were reporting losses of up to \$300,000 due to extra costs associated with treatment and lost markets.

“Unfortunately the industry in the Riverland is facing a second season of fruit fly restriction...” he said.

South Australia is the only mainland state recognised as being free



Riverland citrus grower Stuart Andrew with Barker MP Tony Pasin, who yesterday welcomed the federal government's announcement of \$30 million to tackle fruit fly. PHOTO: supplied

of Queensland fruit fly from the east and Mediterranean fruit fly from the west.

A Department of Agriculture media release said the \$30m program aims to:

- ❑ Stop the spread of fruit fly, though essential updates to state-managed roadblocks or quarantine stations
- ❑ Build sterile insect technique capability, to drive down pest pres-

sure in vulnerable areas.

- ❑ Grow exports and support business resilience in regional Australia, through delivery of critical post-harvest treatment infrastructure.

**PAGE 17** Plea to SA visitors



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# “Snippets”

by Loxton Garden Club

The Loxton Garden Club hold monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be held at The Loxton Club – Woolshed Room at 2pm.

For further information contact Jacque Schulz 0402 158 759 or Ian Cass 0428 876 220. Email: loxtongardenclub@gmail.com We will be having a well earnt break. Meetings will commence again in February 2022. We wish you all a happy and safe festive season. 🎄🌟

**Ladybirds** – after finding a lot of ladybirds in our garden I thought I would do some research on them.

Ladybirds are great to have as buddies in your backyard. In many cultures they are considered so lucky that killing one will bring sadness and misfortune.

There are about 6000 species of ladybird in the world, with around 500 species in Australia. You might know ladybirds as ladybugs or ladybeetles, but whatever name you use they are the fantastic at keeping your garden healthy.

You might think of ladybirds as being red or orange with black spots, but they can be many different colours – some are all one colour, some are striped, and some are even hairy!

Most ladybird species eat insects, aphids, mites, beetle larvae, pollen, sap and nectar. They have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult beetle. The adult beetle can fly long distances to find new food sources or mating partners.

Planting herbs like coriander, fennel and dill will help to attract ladybirds.

Ladybirds also like to live in well-watered gardens because they need to drink frequently. Some also enjoy the occasional treat of pollen or nectar.

It isn't just adult ladybirds that are helpful. Ladybird larvae also grow strong by eating aphids, mites and scale insects. They look quite different to adult ladybirds, so keep an eye on any clumps of eggs or larvae you find near groups of ladybirds; you might see them grow up into beautiful ladybirds too.

## A few more Ladybirds facts

- A female ladybird can lay up to 2,000 eggs in her lifetime.
- Ladybirds beat their wings up to 85 times per second when they fly.
- Ladybirds breathe through openings in the sides of their bodies.

## Quote of the month

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# Blown away by lake-front fireworks



Barmera’s annual Christmas fireworks were held on Lake Bonney last Friday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

## JOSH BRINE

THE return of Barmera’s annual Fireworks Spectacular has been hailed a success, with a strong Covid-safe crowd gathering on the town’s lake front to watch the show last Friday night.

The display was moved to Lake Bonney this year to allow onlookers to socially distance, after organisers were forced to cancel the traditional main street pageant due to ongoing restrictions.

Barmera Central co-ordinator Kelsey Hogan said attendees had enjoyed the “awesome” fireworks.

“The fireworks display was

well received and we heard lots of great feedback from both visitors and locals,” she said.

“It’s one of the best displays they’ve put on.”

Ms Hogan said the decision to move the fireworks to the lake from its normal location at the town’s oval was met with praise by attendees.

“Some people have said they want to have it on the lake again so people can sit on the lake front,” she said.

“So that might be something for us to think about in the future.”

After the pageant’s cancellation, organising committee members decided to join with



Despite the cancellation of the traditional Christmas pageant, the Barmera CFS still held a small parade around the town.

the Barmera CFS to help put on a small Christmas parade.

“We had three floats available to us, which were the horse which we normally have in the pageant, a Christmas tree and a snowman,” Ms Hogan said.

“People loved it. It was a

great community event to have to spread some Christmas cheer.”

Ms Hogan thanked Mike Philpot and Ballistic Fireworks setting up the fireworks display and the Barmera CFS for its help with the parade.

# Local teenager faces court on sex charges

A RIVERLAND teenager is set to be sentenced in court after pleading guilty to a number of charges surrounding his relationships with underage girls.

Renmark West 19-year-old Lachlan Brown last week appeared in court after previously pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse and three counts of procuring a

child for sexual activity.

The Advertiser reported defending attorney Andrew Graham said Mr Brown – who worked at a local fast food outlet – had denied some of the allegations, including that he bought a victim a sex toy for her 15th birthday.

“In rural South Australia it’s perhaps not that uncommon for 18-year-olds and 15-year-olds to find themselves

in relationships,” Mr Graham said.

“It’s alleged that he paid her \$300 for photographs of her feet in different socks... he says he didn’t offer her money for pictures of her feet.

The Advertiser reported a prosecutor said Mr Brown had told the court “everyone was doing it around there”.

“It’s accepted that (two of the victims) were

active participants,” the prosecutor said.

“However, (one victim) did not want to engage and that is clear from her statement that the messages were really one way from the defendant.”

The Advertiser reported Mr Graham said the situation continued to impact Mr Brown’s social life.

“Mr Brown, at the time

of this offending, had been through a lot,” he said.

“He does still find himself withdrawn and it’s much different from his previous life.

“He finds it difficult to do things that he used to do because there’s a risk of running into the victims.”

It is understood Mr Brown will be sentenced next month.



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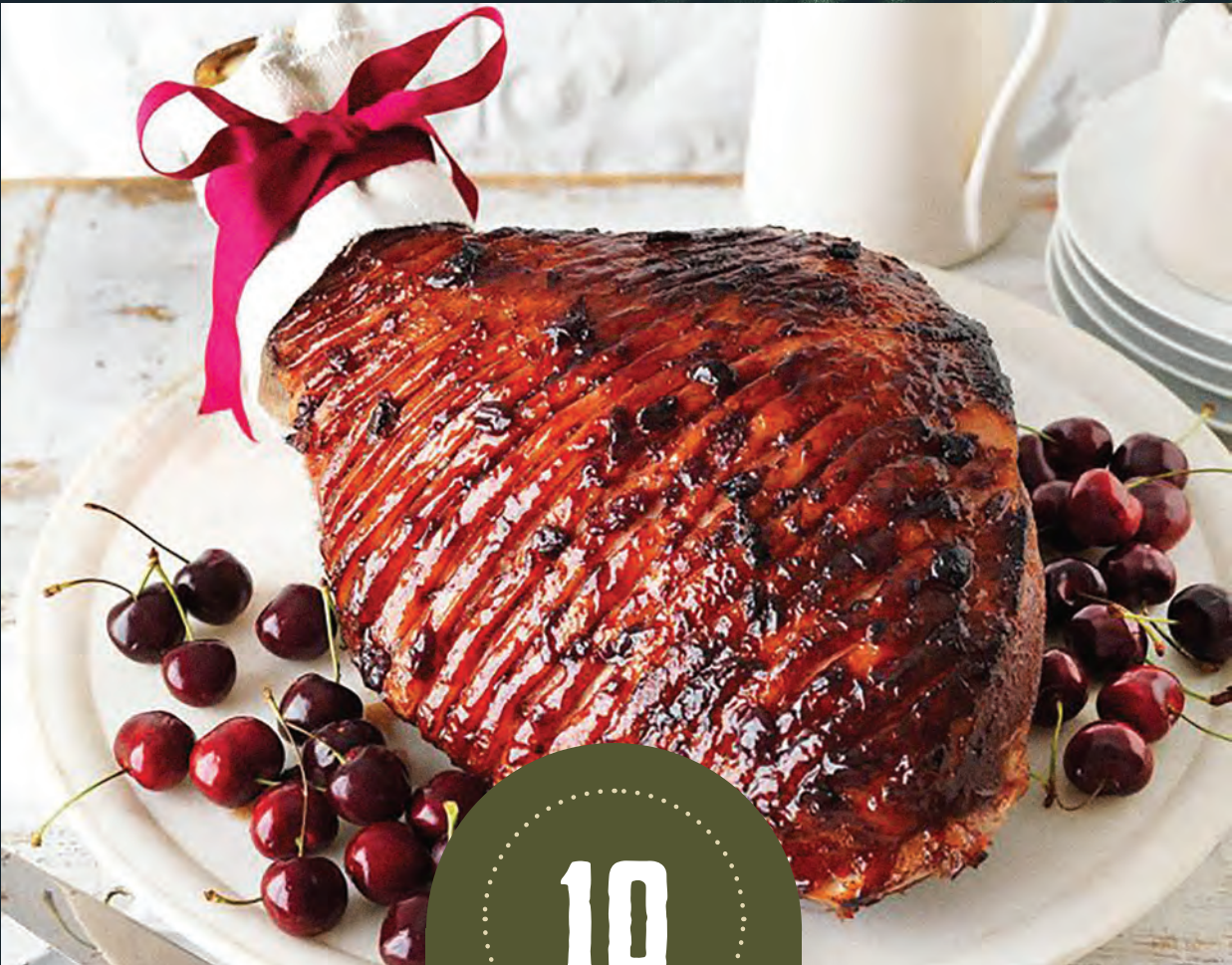
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**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 x 7-8 kg ham leg, skin removed
- Fresh cherries, to serve
- Dijon mustard, to serve
- Cherry, Mustard & Balsamic Glaze
- ¾ cup cherry jam
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp caramelised balsamic vinegar

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced.
2. Meanwhile, using a sharp knife, score the ham fat (not the flesh) crossways in ½ cm wide intervals.
3. Wrap the ham hock in foil (this prevents it from burning). Place ham on a greased rack in a large baking dish lined with foil. For ease, use a large disposable foil roasting dish.
4. To make the glaze, combine all ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to the boil, stirring, over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 8-10 minutes or until slightly thickened.
5. Brush the ham fat two to three times to evenly coat with the glaze.
6. Roast, for 1 hour, brushing with remaining glaze every 15 minutes, or until ham is golden and caramelised. Set aside to cool for 30 minutes.
7. If the glaze thickens on standing, warm the glaze over low heat so it spreads easily over the ham.
8. Slice and serve warm or cold with cherries and extra Dijon mustard.

Credit: <https://www.pork.com.au/recipe/cherry-mustard-balsamic-glazed-leg-of-ham/2576/>

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Riverland POLICE NEWS

Renmark assault witnesses sought

POLICE are encouraging any Riverlanders who may have witnessed an alleged assault in a local town last month to come forward. The victims were on a grassed reserve on Murray Avenue, Renmark, when they were allegedly approached by a group of people and assaulted around 11.20pm on Wednesday, November 27. It is understood the group left the area shortly after. A 23-year-old man from Woodville West was taken to hospital for treatment, while the second victim – a 22-year-old Seaton woman – avoided any injury. Any Riverlanders who may have witnessed the alleged assault have been urged to contact Crime Stoppers – anonymously – by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).

More thefts from Riverland cars

RIVERLANDERS have been urged to remove valuable items from unattended cars after numerous instances of theft from vehicles in the same local town last week. A handbag and contents from a car parked on Flinders Street, Renmark an Apple Watch from a car parked on Kurrajong Avenue, and a HP laptop in a pink bag from a car parked in an off-street car-park on Renmark Avenue, were stolen sometime overnight between Sunday, December 5, and Monday, December 6. Riverlanders with information that could assist police investigations are asked to contact Crime Stoppers – anonymously – by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au). Further information regarding vehicle security can be found by visiting the SAPOL website (www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/crime-prevention-and-security/safety-and-security-tips).

Five-year low for Riverland water delivery

WATER being delivered to Riverland irrigators was at its lowest point for five years during 2019-20, according to a new industry report. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) earlier this month released its 2019-20 Water Monitoring Report. Minister for Water Keith Pitt said the report showed water delivered to irrigators had “substantially” decreased over the 2019-20 year. “2019-20 was a dry year and the report finds that about 47 per cent less water was delivered by irrigation infrastructure organisations than the previous year,” Mr Pitt said. “The report recorded a decrease in the volume of complaints in the 2019-20 year and importantly there continue to have been no breaches of Australian consumer law detected in the 11 years since the report has been produced. The report also demonstrates just how changeable conditions are and how the market can respond.”



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School principal Adam Borgas delivers his farewell speech at the end-of-year assembly on Friday. PHOTOS: supplied

Waikerie farewells three long-serving educators

CHRISTINE WEBSTER THE Waikerie community has bid farewell to three of its long serving educators. Waikerie Primary School’s principal Belinda Krollig will officially retire in October next year, but has begun her 11 months’ long service leave. Mrs Krollig worked in education for 40 years and 25 of these were spent at Waikerie primary where she served as the principal for seven years. She began her career at Ramco Primary School and has also taught at schools in Adelaide. Mrs Krollig said she was looking forward to a new chapter of her life, but would especially miss the students. Long-serving Waikerie Primary School teacher Jill Darling, also finished up last week. Mrs Darling was a much-loved Riverland West primary school teacher for 40 years. She began her career at Morgan Primary School and spent the final 35 years of her career at Waikerie Primary School. “I have enjoyed every minute of it and I have been privileged and blessed to have taught alongside amazing colleagues and principals throughout my years,” Mrs Darling said. “But the best part was no doubt working with the students and playing a part in their learning journey.” Waikerie Lutheran Primary School (WLPS) principal Adam Borgas has accepted a position as a wellbeing teacher at the



Waikerie Primary School’s much-loved teacher Jill Darling (left) and principal Belinda Krollig cutting their retirement cake at a farewell assembly at the school on Friday.

Crossways Lutheran School in Ceduna on the west coast of Eyre Peninsula. He leaves WLPS after 10 years as its principal. Mr Borgas also attended the school, when his father was principal. He said he was looking forward to focusing on his interests in community development and wellbeing in his new role in Ceduna.

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Year 6 students Issy (left), Phoenix and Peyton jump for joy on the last day of school at Berri Primary School last week. They will be among the first students to start high school as year 7s in 2022. PHOTO: Delrdre Graham

# Years 6s jumping into high school

ELYSE ARMANINI

IT was a last day of school for the history books when South Australia’s year 6 and 7 students graduated primary school together last week.

Berri Primary School year 6 students Peyton, Phoenix and Issy were among 28,000 students across the state celebrating the final day of term on Friday, in what was the largest public primary school graduation in South Australia’s history.

Peyton said she was “pretty nervous” about starting high school as a year 7 next year.

“I’m also a little excited and looking forward to the challenge,” she said.

Phoenix said it was exciting to be part of a history-making move into high school.

“It’s an honour and a privilege to be part of the first year 6s to do it,” he said.

Issy said the move would be “different” but she was looking forward to starting high school with her primary friends at the new Berri Regional Secondary School, formerly Glossop High School.

## EXEMPTIONS FOR REGIONAL KIDS

WHILE year 7s will move to high school by default next year, some exemptions apply for eligible regional SA students.

Primary schools located more than 20km away from the nearest high school by road will remain teaching year 7 until the end of 2024.

Exemptions apply to these Riverland schools:

- Cobdogla Primary School
- Kingston-On-Murray

Primary School

- Moorook Primary School

Parents need to discuss an exemption with the school teacher and principal while their child is still in year 6.

If a student is in year 7 in 2023, an exemption application must be approved by Friday, May 27, 2022.

If the student is in year 7 in 2024, the application must be approved by Friday, May 26, 2023.

Minister for Education John Gardner said it was a landmark occasion for South Australia’s public schools.

“From 2022, South Australia will step into line with the rest of the country and deliver year 7 in high school,” Mr Gardner said.

“It is a really important moment for us because it means our year 7 students will be taught by specialist teachers in specialist facilities, giving them access to the Australian Curriculum as it was designed to be delivered.

“The shift has been a significant undertaking for both primary and secondary schools and their work in preparing the students and preparing the schools for the shift has been significant and appreciated.”

To support the year 7 to high school transition, the state government invested \$1.4 billion in school infrastructure, \$13 million into professional learning and resources, and secured additional permanent secondary teachers.

## Waikerie drink drivers

A RIVERLAND motorist has lost her licence after she was found driving more than double the legal alcohol limit last weekend.

Police stopped a car driving on Henderson Street, in Waikerie, about 3.30pm on Saturday, when the 37-year-old local woman returned a positive result of 0.108 when breath-tested.

The woman was issued a six-month loss of licence and reported for drink driving.

A car driving on Coombe Street, in Waikerie, was then stopped around 7.35pm on Sunday, when a 38-year-old local man allegedly refused to undertake a breath test.

The man was issued a 12-month loss of licence, and was reported for failing to comply with the breath analysis procedure.

It is understood both drivers will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

## Spotlight on prohibited weeds

CRIME Stoppers SA has partnered with Green Adelaide and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions to tackle the illegal trade of aquatic weeds, water hyacinth and salvinia spp.

Crime Stoppers SA CEO, Nigel Smart, said it is an offence to sell either noxious weed types in SA, and called on the community to help protect the state’s waterways and environment by sharing what they know about people who trade them online and in markets.

## Call for Nominations



Mid Murray Council

### Supplementary Election of Councillor for Eyre Ward

Nominations to be a candidate for election as a member of the Mid Murray Council will be received between Thursday 30 December 2021 and 12 noon, Thursday 13 January 2022. Candidates must submit a profile of not more than 150 words with their nomination form and may also provide a photograph, predominantly head and shoulders, taken within the previous 12 months.

Nomination kits are available from the Council Offices:

- Mannum Office (Principle) (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)  
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- Cambrai Office (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)  
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- Morgan Office (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)  
Cnr Fourth & Eighth Streets, Morgan
- Blanchetown Hub (Tue & Thu only 10am-2pm)  
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Nomination forms and guides will also be available for download from the Electoral Commission SA website (see below).

A briefing session for intending candidates will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 21 December 2021 at the Cambrai Council Office, Main Street, Cambrai.

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# 2021 harvest year to remember and forget

FOR all the wrong reasons, 2021 will be memorable for many of the region’s grain growers.

A dry start, low rainfall and then plenty of storms and moisture at the end of the season is far from ideal, however many growers are taking the positives of high prices and learning opportunities.

For Wunkar grain grower Nick Hansen, 2021 will be remembered for hail damage and being thankful for crop insurance.

“There were some paddocks that were 40 per cent damaged,” he said.

“It’s worth having hail insurance in the long run. In 2019, I know I got one bag to the acre in a paddock and some of these hail crops are worse than that.”

The Hansens’ Wunkar properties were in the firing line of the severe storms that wreaked havoc on the region at the end of October.

Mr Hansen began harvesting in late November and finished last week.

“It was looking not too bad before the hail,” he said.

“(The hail) shatters it. It looks like there wasn’t a crop there.

“I reaped for two and a half days to get one bin and a little bit in another bin. You are just mulching the straw up really.

“(Before the hail) it wasn’t going to be above average or anything, but there was going to be a bit of reaping to be done.”

Mr Hansen said with harvest

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now over, he was happy to put 2021 in the past.

“There’s definitely more moisture around now,” he said.

“After this year, we didn’t really have any spraying, so it will be good to do a bit of work and have a bit of moisture.”

Loxton has recorded 203mm of rain for the year, which is about 60mm below average.

However, a majority of the rain fell late in the season, with 22.6mm recorded at the end of October and almost 40mm in November.

With grain prices high, Mr Hansen said another positive was his livestock.

“The lambs have been doing well,” he said.

Meanwhile, a Viterra spokesperson said the Loxton site was receiving wheat, barley and field peas.

“Grower deliveries are lower than last year due to seasonal weather conditions, but we are operating fully including extended opening hours when needed to ensure growers can deliver their grain as quickly and easily as possible,” the spokesperson said.

“Wheat and peas are mostly good quality with some malt barley impacted by the wet weather.”



Despite a tough season, grain growers are harvesting their crops and are looking forward to a better 2022. At Wunkar were Nick and Jo Hansen with their children Alice, 7, and Cody, 3. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



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## Christmas carollers hitting the streets of Renmark

A MULTI-denominational carolling group is hitting the Renmark streets on Friday and Tuesday to spread some Christmas joy.

For the third year, singers from the Renmark Uniting, Anglican, Lutheran and Catholic churches will combine to sing – flash mob style – around town.

Spokesperson Malcolm Tubb said participants hoped to sing for kids or the elderly, particularly for “those who might be unable to get to church”.

Mr Tubb said Jingle Bells was the most popular request, and that the group tried to sing much-loved carols.

Mr Tubb was once a Santa at Myer and says that “terribly hot” suit had led to him wearing shorts for his carolling pursuits.

- DEIRDRE GRAHAM



Carol singers Leta Kohler, Kathleen Tubb, Pastor Roland Adams, Malcolm Tubb and Sharon Kernich preparing to hit the Renmark streets on Friday, and next Tuesday to spread some Christmas joy.

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## It's Renmark... North, South, East & West

LAST week Conduct Becoming attended a Destination Riverland (DR) Christmas function that doubled as the launch of a new Riverland tourism website and brochure.

An innovative new branding strategy was unveiled with the region being represented as three distinct sub-regions: West, Central and East. This strategy is aimed at not initially overwhelming visitors with everything available in the region at once.

Individual towns are still strongly identified and their uniqueness still accentuated.

My mind immediately returned to a dinner party some months ago, when I met, for the first time, a couple who had travelled up from Adelaide that day.

They traversed the new Northern Expressway and commented that most of the roadside signs referenced Renmark and not the Riverland. Why was this so?

The host, tongue firmly in cheek, proffered rather than change the signage, the other major Riverland towns could be renamed to include Renmark in their nomenclature.

Waikerie could become Renmark West, Barmera could be Renmark Central, Berri would be Renmark East, Loxton renamed to Renmark South, and Renmark to Renmark North.

Boy did this stimulate some robust discussion as I'm sure it would in most circles, particularly the three resident council chambers and the Riverland Local Government Forum.

Readers, it is at this time I must declare the Norton family harks back to Renmark, where my paternal grandparents lived, where my father was born and raised, and where I lived for a very brief time in my infancy. It could be said to be my spiritual home.

But being born in the then new Berri hospital, raised and schooled in Loxton and now living in Kingston-On-Murray, I have long considered myself a citizen of the Riverland.

Working for the Department of Agriculture and now for myself I service (d) clients from all Riverland towns and as such have long viewed the region in its entirety.

When meeting new people away from the district my first answer to "Where are you from?" is always the same:

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



Barker MP Tony Pasin and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky officially opened The Precinct's mezzanine in Loxton with Loxton Waikerie councillors, staff and other locals last Thursday.

PHOTO: Josh Brine

# Doors opened to multi-million dollar precinct's mezzanine

**JOSH BRINE**

THE final section of a \$13.2m Riverland sporting precinct was officially unveiled by a local politician last week.

The \$1.4m mezzanine function space at The Precinct, Loxton, was opened by Barker MP Tony Pasin at an event last Thursday.

The mezzanine, which was completed in June, was partly-funded by a \$500,000 grant from the federal government's Drought Communities Program.

"The mezzanine level provides a large flexible space which is earmarked to support the business sector and be used to host significant regional business services, events and conferences, trade shows and agricultural education and training programs," Mr Pasin said.

"The Loxton Sporting Complex attracted federal government funding of \$5m via the Building Better Region and Drought Communities Programs.

"I congratulate the District Council of Loxton Waikerie on finalising this fantastic project."

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, who spoke at the opening, said council was "extremely proud of The Precinct".

"This project has been years in the making and to see it come to fruition in its completed state is just fantastic," he said.

"This space is going to benefit the community in immeasurable ways.

"Whether it be to host functions, sporting competitions or anything in between, it will boost our community wonderfully.

"With a range of possibilities, The

Precinct will become a hub of activity.

"So much more than that though, the mezzanine will host weddings, conferences, and will provide a new era of events for Loxton.

"The football, netball and basketball clubs will use this space to its full potential, and it's the perfect venue for events like the Nippy's Gift.

"This would not have been possible without the support of our local member Tony Pasin and the federal government who provided an additional \$500,000 of drought funding to complete the mezzanine."

Mr Pasin said the federal government had invested \$300m through the Drought Communities Program and was providing significant funding for local sports projects, including \$1.5m for the Waikerie Football Club to develop a community hub that Mr Pasin called The Precinct's "sister project".

"Across Barker and across the nation our government is supporting grassroots sporting clubs upgrade infrastructure because we recognise the wider health, social and community benefits that come from greater activity and participating in sport," he said.

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# SA visitors' fruit fly plea

VISITORS to South Australia are being urged to leave all fruit and vegetables at home and buy local over the summer school holidays.

As South Australia continues to battle Mediterranean and Queensland fruit fly outbreaks, travellers are encouraged to check restrictions on the movement of fruit fly host material before entering the state.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, David Basham, said with people travelling from interstate or moving between Adelaide and the Riverland over the school holiday period, it is important to be vigilant in the fight against fruit fly.

"The Marshall Liberal Government has spent over \$50 million in eradicating fruit fly outbreaks from South Australia but we are heavily reliant on people doing the right thing," Mr Basham said.

"If you're travelling into South Australia these summer holidays we welcome you with open arms but don't pack a pest like fruit fly with you or you'll be stung with a fine.

"We continue to take a zero tolerance approach to fruit fly and remind all visitors to dispose of any fruit fly host fruit and vegetables prior to reaching roadblocks such as at Yamba.

"These measures protect our \$1.3 billion horticulture industry and communities that rely upon it."

Mr Basham said now was the perfect time to tidy up the garden for those staying at home during the holiday period.

"If you're staying home, you can break the fruit fly lifecycle by

collecting fallen fruit in your garden and putting it in the green bin," he said.

"Remember to check it for blemishes or maggots and report anything suspicious to the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.

"It's summer fruit season now, with apricots, peaches, plums, nectarines, berries and tomatoes ripening in gardens.

"Travellers to the Riverland are reminded of the recent change to the 'receipt' rule and you can no longer bring certain fruit and vegetables into the Riverland with a receipt.

"You can't miss the signs, please use the quarantine bins to dispose of any fresh produce before you enter the area."

**Meanwhile** the first domino has fallen in the state government's \$50 million fruit fly eradication plan with Mediterranean fruit fly successfully eradicated from Port Augusta.

Restrictions on movement of fresh fruit and vegetables in Port Augusta have been lifted after a seven-month battle to rid the horticultural pest.

Mr Basham said fruit fly maggots were initially discovered in backyard fruit trees and that he was pleased to see the successful eradication.

"Now the fruit fly outbreak in Port Augusta has been eradicated, there are no longer restrictions on the movement of fruit and vegetables in that area, meaning they can be moved from your property," he said.

For more information about fruit fly in South Australia and the restrictions currently in place, visit [www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au](http://www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au)



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and former SA Attorney-General Vickie Chapman officially reopening the Riverland Community Justice Centre in 2018. New funding has secured the centre's long-term future.

## Local legal service safe

RIVERLANDERS will continue to have access to free face-to-face legal support, with a successful local program securing long-term funding recently.

The Riverland Community Justice Centre, run by Community Justice Services SA, will receive \$3.9m in funding over a five-year agreement, with \$2.6m from the federal government and \$1.3m from the state government.

Since the service was reopened in 2018, after being closed by the previous state government in 2017, it has provided nearly 600 separate pieces of legal advice.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone welcomed the additional funding and said the service helped empower residents.

"Labor shut this crucial service down. The Marshall Liberal Government reopened it and secured its long-term future," he said.

"It is particularly important for issues which are often complex in nature and require face-to-face contact.

"I am proud to be a part of a government that has deliv-

ered this important service for my community.

"It is another example of how this Liberal government decentralises services and empowers regional communities."

Attorney-General of South Australia and Minister for Planning and Local Government, Josh Teague, said the service was essential

for people living in Riverland towns.

"This service breaks down access-to-justice barriers, giving residents free in-person legal advice and support," he said.

"It improves legal equity and assists people in what can often be an intimidating environment.

"Under Labor, residents

had to drive hundreds of kilometres to access in-person appointments, something the Marshall Liberal Government said was simply not good enough.

"I am pleased to see this service extended for at least another five years and encourage members of the Riverland community to continue making the most of it."

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## ps Industry's friends, family gather

MEMBERS and volunteers of FOTI (Friends of the ps Industry) gathered at Lock 5 to enjoy "family day", an annual event not held last year due to Covid-19.

"Unfortunately, our interstate members and volunteers were unable to participate this year", said David Nattrass, FOTI chairman.

"We have missed them over the past few years and look forward to their participation once restrictions are lifted."

During the day Mark and Kathy Hazelwood, Sandra Daniel and Tom Walsh were awarded certificates of appreciation for their long-term service as committee members and volunteers.

"We also want to thank and acknowledge Jocie Cooper for her long-time contribution as a volunteer on the Industry" Mr Nattrass said.

"Jocie has now called it a day and will be missed."

Meanwhile a working model of the ps Industry previously housed in the council office has now found a new home that is accessible to the public.

Crafted by Hans Wyman and purchased by Ute Young and Peter Speight, the model was donated to FOTI.



Mark and Kathy Hazelwood and Sandra Daniel with their FOTI certificates of appreciation at the group's recent family day. PHOTOS: supplied



Ann Ryan, chair of the Renmark branch of National Trust of SA, accepts display items for Olivewood.

Reunited with a special centenary quilt, and other items, the model is now on display at Olivewood.

The quilt was created by the Renmark Patchwork and Quilters to celebrate the centenary of the ps Industry and donated to FOTI to be displayed alongside the model.



Jocie Cooper with her certificate.



The Renmark Patchwork and Quilters group officially launched *Our History*, a book compiled by member Brenda Dowling (middle), with funding assistance from the Renmark Paringa Council. Also attending the launch last week were deputy mayor Henry Du Rieu (left), Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Patchwork and Quilters president Denise Bihun and Cr Peter Hunter.

PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

# Renmark quilters in the history books

A RENMARK community group last week officially launched a book covering 30 years of its history.

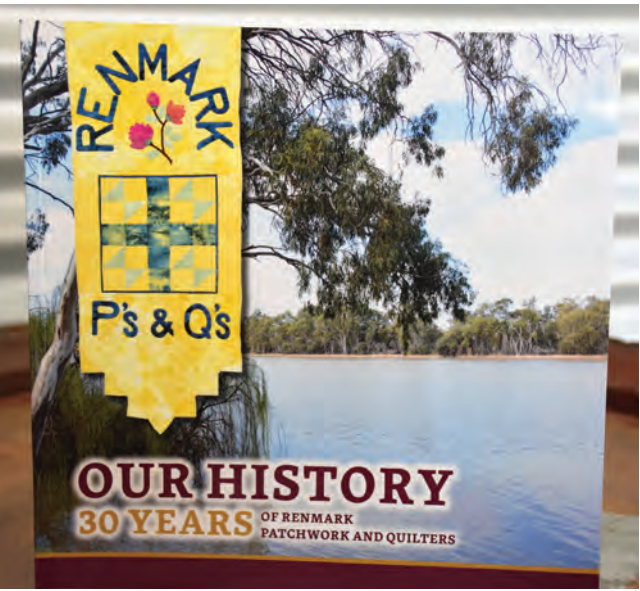
Renmark Patchwork and Quilters group member, Brenda Dowling, headed the project, writing and collating the information sourced from members over the past year.

The book, *Our History: 30 Years of Renmark Patchwork and Quilters*, was printed by local business Print DNA, with 50 books published.

The group was successful in a grant application to Renmark Paringa Council, with council funding provided to offset the cost of the project.

All copies were sold, with one copy in the Renmark history archive and another taken to the South Australian Quilters Guild in Adelaide.

Ms Dowling said she felt the need to formally record the history to show the value of the group in the lives of members, plus the contribution of the members to the



The book covers 30 years of the Renmark Patchwork and Quilters' history.

community since the group formed in 1988.

"Often hearing members reminisce over events or 'how it was', reading the book should bring back a lot of special times for us to share," she said.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson attended the launch and congratulated the group on its efforts.

Copies of the book can be printed in bundles of 10, with orders to be placed with the quilting group.

## We're lonelier than ever this Christmas

NEW data from Australian Red Cross reveals one in three people are feeling lonely during the festive season, a significant increase from 2020.

The annual survey of 1000 people commissioned by Red Cross found it was

people in the younger age bracket (18-29) who felt more alone, while more women (40 per cent) said they felt lonely compared to men (26 per cent). The rate of loneliness has increased on pre-pandemic years.

One in three people said they were less excited for the festive season than in previous years, and 61 per cent of people were concerned about vulnerable family and friends being lonely if travel restrictions were in place.

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Three new leadlight windows commemorating military veterans were unveiled at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Barmera in November.  
PHOTO: Josh Brine

## Windows shining light on Barmera's military history

JOSH BRINE

NEW leadlights created by a Riverland artist were unveiled at a Barmera hall recently, honouring locals who served in the military.

Members of the Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group, plus Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt and leadlight creator Bronte Heuzenroeder, were on hand for the artworks' unveiling at the Soldiers Memorial Hall late last month.

Two of the windows depict fields of poppies, while the centre window depicts a lone soldier. All three windows are backlit by LED strip lights, with similar lighting

installed behind the theatre's existing leadlight doors.

Mr Heuzenroeder designed and worked on the windows for the past year in collaboration with the working group and council.

The artwork was created to match the art-deco design of the building, which was built in the 1920s, to commemorate residents of Barmera who served in World War I.

The project was first recommended by the working group more than a year ago, and cost about \$4300.

The hall is currently hosting the town's annual Santa's Cave, which opens this Saturday and Sunday between 11am and 3pm.

## Berri Barmera trials new plantings

BERRI Barmera Council has planted a number of new trees at a local oval to trial which species should be planted around the district in the future.

A dozen young trees were recently planted at Bruce Oval in Barmera to observe which species acclimatises best.

The trees are a mixture of eucalypt and bottlebrush varieties, which council described as "hardy and drought tolerant". The trial will assist council's parks and gardens crew to ensure that the most suitable varieties of tree are planted throughout the council district.



A dozen young trees have been planted at Barmera's Bruce Oval as part of a trial by the Berri Barmera Council. PHOTO: Facebook

## Berri's Apex Park to host Christmas event

A LOCAL council is inviting families to attend an activation event at a newly upgraded park tomorrow afternoon.

Berri Barmera Council will host the event at Colin Jennings Apex Park in Berri tomorrow from 4pm to 6pm.

The event will include a

free barbecue, dog agility demonstration, face painting, Kiwi the Clown and an appearance by Santa.

Council initially planned to hold the event in January, however decided to move it forward following the cancellation of the Barmera

Christmas Pageant.

Council is close to completing a \$299,755 upgrade of the park, fully funded by the federal government, which includes a pump track for scooters and bikes, new playground equipment and an improved dog park.

## Firearms licences go digital

INCREASING the protection and efficiency surrounding guns is the aim of a new licence system recently introduced in South Australia.

SAPOL last week announced firearms licences can now be viewed digitally on the mySA GOV app.

SAPOL Superintendent Billy Thompson said the new process would provide "an extra layer of protection and convenience for the handling and storing of licences".

"Physical firearms licences will still be issued, however digital firearms licences will now be another means of providing evidence of firearms licence status," Supt Thompson said.

"The mySA GOV app provides a secure and easy platform to store licence information online. It also allows for real-time

information so any changes to a licence will be reflected on the digital version the next time the user accesses the app.

"The quick and easy nature of the app means that firearms licensees will be able to quickly and conveniently provide evidence of the legitimacy of their firearms licence."

Mr Thompson expected a feature allowing fellow app users to validate a licence – by scanning a barcode – would be especially useful for firearms dealers.

The app is encrypted and protected by a mandatory PIN with optional fingerprint security, while individual, dealer and collector licences can all be viewed under the same account.

Further information regarding digital firearms licences on the mySA GOV app can be found by visiting the website (my.sa.gov.au).

## Riverland phone scams dialled down

RIVERLAND residents are set to benefit from new measures introduced to crack down on phone scams.

Action by the federal government to shut down frustrating and potentially costly scam text messages was welcomed by Barker MP Tony Pasin.

"I know that many local residents in Barker have received malicious scam text messages, so this is a really positive step forward," Mr Pasin said.

"Working with industry, our government has made an important regulatory amendment empowering the

telecommunication sector to identify and block SMS scams at source.

"It won't mean they disappear overnight, but it does mean more can be done to stop this insidious activity that affects many unsuspecting people.

"Scam text messages and calls are not only annoying – they have a real impact on lives, with people being defrauded, their identities stolen, or their devices disabled. It's a serious problem."

SMS and phone scam reports in 2021 doubled those reported to



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The Katarapko floodplain before (left), and during (right), recent environmental watering. PHOTOS: supplied

# Floodplain watering ‘huge success’

AN environmental watering initiative running at numerous Riverland sites has delivered “many important ecological outcomes” for the community.

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) recently completed a four-month period of environmental watering at the Pike, Katarapko and Chowilla floodplains.

DEW partnerships co-ordinator Jan Whittle said environmental benefits for local wildlife and vegetation were quickly observed.

“This is the first time we’ve run

operations at the three sites simultaneously,” Ms Whittle said.

“(And) it’s really rewarding from a water management perspective that we’re already seeing such great outcomes in the local environment.”

“Eight frog species, including the threatened southern bell frog, have been recorded at Chowilla and confirmed to be breeding which is great news.

“Many thousands of waterbirds, comprising 44 species have also been recorded in the Chowilla wetlands including migratory

wader species.

“The animal residents of the Pike floodplain including frogs, turtles, and birdlife have really been thriving throughout the spring watering.”

Ms Whittle said higher water levels also encouraged increased activity from recreational river users.

“The Chowilla floodplain saw water levels raised within Chowilla Creek and through the anabranche by 3.2 metres above the normal height,” she said.

“The water levels within the Pike system were raised by 1.25

metres above the normal height with plans for higher level operations in future years.

“The watering raised levels by 3.2 metres within the (Katarapko) floodplain creeks, which along with the Lock 4 weir raising has delivered water across over 1100 hectares of floodplain throughout spring.

“With the additional water at the site, the community have been able to get out and about in nature, exploring the water within flood runners and wetlands, paddling over roads and canoeing and boat-



The watering initiative has achieved beneficial results for Riverland wildlife and vegetation.

ing under old river red gums.”

Real-time information regarding local Murray River water levels is available by visiting the Water Data SA website (<https://water.data.sa.gov.au/>).

## Conservation on the cards for Labor

LOCAL conservation areas could benefit from increased funding for the South Australian rangelands, if Labor were to win the state election next year.

Gluepot Reserve, stretching almost 55,000 hectares and located about 40km north of Waikerie, and Taylorville and Calperum Stations, totalling more than 337,000 hectares, would be among other conservation areas to benefit from Labor’s promise to prioritise the health of the rangelands.

South Australia’s rangelands cover about 40 per cent of the state – about 40 million hectares – and is a “fragile landscape” according to conservation groups.

Pastoralism – the running of sheep and cattle – is reinforced by a regime of land condition assessments to prevent overgrazing, wherein if the land is assessed as being “sufficiently healthy” the pastoral lease is renewed.

Labor says its proposal to increase the health of the rangelands contrasts the proposed Pastoral Lands Bill draft released by the Marshall government in 2020, which



Red-capped robins are known to frequent Gluepot Reserve.

– if passed – would deregulate the pastoral industry and prioritise the practice over all other rangeland uses, such as tourism and nature conservation.

Conservation groups and members across the state welcomed Labor’s announcement, including Gluepot Reserve’s president, Ian Falkenberg.

“Gluepot Reserve is a really special place,” Mr Falkenberg said.

“It’s a former pastoral lease that is now protected under a heritage agreement, and it



Malleefowl, a species vulnerable to extinction, photographed at Gluepot Reserve.

is thriving.

“It’s incredibly biodiverse, we have six nationally threatened bird species at Gluepot Reserve and a further 17 regionally threatened bird species. In all, 190 bird species have been recorded so far.”

Australian Landscape Trust manager and senior ecologist, and the person responsible for former pastoral leases Taylorville and Calperum Stations, Peter Cale, said looking after the conservation areas was “really important”.



A pink cockatoo, found at Gluepot Reserve near Waikerie. PHOTOS: supplied

“Both provide critical habitat for threatened species and Calperum Station is well-recognised as an internationally significant wetland system,” he said.

“We look after habitat for rare and threatened species of wildlife such as the black-eared miner, malleefowl and the southern bell frog.

“Calperum Station also provides a world-class learning environment for educational groups and accommodation options for those wanting to stay.”



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**L**OXTON is about to shine a little bit brighter this festive season, with a Christmas display lighting up for the first time on Friday night.

Shine, presented by Little Town Productions together with Illuminart, will run each night until Christmas Eve with a 10-minute animation loop projected

onto St Peter's Lutheran Church from 9-10pm.

The Shine project was named after a song written for a Little Town production in 2009, that features as the soundtrack for the animation, sung by State Opera South Australia principal artist and former Riverlander Desiree Frahn.

John Gladigau, of Little Town Productions, said the display focuses on the "true meaning" of Christmas, but keeps a close connection to Loxton and the wider Riverland region.

"We were really strong on the fact that we didn't want this just to be Christmas lights and a generic Christmas display," Mr Gladigau said.

"We wanted it to be about celebrating the Riverland and celebrating everything we're about, so that the people of Loxton, and of the wider region, could look at it and think, 'that's us, that's who we are'."

"We tried to capture the things that people would see as being synonymous with our region, like the river, the produce, the Historical Village, Christmas Wonderland, the Tree of Knowledge... we were really keen to do that but also tie it back to the true meaning of Christmas with the nativity."

As part of the animation's loop, stained glass-inspired digital artwork by 15 students from Loxton High School will also be projected onto the church, with physical copies on display at the Lutheran Peach Hall for the duration of the event.

A selection of local food and market stalls, musical entertainment, and a floral display inside the church will feature each night.

Mr Gladigau said the vision became a strong "whole town" project for Loxton.

"It really is a community project," he said.

"The thing that makes it quite unique compared to other animation projects of this type is that it's us. It's very Loxton and it's very Little Town."

"It's an extraordinary thing, with what came about as a crazy idea. To see it turn into reality is quite remarkable."

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# Barker's 2021 student achievements recognised

SELECTED students across the Riverland were presented with a special award at their respective end-of-year presentation nights recently.

Three students from Glossop High School, Loxton High School and Swan Reach Area School each received the Barker Shield Award.

The award recognises student excellence in academic achievement, community service and spirit, and a category determined by the school.

“As Federal Member for Barker, it is a great privilege to be able to recognise

the valuable contribution of the students that achieve at very high levels,” said Barker MP Tony Pasin.

“Covid-19 has no doubt had an impact on us all. I commend students on their perseverance, dedication and commitment to their studies during this once in a lifetime disruption.

Mr Pasin congratulated each award winner.

“They are incredibly worthy recipients who have made positive contributions to their school community,” he said.

“This positive contribution is permanently honoured through the perpet-

ual Barker Shield, which is displayed in a prominent location at each school.”

**GLOSSOP HIGH SCHOOL**  
Academic Achievement Award: Deepkiran Kaur  
Community Service and Spirit Award: Riley Herbert  
Modelling School Values: Tia Efthimiou

**LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
Academic Achievement Award: Hayley Inglis  
Community Service and Spirit Award: Amelia Magiarapis  
Middle School All-rounder: Dylan Gilgen

**SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL**  
Academic Achievement Award: Naomi Cameron  
Community Service and Spirit Award: Dalton Gribble  
School Values: Charlie Page



● Deepkiran Kaur



● Riley Herbert



● Tia Efthimiou



● Naomi Cameron



● Dalton Gribble



● Charlie Page

## School presentation night highlights Loxton High's top student results

HAYLEY Inglis was awarded the prestigious Kingston Estate Wines/Chinner Memorial Prize at Loxton High School's presentation night recently.

Tessie Mitchell was awarded the Ampol Best All-Rounder Award, Jesse Thackeray received the Spangenberg Family Award, while the Muriel Matters Award went to Phoebe Ellard.

### MAJOR PRIZES AND SERVICE AWARDS

Kingston Estate Wines /Chinner Memorial Prize: Hayley Inglis  
Maths/Science Undergraduate Scholarship: Hayley Inglis  
Spangenberg Family Award: Jesse Thackeray  
District Council of Loxton Waikerie Award: Zoe Raynes  
ADF Long Tan Award Year 10: Phoebe Ellard  
ADF Long Tan Award Year 12: Tabitha Zdanowicz  
Biological Services Environmental Award: Callum Isaacs

Central Irrigation Trust Agricultural Award: James Haslett  
Ampol Best All-Rounder Award: Tessie Mitchell  
Belle Middle School Research Prize (History): Jessica Inglis  
Smiffys Tourism and Hospitality Award: Erin Rollbusch  
Jean Proud Memorial Award: Tessie Mitchell  
Loxton Ladies Probus Club Citizenship Award: Jessica Rollbusch  
Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs – Year 12: Sophie Lipman  
Zonta Award - Year 11: Erin Battams  
Old Scholars Prize: Caleb Schaefer  
Old Scholars Athletics Award: Sarah Beames  
Kroeger Memorial Prize: Oscar Harding  
Loxton High School Service Awards: Suhael Sowkath Ali, Jasper Harding, Jesse Thackeray, Oscar Harding  
Loxton High School VET Student of the Year: Callum Irlam  
Loxton High School ASBA Student of the Year: Will Schultz  
Loxton High School Just Too Deadly Awards:

Lonesome Raines Music Encouragement Award: Jamie Heuzenroeder  
The Terrace Gallery Scholarship – Arts: Harmony Nitschke  
Loxton Agricultural & Horticultural Show Society - Service to Agriculture: Caleb Schaefer  
Loxton High School Musical Award: Joey Haenen  
Loxton Senior Citizens Club Loxton High School Contribution to Sport Award: Will Schultz, Tessie Mitchell  
Loxton Senior Citizens Club Year 8 Physical Education Award: Claire Scholz, Josh Marlor  
Year 11 Technology Award: Makayla Lockwood  
Loxton Hotel – Yr 11 Food and Hospitality Award: Zoe Hughes  
Muriel Matters Award: Phoebe Ellard  
Rotary Club Technology Awards Senior: Will Schultz  
Junior: Tyson Blaser  
Loxton High School Drama Award: Eliza Wallis  
Tim Whetstone MP School Award: Will Schultz  
Barker Shields  
Academic Achievement: Hayley Inglis  
Community Service and Spirit: Amelia Magiarapis  
Middle School All Rounder: Dylan Gilgen

### YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARDS

Agricultural Production: James Haslett, Caleb Schaefer  
Biology: Hayley Inglis  
Business Innovation: Kristen Sparnon  
Chemistry: Hayley Inglis  
Creative Arts: Charlotte Lawrence  
English: Hayley Inglis, Amalia Rutzen  
English Literary Studies: Molly Jericho  
Food and Hospitality: Lily Gunn  
Furniture Construction – Wood: Jesse Thackeray  
Maths - Essential Mathematics: Amelia Magiarapis  
Maths - Mathematical Methods: Hayley Inglis  
Maths - Specialist Mathematics: Hayley Inglis, Jasper Harding  
Modern History: Molly Jericho  
Music: Jasper Harding  
Nutrition: Amelia Magiarapis  
Outdoor Education: Amelia Magiarapis, Jesse Thackeray  
Physics: Jasper Harding  
Research Project: Lily Gunn, Sophie Lipman, Amelia Magiarapis  
Sports Studies: Jesse Thackeray  
Visual Arts – Art: Tabitha Zdanowicz  
Visual Arts – Design: Tahlia Drogemuller  
Welding and Fabrication – Metal: Brodie Milich  
Workplace Practices: Ben Rushby

### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND OUTSTANDING EFFORT AWARDS

#### Year 12

Hayley Inglis, Jasper Harding, Sophie Lipman, Amelia Magiarapis, Oscar Harding, Molly Jericho, Caleb Schaefer, Lily Gunn, Amalia Rutzen, Erin Rollbusch, Macy Wright, Jessica Rollbusch, Jesse Thackeray, Tabitha Zdanowicz, Brodie Milich, Kristen Sparnon, Mercedes Phillis, Olivia Morena, Charlotte Lawrence, Hudson Hearn, Tahlia Drogemuller, Ariel Rowe, James Haslett

#### Year 11

Erin Battams, Zoe Raynes, Chloe Abbott, Harmony Nitschke, Jess Gerlach, Cherie Puckey, Jasmine Schubert, Adison King, Makayla Lockwood, Jarra Gibbs, Sophie Summers, Alexandra Ramm  
**Outstanding Achievement**  
Jamie Heuzenroeder, Lucas Cockshell, Kian Slagter, Joey Haenen, Peta Nicholson

#### Outstanding Effort

Jaida Inglis, Delta Venning, Kayla Wallis

#### Year 10

Scarlett Drogemuller, Tyson Blaser, Tess Pankhurst, Dylan Gilgen, Ella Harvey, Mikayla Lehmann, Shelby Wisniewski, Piper Gibbs, Chrysanthi Sialas, Alexis Magiarapis, Andy Kariuki, Jenna Vowles

#### Outstanding Achievement

Max Jericho

#### Outstanding Effort

Aimee Oldman, Taylor Todd, Milena Sapinski-Keightley, Lory Jungfer, Kaitlin Francis

#### Year 9

Summer Smith, Isaac Schaefer, Jessica Inglis, Joshua Goldworthy, Kenzie King, Kaitlyn Rodden, Elise Schaefer, Elleanah Aggeletos, Tayla Jungfer, Taylor Warren, Elias Drakopoulos, Eliza Wallis, Reese Wesbrook, Alana Bilske

#### Outstanding Achievement

Dakota Lloyd, Lily Meaney, Maria Tzanavaras

#### Outstanding Effort

Anise Piltz, Kaela Smart, Mikayla Drake

#### Year 8

Claire Scholz, Hope Campbell, Sarah Cameron, Ebony Petch, Jemma Pankhurst, Holly Paull, April McDonald, William Simes, Ava Knowling, Rylan Coppin, Bailey Hahn, Skye Hargreaves, Indee Drake, Kira Polymiadis, Cody Hennig

#### Outstanding Achievement

William Heuzenroeder

#### Outstanding Effort

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# School's out forever at Glossop High



**FINAL FAREWELL:** Students gathered on the grass to farewell the school on the final day at Glossop High School recently. PHOTOS: supplied

IT was the end of an era when the final bell of the year rang at Glossop High School recently and students were dismissed from the grounds one last time.

The Glossop campus was farewelled in an emotional last day on Friday, December 3.

Glossop High School was established by community members in 1941, to serve surrounding communities with quality education and provide opportunities for regional students.

In her speech on the final day at Glossop, principal Emily Griggs remembered the history of the school and looked forward to the next

chapter at Berri Regional Secondary College.

"Together, with the preserved history and the excitement of the future, we look forward to the new opportunities that Berri Regional Secondary College will provide to our students, staff, families, and wider community through the strong foundations of Glossop High School," Mrs Griggs said.

"Thank you to the generations of students, families, and staff from 1941 to 2021 who form the spirit and memories of Glossop High School.

"Often, we place our value of historic significance

on a building or location, forgetting that our memories come from the people and the experiences we had.

"Farewell Glossop High School, it's now time to rest.

"I know you will not miss the graffiti on your walls, the gum on your floor, or pens in the ceiling. You will not miss the balls caught on your roof and in your trees, your broken windows, or the year 12 muck-up days.

"But with the bitter comes the sweet, and although your rooms will be empty, they will forever echo the memories of the learning, love, and life that you fostered for 80 long years."



Principal Emily Griggs celebrated the school's history and its past students during her speech. PHOTOS: supplied

## Record SACE levels for 2021 school year

CHALLENGES related to Covid-19 restrictions failed to stop a record number of students finishing their SACE in 2021.

A total of 3897 students in South Australian country areas completed their SACE this year.

Minister for Education John Gardner said commitment from teachers and school staff had been crucial to the success.

"It's fantastic to see a record number of students completing their SACE this year, which is a testament to our students' hard work, dedication and the world class education provided by our schools," Mr Gardner said.

"Students have remained focused on their learning in what has been another year full of challenges and I am impressed with the dedication shown by the class of 2021 to achieve their goals against all odds."

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# Waikerie’s market night

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

SANTA will be the special guest at the Rotary Waikerie Riverfront Christmas Night Market on Saturday.

Market co-ordinator and Waikerie Rotarian, Sonia Fowler, said an area would be set up at the market for children and their families to visit the jolly man in the red suit.

“We are not sure how he is arriving yet, whether it is by sleigh, boat, bike, car or truck,” she said.

Ms Fowler said the licensed night market would be the perfect place for dinner on Saturday night.

“It is a bigger market for

Christmas and we have a lot more ‘foodies’ than what we would normally have,” she said.

The Waikerie Bowling Club will cook a gourmet barbecue and Waikerie Rotarian Richard Hall’s famous salt and pepper squid will also be on offer.

“We will have fairy floss, Dutch pancakes, slushies, ice creams, and milkshakes,” Ms Fowler said.

Wine and champagne will be available for purchase from the Waikerie Rotary Van, while a wide range of stalls will be trading.

Saturday’s market runs from 4pm to 9pm.

# Senior Citizens kept busy

WAIKERIE Senior Citizens Club members have been travelling around the region this month celebrating the festive season.

Last Tuesday, 14 Waikerie Senior Citizens travelled by private car to the Cadell Club for a Christmas lunch and entertainment.

The members who attended said the function was the best they had experienced for many years and thanked all those involved in the event at Cadell.

On Sunday, 24 Waikerie Senior Citizens Club members and friends travelled from Waikerie to the Cobdogla Club.

The Waikerie Senior Citizens Club visitors then viewed the Christmas cut outs and lights on Hombsch Road at Cobdogla and said they were amazed at the decorations.

The group then visited the Loxton CWA Hall and viewed the display of Christmas trees and decorations, before viewing the Christmas lights at Loxton.

The Waikerie Senior Citizens will meet for the last time this year on Tuesday at 1pm for Christmas carol singing and an afternoon tea. Friends of the club are welcome to attend.

PAGE 33 Berri group

# Highlighting potential of organic wine

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE GROWING economic potential of organic wine in the Riverland was highlighted at a recent industry event.

The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) last month held a Riverland viticulture seminar at the Renmark Club.

AWRI senior viticulturist Robyn Dixon said representatives from local industry groups attended the meeting.

“It was a great seminar with lots of interaction with the people that came along,” Ms Dixon said.

“The big companies were there and it was great to (also) have those viticulturists there, because they filter the information across to growers.”

Ms Dixon said emerging technologies, and the potential to enter the organic sector, were discussed at the meeting.

“(Senior engineer) Simon Nordestgaard gave a great presentation on new technology being trialled in

vineyards across Australia, specifically an autonomous tractor kit,” she said.

“My talk was about non-chemical weed management, with a focus on sustainability... and pressure from our international markets around chemical use.

“We want to be on the front foot as an industry, so we’re really looking at how people are currently managing weeds without chemicals, and sharing that knowledge with the broader grower base to try and get some adoption of those practices.

“It’s a space with a lot of growth. Currently about 5 per cent of the Australian vineyard area is managed organically, and that’s increasing each year.”

Ms Dixon said recent hailstorm events in the region would increase the potential for diseases to occur in vineyards during the summer.

“Given the hail damage that was sustained, we discussed the need for growers to be out there monitoring for pests and diseases,” she



said. “Riverland growers are very much on top of their disease management programs, and they have a very favourable climate.

“But being vigilant and making sure you’re out there monitoring is still key.”

Ms Dixon advised Riverland growers that upcoming AWRI meetings in the region would focus on water resource use and further opportunities for organic wine producers.

“We got some really good feedback from the participants, and they’re

really keen to hear more about irrigation management, nutrition management, converting to organics, and how to increase the sustainability of their vineyards,” she said.

“We presented some climatic data for the Riverland and compared that with other regions that have organic vineyards. It demonstrated the real opportunity for Riverland vineyards to start using organic grape-growing practices.

“We’re planning to host some irrigation efficiency workshops next year.”

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Enhanced Lifestyles customer Toula (left) receives support from her Lifestyle Attendant Sussan (right) to reach her goals and maintain independence in-home and throughout the community. PHOTO: supplied

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# Local innovative vineyards up for national honours

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

CONTINUED “innovative” industry approaches will see two local vineyards contend for a national award next year.

Riverland-based vineyards Markaranka, located near Taylorville, and Starrs Reach, at New Residence, were earlier this month named among 50 finalists for the Young Gun of Wine 2021 Vineyard of the Year Award.

Treasury Wine Estates viticulture manager Brendan Turner – who oversees the Markaranka vineyard – said a dedication to producing high-quality fruit was key to the nomination.

“We’ve got a few Portuguese varieties, and we grow predominantly for fortified wines in the Penfolds range,” Mr Turner said.

“We’re very happy with the nomination. We’re very excited to have been recognised among the top 50.

“We’re just looking to keep working hard in that market space, and to keep providing our loyal fortified drinkers with a great product.”

Awards panellist Dr Mary Retallack said the chosen finalists highlighted a growing commitment toward sustainable winemaking.

“This is our opportunity to celebrate the innovative and regenerative approaches being taken to produce exceptional grape quality, which is reflected in stunning wines while nurturing the soil, vines and landscapes with an ecological focus,” Dr Retallack said.

“It is possible to grow amazing quality fruit while nurturing the land, and they are mutually compatible processes.

“I was absolutely inspired by the holistic approach that winegrowers are taking to fully integrate their practices, nurture the soil, vines and surrounding ecology while minimising intervention.”

It is understood winners of the awards will be announced at the beginning of February.

Further information regarding the 2021 Vineyard of the Year Awards can be found by visiting the website (<https://young-gunofwine.com/the-awards/vineyard-awards/2021-vineyard-of-the-year-awards/>).



The River Vista owners Sam Gallard and Morgan Pfitzner accepted the award for Absolute Best Luxury Experience at the SALIFE awards recently. PHOTO: Ben Kelly, SALIFE Magazine

## SA award for luxury accommodation

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

A NEW addition to Riverland accommodation won its first state-recognised award as a luxury experience recently.

The River Vista – located in Spring Cart Gully – was recognised as the Absolute Best Luxury Experience at the SALIFE Absolute Best Awards in Adelaide on December 2.

The winners were decided by public vote and The River Vista owner Morgan Pfitzner said she felt “incredibly grateful” that the property was recognised alongside the other luxury accommodation finalists.

“We know how magical, historic and special our spot is,” she said.

“To be recognised with such an award means our guests, and many other South Australians, have recognised The River Vista, and Spring Cart Gully too, as an incredibly special and exclusive place.”

“It is where we have grown up, and a place we are incredibly grateful to call our home. We have wide-open spaces, the fresh country air and the uninterrupted views across the horizon, as far as the eye can see.”

Ms Pfitzner said the wait leading up to the awards night was an anxious period after voting closed.

“It has been a really busy time of year for us so we didn’t have too much time to think about it, which was a great thing,” she said.

“(We posted the win) on social media after the event, and we were absolutely blown away with local support and kind

words people took the time to leave on the posts, or stopped us in the street to say congratulations.”

The award is the first for The River Vista, which launched at the start of June this year.

“We feel very grateful to have been recognised on the night, having not been in the industry for very long at all,” Ms Pfitzner said.

“The River Vista is an iconic accommodation offering. Not just the convenience of a place to stay, but the curation of an experience the guest will dream of long, long after they return home.

“We encourage guests to sit under the stars at the cliffside fire pit, with a locally made gin or wine in hand and indulge in a delicious grazing platter.”

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A VERY RICCA TERRA CHRISTMAS: Ricca Terra business owner and winemaker Ashley Ratcliff chats with local grape growers at the company's recent Christmas event, held in Glossop. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



ART OPENING: Anna Harper and Daina Braddock at the Riverland U3A art exhibition opening at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery on Sunday, December 5. PHOTO: supplied



Loxton-based grape growers Jim and Carlene Jachmann.



SA Youth Brass members Jacob Wu (left), Bob Hartley, Errol Thomas, Gypsy Cook, Flynn Nelson, Emily Legg, Jay Helbers, Maddy Cochrane and Jenny Han played Christmas Carols over the weekend in Renmark, Paringa, Berri and at the Loxton Winter Wonderland, with musicians from the Riverland jazz band Random Notes. PHOTO: supplied



WINNER WINNER: Callie Loffler, from Waikerie Lutheran Primary School, received her prize pack as a runner-up of The Murray Pioneer's Christmas Story Writing Competition. PHOTO: Ashlea Cole



LIONS MORNING TEA: Helping to bring some cheer to the festive season at Barmera RSL for the Barmera and District Seniors Christmas morning tea last week were members Josie Spriggs (left), John Hughes and Peter Marks. It was the third year the Lions have held the event. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



Captain Tony Lyons instructing a student from Waikerie Lutheran Primary School how to control the PS Rothbury at the recent Riverlinx Camp with Kingston-On-Murray Primary School. PHOTO: supplied

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Every Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm, and Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery, on Barwell Ave, is open for sales. Inquires: Ruth 0428 899 506.

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. Racquets are available and all welcome. We also play Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. For more information contact Judy 8588 8000.

WEEKLY

The Palms Bingo Club hold a bingo

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

WEEKLY

Riverland Brass Monday nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All welcome.

WEEKLY

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch St, Loxton, every Friday in December, at 10am. Come and enjoy cake/scones/biscuits, coffee/tea and a chat. Inquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people, good times.

DECEMBER

Loxton Historical Village Christmas Treasure Hunt! Come along and be transported to a former era, with an added treat for children. Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 4pm. Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

SHINE – Christmas Lights Spectacular at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton. Free event, gates opening 8pm, lights and animated projection from 9pm. Food and market stalls, musical entertainment, artistic displays. [www.little-town.com.au/shine/](http://www.little-town.com.au/shine/).



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# The affordability of our regional towns

HOUSING affordability has deteriorated so much in pockets of regional Australia, that some locals would need to devote almost three quarters of their income to mortgage repayments just to get onto the property ladder, a new report says.

Nationally the ratio of housing values to household incomes reached a new record high in June, according to data in the latest ANZ CoreLogic Housing Affordability Report.

The findings reveal just how dire the dwelling dilemma is, with the number of years it takes to save a deposit, and the portion of income required to pay rent also hitting “worrying highs”.

The only metric that didn’t prove concerning was the portion of income required to service an existing mortgage, thanks to record low interest rates.

“Affordability challenges in regional Australia have been exacerbated by Covid-19, where normalised remote work trends and appealing coastal or tree change settings became pull factors of demand,” CoreLogic head of research Australia Eliza Owen said.

“Meanwhile, high capital city property prices, and the higher incidence of strict social distancing restrictions, became push factors, driving people away from major cities.”

In the year to March 2021, the escape to the country increased by 5.9 per cent, while the number of people actually leaving regional Australia for the capital cities fell by 3.5 per cent in the same period.

Ms Owen said the combination of more people arriving in regional Australia – and fewer people leaving for the cities – had created a surge in housing demand that resulted in slim pickings for buyers and renters.

The data showed that as of November



28, the amount of homes for sale across regional Australia remained a whopping -36.9 per cent below the five-year average, with just under 60,000 properties available to buy.

Australia’s national housing value growth figure is beginning to slow down, rising 1.3 per cent higher for the month, according to CoreLogic’s November home value index.

That November result was the softest outcome since January, when values rose by just 0.9 per cent, and far below the monthly peak of 2.8 per cent in March.

Realestate.com.au data arm director of economic research, Cameron Kusher, said even though price growth has come off the boil, affordability will continue to be a major issue heading into 2022.

“Although the pace of price growth is expected to slow, prices are still anticipated to rise over the coming year in both the regions and cities,” he said.

“From an affordability perspective, this will make little difference to current owners buying or selling in the same market, but it will have repercussions for first-home buyers attempting to enter the market

“Prices have already risen and are expected to continue to rise in 2022 at a faster pace than wages, which in-turn will make it harder to enter the market.

“Affordability and lifestyle will likely continue to be drivers for property seek-

ers in 2022 and regional markets will continue to outperform capital cities,” Mr Kusher said.

He said first-home buyers will still be the most impacted by the affordability imbalance, but said there are some factors that could balance the scales in their favour, if only slightly.

“Tighter credit conditions and higher prices may discourage those looking to upgrade from moving and instead reconsider renovating where they currently live,” Mr Kusher said.



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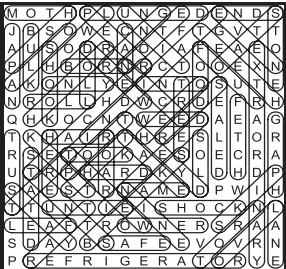
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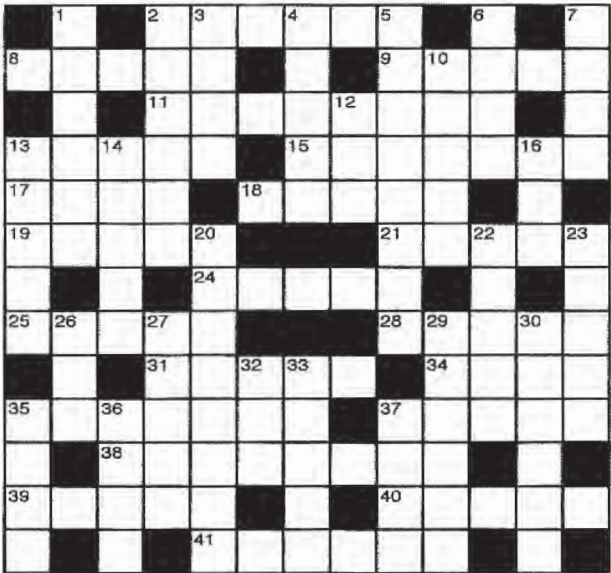
## Last Week's Solution



# Crossword

ACROSS

- 2. Educational institution
- 8. Bread maker
- 9. Extract
- 11. Renounced
- 13. Tendon
- 15. Lack of care
- 17. Chief
- 18. Alluvial deposit at the mouth of a river
- 19. Group of eight
- 21. Religious songs
- 24. Astound
- 25. Unit of heat
- 28. Pertaining to ships
- 31. Pinafore
- 34. Tear
- 35. As an alternative
- 37. Hazardous
- 38. Shady constructions
- 39. Opted
- 40. Man's name
- 41. Constraint



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



DOWN

1. Demented person
2. Tranquil
3. Ship's personnel
4. Suppose
5. Elongate
6. Uncivil
7. Thaw
10. Hinder
12. Jellylike material
13. Young salmon
14. Saltpetre
16. Direct the steering of a ship
20. Meddled

- 22. Shifts
- 23. Saline
- 26. Female lobster
- 27. Council charges
- 29. Emanates
- 30. Leg joints
- 32. Tease
- 33. Smell
- 35. Measure of length
- 36. Small mark
- 37. Knocks

# BUDDY BUNYIP BIRTHDAY LIST



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# December 2021 Horoscopes: week 3

**ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)**  
You are getting on well with people recently and shouldn't do anything which upsets this. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Mercury early in the week will help to improve communications between you and your partner.

**TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)**  
It could be a little while before you work out the meaning of a recent meeting. The person concerned had a message to give you – make sure that you take it seriously. **Romance.** Your partner may find it difficult to express their feelings at the moment. You may need to drop a few hints.

### GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A strong aspect to Mars will help to give you a surge of energy. You may find that the slow speed of the people around you is frustrating at times.

**Romance.** Your ability to see the funny side to a recent misadventure will help to bring you closer to your partner. Don't worry if you both lose a little dignity in the process.

**CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)**  
You might be feeling a little self-conscious at the moment. A meeting with a new friend will put you on the spot. Be careful not to say anything which you will regret later. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Venus later in the week will help to create some romantic tension between you.

**LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)**  
A chance to spend time with friends will be rewarding. Your ability to organize other people will be very much appreciated. **Romance.** A difficult aspect to Pluto could bring a couple of secrets out of the closet this week. Nobody apart from you believes that these were serious enough to hide!

### VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

Your confidence may be at a low ebb at the moment. An unexpected compliment from a friend will help to put you back on track. This person admires you much more than they want to admit. **Romance.** A letter from a friend who lives a long way from home will help you to understand them much more deeply.

**LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)**  
A chance remark could spark off a row with a friend. Don't criticise this person unless you are sure they are in the right mood. **Romance.** It might be quite difficult to reconcile your own interests with those of your partner at times. You will both have to accept a compromise.

**SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)**  
A difficult aspect to Jupiter will make this a good time for any risky ventures. Don't be afraid to stick your neck out: you will get more than you bargained for, but you won't be disappointed. Romance. A minor let-down may drag you down for a while. A phone call later in the week will help to redress the balance.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)**  
Don't start anything which you know could get you into trouble. You might be a little reckless at the moment. **Romance.** A plan which you made recently might not develop in quite the way you have been hoping. Make sure you have a backup plan, just in case you are disappointed.

### CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

You need a break at the moment. Recent events have created a lot of stress: you need time to get away from things both physically and emotionally. **Romance.** Your positive mood will give you a chance to meet someone whom you might otherwise have turned down.

### AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Express your feelings forcefully if necessary over the next few days. A close relative is having a strong influence on your life. You might prefer it if they kept their distance. **Romance.** Be careful not to take a joke the wrong way. Your partner's sense of humour might not be quite as strong as your own this week.

**PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)**  
A discussion with a close friend will reveal much more about this person than you could imagine. **Romance.** Do your best to be especially understanding towards your partner. They may be a little tense, so this won't be a good time to get into a discussion over a contentious issue.

# SUDOKU

No.357

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: **Easy**

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Solution No. 356

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# Waikerie’s market to celebrate Christmas

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

SANTA will be the special guest at the Rotary Waikerie Riverfront Christmas Night Market on Saturday.

Market co-ordinator and Waikerie Rotarian, Sonia Fowler, said an area would be set up at the market for children and their families to visit the jolly man in the red suit.

“We are not sure how he is arriving yet, whether it is by sleigh, boat, bike, car or truck,” she said.

Ms Fowler said the licensed night market would be the perfect place for dinner on Saturday night.

“It is a bigger market for Christmas and we have a lot more ‘foodies’ than what we would normally have,” she said.

The Waikerie Bowling Club will cook a gourmet barbecue and Waikerie Rotarian Richard Hall’s famous salt and pepper squid will also be on offer.

“We will have fairy floss, Dutch pancakes, slushies, ice creams, and milkshakes,” Ms Fowler said.

Wine and champagne will be available for purchase from the Waikerie Rotary Van, while a wide range of stalls will be trading.

Saturday’s market runs from 4pm to 9pm.



About 350 people attended the Loxton Community Carols on Sunday evening at its new location at the Loxton Oval. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

# Loxton’s new carols location hits right note

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

ABOUT 350 enjoyed a balmy night at an annual Loxton Christmas event on Sunday evening.

The Loxton Community Carols were held at the Loxton Oval this year, utilising The Precinct structure as a stage and for shade.

Organiser Tania Klix said she was glad the event went “really well”.

“We were really happy with the venue,” she said. “A show of hands showed us that I think it will be our future venue.

“The Precinct gave beautiful shade and the oval lighting was really good too.”

## THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

WELL, here we are well into December and still marvelling at the weather.

The days are longer which sees our gardens flourishing especially with the recent downpours.

Weeds also love this weather, so keep on top of them. Prevent their seeding or else you will have an even bigger problem next year. Weeds can also harbor pests and diseases.

This year I planted marigolds in my vegetable garden and have been very pleased with the results.

They have attracted beneficial insects. I have noticed ladybugs, parasitic wasps, hoverflies and honey bees. At the moment the vegetables are pest free.

Another plus is they are also an attractive cut flower.



- HOT WEATHER JOBS**
- We need to plan for the hot weather, because even though it has been intermittent, we all know it will come.
1. Keep the water up, but try to water early in the morning and away from foliage. An automatic system is a great investment.
  2. Be water wise and mulch.
  3. Shade your tender plants. You can even throw a sheet over them or prop an old umbrella alongside on those extreme days.
  4. Move your outside pot plants if they are prone to burning. By placing them together in shade they will benefit from each other’s humidity and make watering easier.
  5. If replanting any part of your garden, do it now before we really get into the hot weather.
  6. Choose drought-hardy plants.
  7. Prune wisteria, and trim pelargoniums and geraniums.
  8. Lightly trim spring-flowering shrubs to prevent them from growing leggy.
  9. Deadhead roses and hydrangeas.
  10. Continue with fruit fly eradication by following good practice. Continue to pick up any windfalls and dispose of them responsibly. Practice good hygiene in your home garden.

**PLANTING**

You can continue to plant out some seedlings to start a late-summer vegetable garden.

Some tomatoes can be planted right through until January.

Seedlings of sweet corn, melon, cucumber, salad herbs and lettuce can go in now.

Keep the water up to new seedlings and harvest as you need them.

Picking regularly encourages their ongoing production.

If you are looking to plant something in the flower garden to tolerate the coming heat I recommend zinnias and cosmos. Both do brilliantly in our climate and can be sown now or look out for seedlings.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH**

This is definitely a personal opinion as there are so many beautiful shrubs and flowers in gardens at this time.

If you go for a stroll around your town you will notice such plants as buddleja, gaura, impatiens, jacarandas etc.

But at the moment I can’t go past: Queen Anne’s lace, sometimes referred to as the “wild carrot flower”. It is a member of the parsley family.

This is a low-maintenance plant,



producing large, white flower heads not unlike the parsley as well as its carrot-like root. It blooms for up to six months.

They flower profusely and are an

excellent cut flower. They also seed quickly and spread easily.

They thrive in poor soils and dry conditions and love full sun – perfect for the Riverland. I have also noticed native bees are attracted to it.

It is definitely a must for a cottage garden.

Seedlings can be shared with friends if you find you have too many.



**Christmas**

As Christmas is fast approaching I will take the opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy holiday. May all your plans come to fruition and your garden bloom and produce.

Until next year.

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# Waikerie’s carols success

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie Community Carols by Candlelight attracted more than 300 people of all ages on Sunday. Co-organiser Carmel Wuttke said the many children among the crowd enjoyed the fun, festive evening. She said the free sausage sizzle, ice cream and entertainment, which included face painting, angel craft, creating a nativity scene and animal balloons was a big hit with the children.

“The children were having a wonderful time,” Mrs Wuttke said. “It was a happy, giving, fun time.” She said although it was a warm evening once the sun went behind the clouds conditions were ideal for the candlelit carols. A collection raised \$800 to be shared by the Waikerie Hub to fund hampers for the needy and also help fund pastoral care at schools in the Riverland West area.

Students from the Waikerie Lutheran and Ramco Primary Schools, the Waikerie Children’s Centre and Waikerie Mainly Music performed during the night. Other performers included renowned Adelaide singer Bernard Hull, Pastor Wayne Kerber and local singers Darrin Trandafil and Evana Mee. The entertainment also featured locals Rachel Lawson (violin) and Amy Lloyd (keyboard).



The spirit of giving was apparent at the Waikerie Community Carols by Candlelight event last Sunday. PHOTO: supplied

AS the countdown continues to Christmas Eve we have only nine sleeps to go, so this coming week will see last-minute planning, if you had other priorities to clear first. But don’t panic, all will be well even if some obstacles come into the picture at a later time.

The Riverland is getting through the tough times of Covid-19 restrictions and recent storms, and with residents taking each day as it comes. Schools and universities closing for the summer vacation means parents have less pressures to contend with, knowing their children are at home.

I know that I have commented on how much our volunteers do for our communities recently but now I must add how much volunteering gives back to the giver. During the past week I have been at Waikerie Santa’s Cave for two shifts: one was Tuesday afternoon and the other was Saturday morning. To see the junior class students from a local primary school visit the cave and meet Santa was most pleasing, as the students were so polite and caring to each other. Then on Saturday it really brought home to me why I love being a volunteer with this event. The colour, fabrics, Christmas trees, tinsel, magical themes with Santa, Three Wise Men, Mary and Joseph (with the angels and the story of Christmas) take us to another place. Then there are the visitors to Waikerie Santa’s Cave. First-timers can’t believe our small local committee



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can present this event. Two Adelaide coaches were booked in for Saturday morning and the travellers just loved being there. The visitors from Adelaide are always blown away by this special event, often wishing they had come earlier. Some visitors bring the grandchildren, then there are the parents who want their little ones to have a photo with Santa. I must congratulate the Covid marshals on their quiet and polite efficiency throughout opening times. Being there every year as a volunteer we acknowledge those visitors of earlier years who come again, and they remember you.

Warrawee residents are appreciative of the Waikerie Men’s Shed members who assist the residents to display their Christmas lights, which they have been doing for several years. Our residents really enjoy having a chat with that happy group of volunteers when they come each year.

This Friday night, December 17 many roads will lead to Loxton to witness the Shine experience. Shine is an animated Christmas lights experience designed specifically to be projected onto the façade of the majestic St Peter’s Lutheran Church. This free initiative includes food and market stalls, artistic displays and musical entertainment. Gates open 8pm, with a bus leaving Waikerie from the Uniting Church carpark at 7pm. For inquiries and bookings phone Jan (0448 893 055).

This Saturday evening from 6pm to 11pm will be the final Waikerie Riverfront Market for 2021. I relate it as to being like Christmas late night trading or a pageant night, when people go into town to catch up with friends and share Christmas greetings. Why not arrange to meet with family and friends there on Saturday evening, and maybe get those last-minute gifts?

Our thoughts are with those families who have lost a loved one in the past year. They may have an empty chair at Christmas table, but the special memories and love will always be there.

Waikerie residents have in the past weeks shared the loss of Lester Twigden, a most respected member of our community. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

Mrs Vera Steinert, a long-time resident of


Pioneer Haven, has recently passed. She was a much-loved and cared-for resident who will be sadly missed.

One of our most active, admired and respected community members, Henry Mortimer, was farewellled at the Waikerie Lions Park on Friday afternoon. Henry was involved with many community projects during his retirement years especially the Waikerie Lions Club and Waikerie Bowling Club. He was an elected Waikerie councillor, and was also around when Santa needed support at Christmas time at Pioneer Haven. To Cheryl, the family and loved ones, our thoughts are with you. Henry will be sadly missed by many.



To the family and friends of much admired and loved Athalie Carnell our thoughts are also with you at this sad time. Athalie too will be sadly missed.

The Waikerie Community Carols were held last Sunday evening in a perfect setting, outdoors at the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School. The event was well attended by a most enthusiastic group. More details next week.

Thought for the week:  
“Peace is not something you wish for; it’s something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away.”  
- Robert Fulghum



# the quarantine quiz



1. What was the name of the dog in the children's book series “Dick and Jane”?

2. Who once attended a tea party with a hatter and a hare?

3. Which Greek God could supposedly be reached by the Oracle of Delphi?

4. What building is the traditional site of royal British weddings?

5. What is either a type of tree or an expensive ski resort in Colorado?

6. In which U.S. state are the headquarters for Ben & Jerry’s ?

7. In what modern day country did the Anglo-Boer war take place?

8. What is the typical method of execution in Saudi Arabia?

9. What popular TV show had a spin-off called “Torchwood”?

10. What food is sometimes called the French version of a pancake?

11. Which European country controls the ABC islands of the Caribbean: Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao?

12. What was Eleanor Roosevelt’s maiden name?

13. What is the best medicine, according to cliché?

14. What country, according to Winston Churchill, is “a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma”?

15. Shingles is an adult form of what illness?

16. What are God’s first four words in the Bible?

17. What Arc can be found at the end of the Champs-Élysées?

18. What is the largest country in the world that doesn't have a population of wild bears?

19. What was J.S. Bach's middle name?

20. What are the next three letters in the sequence that begins “QWERTY”?

BONUS QUESTION:

What is the only world language that has a word for association football that is not derived from the word ‘football’? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 40

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**Applicant:** Ashleigh Sarro

**Address:** PO Box 74, Berri SA 5343

**Owner:** SARRO Design Pty Ltd

**Nature of the Development:** Service trade premise (motor vehicle sales and servicing)

**Subject Land:** Lot 55 & 56 Old Sturt Highway, Berri SA 5343

As contained in certificate of titles Volume 6258 Folio 585 and Volume 6258 Folio 586

The application may be examined at the Office of the Council located at 19 Wilson Street Berri, between the hours of 9.00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and any person or body affected may make relevant representations in writing concerning this application to reach the Chief Executive Officer at PO Box 229, Berri SA 5343, not later than Friday 7 January 2022. Each person making a submission should indicate whether that person wishes to appear personally or be represented by another party before the Council in support of that submission.

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**Location:** Renmark, South Australia  
**Employment type:** Full time  
**Start date:** Immediate start is preferred  
**Remuneration:** Negotiable based on experience, skill, and ability

**Are you looking for a change?**  
**Tired of doing the same work "day in day out"?**  
**Want a job where no 2 days are the same?**

**We at Laser Electrical Renmark have a great customer base with a healthy mix of work types.**

**If this sounds like you,  
then please give us a call.**

**About the Company**  
**Laser Electrical Renmark** is expanding, we have a very strong client base with a reputation for excellence in all that we do. We have been servicing the needs of rural, commercial, and industrial clients in the Riverland for over 20 years and require licenced A-Grade Electrician's for work on our expanding commercial/Industrial & Domestic project and maintenance programs.

We are a proud local family run business made up of quality-focused trade service professionals in the Electrical industry. In addition to the wealth of experience and knowledge within our teams, we are members of NECA

This is a fantastic opportunity for highly motivated, dynamic, qualified Electrician's to join our team. You will bring a positive attitude, be warm and friendly with excellent technical skills, great communication and an autonomous nature with the desire to own the role.

You will be joining a fast-paced team environment that includes a variety of work type opportunities and responsibilities. With the added benefit of working in a Riverland community

**To be successful in this role you must have the following skills and attributes:**

- Outstanding Electrical skills and job / product knowledge
- Broad Electrical industry experience
- Current A Grade Electrician's licence
- Driver's licence - C class or above
- Current OHS White Card
- Proven ability to be organised and complete tasks on time
- Enjoy providing excellent customer service
- Competent using all mainstream IT operating systems, including cloud based software systems such as SimPRO (training will be provided for our specific operating systems)
- Willing to join and participate in our family based culture
- Have a warm and friendly personality
- Knowledge of programming VSD/PLC would be an advantage

As an employee of **Laser Electrical Renmark** you will enjoy the many benefits that working for an industry leading and reputable organisation offers. We believe in developing our employees and enabling them to reach their full potential with future advancement opportunities available. Vehicle, Uniform and industry leading remuneration and benefits package available to the right applicant.

If you are a self-starter, highly motivated and energetic individual with strong work ethics, looking for a challenge and to make their mark on the growth of a successful award-winning company, then we would like to hear from you.

**Apply Now!**  
**Email your application to**  
**[renmark@laserelectrical.com.au](mailto:renmark@laserelectrical.com.au) or**  
**Post 177 Fourteenth St, Renmark, SA 5341**

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## ADVERTISING SALES CONSULTANT

**Permanent Full Time Position**

The Murray Pioneer newspaper currently has a position open for an enthusiastic, results-oriented sales person to be part of our advertising sales team.

The successful applicant will be based at the Murray Pioneer office in Renmark servicing the Berri/Barmera areas. You will be a part of a motivated advertising sales team, selling into a number of newspaper titles and specialised publications as well as digital sales.

You will be responsible for the sale of advertising space to casual and contract clients. Excellent organisational and communication skills are vital to developing and maintaining good client relationships.

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**Written applications will be treated in the strictest confidence and should be addressed to:**  
Advertising Manager  
PO Box 832, Renmark SA 5341

**Or email:** [glenda.malinovski@murraypioneer.com.au](mailto:glenda.malinovski@murraypioneer.com.au)



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- **Tradespersons - Boilermakers**
- **Tradespersons – Fitters**
- **Tradespersons – Electrical/& Instrumentation**
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Please forward your resume, including copies of relevant qualifications to [portpirie.recruitment@nyrstar.com](mailto:portpirie.recruitment@nyrstar.com), with the position title in the subject heading. Only successful candidates will be contacted.

RZ10838



## Riverland Field Days Inc Manager

The Riverland Field Days is an iconic Riverland event held over 2 days in September each year.

The RFD is looking for a dynamic person to manage this annual event in conjunction with the committee.


The Manager is responsible for the tasks to run the Field Days and Events Centre.

Do you have the skills and enthusiasm for this exciting and rewarding position?

Contact Tim for more information including a job description.

Ph: 0409 099 122  
Email: [admin@riverlandfielddays.com.au](mailto:admin@riverlandfielddays.com.au)

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- Safety first attitude
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- Knowledge of design techniques; including but not limited to reading drawings M.I.G & T.I.G welding.
- Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools involved in the construction of stainless steel products.
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Fax: 0269643497  
Email inquiries to:  
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BZ10812



**EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING**  
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Eckermann Enterprises is looking for:

**Grape Harvester Driver**  
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[linksa.com.au](http://linksa.com.au)**Vacancy for a School Bus Driver**A written application is invited from all  
eligible persons for the position of**Lameroo Regional Community School  
Bus Driver: Pinnaroo Express Bus**

Commencement date 31/01/2022

Applications should address the Person  
Specification and include the names of two  
referees.Job and Person specifications are available  
from the Front Office at Lameroo Regional  
Community School - Phone: 85763040, Email:  
[dl.0759.admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0759.admin@schools.sa.edu.au).Please provide a copy of the application to  
arrive no later than 5pm Friday 7th January  
2022.

Mark 'Confidential'  
Mr Justin Saegenschnitter  
Lameroo Regional Community School  
1 Bews Terrace, Lameroo SA 5302  
Email: [Justin.Saegenschnitter202@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Justin.Saegenschnitter202@schools.sa.edu.au)

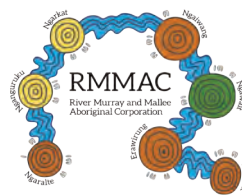
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**Infrastructure Team Member***Civil Services – Grader Operator*  
(full time)Are you passionate about  
working outdoors?Are you suitably qualified and  
highly motivated?Would you like to be involved in  
maintaining Council's Assets,  
where you will undertake a wide  
range of construction and  
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accountable, honest, respectful,  
and unified?**Then we have an opportunity for you!**We're looking for experienced staff with the  
following knowledge, skills and abilities:

- An ability to operate a grader with high degree of skill
- An ability to operate a broad spectrum of plant and equipment
- Hold a current driver's licence together with a Heavy Rigid (HR) licence (minimum)
- To perform road maintenance duties
- Assist with stormwater drainage maintenance
- Adhere to safe work instructions of plant and machinery

If you have previous experience and  
knowledge of plant and machinery, general  
maintenance; are self-motivated and diligent,  
with the above attributes to making a positive  
impact on our community, we encourage you  
to apply.Dependent on the skills and experience  
brought to the role, the position will  
attract a wage in the range of \$61,087.96  
- \$62,419.47 (Grade 6 of the Local  
Government Employees Award).A position description and an  
application guide are available on  
Renmark Paringa Council's website:  
<https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/council/about-us/employment>Applications should include a summary  
(1-2 pages) addressing the Key Result Areas  
within the position description.Queries regarding this exciting opportunity  
can be directed to Lindy Leml, Manager  
People and Culture on 08 8580 3000.**Applications close 5pm,  
Monday 10 January 2022**Applications are to be marked  
'Confidential - Infrastructure Team Member  
Position' and emailed to Lindy Leml:  
[lleml@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:lleml@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au)*Renmark Paringa Council is an  
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RZ10905

**POSITIONS VACANT**The River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (RMMAC) is seeking to fill four to five new positions to commence in early 2022. These positions provide an exciting opportunity to look after RMMAC country. All positions are based at Berri and open to only First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee (Aboriginal identified).

RMMAC is the peak body for the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region. It is a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) as nominated in the native title consent determination of the Federal Court on 18 November 2011. RMMAC's area includes the Riverland region, the River Murray from the SA/NSW (SA/Vic) border through to Morgan and Blanchetown and large areas of Mallee country.

RMMAC is a member-based organisation and acts to represent and protect the native title rights and interests of First Peoples. RMMAC seeks to build on the native title determination to strengthen community, environment, heritage, culture and spiritual wellbeing to achieve sustainable independence. First Peoples active engagement and employment in looking after country and culture is a key priority. If you have a passion for culture, cultural heritage and the environment, we encourage you to apply.

**THE POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:****Ranger Coordinator – (Part-time 0.7)**

- Manage RMMAC Ranger Team and coordinate delivery of cultural and environmental services including cultural heritage site recording, planning and protection works, track remediation, fencing and signage, and weed and pest management.
- Provide office-based project coordination, leadership and administrative support to the RMMAC Ranger Team
- Coordinate delivery of the Riverland Ranger Program and support the partnership between the Commonwealth Government, Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board and RMMAC.
- Engage with key partners, establish networks and build positive relationships to support and strengthen RMMAC's engagement in looking after country.

**Ranger Team Leader – (Part-time 0.6)**

- Based largely away from the office, work across RMMAC country to maintain, improve and protect cultural and environmental values of the region.
- Provide on-site leadership to RMMAC Ranger Team to undertake on-ground activities including cultural heritage site recording, planning and protection works, track remediation, fencing and signage, weed and pest management, cultural and environmental research and monitoring, and various other on-ground works.
- Liaise and work with RMMAC partners and stakeholders in the region to deliver on-ground works.

**Riverland Ranger – (Part time 0.6) – 2 - 3 positions**

- Based largely away from the office, deliver agreed on-ground works under the Riverland Ranger Program and other project initiatives.
- Carry-out a wide range of cultural heritage and land management activities under the direction of the Ranger Team Leader, including cultural heritage site recording, planning and protection works, track remediation, fencing and signage, and weed and pest management.
- Liaise and work with RMMAC partners and stakeholders in the region to deliver on-ground works.

Specific requirements are outlined in the Position Description which provides more information of each role and can be emailed upon request.

If you are interested in any of the roles please submit an application letter that briefly describes your relevant experience and interest in the role, and a current resume to **Maria Almeida** at [mariaa@nativetitlesa.org](mailto:mariaa@nativetitlesa.org). by **5pm Friday, 7th January 2022**. All enquiries regarding the roles may be directed to Maria Almeida by email or by phone on 08-81102800 on behalf of RMMAC Directors

RZ10907

**JMA Engineering** is a locally owned and operated business specialising in stainless steel fabrication.

**Welder**

JMA Engineering are seeking to employ a welder to join our team at our Stainless Steel Workshop.

Requirements:

- Welding experience, specifically in MIG & TIG welding.
- Drivers license and reliable transport.
- Reliable, punctual, honest and hardworking.
- Ability to read and work from engineering drawings.
- Understanding of WHS policies and procedures.
- Attention to detail and take pride in your work.

Qualification in welding is desirable.  
Weld test required before commencement.  
Please send your applications with resume to: [mel@jmaeng.com.au](mailto:mel@jmaeng.com.au)

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DEATHS

**FOSTER, Bob.**  
(Formally of Monash).  
  
Passed away at home in Kalgoorlie, WA on Monday, December 6, 2021.  
  
Aged 78 years.  
  
Friend to Frank and Ros Heward and family.  
  
RIP.  
  
**FRANKEL, Kelvin** John.  
  
4/6/1934 – 10/12/2021  
  
Aged 87 years.  
  
Treasured life partner, soulmate and best friend of Barbara for over 70 years.

Beloved father and father-in-law of Craig, Kingsley, Clint and Liz, Heath and Stella.  
  
Adored grandfather and grandfather-in-law to Trent and Olivia, Rhiannon, Guy and Caitlin, Emma, Megan and David, Tom and Tina, Penny, Isabella and Jacob.  
  
Great-grandfather to Luqah, Jacqson and Ben.  
  
He will live on forever in our hearts and leaves his life-long legacy in the Mallee wheat fields where the magpies warble.

**KAUR, Swaran.**  
  
Passed away peacefully at home with 5 generations of her family present on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.  
  
Aged 95 years.  
  
  
  
She will be sadly missed by all of her family.

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DEATHS

**LE CORNU, David** Harrington.  
  
29/10/1926 - 6/12/2021  
  
Aged 95 years.  
  
Ever the gentleman with the best dad jokes around.  
  
Caring and community minded.  
  
Loving and fun husband of Bette.  
  
A wonderful father and role model to Philip and Julia.  
  
Respectful father-in-law to David.  
  
Proud pa to Madeline, Martha and Luke.  
  
Will be sadly missed.

FUNERALS

**FRANKEL, Kelvin** John.  
  
Relatives and friends are advised that Kelvin's funeral service will be conducted at the Loxton Uniting Church, 38 Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 11am.  
  
After the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.  
  
In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cancer Council of SA would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the service.

ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS  
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FUNERALS

**LE CORNU, David** Harrington.  
  
Relatives and friends are advised that David's funeral service will be conducted at the Loxton Uniting Church on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 11am, followed by a private burial in the Murray Bridge Cemetery.  
  
The service will be livestreamed and the link will be available on our website www.affunerals.com.au and on our Facebook.

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IN MEMORIAM

**JANTOSIK, Carl.**  
  
4/5/1941 – 15/12/2021  
  
My heart still cannot accept that you are not with us anymore. You were my strength. In this one year, there's not a single day that I didn't miss you.  
  
Love Chris and family.  
  
**ROGERS, Tom** Valentine.  
  
9/8/1928 - 19/12/2001  
  
20 years since you passed from this life, but you are still with us. There is not a day when we don't think or talk of you.  
  
Your wisdom is still called on, when we ask, "What would have Tom done?".  
  
You will always be in our hearts and our prayers.  
  
Love Margaret, Annie and Was.

RETURN THANKS

**REICHSTEIN, Lois.**  
  
Nola, Fay, Joy and families would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers, love, prayers and support on the passing of our sister, Lois. Special thanks to Dr Andrew Searles, staff at Banksia House, the people from Enhanced Lifestyles, Pastors Darren Kohrt and Avito da Costa for the love shown to Lois. May God bless you all.

**Urgent care in the Riverland when it's needed most >**  
  
On a daily basis the Royal Flying Doctor Service conducts more than 100 aeromedical evacuations across Australia – an average of two flights to the Riverland every day.  
  
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**BOAT** - 30ft traditional wooden river boat, Carvel hull, DL111S, moored at Berri. 3cyl Volvo Penta turbo diesel, solar, 5 batteries, 12v, tv/dvd, beds, stereo. A great way to go camping on the river or just enjoy a cruise. \$8900. Will consider any reasonable offer. Phone 0428840529.

**BOAT** - Savage 435 gannet boat and trailer with 30hp oil injection Mercury motor, 11 month registration. \$15,000. Phone Robert 0427807970 or Muriel 0432299310 after 6pm.

**CAMPER** 2019 Cub Explorer, rearfold, new wheel bearings, 2 x gas, shelf, thermal blanket, awning. \$22,500. Registered until July 2022. 5612-THF. Phone 0429644632.

**CAMPER** trailer, \$7500, negotiable; chainsaw, \$1100; bow arrow, \$500; Phone 0498543982.

**CHRISTMAS** trees (cut) for sale at the Paringa Christmas Tree Farm, 21715 Sturt Highway, Paringa (Wonuarra GPS). 1 - 2 metres, \$50 - \$60. Choose your own tree. Native pines and Aleppo pines available. Open 8am - 8pm every Saturday from November 27 - December 18. Contact Ed 0408266776 or Marg 0428674295.

**CRUSHED** concrete, red sand, 20 tonne load, delivered cheap. Also fresh lucerne bales. Phone 0418839115.

**MOBILITY** scooter, 4-wheel Delux Shop-rider, red, carry 136kg, good tyres and batteries, high-back swivel seat, excellent condition, can deliver. Was \$2500, reduced to \$1950. Phone 0438253986.

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epilepsy education  
www.clickfoundation.com.au

FOR SALE

**ALUMINIUM** bow ladders, 2 year guarantee, 3 leg picking ladders, Pinyon Engineering. Phone 85866057.

**BOAT** - 30ft traditional wooden river boat, Carvel hull, DL111S, moored at Berri. 3cyl Volvo Penta turbo diesel, solar, 5 batteries, 12v, tv/dvd, beds, stereo. A great way to go camping on the river or just enjoy a cruise. \$8900. Will consider any reasonable offer. Phone 0428840529.

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FOR SALE

**PRIDE** Pathrider 140XL red mobility scooter, 2 x 75 amp batteries, 4 good tyres, top of the range, 4hp motor, hill climber, designed to carry 181kg, excellent condition, high-back swivel seat, full suspension. \$4250 ono. Can deliver. Phone 0412898901.

**ROSES** - Brad's Roses. New arrivals of roses are now available. Phone 0417855014.

**STORAGE** free. Pay 5 months in advance and get one month free on all sites. Renmark Central Storage 0488050482.

**STORAGE** - we have expanded and now have vacant sites. This means we will give you a good price to fill them. From \$75 per month. Phone 0488050482 Renmark Central Storage.

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**MERCEDES** C200 Kompressor Saloon, 2002, 129,500kms, 1.5L turbo petrol engine, silver, automatic, leather upholstery, sun roof, one and a bit owners from new. This vehicle has been owned by the current owner for a mere 9 months whilst waiting for a new vehicle to be delivered. The previous owner owned it from new. Being an elderly lady, she had not driven it for 6 years prior to the current owner purchasing it from her. It is in magnificent, original condition inside and out. Inspection is a must. S245ADY. Price \$70,00. For location please phone 0417878414.

**TOYOTA** Landcruiser 2000, 100 series, 4.2 turbo, many extras, set for towing large van. \$31,500 ono. Good mechanical condition. 375,000 km. S334ATZ. Phone 0447827955.

WORK WANTED

**CONVEYANCER** Cynthia James-Martin. Phone 0419801655.

TRACTORS AND MACHINERY

**PUMP** motor, 185hp, \$700 ono. Phone Gary 0438845648.

**VARIOUS** irrigation/farm parts. Make an offer. Phone Gary 0438845648.

**VINE** pruner, needs work. Phone Gary 0438845648.

WANTED TO BUY

ATTENTION

**VARIOUS** - Always buying in the area. Vintage, antique, retro items. All old service station, old shop signs, tins, oil bottles, petrol bows-ers or parts, wooden boxes, tin toys, pedal cars, comics, war-time memorabilia, old watches, badges, coins, medals, lamps, clocks, phones, dingo traps, old fishing gear, camp ovens, combine ends, plow seats, vintage cars, motorcycles, tractors, manuals, sales brochures, old mini bikes, vintage motorcycles or parts, tools, anvils, dip tins, old gates, vintage garden furniture, shed contents, old household items, single items, collections, estates. Cash paid. Phone Rob or Lisa 0418391084.



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Call: **8586 8000**

## GARAGE SALES

**BARMERA** - 525 Queen Elizabeth Drive. Huge garage sale, this Saturday morning from 9am. Gym equipment, bikes, furniture, camping gear, tents, toys, kitchenware, appliances, CD's, DVD's and so much more.

**BERRI** - 81 Derrick Street. Sunday, December 19 from 7am. All household furniture, white goods, plants. All must go.

**COBDOGLA** - 15 Shueard Road. Deceased estate. Sunday, December 19, 9am - 3pm. Large amount of auto parts, assortment of collectables, workshop equipment, restoration project. Car boot sale at RVCCC club-rooms, sausage sizzle, tea/coffee.

**LOXTON** North - 249 Edwards Road. Open Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December. 10am - 4pm. Plant sale. Large selection of indoor/shade house plants. Ficus, philodendron, hydrangeas, ferns, gerberas, mini roses. Gift vouchers available. Phone 85841205.

**RENMARK** - 136 Sixteenth Street. Saturday, December 18 from 8am. General goods.

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**RENMARK** - 44 Thirteenth Street. Saturday, December 18, 7.30am - 1pm. Small furniture, bric-a-brac.

## TO LET

**PARINGA** - 5 bedroom house, fully furnished, \$440 per week. References required, prefer professionals. Phone 0427953250.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**RENMARK** Bowling Club Christmas raffle results: 1 - Steve Ivanovic; 2 - Gary Bornholm; 3 - Helen Exarheas; 4 - Jayne Ferber; 5 - Robyn Bakes; 6 - Helen Menzies; 7 - G. Gates.

**RFDS** raffle winners.1 - K. Garrard; 2 - Ted Cmrlec; 3 - Anne Grocke; 4 - John Schell; 5 - Ally Goodes; 6 - Craig Burns; 7 - Peter Grocke; 8 - Kath Eckermann; 9 - Judy Zimmy.

## FOR HIRE

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## Riverland CHURCH NOTICES

**Lutheran Church of Australia**

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**Sunday, December 19**

Berri 11am  
Barmera 7pm  
Carol Service

Pastor Dean Mills  
All Welcome  
Phone 8582 1853

**LOXTON**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 19**

St Peter's 8.30am HC  
10.30am HC

Concordia 10am HC  
Kohrt

Myrla 8.30am HC  
Georg Myrla

Meribah 10.30am HC  
Children's Nativity  
Georg

Bookpurnong 8.30am HC  
Kohrt

Rest Home Wed, Dec 22  
10.30am HC

**Lutheran Ministry Centre**

**Phone 8584 5522**

Pastor Darrin Kohrt  
(Concordia and outlying)  
Pastor Jason Sander  
(St Peter's)

**RENMARK | PARINGA**

**Sunday, December 19**

Renmark 9am  
Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome  
Pastor Roland Adams  
Phone 0460 300 492

**WAIKERIE**

**Sunday, December 19**

Waikerie 10am  
Lowbank 8.45am  
Ramco 8.45am

All Welcome  
Phone 8541 2689

**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



**Anglican Church Riverland**

**Saturday, December 18**

**5pm - Berri St Alban's**

**Sunday, December 19**

**9am - Barmera St Edmund's**

**9am - Loxton The Resurrection**

**11am - Renmark St Augustine's**

**11am - Waikerie St James**

**Contact: Fr. David Patterson 8586 3288**

**UNITING CHURCH BERRI / BARMERA**

Berri, Denny Street  
Barmera, Nookamka Tce  
Sundays at 10am  
berribarmerauca.org.au

**LOXTON**

**Sunday, December 19**

10am HC  
Rev Linda Forsyth

**Contact Rev Linda Forsyth 0401 815 488**

**RENMARK**

10am  
Renmark Ave  
8.30am  
Renmark West

**David Badge Phone 0401 815 488**

**One Voice CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 19 10am**

Loxton Senior Citizen Hall  
25 Tobruk Terrace  
Ps Red Elliott 0439 507 098  
Ps Sheryl Giles 0423 884 002

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**

*Riverland*

19 Sunrise Court, Berri  
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Worship every Saturday (Sabbath) Now 11.15am

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**Volunteer Poppy Makers Required**

Knitted or crocheted red poppies for a town display ANZAC 2022

Please call Sherrie for patterns, help and support. Wool available at \$2 a ball. All help gratefully received.  
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Or pop in to 186 14th Street Renmark (opposite the Op Shop).

**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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## Futsal blockbuster

A BLOCKBUSTER clash between two of Riverland futsal's heavy hitters ended in a stalemate as ABCDE FC and The Wannabes played out a draw in the men's competition last Sunday.

Both sides had been in great goal-scoring form in the weeks leading up to the fixture, but were held to just four goals each in Sunday's match.

Jagjeet Sandhu and Marty Barber scored twice for their respective sides and were deemed their team's best players but neither could find the match-winner.

Chicks 'n' Kicks and Banana Slugs were both comfortable winners in the women's competition while in the mixed division, Pimms Parade and Tastes like Chicken continued their winning ways.

### RESULTS MEN

Owens and the Gang 6 d Young God FC 2.  
Best: Owens and the Gang - J. Botten, K. Lowe.  
Young God FC - J. Coombe, S. Uzzell.  
Goals: Owens and the Gang - K. Lowe 3, C. Hajis 2, J. Botten. Young God FC - J. Coombe 2.  
That's Cooked 5 d The Other Mob 3.  
Best: That's Cooked - C. Mitchell, Y. Zhou. The Other Mob - T. Yoshitomo, J. Kim.  
Goals: That's Cooked - M. Akaso 2, C Mitchell, T. Mitchell, S. Crouch. The Other Mob - A. Van Pamelan 2, T. McCart.  
ABCDE FC 4 drew with The Wannabes 4.  
Best: ABCDE FC - M. Barber, T. Pipinis. The Wannabes - J. Sandhu, M. Singh.  
Goals: ABCDE FC - M. Barber 2, K. Barber Jr, T. Pipinis. The Wannabes - J. Sandhu 2, M. Singh, L. MacKinnon.

### WOMEN

Chicks 'n' Kicks 14 d Devil's Avocado 3.  
Best: Chicks 'n' Kicks - P. Drakopoulos, E. Flavel.  
Devil's Avocado - T. Lockwood, D. Ebert.  
Goals: Chicks 'n' Kicks - J. Grace 4, P. Drakopoulos 3, R. Hronopolous, E. Flavel, Peris Misoy 2, P. Tieste.  
Devil's Avocado - M. Lockwood.  
Banana Slugs 10 d BHC 2.  
Best: Banana Slugs - G. Skilton, M. Mitchell. BHC - H. Beames, E. Berlage.  
Goals: Banana Slugs - G. Skilton, M. Mitchell 3, J. Mitchell, J. Abela 2. BHC - M. Rayner, E. Berlage.

### MIXED

Pimms Parade 10 d Banana Slugs 4.  
Best: Pimms Parade - E. Wade, T. Schrapel.  
Banana Slugs - J. Coombe, P. Johal.  
Goals: Pimms Parade - E. Wade 5, B. Guppy 3, T. Schrapel, J. Papamettis. Banana Slugs - J. Skilton, J. Coombe, P. Johal, J. Abela.  
Tastes like Chicken 6 d The Odd Mob 4.  
Best: Tastes like Chicken - T. Mitchell, M. Rayner.  
The Odd Mob - A. Van Pamelan, T. Yoshimoto.  
Goals: Tastes like Chicken - C. Mitchell, T. Mitchell 2, R. Mitchell, M. Mitchell. The Odd Mob - T. Yoshitomo 3, A. Van Pamelan.  
It just got Messi v Purple Reign (details not provided)

### UNDER 16

Tigers 11 d Nerds FC 1.  
Best: Tigers - S. Uzzell, J. Perram. Nerds FC - L. Perram, F. Abela.  
Goals: Tigers - J. Perram 5, S. Martin, S. Uzzell 3. Nerds FC - R. Kiposkgei.  
Malcolm 6 d Fake Madrid 3.  
Best: Malcolm - S. Vallelonga, F. Vallelonga. Fake Madrid - A. Son, K. Kahlon.  
Goals: Malcolm - C. Battams 3, F. Vallelonga 2, M. Eleftheriadis. Fake Madrid - A. Son 2, E. Drakopoulos.  
TLCN 12 d Pique Blinders 3.  
Best: TLCN - M. Rayner, T. Mitchell. Pique Blinders - J. Bourton, A. Halupka.  
Goals: TLCN - M. Rayner, T. Mitchell 5, C. Ebert 2. Pique Blinders - A. Halupka 3.

### UNDER 14

Indoor Ballers 8 d McChicken Nuggets 1.  
Best: Indoor Ballers - J. Perram, S. Williams.  
McChicken Nuggets - M. Bourton, M. Rayner.  
Goals: Indoor Ballers - W. Marks 4, B. Perram 2, R. Thiele-Butterworth, S. Williams. McChicken Nuggets - M. Bourton.  
The Red Devils 7 d Hatrick Swayze 4.  
Best: The Red Devils - L. Ivanovic, N. Meimetis.  
Hatrack Swayze - D. Hronopoulos, M. Cawse.  
Goals: The Red Devils - L. Ivanovic 3, N. Meimetis, B. Altundag 2. Hatrick Swayze - M. Cawse 2, D. Hronopoulos, C. Vallelonga.


### UNDER 12

Blues Brothers 18 d Wild Fire 1.  
Best: Blues Brothers - J. Sweet, K. Ogle. Wild Fire - B. Walkley, L. Kassulke.  
Goals: Blues Brothers - J. Sweet 7, K. Ogle 4, J. Garouffalis 3, E. Vincent 2, J. Hunter 2. Wild Fire - C. Muller.  
Block it like it's Hot 19 d The Black Cats 2.  
Best: Block it like it's Hot - N. Meimetis, R. Kiposkgei. The Black Cats - B. Perram, S. Williams.  
Goals: Block it like it's Hot - N. Meimetis 8, R. Kiposkgei 5, Z. Hronopoulos 3, A. Ielasi 2, N. Vallelonga. The Black Cats - B. Perram 2.

### UNDER 12 GIRLS

McChicken Nuggets 13 d Blue Bombers 0.  
Best: McChicken Nuggets - M. Mitchell, M. Rayner, H. Beames. Blue Bombers - C. Muller, A. Dale, Z. Verco.  
Goals: McChicken Nuggets - M. Bourton 6, M. Rayner 4, M. Mitchell 2, H. Beames.  
The Rebels 4 d Tomato Pugs 3.  
Best: The Rebels - E. Tsakarellos, A. Angeleski, C. Formby. Tomato Pugs - R. Wishart, G. Kaur, C. Camilleri.  
Goals: The Rebels - C. Formby 2, C. Williams, S. Setchell. Tomato Pugs - R. Wishart 2, A. Kondoprias.





Mike, Jill, and Sean Philpot and the team at Ballistic Fireworks would like to thank the following:

- MARS Transport Equipment and the Morelli Family
- Kym Manning
- Chris Stevens
- Lake Bonney Yacht Club
- Barmera Visitor Information Centre
- Barmera Christmas Pageant Committee

Your assistance was invaluable in helping us light up the skies once again for Barmera's Christmas Celebrations. We look forward to "Going Ballistic" again next year .

*Merry Christmas- and may the New Year be brighter and better for all.*

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2021

Riverland Rose and Garden Festival

RAFFLE WINNERS:

**1ST PRIZE**  
Our Piece of Pyap Accommodation / 2 people for 2 nights  
**Winner** Lauren Benda

**2ND PRIZE**  
Wild Tallulah Photography (package \$400)  
**Winner** Wendy Gambling

**3RD PRIZE**  
Lots A Pots (voucher \$200)  
**Winner** Wanda Hermann

**4TH PRIZE**  
Rustons Restaurant (voucher \$100)  
**Winner** Wendy Minther

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THE LYRUP CLUB

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER**  
Ran by quiz master TOM TRIFONOFF  
TEAMS OF 8  
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Cost of \$5 per head  
Includes supper | Meals from 6pm  
Bookings essential  
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**Renmark Paringa Council**

**Change of Meeting Date**

The Ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday 28 December 2021 will now be held on **Tuesday 21 December 2021 commencing at 7pm.**

Tony Siviour  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Christmas Period Arrangements**

**Office Closures**  
Residents and Ratepayers are advised that all Council offices will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 24 December 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022.  
During this period call (08) 8569 0100 for after hours services or refer to Council's webpage [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au)

**Garbage 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 Years 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).

COVID-19: In accordance with State Government and SA Health protocols, Transfer Station operations and operating times will be subject to any restrictions imposed by the relevant authorities at the time.

Ben Scales  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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2021

Riverland Rose and Garden Festival

**"WANT TO WIN A PRIZE COMPETITION - WHEEL BARROW LOAD OF GOODIES"**

**WINNERS:**

**1ST PRIZE**  
Wheel barrow and Makita Power Gardening Equipment  
**Winner** Candice Bowey

**2ND PRIZE**  
Wheel barrow and camping swag  
**Winner** Chook and Karen Draper

**3RD PRIZE**  
Mitre 10 (voucher \$200)  
**Winner** Barbara Hall

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**PLEASE NOTE**  
The **PPHS** office will be closing 5pm Thursday 23rd December and re-opening 8.30am Tuesday 4th January.

Best wishes to everyone for the festive season. May 2022 be a prosperous year for all.

PAUL KINNAIRD, JASON BERGER & THE PPHS TEAM



**RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUST**

**PAYMENT OF WATER SUPPLY CHARGES**

Payment of second quarter charges (October to December 2021) are due by: **31 December 2021.**  
The Trust office is closed from **5.00pm, Thursday 23 December 2021** and will open **8.30am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.**  
Payments will be accepted without penalty until **Friday 7 January 2022.**

R Auricht, General Manager

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**CHRISTMAS EXPRESSX TAXI SERVICE TIMES**

**BERRI, BARMERA, LOXTON, RENMARK**

24.12.2021 CHRISTMAS EVE - 06:00 AM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT  
25.12.2021 CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:00 AM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT  
26.12.2021 BOXING DAY - 10:00 AM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT  
31.12.2021 NEW YEARS EVE - 06:00 AM - SUNDAY 02.01.2022 10:00 PM

EXPRESSX BUS & MINI BUS - 24/7 - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

ALL OTHER DAYS & DATES WILL RUN STANDARD SERVICE TIMES

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**CHRISTMAS EXPRESSX TAXI SERVICE TIMES**

**WAIKERIE**

24.12.2021 CHRISTMAS EVE - 09:00 AM - 09:00 PM  
25.12.2021 CHRISTMAS DAY - 12:00 MIDDAY - 12:00 MIDNIGHT  
26.12.2021 BOXING DAY - SUNDAY - NO SERVICE  
31.12.2021 NEW YEARS EVE - 09:00 AM - 01.01.2022 05:00 AM  
01.01.2022 - NEW YEARS DAY - 12:00 MIDDAY - 12:00 MIDNIGHT  
02.01.2022 - SUNDAY - NO SERVICE

ALL OTHER DAYS & DATES WILL RUN STANDARD SERVICE TIMES

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the **quarantine** quiz answers

1.Spot 2.Alice 3.Apollo 4.Westminster Abbey 5.Aspen 6.Vermont 7.South Africa 8.Beheading 9.Doctor Who 10.Crepe 11.The Netherlands 12.Roosevelt 13.Laughter 14.Russia 15.Chicken Pox 16.Let There Be Light 17.Arc de Triomphe 18.Australia 19.Sebastian 20.UIO

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- Responsible for child care client fees and accounts
- Strong communication and IT skills
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**Applications, including two work related referees, should be addressed to:**

**The Management Committee**  
1B Fiedler Street  
Berri SA 5343

For Job and Person Specification  
**Contact the Director or Assistant Director**

Lisanne.Jarvis@brccc.com.au  
assistantdirector@brccc.com.au  
**Telephone 8582 3191**

**Closing date: Sunday 9th January 2022**

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**CENTRAL  
IRRIGATION  
TRUST**

Construction and  
Maintenance Worker

Central Irrigation Trust is a leading supplier of irrigation water to the horticultural industry in the Riverland Region of South Australia. We are seeking a Construction and Maintenance Worker to join our team.

The new team member will undertake a wide range of construction and maintenance work related to the operation and maintenance of our irrigation assets and infrastructure.

## We are looking for someone who:

- Work well within a group or team
- Enjoy working outdoors
- Hold a current driver's licence
- Work safely

## In addition, any of the following will be well regarded

- Ability to operate heavy machinery and plant used for excavations
- White Card
- Experience with technology and computers
- Customer service skills

A competitive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Applications can be addressed to  
Michael Andriske, Operations Manager,  
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by **Thursday 23rd December 2021.**  
If you have any queries  
please call 08 8580 7100.

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Renmark North skipper Liam Jackson got his side off to a strong start before eventually falling for 30 runs. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopf

# Loxton locked and loaded

LOXTON continued its hot run of form last week when it took care of Mallee rivals Parrakie in RTCA A grade cricket on Saturday afternoon.

Loxton skipper Ben Hoffmann won the toss and elected to bat on a warm afternoon and his side went on to post an imposing total of 217 from its 40 overs.

Joshua Deren peeled off another half century, finishing on 62 not out after coming in at number six.

Parrakie made a good fist of the run chase but ultimately fell short, finishing on 185.

Loxton North also registered a win with Drew Mills again in the runs, this time supported by Tarque Williamson and Liam Jackson.

The Bluetongues were ruthless in the field, dismissing an undermanned Lameroo for just 87.

Waikerie Ramco's woes continued as it struggled to score against the Pinnaroo attack, posting just 107 after its 40 overs.

Pinnaroo chased the total down with ease, despite a man of the match performance from Marcel Waanders who took 4/22 to go with his unbeaten 45 with the bat.

RESULTS  
A GRADE

Berri v Murrayville (details not provided)  
Renmark North 6/180 (D. Mills 34, T. Williamson 32, L. Jackson 30, J. Mackenzie 25no, C. Packer 18no, T. van Dyk 16, N. Zunic 2/19, C. Altus 1/17, J. Ridgway 1/37, T. Fiebigler 1/46) d Lameroo 87 (C. Altus 32, N. Zunic 17, D. Philbey 10, F. Sampson 2/9, T. Williamson 2/19, B. Grant 2/22, C. Packer 1/2, S. Bradbrook 1/23).  
Loxton 5/217 (J. Deren 62no, J. Albrecht 40, L. Zdanowicz 29, T. Hobby 21, B. Hoffmann 19, W. Gutsche 13) d Parrakie 185 (J. Albrecht 3/35, B. Hoffmann 2/22, B. Lynch 2/25, L. Zdanowicz 2/39, D. Zdanowicz 1/3).  
Pinnaroo 6/109 (M. Waanders 4/22, F. Andrew 2/23) d Waikerie Ramco 7/107 (M. Waanders 45no,



Drew Mills continued his good form with the bat, with his innings of 34 crucial to Renmark North posting a winning score.

A. Werner 21, K. Ziegler 13).

## B GRADE

Monash 149 (J. Roberts 43, M. Smith 32, K. Gillespie 31, L. Coy 11) d Waikerie Gold 75 (J. Roberts 4/37, B. Fridd 2/4, R. Williams 2/18, K. Gillespie 1/0).  
Wunkar 0/139 (L. Harder 66no, J. Evans 66no) d Brown's Well 134 (J. Patterson 77, L. Patterson 22, L. Pontt 4/18, K. Evans 3/26, M. Falting 1/9, H. Campbell 1/12).  
Gerard 135 (J. Abdulla 55, T. Abdulla 25, A. Abdulla Sr 13, G. Halls 11no) d Kings Punjab XI 91 (W. Motto 5/36, R. Hooker 2/17, T. Lindsay 2/17, T. Abdulla 1/3).  
Renmark North 4/144 (D. Hill 47, W. Coombs 43no, J. Wood 29, C. Crook 10, N. Scadden 2/15, R. Taylor 1/33, C. Cassell 1/42) d Berri 8/143 (P. Burnett 95, R. Lehmann 16, J. Charnstrom 14no, B. Williss 4/14, D. Aston 2/22, C. Crook 2/31).

# Eightball sides cueing up for finals

IN round nine of Riverland women's eightball, Lyrup Club had a comfortable 12-3 win over clubmates Lyrup Lion Cubs last week.

Monash Club DV8s held on to top spot, accounting for Barmera Hotel Unpredictables by nine.

Lyrup Club's win against Waikerie allowed it to move into second place, narrowly above Waikerie on percentage alone.

The two Barmera sides played out a close match with the Cue-Ts coming out on top.

The semi-finals of the Monash Club

Knockout will be held at the Monash Club tonight.

Monash Club DV8s will take on Lyrup Club Odd Bunch and Lyrup Club will play Barmera Hotel Unpredictables.

## RESULTS

Lyrup Club 12 (J. Campbell, E. Hoffmann) d Lyrup Lion Cubs 3 (C. Walton, A. Johns).  
Monash Club DV8s 12 (L. Threlfall, G. Beech) d Barmera Hotel Unpredictables 3 (K. Warnett, K. McAvaney).  
Lyrup Club Odd Bunch 10 (T. Altschwager, C. Mitton) d Waikerie Club 5 (K. Bannister, K. Wilson).  
Barmera Hotel Cue-Ts 8 (D. Stocker, A. Threadgold) d Barmera Pelicans 7 (Y. Chang, G. Dyer).

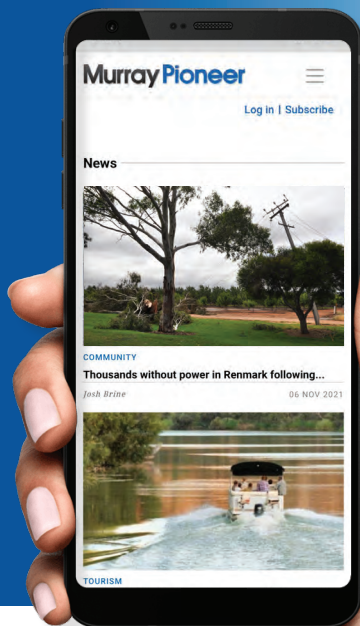
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2022 Independent Draw		
ROUND ONE – April 23		
Paringa	vs	Ramco
Double-header @ BSR		
BSR	vs	Sedan Cambrai
Brown's Well	vs	Wunkar
ROUND TWO – April 30		
Ramco	vs	BSR
Wunkar	vs	Paringa
Sedan Cambrai	vs	Brown's Well
ROUND THREE – May 7		
BSR	vs	Paringa
Sedan Cambrai	vs	Wunkar
Ramco	vs	Brown's Well
ROUND FOUR – May 14		
Brown's Well	vs	BSR
Wunkar	vs	Ramco
Paringa	vs	Sedan Cambrai
ROUND FIVE – May 21		
Sedan Cambrai	vs	Ramco
Brown's Well	vs	Paringa
BSR	vs	Wunkar
ROUND SIX – May 28		
Sedan Cambrai	vs	BSR
Ramco	vs	Paringa
Wunkar	vs	Brown's Well
ROUND SEVEN – June 4		
BSR	vs	Ramco
Double-header @ Paringa		
Paringa	vs	Wunkar
Sedan Cambrai	vs	Brown's Well
ROUND EIGHT – June 18		
Paringa	vs	BSR
Wunkar	vs	Sedan Cambrai
Brown's Well	vs	Ramco
ROUND NINE – June 25		
BSR	vs	Brown's Well
Ramco	vs	Wunkar
Sedan Cambrai	vs	Paringa
ROUND TEN – July 2		
Paringa	vs	Brown's Well
Wunkar	vs	BSR
Ramco	vs	Sedan Cambrai
ROUND ELEVEN – July 9		
BSR	vs	Sedan Cambrai
Paringa	vs	Ramco
Brown's Well	vs	Wunkar
ROUND TWELVE – July 23		
Ramco	vs	BSR
Wunkar	vs	Paringa
Sedan Cambrai	vs	Brown's Well
ROUND THIRTEEN – July 30		
BSR	vs	Paringa
Wunkar	vs	Sedan Cambrai
Ramco	vs	Brown's Well
ROUND FOURTEEN – August 6		
Brown's Well	vs	BSR
Wunkar	vs	Ramco
Paringa	vs	Sedan Cambrai
ROUND FIFTEEN – August 13		
Sedan Cambrai	vs	Ramco
Double-header @ Paruna		
Brown's Well	vs	Paringa
BSR	vs	Wunkar
SEMI FINALS – Saturday, August 20 @ Sedan Cambrai		
PRELIMINARY FINALS – Saturday, August 27 @ Wunkar		
GRAND FINAL – Saturday, September 3 @ Ramco		



BSR will be one of three teams hosting a double-header throughout next year’s RFL Independent competition. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Double delight in 2022 RFL Independent draw

BEN LENNON

RFL fans are in for a treat in 2022 with the introduction of double-headers.

Paringa, Brown’s Well and BSR will all host back-to-back games at one point throughout the year with the first game starting at midday, immediately followed by the second at 2.30pm.

The move to introduce double-headers began with the clubs themselves in an attempt to draw a crowd and generate more interest in the Independent competition.

Blanchetown-Swan Reach president Aleck Zadow says that he hopes the competition can build on the innovation.

“As clubs we’re trying to push something like that together to make it a bit more exciting to get out to an independent game,” he said.

“Without having juniors or a B grade, we’ve only got one game to watch.

“It’ll make it a bit more interesting for the players as

well, getting to watch a game before or after their own game.

“I hope it all runs well in 2022 and the next year we can possibly look at doing a lot more of them.”

BSR will host the first double-header of the season in round one Saturday, April 23, with the Redbacks taking on Sedan Cambrai, followed by Brown’s Well’s match against Wunkar.

Mr Zadow said the club is thrilled to be hosting the first one of the year and has even brought forward an idea that he hopes will kick-start junior football in the Independent league.

“We are extremely excited, everyone that I’ve talked to about it will want to get out here and watch it,” he said.

“I think it’ll bring the numbers back out around the Independent football competition.

“I’d like to try and get some juniors from the clubs, even if it’s only nine-a-side,

to play between the two senior games.

“We do struggle for juniors, if every club brings three or four, it’ll be a decent little game.”

The remaining clubs in the league that were not given a double-header will host some important fixtures come the pointy end of the season.

Ramco will host the grand final on September 3, with the preliminary finals held at Wunkar the week prior.

Sedan-Cambrai will host its first final since joining the competition, with the club announced as the host of the semi-finals in late August.

The Magpies will have to wait until May 21 for a chance at redemption, with the grand final rematch against Ramco scheduled for round five.

The loss of Cobdogla means that the competition is now down to just six teams, with each side playing each other three times throughout the home and away season.



Lee Stevens (middle) claimed victory in the Riverland Cycling Club’s A grade Monash criterium long course race. PHOTO: supplied

# Champion by name and performance

WAYNE Champion was streets ahead of all competitors in the 50km Riverland cycling road race last week.

Aided by a generous handicap, Champion finished well ahead of his rivals with Sue Lahainer coming in second after winning the previous week’s Monash criterium race.

Lee Stevens was the victor this time around in the

A grade Monash criterium long-course event ahead of Clint Bambrick in second.

Mountain bike riding returned to the Riverland last week, with James Kroemer taking out first place in the senior competition.

The event was the largest in its history, with 16 competitors taking to the course.

**RESULTS**  
**50km road race**  
1st W. Champion, 2nd S. Lahainer, 3rd L. Rasheed, 4th M. Gray,

5th P. Weston, 6th A. Ylia, 7th S. Jaensch (fastest time).  
**Monash criterium long-course:**  
A grade – 1st L. Stevens, 2nd C. Bambrick, 3rd P. Pfennig.  
B grade – 1st S. Hardwick, 2nd M. Gray, 3rd K. Pietrolaj, 4th W. Champion.  
C grade – 1st R. Strout, 2nd M. Ryan, 3rd J. Stevens, 4th A. Ylia.  
**RCC mountain bike race**  
Seniors – 1st J. Kroemer, 2nd C. Bambrick, 3rd M. Kroe.  
Junior A grade – 1st A. Leesue, 2nd O. Kroeber, 3rd J. Sheene.  
Junior B grade – 1st M. Hunt, 2nd M. Dicerbo, 3rd R. Hunt.

# Loxton High’s smashing performance

LOXTON High School added to its trophy cabinet with a number of teams claiming medals at the SA Schools Volleyball Smash tournament in Adelaide last week.

The school finished with six medals overall including a gold to the year 10 boys after an impressive tournament that saw them lose just one match.

A spokesperson from Loxton High School thanked Volleyball SA for putting on the event, which brought the 2021 volleyball year to an end.



Loxton High’s victorious year 10 boys volleyball team at the SA Schools Volleyball Smash tournament. PHOTO: Facebook

# Wanderers miss out on upset win

IN what would have been one of the upsets of the season, RC Ones narrowly avoided defeat against Monash Wanderers in the Riverland summer darts competition last week.

Monash came close to knocking off the title favourites but RC Ones’ quality shone through in the end, leading them to a victory by the smallest of margins.

With the match sitting at 5-5, it came down to the teams game and RC Ones led from the start, coming home with the 6-5 win.

Double Jacks made it back onto the winner’s list, defeating Expendables comfortably after losing to RC Ones the week prior.

Tomorrow night sees the return of mystery doubles with a 7.30pm start time at the Cobdogla Club.

**RESULTS 9/12/21**  
R C Ones 6 (W. Schwartzkopff 140, 125, 100 x 2, N. Flack 125, 123, 122, 100 x 5, L. Rasheed 121, 100 x 5, T. Stoneham 120, 101, 100 x 2) d Monash Wanderers 5 (D. Martin 140, 138 x 2, 114, 101, 100, W. Bonham 140, 125, 122, 100 x 5, C. Martin 140, 100 x 3).  
Double Jacks 9 (L. Platten 140, 125, 100 x 2, N. Peatey 135, 100 x 2, C. Wagner 123, 100) d Expendables 2 (A. Barnes 142, 100 x 2, G. Norman 138, D. Higgs 123, 121, S. Lockwood 100).

# Renmark’s riflemen shooting straight

REMARK Small Bore Rifle Club hosted a 50-metre shoot last Thursday in difficult conditions.

With the wind howling, Brenton Lacey shot well to win the off-rifle event.

Newcomer Brendan Phillips was outstanding despite the wind, taking out the handicap victory in a great display of shooting.

**RESULTS**  
B. Phillips 96.4, 97.3, (7) 200; A. Markeas 98.3, 98.1, (2) 198; B. Lacey 98.5, 99.8, (0) 197; M. Cresp 97.4, 99.6, (0) 196; R. Ward 91.2, 93.0, (2) 186.



# ‘No jab, no play’ policy for Riverland bowls

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A NEW ‘no jab, no play’ policy will be implemented in the Riverland Bowls Association as of January 10 next year.

The policy will cover Bowls SA events, including both Wednesday and Saturday pennant competitions, as well as the mid-week triples competition.

Social bowls and other events hosted at Riverland bowls clubs fall outside the policy, with Covid-19 vaccination requirements applied at these events at the discretion of the clubs.

A survey completed by over 6000 people involved with bowls in South Australia was carried out by Bowls SA prior to making the decision.

Approximately 85 per cent of participants voted in favour of a vaccine mandate policy being implemented, with 93 per cent already having received both Covid-19 vaccine doses.

In a statement released by Bowls SA on Wednesday last week, caretaker CEO Taryn Sexton explained that it was not a decision made overnight.

“The implementation of



**Bowls Riverland will bring in a Covid-19 vaccine mandate for all players in its Wednesday and Saturday pennant competitions, plus the mid-week triples, next month. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff**

a ‘no jab, no play’ policy is something that we have been discussing extensively over the past three weeks, as we wanted to make sure we had all aspects covered,” she said. “Following discussions with associations and the feedback we received from our statewide survey, it was clear to see that there was a

strong preference for such policy to be put in place.

“We embrace the opportunity to be a leader in the South Australian sporting community and show how much we value the health and safety of our players and volunteers, who are mostly part of a very vulnerable demographic.”

Bowls Riverland president Des Button said his association met with delegates from all Riverland clubs before taking a recommendation back to Bowls SA.

“The Riverland board initially didn’t support it or reject it because we were of the opinion that we couldn’t say one way or the other

until we knew how it was to be managed,” he said.

“We sat on the fence a little bit in as much as yes, we’d probably like to support it but we wanted to know what restrictions it was going to put on our associations and our clubs. “Delegates from all 10 Riverland clubs were fairly

unanimous in the decision that, whatever decision was made, it had to come from either Bowls SA or the (state) government, rather than our association.

“Given that, it was put back on Bowls SA to be responsible for making the decision and that’s what they’ve done.”

## Fulwood four saves Waikerie’s Saturday pennant side

WINS in two out of three rinks was not enough for The Lawns Red to pull off a shock win against Waikerie last weekend in the Bowls Riverland Saturday Pennant competition.

Just shy of 100 competition points separates the two sides on the table but, thanks to the Sean Leesue and Peter Lawton fours, it was the underdogs who found themselves with the upper hand.

It was not to be for The Lawns Red, though, with a 24-point win from Andy Fulwood’s four enough for Waikerie to overcome the 21-point deficit and claim the victory.

Renmark continued its unbeaten streak with a 12-shot win over mid-table Berri, while Barmera cemented its spot in third position, defeat-

ing Loxton RSL by nine shots.

Waikerie remains in top position in division two after defeating Renmark last week thanks largely to the Roger Davies and Drew Schapel fours.

Division three remains the tightest of all competitions, with a single point separating Loxton White in first from Waikerie in second.

### RESULTS DIVISION ONE

**Loxton 89 d The Lawns 37.**  
D. Schliebs 39 d K. Smith 10; R. Coombs 25 d G. Heywood 19; B. Schubert 25 d B. Lewan 8.  
**Barmera 53 d Loxton RSL 44.**  
C. Karantonis 16 d J. Bodnar 12; R. Reynolds 21 d L. Westbrook 17; J. Morena 16 d J. Wright 15.  
**Waikerie 58 d The Lawns Red 55.**  
G. Frahm 10 lost to S. Leesue 25; A.

Fulwood 34 d S. Ivanovic 10; W. Collins 14 lost to P. Lawton 20.  
**Renmark 58 d Berri 46.**  
M. Lacey 81 d K. Treloar 11; S. Blee 16 lost to D. Treloar 20; B. Dopson 24 d D. Badran 15.  
Points: Renmark 216; Waikerie 172; Barmera 147; Loxton RSL 110; Berri 109; Loxton 86; The Lawns Red 84; The Lawns 12.

### DIVISION TWO

**Lyrup 62 d The Lawns 55.**  
J. Wrigley 18 d K. Knight 17; S. Munro 23 d F. Turton 21; L. Recchia 21 d W. Haby 17.  
**Waikerie 73 d Renmark 59.**  
R. Davies 31 d R. Andt 23; M. Boehm 14 lost to M. Howe 20; D. Schapel 28 d B. Knight 16.  
**Barmera 78 d Loxton RSL 61.**  
D. Button 36 d P. Smith 19; W. Uppington 27 d C. Charles 15; P. Schramm 15 lost to E. Eagle 27.  
**Monash 77 d Moorook 49.**  
S. Voigt 20 drew with C. Battams 20; M.

Wood 20 d A. Wachtel 14; S. Elsdon 37 d S. Pantic 15.  
**Berri 62 d Loxton 59.**  
S. Hall 13 lost to H. Appleton 30; J. Cresp 25 d T. Thurston 13; W. Couzens 24 d P. Kimber 16.  
Points: Waikerie 193; Lyrup 180; Monash 163; Moorook 146; Berri 134; Barmera 129; Loxton 121; The Lawns 115; Renmark 97; Loxton RSL 22.

### DIVISION THREE

**Waikerie 63 d Barmera 38.**  
G. Hall 22 d P. Symens 9; W. Burris 19 d G. Burns 17; B. Hill 22 d I. Lloyde 12.  
**Monash 66 d The Lawns 51.**  
R. Jury 23 d T. Pendle 16; J. John 19 d M. Woodham 16; C. Traeger 24 d M. Hudson 19.  
**Berri Blue 61 d Lyrup 57.**  
L. Blades 17 lost to D. Hill 22; D. Piltz 16 lost to C. Gamble 19; B. Bland 28 d P. Drewett 16.  
**Loxton Red 62 d Renmark 57.**  
C. Brandsma 21 lost to R. Schulz 23; T. Harrison 20 d J. Thompson 16; M. Schutz

21 d T. Matulick 18.  
**Loxton White 53 d Berri Red 51.**  
T. Altschwager 17 d K. Tanner 14; K. Maynard 14 lost to D. Spicer 25; D. Proud 22 d L. Seltitzas 12.  
Points: Loxton White 192; Waikerie 191; Barmera 178; Loxton Red 171; Berri Blue 116; Renmark 112; Lyrup 98; Monash 96; Berri Red 74; The Lawns 72.

### DIVISION FOUR

**Waikerie Regents d The Lawns (forfeit)**  
**Waikerie Hornets 42 d Renmark 33.**  
E. Loughhead 26 d B. Warren 13; R. Nicholls 16 lost to T. Lennard 20.  
**The Lawns Red 44 d Loxton 43.**  
C. Haar 21 d N. Milich 20; M. McCauley 23 drew with D. Vaughan 23.  
**Barmera 40 d Moorook 34.**  
T. Daelman 26 d L. Tschirpigg 11; K. Brown 14 lost to M. Smith 23.  
Points: Waikerie Regents 196; Barmera 177; The Lawns Red 151; Renmark 109; Moorook 93; Loxton 85; The Lawns 75; Waikerie Hornets 74.

## The Lawns victorious in top-of-the-table clash

THE Lawns extended its gap at the top of the Bowls Riverland Wednesday Pennants ladder, with a six-shot win over second-placed Loxton last week.

Loxton fell just short of the league leaders, despite a win from Margaret Schutz’s four.

The Lawns now sits two wins clear of Loxton and Waikerie in second and third, now over 40 points clear on top.

Lyrup remains rooted to the foot of the ladder, despite a win over mid-table Barmera.

Janice Trezise’s quartet was on fire for Renmark, with their 11-shot win enough to secure victory against Berri despite losses in the two remaining rinks.

A rare loss for Moorook saw Berri Blue climb into second position on the ladder in division two.

That fixture was one of a number of close games in the second division, with Loxton the outlier as it comfortably defeated cross-town rivals Loxton RSL by 28 shots.

### RESULTS DIVISION ONE

**Renmark 52 d Berri 46.**  
J. Trezise 24 d K. Treloar 13; S. Schulz 13 lost to K. Tanner 16; J. Cooper 15 lost to J. Price 17.  
**Lyrup 57 d Barmera 54.**  
S. Lloyd 29 d C. Shugg 14; B. Howe 13 lost to K. Mellon 19; R. Smith 15 lost to G. Burns 21.  
**Waikerie 79 d Monash 45.**  
J. Strauss 32 d J. Barnett 8; C. Davies 32 d R. Potts 18; D. Boehm 15 lost to S. Elsdon 19.  
**The Lawns 59 d Loxton 53.**  
M. Spano 20 lost to M. Schutz

21; C. Topperwien 17 drew with L. Kimber 17; J. Knight 22 d B. Mattner 15.  
Points: The Lawns 199; Loxton 157; Waikerie 152; Renmark 144; Barmera 141; Monash 135; Berri 112; Lyrup 104.

### DIVISION TWO

**Loxton 57 d Loxton RSL 29.**  
J. Hall 30 d C. Jenke 12; N. Milich 27 d J. Smith 17.  
**The Lawns Red 45 d Barmera 39.**  
M. Williams 23 d C. Pickering 17; V. Crouch 22 drew with M. Szabo 22.  
**Renmark 38 d Berri Red 37.**  
C. Vriends 23 d D. Jungfer 16; B. Warren 15 lost to M. Miller 21.  
**Berri Blue 47 d Moorook 43.**  
J. Lyons 21 drew with H. Smith 21; B. Schulz 26 d V. Johnson 22.  
**The Lawns 45 d Waikerie 36.**  
C. Haar 14 lost to L. Burnett 21; L. Pinyon 31 d N. DellaZoppa 15.  
Points: Moorook 190; Berri Blue 179; Berri Red 168; Loxton 146; Barmera 143; The Lawns 142; The Lawns Red 129; Waikerie 96; Renmark 74; Loxton RSL 53.

## Renmark Green records mammoth win

RENMARK Green recorded its biggest win of Bowls Riverland Midweek Triples season, defeating The Lawns by 64 shots last Wednesday.

The victory is the second highest of all teams this campaign, with Barmera the only team to outgun them, winning by 72 shots in round six, with The Lawns again on the receiving end.

Elsewhere, The Lawns Red continued to dominate, defeating Lyrup by 26 shots to make it 10 games without a loss this season.

The Lawns Red sits on top of the table, with Barmera in second, recording eight wins and two losses so far, including a convincing win against Loxton Red last week.

The fight for fourth position is heating up with three

teams locked on six wins with just one game remaining before the Christmas break.

Berri Blue currently holds the ascendancy but Loxton White is just two points behind, closely followed by Waikerie.

### RESULTS

**Renmark Green 111 d The Lawns 47.**  
R. QuatreBornes 35 d K. Knight 11; R. Andt 21 d R. Ashworth 13; J. Thompson 24 d G. Brown 10; B. Knight 31 d M. Hudson 13.  
**Berri Blue 98 d Renmark Gold 70.**  
K. Stokes 28 d M. Howe 17; K. Carpenter 27 d B. Dopson 15; G. Elleway 22 d B. Cropper 20; A. Kosturjak 21 d D. Leedle 18.  
**Berri Red 76 d Loxton Blue 67.**  
J. Cresp 13 lost to J. Patterson 21; L. Knight 19 lost to P. Vaughan 20; W. Couzens 28 d L. Bradke 15; R. Correll 16 d R. Braddock 11.

**Waikerie 106 d Monash 76.**  
R. Davies 31 d R. Jury 22; R. Pickett 24 d P. Grocke 18; T. Strauss 27 d P. Raams 18; M. Morete 24 d W. Pahl 18.  
**Barmera 101 d Loxton Red 58.**  
K. Carter 37 d G. Schulz 7; D. Button 17 d P. Kimber 11; A. Stag 28 d G. Cockshell 18; J. Morena 19 lost to T. Thurston 22.  
**The Lawns Red 87 d Lyrup 61.**  
S. Ivanovic 26 d L. Recchia 11; P. Lawton 22 d G. Milich 15; R. Stoeckel 22 d C. Gamble 15; R. Lawton 17 lost to G. Jenke 20.  
**Loxton White 87 d Barmera Pelicans 55.**  
W. Schulz 21 d I. Lloyde 15; W. Harrison 24 d T. Butler 8; D. Schliebs 22 d B. Tamblyn 12; R. Coombs 20 drew with H. Robinson 20.  
Points: The Lawns Red 255; Barmera 216; Loxton Red 190; Berri Blue 164; Loxton White 162; Waikerie 161; Lyrup, Renmark Gold 144; Renmark Green 116; Berri Red 115; Loxton Blue, Barmera Pelicans 80; The Lawns 69; Monash 64.



# Hunchee Run won and done

THE final event on the dinghy calendar has been won by the Pogorecki brothers, with the Paul Hutchins Loan Centre Hunchee Run taking place last Saturday in Renmark.

Teams from all over the country competed in a challenging season and it was the winners of the Hunchee Run, Scott and Zac Pogorecki, who finished on top of the Stacer Championship table.

The duo took out the 30hp Sports event in the Hunchee Run by a little under two minutes, but won the overall championship by a large margin, finishing 54 points clear of second place.

In the rookie category, honours went to the team of Cameron Price and Luke Gordon, with their win in the Hunchee Run enough to stay in first place overall ahead of Zac and Shae Lochert.

Water levels in the Murray meant that a shorter race was required, with the two-lap time trial format remaining the same.

Organisers of the event were pleased with the num-

ber of competitors, given the amount of participants is still being heavily impacted by Covid-19 restrictions.

**HUNCHEE RUN RESULTS**  
30hp Sports – 1st S. Pogorecki/Z. Pogorecki 39:07.94, 2nd S. Jenke/R. Schwartz 40:53.72, 3rd K. Morena / M. Douglas 42:04.94.  
30hp Rookies - 1st C. Price/L. Gordon 44:31.15, 2nd Z. Lochert/S. Lochert 44:49.60, 3rd M. McKerlie/R. Foster 46:16.47.  
30hp Super Standard – 1st J. Morena/J. Bannear 46:56.65, 2nd N. Gray/L. Sharrad 47:06.59, 3rd Z. Lane/J. Lane 47:52.14.  
30hp Standard – 1st A. Schulz/J. Porter 48:03.26, 2nd T. Wagenknecht/B. Gibbs 48:27.04, 3rd B. Bruhn/B. Lloyd 48:36.77.  
300cc Modified – J. Chigros / R. Harmer 54:16.56.  
25hp Standard – O. Scarlett/C. Greer 52:38.04, S. Morrow/B. Consedine DNF.  
15hp Standard – 1st H. Pearce/O. Pearce 62:13.71, 2nd C. Crossing/M. Courtney 68:54.88.

**OVERALL STACER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**  
30hp Sports - 1st S. Pogorecki/Z. Pogorecki 158, 2nd R. Yard/S. Taylor 104, 3rd S. Jenke/B. Kaye 94.  
30hp Rookies- 1st C. Price/L. Gordon 156, 2nd Z. Lochert/S. Lochert 142, 3rd M. Preen / S. Peck 99.



Scott and Zac Pogorecki won Saturday's Hunchee Run, the final race of the Riverland dinghy racing calendar.  
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

30hp Super Standard - 1st B. Baylis/L. Bacskai 118, 2nd N. Gray/L. Sharrad 106, 3rd J. Morena / J. Bannear 102. 30hp Standard - 1st A. Schulz/J. Porter 125, 2nd T. Wagenknecht/B. Gibbs 120, 3rd B. Bruhn/B. Lloyd 120. 300cc Modified - 1st J. Chigros/R. Harmer 131, 2nd N. Wilson/D. Weir 78, 3rd J. Woodrow/B. Bruhn 20. 25hp Standard - 1st O. Scarlett/C. Greer 133, 2nd C. Jenke/K. Shaddock 116, 3rd S. Morrow/B. Consedine 20. 15hp Standard - 1st H. Pearce/O. Pearce 112, 2nd J. Haslett/E. Haslett 80 3rd C. Crossing/M. Courtney 66.
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# Volunteers celebrated at dinghy club's end-of-season dinner

FOLLOWING Saturday's Hunchee run, the Renmark Club hosted an end-of-season dinner for the Riverland Dinghy Club.

The dinner was held to recognise the commitment and contributions of those involved in the 2021 season, both behind the scenes and on the water.

It was a year of constantly changing border restrictions, race dates, rules and regulations, and club president Scott Jenke thanked competitors for overcoming these challenges and attending events throughout the year.

The Riverland Dinghy Club is run entirely by volunteers and Mr Jenke paid tribute to their commitment.

The club's secretary and treasurer Sue Jenke was recognised for her outstanding efforts in advancing the management of all aspects of the club's administration, in particular her perseverance in Covid-19 management event approval and grant applications.

Kym Binder was praised for his commitment to the role of duty boat recruiter and committee member, while Peter Everett was heralded for his commitment to being race-day starter and pre-race scrutineering volunteering.

Brenda Orchard was acknowledged for volunteering over an 18-year period, undertaking manual timing at race events.

Joel Woodrow and Nathan Burgess, both current committee members, were acknowledged for their huge commitment over the past six years, volunteering countless hours to the club.

Ivan Smith became the sixth life member in the club's 42-year history.

This capped off a great year for Ivan who was named Citizen of the Year at the 2021 Renmark Paringa Council Australia Day awards.



Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke paid tribute to a number of volunteers and competitors at the Renmark Club last Saturday night.  
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



The dinner recognised the commitment and contribution of volunteers during the 2021 season.



# Lakers shoot the lights out in emphatic victory

BARMERA extended the gap between the top two and the rest of the competition with a commanding win against Renmark in the Riverland division one women's basketball last week.

Tahlia Dillon was the star, scoring 24 points as Barmera stormed to victory by 34, leading for the duration of the game.

Barmera's distance shooting was a highlight, with the Lakers hitting a massive 13 threes and Chelsea Wutke particularly lethal with six of her own.

Paige Roberts topped the Renmark scoring charts with 14 but it was not enough as Barmera climbed to two wins clear in second place, only behind the undefeated Waikerie in first position.

Elsewhere, Berri held off a late charge from Loxton to win by six points, with Elle Eleftheriadis scoring 17 in the victory.

Loxton had cut the deficit to just four points at the end of the third quarter but Berri remained calm, picking up its third win of the season.

In the men's division one competition, Renmark recorded an upset win over Barmera, handing the Lakers just their second loss of the season.

Declan Johnson was on fire from deep, hitting three three-pointers in his 16-point performance, but it was the Renmark defence that truly shone.

Barmera was held to just 39 points for the game, 18 points less than its previous lowest of 57 which came in round seven

against Waikerie.

Loxton took advantage of the Barmera slip-up and managed to create a gap at the top of the table, taking care of Berri in a mammoth 55-point victory.

Berri failed to contain the Loxton offence, with five Supercats players recording double digit-points, headlined by Che Lange with 18, five of which came from the free-throw line.

At half-time, Loxton had doubled Berri's score, and it only got uglier from there with a 34-point third quarter putting the result beyond doubt and adding another win to an already impressive Supercats season.

**RESULTS**

**MEN**

**DIVISION ONE**

Renmark	16	28	45	63
Barmera	7	21	29	39
Points: Renmark – D. Johnson 16, C. Gartery 9, J. Hansen, B. Rover, R. Curtis 8, J. Brine 6, W. Stockman, A. Haynes 4, Barmera – D. Millard 10, R. Haigh 8, J. Sullivan 7, K. Stokes, A. Smith 5, L. Phillips 4.				

Loxton	14	34	68	86
Berri	7	17	22	31
Points: Loxton – C. Lange 18, J. Will 17, T. Curran, B. Tregeagle 16, T. Wagner 14, J. Hutchinson 5, Berri – J. Szalbot 10, Harrison Campbell 8, O. Hunyadi, R. Tieste, Heath Campbell 4, P. Dale 1.				

**DIVISION TWO**

Allstars 37 d Tigers 28; Berri 65 d Waikerie Black 48; Waikerie White 47 d Supercats 40; Barmera 68 d Loxton 60.

**DIVISION THREE**

Blazers 56 d Berri 17; Steamers 77 d Berri Red 15; Loxton 47 d Renmark 46; Waikerie White 39 drew Supercats 39; Waikerie Black 52 d Chaffey 25; Barmera 28 d Warriors 26.

**DIVISION FOUR**

Loxton 46 d Barmera 28; Blazers 31 d Berri 23.

**WOMEN**

**DIVISION ONE**

Berri	7	23	37	48
Loxton	6	15	33	42
Points: Berri – E. Eleftheriadis 17, L. Gregoric, C. Foulds, A. Westley 8, D. Eleftheriadis 3, A. Morgan, E. Westley 2, Loxton – B. Stasinowsky 17, M. Hogan 15, B. Hahn 6, A. Voigt, S. Lange 2.				

Barmera	20	47	65	77
Renmark	11	25	37	43
Points: Barmera – T. Dillon 24, C. Wutke 20, A. Wutke 13, R. Sullivan 7, K. Stavrou, L. Hill 6, T. Hill 1, Renmark – P. Roberts 14, M. Petersen 9, S. Rucioh 7, S. Modlinski 4, E. Stockman 3, R. Leuders, M. Newman, D. Johnson 2,				

**DIVISION TWO/THREE**

Waikerie 25 d Berri 24; Catstars 67 d Loxton 21; Allstars 58 d Wildcats 14; Lakers 34 d Renmark 22.

**DIVISION FOUR**

Berri 32 d Barmera 12; Renmark 54 d Allstars 23; Waikerie 21 d Loxton 20; Tigers 43 d Supercats 13.

**BOYS**

**Under 18 (div 1):** Waikerie 33 d Barmera 31; Renmark 52 d Loxton 48.

**Under 18 (div 2):** Berri 46 d Waikerie 26; Supercats 36 d Barmera 35; Loxton 35 d Renmark 22.

**Under 16 (div 1):** Berri 37 d Waikerie 34; Renmark 57 d Barmera 38.

**Under 16 (div 2):** Renmark 29 d Barmera 14; Tigers 28 d Loxton 25; Supercats 70 d Waikerie 18.

**Under 14 (div 1):** Barmera 57 d Berri 30; Renmark 45 d Loxton 20.

**Under 14 (div 2):** Renmark 24 d Waikerie 17; Lakers 58 d Barmera 21.

**Under 12 (div 1):** Loxton 35 d Barmera 11; Berri 52 d Waikerie 18.

**Under 12 (div 2):** Loxton 26 d Barmera 4; Supercats 20 d Waikerie 12.

**GIRLS**

**Under 18:** Berri 30 d Loxton 8;



Barmera's Chelsea Wutke launches a three in her side's clash with Renmark last Thursday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Tahlia Dillon (left) starred in Barmera's 34-point win.

Waikerie 28 d Barmera 17.

**Under 16:** Loxton 58 d Berri 32; Barmera 46 d Renmark 20.

**Under 14 (div 1):** Loxton 50 d Barmera 25; Waikerie 39 d Steamers 26;

Supercats 23 d Renmark 15.

**Under 14 (div 2):** Loxton 26 d Waikerie 20; Supercats 20 d Barmera 15.

**Under 12 (div 1):** Berri 43 d Barmera 13; Loxton 37 d Waikerie 12.

**Under 12 (div 2):** Loxton 8 d Supercats 6; Waikerie 34 d Barmera 8.

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# Fifth-inning fightback sees Renmark home

WITH just minutes left to play, Renmark stole victory from the grasp of Berri Red, defeating them for the second time in as many weeks in Riverland A grade baseball last Friday.

Berri Red held a two-run lead heading into the fifth and final inning but four runs in quick succession to Renmark was enough to grab the win.

Renmark’s pitchers performed well in the victory, amassing seven strike-outs between them, but it was the power-hitting in the dying moments that got them over the line.

Elsewhere, revenge was sweet for Pirates as they recorded a nine-run win over Berri Blue, making up for the previous week’s loss.

Pirates batters couldn’t be contained, with a fast start of four first inning runs followed by a further seven across the third and fourth innings.

Berri Blue recorded three runs of its own in the final inning, reducing

the margin of victory back to single digits.

The coach pitch grade again saw some of the Riverland’s brightest youngsters take to the diamond.

Last week’s edition gave us some excellent pitching from Joshua Peltz, Jerrick Binder and Mitchell MacGregor while Marley Fridd emerged as one to watch for the future.

All the kids are improving from week to week and plenty of fun is being had.

### RESULTS

Inn	1	2	3	4	5	T
Renmark	-	3	-	-	4	7
Berri Red	1	-	4	-	-	5

Safe hits: Renmark – J. Bonner 2, G. O’Brien, N. Koumbarakos. Berri Red – Z. Joannou, J. Stemberger, C. Dixon, C. McKinnon.

Inn	1	2	3	4	T
Pirates	4	-	5	4	13
Berri Blue	-	-	1	3	4

Safe hits: Pirates – I. Edwards 3, J. Frazer 2, J. Pintile, J. Fridd, B. Halupka, D. Binder. Berri Blue – J. McGregor, S. Crouch, D. Campbell, J. Gibbs.



Renmark Angels pitcher Hamish McDonald in action last weekend. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Mel Bristow’s Berri Red side was unable to halt its recent form slump, going down to local rivals Berri by 11 runs in Saturday’s round of Riverland softball. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Jan’s grand slam seals clinical Cobdogla win

RIVERLAND softball has ended 2021 in exciting fashion, with Jan Cook’s grand slam four-bagger finishing off a dominant display by Cobdogla in the senior competition last week.

Loxton tried hard in the field but failed to contain Cobby, with the final margin of 11 runs reflecting an exceptional performance.

Cobdogla was as good defensively as it was offensively, restricting Loxton to just one run for the entire match.

The second fixture of the round saw Berri claim local bragging rights over Berri Red, also winning by 11 runs.

The loss for Berri Red is the most recent in a string of disappointing results, but it wasn’t all doom and gloom as Michelle Bradtke was a standout performer in the field, completing a double play for her side.

A draw between Loxton Blue and Berri headlined the C grade results in a round that saw a number of junior players stepping up to fill in for the senior sides.

Cobdogla and Cobdogla Blue completed a strong weekend for

Cobby teams after both were victorious in their C grade matches by two runs.

Softball will be taking a three-week break over Christmas and will recommence games on January 8.

The Riverland is also preparing to send three teams to Adelaide to compete in the State Senior Championships at the end of January.

### RESULTS SENIORS

**Cobdogla 12 d Loxton 1.**  
Best: Cobdogla – C. Thompson, D. Passmore, J. Cook. Loxton – C. Johnson, N. Paull, K. Murdoch.  
**Berri 16 d Berri Red 5.**  
Best: Berri – T. Morris, K. Hibberd, M. Morris. Berri Red – Z. Heindrich, J. Howe, D. Venning.

### C GRADE

**Loxton Blue 10 drew with Berri 10.**  
Best players: Loxton Blue – O. Johnson, L. Johnson, B. McAllister. Berri – S. Sampson, B. Cooper, M. Bristow.  
**Cobdogla 14 d Renmark 12.**  
Best: Cobdogla – L. Wade, L. Bowers, M. Nagy. Renmark – H. Watkins, K. Robinson, K. Moxham.  
**Cobdogla Blue 13 d Loxton Green 11.**  
Best: Cobdogla Blue – E. Pech, M. Haaja, J. Cook. Loxton Green – J. Hucks, K. Murdoch, A. Crouch.

# Tzanavaras stars as Berri does it easily

BERRI scored a comfortable 11-4 victory over Renmark in last weekend’s round of Riverland division one tennis.

Berri had the match wrapped up after the singles sets, but won the final three doubles sets for good measure, with Georgia Tzanavaras winning all her sets for the victors.

In the other division one match, Loxton split the singles sets, despite going down to ladder leaders Cobdogla.

The premiership favourite won 10-5, and has plenty of depth up its sleeve, but

Loxton did well to win three singles sets via Andrew Waters, Phil Smith and Alysha Wehrmuller.

In division two, Berri Red trounced clubmates Berri Blue 14-1, with Stefan Vallelonga’s tie-break win over Greg Staehr being Blue’s sole victory.

### RESULTS

**DIVISION ONE**  
**Berri 11-80 d Renmark 4-46.**  
Doubles: E. Day/M. Jericho lost to D. Strongman/W. Hill 5-7, P. Cresp/S. McPherson lost to D. Schumann/J. Pick 1-6, G. Tzanavaras/K. Barnett d S. Haslett/R. Godara 6-1, Day/Jericho d Hill/Schumann 6-3,

Cresp/McPherson d J. Bright/D. Bright 6-3, Tzanavaras/Barnett d Haslett/Godara 6-3.  
Singles: Day d Strongman 6-1, Jericho d Hill 6-4, Cresp lost to J. Bright 4-6, McPherson d D. Bright 6-0, Tzanavaras d Haslett 6-0, Barnett lost to Godara 4-6.  
Doubles: Day/Jericho d J. Bright/Hill 6-4, Cresp/Tzanavaras d Schumann/Godara 6-3, McPherson/Barnett d J. Bright/D. Bright 6-0.

**Cobdogla 10-75 d Loxton 5-52.**  
Doubles: H. Carter/Shane Nettle d A. Waters/H. Peberdy 6-4, W. Swinstead/C. Battams lost to P. Smith/J. Lane 3-6, Sophie Nettle/L. Nettle d T. Smith/A. Wehrmuller 6-1, H. Carter/Shane Nettle d Waters/P. Smith 6-1, C. Battams/N. Battams d Peberdy/Lane 6-2, Sophie Nettle/L. Nettle

d T. Smith/Wehrmuller 6-3.  
Singles: H. Carter lost to Waters 4-6, C. Battams d Peberdy 6-1, Swinstead lost to P. Smith 2-6, N. Battams d Lane 6-3, Sophie Nettle d T. Smith 6-0, E. Carter lost to Wehrmuller 2-6.  
Doubles: Carter/C. Battams d Waters/Peberdy 6-3, Swinstead/Sophie Nettle d P. Smith/T. Smith 6-4, N. Battams/E. Carter lost to Lane/Wehrmuller 4-6.

### DIVISION TWO

Barmera 8-71 d Loxton 7-61. Berri Red 14-94 d Berri Blue 1-46.

### DIVISION THREE

Barmera 6-44 d Loxton Bashers 4-39. Cobdogla 7-51 d Loxton Smashers 3-40. Renmark 5-46 drew with Moorook 5-46.

# Cobdogla Primary nets national nomination

THE Riverland has a representative vying for glory after Cobdogla Primary School was nominated for Most Outstanding School in the 2021 Australian Tennis Awards.

Winners will be announced on Friday via a virtual ceremony, with South Australia home to six finalists throughout the awards.

Tennis SA CEO Debbie Sterrey said that she was thrilled to see such an outstanding list of finalists from South Australia.

“We are so proud of our six South Australian finalists,” Sterrey said.

“These finalists contribute to the sport of tennis in South Australia in a variety of different ways.

“Their passion, determination and enthusiasm is to be commended and this announcement is thoroughly well deserved.

“We wish our finalists the best of luck and we cannot wait to proudly cheer them on Friday.”

- BEN LENNON



# Loxton's winning team of fore

LOXTON Golf Club hosted a number of events across the last week, headlined by the Hygienic Meats Ham and Turkey Ambrose last Saturday.

The winning team of Ashley Lodge, Phillip Morris, Tim Shearer and Andrew Baker shot 61 of the stick for a nett 54.25.

Shane and Brad Semmler, Bill Skinner and Graham MacInnes came in sec-

ond place with a nett 55.37, closely followed by Andrew Hume, Michael Taylor, Hassan Kara-Ali and Matt Maczkowiack in third.

The day was played in perfect conditions which saw a strong turnout of 22 teams take to the course.

Barmera Golf Club dominated the results of the Riverland Junior Championships, with Barmera boys Max and Sam

Jericho winning the scratch and handicap events respectively.

## RESULTS

### Sunday, December 5 white tees

1st B. Paige 85 nett 71, Runner-up Z. Wooldridge 83 nett 72.

### Wednesday, December 8 white tees

Men's - 1st O. Walkley 36pts, =2nd R. Smith, H. Kara-Ali 35 pts, 3rd G. Mudge 34pts, 4th D. Unferdorben 34pts, 5th S. Semmler 33pts.  
Women's - 1st M. Tytler 33pts, 2nd S. Pannell 31pts.

### Friday, December 10 orange tees

1st O. Walkley 36pts, 2nd Andrew Hume 34pts.

### Saturday, December 11, Hygienic Meats Ham and Turkey Ambrose

1st A. Lodge, P. Morris, T. Shearer, A. Baker 61 nett 54.25, 2nd S. Semmler, B. Semmler, B. Skinner, G. MacInnes 66 nett 55.37, 3rd A. Hume, M. Taylor, H. Kara-Ali, M. Maczkowiack 60 nett 56, 4th B. Palat, S. Palat, B. Paige, M. Bruce 63 nett 56.87, 5th S. Eleveld, P. Butterworth, N. Uren, P. Hopper 66 nett 57.

### Sunday, December 12, Riverland Junior championships

Junior Championships Scratch



Nobody went home empty handed as Ashley Lodge, Phillip Morris, Tim Shearer and Andrew Baker took out the Loxton Golf Club's ambrose competition last Saturday. PHOTO: supplied

- 1st M. Jericho 79, 2nd J. Goldsworthy 90.  
Junior Comp Handicap - 1st S. Jericho 91 nett 61, 2nd J.

Goldsworthy 90 nett 70.  
Junior Mixed Comp orange tees 9 holes - 1st M. Hughes 12 pts, 2nd E. Hughes 9pts.

## Terry turns back the clock in scintillating stableford triumph at Barmera

TERRY Fisher turned the clock back with a scintillating round in Barmera Golf Club's stableford competition on Saturday.

The local football legend overcame ongoing back and knee problems to score 45 points and street an in-form field by five points. The three-time B grade club champion has struggled injury in recent times and good form has been elusive.

Fisher played late in the day and was the last group to register

scores in the competition, which drew 43 players and had three players tied on 40 points until he arrived at the clubhouse.

On his 19 handicap, he went out on the front nine in 20 points before coming home with 25 points. A birdie on the long par 5 13th and pars on 12, 15, 17 and 18 were among the scores for his barnstorming finish.

Neville Kelly was runner up on a countback from Carol Pickering and Neville McPherson in one

of the best scoring competitions of the year. President Neville McPherson's was excited by his return to form when he first completed his round but could not believe that 40 points was not good enough to win the day.

"Like I always say, it is very difficult to win at Barmera," Nev said with a grin. The highlight of Nev's round was holing a 30-foot birdie putt on the par five fourth hole, which is rated the toughest on the course.

Robert Formiatti, Tom Graetz, Mohinder Ubhey and John Dawes all had 37 points while Dennis Hodgson, Col Gladwin, Bob Mudge, Steve Brown and Maureen Costello who played to their handicaps with 36 points.

It proved a big weekend for high stableford scores. Barmera juniors, Max and Sam Jericho, blitzed the course at Loxton on Sunday. Max had 79 off the stick for a 37 points to lower his handicap to 6.6 while younger brother

Sam had a breakthrough 47 points to slash his handicap from 27 to 23.8.

Tim Wood won on a countback in last week's midweek competition after four players finished on 36 points. Tom Graetz, Barry Whitehead and Jason Bowers also played to their handicaps to fill the minor placings. Retired builder Nev Hamood continued to show improvement with 35 points while visitor Greg Morrison had 34 on his 4 handicap.



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Competitors in Riverland bowls pennant and triples competitions are required to be fully vaccinated in order to participate as of January 10 next year. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# ‘No jab, no play’ policy to hit Riverland bowls

A NEW ‘no jab, no play’ policy will be implemented in the Riverland Bowls Association as of January 10 next year. The policy will cover Bowls SA events, including both Wednesday and Saturday pennant competitions, as well as the mid-week triples competition. Social bowls and other events hosted at local bowls clubs fall outside the policy, with Covid-19 vaccination requirements applied at these events at the discretion of the clubs.

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## Double delight in 2022 draw

THE RFL has introduced double-headers to the RFL Independent competition for season 2022. Blanchetown-Swan Reach will host the first double-header in round one, while Paringa and Brown’s Well will get their chance later in the year. This year’s premiers, Ramco, will host the 2022 grand final, with Sedan Cambrai the venue for the preliminary finals the week prior. With Cobdogla no longer in the competition, six teams remain and all will play each other three times. The season is set to kick off on Saturday, April 23.

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# People power brings Berri families an early Christmas gift

JOSH BRINE

BERRI families are making good use of an upgraded playground that opened in the town recently, after a three-year campaign by a 600-strong Facebook group of local parents and caregivers.

Berri Barmera Council completed \$299,755 worth of work on new play equipment and a scooter track at Colin Jennings Apex Park, fully funded by the federal government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The upgrades come after years of advocacy by local families, particularly through the Facebook page 'Give Berri a playground to be proud of'.

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"There was a lack of support from council and a lot of the feedback we got – which was fair enough – was that the community didn't want or need a better playground because they weren't getting feedback from people that it was wanted," she said.

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Taelen, 2, Amelie, 6, Brinnia, 8, and Eryk (back), 5, at the newly opened Apex Park playground in Berri. PHOTO: Josh Brine

"It was a way to talk to the community and show council families in Berri did want a better park."

Ms Ritter said she met with council several times to share group members' ideas and discuss potential funding opportunities.

"Whenever we seemed to make progress something would change... until (Barker MP) Tony Pasin came in with the idea for a pump track," she said.

"We came to Apex Park for a meeting with the Mayor (Peter Hunt) and this upgrade suddenly came to be."

Group co-founder Narelle Schwartz said Apex Park had been lacking what the community wanted.

"Every time we'd go to a park there would be five or six parents with up to 10 kids," she said.

"A park like what Apex Park used to be just wasn't adequate for us, so we'd have to go elsewhere just for the kids to play."

Ms Ritter said the group's views had helped shape the Apex Park project.

"I think a lot of the feedback from our group has been taken on board and made this possible," she said

"This definitely couldn't have been done without that group and without forming that page and the support of all the mums, dads and grandparents sharing their voice and being part of it."

With work on Apex Park almost complete, Ms Ritter said the group's attention would now shift to advocating for improvements to the town pool and river-front playground.

"We're here for the community and we're part of the community and we want to give our feedback," she said.

"It's hard to get on committees and when you apply there aren't always positions, so this our way of sharing our opinions. (We) hope people join in and council listens."

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## Footy teams booted out?

**REDAKING LINE**

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ABOVE: Waikerie Football Club Redevelopment Committee members Henry Crawford (left) and Brinnia (right) with the independent football clubs, including Berri's Well, one of the competitors' football clubs, and Waikerie Football Club, before the RFL's move.

RIGHT: Action from a Riverland junior football match at Waikerie WA soccer.

## Pasin backs \$3.5m Waikerie hub

**CHRISTINE WESTER**

Waikerie Football Club president Tony Pasin has secured a \$3.5m federal grant to build a new clubroom and training facility for the club.

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## Pasin backs \$3.5m Waikerie hub

THE Waikerie Football Club's Redevelopment Committee is eagerly waiting to hear if its application for federal government funding for its proposed new \$3.5m clubrooms is successful.

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Barker MP Tony Pasin presents Loxton Primary School student Lainey Blanshard with her prize for winning his Christmas card competition. PHOTO: supplied

## Lainey's (Christmas) card on the table

A LOXTON Primary School student has won Barker MP Tony Pasin's annual Christmas card competition.

An artwork by Lainey Blanshard was chosen to appear on this year's Barker Christmas card, after Mr Pasin's office received hundreds of entries received from across the electorate.

Students from reception to year 5 were invited to submit artwork that represented Christmas in their region.

"We've had a fantastic response, with outstanding entries coming in from across the electorate," Mr Pasin said.

"I thoroughly enjoyed looking at them all, although it was not an easy task to

select the winning entries."

Four entries were selected by Mr Pasin to feature on his 2021 Christmas Cards, one from each region of the electorate: the Barossa, the Limestone Coast, the Riverland and the Murray Mallee.

Lainey was presented with a prize of Derwent Artist Pencils in a gifted wooden box to assist her in developing her obvious artistic talents as part of the end of year school presentations.

"I congratulate all those students who took the time and effort to create artworks that illustrated what Christmas means to them, in their local region," said Mr Pasin.



Christmas Wonderland's Peter Mangelsdorf with one of his Wallys. The 10 Where's Wally images are a favourite for many, scattered among the display for people to find. PHOTO: Loxton News





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## End of a Christmas era

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

WHEN 2021 draws to a close on New Year's Eve, it will also mark the end of the Riverland's most iconic Christmas display in its current form.

While plans are under way to move the Loxton Christmas Wonderland's lights and displays to a new location in 2022 and beyond, locals and visitors have just weeks to view the display at its original Fairweather Avenue site.

Christmas Wonderland creator Peter Mangelsdorf said the time had come after 37 years of housing the display.

"It's a sad end, in a way, but I am happy with the future of it," he said.

The display's colourful images and sparkling lights have long marvelled children and adults, with the exhibit a fond Christmas memory for many.

The display includes the nativity scene in Bethlehem, a Christmas village, Santa's Boot, lolly shop, and popular cartoon characters.

Mr Mangelsdorf began the display after admiring the West Torrens Brewery Riverbank Christmas Lights Display, and it grew quickly.

"I thought that I wanted to do something like that in Loxton," he said.

"It began with a reindeer and sleigh and I had it for years. It was (initially) on paper and stuck on wood."

Mr Mangelsdorf has kept up with current pop culture trends to ensure his display remains appealing to all ages.

"Years ago I had The Simpsons and Gumby and Poky," he said.

A popular addition to the display was the Where's Wally? images about 25 years ago, with visitors asked to find 10 Wallys among the 250m of display.

"They were easier to find in the earlier

days," Mr Mangelsdorf said.

"But people want them to be hard to find."

To the surprise of some, Mr Mangelsdorf turns the lights on manually every night between 8pm and 8.30pm and turns them off around 11pm.

"I have about nine switches and one on the house," he said.

With the display now requiring more than 100 powerboards and another 100 extension cords, Mr Mangelsdorf said his electricity bill for the month-long light display had always been about \$450.

"Lights have changed to LED," he said.

"Before LEDs, they used to blow the circuits and they'd short out easy too, whereas I have no trouble with that now."

However, the cost of the lights and displays themselves can only be measured as "thousands and thousands" of dollars.

Mr Mangelsdorf houses the display at his property and is the mastermind behind the images.

"They've mostly been painted by myself," he said.

"Jan Wagner has done a few.

"The creative part of it I like."

Mr Mangelsdorf has relished housing the display for almost four decades.

"I've enjoyed the fun it brings to children, to adults and grandparents, actually," he said.

"A lot of the kids that used to come now come with their own children."

Mr Mangelsdorf said ill-health meant he had no choice but to call time on hosting Christmas Wonderland at his home.

"Unless you are involved in helping, you don't realise how much work it takes," he said.

With the display on the move in 2022, Mr Mangelsdorf said he still aims to oversee the Christmas attraction.



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## Demons diehard set for re-election

RIVERLAND politician Nicola Centofanti is almost certain to be returned for a second term in the SA Legislative Council – but that won't stop her from pursuing one of her winter passions on local footy fields.

Ms Centofanti is third on the SA Liberals' upper house ticket for the March 19, 2022 State Election, and given the Libs won four "seats" in 2018, her spot seems assured.

"Being third on the ticket increases my chances of being re-elected, but obviously nothing is guaranteed," she said.

"If I'm not fortunate enough to be elected again, I'll probably be one of the shortest-serving MLCs in history."

Ms Centofanti ascended to the Legislative Council on April 7, 2020, filling a casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Andrew McLachlan.

The role is busy, and requires many trips back and forth to Adelaide, but despite the commitment, Ms Centofanti – a former veterinarian – will continue her role as a trainer with the Berri Football Club next season.

"I've just updated my first aid," she said.

"I'm looking forward to the 2021 season. We've got a couple of good recruits and some good young ones coming through, plus a new coach."

Ms Centofanti was a water runner before switching to trainer approximately eight years ago.

"I love it," she said.

For the 2022 election, Ms Centofanti is third on the SA Liberals' ticket, behind Michelle Lensink and Dennis Hood.

- PAUL MITCHELL

## MLC Nicola on vaccine mandates, kangaroos... and the other Nicola



PAUL MITCHELL

CHAIRING an important committee, regular trips to Adelaide, being a wife and mother, plus the small matter of trying to get re-elected in a few months.

Nicola Centofanti could be excused for preferring to focus on her immediate tasks, but is happy to field questions on The Big Issues, particularly the state government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Riverland-based SA Legislative Council Member – sworn into the upper house in April 2020 to fill a casual Liberal Party vacancy – runs the standard "keep the community safe" line, and thanks South Australians for their efforts over the past 18 months, but is unafraid to parade views somewhat less conspicuous in the public arena, certainly among politicians.

Choosing her words carefully, but deliberately, the 39-year-old is against vaccine mandates, and also feels now is the time for the state government's elected members to "take back the reins" from high-profile public officials, such as SA's Chief Public Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier.

"I'm a firm believer that during these difficult times we can't lose sight of our values as a community and as a society," Ms Centofanti says.

"As a Liberal who believes in the individual's right to choose and their personal responsibility in relation to that choice, I don't support mandating vaccinations outside of high-risk settings (such as) aged care and hospitals."

"We must provide information and educate the community about the benefits of vaccinations, but also we need to

appreciate people's concerns and fears.

"I think we've got to be really, really careful that we don't create the idea of a 'second class of citizen', depending on vaccination status."

"I think this kind of discrimination, based on a personal choice in relation to decisions about people's medical treatment, is really unacceptable in a modern, free democracy that we live in, in Australia."

Ms Centofanti rejects any suggestion her anti-mandate views could put her at odds with other Liberal MLCs or MPs.

"No, I don't think it does," she says.

"If you ask the Health Minister or the Premier, they have always said that as a government we are not looking to mandate vaccinations – and a lot of other states have mandated a lot of industries."

"We certainly have been very cautious and haven't gone down that same pathway, because we want to be able to educate the community and alleviate people's concerns and fears."

"It is also worth mentioning... that Professor Spurrier has stated that mandates can be very heavy handed and that there is power in individuals being able to make the decision to protect themselves and protect other people in the community. I certainly support this statement."

Over the past fortnight – and indeed much of the past 18 months – South Australia has been split on the merits or otherwise of lockdowns and restrictions, and news that Prof Spurrier recommended snap border closures earlier this month in response to the Omicron variant being detected in SA has further polarised opinion.

Again, Ms Centofanti presents a



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25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day
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# SUMMER HOLIDAY & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS LIFTOUT



The highlight since I've been elected was the passing of the Bill that lifts the moratorium on GM (genetically modified) crops — that was particularly exciting for me

slightly alternative take on the scenario. "I think now that we, the South Australian community, have reached 80 per cent vaccination rate, I would like to see the government take back the reins," she say.

"However, ultimately this is a decision of the Premier and the cabinet."

During her relatively short time in the Legislative Council, Ms Centofanti has played a key role in progressing several issues that reflect her rural background, including her experience in primary production and as a veterinarian.

"The highlight since I've been elected was the passing of the Bill that lifts the moratorium on GM (genetically modified) crops — that was particularly exciting for me," she said.

"Obviously it allows GM food crops to be cultivated in South Australia, except on Kangaroo Island, and that really allows our farmers to be on a level playing field with the rest of the nation.

"Those of us who come from the country know the importance of crops being resistant to certain diseases and herbicide, and also it helps to improve their tolerance to drought and frost.

"Another valuable piece of legislation passed was the aggravated farm trespass laws.

"They significantly increase the pen-

alties for people found trespassing on farming land. It actually includes vineyards and wineries as well.

"It's a bid to deter illegal activism and prevent damage to rural properties, and it's important from an environment point of view too."

A third notable achievement involves taking a different view — again — on a topic that has long been a staple conversation topic in the Riverland.

"On a more recent note, I've been doing some work with DEW (Department for Environment and Water) and a number of conservation scientists and the commercial kangaroo industry on kangaroo management in our state," she said.

"It's about how we can change the perception of the community to view kangaroos as assets. Kangaroo is a lean meat, it's healthy and it tastes good.

"It's about having less of the private property culling, where the carcass is essentially left to rot.

"This could also help with employment in the regions. So, the more professional shooters employed by the commercial kangaroo industry, the more jobs are created in our rural communities."

The Upper House has risen for 2021 and is scheduled to have just one more sitting week before the March 19 election, however Ms Centofanti still has plenty on

her plate between now and polling day.

"A significant part of my role as part of the Upper House is committee work and despite parliament rising, this important work still continues," she said.

"I'll have a number of committees that I will attend and a committee that I chair that will continue to meet over the break, and probably until the writs are issued next year.

"I chair the Legislative Review Committee, which is an important committee because it's basically there to review the delegated legislation. Our role is to ensure that the regulations that sit under the overarching legislation are not impinging on people's rights and freedoms, and drafted appropriately.

"Other than that, I'll continue to do constituent inquiries at work, and when I'm not at work, in my spare time, I'll be out there helping our lower house candidates campaign."

Upper house members are generally "paired" with candidates in marginal lower house seats, meaning Ms Centofanti is unlikely to be seen on the campaign trail for Tim Whetstone, the Member for Chaffey, considered a safe Liberal seat. Instead, she will team up with Kavel candidate Rowan Mumford and Waite contender Alex Hyde in the coming months.

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## Sorting your Christmas waste

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

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Deb Cmlec runs the Riverland Bottle Depot at Berri and says the busiest time of the year for her and her workers has begun.

She said despite all the recycling messages many people still fail to prepare properly when recycling.

"Here we do all the deposit products, the bottles and cans, as long as they have the deposit label on them," Ms Cmlec said.

"We can take just general glass jars and wine bottles, and we also do cardboard, tins like peas and beans, and the two-litre milk and two-litre cordial bottles.

"If you look at the bottom of the plastic, it has a little triangle on it, and as long as it has number one or number two in that recycle triangle, we can generally recycle it here.

"If it has any other number in it, it needs to go in your recycle bin at home."

Ms Cmlec said the main error people make when using her

service was to bring in the wrong type of plastic.

"But because we have been here for so long now, we have weeded that out with customers," she said.

"And now that homes have the recycling bins through council a lot of people who would have brought that stuff in, are now doing it through their home bin.

"(If using the bottle depot) take your lids off... you don't have to rinse them out, just make sure they are drained and a bit cleaner.

"Don't leave liquid in them.

"Make sure you don't have rubbish in them, like straws and stuff.

"Some people still put cigarette butts in the bottles, or stick labels in them, so just have them nice and clean.

"Those are the main things for us here and what we deal with."

Ms Cmlec said she believes passionately in people minimising their plastic output.

"I don't litter and I do think the environment is worth taking care of, and I certainly think we use way too much plastic," she said.

"I think people are more aware of recycling, but I think sometimes the council bin system can be a bit confusing, as to what you put in what bin.

"Most people are now using their home bin for recycling, and now the kids are learning at school.

"Every year we have a kindy group come in and have a look.

"They are teaching kids at school, and I think they go home and make their parents do it a bit more than they normally would."

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# What people really want for Christmas

IS there anything worse than putting your heart and soul into your family and friends' Christmas presents, only to receive the dreaded box of favourites in return?

A recent survey, conducted by Hummgroup, has found out what Aussies are buying and how much they are spending for Christmas in 2021.

This data comes at a time when Aussies are expected to more than \$58 billion in the lead-up to Christmas overall, according to Roy Morgan, and when community leaders are urging Riverlanders to spend their money locally.

So, if you haven't decided on what you are buying yet, from your teenage cousin to your nanna, here is what you can and should expect. The answers to your prayers, effectively.

Key findings:

- 67 per cent of Aussies are planning to give gifts/products, followed by 33 per cent giving gift cards, 18 per cent giving money and only 9 per cent experiences (such as tickets, accommodation).

- However, in terms of what people

want to receive, 39 per cent of Aussies would like gifts/products, more than a third would like to receive gift cards, 24 per cent want money and 18 per cent would like to receive experiences.

- Gifts cards and money are more preferred amongst younger age groups (18-34 and 35-44) and almost one in five from this age group want to receive experiences.

- Perhaps Millennials are the most generous age group this year? Humm confirmed most people aged 18-34 years will be forking out more than \$1000.

- Yet the majority of those aged 35-44 will be capping their spending this time round, outlaying between \$500 and \$1,000

- Interestingly, maybe lockdowns infused us with more Christmas spirit and made us more giving in 2021:

- Almost one in four NSW residents, and one in three Victorians will be spending over \$1000

- The majority of Queensland, SA and WA residents however, will cap spending between \$500 and \$1000.

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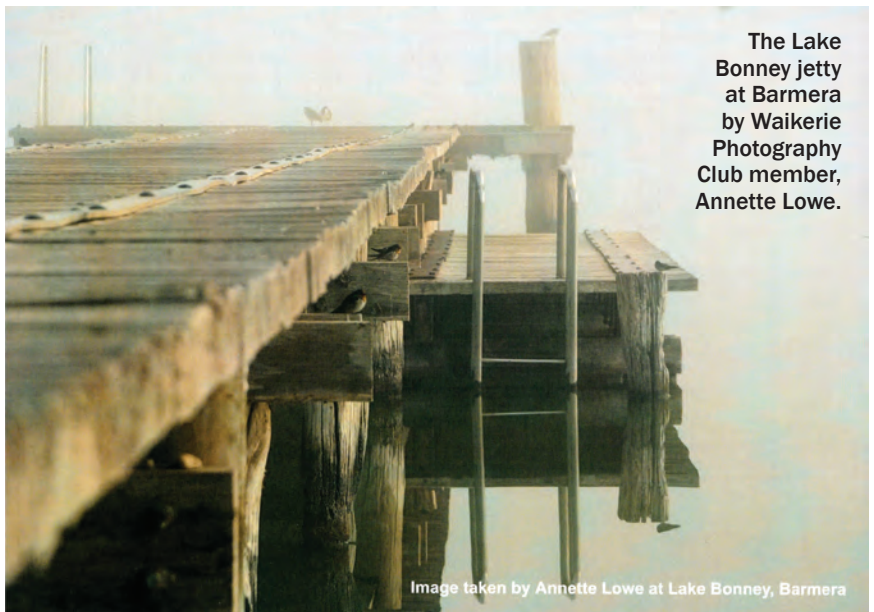
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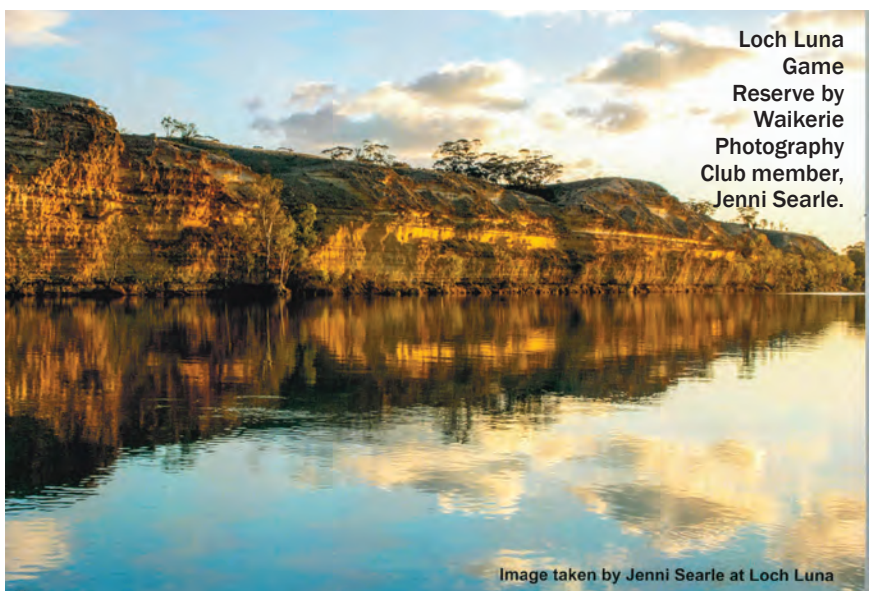


Waikerie Photography Club member Connie Little with the 2022 charity calendar.  
PHOTO: Christine Webster



The Lake Bonney jetty at Barmera by Waikerie Photography Club member, Annette Lowe.

Image taken by Annette Lowe at Lake Bonney, Barmera



Loch Luna Game Reserve by Waikerie Photography Club member, Jenni Searle.

Image taken by Jenni Searle at Loch Luna

## Waikerie's calendar for a cause

### CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A CHARITY calendar produced annually by the Waikerie Photography Club has raised about \$1600 for local community organisations since 2016.

The calendar features scenes of the Riverland and other SA locations.

Waikerie's CFS, Scouts, Senior Citizens Club, cemetery committee, The Cobweb Shop and the Waikerie Historical Society have all benefited from the annual fundraiser.

A main organiser of the Waikerie Photography Club calendar, Connie Little, said the recipient of funds raised from the sale of their latest publication would be the Waikerie Men's Shed.

Ms Little said only 14 of the club's 16 paid-up members could be used for the 2022 calendar.

"There are only 14 spots, so two missed out," she said.

A draw was conducted to select the participating photographers, who each submitted three photos to the Waikerie Photography Club Facebook page in August to be voted on.

"People vote which one out of the three photos from each photographer they would like to see in the calendar," Ms Little said.

"We like to have the votes in by September, so we can start collating the calendar by then."

Ms Little said being a member of the

Waikerie Photography Club and having work featured in the annual calendar gave participants invaluable exposure – and occasionally work opportunities.

The local photographer, who joined when the club was formed in 2014 has become well known in the area for her photos.

"I have cards in the Rain Moth Gallery and the Waikerie Cobweb and I have had a couple of paid gigs, which includes two weddings so far," she said.

The Waikerie calendar costs \$18 and is becoming highly sought after, with orders from interstate and overseas.

"People send it to Scotland, Ireland and England and to Queensland and

Tasmania," Ms Little said.

The Waikerie Photography Calendar can be purchased directly from photography club members and from Waikerie's Rollbusch Quality Meats, the Rain Moth Gallery and No. 1 Home and Gifts.

The Waikerie Photography Club runs photography sessions on Saturday or Sunday of the third weekend of each month, weather permitting.

Ms Little said people from outside of the Riverland West area are welcome to join for a fee of \$30, which covers outings, workshops and involvement in the fundraising calendar.

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# A veteran's work remembered

ELYSE ARMANINI

RENMARK man David Twyford says his grandfather's story of service to the Salvation Army deserves to be told.

Thomas Twyford spent many years serving the Salvos and David said locals might be interested to know the story.

"My grandfather retired here, it's a pretty good story and I thought people might be interested," Mr Twyford said.

"I'm the last survivor of the lot, there's no one else left here. I just thought

someone might like to hear his story before I'm gone."

In early 1928, Thomas Twyford "carried Salvation gladness across the great south-western corner of South Australia" in a 13-week, 6000-mile (9656km) journey in a Ford Model T.

He travelled to many towns on his journey – from Adelaide to Port Augusta to the Eyre Peninsula – and met with many groups of people along the way.

He later retired in Paroo Street, Renmark, in the 1930s, with his wife Annie

May Twyford and their six children.

Below is an excerpt from *The War Cry*, May 24, 1930, announcing the retirement of Thomas Twyford:

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"Comrades in all states in which Commandant and Mrs Twyford have served remember them with affection and wish them a happy and useful period of retirement."



Adjutant Salvation Army officer Thomas Twyford and his wife Annie May.



After retiring from the Salvation Army, Thomas Twyford with his wife Annie May (middle) lived in Renmark with their six children Ivy (left), Jack, Ella, Heather, Ida and Fred. Fred was David Twyford's father. PHOTOS: supplied

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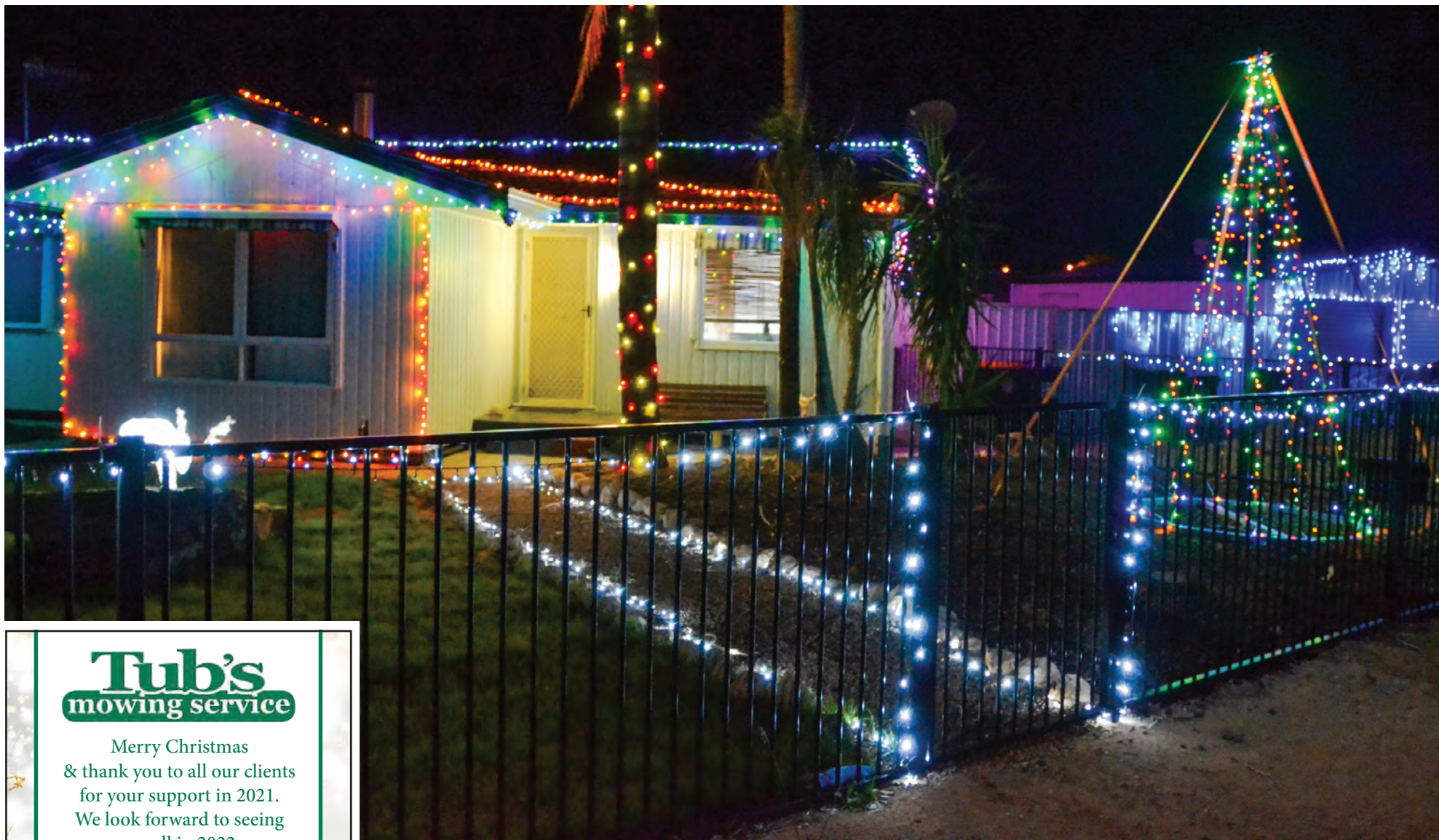
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## Nick and Dana's Christmas lights tradition

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

A DESIRE to continue yearly Riverland traditions is at the heart of a local couple's extensive home showcase of Christmas lights.

Renmark couple Nicholas and Dana Mann recently set up their Pine Street

Christmas lights display for an eighth consecutive year.

Mrs Mann said her husband drew inspiration for the display – which includes a large Christmas tree and numerous reindeer – from his childhood experiences at Loxton's holiday events.

"It probably came from his family because they are from Loxton, so he had grown up with Loxton Lights Up," Mrs Mann said.

"He wanted to bring that experience here, and wanted his kids to do that too as they grow up.

"For me the Christmas tree is a highlight, because it adds a massive feature to the whole garden, and the reindeers as well."

Mrs Mann said impacts from recent hailstorms had forced the family to

replace some of the Christmas lights.

"He had literally just put it up when the storm happened," she said.

"We thought all the Christmas lights would be damaged... but we just got more, so it was fine."

Mrs Mann said continuing the display each year helped them connect with fellow locals.

"He's so into Christmas and I grew up not really having that, so when we started having our own family he really wanted to do it," he said.

"The different areas of the Riverland come together at Christmas and it gives it that real community feel, and everyone knows each other."

Mrs Mann said the couple planned to expand their display in future years.

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Renmark Paringa Council would like to advise of the following operating hours over the Christmas/New Year 2021/22 period.

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**Renmark Paringa Public Library**

Closed from 3pm Friday 24 December 2021  
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**Renmark Paringa Visitor Information Centre**

Closed from 3pm Friday 24 December 2021  
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The Centre's opening hours will be 10am-3pm  
on Monday 27, Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 and Friday 31 December 2021;  
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Wednesday 29 December – 10am – 2pm  
Friday 31 December – 12pm – 4pm  
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\* Please note that there will be no Kerbside Collection on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

\* There will not be a DrumMuster collection day in December. The next collection day will be Tuesday 25 January 2022.

For further information please refer to Council's website  
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Students from Rivergum Christian College's foundation to year 6 classes were involved in a recent nativity presentation. Pictured (standing, from left) are Nathan (wise man), Nigel (angel), Ty (Joseph) and Cloe (Mary), with (front) James (donkey), Mahalia (angel), Jayden, Jemilla (both sheep) and Imogen (angel). PHOTO: supplied



**Rivergum students shared their thoughts on learning about the meaning of Christmas and Jesus' birth.**

"I like learning about Jesus and knowing the true meaning of Christmas."  
- Mahalia, 8.

"I like learning about Jesus' miracles and knowing that Christmas is Jesus' birthday."  
- Nash, 6.

"I like to read Jesus' different stories and getting to do fun activities about his birth."  
- Imogen, 8.

# Celebrating the meaning of Christmas



YOUNGER students at a Riverland school have been focused on remembering the "true" meaning of Christmas in the lead-up to the holiday season.

Rivergum Christian College values the birth of Jesus as the "true meaning of Christmas" and teaches its students from a young age about Jesus' birth and the

connection to Christmas.

"Over the weeks leading up to Christmas we have looked at the journey of Jesus' birth and the value it still has today," said foundation to year 2 teacher Rhiannon Szalbot.

"We explore this journey through song, art, storytelling, and prayer. Students love engaging with the story of Jesus' birth, evident by their

intrigued minds and many questions.

"Throughout our daily Christian life learning, we use the *Jesus Story Book Bible* as a foundation of our Christian learning.

"God's gift of grace at Christmas time is the greatest gift we will ever receive."

Students from foundation to year 6 recently presented a

musical version of the nativity, with songs and comedy interjected along the way.

Meanwhile, students from the year 9 and year 10 cohort presented a unique take on the story of Jesus' birth.

The audience was treated with a puppet show set to a parodied nativity version of Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

- ELYSE ARMANINI

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All of the participating children received completion certificates after the final book was handed out. PHOTO: supplied



ABOVE: Tori Pfitzner shows her son, Oakley, 10 months, the final book in their home library, *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney.

RIGHT: Renmark Primary School student Rhys, pictured with his dad Kynan Morgan, dressed up in his fancy pants with hand-stitched stars to celebrate the final book in the home library program. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini



## Home libraries starting off right

### ELYSE ARMANINI

FAMILIES from a local school have built home libraries throughout the year thanks to a national literacy program.

Renmark Primary School worked with Raising Literacy Australia to give out free books to families to create a home library pack for children aged zero to six.

The books were catered to three different year levels, with participants placed in the babies, toddlers and preschooler categories.

"The impact that it's

having on families and children's reading is huge," said teacher Christine Laxton.

"We were fortunate enough to have just under 50 children sign up for the program.

"Each book came with an activity to encourage parents to do reading activities at home."

The Read to Me – Building Home Libraries program aims to build children's learning capacity, oral language and literacy development.

The program started with

a tub of 10 "high-quality" books and ran for the entire year, with a new book given to each child every month to help build their home library to 22 books in total.

The final book was given to participants last week, with the preschool children invited to dress up in their "fanciest pants" to celebrate the final book: *Fancy Pants* by Kelly Hibbert.

All participants received certificates from Raising Literacy Australia to congratulate them on completing the home library program.

## Grant program highlights arts tourism in SA

BOOSTING rural South Australian economies through cultural tourism is the goal of a new arts funding program.

The federal government last month announced the \$5m Regional Arts Fund Cultural Tourism Accelerator program, aimed at promoting arts and cultural events for tourists across regional communities.

Country Arts SA chief executive Anthony Peluso said the program would support the development of "new events, programs and performance opportunities that will attract audiences from across the nation".

"These grants will help to provide the boost regional South Australia needs in getting back on track and enticing tourists back to our captivating regions," Mr Peluso

said. "There is so much on offer in regional South Australia and we can't wait to be able to share with tourists the awe and joy of what we have to offer.

"We look forward to seeing the creative experiences that will be sparked by this incentive."

Federal Minister for the Arts, Paul Fletcher, said the arts sector would be cru-

cial to regional South Australia's recovery from the economic impacts of Covid-19.

"The arts and cultural sector is a key contributor to the prosperity of Australia's regional economy and will play a strong role in bringing tourists back to the regions," Mr Fletcher said.

"As the vaccine rollout continues and states and territories open up, supporting activities such as festivals, events and visual art exhibitions in regional communities will be critical to attracting tourists and visitors.

"Accelerating tourism to regional communities will help them rebound from the devastating impacts of the pandemic."

Further information regarding the Cultural Tourism Accelerator program can be found by visiting the Country Arts SA website ([www.countryarts.org.au/grants/grants/](http://www.countryarts.org.au/grants/grants/)).

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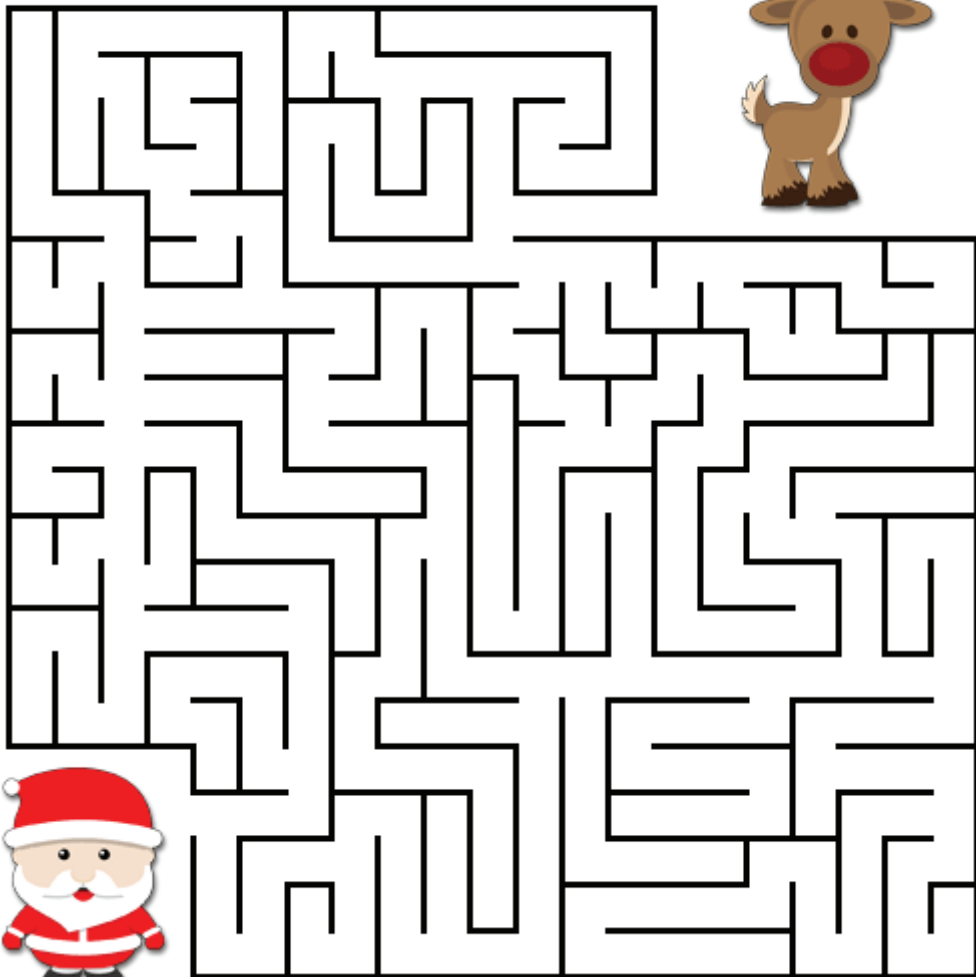


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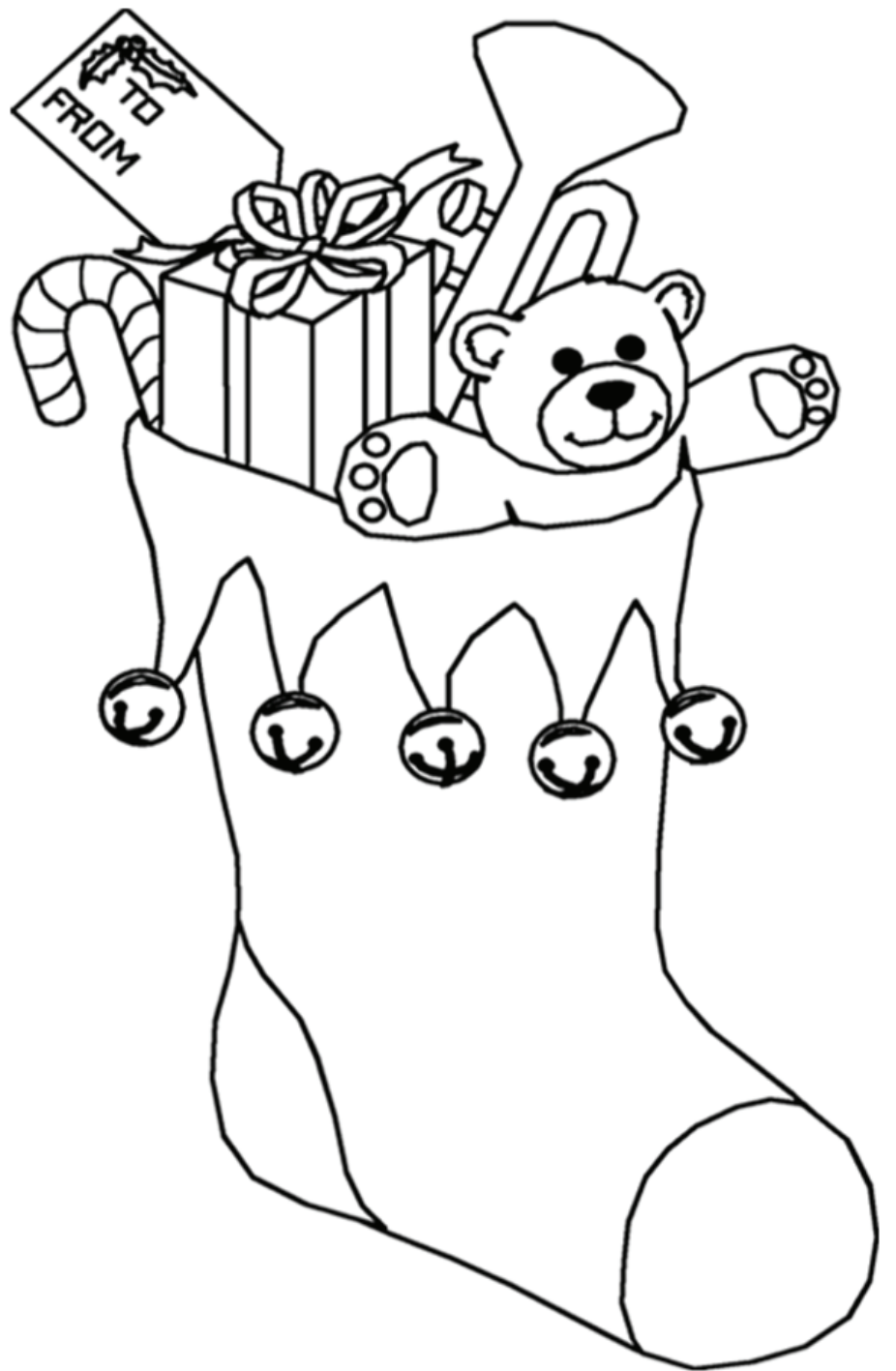


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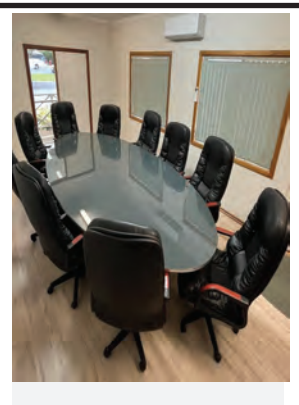


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Renmark's long-standing, Ben Renmark Soccer Parents' group has won a second consecutive victory in the Riverland Derby on Sunday. PHOTO: GARY SCHWARTZ

WALKER: Ben and Zac Pogorecki, both of Waike, took their second consecutive victory in the Riverland Derby on Sunday. PHOTO: GARY SCHWARTZ

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## SA collaboration reviving Murray wetlands

The Murbpook Nature Reserve will be permanently set aside for its primary purpose of growing and enhancing biodiversity conservation, as part a joint initiative involving the Nature Foundation and SA Water. PHOTO: supplied

MORE than 360 hectares of historic Riverland wetlands opened to visitors for the first time last month.

The opening was the result of works progressing on a major conservation project led by Nature Foundation together with SA Water.

One of eight reserves managed by Nature Foundation, the Murbpook Nature Reserve – which houses the wetlands – is on the western bank of the River Murray between Blanchetown and Morgan and was acquired as part of a vegetation offset requirement for SA Water's zero cost energy future initiative.

The reserve hosted a bird walk recently, giving birdwatchers with the first opportunity to explore the area.

Nature Foundation chair Jan Ferguson said the reserve was an important conservation site for 17 threatened fauna species and two rare flora species.

"Recognising the urgent need to help preserve the biodiversity of the wetlands and floodplains of the River Murray, SA Water's investment will allow us to permanently set aside the Murbpook Lagoon property for its primary purpose of growing and enhancing biodiversity conservation," Ms Ferguson said.

"Through our Water for Nature Program, we'll introduce a wetting and drying cycle for the wetlands, to improve the chances of survival for this significant habitat, which is so important for native wildlife.

"Murbpook Lagoon is also believed to include sites of significant cultural importance to First Nations groups,

and we've commenced discussions with traditional owners to identify how they would like to build on their connection with the lagoon, protect its cultural heritage and be involved in its ongoing restoration."

SA Water's initiative saw more than 360,000 solar photovoltaic panels at around 35 of its sites across the state, including four locations in the Murray Mallee region.

SA Water's Shaun Kennedy said establishing the Murbpook Nature Reserve achieved sustainable environmental and social outcomes.

"Vegetation offsets are an important part of ensuring a responsible balance between large-scale infrastructure projects and maintaining native vegetation, and our partnership with Nature Foundation enables us to meet environmental obligations, while preserving and enhancing a large area of river habitat," Mr Kennedy said.

"Our energy initiative is of a size and scale not seen before in the water industry, and our team has carefully designed the project to minimise potential impacts to the natural environment.

"We also know the importance of maintaining a healthy river ecosystem, with the River Murray playing a central role in the delivery of clean, safe drinking water to our 1.7 million customers across South Australia.

"Our strategic direction is underpinned by initiatives like our zero cost energy future which are helping lay the foundations for a greener tomorrow and support healthy communities."

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### PUBLICATION & OFFICE CLOSURE DATES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

The Murray Pioneer Renmark office will close from **12noon, Wednesday, December 22** and will re-open on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022.**

\*Loxton and Waikerie offices will close at 2pm, Tuesday, December 21 and re-open on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Last issue of the Murray Pioneer for 2021 will be published on **Wednesday, December 22.**

First issue for 2022 will be **Wednesday, January 5.**

There will be no publication on **Wednesday, December 29, 2021.**

For bookings and enquires, **emails will be monitored.**

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## SUMMER HOLIDAY & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS LIFTOUT



In order to breed, species like callop need particular river flows when water temperatures have warmed up to keep eggs and larvae afloat. Environmental flows are supporting numerous species across Riverland floodplains and wetlands. PHOTO: Wiki Fishing Spots

# Environmental flows a summer boost

THE utilisation of environmental water flows during summer is set to support numerous species of Riverland wildlife at local floodplains and wetlands.

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and The Living Murray Program – in partnership with Basin states and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority – are currently delivering water for the environment at Riverland sites.

Department for Environment and Water environmental water manager, Tony Herbert, said maintaining high flow rates throughout summer was vital to the breeding of native fish species, and vegetation growth.

“As summer approaches and condi-

tions start to dry off, the flows in the river are starting to drop back and we are now looking at opportunities to use water for the environment to continue some higher flows into the warmer months when growth and breeding by native plants and animals is likely to really kick-in,” Mr Herbert said.

“By delivering water for the environment to the various wetlands along the river, we are trying to promote, rehabilitate and restore thirsty floodplain vegetation communities.

“This will help provide more widespread and diverse habitat for the foraging and breeding of waterbirds, native fish, frog species and various other native fauna.

“In order to successfully breed, species like callop need particular river flows when water temperatures have warmed up to keep eggs and larvae afloat in the water column. This allows the eggs to hatch and larvae to drift and grow into juvenile fish.”

Mr Herbert said “heavy rainfall through winter and early spring” benefited the Chowilla, Pike and Katarapko floodplains.

“Site ecologists are also seeing fantastic responses with eight frog species including large numbers of the threatened southern bell frog (and) strands of lignum greening up and flowering providing perfect habitat,” he said.

“Water has extended out to areas of black box trees which are starting to flower

and birds are responding to the favourable conditions across the three floodplains.

“At Coombool Swamp, on the Chowilla floodplain, birds in the thousands are enjoying the watering including large numbers of grey teal, pink-eared ducks, white-headed stilt and avocets. Red-capped plovers and sharp-tailed sandpipers have also returned along with grebes, swans and both straw-necked and glossy black ibis.”

Further information regarding River Murray spring environmental water flows can be found by visiting the website ([www.mdba.gov.au/issues-murray-darling-basin/water-for-environment](http://www.mdba.gov.au/issues-murray-darling-basin/water-for-environment)).

# Funding aimed at improved soil management

RIVERLANDERS with ideas to improve the region’s soil management practices have been encouraged to apply for a new funding program.

The federal government recently opened applications for the Soil Science Challenge grants program,

aimed at overcoming issues relating to carbon dynamics, hydrology, biology, and nutrition.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said soil management would improve “productivity, profitability, resilience and climate change mitigation” in the Riverland.

“These grants will provide research organisations with the opportunity to influence soil health in Australia, potentially increasing productivity and profitability on-farm, as well as increasing our resilience to a changing climate,” Mr Pasin said.

Applications for Soil Science Challenge grants will remain open until 8.30pm on February 14, 2022.

Further information regarding the grants can be found by visiting the website ([www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/soil-science-challenge](http://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/soil-science-challenge)).

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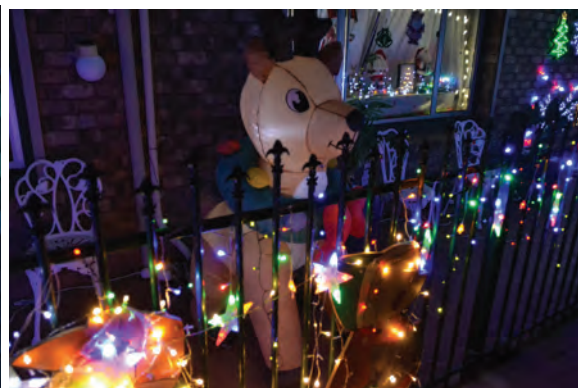
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# Rob recalls country music in the '80s

FOR something different, *The Murray Pioneer's* long-time country music writer and photographer, Robyn McIntosh, has used her annual pictorial review to showcase some photographs she took in the 1980s.

"You may not have seen many of these photos before but they were all taken at Tamworth in 1986, 1988 or 1989," Robyn said.

"Given how many events and festivals were cancelled this year, I thought it would be a good idea to take a look back, and I chose the '80s.

"They were great times in Australian country music and hopefully some of these photos spark some nice memories among *Pioneer* readers.

"Merry Christmas to all."



Robyn McIntosh, circa 1989.



Owen Blundell (centre) taking care of Joan Morgan (Chad's wife), and Pauline Thornton (Barry's wife).



Rocky Page in front of his banner at the Workers Club, prior to his show in 1988.



Setting up the stage for the 1986 Golden Guitar Awards night.

Queensland entertainer Evelyn Bury with radio presenter and singer Malcom Pitchford.



Erald and Daisy Hunter, of Kingston-On-Murray, with Melbourne's Tex Banes (middle) in 1988.



Entertainers Ian Castles, Kenny Kitching and Smoky Dawson in 1989.



Long-time mates, and people "very special" to Robyn McIntosh, Chad Morgan and Terry Gordon at Robyn's first Tamworth festival.



Ian Blundell with 1986 Star Maker and 1987 New Talent Golden Guitar winner Jane Maddick.



Barney (left) and Christine Hunter, formerly of Kingston-On-Murray, with Shorty Ranger (middle) of Winter Winds fame in 1986.

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## Wesley Wright

9 years old  
Berri Primary School

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

Jack looked outside and the sleigh was crushed. Jack ran outside to help Santa, he was knocked out. Jack had to save Christmas! So, he grabbed Santa's sack but the sleigh was broken.

Luckily, Jack is a tech genius so he started working on the sleigh.

Jack tried hard and it took one hour to fix the sleigh. Jack hopped in the sleigh, threw in Santa's sack and flew up into the sky.

First Jack went to Japan then Australia. Also, he went to the USA, the UK, China, India and New Zealand. Now all Jack had to do was get back home.

Jack finally got home but there was one more present and it said: "To Jack". He opened it and it was a PlayStation.

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

I wonder where they're coming from? Could it be... Santa's reindeers! Wow, this is the first time I heard them on Christmas night! I ran out of my room to find one jingle bell. I rushed off to my Mum and Dad's room and screamed at them, "Wake up!"

"Morning," Dad said.

Then Mum woke up. "Good morning," she said

## Caitlin

10 years old  
Renmark North School

I quickly said, "Merry Christmas," with a smile on my face.

"Guess what I found," I screamed in an excited voice.

"What is it?" they both said at the same time.

I said that I found a jingle bell, but when I went to go grab it, it was gone.

I imagined that Santa quickly came past and picked it up. But before I could go on and think about it, there was Santa peeking through the window.

But then something happened. Santa waved to me with a smile on his face! I was shocked, but

so happy!

Mum and Dad walked out of their room and said, "So, where is it?"

I stood there for a second thinking what to say. I thought that they would NEVER believe me if I told them what happened.

So I just said, "I don't know, but it's OK, I love you both so much."

Mum and Dad replied with, "We both love you too."

We sat down and opened presents.

Santa left me a note, it said, "Has your wish come true?" and it did.

I saw Santa, that's why it was the best Christmas ever!



## Christmas Closure

Berri Office  
Berri Library  
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These offices will close at 2.00pm on Friday 24 December 2021 and reopen at 9.00am on Tuesday 4 January 2022

Council Depot

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There will be no changes to bin collection dates during this period

*On behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and Staff, we would like to wish our community Season's Greetings and a happy and healthy New Year*



## Kenzie Sweet

10 years old  
Our Lady of the River

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

I jump out of bed, open my blinds and look out the window. I saw it, I actually saw it! Santa's sleigh!

### One year later

It's been a year since I saw Santa's sleigh. I didn't believe it when I saw it, but now I was determined to see it again. The thing is, I never believed in Santa before I saw his sleigh, but what else had I seen in the sky? I don't know, but this year I've come up with a plan.

It will seem babyish, but this year I'm going to stay up all night to see if Santa is real.

But if I do fall asleep, I've put flour near the chimney and cameras near the Christmas tree! I've also put string around the cookies, so they ring a bell in my room. Mum has just sent me to bed and the time has finally come! I'm going to catch Santa right now on Christmas Eve!

I lay in bed, the silence is thick and gloopy. I try and listen to hear jingle bells or the bell I set up in my room for a trap, but there was no sound at all. My eyelids feel heavy and I found myself continuously yawning. Then I shut my eyes and fall asleep.

I hear bells, I open my eyes and bolt straight up like a flash. I almost dance to my door and the bell was still ringing, but just faintly. I walk down the hallway just in time to see black boots go up the chimney, followed by a red sack. I rush to my bedroom window, but don't see the sleigh. That must have been Santa up the chimney! I check the living room window just in time to see Santa's sleigh going into the night.

### Another year later

This year I'm not going to try and find Santa. This year I'm not focused on the sleigh. I'm focused on my family. This year spending time with my family is the best Christmas.

**Wishing all my clients, friends and family  
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# STORY-WRITING COMPLETION ENTRIES

## Ocea Higginson

12 years old  
Barmera Primary School

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

I quickly jumped out of bed, but for some reason I wasn't at my own house. I went to look outside and I saw a sign that said 'Merry Christmas Holmes Chapel'. I stood there shocked. "How did I end up here?" I thought to myself.

I went back inside and standing right in front of me were Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson, Liam Payne, Niall Horan, Zayn Malik and James Corden.

I stood there with my mouth wide open. I was frozen and my heart was beating a million times per minute. They all said, "Merry Christmas!" and I started screaming in happiness.

I finally got to see One Direction and James Corden. They told me that someone told them that I was their biggest fan (which is true) and that my dream was to meet them. I was so happy.

"Do you want to get your presents yet?" asked Harry.

I replied with, "Yes, please!"

They took me over to where my presents were. I slowly opened my presents and everything I got was One Direction. I was the happiest I had ever been. I thought I had opened all of them until Louis gave me a small envelope. I opened it and it had a lanyard that said, "You have free entry to any One Direction concert and back stage entry too".

I screamed in happiness. I was over the moon excited. This was the best Christmas ever. We all got in the car and drove to the airport to catch a flight to somewhere. I didn't know where it was because it was a surprise.

We finally got there but it took us a long time to get out because there was a crowd. We got in the car and drove to the O2 Arena. We went backstage to get ready, finally we went on stage and had so much fun. The end.

## Ava Bryant

10 years old  
St Albert's Catholic School Loxton

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

As I ran down the stairs and out the door, I saw his slay outside and the reindeer. They were so cool.

Rudolph's nose was so bright, I was so excited. Then I got a great idea to jump into the back of his sleigh.

As I jumped in, he looked at me, but luckily he didn't see me. I hid under a blanket as he hopped in and we took off.

He said: "Up Prancer, up Dasher, up Cupid, up Dancer, up Vixen, up Comet, up Donner, up Blitzen, up Rudolph".

As they all got up, we went through a portal into the North Pole and it was cold. Santa looked back at me and he was freaking out.

We had a crash landing, but we were

OK. Santa said to me, "How long were you back there for?". I said, "Not that long". He asked if I was okay and I said I was.

He said "come with me" and I jumped out I went to his workshop. All the elves were looking at me they were speaking weirdly. I couldn't understand anything they were saying.

Santa asked if I would like some food before he took me back home.

"No," I said, "but can I look around?"

"Go ahead kid," he said.

It looked like that's where they make toys, that's where they make candy canes. There as so much snow – I've never seen so much snow in my life.

Santa said it was time to go, so we went back through the portal to our house.

This is the story of the best ever Christmas.

## Leelou Blouin

11 years old  
Ramco Primary School

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

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I woke up my twin sister Zoe, with amazement.

"What do you want? It's so early in the morning!" groaned Zoe.

"I can hear jingle bells!" I explained while gazing at the door. "Let's go downstairs!" I eagerly said, on the edge of waking everyone up.

Zoe reluctantly agreed.

We both crept slowly downstairs, our tiny feet waddling across wooden floor boards.

We could smell the soft chocolate chip cookies my mum and I made the night before.

Zoe and I peeked around the corner, eager to see where the noise was coming from, as we were so curious.

There it was, the thing that would change my life forever...

I gasped in amazement. I looked at Zoe then back at the thing.

Was it really Santa? I could tell that Zoe was not sure what to do.

I crept slowly closer and whispered "Santa?".

He was in the middle of eating one of the soft cookies which he ended up dropping, after realising that I was indeed awake, and not just sleep walking.

He was shocked. He started to freak out and then out came three different tiny elves, hiding behind him – they were there this whole entire time!

I wanted to scream but I couldn't.

All of a sudden, I felt sleepy. I glanced at Zoe, who had an old camera in her hand.

Then I smiled, falling on the ground, asleep.

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! My alarm was going off.

I jolted awake, and sprinted to Zoe's bed.

"Was it real? Was it real? Tell me!" I screamed while shaking her awake.

She slowly pulled out a picture. At first, I was confused, but then I realised what it was. I gasped.

She did it! She really did it! She got a picture of Santa! I applauded her smart and quick thinking.

That was the best Christmas ever!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Ella Jordan

11 years old  
Cobdogla Primary School

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

It was pitch black outside. "Thud, thud!" the roof thudded.

I thought to myself "What was going on up there?"

it was still thudding and then suddenly there was a bang.

"BASH, CRASH, BANG!" it crashed some more.

I raced downstairs and heard weeping.

"Hello?" I asked confused.

"Help me please, help me!" a man's voice shot out. I was shocked and startled. Why was an old man in my house? I was ever so curious to see if he was ok, I rushed to him.

"Oh my!" I said shocked.

It was Santa, he was the one making all the noises.

"Are you ok? You sure made a lot of noise." I asked.

"Yes, my head and leg hurts." he said as he scratched his head.

"We have to get you to a doctor now!" I said worried.

"No, I can't, children are waiting for their presents, and I only have 5 hours left to get to 8 countries." he

said in a worried voice.

I felt sorry for him. Then it hit me. I could help and deliver the rest of the presents.

"How about..." I started. "I can deliver the rest of the presnets". So, I called my mum to come drive him to the hospital.

I climbed onto the roof and got straight into the sleigh. I rushed off as soon as possible. I didn't have much time to waste. I jumped into every chimney that the radar said for me to go into. This was my time to shine. I made sure I was doing everything right and soon I was up to the last house.

I rushed straight to the hospital. "Are you ok?" I asked.

"Yes, but I have a broken leg and slight concussion." he explained. I was relieved that he was ok.

"How many houses are there left?" he asked.

"Absolutely none, I did all of them and yes I made sure they were all right." I replied.

"Oh my, thank you so much. I couldn't ask for more. Just for this you can have extra gifts next Christmas!" he exclaimed.

That's my amazing story of the story of Christmas.

Zeva Drechsler

12 years old  
Loxton North Primary School

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

This couldn't be right, jingle bells? It had to be some sort of prank.

There it was again, I had started to lose belief in Santa last Christmas when I saw my mum wrapping presents and writing "From Santa", on them.

But this was different. I heard a loud crashing on the roof, at first, I thought it was hail from the storm but no, was it hooves?

I put on my thongs and ran outside, I couldn't quite see on the roof but there was, for sure, jingling bells and hooves.

Then, then I heard it, "Ho ho ho!".

Santa? No, it couldn't be.

I ran inside out of the heat that was the Australian night and looked up the chimney.

Sure enough I saw a big round belly and then... "Ouch!".

I looked up and all around me but it

was pitch black.

Then the weight lifted and I saw him.

I saw the man who wasn't supposed to exist.

He looked at me in shock, neither of us knew what to do next.

"Jingle bells," I said, "I heard jingle bells, woke me up, you."

"Aren't you meant to be in bed?" he asked.

"Santa?" I sounded like I was stupid and was figuring out for the first time there was other people in the world.

"Look... I... I am just here to do my job, I am not all that great with kids, surprisingly. Here is a present, now go to bed!"

He magically pulled a beautifully wrapped present from the bottom of his hat.

I stared in awe and my chin dropped. All of my body was numb and could barely hold it.

"Don't tell anyone about this," he said, and with that he put the rest of the things under the tree and was gone.

I opened the present to find a bell, a jingle bell.

River Life

RIVERLAND CHRISTMAS  
STORY-WRITING  
COMPLETION ENTRIES

Emma Arnold

8 years old  
Moorook Primary School

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

Then I looked outside and I saw Santa. I saw a reindeer that had a red nose. I thought I could name him Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

Santa almost saw me, then I heard a noise downstairs so I went down there.

There he was, Santa. I wanted to say "Hi Santa" but I knew that I couldn't because if Santa saw me his sleigh would lose its magic and he would not be able to get home. Then no one would get a present tonight. So I went back to bed, but I heard jingle bells again.

Then I got out of bed and saw Santa out my window. There he was coming back to my house!

Santa said: "I forgot to give this kid's present. Oh no, calm down Rudolph."

"Oh no," I said, "Santa's sleigh is going down."

I went outside and saw that Santa's sleigh was in my front yard. Then Santa said:

"Shhhhhh...we cannot be seen here.

"Let me have a look at my sleigh. Oh no, it's losing its magic. It's almost gone. Where do I get some candy?

"Oh yeah at Candy Land."

I saw Santa going to the Candy Land shop, but then Rudolph got off his lead and ran into my house.

Mum said: "Bella, stop making such a racket and go to bed."

"Okay Mum" I said, then I looked at the cookies. Santa was eating the cookies. Then Santa gave Belle and Mac a carrot.

Then I saw Santa put down my present and ask: "Where is Rudolph?"

Then I heard a noise in my backyard.

"What is that?" I said.

Then I went in my backyard and I saw Rudolph jumping in my little brother's kid pool. "Oh no," I said.

The other reindeers all looked at Rudolph. Then Santa said: "Silly Rudolph."

Rudolph jumped really high, then he glowed very bright. Then Santa said "Rudolph, you have the Christmas magic."

Now Rudolf is the happiest reindeer in the world!

The end

Taylor Ogle

9 years old  
Kingston-On-Murray Primary School

**THIS is the story of the best Christmas ever! I woke with a startle. What had woken me? I listened hard. Yes, there it was again! Bells! I could hear jingle bells!**

So I ran down the stairs and on the way down I looked in the mirror and my hair was crazy so I took a look at the calendar it was only March the 7th.

"Oh, no – maybe this was the worst Christmas ever?"

I was so sad, so I went to tell Mum and Dad what happened and then I remembered the movie, Christmas Chronicles. I thought that Santa had

a naughty elf and I was very scared that I might have got bad presents because the bad elf may have changed them.

So I woke my brother Roxy; he was so nervous. We met Mum and Dad at the couch.

I opened my first presents. I was so surprised to see it was a genie in a lamp. I opened my other presents and all it was is old stuff.

So I got my genie in a lamp and made my first wish: it was to have nice presents and have a great Christmas. Then it was the best Christmas ever.

The end.