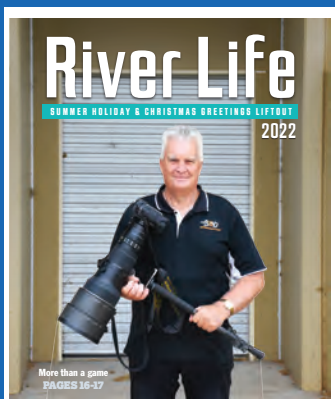


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**CHRISTMAS DAY:**  
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**BOXING DAY:**  
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**TOP 5 RIVERLAND  
ATAR SCORES:**  
**Zoe Raynes – 98.90 (Loxton)**  
**Charlee Webb – 98.10 (Renmark)**  
**Aaliyah Loffler – 98.00 (Waikerie)**  
**Harmony Nitschke – 97.95 (Loxton)**  
**Madelyn Long – 97.55 (Renmark)**

The year 12 students from Loxton High School who received a 90+ ATAR (back, from left): Lucas Cockshell, Jamie Heuzenroeder, Adison King, Jasmine Schubert, Jarra Gibbs, Bianca Knowles, Kayla Wallis, Harmony Nitschke, Alex Ramm, Kian Slagter and Joey Haenen. Front: Mikayla Gillett, Chloe Abbott, Erin Battams, Jess Gerlach and Makayla Lockwood. The Riverland dux, Zoe Raynes, was absent, holidaying in Denmark. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

# Zoe zooms to our top ATAR

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

A LOXTON High School student has been named the Riverland dux after achieving the region’s top ATAR score when year 12 results were released on Monday morning. Zoe Raynes scored an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) of 98.90 out of a possible 99.95 and was one of 17 Loxton students with a score of 90 or more. Zoe, currently holidaying in Denmark, said it was an “eager, jet-lagged wait for results at 11pm”. “I spent most of the lead-up to result day in the cold weather in Denmark, definitely a change from Australian summer,” she said. “There was always the reminder in the back of my mind that ATAR results were coming out soon but...

I had already done everything I could throughout the year. “I was very nervous to see the results and initially felt overwhelmed to receive a merit in Research Project. I didn’t quite know how to react seeing the 98.90 ATAR, I think I was overwhelmed and relieved it was all worth the stress and hard work this year. “To be named the Riverland dux is something I never imagined and it was strange to be receiving messages of congratulations at 4.30am when I had no clue what was happening.” Zoe already has a place at St Mark’s College – a university co-residential college – and has applied for a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science in Medical Imaging at UniSA, which had a 2022 competitive ATAR of 99.20. “I knew I wanted to be involved

in healthcare, but I was not interested in becoming a doctor or spending seven years at university,” she said. “At first, it was physiotherapy, but I’ve always enjoyed physics so medical imaging was more suited to my interests.” Calling herself “a bit of a stress head”, Zoe said her challenges throughout the year included being overwhelmed with responsibilities and self-imposed high standards. “The whole year was a challenge if I’m being honest,” she said. “Finding the motivation to keep going, take notes, and catch up on work I’ve missed due to sporting events and outdoor ed excursions... “(However), finishing the last exam, receiving awards at presentation night, and now my ATAR have all been triumphs that have reassured me I did my best this



Loxton High School's Zoe Raynes achieved the Riverland's top ATAR with a score of 98.90 out of a possible 99.95. PHOTO: supplied year and it was all worth the hours of work and stress.” Zoe was the recipient of multiple awards at Loxton High’s recent

presentation night on December 6, including the highly regarded Kingston Estate Wines/Chinner Memorial Prize (see page 26 for full list of award winners). LHS principal Amy Evans described Zoe as a hard-working student who “communicates really well with her teachers”. “She always gives her best and is a very well-rounded young person...” she said. Zoe thanked her teachers and LHS staff members for “giving me every opportunity to achieve my best”. “(Thanks also) to my family for putting up with my late nights, and overwhelmed moments and for giving me all the support I needed,” she added. “And to my boss Rosy, for being so understanding with time off from work for tests and exams.”

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Council CEO Dylan Strong said council had initially requested an investigation into installing a temporary levee along Riverview Drive in early November.

“After a risk assessment was completed by the SES it was determined that the levees north of Nappers Bridge and along the Berri CBD riverfront were suitable priorities,” he said. “As levee construction and remediation was completed elsewhere, council could allocate our own resources to actively pursue solutions along Riverview Drive past Clarke Road...

“It was great to hear the views of the local community at last week’s meeting.”

At the meeting, Riverview Drive resident Viola Rodley asked council why it was prioritising the section of the road between Clarke



Works have continued on the installation of a DefenCell barrier along the Berri riverfront, with council also mobilising to protect other sections of Riverview Drive. PHOTO: Facebook

Road and Crawford Terrace by installing a temporary DefenCell levee.

"I want to know why Berri Barmora Council aren't doing anything on the rest of Riverview Drive while protecting an area that wasn't even affected by the '56 floods?" she said.

In response, Mr Strong said the area beyond Clarke Road was deemed “not suitable” for a DefenCell system by engineers.

“The advice that I’ve been given is that the reason that it would be ineffective to install

a levee on top of the road on that section of Riverview Drive or on the verge of the road is largely due to the underground water and seepage that would come through that road

verge anyway..." he said.

“The section of Riverview Drive toward Martins Bend is largely a levee in itself between wetland, so it’s low on one side and low on the other.”

Another Riverview Drive resident, Parry Karlovassitis, urged council to patch up remnants of 1974 levee banks to provide some protection for locals.

“We’ll probably get through, but there’s some places along Riverview Drive (that won’t)...” he said.

"I've talked to some of those guys and they're defeated. There may be only about 15 of us living on that road... but I think we deserve at least a bit of communication about

what's going on because none of us have had any idea."

Last week, a section of Riverview Drive was found to have become soft between Clarke Road and Martin Bend, with a detour in place via Clarke and Chilton roads and local access via Oliver Road.

Mr Strong said the road was built on an old levee bank.

“And due to the typography and terrain, water was able to seep under (the) road to adjoining properties,” Mr Strong said.

“Short-term remediation works have been carried out. Once the flood event is over, council will investigate betterment for this stretch.”

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Barmera environmentalist John Beech yesterday at the site of an algal outbreak in Lake Bonney, which was recently disconnected from the main river channel in order to protect nearby infrastructure from the rising waters. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

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Following SA SES advice, Barmera's tourism jewel was temporarily blocked off from the main river channel earlier this month in order to protect infrastructure – including the local wastewater network – from the rising river.

The move has divided community opinion and angered local environmentalists, such as Save Lake Bonney group member John Beech, who first noticed algae days ago.

"A mere 18 days after it was annexed from its river partner, the lake is already in trouble," Mr Beech said yesterday.

## FLOOD EVENT

"A large patch of blue-green algae has already formed at north-west lake, (potentially) endangering animal and fish life, and is a threat to people who come into contact with it.

"This final act of environmental vandalism... is already pushing the lake to the brink."

SA Health warned people against contacting blue-green algae, but said it presented only a minor health concern.

"People are advised not to swim in parts of the lake with coloured surface films or scums," SA Health said in a statement.

"While some blue-green algae can produce toxins, unless large volumes are ingested, the most likely health impact is skin irritation.

"Skin irritation can occur for approxi-

mately 10 per cent of the population.

"Anyone who develops a skin irritation from contact with blue green algae should shower immediately and symptoms will subside."

The SA SES said it had anticipated "environmental concerns" from the lake's isolation, carried out via the construction of an earthen levee across the Nappers Bridge inlet.

"We are conscious that those environmental impacts will be seen by the community and we've got strategies in place to ensure we can open it up as quickly as we can," SA SES chief officer Chris Beattie said this week.

Mr Beattie said the SA SES was working with Berri Barmera Council to manage Lake Bonney and aimed to reconnect the lake "as soon as we practically can after the peak flow goes through".

That cannot come soon enough for Mr Beech, who called for the council to "immediately plan the lake's reconnection".

Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong said his council would "continue to support" the relevant government agencies, but aimed to keep the lake healthy during the temporary inlet closure.

SA Health said algal blooms occur naturally and typically appear during low-rainfall, low-water flows, and in ongoing warm weather.

Among the five major Riverland towns, Barmera is alone in being off the river, potentially making it a favoured destination for tourists due to the flood impacting the river. However, Mr Beech claimed since being disconnected, Lake Bonney's water quality had already deteriorated to the point of discouraging recreational water use.

# 'Zero concerns' despite hospital levee leaks

## JOSH BRINE

THE chief officer of the State Emergency Service says the agency has "zero concerns" about the integrity of the Renmark hospital levee, despite reports of leaking on the land side of the bank.

At a press conference in Murray Bridge on Monday, SA SES chief officer Chris Beattie said engineer assessments were undertaken to determine the

cause of the leaks.

"Essentially, we're seeing some water ingress between the Hale Street levee and the hospital bank levee," he said.

"There's a road through there and council's currently undertaking works to cut the pavement and put in place a small clay bunding to prevent that ingress of water.

"There's also some seepage along the land side... of the levee.

"The engineers assessed that to be largely groundwater... and not a structural concern with the levee itself.

"Down the southeast side of the levees we've seen some water coming through, largely through the roots from large pine trees.

"Council's got contractors in that will be putting some additional bunding around that area."

Mr Beattie said the SES was still confident in the integrity of

the levee to sustain peak flows.

"At this stage the government has zero concerns in terms of the integrity of the levee and it won't affect our operational plans in terms of the operational activities of the hospital and the planned relocation of residents as the river rises," he said.

Mr Beattie said along the river corridor in SA, eight levees had suffered irreparable catastrophic failures, while 53 had serious defects.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

## Fresh flood of empathy needed

COVID-19, three elections and a flood – Riverlanders are unlikely to forget 2022 anytime soon.

Unfortunately, it will be a dark year for many businesses, still struggling to emerge from a post-Covid haze, and immediately buffeted by the disastrous impacts of the high river – still yet to peak locally.

The grim reality is the flood’s full impact remains ahead, not in our rear-view mirror.

The Riverland’s three new mayors could scarcely have ascended to their new roles at a more challenging time, rendering ‘deep end’ metaphors an exercise in low-hanging fruit.

Fortunately, councils currently have plenty of sympathy and not unsubstantial material support from the other two tiers of government, both Labor. However, once the waters recede and issues in more politically-important electorates take priority, the landscape could change again.

Empathy will be required for the Riverland to emerge from 2022 intact and in reasonable shape.

Empathy from decision-makers and bureaucrats who decree who and what deserves taxpayer-funded support.

Empathy from those who miss out for genuine, common-sense reasons, lest their bitterness – though understandable – impacts personal relationships with other locals, through no fault of the latter.

Empathy from public servants – for whom the flood will have zero impact on their weekly pay cheques – towards those doing it tough.

Empathy too from those lining up for the various grants towards the public servants trying to process applications. Some applicants will be desperate and likely have a short fuse if the process is bumpy. In this case, effective empathy needs to be a two-way street.

The new mayors and their councils will need empathy towards some of their rate-payers, and understand that this group’s views will not necessarily align with that of elected members.

A completely fair criticism of our nation’s immediate former prime minister and South Australia’s immediate former premier was that both were more managers than leaders, happy to outsource difficult decision-making under the guise of ‘listening to expert advice’.

The Riverland’s new trio of mayors and their councillors may be fortunate enough to escape the need to make difficult calls throughout the rest of the crisis. Indeed, just about anyone with a modicum of common-sense can navigate the ‘please-all’ path when presented with only one option.

However, the councils may yet face some tough and potentially unpopular calls, and be required to upset some for the greater good. Only then will their leadership qualities – the very reason they were elected to public office – be fully tested.

For now, we hope those making the calls impacting the Riverland get it right, and that empathy is one quality in abundant supply locally in 2023.



**Rainbow, Alawoona, November 12, 2022:** Rainbows form in rain when sunlight from behind a viewer shines like a movie projector onto a ‘screen’ of raindrops in front. Sunlight entering each drop is bent (refracted). Like light through a prism, it is split at different angles into the colours red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. This coloured light is reflected from the back of droplets at a 40-42 degree angle to the observer. Light from the array of droplets at these angles forms the rainbow you see. From an aeroplane, the rainbow appears in a full circle. Light that enters the raindrops at 51 degrees is reflected twice inside each drop and, with colours in reverse, appears as a secondary bow on the outside of the main (primary) bow. A third may also form, being a reflection of the primary bow in reverse colours. Interestingly, two people standing side-by-side, will see light coming from droplets next to each other, so everyone sees their own similar but specific rainbow. The book of Genesis says that, as the years goes by, the rainbow is a promise of blessing that a flood will never again cover the whole Earth.

PHOTO: Chris Sheahan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Modelling different to science

YOUR editorial last week (‘Goblins in the flow modelling’, Murray Pioneer, 14/12/22) brilliantly exposed the frailty of so called experts.

The inability of this exulted class (so loved by the young, gullible and naive) to get their “modelling” anything close to reality, is self-evident.

I doubt that your perennial Victorian correspondent Alf Rapisarda will appreciate your perspicacity, but you reinforce the veracity and worth of Jeff Knispel’s letter (‘Hydrogen hub the next grandiose dud’, 14/12/22) and Gordon Forrest’s incisive contribution in the same paper (‘Politicians and climate change’).

The danger to all of us of the ridiculous climate alarmists is just beginning to be experienced.

As you say modelling has little to do with serious science.

**STUART ANDREW Berri**

### Museum closed, for the cost of a fence

AN area of the Cobdogla Steam and Irrigation Museum is above 1956 flood level.

If it was fenced off from the lower flooded area, the twilight train rides, which are a great tourist attraction, could be run during the school holidays.

SA Water has closed the entire museum for the supposed safety of the public and museum members.

The upper part of the museum is not behind a flood bank and in the event of a catastrophic rise in water level there would be an extended time to safely evacuate, as the river rise would take many days.

SA Water had given us only four days’ notice to relocate 34 years of collected and irreplaceable vintage machines to the above-flood level area at the museum.

It has told us we cannot attempt to enter the site to service this equipment.

Without regular care this equipment, particularly the open-

crank steam engines that are out in the open, will suffer from corrosion.

This cold and uncaring action by SA Water has placed all members under great mental stress, which in some of our volunteers is now also manifesting as physical illness.

Cobdogla museum members and SA Water take the safety of the public and our members very seriously.

The high area of the museum which, as stated, is well above predicted flood level, could be safely used pending the unlikely river rise to extreme levels.

We ask Riverland people to write to the minister for water and the premier to implore them to reverse this wrong decision.

**ROBIN BAWDEN**  
President  
Cobdogla Steam Friends

### Wine grape industry is currently farcical

WELL, it is turning out to be a season from hell.

Floods inundating vineyards, downy and powdery rampant, and a major winery declaring its hand in not wanting shiraz or cabernet grapes supplied, or at a very reduced rate and price.

Other varieties will be declared as required.

I asked a specific question regarding merlot and was answered with a definite “yes, as required”.

Now the pricing and delivery requirements come out the grower receives the ultimate insult and I believe was lied to.

The price is so low I am going to shut them down. Then to be offered a single dollar for anything supplied over contracted tonnes.

“Oh yeah, we will take them, but you are only getting a dollar per tonne” is the message.

They recommend planting varieties. I know it is our final decision as to what we plant, but as soon as the vines are planted the grower gets told they are not required.

They want us to work with them. We do try, but how often can we be kicked into the gutter?

And where are our grower representative bodies?

Silent? Are they are a conduit for the winemakers and marketers and not the grower, who pay levies into these groups?

The wineries found a strong, financially attractive market. They sat back and just soaked it up.

Marketing was easy. It was too good to be true.

Then the federal government stood up to China, as it needed to, but in a bombastic manner. The government rocked the boat and the wineries had trodden on toes in too many other traditional markets.

The industry is farcical.

There are a couple of wineries trying to support their growers. Well done and hope the growers support you. Those wineries are put in a product pricing predicament by the actions of other wineries.

What incentives are there for growers to diversify into essential food produce/products?

Governments sitting on their hands again and our local representatives not looking outside the square.

The Riverland can grow anything, but if something doesn’t change the small to medium families on the land are doomed and lost to the communities, which are then lost.

**IAN PENNO**  
Winkie

### Hopes for Mr Pasin were all in vain

ON November 28 Tony Pasin stated in parliament: “I wrote to Minister Watt in September, requesting an urgent meeting with the Riverland grape and wine industry to discuss the red wine sector in light of the coercive action of the CCP.”

Perhaps Mr Pasin can recall that China’s action was in response to his previous leader, Scott Morrison, channelling Trump and blaming China for Covid, plus the then-minister for home affairs, Peter Dutton, banging the drums of war with China. Words have consequences.

I do not recall Mr Pasin challenging the views of either Dutton or Morrison. In fact, he seemed to be part of the Greek chorus, cheering them on.

It also seems to have escaped his notice that Anthony Albanese, Penny Wong, and our public servants are slowly rebuilding relationships with China.

Mr Pasin’s leaders couldn’t even get a junior Chinese diplomat to take a phone call, let alone have a meeting.

Yes, Riverland grape growers, along with other primary producers are being harmed by China, but the cause is the LNP’s making.

I had hoped that Mr Pasin would have spent some time in quiet reflection, and then join in the censure motion of all five Scott Morrisons in the House.

Seems that hope was as vain as the LNP supporting the Albanese government’s fence mending with China.

**DAVID BRINDLEY**  
Waikerie

### Christmas will look different this year

AS the year comes to a close I’d like to take the opportunity to wish all your readers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Christ and his message of peace and goodwill.

And while many of us celebrate with gifts under the tree, the most special gift of all is the time spent with family and friends over the holiday period.

This is the true magic of Christmas, a time to stop and reflect on those we hold dear.

Enjoy this time together and remember to reach out to those in our community who may need a little extra care this Christmas, particularly the elderly, those alone or who are going through a rough patch.

Take the time to reach out and pass on the Christmas message of peace and goodwill.

This Christmas will look very different for the Riverland community as many properties, roads and public spaces are inundated by flood waters.

Natural disasters can have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of communities and this Christmas more than



“Your editorial last week brilliantly exposed the frailty of so-called experts...”

- STUART ANDREW



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ever we need to stand shoulder to shoulder as a community and look out for each other.

The Riverland is a passionate and resilient community that pulls together in times of need, and I know that this Christmas will be no different.

While my electorate office will be closed over the Christmas-New Year period, my staff and I remain available to provide assistance by phone on 8531 2466.

From my family and my staff, we'd like to wish all your readers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2023.

TONY PASIN  
Member for Barker

Council cave efforts deserve applause

THROUGH The Murray Pioneer I would like to offer a shout out to the Berri Barmera Council team, who kept Santa's Cave alive in Vaughan Terrace, Berri, for another year.

Their efforts gave many children a reason to smile as they shared their requests with Santa, and left with smiling parents, relatives and family.

Many adults who visited the cave with children, acknowledged the work that the team had put into the cave to share the Christmas spirit of love, joy, peace and goodwill.

Each week, last-minute sickness and other issues with supporting activities caused changes in plans and course, but with true professionalism, the show went on.

Considering that presenting Santa to the community is not a primary council responsibility, and the extra workload placed on such public bodies with our river flows, I acknowledge and deeply appreciate the "over and above" input of council staff.

As I express my appreciation, I wish those who have blessed so many community members a blessed and safe Christmas themselves.

BARRY GALLIFORD (Santa Claus)  
Loxton North

Christmas message in trying times

THE Christmas spirit in the Riverland is one thing that never ceases to amaze me.

Although it's a little different this year, the region is truly alive with festive events, pageants, carols and light displays filling the region with anticipation and colour.

After another challenging year, I hope Christmas brings some time for us all to rest and

*You've gotta be joking!* Cartoon comment by **Tony Hersey**

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reflect, and to look ahead to 2023 – the start of a new year and new opportunities.

I would like to thank you all again for your support throughout 2022, with all its ups and downs.

We have seen continued resilience from our communities in the recovery from the pandemic, and in the face of a tough season our growers have found ways to be even more innovative and stronger.

I am very appreciative that I have been re-elected as the Member for Chaffey this year and my appointment as shadow minister for police and community safety, road safety, corrections, mental health and suicide prevention.

I am privileged to represent the electorate of Chaffey in parliament and it has been another busy year working to grow our region and most recently, advocating consistently to ensure we are supported during the Murray River flooding event.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the world and I feel very thankful to call this region home.

Although this summer our Murray River activities may be different, the warmer weather is a great opportunity to get out and support our local watering holes and restaurants.

Our small businesses need you more than ever and if we don't

support them now, they may not be here in the future. Remember to buy it locally at every opportunity.

I would like to say a big, heartfelt thank you to everyone working in our emergency services and the volunteers who give up their own Christmas to assist our region this year.

I also want to shout out to our local earthmoving companies who are forging a lasting legacy in our region and working together to keep our River Murray communities safe.

I must also commend the community and our local councils for swiftly responding to the impending floodwaters that are currently hitting our state from the eastern states.

These are uncertain and trying times for our region. It is vital that as a community we pull together, and it's now more important than ever to look out for each other and check in on your loved ones, neighbours or those who are vulnerable.

I continue to be proud of the strength and resilience of our community. However, this is a difficult time for some, and I am here to offer assistance to anyone who needs it over the Christmas period.

Finally, from myself and my staff: Merry Christmas. I wish you a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

Look after each other and I

look forward to working with you all in 2023.

TIM WHETSTONE  
Member for Chaffey

Showing Riverland on Twitch TV

I RECENTLY saw a picture taken at the Barmera Christmas Pageant and fireworks display of a local internet sensation and multi-media superstar going by the name of Liziebumblebee. Her and her husband were both dressed for the occasion in Santa suits, adorned with trinkets and they bought joyous smiles to all that saw them.

This bright and bubbly human streams on Twitch TV (sometimes with her husband) and does everything possible to show the joys and delights of the Riverland by livestreaming her outdoor adventures, kayaking, fishing, bushwalking etc. to the world via the magic of the internet.

As an old Riverlander, I get a huge kick out of seeing the region again up close and personal, noting how the place has changed over the years.

In a world where you can choose to be anything, these two folks are choosing to be happy and positive, sharing the love to all that visit their streams. More power to them.

IAN FREUDENBERG  
Coomandook

Looking back...

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OUR BEST OF THE BEST: Eleanor Garrard's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 98.75 led the five Loxton High School students who received the highest year 12 marks in the Riverland this week. Marks were released statewide on Wednesday morning, and again Riverland high schools boasted above average results. Eleanor said she was sleeping when she got a phone call from her principal on Wednesday morning. "He told me that I had topped Loxton High School, so I got up and went upstairs to check what my score was," she said.

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MERGER TALK: Berri Barmera Council has initiated moves to broker a merger with Renmark Paringa. A number of its councillors spoke in favour of the possible amalgamation at a meeting on Tuesday night. Renmark Paringa mayor Rod Thomas said yesterday his council was always interested in discussing such issues, but no decision would be made without extensive public consultation. Berri Barmera Council voted on Tuesday night to approach Renmark Paringa to register interest in sharing resources.

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After having a look around Renmark, I was wondering how the proposed flash residential development at the back of Jane Eliza was progressing?

PETER LOXTON

So we have social media, where everyone knows everything about each other, yet some schools apparently won't release surnames

of students to the press? Doesn't make any sense at all, and what a shame for their parents and grandparents. But good on the schools that still do let the surnames be printed.

ROB Berri

Can anyone please explain why council has let go the maintenance of Waikerie river frontage, lawns

and surrounds? Do we have street cleaning in our town? Are the lawns on the river frontage still watered and maintained? This will not attract anyone to our part of the river. What the?

GARY M Waikerie

Congratulations to Waikerie Men's Shed for the fantastic reindeer around town – great job. Thanks

for brightening up the area.

PS Waikerie

Maybe the council could've just protected the sewage system in Barmera, rather than blocking off the whole lake? Or is that not a practical idea?

BOB Barmera

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# Up to 4000 Riverland properties to go under

UP to 4000 Riverland properties are expected to be inundated when the River Murray reaches its Riverland peak – now predicted to be between December 24-31 in Renmark.

The latest SA government flow update, released last week, said the peak in Berri was expected to be between December 25 and January 5, and in Waikerie between January 1-12.

The update also forecast that flows into SA would remain between 190 and 200 gegalitres per day, impacting thousands of Riverland properties.

“More than 1100 properties throughout the Riverland have so far been inundated, with this figure expected to rise to 4000 when the river is expected to peak in late December,” the update said.

“The SES estimates 255 businesses, and 4000 hectares of agricultural production will be impacted by the end of December.”

The update said while flow rates are useful for forecasting the scale of floods, water heights provide a better picture of conditions on the ground.

“Subsequently, as we are now closer to the expected peak, the

**FLOOD EVENT**

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is now able to provide daily height forecasts for population centres,” it said.

“As the peak moves closer to the South Australian border, DEW is now in a better position to forecast when peak water levels are expected to arrive at different locations along the river and this information will be made available (at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)).”

SA Emergency Services Minister Joe Szakacs said as the peak draws nearer and more properties are inundated, following the SASES advice was crucial.

“As authorities are now able to project more definitely peaks in towns across the system, I remind communities to heed the advice of the SASES and continue to seek advice from trusted sources,” he said.

“Preparation is key for all involved. Have a plan and be ready to leave.”

SA Premier Peter Malinauskas said Riverland and Murraylands

communities had been “working hand in glove” with government and private contractors.

“(They have) done a remarkable job in preparing for this once-in-50-year event,” he said.

“I know the anxiety levels within communities are rising in unison with the river, but I urge people to try and keep calm and follow the advice.”

As the peak moves closer to the South Australian border, DEW says it is now in a better position to forecast when peak water levels are expected to arrive at different locations along the river.

## Closure slammed

**JOSH BRINE and PAUL MITCHELL**

YESTERDAY’S historic decision to close the River Murray has been likened to “shutting the shops on Boxing Day”.

Boating, swimming and fishing have all been banned on the River Murray over the Christmas and new year period, after the SA government closed the river to all non-essential activity.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the closure, which is in place from the border to Wellington near the Murray mouth, would remain in place for “some time to come as we confront the ever-increasing flows of water coming down across the border”.

However, the decision has been slammed by Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who described it as “unprecedented”.

“The Premier says come to the Riverland but now I’m going to close the river...” Mr Whetstone said.

“Where is the trigger to reopening the river or Lake Bonney?”

“They say ‘when it’s safe’. Is that when every tourism business has gone broke?”

Mr Malinauskas said exceptions would be made as appropriate, with the previous 4 knot speed limit remaining in place.

“People who require access to the river for work-related purposes will be able to continue to do so. People who are visiting their own properties will be able to do so,” he said.

“Some other essential activity will be accounted for as well (such as) if someone’s undertaking a rescue, if someone’s delivering provisions.”

Mr Malinauskas said reasons behind the “inevitable” decision included public safety, more flexibility around power disconnections and the protection of levee banks from waves created by motorised vehicles.

“We have had instances recently where people have

put themselves at risk,” he said. “When people are at risk and emergency services have to respond, that’s a drain on resources that could otherwise be deployed out in the community.”

Despite encouraging visitors to continue travelling to the Riverland, Mr Malinauskas recognised the closure would “cause a degree of inconvenience for some”.

“Normally at this time of the year we’d want the river to be full of activity from recreational users, tourism operators and otherwise,” he said.

“It’s a regrettable decision, but we’ll seek to open the river as quickly as we possibly can. I don’t anticipate that will happen in early-January, but certainly that will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.”

Deputy police commissioner Linda Williams said fines of up to \$10,000 may apply for people who disobey the direction.



The Loxton Historical Village will remain closed as construction continues on levee banks around the village to protect it from the flood event. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

## History on hold in Loxton

**ALEXANDRA BULL**

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THE Loxton Historical Village is now closed to the public, with works continuing to ramp up to protect the town’s history.

Levee banks around the village are being heightened, with Loxton Waikerie council director commercial and community services Andrew Waters confirming the village was closed to the public, as it is a ‘construction site’.

“Currently we have trucks and bobcats going in and out of the village to raise the levee bank, so we have closed it to the public for safety reasons,” he said.

“The original levee bank was done in 1974, so it will be well above the 220GL level.

“The current levee bank was going to be satisfactory for the 220GL event, but we are just raising it to be very safe and make sure if it is higher than 220GL, we are still safe.”

While a reopen date is yet to be set, Mr Waters said he envisages it will be sometime next week.

“Council staff are doing the work and they are getting pulled in a lot of different directions with the levee banks and associated works,” he said.

“It is a large levee bank so I wouldn’t expect it to be finished this week, I would be expecting next week.”

Mr Waters said coun-

cil had been supporting the Loxton Historical Village over the past few months, engaging the History Trust of South Australia.

“The History Trust of South Australia have come in and assessed all of the collections, and the reason they have done this is if the village does need to vacate or move any collections, they have identified what is delicate and what needs to be moved first,” he said.

“They (History Trust SA) have been really good in helping the volunteers at the village, and council will be having regular meetings with the village to keep them updated on what they need to do and plan.

“The village is very well prepared, which is great.”

## SA Governor touring flood-hit Riverland today

SA Governor Frances Adamson will tour the Riverland today to inspect the River Murray flood and meet with impacted residents and businesses.

Ms Adamson is starting her day with a tour of Renmark, including Paringa Bridge, accompanied by Renmark Paringa Council

CEO Tony Siviour and Mayor Peter Hunter.

She is then travelling to the Berri Relief Centre, to be met by Berri Barmera CEO Dylan Strong and Mayor Ella Winnall. The Governor is touring Berri, before departing for Lake Bonney, in Barmera, then Kingston-On-Murray.

At the latter she will be met by Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton and Mayor Trevor Norton. To finish her local trip, Ms Adamson will travel to Waikerie to inspect flood-affected areas of Riverland West, and meet with local community members.

- PAUL MITCHELL

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The Waikerie community has rallied behind the family of Cyrus Buck who tragically lost his life earlier this month. On Monday 250 biodegradable balloons were released in honour of the nine-year-old boy by family, friends and the Waikerie community.

PHOTO: Christine Webster



# Waikerie community farewells little Cyrus

ABOUT 300 people took part in a biodegradable balloon release on Monday at the Waikerie Hockey Oval in honour of a nine-year-old boy who tragically lost his life earlier this month.

The tragedy involving Cyrus Buck occurred at the town pool on Saturday, December 3. A total of 250 balloons, mostly carrying the message ‘Fly High Cyrus’, were released into the sky

by family members, friends, and community members. Organiser of the event and a GoFundMe fundraiser for the Waikerie Primary School student’s family, Louise Thiel, said some

family members had their own personalised messages on their balloons. As of Monday, the fundraiser had raised \$16,720. “The Waikerie community has

been amazing,” Ms Thiel said. “They have shown their support to the family and it is important that it continues. They will need support for quite some time.”

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Small business minister’s flood of info

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE SA Minister for Small and Family Business has been hearing firsthand from Riverland West tourism operators and local businesses impacted by the River Murray flood.

Andrea Michaels visited Blanchetown on Monday and met with Big 4 Blanchetown Riverside Holiday Park owners Michael and Lisa Donald, plus owners of the Blanchetown Deli and the local hardware store, and several Waikerie business representatives.

Ms Michaels said fortunately the Blanchetown caravan park was able to relocate all its cabins before it was recently inundated by the flood waters.

She said the toilet block and some other fixtures had to remain at the caravan park, but “fortunately everything else was moved”.

Ms Michaels said businesses like the Blanchetown caravan park that have been forced to close because of the flood will be eligible for SA government early business closure grants. Grants to purchase generators are also being made available to small businesses affected by the River Murray flood.

Ms Michaels said in towns like

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Blanchetown, Renmark and Kingston-On-Murray, which have already been impacted by the floods, the focus is also turning to how to manage the clean-up once the water subsides.

The Small and Family Business Minister also met with the directors of BVMS Chartered Accountants, Markos Stavrou and Ben Venning, at the Waikerie Hotel Motel to learn about concerns the pair have been hearing from their Riverland clients.

The business has offices at Berri, Loxton and Waikerie.

More than \$600,000 in state government grants have been rolled out for small businesses impacted by the flood event, while free financial counselling is also now available.

As of Monday, 36 early business closure grants and 28 generator grants have been approved to support a range of small businesses in tourism, retail trade, accommodation, food service, and other sectors.

Mr Stavrou said his company provides



BVMS Chartered Accountants directors Markos Stavrou (left) and Ben Venning met with the SA Minister for Small and Family Business Andrea Michaels in Waikerie this week to discuss the financial impact of the floods on Riverland businesses. PHOTO: Christine Webster

business and accounting advice to a range of businesses across the region.

He said the cancellation of caravan park and houseboat bookings and other river-based activities due to the floods would impact on secondary businesses that rely on tourists.

“It might be the local deli or someone who hires out equipment for camping,” Mr

Stavrou said.

“Everyone will be affected.”

He called on the state government to also ensure that financial assistance was provided to these secondary businesses.

“They have been the forgotten people in all of this,” Mr Stavrou said.

He said his clients were also concerned about the uncertainty of the flood situation and how long their business could be affected.

“There is also the worry that the flood could continue into next year,” he said, “or a follow up flood could occur.”

He said Riverland businesses forced to close because of the high-river event would also need financial support after the flood waters subside.

“We would like to know if there will be support for businesses to re-emerge,” Mr Stavrou said.

“It could take some time for businesses who have had to close to recover.”

However, Mr Stavrou said the region’s businesses did “appreciate” the regular visits from state government ministers, including Ms Michaels, during the flood crisis.

“We are thankful that they are coming up and seeing people, rather than doing it all from Adelaide,” he said.

Anyone needing financial assistance or financial counselling or support should visit the flood relief centre at the Berri Senior Citizens Club at 9/12 Crawford Terrace or phone 1800 302 787.

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# Owners thank community for support... KOM park evacuated

OPERATORS of the Kingston-On-Murray Caravan Park have thanked the community for its support since the park was forced to suddenly evacuate residents last week.

Just before 7pm last Tuesday the SA SES issued an emergency warning for the park, declaring its levee was unsafe.

"The Kingston-on-Murray Caravan Park levee is failing and there is a risk of flood waters threatening the safety of people in the park," the SA SES said.

"Park residents and visitors need to evacuate immediately. The park is closed until further notice."

While the levee remained

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intact early this week, the park has now been closed for some time, and the operators took to social media to thank the community for its ongoing support

"(A) huge thank you to everyone for the well wishes, support, messages and hands-on help we've received during these times," they said.

"(We are) immensely appreciative of the love coming from our community."

Although the park was already closed to visitors, due to the rising river, a number of residents

remained on site at the time of the SES declaration.

SES state duty officer Dave O'Shaughnessy told the ABC an assessment found defects in the levee.

"At around 6pm... our engineers had completed an assessment on this levee and some defects were noticed at the levee, so basically those defects were something which could've led to a failure and failures can happen at any time," Mr O'Shaughnessy said.

It is understood the levee construction was funded by the park owners, however council assisted by providing the material and access to an engineer.

## Waikerie caravan park to temporarily close

WAIKERIE'S caravan park has announced it will be temporarily closed from Christmas.

In a Facebook post the Waikerie Holiday Park said it had made "the hard decision to temporarily close the park with guests' best interest in mind."

"All guests with impacted bookings will be contacted in the coming days to discuss rebooking their well-deserved holiday," the statement said.

The Waikerie Holiday Park said its standard cancellation policy would be followed.

"We would like to reassure you that the park is still a safe place, and while we are closed to tourism guests, essential servic-

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es and emergency relocation stays will be exempt from the closure," it said.

"A team of park staff will also remain onsite to ensure the levee banks remain sturdy.

"We thank all our guests for their support, concern, well wishes and patience as we continue working towards protecting the park."

To stay up to date with the Waikerie Holiday Park's plans during the River Murray flood follow its Facebook page.

## Gurra Gurra family's flood defence wall

A RIVERLAND family is doing its best to protect their Gurra Gurra home, with a makeshift flood wall holding back flows.

Jacqui Schultz, who lives on Martins Road, 900m upstream and opposite the river from Martin Bend, posted to Facebook about her family's efforts to stave off flood water using a corrugated iron fence draped with black plastic and braced with wooden poles.

"It's currently holding back nearly a metre height of water but holding strong," she said.

"We chose to remove furniture from our house early December when flow predictions were increased.

"We're now raising our fence. Hopefully it will keep holding."

Furniture has been ferried out of the house on pallets strung up on two kayaks.

As of last weekend, Ms Schultz said the perimeter wall was still holding, although water had travelled up a drainage pipe and lifted the sandbags sitting on the drain, flooding a bedroom and bathroom.

Ms Schultz said although the wall was still holding, some flood water had flowed up through drains.



Jacqui Schultz and her family have made a makeshift flood wall around their house in Gurra Gurra. PHOTOS: Facebook



The family has used kayaks to transport furniture out of the house.



Former Berri Council worker Kevin Magaard stands on the walking track that was once a flood levee he helped construct for the 1974 flood as flood waters continue to creep up. PHOTO: Josh Brine

# Council worker's lessons from '74

JOSH BRINE

A FORMER Berri Council worker who helped construct flood banks in the town in 1974 says it was "surprising" that work to construct levees along Riverview Drive was left until just weeks before the peak reaches the town.

Kevin Magaard, 72, worked at Berri Council and the amalgamated Berri Barmera Council from 1970 to 1981 and again from 1987 to 2004, playing a role in the town's flood preparations in 1974, including the construction of a levee along Riverview Drive that extended along the riverfront up to Fenwick Road.

Mr Magaard said the levee stood over two feet (60cm) tall, and was successful at holding back the flood.

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"When the flood finished, we pushed it off to make the roads wider... which made those roads safer," he said.

"All the trees growing on the side of the road are natural from the floods."

Mr Magaard said it was "surprising" works on low-lying areas in Berri had been left until late, as flood levels now creep up towards the former levee-turned walking trail.

River heights in Berri are expected rise another 10cm to 40cm when peak flows reach the town between December 25 and January 5.

"In the 2000s they cut the bank lower and put the bitumen on the footpath,"

he said.

"They made it into a tourist drive so they cut the bank down... I think under half, but there are no marks to tell.

"They could scrape off the bitumen and start on top of it. That's a good foundation, it's always been a bank there I think since the '56 flood."

Mr Magaard said council was being informed by "government officials" instead of relying on local knowledge.

"They haven't been over to talk to me even though I'm the only one left (from the work gang) and I've been in Berri most of my life," he said.

"I've been telling people I do know a little bit.

"There are a lot of people who know about the 1956 flood and 1974 flood."


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Nicola Centofanti

## SA water minister's absence 'bad look'

THE SA water minister's decision to take holidays amid the River Murray flood crisis is a "bad look" and disrespectful to struggling river communities like the Riverland, Nicola Centofanti says.

Dr Susan Close is on leave until January 9, taking her third international trip in the past three months, and Riverland-based Dr Centofanti – her Liberal opposition counterpart – is unimpressed.

"Susan Close is the Deputy Premier and she's responsible for the River Murray and instead of leading the flood response she's jetted off overseas for the third time this year," Dr Centofanti said.

"Homes, businesses and livelihoods are on the line, and it doesn't wash well that Susan Close has prioritised an overseas holiday when we've known this flood has been coming for months.

"Everyone is entitled to a holiday but Susan Close's decision to leave the country during this time is a bad look and people impacted by the floods are rightfully feeling shunned.

"This natural disaster needs an all-hands-on-deck approach – especially when we know the river flow modelling coming from DEW is unreliable and



Susan Close



causing angst in the community."

Dr Centofanti, the Liberal's upper house leader, claimed Dr Close had "barely visited River communities" in recent times.

However, a spokesperson for the SA government said Dr Close's absence would have zero impact on the state's flood preparation measures.

"For the first time this year, Deputy Premier Susan Close is taking annual leave and is spending some time with her family," the spokesperson said.

"Acting ministerial arrangements are in place for all of Dr Close's portfolios and her leave has been gazetted.

"The state government is getting on with the difficult job of preparing river communities for the impending flood peak and we would encourage the SA Liberals to do the same."

Meanwhile Dr Centofanti said the state opposition had also become aware of "increasing internal tensions between government departments" over the accuracy of modelling being used to calculate the river flow.

- PAUL MITCHELL

# ADF's flood support

THE Australian Defence Force (ADF) has deployed four high-clearance vehicles and personnel to support the flood response of the SA SES.

ADF personnel are tackling various tasks, including delivery of critical supplies to isolated or flooded households, transport of evacuated people, providing access assistance, and reconnaissance and transport of Swiftwater crews and rescue boats.

Operation Flood Assist 22-2 was established by the ADF in October this year as part of the federal government's response to flooding in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.



The vehicles and personnel from Joint Task Group 629.4 are usually based in the Edinburgh defence precinct and will initially be based at Murray Bridge and Berri during their deployment.

Graeme Wynwood, SASES chief of staff, welcomed the ADF personnel, who will assist with the agency's response to the ongoing declared major emergency.

"Our volunteers and personnel have been doing a fantastic job over the past months working side by

side with communities and supporting agencies to assist people prepare and take action in their response to the River Murray flooding," he said.

"The ADF assistance of personnel and high clearance M40 trucks is greatly welcomed and will add to our significant response capability, particularly in the area of Swiftwater rescue.

"As we head into the predicted flood peak in coming weeks, public safety remains our primary concern."

Earlier this month the SA Liberals urged the government to engage the ADF to assist with flood prevention works.

## Farewell to one of Pioneer's finest exports

ONE of The Murray Pioneer's finest journalistic exports died earlier this week.

Ray Kerrison passed away in his adopted home city of New York after contracting Covid-19.

Mr Kerrison grew up in Cobdogla and started work at The Murray Pioneer in the late 1940s, after impressing then-editor Arch Grosvenor with a story about a local Catholic debutante ball.

He played football for Renmark and eventually married local woman Monica Kirby.

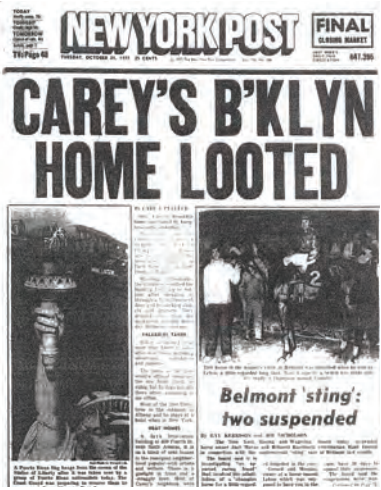
Mr Kerrison landed a job at The News in Adelaide, and played football for Glenelg during his time in the SA capital.

He went on to work in London, and in 1963 joined News Limited's New York bureau.

However, he also made his mark on Australian journalism in the 1960s and 1970s, and according to friend – and former Renmark police officer – John Fitzgerald, was summoned home to Australia by



One of Ray Kerrison's more controversial front-page stories in the New York Post in 1991 involved singer Madonna.



The New York Post from 1977, when Ray Kerrigan helped exposed a high-profile horse racing sting. Mr Kerrigan loved the sport.

Rupert Murdoch to help start The Australian in Canberra.

Mr Kerrison edited Murdoch's first US paper, The National Star, in the early 1970s, then moved to The NY Post in 1976 to pursue his love of horse racing, eventually covering 32 Kentucky Derbies, plus an infamous Belmont 'sting', before retiring in 1998.

Mr Fitzgerald said Mr Kerrison "retained all his faculties" until his death and always loved his adopted

city of New York.

In The Australian in 2015, journalist and opinion columnist Mark Day described Mr Kerrison as "a writer of great distinction".

"As bureau chief he was tough but fair – a good administrator, never flustered, always seeking a way through roadblocks and crises and always available for advice," Day said. "Ray instilled in us a need for ethics and fairness."


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## Section of Taylorville Road set to close

A SECTION of Taylorville Road, adjacent to Ross Lagoon and north of the Waikerie ferry, is expected to close this week due to the rising River Murray levels.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport on Monday said the closure was expected within "the week, but conditions could change quickly".

It said once this section was closed a detour via Goyder Highway and Devlins Pound Road would be in place to enable the Waikerie ferry to remain operational for light vehicles.

A spokesperson said the Waikerie ferry was expected to remain operational until water level depths reach 11.7 to 12 metres AHD (Australian Height Datum).

He said this could potentially occur late this month, but was looking more likely to be early next month.

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# ‘Support’ key for minister and Accolade

**ALEXANDRA BULL and PAUL MITCHELL**

THE SA government has pledged to help Accolade Wines and its employees ahead of what looms as a nightmare vintage for many Riverland growers.

Accolade, which operates the region’s biggest winery, Berri Estates, has already flagged drastic measures to deal with a chronic oversupply of red wine grapes, including encouraging local growers to replace vines and offering cut-price payments for the non-delivery of certain varieties.

Now growers across the district are facing the additional challenges of the River Murray flood, addressed by SA Emergency Services Minister Joe Szakacs during his latest trip to the Riverland last week.

“There has been significant body of work that has been undertaken across multiple government agencies to support Accolade to continue operations during

this difficult time for the Riverland,” Mr Szakacs said.

“Accolade is a significant employer in the Riverland and a massive economic powerhouse, and we have been entirely committed to supporting Accolade continuing operations and continuing to support their workforce in employment.”

An Accolade Wines spokesperson said the company backed the SA government’s \$51.6m disaster relief program and would support further consideration of additional programs for primary producers, including winemakers and growers, to assist in vineyard rehabilitation and disaster resilience for the future.

“We commend the work from the many South Australian Government agencies involved in the disaster response and recovery in the Riverland over recent weeks, in particular the SA SES,” the spokesperson said.

“Accolade Wines is monitoring the situation closely, with our number one pri-

ority being the safety of our people and the communities we operate in the region.

“We are doing everything we can to protect our people and sites in the Riverland and have conducted preparatory works over recent weeks to mitigate the impact of rising water levels.

“We were pleased to host Minister Szakacs at our Berri Estates site last week to tour the facility and we will continue to work closely with state and federal authorities to support our employees, customers and suppliers through this challenging period, and to support the recovery efforts.”

Mr Szakacs said the government could do “multiple things” to help local growers.

“Firstly we can continue to listen and adapt as the need changes,” he said.

He said local growers had identified power disconnections stemming from the River Murray flood as their current main concern.

“What primary produc-



SA Emergency Services Minister Joe Szakacs with Accolade Wines’ head of health, safety and environment Russell Chalmers in the Riverland last week. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

ers want from SA Power Networks (SAPN) is notice,” he said.

“Everyone accepts and recognises that power disconnections will be very likely in circumstances where safety is compromised, but what we all expect is for SAPN to be

providing notice.

“And in addition to that the state government has provided grant funding to allow primary producers to work with SAPN (for) bespoke solutions with power.

“They are the sort of things I want to see happen-

ing and I am really comforted that SAPN fully grapple with the enormity of the undertaking that is required.”

Mr Szakacs also met with federal Emergency Services Minister Murray Watt in the Riverland last week, with the local wine industry’s problems high on the agenda.

## Riverland Wine asks for \$5m ahead of ‘toughest ever’ vintage

RIVERLAND Wine is pressing for a \$5m government fund to protect the local industry and its growers, amid the “toughest ever market conditions” locals have faced – now compounded by the River Murray flood.

The industry body says the rising river levels have added to the challenge of low red wine grape prices, full inventory, global transport disruptions and the rising cost of production.

“An estimated 40 per cent of shiraz and cabernet wine grapes produced in the region have no domestic or export market contracts and prices are commercially unsustainable, meaning growers are increasingly likely to have to pick their grapes, but leave them on the ground to rot,” said Riverland Wine executive officer, Lyndall Rowe.

“More needs to be done to protect the livelihoods of one

of the nation’s largest grape-growing regions, and to ensure the Riverland industry has a future.

“In response, Riverland Wine is pressing for urgent state and federal government support to help recover, transition to profitable varieties, and find new export markets.

“Riverland Wine is seeking a \$5 million commitment over three years to support the industry, including helping growers to trans-

sition to new varieties, financial support to respond to the challenging conditions, proper removal of grapevine material and to assist in the resting of vineyards, and a strategy to grow Riverland GI (geographic indication) wine sales locally, nationally and globally.”

Ms Rowe said Riverland Wine’s “initial engagement” with the SA government in response to the escalating crisis had been positive. “Riverland Wine has com-

menced working with stakeholders and partners including Wine Australia, Australian Grape and Wine, PIRSA, CCW Co-operative Ltd, Dept Trade & Investment and VineHealth Australia on a local regional response,” she said.

She said despite the challenges, Riverland’s wine growers and producers remained determined to “invest in their future and fight through the toughest market conditions on record”.

## Pasin: Watts with the overdue, non-committal visit?

**PAUL MITCHELL and ALEXANDRA BULL**

RIVERLAND grape growers still lack clarity on any federal government support for the coming vintage, despite the agriculture minister’s “overdue” trip to the flood-hit region last week, Tony Pasin says.

Murray Watt’s lightning visit last Monday included briefings on flood preparation and associated infrastructure, as part of his emergency management portfolio, plus meetings with several local grape growers ahead of what shapes as a challenging vintage, due mainly to oversupply and pricing issues.

However, Mr Pasin – the federal Member for Barker – said Mr Watt should have visited the Riverland rather than the Barossa Valley during his previous SA trip.

Mr Pasin said he wrote to Mr Watt in early September requesting a meeting with Riverland grape and wine industry representatives to discuss support for the local red wine sector.

“After a month of waiting for a reply, the minister responded in October but completely ignored my request for a meeting,” Mr Pasin said.

“The minister then had the audacity to visit South Australia in November, met with Wine Australia

**Murray discovers Watts up in the Riverland**

**ALEXANDRA BULL**  
FLOOD preparation, infrastructure issues and meetings with grape growers were among the items on federal minister Murray Watt’s agenda when he visited the Riverland on



● Last week’s Murray Pioneer.

in the Barossa but blatantly ignored the Riverland and its producers who are going to be disproportionately impacted by reduced demand for shiraz and cabernet.

“(And) as the federal minister responsible for emergency management, I would have thought there was cause

enough for Minister Watt to visit the Riverland before now.”

In defending Mr Watt’s decision to bypass the Riverland on his earlier trip to SA, a government spokesperson said the minister had received a “detailed briefing” about the Riverland situation by SA Emergency

Services Minister Joe Szakacs.

While in the region last week, Mr Watt said he was aware of the problems facing the wine industry “even before these floods came along”, while also flagging some form of federal government support.

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

Mr Pasin said while he welcomed Mr Watt’s visit, an earlier trip would have been preferable.

“I am disappointed that it has taken so long for him to take this issue seriously,” Mr Pasin said.

“Meeting with Riverland Wine in December as opposed to September when I first brought this issue to the minister’s attention means we are over two months behind where we should be in this process.

“Grape and wine producers need to make businesses decisions now about the 2023 harvest and we still don’t have any clarity on support from the federal government.”

Mr Szakacs was also back in the region last week and said the SA government had been working with Accolade Wines – which operates Berri Estates – to provide support ahead of the looming vintage.



# SA-centric liquor store’s Renmark CBD boost



The new Local Cellars store opened in Renmark last week, as part of a major redevelopment of the Koch’s Foodland complex.

A NEW liquor store promising to be ‘SA-centric’ has opened in Renmark.

Foodland Supermarkets last week launched Local Cellars, part of a \$1.4m expansion of the Koch’s Foodland operation.

The local store is the first in a planned 10 new Local Cellars outlets to be bannered across South Australia before March 2023.

“This has been in the pipeline for a while now and we are very excited to introduce the Local Cellars brand into the Foodland Supermarkets stable,” said Foodland Supermarkets CEO Franklin dos Santos.

“Foodland has, and always will be, about supporting South Australian brands and Local Cellars is no different.

“We will source local wines and tailor those wines to each store depending on the region or location while providing a premium shopping experience in a contemporary retail environment.

“South Australia has some of the best wines in the world and we want to encourage local winemakers in the community to prosper.”

All Local Cellars stores will operate either adjacent to a Foodland supermarket or standalone as a separate family business.

The store’s opening followed September’s announcement that national retailer Harvey Norman would occupy the former Woolworths complex building in Renmark as part of a planned revitalisation of the town’s CBD area.

The Koch’s Foodland expansion will make the supermarket one-third larger.

## Government unlocks financial counselling and more assistance

RIVERLANDERS affected by the flood now have access to financial counselling and emergency financial assistance.

From this week, the SA government is working with non-government organisation ac.care to offer free support to people who are adversely impacted by the floods.

This includes free financial counselling at the emergency relief centre in Berri, from Monday to Friday, and emergency financial assistance in the form of small amounts for emergency cost-of-living extras, such as food or fuel for people forced to drive extra kilometres due to road closures.

In addition to this new support, the government says it continues to prioritise the processing of cost-of-living concessions (COLC) for all eligible households from flood-affected post-codes.

The Affordable SA Helpline – 1800 025 539 – is providing free information, advice and referrals on cost-of-living and financial matters. The Helpline is available from 9.30am to 8pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am to 4.30pm Fridays (except public holidays).

The government is also partnering with

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Foodbank to assist with a range of practical supports. This includes food packages for residents in need, furniture for relief centres, and mattresses for emergency accommodation.

In addition, more than 100 public sector staff have been mobilised to assist in the state emergency headquarters and emergency relief centres in Berri and Mannum.

Financial support of \$5000 has been provided to the Riverland Domestic Violence Service run by Centacare in Berri to assist with emergency bedding and other women’s safety support.

“During my visits to River Murray communities over the past couple of weeks, I have been humbled by the way these regional communities have pulled together in the face of this flooding event,” said Human Services Minister, Nat Cook.

“I hope this financial assistance being announced for individuals today will help to further strengthen and support the people of these River Murray communities.”



Berri Emergency Relief Centre manager Sarah Wilson with Minister for Human Services Nat Cook at the centre last week. PHOTO: supplied

## Getting eyes on the ground

### ALEXANDRA BULL

STAYING present and connecting with people directly is part of Minister for Human Services Nat Cook’s commitment to visit the Riverland at least once a week as the region faces its worst flooding event since 1931.

Visiting Berri, Cobdogla, Glossop, Kingston-on-Murray, Moorook and Renmark last Wednesday, Mrs Cook said it was important for her to put her eyes on the area after weeks of increased flows.

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“It was about 130GL when I was up here before; it’s quite stunning and shocking to see the river,” she said.

“There is some really great work being done to give people confidence that there are people here to help.

“There is a real sense of calm in the relief centre from all the people who are expert in the areas.

“So there is a lot of information available that I would encourage people to come in and get.

“The community is really banding together to try and support each other, and help each other out with pets and storage.”

After making stops at the Kingston-on-Murray general store, the Berri Emergency Relief Centre and the Glossop sandbagging station, Mrs Cook said she has been forming good relationships with people on the ground.

“I don’t think being in leadership from a distance has a patch on being on the ground,” she said.

“There is nothing like being present and connecting with people directly.

“Sometimes it’s some of this more personal information that you actually get firsthand, and I can take that information and do something with it.

“So for me, that makes me feel like I can actually make a difference when people need it.”

## Fast-tracked accommodation changes to help flood-hit communities

FAST-TRACKED changes will allowed displaced Riverlanders and flood-affected local communities to establish temporary emergency accommodation much quicker.

Construction of temporary accommodation that meets basic standards, and certain types of storage facilities, can now start without planning approval – a process which can sometimes take weeks.

Effective immediately, the SA government change will make it quicker and easier to build temporary accommodation and reduces the risk that residents impacted by floodwaters are forced to seek shelter elsewhere,

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away from their local community.

Development for temporary accommodation will only require building consent to confirm the accommodation is safe, and meets basic standards of power, water and sewerage connections.

The amendments apply to all three Riverland councils, plus Alexandrina

Council, Coorong District Council, District Council of Karoonda East Murray, Mid Murray Council and Rural City of Murray Bridge.

However, councils must still be notified of construction of temporary accommodation, with residents required to lodge an application for development approval within 28 days – although this timeframe can be adjusted by the relevant council if needed.

The government’s urgent reform aims to allow councils to construct flood levees without planning approval, saving time and enabling the structures to be put in place as

quickly as possible.

“We are doing everything we can to help residents during this flood emergency and want to keep affected communities safe and connected,” said SA Minister for Planning, Housing and Urban Development, Nick Champion.

“It’s critical that residents, particularly families with young children, have the option to live and work within their local area if it safe to do so.

“We have listened to councils and fast-tracked these changes to provide another way for locals to have somewhere to stay.”



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# Berri Hotel's new outdoor dining permit

JOSH BRINE

A PERMIT for the Berri Hotel to create an outdoor dining area across from the town's riverfront was passed at last week's Berri Barmera Council meeting.

The hotel applied for an outdoor dining permit for five octagonal benches and 40 seats to go out the front of the hotel on the footpath along Riverview Drive.

The hotel indicated the area would operate from 7am to 10pm, 364 days per year.

Requirements for the hotel include extending its liquor licence and liability insurance to cover the area, monitoring patrons, and reapplying for an outdoor dining permit annually.

Council's duty of care will require it to continue maintaining the footpath, implementing a regular monitoring system and actioning "in a timely matter" on any reports of repairs or hazards along the footpath.

Councillor Ian Schlein requested more information on how the hotel would mitigate the risk of alcohol being removed from the outdoor area and whether smoking would be permitted.

However, the motion to authorise the approval was passed, with only Cr Schlein voting against it.

Cr Andrew Kassebaum, as a member of the Berri Hotel board, left the chambers for the discussion and voting on the item.



The remains of the Loxton Sporting Club, affectionately known as 'The Sporty'.

## The Sporty's days are officially done

THE Loxton Sporting Club, once home to the Loxton Football Club Tigers, is no more.

'The Sporty' has been demolished, as promised by the Loxton Waikerie council following the con-

struction of the town's adjacent \$13m sporting facility, The Precinct.

Earlier this year a number of Loxton Football Club members expressed concern about The Sporty's pending demise, as sever-

al locals were dissatisfied with the football club's new home base.

Members inquired about the possibility of The Sporty being retained, after it hosted premiership celebrations for the club's B

grade team.

However, club president Les Lange subsequently reassured members that their concerns would continue to be aired to the council, which owns The Precinct.



A police Bomb Response Unit examined a jar containing methanol and wrapped in duct tape on Vaughan Court in Berri last Wednesday. PHOTO: Josh Quinn

## Jar of methanol closes Berri carpark

JOSH BRINE

BERRI shoppers encountered a shock last Wednesday morning when a CBD carpark was cordoned off as a bomb response team examined a suspicious package.

At about 7am on Wednesday, December 14, police patrols located a glass jar wrapped in duct tape in

the Woolworths carpark on Vaughan Court, Berri.

Members from the Bomb Response Unit made their way to the scene and examined the package, which was found to contain methanol.

The jar was removed and safely destroyed. An exclusion zone was in place for a few hours until the area was deemed safe for the public.

## PIRSA's house 'beyond repair'

ALEXANDRA BULL

ACCOMMODATION at the Loxton Research Centre will remain fenced off and ultimately be demolished, after a termite inspection showed the building foots had been affected.

A spokesperson for PIRSA said the decisions were made in the interests of public safety, as the property has deteriorated structurally.

"The property was inspected on four separate occasions and has been deemed unsuitable for habitation, due to significant termite damage and requirement of repairs to other damaged or worn sections of the house," the spokesperson said.

"The assessments identified the property beyond justifiable repair, being of a low-quality construction and that it has no heritage significance.

"The decision to demolish a government asset is never taken lightly and is based on a detailed assessment of asset condition, repair and maintenance costs, and current and future business needs.



The PIRSA (Department for Primary Industries and Regions) building in Loxton will be demolished, due to its termite damage. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

"In this situation, demolition is the most viable option proposed for the property."

The property has been vacant since March 2021, with PIRSA staff using

available accommodation within Loxton.

Currently the department has no timeframe as to when the demolition of the property will occur.



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# CLOSING IN ON KINGSTON ROAD

Barmera man Barry Phillips' photo of Kingston Road (running through Moorook), set to be inundated by the rising River Murray.

KINGSTON Road, through Moorook, was still open yesterday, despite the rising river.

The road has been closed to heavy vehicles, over 15 tonnes, for over a week, with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport saying the restriction was to "limit

damage to the road surface and allow it to remain open to other traffic for as long as possible".

Reduced speed limits are in place, while trucks have been detouring via Stott Highway and Hunter Road.

Barmera man Barry Phillips

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used his drone to take this spectacular photograph of Moorook, showing the river up against Kingston Road.

In last week's Murray Pioneer,

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton said his council had been planning the Kingston Road detour around Moorook for months. Mr Norton said the unsealed route would be maintained to an adequate standard throughout the period of increased traffic.

"A detour around Moorook via Heinrich Road and Drogemuller Road has been planned for months and is in place currently," Mr Norton said.

"This is an unsealed road (but) in good condition which only adds a couple of kilometres to the trip."

## SAPOL's road closure warning

SA Police has urged the community to abide by road closures during the River Murray flood emergency.

"The public are reminded that road closures should not be ignored," SA Police said in a statement.

"Do not drive or walk around road closure signs and do not go up onto levees.

"Ignoring a road closure may be a risk to you and your family's safety.

"Motorists should use an alternate route and take care to assess whether other roads

in the area are safe to pass through.

"SA Police implores the community to drive to the conditions and never drive or ride through floodwaters."

If assistance with flood or storm damage is required, locals are advised to call the State Emergency Service on 132 500 and to remember to only call triple zero (000) for life-threatening emergencies.

For information on road closures visit the SA government website ([www.traffic.sa.gov.au](http://www.traffic.sa.gov.au)).

## Weekend driving offences keep Riverland police busy

LOCAL police were kept busy last weekend, reporting a number of people for traffic offences.

On Friday police stopped a man riding his motorbike in Paringa, along the Sturt Highway, and found the rider was disqualified from driving. The 31-year-old Freeling man was reported and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

On the same day police stopped a car on Renmark Avenue, where the driver, a 20-year-old Paringa man, returned a positive alcohol reading of 0.132.

The man lost his licence on the spot for six months and his car has

been impounded for 28 days. He was reported for drink driving and will be summonsed to appear in the Renmark Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Saturday, a 28-year-old Mildura man blew 0.103 after being stopped along Ral Ral Avenue, Renmark.

The man lost his licence on the spot for six months and his car was impounded for 28 days. He will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

On Sunday police stopped a motorbike rider on Derrick Street, Berri, with subsequent checks revealed the rider a 39-year-old Renmark man was

unlicensed. His bike was impounded for 28 days and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

Also on Sunday police spotted a man doing a burnout on South Terrace, Blanchetown. Police attempted to speak to the driver, but he fled the scene.

Following an investigation patrols located the driver, a 50-year-old man from Blanchetown. He was subsequently reported for traffic offences.

He lost his licence on the spot for 12 months and his car was impounded for 28 days. He will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

## Pasin gives to Riverland Christmas Appeal

BARKER MP Tony Pasin MP has given to the the Riverland Christmas Appeal and is encouraging Riverlanders to remember those in the community who may need a little additional support this Christmas.

"Christmas is a really busy time of year for everyone as we attempt to get things at work tidied up before taking leave and spending time with friends and family, but it's important to take the time to remember the true spirit of Christmas and help those in our community who might be doing it tough," Mr Pasin said.

Riverland Christmas Appeal is a small-scale charity established in 1987 and assists nearly 500 Riverland families each Christmas. It provides Christmas hampers and toys to the Riverland community.



Berri Men's Shed member Ted Madden.

The Riverland Christmas Appeal was established to unite individual services to gather food and toys, including Loxcare, Waikerie Hub, Chaffey Community Centre,

ac.care and St Vincent de Paul.

The appeal services the whole of the Riverland, from Morgan to Renmark.

"There are many in the Riverland community who will be forced out of their homes due to the flooding this Christmas," Mr Pasin said.

"It will be a tough time for many in 2022. Christmas looks a little different.

"Combined with interest rate rises, cost-of-living increases and sky-rocketing energy prices, many in the community will be really feeling the pinch.

"This can be hard on young families with children in particular and that's why I've made the decision this year to buy locally made toys from the Berri Men's Shed and donate them to the appeal for a family doing it tough."



Barker MP Tony Pasin with Carolyn Trifonoff and some of the toys made by the Berri Men's Shed to donate to the 2022 Riverland Christmas Appeal. PHOTOS: supplied



# 48 and out for Barmera Lions

ALEXANDRA BULL

AFTER 48 years the Barmera Lions Club has said goodbye, holding its final meeting on Monday, November 28.

A number of resignations by committee members in May left the club in limbo and no way to operate its doughnut van, its main revenue generator.

“We thought ‘Well, let’s go into recess for a little while and see what happens’, so we went into recess until about the end of August,” Barmera Lions Club treasurer Peter Marks said.

“We came back and looked at it again and the general consensus was we

have tried our hardest to get new members and we just couldn’t get any young members, so we have decided to call it a day.

“The average age of our members is way up there in the mid-70s and people were just over and out.”

To mark the occasion, a final seniors’ morning tea was held on Tuesday, November 22, with Mr Marks saying it was the biggest one the Barmera Lions Club had staged.

“There were about 70 people there which was quite pleasing,” he said.

As part of the club entering a permanent recess, the Barmera Lions Club donated its doughnut van to the Renmark Lions Club, its

barbecue to the Barmera-Monash Football Club, and over \$20,000 to local organisations.

“We had quite a bit of money left over so we decided to give that away as much as possible,” Mr Marks said.

“We gave \$10,000 to the Royal Flying Doctors Service for its new facility at the Renmark Airport, \$5000 to the Cobdogla Steam Friends, \$2000 to the Barmera Men’s Shed and \$1500 each to the Scouts and the Girl Guides.

“With our money left over we are going to donate that to the Australian Lions Foundation Disaster Relief Fund which will be supporting flood and bushfire victims.”



The final Barmera Lions Club committee: Brenton Hastwell, Peter Marks, Josie Spriggs, Barbara Thompson, Nellie Mount and John Hughes. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

Mr Marks said while it was sad to see the club go, it enjoyed some “magnificent times”.

“I think it will be greatly missed in the community and people will have to realise that without volunteers these things just don’t happen,” he said.

“Hopefully the message will get through to younger people to keep volunteering to make things happen.”



Around 70 people attended the final Barmera Lions Club seniors’ lunch at the Barmera RSL Hall late last month.



## Flood prompts record opening of barrage bays



SA Water crews have been working for several weeks to manually open barrage gates at the Murray mouth in response to the flooding event. PHOTOS: supplied

THE 2022 flood has seen more than 570 operational barrage bays at the mouth of the River Murray open for the first time in decades.

Constructed in the 1940s, the network of five barrages at Goolwa, Mundoo, Boundary Creek, Ewe Island and Tauwichee are used to facilitate water flows down the river and stop highly saline seawater from flowing upstream into the Lower Lakes.

SA Water operates the network of barrages on behalf of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, along with Locks One to Nine spread across

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South Australia, Victoria and NSW.

SA Water’s senior manager of River Murray operations, Garry Fyfe, said crews have been working for several weeks to manually and safely open each gate.

“How we operate the barrages depends on carefully balancing the water flowing downstream and how this compares to the tidal readings at the Murray mouth, and this includes checking water levels

at least three times each day,” Mr Fyfe said.

“With ocean tides often higher than the water level in Lake Alexandrina, it’s common for us to keep the barrage gates closed when required to stop seawater from flowing upstream.

“However, the significant increase in water currently flowing down the River Murray has seen us gradually opening all of the operational 576 gates across the five barrages, to maximise the amount of water released out to sea.

“For context, the last time we saw such a significant number of bays open at the bar-

rages was at the break of the Millennium Drought in 2010-11, with around 400 opened throughout that high flow event.

“Opening the barrage gates has been a sizeable task for our team, with each of the 1.5-tonne concrete stop logs needing to be manually removed using on-site machinery over many weeks.”

Mr Fyfe said SA Water was managing its barrage operations at the direction of the Department for Environment and Water, while also using flow monitoring and advanced wind and weather forecasts to ensure barrage operations were adjusted as required.

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# Renmark Paringa Council

## Christmas/New Year opening hours

Some Council locations that are usually closed throughout this period are remaining open due to the current flood situation.

Please take careful note of the following opening hours of Council locations over the Christmas/New Year period.

For assistance after hours or on public holidays, please call 8580 3000 to talk to our after hours call centre.

### Renmark Visitor Centre

Friday 23 December - 9am-5pm  
 Saturday 24 December - 10am-2pm  
 Sunday 25 December - Closed  
 Monday 26 December - Closed  
 Tuesday 27 December - 10am-2pm  
 Wednesday 28 December - 9am-3pm  
 Thursday 29 December - 9am-3pm  
 Friday 30 December - 9am-3pm  
 Saturday 31 December - 10am-2pm  
 Sunday 1 January - 10am-2pm  
 Monday 2 January - 10am-2pm

Regular opening hours will resume from 9am, Tuesday 3 January 2023.

### Community & Civic Centre

Friday 23 December - 9am-3pm  
 Saturday 24 December - Closed  
 Sunday 25 December - Closed  
 \*Monday 26 December - Closed  
 \*Tuesday 27 December - Closed  
 Wednesday 28 December - 9am-5pm  
 Thursday 29 December - 9am-5pm  
 Friday 30 December - 9am-5pm  
 Saturday 31 December - Closed  
 Sunday 1 January - Closed  
 \*Monday 2 January - Closed

\* Council's Emergency Incident Management Team will continue to meet on these days relating to the flood response.

Regular opening hours will resume from 9am, Tuesday 3 January 2023.

### Renmark Paringa Depot

A reduced roster of staff will work through the Christmas/New Year break, however the Depot will close from 3pm, Friday 23 December 2022 and re-open at 9am, Tuesday 3 January 2023.

### Renmark Paringa Library

Closed from 3pm Friday 23 December 2022 and will re-open at 9.30am, Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Regular opening hours will resume from Tuesday 3 January 2023.

### Kerbside Collection

Please note that there will be no Kerbside Collection on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

### DrumMuster

There will not be a DrumMuster collection day in December. The next collection day will be Tuesday 31 January 2023.

### Renmark Waste Transfer Station

Wednesday 21 December - 12-4pm  
 Friday 23 December - 10am-2pm  
 Sunday 25 December - Closed  
 Monday 26 December - Closed  
 Wednesday 28 December - 10am-2pm  
 Friday 30 December - 12pm-4pm  
 Sunday 1 January - Closed  
 Monday 2 January - Closed

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Loxton musician Joey Haenen is one of 25 students accepted into the prestigious Elder Conservatorium of Music at the University of Adelaide to study musical theatre. PHOTO: Proshots

# Loxton’s musical star on the rise

ALEXANDRA BULL

JOEY Haenen is no stranger to the stage, having made his first appearance in a musical at just nine years old, as part of the ensemble cast of Aladdin in a Young Riverland Musical Society performance.

Fast forward eight years and the talented Loxton musician is one of just 25 students, out of thousands who auditioned, to be accepted into the Elder Conservatorium of Music at The University of Adelaide to study musical theatre.

The application process is a little different than what most people might know, with Joey having to submit a short video of himself singing as well as explaining his musical theatre background.

“I was then fortunate enough to be given a timeslot to audition and I had to sing two songs, prepare two monologues and there was also a dance audition; I sung Something’s Coming from West Side Story and Beautiful City from Godspell,” Joey said.

“I feel pretty fortunate to have been accepted. We have had some other locals try out for the course and unfortunately have been unsuccessful, so it feels really good that I have been able to get into the course this year.

“Being in the course, it shows other people who live in the Riverland that there is a possibility to get into musical theatre when you are from a small country town.”

The three-year course, which starts in February next year, will see Joey spend five days a week at university from 8am-6pm.

“I will be doing tap, jazz and ballet every morning, we have specialised dance classes, I get two singing lessons a week, a history of musical theatre course, ensemble singing classes and acting classes,” he said.

Joey, who has appeared in Riverland productions such as The Phantom of the Opera, with the Riverland Musical Society, and Kick off ya Boots, produced by Little Town Productions, said growing up in the Riverland had shaped

him into the performer he is today.

“I feel like walking into a space, such as the dance audition with everyone, I went in pretty humble, knowing that I wasn’t going to be the best because there are kids who get the opportunity to sing and dance five days a week, which isn’t really offered down here,” he said.

“I think I am really fortunate to have the support of the Riverland Musical Society and Little Town Productions...”

Joey added that living in the Riverland has also made him take a lot of opportunities, including performing at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival this year.

“I have spent a lot of time in Adelaide, making connections,” he said.

“A few years ago, I took the opportunity to take a scholarship to do some singing lessons in Adelaide as well with one of the best opera singers in Australia.

“Being in the Riverland has made me want to take more opportunities.”

## Considering a career in automotive industry

RIVERLAND school leavers are being encouraged to consider an automotive career amid the release of year 12 results for 2022.

Motor Trade Association (MTA) CEO Paul Unerkov said now was the time to consider starting a rewarding career in the industry.

“There’s never been a more exciting time to get hands-on in our industry,” he said.

“You are paid while you learn and employment prospects are very favourable in the current tight labour market where businesses are experiencing skill shortages.

“Rapid technological advancements and the development of electric vehicles also present new opportunities in a rewarding career.

“There are a range of opportunities once you finish your trade

and MTA apprentices have gone on to run their own successful businesses.

“The MTA has apprenticeship positions available right now for anybody with a willingness to learn. With a nationally recognised trade qualification you can turn your passion into a career.”

The MTA offers trades including:  
□ Light vehicle mechanical technician  
□ Heavy commercial vehicle technician  
□ Vehicle body repair technician  
□ Automotive refinishing technician  
□ Agricultural mechanical technician  
□ Heavy commercial trailer technician  
□ Customer servicing (automotive sales)  
□ Mobile plant technician

From year 10, students can also under take school-based apprenticeships. Inquiries can be made by calling (8241 0522) or emailing (careers@mtasant.com.au).

## Budding artists get a taste of the lifestyle

LOXTON North School students enjoyed a taste of an artist’s lifestyle when the Loxton Business Hub hosted an art exhibition of their work.

Students worked with Riverland artist Kat Bell, who spent seven weeks at Loxton North School as an artist-in-residence, and assisted in pulling together the art exhibition featuring the students work.

Artwork was displayed and labelled with a title for each students’ piece, along with students autographing their work and a bonus authentication certificate being placed on the back of each item.

“The whole process students went through with Kat is what an artist does,” Loxton North School principal Vanessa Wainwright said.

“There were many highlights of the night. Uncle Barney performing a smoking ceremony to ward off bad spirits from the people and the



Artist-in-residence Kat Bell provided students with the opportunity to create their own artwork and present their pieces at the art exhibition as part of her artist in residency. PHOTOS: supplied

land, and make a pathway for a brighter future.

“After the fancy nibbles, as a community we signed our ‘reconciliation action plan’, and Tasharni Stanley read the schools ‘reconciliation vision’ and the whole crowd clapped and smiled.

“It was a very proud moment for our school and for the Aboriginal community to know we understand and are committed to learning the true history, culture and languages.”

Mrs Wainwright said Kat made the evening “super special” for students and their families.

“She (Kat) shared with us ‘It is not about rushing to the



end, it is about taking your time to appreciate the process and to experiment, test, make mistakes, learn from them, mould them to be part of your creation and to learn to be okay with mistakes because they are part of life and learning’,” she said.

“Kat is truly inspiring and

sees the beauty in all.

“These opportunities are crucial to connect learning with the real world; it creates more meaning for students and opens their eyes to what is out there and where they fit into a community.

“You can see the students’ pride in the photos, having their work showcased to all in the community.”

Kat presented two students with an art scholarship, Sophie Schultz (pre-schooler) and Kian St John (Year 4), who received a box of art resources, a personalised lesson with Kat and one of her artworks to keep.

- ALEXANDRA BULL

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# Supporting kids’ mental health through floods

JOSH BRINE

SUPPORTING local children throughout the ongoing flood is the goal of a not-for-profit mental health organisation, which recently released a set of free resources for Riverlanders.

Adelaide-based Emerging Minds’ free online resource ‘Helping your children in a flood emergency’ aims to assist local parents with involving children in emergency planning and response to provide a “sense of safety and security”.

Emerging Minds director Brad Morgan said the resource would help families who are impacted by flooding to support their children to “prepare and recover both physically and psychologically”.

“The resources include many practical tips that can be easily implemented at home to help guide your children through these challenging times,” Mr Morgan said.

“They support parents to check in on their emergency plans and talk with their children about the possibility of floods – finding out what the children know already, as well as teaching them what to do before, during and after a flood event.”

Mr Morgan said natural disasters could have a “profound impact” on mental health and learning development.

“With care and support from the trusted adults in their life, most children will recover over time,” he said.

“But they will still need constant reassurance, stability and support from their parents and loved ones.

“Involving children in your planning and response to the flooding can have a protective effect, as it gives children a sense of safety and security and can help them to

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manage better and recover more easily.”

Mr Morgan said it was “natural to see some changes in children’s behaviour in the lead-up to, during and after a flood” but if behaviour fails to improve after several weeks or months, families may need to seek support for their children’s mental health.

“Common changes among young children might include mood changes or irritability, regression in their development – which is when you might see them acting like they did when they were younger children such as more tantrums, or bedwetting – more clinginess and fear of being alone, trouble sleeping and loss of appetite,” he said.

“Older children may be withdrawn, have difficulty controlling their anger or feel overly on edge and alert, refuse to participate or engage with others, have nightmares or physical distress around reminders of the flood, or start behaving in risky or reckless ways...”

“One of the best things you can do for your children right now is simply be there for them.

“Stressful events can change how children view the world around them and make them feel like they are no longer safe.

“Your comfort, support and reassurance that you will get through this together are key to your children’s recovery.”

To access the resources, visit [emergingminds.com.au/resources/helping-your-children-in-a-flood-emergency/](http://emergingminds.com.au/resources/helping-your-children-in-a-flood-emergency/).



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## SES’ volunteer-based flood response

THE South Australian State Emergency Service (SASES) is a volunteer-based emergency assistance and rescue service which provides emergency assistance to the people of South Australia 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The SASES respond to thousands of calls for assistance from the South Australian community each year and has saved the lives and property of countless South Australians.

The SASES is the lead emergency service agency for the River Murray flood event – for emergency assistance call SASES on 132 500 or call 000 for life-threatening emergencies.

In late November, more than 12,500 registered residents and/or businesses in River Murray communities were sent SASES automated telephone messaging to advise of the potential impacts of flooding and where they can find further information and assistance.

“Previously this messaging has been successful in informing communities regarding the impacts of bushfires and flooding in South Australia,” said SASES chief of staff Derren Halleday.

“People in the specified geographical areas are advised of some of the risks and impacts associated with the rising floodwaters, such as potential isolation and disconnected power supplies as well as the River Murray Hotline phone number of 1800 362 361.”

Check to see if your property is at risk using the flood mapping tool on the SASES website: [www.ses.sa.gov.au](http://www.ses.sa.gov.au).

Follow SASES on social media for the most up-to-date safety and emergency information:

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Instagram – [https://www.instagram.com/sa\\_ses](https://www.instagram.com/sa_ses).



SES Renmark peer support officer Helen Passmore (left) and unit manager Scott Anderson celebrating SES volunteers for Wear Orange Wednesday earlier this year. PHOTO: Will Slee

## SA Water: We’re cleaning up ‘unflushables’

SA Water has recorded a reduction in the occurrence of nasty ‘unflushables’ – such as cooking fats and oils, and wet wipes – in the state’s sewers.

The utility says the overall rate of blockages has also dropped to a two-year low, with the number of blockages caused by weird and problematic objects flushed down the toilet or put down the sink decreasing by 110 in October compared to the same month last year – a 45 per cent drop.

This decreased has helped limit the risk of unsightly overflows inside people’s properties and SA Water’s Lisa Hannant thanked South Australians for heeding the utility’s message to change their flushing and rinsing habits.

“We know it’s the cumu-



Better ‘flushing’ practices by South Australians have been noted by SA Water. PHOTO: supplied

lative impact of our customers’ behaviour at the loo and at the sink, together with our operational initiatives such as the use of smart technology, that will keep our sewers healthy,” Ms Hannant said.

“Over the past couple of months, we’ve experienced a decrease in the number of blockages caused by items such as wet wipes – the

prime offender among the unflushables – and I’d like to say a warm ‘thank you’ to our customers who are embracing the role we need them to play.

“One of the ways we can help shift behaviour is by engaging with the community and providing practical tips, and we’ve been making a concerted effort to spread the word lately.”



LUTHERAN SCHOOL CONCERT: Waikerie Lutheran Primary School students entertained their families, carers and friends at their end-of-year concert last Wednesday. The event also featured a graduation ceremony for the year 6 students leaving the school to start their secondary education next year. Pictured above are year 2/3 students doing the Monster Shuffle. PHOTO: supplied







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**KA ROYAL CHRISTMAS:** A group of local Filipino friends, their partners and some special guests enjoyed a 'KA Royal Christmas costumer party' at the Renmark Club earlier this month. PHOTO: supplied



**PAGEANT QUEEN AND PRINCESSES:** Barmera Christmas Pageant Princess Asher Whitehead-Villis, Queen Jazzi Ritter and Junior Princess Rani Gilgen at the event on Friday, December 9. PHOTO: supplied

**BIG BEND:** Members and friends from Loxton who joined the Loxton Men's Probus Club recent bus trip to The Bend at Taillem Bend enjoyed a circuit or two around the track in the big bus, lunch at the Riverside Hotel at Taillem Bend, plus morning tea at Karoonda. PHOTO: supplied



**RCC CELEBRATES:** Rivergum Christian College's year 11 and 12s enjoyed their formal dinner at the Renmark Club on Thursday, November 17. PHOTO: supplied



**WAIKERIE CAROLS:** At the recent Waikerie Carols by Candlelight were Ethan Mibus (left), Tyson Grieger holding his daughter, Charlotte Jones, the daughter of Waikerie Uniting Church pastor Darian Jones (fourth from right) and his wife Emma, their son Gideon, and Janine Grieger.



The Rain Moth Gallery in Waikerie is housing an exhibition featuring Riverland students. Pictured above is Karen Richardson putting the finishing touches to an exhibition piece by Waikerie Primary School year 1/2 students. RIGHT: Jordan working on a NAIDOC activity as part of the display. PHOTOS: 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**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**WEEKLY**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Looking for something to do on long weekends? **Loxton Historical Village** will be open on the public holidays over the Christmas period, including January 1 and 2. Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.





Riverland Special School students participating in an interactive activity in the healthy habits program. PHOTOS: supplied

## Students building up healthy habits

SENIOR students at a local school have this year had the opportunity to learn about healthy eating and lifestyles.

FocusOne Health facilitated the Country SA Primary Health Network-funded Healthy Habits program for students at Riverland Special School.

FocusOne Health nutritionists Alyce Suckling and Teresa Baker ran a series of interactive sessions for senior students, with a focus on health eating and simple changes that can be easily implemented for a healthier lifestyle.

Students learned about the five food groups and how they can incorporate the groups into their meals at home.

Eyes were opened when students learned about the hidden sugars in drinks, with many shocked when asked to measure out the amount of sugar in their favourite drinks.

“Understanding the foods required to remain healthy and prevent chronic disease is essential for the students,” Ms Baker said. “It has been a great opportunity to work with the students, teachers and SSOs of the Riverland Special School.”

Practical lessons allowed students to showcase their cooking skills and try a variety of fruits they had never eaten before. Students were “very proud” of their lunchbox, yoghurt parfait and smoothie creations.

“To see the students engage in the healthy eating activities with such enthusiasm was very rewarding,” Ms Suckling said.

Riverland Special School senior teacher Amy Burlik said it was “wonderful the students are involved in this inclusive program”. “The students enjoyed the sessions and have continued to discuss healthy eating in our class,” she said.



Riverland Special School student Hayden placing foods in the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating wheel.

# After 41 years, Lyn says goodbye

ELYSE ARMANINI

AFTER 13 years as principal and 41 years in total at Renmark Primary School, Lyn Bretag said her goodbyes last week.

Since joining the school in 1981, Ms Bretag has contributed to the school through many roles, including classroom teacher for years 3 to 7, school counsellor, deputy principal and principal.

Taking a year off before deciding what her future will look like, Ms Bretag said she was looking forward to “just having time to stop and think”.

“School is full time,” she said. “I make sure Saturdays are my day but Sundays and every other day are school, and they’re long days.

“There’s a lot of planning and thinking and being mindful of people and the things you have to do and how you’re going to do it.

“So, it’ll just be nice to have a weekend where it’s a Sunday and I think, ‘Yes, I can do that, I don’t have to get my computer out and get busy with this’.”

During her first three years as principal, the year 3 to 7 school amalgamated with the junior primary to create what the school is today.

“That was a really big, really long, and, at times, challenging process,” she said.

“Because you had to be mindful of the school’s identity and people’s – especially staff and long-time families – sense of what it was going to be like when things changed.

“I’m really proud of that. It was a great process that went smoothly most of the time.

“I’m proud of how far we’ve come in terms of what the school looks like and our achievement.

“Recently we were third out of the top 10 in the state for year 5 NAPLAN improvements since 2017. We’re on an upward trajectory with our data and we have been for the last four or five years.

“I’m proud of how hard people work and that they’re all on the same page, proud of our families, and our kids.”

Knowing how well the school and its students are doing, Ms Bretag said leaving at the end of the school year was a difficult decision to make.

“But my tenure was up at the end of this year,” she said.



Renmark Primary School's Lyn Bretag has finished at the school after 13 years as principal and being with the school since 1981. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

“I technically finish the day before school starts in 2023 and I didn’t reapply for the job because I knew that I wouldn’t do another tenure.

“I actually think it’s good for the school and the community to have that change, but it was good timing for me. I’ve done two tenures and three years on top of that, so it was hard from a personal view.

“But from where the school’s at and going, I don’t think it was hard, because the school is in a great place for someone to come and take over.”

Ms Bretag said she enjoyed her final week at the school, which featured a “lovely” special assembly to say farewell.

She encouraged the school community to

**“I’m proud of how hard people work and that they’re all on the same page...”**

- Lyn Bretag



“just keep going”.

“They’re doing an amazing job, and for the kids to believe they can do really well is important,” she said.

“It’s a great school; the kids and community are just great. Keep working on the things that have helped us get there.”

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# Barker students’ 2022 achievements recognised

LOCAL students were recently awarded the annual Barker Shield as part of their end-of-year celebrations.

The Barker Shield – presented by Barker MP Tony Pasin – is given to three students in each participating school across the electorate each year.

It celebrates student excellence in three categories: 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,” Mr Pasin said.

“These students have excelled in their studies or in the school community and are undoubted future leaders. No matter what they go on to achieve or where, I

want them to feel valued and recognised for the leadership shown during their time at school and as part of the wider Riverland community.”

Award winners include:  
**Berri Regional Secondary College**

Academic Achievement Award: Thomas Pipinis  
Community Service and Spirit Award: Kale Karpany  
Modelling School Values: Melody Baldock

**Loxton High School**  
Academic Achievement Award: Zoe Raynes

Community Service and Spirit Award: Zoe Hughes  
Middle School All-rounder: Tayla Jungfer

**St Francis of Assisi College Renmark**  
Academic Achievement Award:

Samuel De Palma  
Community Service and Spirit Award: Aleesha Crosby  
Student Leadership: Billie Augey

**Swan Reach Area School**  
Academic Achievement Award: Ryan Wiebrecht

Community Service and Spirit Award: Jacob Hodge  
School Values: Naite Gribble

“Each of these students are worthy recipients who have now been honoured through the perpetual Barker Shield, which is displayed in a prominent location at the school,” Mr Pasin said.

“Congratulations to all students on completing the 2022 year of study and whether they are continuing further study or entering the work force I wish students from all schools across Barker all the best for 2023.”



**AWARD WIN:** Sophie Phillips-Fox was awarded Renmark North Primary School’s 2022 Tim Whetstone Award this year.  
**PHOTO:** supplied

## Record SACE for SA year 12s

SA year 12 students have logged another record year of completion.

Students completing in 2022 represent the first cohort to spend their entire SACE journey in the Covid-19 pandemic, but despite this, a record high 98.7 per cent of year 12s finished their SACE in 2022.

Further to this, a record 27,095 students completed a year 12 subject in 2022. Of these, 806 students are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) descent,

representing a 16.3 per cent increase for these students.

Students studying one or more modified subjects are completing their SACE at a higher rate than ever, with the 81.1 per cent figure representing a 7 per cent increase on 2021.

“Modified subjects meet the learning needs of students with significant impairment in intellectual functioning or adaptive behaviours,” a SACE spokesperson said this week.

## Waikerie HS presentation night:

AT its presentation night held on Tuesday, December 13, Waikerie High School’s stage 2 student Aaliyah Loffler was awarded the Ampol Best All-Rounder.

Jed Thiel was presented with the Holder Medal, Taylah Gore won the Pratt-Visy Industries Scholarship and Mitchell Werner took home the Greg Cottle Memorial Award.



Wilson  
Modern History: Ebony Prevedel  
Personal Learning Plan: Martha Plantado and Zali Schiller  
Physical Education: Blake Loffler  
Physics: Ulani Guy  
Scientific Studies: Ellen Kroehn  
Chemistry: Felicity Arnold  
Mathematical Methods: Felicity Arnold  
English: Taylah Gore  
Physical Education: Taylah Gore  
Agriculture: Owen Kroehn  
Viticulture: Owen Kroehn  
Food and Hospitality: Mitchell Werner  
General Mathematics: Mitchell Werner  
English: Sarah Campbell  
General Mathematics: Sarah Campbell  
Woodwork: Sarah Campbell

**STAGE 2 SUBJECT AWARDS**  
Agricultural Production: Jed Thiel  
Biology: Chloe Edwards and Simreet Kaur  
Community Connections: Alana Matulick  
Essential English: Isabella Scott  
Food and Hospitality: Amy Smith  
General Mathematics: Tiana Burns  
Modern History: Makayla Frost  
Research Project A: Naish Andrew  
Research Project B: Maria Uchida  
Scientific Studies: Emily Brock  
Chemistry: Aaliyah Loffler  
English: Aaliyah Loffler  
Mathematical Methods: Aaliyah Loffler  
Physical Education: Aaliyah Loffler  
Physics: Aaliyah Loffler

and Harveen Singh  
Rain Moth Gallery Award: Chloe Higgins  
Performing Arts – Senior: Ellen Kroehn  
Mayoral Scholarship – Waikerie Loxton: Latia Loffler and Claire McWaters  
Rotary Technology Scholarship: Sarah Campbell  
Local Area Award – Mid Murray: ADF Awards - Long Tan Youth Leadership: Flynn Andrew and Harveen Singh  
ADF Awards - Future Innovators: Claire McWaters and Simreet Kaur  
Year 11 Zonta: Ulani Guy  
Year 12 Zonta: Chloe Edwards  
Pratt-Visy Industries Scholarship: Taylah Gore  
Holder Medal: Jed Thiel  
Ampol Best All Rounder: Aaliyah Loffler

**STAGE 1 SUBJECT AWARDS**  
Biology: Jaskan Singh  
Cross-Disciplinary Studies: Sienna Hyde  
Essential English: Pengi Leang  
Essential Mathematics: Tayla

## Loxton High School presentation night

LOXTON High School’s presentation night was held on Tuesday, December 6.

Zoe Raynes was awarded the prestigious Kingston Estate Wines/Chinner Memorial Prize, while Ampol Best All Rounder was awarded to Joey Haenen, the Spangenberg Family Award went to Lucas Cockshell, and Lucy McDonald received the Jean Proud Memorial Award.



**MAJOR PRIZES AND SERVICE AWARDS**  
Kingston Estate Wines/Chinner Memorial Prize: Zoe R  
Select Harvest Agricultural/ Horticultural Award: Kayla W  
Maths/Science Undergraduate Scholarship: Lucas C and Zoe R  
Spangenberg Family Award: Lucas C  
District Council of Loxton Waikerie Award: Tyson B  
ADF Long Tan Award Year 10: Eliza W  
ADF Long Tan Award Year 12: Makayla L  
Order of Australia Association Student Citizen Award: Zoe H  
Biological Services Environmental Award: Zane S  
Central Irrigation Trust Agricultural Award: Zoe H  
Ampol Best All Rounder Award: Joey H  
Belle Middle School Research Prize (History): Daniel Z  
Smiffys Tourism and Hospitality Award: Zoe H  
Jean Proud Memorial Award: Lucy M

Loxton Ladies Probus Club Citizenship Award: Jessica G  
Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs – Year 12: Lucy M  
Zonta Award – Year 11: Piper G  
Old Scholars Prize: Lucas C  
Kroeger Memorial Prize: Erin B  
Loxton High School Service Awards: Adison K, Harmony N, Jaida I, Jamie H, Joey H  
Loxton High School VET Student of the Year: Lily H  
Loxton High School ASBA Student of the Year: Charlotte Z  
Loxton High School Just Too Deadly Award: Ruby P  
Music Encouragement Award: Coen W  
The Terrace Gallery Scholarship – Art/Design: Tammy T and Scarlett D  
Loxton Agricultural & Horticultural

Show Society - Service to Agriculture Award: Zane S  
Loxton High School Contribution to Sport Award: Lucas C and Zoe R  
Loxton Senior Citizens Club Year 7 Physical Education Award: Elise C and Samuel R  
Loxton Senior Citizens Club Year 8 Physical Education Award: Regan S and Saskia G, Campbell V and Jake P  
Loxton Senior Citizens Club Year 11 Technology Award: Jaden I  
Loxton Hotel – Year 11 Food and Hospitality Award: Tammy T  
Rotary Club Technology Award Senior: Makayla L  
Rotary Club Technology Award Junior: Abbie H  
Tim Whetstone MP School Award: Lucas C  
Barker Shield – Academic Achievement: Zoe R  
Barker Shield – Community Service and Spirit: Zoe H  
Barker Shield – Middle School All Rounder: Tayla J  
Cabaret Evening Award: Lucy R and Oscar B  
Outdoor Education MacPacAward: Erin B

**YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARDS**  
Agricultural Production: Kayla W  
Biology: Zoe R  
Business Innovation: Alexandra R, Harmony N, Jarra G  
Chemistry: Cherie P  
Child Studies: Jasmine S  
Creative Arts: Alexandra R  
English: Erin B  
English Literary Studies: Lucas C  
Food and Hospitality: Adison K  
Furniture Construction – Wood: Makayla L  
Maths - General Mathematics: Erin B  
Maths - Mathematical Methods: Lucas C  
Maths - Specialist Mathematics: Lucas C  
Modern History: Makayla L and Jamie H  
Music: Joey H  
Outdoor Education: Zoe R

Physics: Zoe R  
Research Project: Zoe R  
Sports Studies: Ethan W and Talita D  
Visual Arts – Art: Nyah S  
Visual Arts – Design: Harmony N  
Welding and Fabrication – Metal: Blair W  
Workplace Practices: Estella G

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND OUTSTANDING EFFORT AWARDS**  
**Year 12**  
Bianca K, Zoe R, Lucas C, Adison K, Harmony N, Nyah S, Alexandra R, Erin B, Jamie H, Jessica G, Chloe A, Jarra G, Cherie P, Makayla L, Kayla W, Zoe H  
**Year 11**  
Tyson B, Scarlett D, Piper G, Dylan G, Alexis M, Ella H, Jenna V, Chrysanthi S, Maisie H, Mikayla L, Tammy T  
Outstanding Achievement  
Shaun F, Cooper E, Clarissa M, Melanie P, Zali S  
Outstanding Effort  
Jessica S  
**Year 10**  
Jessica I, Maria T, Elise S, Elleanah A, Kenzie K, Tayla J, Mikayla D, Taylor W, Lily M, Isaac S, Joshua G, Summer S, Ruby A, Eliza W, Grace K  
Outstanding Achievement  
Kaela S, Katlin I Elias D  
Outstanding Effort  
Kaitlyn R, Crystal A, Lucy R  
**Year 9**  
Claire S, Hope C, Holly P, Jemma P, William S, Maddie G, Skye H, Ebony P, Ava K, April M  
Outstanding Achievement  
Bailey H, Imogen M, William H  
Outstanding Effort  
Kira P, Indee D, Ava L, Abbie R, Mika M  
**Year 8**  
Trinity N, Reagan S, Jayden B, Sophie K, Saskia G, Sarah S, Emily C, Lila A, Lily F, Campbell V  
Outstanding Achievement  
Ella R, Tilly D, Sienna R  
Outstanding Effort  
Tyler H, Imogen D, Juliet H, Gabriel T  
**Year 7**  
Emily A, Joshua G, Harper J, Mahlia G, Adele S, Ioanna T, Matilda W, Kiana S, Eamon C, Sameika W, Elise C, Jasleen B, Sophie T  
Outstanding Achievement  
Grace E, Sophie S, Zeva D, Ava T, Daniel H  
Outstanding Effort  
Lalaine P, Natalia B

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# SACE a family first for Faith

FOR Renmark High School student Faith Morgan, completing the SACE was a family first, and hopefully not last.

“I’m the first of 11 to complete my SACE,” Faith said of the achievement.

“I feel like it makes my younger siblings want to achieve it because I did. I feel like they could look at me as a role model now.”

Raised by her nan, Faith is the eighth youngest of 11 children, but the first in her family to study past year 10. Her Stage 2 subjects include English, Maths, and Digital Media, and she attributes part of her successful journey to the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA).

“With SAASTA I get to learn a bit more about my culture,

through completing different tasks,” she said.

“And by completing those tasks, I also got SACE points.”

While the integrated learning credits helped Faith thrive in her SACE journey, it also helped her find closer belonging in the Riverland.

“I felt more connected to my community,” she said, “and I was able to bond with students like me.”

That part of Faith’s journey will continue after her completion of SACE and achieving an ATAR, via a move into youth work.

“I want to be connected to my community,” she said.

“I want to work with Aboriginal youth because I was also part of a youth group and I really liked that too.”

Unsurprisingly, Faith’s best

advice on how to navigate senior school involved leaning on her community again.

“Ask for help when you need it,” she said.

“Don’t just think that you can do it on your own... ask your teachers or peers for help.”

“I feel like Ms Turnbull and some other teachers have helped me because when I wanted to find out what I could do after school... they would talk to me and discuss my options.”

Martine Turnbull, Faith’s teacher at Renmark High, has enjoyed watching Faith grow, describing her student as “a real jewel”.

“I’ve known Faith for a long time (and) she is a perfect example of ‘walking in two worlds’,” Ms Turnbull said.



Faith Morgan says being involved with the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy helped her study journey.



Faith Morgan is the first of 11 siblings to complete SACE. PHOTOS: supplied

the radar. She’s just quietly worked away, but she is at every class, every lesson, always punctual regardless of any challenges, taking it in and getting better at everything.

“She is very successful at both school and sport, but she never brags. She doesn’t talk about it, she just gets on with it.”

Source: SACE

# Renmark High School achievers celebrated at presentation night

REMARK High School celebrated its students at its recent presentation night at the Chaffey Theatre on Tuesday, December 6, when Madelyn L took home the highly regarded Footprints in the Sands of Time award.

Judd H and Madelyn L shared the Ken Prokopec Cup, SRC Sports Person of the Year went to Jasmine B, and the Clint Doevedans Junior Allrounder award was presented to Lachlan K and Molly P.

### AWARD WINNERS

Footprints in the Sands of Time:

Madelyn L  
Renmark Hotel Scholarship: Taj S  
Tim Whetstone School Award: Faith M  
Rotary Service Award: Judd H  
Renmark Paringa Council Community Service: Alan G  
Zonta – Year 11 Award: Kierra S  
Zonta – Year 12 Award: Ava L  
Arts Award: Jorja K  
Rotary Vocational Studies Scholarship: Stuart L  
Vocational Education Student of the Year: Khushneet K  
Australian School Based Apprenticeship: Jamason R  
Year 10 Best All Rounder: Rachel F  
CIT Agricultural and Horticultural Award: Phoebe H  
Foodland Enterprise Award: Connor B  
Environment Award: Jake S  
Pratt Scholarship (DUX from previ-

ous year): Charlee W  
Renmark Freemason’s Scholarship: Armandeep K  
The Lions Scholarship: Emma S  
ADF Long Tan Leadership – Year 10: Alana Y  
ADF Long Tan Leadership – Year 12: Madelyn L  
ADF Future Innovators Award – Year 10: Zac L  
ADF Future Innovators Award – Year 12: Ethan H  
Student Reconciliation Award: Ethan E  
ATSI Strong Leaders Award: Lara P  
Teaching Reconciliation Award: Wayne Elliott  
School Community Reconciliation Award: Kyla Wade  
Renmark Club Aspiring Leaders Award: Anastasia K and Hassan R  
Select Harvest Industry Award: Giuseppe C



RSL Anzac Youth Leadership Award: Sakina Q and Lachlan G

**YEAR 11 LEARNING AREA MEDALS**  
Mathematics: Zoe S  
Science: Zoe S  
English & Languages: Zoe S

HASS: Jenna L

**SPORT AWARDS**  
Clint Doevedans Junior Allrounder: Lachlan K and Molly P  
SRC Sports Person of the Year: Jasmine B  
Ken Prokopec Cup: Judd H and Madelyn L  
**SPORTS BLUES**  
Swimming, Athletics & Triathlon: Bailey W  
Swimming: Madelyn L, Lucas W, Ethan H and Courtney W  
Volleyball & Netball: Kierra S  
Equestrian & Horse Riding: Jasmine B  
Netball: Matilda R and Zoe S  
Football & Basketball: Judd H  
Football: Molly P  
Basketball: Lachlan K and Noah M  
8-Ball: Colby K  
Cross Country: Taj S

Slalom Water Skiing: Demi F  
Go-Karting: Jack L

**YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARDS**  
Biology: Ava L  
Chemistry: Charlee W  
Creative Arts: Judd H  
Design: Madelyn L  
English Essentials: Chelsea H  
English: Ava L  
Food & Hospitality: Chelsea H  
General Maths: Kobi L  
Media Studies: Madelyn L  
Maths Methods: Madelyn L  
Modern History: Ava L  
Nutrition: Zoe S  
Physics: Stephanie S  
Psychology: Emma S  
Research Project: Ava L, Judd H, Emma S  
Spanish Beginners: Armandeep K  
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Loxton North School students Tamara, Emmilou, Daniel and Maddalyn with the malaise trap they set up earlier this year as part of the Insect Investigators program, hosted by the South Australian Museum. PHOTO: supplied

## Citizen insect investigators

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

A LOCAL primary school taking part in a citizen science project is one of 50 schools across three states to have successfully recorded thousands of new insects.

The Insect Investigators project – hosted by the South Australian Museum – was launched in September 2021, connecting regional and remote students with researchers to learn about Australia's biodiversity.

Loxton North School (LNS) is one of 17 South Australian schools participating, and set up an insect trap in March this year.

LNS R-6 STEM teacher Stephanie Rudiger said the students enjoyed the opportunity to work with and learn from the program.

"The school was sent a malaise trap that the students set up and collected insects from weekly," she said.

"Students very much enjoyed looking at the differ-

ent insects they had caught.

We were able to watch videos and view messages from the scientists as they were processing our insects in the lab.

"It was great for students to make the connections between their knowledge and how scientists work in an authentic and important experiment.

"Students especially enjoyed the online and in-person lessons from the scientists. They learnt about the insects they were catching and how they were contributing to a much larger process."

Mrs Rudiger said she "seeks out" a citizen science project every year for students.

"We learn so much, not only about the topic of the project but how science is related to and used in everyday life," she said.

Through the Insect Investigators project, participating schools from South Australia, Queensland and

Western Australia helped to add more than 12,500 new DNA barcodes to an international online repository.

Project leader Dr Erinn Fagan-Jeffries said DNA barcoding involves sequencing a small section of the insect's genome and using the variation among barcodes to discriminate species.

"While the gold standard is always going to be identifying and describing insects using DNA data in combination with their physical characteristics, the DNA barcodes provide a fast and cost-effective way of shining a light on the remarkable diversity of insects in Australia that we know so little about," she said.

"It is highly likely that all contributing schools have found species new to science which is really exciting, but how many of these species we are actually able to describe is dependent on the resources and support available for taxonomy."



St Joseph's School Renmark student Ruby Malinovski (front) with Renmark Lions Club past president and poster competition co-ordinator Celeste Pettigrew, Lion Colin Pettigrew and current president Allan Maddocks. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

## Lions poster competition success

TWO local primary school students were recently recognised for their artistic entries in a Lions Club competition.

Renmark Primary School's Mia Robertson and St Joseph's School Renmark's Ruby Malinovski were chosen as winners in the Lions International Peace Poster Competition.

For more than 30 years, Lions Clubs around the world have sponsored the art contest in schools and youth groups, encouraging children everywhere to create posters to express their visions of peace and to inspire the world.

The theme for this year's competition was 'lead with compassion', with 15 students from Renmark Primary and 46 students from St Joseph's taking part.

Mia's entry was viewed by members of the Renmark Lions Club and selected as the winner, while Ruby's was chosen by Renmark Lions Club past president and Peace Poster co-ordinator Celeste Pettigrew and St Joseph's teachers.

Both winning entries were forwarded






Renmark Primary School's Mia Robertson with Allan Maddocks and Celeste Pettigrew. PHOTO: supplied

to the District Governor to be judged with other district winners, with a national winner to be selected and go on to America to Lions International.

Mrs Pettigrew, current president Allan Maddocks and Lion Colin Pettigrew visited both schools late last month to present certificates to the schools and each of the winners, plus a bookmark to all participants.



TV GUIDE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

WEDNESDAY						
	6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 The Great Acceleration; 11:00 Australia Remastered; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Christmas Cabaret; 2:00 Call The Midwife; 3:00 Gardening Australia; 3:55 Long Lost Family; 4:45 Back Roads; 5:10 QI; 5:45 Hard Quiz 6:10 Grand Designs New Zealand 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 8:00 Mad As Hell Does Hard Quiz 8:35 TBA 9:35 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? 10:05 Adam Hills 10:45 Death In Paradise 11:45 Silent Witness 1:45 Parkinson In Australia 2:30 Ask The Doctor 3:00 rage	5:00 Hoot Hoot Go!; 5:10 Dot.; 5:25 Baby Jake; 5:35 Children's Programs; 5:50 Peppa Pig; 5:55 Reef School 6:05 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 6:20 Bluey 6:25 Octonauts Special 6:50 PJ Masks Save Christmas 7:20 Bluey 7:30 Anh's Brush With Fame 8:00 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road 8:45 Queen 9:50 Science Of Drugs With Richard Roxburgh 10:45 Pilgrimage 11:45 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat Christmas Special 12:50 Starstruck 1:30 Back 1:55 Catalyst 2:55 ABC News Update	6:00 Sunrise; 9:30 Test Cricket 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Big Bash League Cricket 10:30 Crime Investigation Australia 11:50 The Clown And The Candyman 12:50 Boy To Man 2:00 TBA 4:00 NBC Today 5:00 Seven Early News 5:30 Sunrise	6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra Summer; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Christmas A La Carte; 1:45 Explore; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News 6:00 Nine News 7:00 A Current Affair 7:30 Country Home Rescue With Shaynna Blaze 8:30 Dream Listing Byron Bay 9:30 Escape To The Chateau 10:30 Family Law 11:20 The Thing About Pam 12:10 Tipping Point 1:05 Great Australian Detour 1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping 4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory 4:30 A Current Affair 5:00 Nine News Early Edition	6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Entertainment Tonight Encore; 7:30 Judge Judy; 8:00 10 News First; 8:30 Studio 10; 12:00 Dr Phil; 1:00 Jamie; 2:00 Entertainment Tonight; 2:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 3:00 Judge Judy; 3:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day; 5:00 10 News First 6:30 The Project 7:30 The Dog House Australia 9:30 Mission Impossible III 11:30 The Project Encore 12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1:30 Home Shopping 4:30 CBS Mornings	5:00 World News; 9:00 Peer To Peer; 9:30 Music Of The Brain; 10:30 Barkley Manor; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 PBS NewsHour; 2:00 Saving Lives At Sea; 3:00 The Interviewer; 3:15 Luke Nguyen's Railway Vietnam; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 The World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys; 5:05 Jeopardy; 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 The Toys That Built The World 8:30 The Airport 9:25 Tokyo Vice 10:30 SBS World News Late 11:00 Dignity 12:00 The Night Manager 12:55 Shadow Lines
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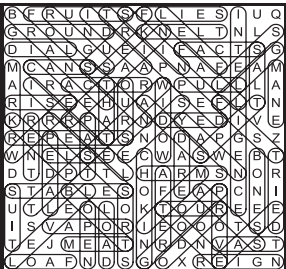
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How many words can you find?

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ANNOUNCEMENT  
BASEBALL  
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Last Week's Solution



Crossword

ACROSS  
2. Hoax  
6. Young horse  
9. Scornful expression  
10. Pertaining to a city  
11. Large artery  
12. Musical instrument  
14. Tempest  
16. Communication between military units  
17. Private  
19. Plaything  
20. Rounded swelling  
23. Resided  
26. Chain of mountains with saw-like ridge  
27. Council charges  
28. Cooking vessel  
29. Penitent  
32. Place to cut timber  
34. Consumed  
35. Excuse  
36. Decorate  
37. Male honey-bee  
38. White heron  
39. Chore  
40. Class

DOWN  
1. Amalgamate  
2. Scorches  
3. Raises to a higher rank  
4. Expenditure  
5. Weak  
6. Weariness  
7. Obligation  
8. Slope  
13. Pugilist  
14. Javelin

15. Satellite's path  
18. Incline the head  
20. Giggled  
21. Noise abroad  
22. Crow-like bird  
24. Hackneyed  
25. Country  
26. Male child  
28. Land reclaimed from the sea  
29. Sharp, ringing sound  
30. Compass  
31. Dogma  
32. Speck  
33. Marries

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION  
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DAVIT FOXTROT  
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## December 2022 Horoscopes: week 4

**ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)**  
Your knack for energising other people will be appreciated this week. You will not be in the mood to be messed about, and will make sure that everything gets done. **Romance.** The Moon/Ceres Midpoint presently in your sign should make you even more sensitive to your partner's needs than usual.

**TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)**  
Don't do things based on emotions, against your better judgement. You need to think your plans through carefully and ask the advice of your friends before you jump into anything. **Romance.** A dream about your partner will not bear much relationship to real life. In some ways, they are better in real life than in your dream!

**GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)**  
Helping a coworker could take much longer than you expect this week. You may be tempted to mind your own business in future! **Romance.** You may get a little frustrated if the people around you have less energy than you do. You will be rearing to get things done, and will not want to be held back.

**CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)**  
Don't let yourself to be caught off guard. Some recent changes to the way you work will have much more of an impact than you realised. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Venus will make you think much more seriously about your relationship. A meeting later in the week may be more productive than you expect.

**LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)**  
A remark made by a colleague may surprise you. You may not know this person quite as well as you think! There are more surprises in store, so be prepared. **Romance.** Provided you can come down to earth a little, this will be an extremely exciting week. Be careful not to say the wrong thing at the wrong moment, however.

**VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)**  
Finding a photograph may help to bring back memories of when you were a child. Your experiences from this time will help you to solve a problem in the present, but you shouldn't get too bogged down thinking about the past. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Neptune may make you a little too sensitive at times.

**LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)**  
Be clear in your own mind about what you want to do. Otherwise, you could be too easily influenced by the people around you, who may not have your best interests at heart. **Romance.** A subtle compliment from a friend will mean more than meets the eye. Don't let this go without comment!

**SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)**  
It may seem as though you are having to compromise your beliefs in order to fit in with other people. Try to see things from their point of view: there may be more truth in it than you would like to admit. **Romance.** You may become a little insecure because of something that your partner says. Don't over-react to this.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)**  
Changes are coming up, and you will have to keep a clear head to decide on the best course of action. Use your intuition to decide how you feel about an alternative plan which you are not entirely happy with. **Romance.** A person who strikes up a conversation with you may have more on their mind than a simple chat.

**CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)**  
A challenging aspect to Jupiter will help to give your confidence a boost, just when you need it most. You will need courage to stick up for what you believe is right this week. **Romance.** This will be a good time for making the first move in a new relationship. You know what you are looking for.

**AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)**  
You have been hoping to find out more about a particular subject that interests you. You will shortly be exploring this in depth with a friend whose experience in this area will point you in the right direction. **Romance.** Your positive mood will rub off on the people around you. You will soon get more than you bargained for, however: don't be too cocky!

**PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)**  
Contact with a person whom you haven't seen for several years will be the first stage in a reconciliation between you. Take things one step at a time. **Romance.** This will be a splendid time for relaxing with your partner. A trip later in the week will give you a chance to enjoy each other's company.

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2. What are witches known to fly through the sky on?  
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3. When the Easter Bunny made his first appearance at the White House egg roll who was U.S. President?  
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4. What musical instrument is the symbol of Ireland?  
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5. What food did the Christian church ban during lent that helped lead to its popularity on Easter?  
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6. How many golden rings are given in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" song?  
.....

7. What red and white striped candy is often associated with Christmas?  
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8. Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?  
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9. What is the largest country in South America?  
.....

10. True or false, the North Pole has no land?  
.....

11. Which Walt Disney World Resort in Florida has areas/ lands called World Celebration, World Discovery, World Nature and World Showcase?  
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12. In 1885 Tsar Alexander III gave his wife a jewelled Easter egg made by which design firm?  
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13. Which lake is famously referred to as the 'Jewel of the Italian Lakes'?  
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14. Germany's flag is made up of what three colours?  
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15. Which US city is referred to as 'the Windy City'?  
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16. What is the scientific name for the Northern Lights?  
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17. Pumpkins are made up of 90% what substance?  
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18. In which American city can you visit a replica of the Eiffel Tower, the Pyramid of Giza and a Venice canal?  
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19. Which Greek God has been immortalised in a statue that you can visit in Olympia?  
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20. Victoria Falls is a waterfall on which Southern African river?  
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21. GoldenEye is a hotel and former residence of author Ian Fleming on which Caribbean island?  
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22. Which London bridge spans 800ft in length and has two towers that are each 213ft tall?  
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23. In the song "Frosty the Snowman," what made Frosty come to life?  
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24. What is the nickname for the bell of the clock at the end of the Palace of Westminster?  
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25. What Christmas-themed ballet premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia in 1892?  
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26. What is the number one tourist attraction in the United States?  
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27. What is the flattest country in Europe?  
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28. Which Christmas food is it considered good luck to eat one of on each of the 12 days of Christmas?  
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29. In which city is the world famous Copacabana beach?  
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30. Why are candy canes shaped like shepherd's canes?  
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31. What is the largest art museum in the world?  
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32. Three days before Easter is referred to as what?  
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33. Which pink flower that grows on trees brings thousands of visitors to Japan annually when in full bloom?  
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34. What two countries popularized Halloween costumes for trick-or-treating?  
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35. Who wrote and sang the 1980s hit "Boys of Summer"?  
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36. Which landmark is located on the south bank of the Yamuna river in the city of Agra?  
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37. What is the name of the large freshwater lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, straddling the border of California and Nevada?  
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38. What country's flag is white with a big red circle?  
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39. Rice is the main ingredient in which popular Spanish dish?  
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40. Why couldn't Ralphie have a bb gun in A Christmas Story?  
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41. What is the brand of beer whose consumption more than doubles on St. Patrick's Day?  
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42. In the song Twelve Days of Christmas, what is given on the 7th day?  
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43. True or False: It is unheard of in Italy to eat chicken with pasta?  
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44. Which capital city was the centre for the Easter Rising (also known as the Easter Rebellion) against British rule in 1916?  
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45. Which tropical Indonesian island, east of Java is a popular holiday destination with over 1 million tourists annually?  
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46. Which vitamin do you get from sunshine?  
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47. What does the SPF on sunscreen stand for?  
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48. Before they were used as a flying disc, Frisbees were originally invented as what household item?  
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49. What is the most popular cocktail in the U.S.?   
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50. What is the number one tourist attraction in Australia?  
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**Answers on page 42**

**BONUS QUESTION:**

Which sports league has played a game on Christmas Day almost every year since its inception in 1946? Answer in the January 4th edition of the Murray Pioneer

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# Country music star ‘in awe’ of our resilient kids

A POPULAR country music singer and charity founder says his recent trip to three local schools has left him “in awe” of the resilience displayed by students.

X-Factor runner-up Jason Owen visited Moorook, Ramco and Blanchetown primary schools as part of a now-annual road trip delivering toys and a motivational talk for his charity, Doin it for Rural Aussie Kids.

“Due to the flooding, a lot of kids and their families are on edge right now,” said Owen.

“Some kids told me they were now so scared of water that they didn’t want to get into a bath or shower anymore which was heartbreaking to hear.

Jason Owen with Moorook Primary School students Aynsley, Eden, Sam, Belle, Charlotte, Caleb and Kirrielee. The headbands were part of the presents students received from the visiting singer.



“I told kids that it’s comforting to know that they have the support of people around them as small communities always rally together and support each other during hard times.

“I was glad I was able to give these kids something to smile about with our gifts.

“A lot of the teachers expressed their thanks, particularly as some of these kids won’t get presents otherwise due to their parents going through hard times.” This year the singer drove through five states of Australia accompanied by his mum Pat covering more than 10,000km in just over two weeks.

Owen said he tries to motivate kids by

letting them know they can do anything they put their mind to.

“Just because you live in a small place you can still achieve great things,” he said.

“I grew up as the only child in a tiny town of just 12 people in Albert, New South Wales, however I never let the isolation hold me back from making my dreams of an entertainment career a reality.”

This year Owen also spoke to children about the importance of physical and mental health, having recently lost 29kg that he said “turned around” his life.

This year he will donate all proceeds from his new EP, It’s Christmas Time, back to his charity.



Country music singer and charity founder Jason Owen at Blanchetown Primary School recently. It was one of three local schools he called into. PHOTOS: supplied



Ramco Primary School captains Tessa (left) and Bella with Australian country music singer Jason Owen, who visited the school recently.

## Congratulations to songwriter awards finalists

WINNERS of the 2023 TSA Songwriter Salute Awards will be announced at the Longyard Hotel in Tamworth on January 17, at 7pm, during the awards concert.

Also announced on the night will be the Tamworth Songwriters Association 2023 Songmaker Awardee, and 2023 Songwriters Salute **Tex Morton** Award recipient.

Alt Country: *Built Like Us* – **Felicity Dowd**; *Can’t Bring Back the Dead* – **Billie Copeland** / **Peta Cherae Peters**; *Fly To You* – **Patrick Kenny** / **Kelsey Berrington**; *The Cattle Truck* – **Jo Caseley**; *When She Gets Home* – **Blake Dantier**, **Michael Carpenter**.

Country Ballad (John and Judy Martin Commemorative Award): *California* – **Ian Burns**; *Don’t Say When* – **Blake Dantier**; *My Turn Now* – **Della Harris** / **Clive Young**; *Red Wine and Blue* – **Emily Hatton**; *Take The Wheel* – **Craig Lloyd** / **David Carter**, **Merelyn Carter**.

Country Rock: *Follow My Road* – **Lily Grace** / **Kirsti Manna** / **Chaise Flanders**; *Out Of My Hands* – **Willow**; *Right Down To The Wire* – **Lindsay Waddington** / **Allan Caswell**; *Truth Juice* – **Della Harris** / **Clive Young**; *Wish You Were My Beer* – **Blake Dantier**.

Traditional (Eric Watson Commemorative Award): *Big Bandy* – **Virginia Hermel**; *Crumbling Stones* – **Lola Brinton** / **Graham Howle**; *The Apron* – **Vickiree Melouney** / **Angus Gill**; *The Legend of The Lamp* – **Matt Scullion**; *This Little Town* – **Roger Corbett**.

Bluegrass: *Not That Kind of Girl* – **Anita Spring** / **Allan Caswell** / **Lindsay Waddington**; *Sitting Pretty* – **Amy Ryan**, **M Stripp**, **J Mize**, **McCaw**, **L Milner**; *Stranger in My Home* – **Dave Diprose**; *Until This Song Ends* – **Lindsay Waddington** / **Allan Caswell**; *When Your Lies Come Down* – **David Javier** / **Sandy Louise**.

Bush Ballad (Bev Daniel Commemorative Award): *In the Warrego* – **Andrew Ryan**; *Long Way Round* – **Peter Coad**; *The Dinner Tree* – **Terry Bennetts**; *The Goobragandra Packhorse Man* – **Brian Stitt**; *Waler* – **Peter Monaghan**.

Comedy/Novelty (Geoff Mack Commemorative Award): *I Don’t Drink Anymore* – **Lindsay Waddington** / **Allan Caswell**; *If You Can’t Beat ’Em* – **Justin Standley**; *Modern Day Country Song* – **Mark Rigney**; *Santa’s In My Family* – **Shelly Jones** / **Lester Treuer**; *Wrong* – **Blake Dantier**.

Country Blues: *A Little Faith* – **Cathy Dobson**; *Cheat on Me* – **Cathy Dobson**; *Empty* – **Shelly Jones** / **Lester Treuer**; *Keep the Rhythm in Me* – **Andy Penkow**; *Must Have Been the Wine* – **Della Harris** / **Clive Young**.

Gospel/Spiritual (Britton Morrison Commemorative Award): *God Knows* – **Clayton Saunders**; *Hear The Angels* – **Shaza Butler**; *Judgement Day* – **Peter McDonald**; *Love Me* –

By **ROBYN MCINTOSH**



MY KIND OF COUNTRY

**Rae Leigh**; *Train Of Love* – **Stan Lenz**.  
Local Heroes: 1942 – **Peter Coad** / **V. Hermel**; *Free Again* – **Karen Law**; *Gallipoli* – **Peter Monaghan**; *Stories in my Blood* – **Amy Ryan** / **M McCaw** / **M Stripp** / **G Carrfoot** / **L Milner**; *The Goobragandra Packhorse Man* – **Brian Stitt**.

Lyrics Only: *Ghosts of Cobb and Co* – **Helen Harvey**; *Not Gone* – **Allan West**; *Saddle There For Me* – **Christine Eccleston** / **Luke Austen**; *Ten Acres out of Town* – **Kevin Pye**; *When the Brumbies come to Water* – **Kevin Pye**.

New Songwriter: *Burning* – **Sari Abbott**; *Consider Me Gone* – **Chloe Styler**; *Handle It* – **Felicity Dowd**; *Let It All Roll Out* – **Billie-Jo Porter** / **Rachael Kennedy**; *My Side of Town* – **Paul Ricketts**.

Novice (Garry Koehler Commemorative Award): *A Country Song* – **Brian Murray**; *One for Sorrow* – **Allan West** / **Ren Kyder**; *One Horse* – **Allan West** / **Ren Kyder**; *Our Fallen Heroes* – **Brian Murray** / **Jeanne Murray**; *The Fencing Line* – **Mark Griffin**.

Youth (John P Toomey Commemorative Award): *Gem Gem* – **Amy Ryan**; *Hard Working Man (Needs a Beer)* – **Mackenzie Lee Hall**; *I’m Off To Tamworth* – **Jake Murdoch**; *Like a Bull Rider* – **Mackenzie Lee Hall**; *You and I* – **Dennis Comino**.



I felt like I had received an early Christmas gift when **Anna Rose** phoned as I was compiling this column.

She contacted me to let me know that she finally has the biography, **Chad Morgan OAM** – 70 Years In The Making in her hot little hands, after many setbacks (and tears).

What bad timing for her, as I doubt that those who pre-ordered and paid for books will get them before Christmas. Australia Post aren’t magicians, especially at their busiest time of the year.

Even though I am hanging out for this book, I’ll be happy whenever it arrives. For inquiries regarding purchasing Chad’s biography email the following: chadmorganbook@gmail.com.



To my readers, I wish you a Merry Christmas, stay safe over the Christmas/New Year period. If travelling always be alert, and if you need to have an alcoholic drink please use a designated driver.

For those affected by the floods, and this includes our truck drivers and others who have been working non-stop to try and save our river towns from the flooding, I hope you have some special relaxing time with your families.

CHRISTMAS greetings to all the readers. Yes, the time has come when I sit at the desk and say ‘where did that year go?’ and ‘what can I bring to you this week?’.

Where do I start? So much comes into my mind. Throughout the year many important decisions have been made for councils, schools, hospitals, committees, history groups and service organisations throughout the region. I trust they were positive for you and made with the full support of residents and the communities. This year, 2022, has brought our communities together and made us much stronger, coping with the Covid 19 pandemic. As the year has progressed we have been wondering what will happen when the extra water comes down the River Murray. Well, we are seeing that now and there are many more concerns than we may have thought a few months ago. When times are tough we stick together, so well done to our regional communities for their perseverance to continue with Christmas festivities, Santa’s Cave, street beautification, popular markets, and Carols by Candlelight continuing to bring joy and happiness to people.

It was sad to learn that the Mt Mary Senior Citizens Hall, recently given new life as an Op Shop for the region, has been destroyed in a fire. The Op Shop was proving to be popular in the community and had regular customers from other areas.

The Waikerie Rotary Club Christmas Market was a great success last weekend. Thanks to all the many various stallholders for their attendance. The food stalls were kept busy all day, as were the ice cream, slushies and coffee machines. Having the event at the Civic Centre gardens again was a popular decision. To have the 26-bell mobile carillon musical machine at the market was a highlight and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Vin and Mary Dowd, who last week took the mobile carillon to Renmark to perform at Lotsa Pots.

Some exiting news for Waikerie: Thanks to Chris and Kellie Mibus, we now have a new coffee shop in Francis Street that was opened last week. It is the HeBrews Coffee Co, and Chris will be happy to welcome you there.

Waikerie Santa’s Cave is open daily from 10am-4pm until Christmas Eve with Santa in residence. At the weekend it was a very popular event with families and we give thanks to the committee and volunteers who make this possible. You have to physically be there to fully appreciate Santa’s Cave, as was evident by the reactions. It takes you to another warm and fuzzy place.

Have you called in at the Rain Moth Gallery recently? If not, take the time to

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see the Christmas tree trail display at the gallery’s rear, plus the current exhibition by Riverland students, from reception to year 10. This exhibition will be on display throughout school holidays, until January 30, 2023.

At this sad time our community shares the loss of little Cyrus with his parents Matt and Bec Buck, siblings Noah, Summer, Maddison, and much-loved family members.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Judith Dixon, including her husband Robert, upon her recent passing. Our thoughts are also with the family of former resident Garnet Kuchel upon his recent passing, including his wife Ngari.

The community gives thanks to the organising group behind the special presentation of Carols by Candlelight at Waikerie recently. Thanks to pastor Julian Bayha and deputy mayor Clive Matthews, MC Mark Doecke, and Chris Mibus. It was a celebration of a community coming together. Special mention to the recently reformed Waikerie Singers Group, primary schools and the local Fijian singers who were spectacular and were warmly welcomed by all.

Here is a special diary date for early 2023: On Monday, February 6, Adelaide Football Club members will be in Waikerie for an Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters dinner at the Waikerie Club. Have you got a new diary? If so, write it in now.

Thanks to all those Riverland residents who have taken the time to contact me in the past year with messages and thanks. I am here for you and if I can help you I will. I have enjoyed the challenge and sharing your messages. This year we have seen much tragedy and sadness with music celebrities passing, plus our beloved Queen Elizabeth. We have reached out to each other – may that continue. Let us give thanks for the Christmas story, for a baby in a manger, and I extend to each of you and your loved ones the blessings of Christmas. As we turn the page on 2022 and approach 2023, may you all have love, peace and good health.

Thought for the week:  
Love came down at Christmas, wrapped in the birth of the infant Jesus.  
- Maria Fontaine





St Francis of Assisi College year 7 student Sophie Robertson won the Moonshot Award at the recent 2022 Catholic Education SA Extended Reality Challenge for her project Water World. PHOTO: supplied

## Sophie's look into the future a winner

A LOCAL student's submission in a challenge looking at real-world issues in a different way has been recognised as a winner.

Sophie Robertson, a year 7 student at St Francis of Assisi College in Renmark, was awarded the Moonshot Award at the 2022 Catholic Education SA Extended Reality Challenge.

The challenge, a Catholic Education SA and Lumination partnership, gave students hands-on experience utilising immersive technologies in Luminations's Learning Lab to create virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) experiences showcasing issues like water, sustainability, waste and natural disasters.

Sophie's project, Water World, was selected from among many entries as the winner and was considered "above and beyond".

Water World comprised an "Earth water city in 2050 when land has gone underwater due to global warming".

The city included a hydroelectric power plant, solar panels, an interactive garden, a school, sea bins to collect rubbish on the water's surface, an animal farm and space-saving apartments. Sophie was excited to win the challenge and looks forward to learning more about immersive technologies being innovative into the future.

# Waikerie students learn emergency preparedness

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

YEAR 3 and 4 Waikerie Primary School students have taken part in the Pillowcase Program run by Australian Red Cross to help students prepare for emergencies like flood and fire.

The workshop was delivered to about 350 students across the Riverland recently.

Waikerie Primary School deputy principal Leanne Jones said 66 students took part in the session at her school.

She said after receiving information from Australian Red Cross about the program, the school decided to take up the opportunity due to the flood situation in the region.

"It sounded fantastic for our students, given the conditions we are currently in," Ms Jones said.

She said it was especially aimed at eight to 10-year-olds, due to their increased awareness about situations such as emergencies.

The session included a discussion about the importance of being prepared, plus interactive activities to help students prepare their minds for an emergency.

"They were also asked to consider what to pack in an emergency kit," Ms Jones said.

The students were each given a pillowcase, which had the

words of items they should take with them during an emergency.

"The kids were then able to decorate the pillowcases with things that were important to them," she said.

"This should help them remember in an emergency situation what to grab."

Ms Jones said as an observer to the training, she found the session informative and "powerful" in their message to the children.

"They talked about how parents would be focusing on collecting things that were important to them and that children may feel a little bit lost," she said.

Ms Jones said in such a situation the students were advised to ensure they put in their pillow-



Waikerie Primary School year 4 student Jack was among the students who took part in the Australia Red Cross emergency preparedness training. PHOTOS: supplied

case emergency items such as bottled water, a toothbrush, and a snack like a muesli bar that will last, instead of a banana.

"They had an important discussion about taking things that were necessary to make them feel more comfortable," she said.

But Ms Jones said they were also advised that in the situation of a house fire they should evacuate the premises immediately.

"They were told if there is a fire in your house, don't spend time packing your pillowcase because your life is so much more important," she said.



Waikerie Primary School year 3/4 students with Ness Wiebford (left) and Karyn Gillard from the Australian Red Cross.

Coles Berri's Caroline Eichenberger (right), with the store's officer in charge Bronwyn McDonald, has been voted one of the supermarket giant's 12 most popular team members across Australia. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull



## Caroline in Coles' dynamic dozen

ALEXANDRA BULL and PAUL MITCHELL

COLES Berri rock Caroline Eichenberger has been named one of the supermarket giant's 12 most popular employees in Australia.

Coles used a customer survey tool to recognise and celebrate its "service superstars" this Christmas, sorting through 45,000 customer comments.

Ms Eichenberger, a fixture at Coles Berri for 20 years, said customer interaction and working as part of a team were her favourite parts of the job.

"I love it here," she said. "I enjoy talking to customers and because I've been here for 20 years, you get to see (customers') kids grow up."

"So, you get to have that bond with them, and a lot of the elderly customers as well."

"We've also got a great team and great management, so that makes it a pleasure to work here."

"Everyone is mates... and it's like one big family."

Clearly, customers appreciate Ms Eichenberger too, with feedback including comments like:

"Caroline was very helpful - always ready to help in packing bags or help-

ing customers with their queries."

Over the years Ms Eichenberger has received numerous gifts from grateful customers, including knitted items for her children. She said it was "humbling" to be recognised via the survey, known as TellColes.

Her work colleague, officer in charge Bronwyn McDonald, has been at Coles Berri for 24 years and spoke glowingly of Ms Eichenberger.

"She's not just been like this now, she's been like this her whole working life in this store," she said.

"That is her personality and the customers just love her for the person she is."

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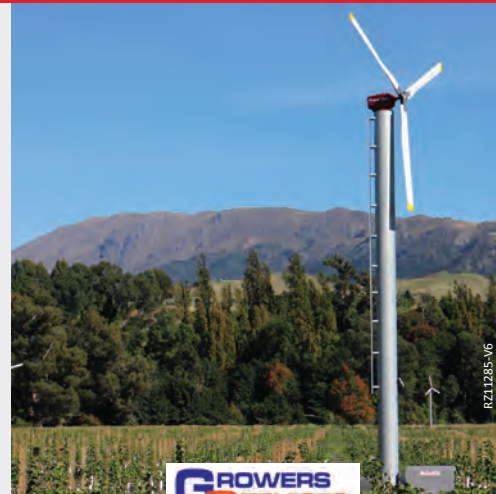
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Moorook poet Eden Piltz.

## Eden’s winning Christmas poem

BY popular demand, today The Murray Pioneer is reprinting Moorook Primary School student Eden Piltz’s winning entry in The Pioneer’s 2022 Christmas Poem Writing Competition:

Ho Ho Ho, here comes Santa, but  
he’s not in his sleigh,  
He’s in his dinghy and it’s the mid-  
dle of the day?  
Well the Murray is flooded and it’s  
hard to get through.  
It’s not safe in the dinghy at night  
mate. Well that’s true!  
But don’t worry said Santa, it’s not  
my first rodeo,  
I will get the presents to the kids,  
despite the high flow.  
I’ve had practice in ’31, ’56 and  
’72,  
It’s all good mate, don’t worry, I  
will deliver in 2022!

# Morgan’s pageant fills the CBD

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE River Murray flood failed to deter the Morgan community and visitors from attending the town’s recent Christmas pageant and fair.

Morgan and District Lions Club president Laura Williams, who helped organise the event, said the “amazing turnout” almost moved her to tears.

It was the first time the event had been held since 2019, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Twenty floats took part in the parade around the CBD.

Ms Williams said due to the flood, many shacks in the town had been vacated and fewer people were expected than previous pageants, but the healthy attendance surprised her.

“The children lined the streets,” she said. “To see the smiles on the kids’ faces just warmed my heart.”

“The adults just looked like they were happy to be out and that it was still going ahead.”

Ms Williams said among those who attended were local families and tourists.

An Alice in Wonderland float won the Family Float section.

Ms Williams said strong winds forced some stall owners at the fair to pack up their gazebos, while two food vans had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

She said Morgan Lions Club members were able to step in and operate the doughnut van for the owner, who was unable to attend.

Ms Williams said relocating the fair from the riverfront to the Visitor Information Centre precinct due to the flood caused a few “little issues”.

“It was definitely a learning curve having it in a different location,” she said.



ABOVE: Annalyse Osborne (middle), 11, visiting Santa’s Cave at the recent Morgan Christmas Pageant and Fair. She is pictured with Mrs Claus (Morgan’s Sue Smith, whose birthday coincided with the pageant).



LEFT: The fair component of the pageant was held at Morgan’s Visitor Information Centre precinct and not the riverfront due to the flood.



The Morgan Christmas Pageant and Fair attracted a good turnout despite shacks being closed off due to the River Murray flood. PHOTOS: supplied



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Creative Pools and Landscaping director Steve Emery with Loxton Primary School principal Bernie Lipman and LPS students in the MLSA award-winning nature playground. PHOTO: Facebook

## Nature playground recognised in awards

A LOCAL business has taken out a commercial building award for its work on Loxton Primary School’s nature playground.

Creative Pools and Landscaping won the Commercial Landscape Construction Under \$200,000 award at the Master Landscapers of SA (MLSA) Awards of Excellence in November.

“We love this project at one of our commendable local schools and are happy that some of our directors’ children get to play on it for many years to come,” the team at Creative Pools said in a Facebook post.

The nature playground officially opened in August 2021 and has continued to be a hit with students.

Loxton Primary School shared the “exciting news” of the award win on its Facebook page.

“We are thrilled for the team at Creative Pools and Landscaping who are very deserving of this award,” the post read.

“Our students love the playground and working outside on the outdoor learning pods. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved.”

At the same awards, the Woolshed Brewery Murtho nature playspace – constructed by Climbing Tree Creations – took the gong for Most Environmentally Sensitive Project.

- ELYSE ARMANINI



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## Lower Peak Prediction Reduces Flood Problems

Filling bags

The peak of the current flood in the Riverland is now expected to be slightly below the 1931 level and this has reduced the flood protection problems in a number of areas.

On Tuesday the Minister of Works (Mr. Corcoran) announced that the new peak at Renmark was expected to be 18.55 m. 42 m above the peak in July this year, but 12 m below the 1931 level.

This represents a height of 26 ft 6 in on the old gauge compared with 26 ft 10 in. in 1931 while the 1956 flood height was 30 ft 7 1/2 in.

At Renmark this morning the level was 18.34 m. and the peak is now expected during the first week of November.

Early last month it was predicted that the Renmark peak would be 18.70 m. A peak of 8.79 metres is expected to reach Morgan in the second week of November.

The new peaks are expected to be above the July 1974 peaks by the following amounts: Renmark, 1 ft. 5 ins.; Berri IPS, 2 ft. 11 ins.; Loxton IPS, 2 ft. 5 ins.; Cobdogla, 3 ft. 11 ins.; Waikerie, 3 ft. 2 ins.; Morgan, 3 ft. 3 ins.

The ferry services at Lyrup, Berri and Waikerie have been closed and the Morgan service is expected to close tomorrow or Saturday.

A pedestrian service is still in operation at Berri for Gurra residents.

The Swan Reach service is also closed and the ferries at Walker's Flat, Purnong and Mannum are expected to close during the second week of October.

Cadell will then be the only service above Tailem Bend still operating in SA.

### PATROLLING

Volunteers are still patrolling some of the flood banks at Renmark but the Renmark-Paranga Civil Defence controller (Mr. Peter Everingham) who is directing the service, feels there is no longer cause for alarm.

He said yesterday that he believed the river was near its peak and if there were further rises they would be very slow.

However near peak height could be maintained for a long time.

To date weather conditions had been very favourable but some strong north winds could cause problems.

Mr. Everingham said he had plenty of volunteers for the bank patrols and the hospital bank, oval bank and David Street bank were being patrolled each night.

Around the clock patrols were no longer considered necessary.

Residents of the Crescent area have been battling to save the Baxendale Bank at Renmark.

Working bees were held early this week to top the bank with sandbags to stop the water from reaching the main bank protecting the Crescent area.

It was felt that this would not only save the paddocks grazed by Mr. G. Tomaiuolo's 150 dairy cows, but would stop some seepage problems on the other side of the main bank, where some horticultural plantings could die.

This bank broke on Wednesday of last week but was plugged by volunteers and the men are now confident that they can keep the water off Mr. Tomaiuolo's land.

Due to the slight reduction in the predicted peak the Loxton and Barmora District Councils are not expecting any major problems in their areas.

The bank protecting the Waikerie Cellars winery had been raised but no other problems are now expected at Waikerie and the main problem at Berri is the closure of the ferry service.

number of low spots on Sunday.

However, the department has approved the provision of a restricted ferry service to cater for Gurra residents and for crossings to be made in the event of any emergency.

The ferry lessee (Mr. Eric Schumaker) said on Monday that the service would only be available to Gurra residents or persons with legitimate reasons for going to Gurra.

He stressed that it would not be open to sight-seers.

The time-table is Monday to Friday and Sundays - 7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday - 7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In cases of emergency, crossings would be made by arrangement with Mr. Schumaker.

### BOAT SERVICE

A boat service is being operated by the Waikerie District Council to replace the ferry service at Waikerie and many passengers are being carried daily.

The service operates from Jaeschke's paddocks between the hours of 7.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

Council workmen are raising the bank in front of the winery by 2 ft 6 ins.

The ferry closed at 6 p.m. on Sunday and will not be able to resume until the river drops to about four feet below the predicted peak.

Mr. Corcoran said on Tuesday that the peak in the Murrumbidgee had dissipated more than previously expected.

Consequently the SA predictions had been reduced by a few inches.

A further prediction would be made when the Murrumbidgee peaked at Balranald in about a week.

Mr. Corcoran and the Minister of Irrigation (Mr. Kneebone) will inspect flood protection works along the Murray on October 8 and 9, with most of the Riverland area being covered on October 8.



Residents of the Crescent area have been fighting to save the Baxendale Bank at Renmark this week, and this was the general scene at the bank on Tuesday as sandbags were laid on the top of the bank, with the water only inches below the top of the bank. This bank is now holding the water off land grazed by 150 dairy cows. No Government assistance was available for this project as the main bank is about half a mile closer to Renmark.

### Temperatures

SEPTEMBER	Min.	Max.
26	5.2	16.2
27	4.5	15.3
28	7.6	15.3
29	8.5	20.2
30	13.3	23.8
OCTOBER	Min.	Max.
1	12.2	19.8
2	12.2	23.3

## Bank to Protect O. Corner Hotel

A levee bank 120 yards long and up to five and a half feet high was built on Sunday to protect the Overland Corner Hotel.

National Trust volunteers and paid assistants carted 450 cubic yards of earth in the bank, and the cost of the project was met by the National Trust of SA.

New floors have been installed since the building was flooded in 1956 and National Trust members are adamant that the building must not be flooded.

Restoration work is being held up by the flood but the building is still open for inspection.

The levee bank has been built across the old coach road but earth ramps have been built up to the levee so that the road is still negotiable.

### LOCK 5 ROAD

The Lock 5 Road was closed late on Wednesday night last week and water several feet deep is now flowing across the road in some places.

The district clerk with

about a mile of bank surrounding the oval, had cost about \$3,000.

Sandbags were provided for the construction of a bank to protect the Lyrup pumping station and council also planned to reinforce banks on the outskirts of the township, where necessary.

### GURRA LEVEE

At Gurra, thousands of yards of clay have been carted to raise the levee protecting properties and homes and it is now intended to top the bank with rubble to make a road surface, which would give vehicular access to the Berri ferry.

The driver of a truck engaged on this work had a narrow escape from serious injury on Wednesday last week.

Mr. R. Sawyer, was driving a truck laden with about eight tons of clay which slid down a ten-foot embankment.

A decision to raise the flood banks on the eastern side of Berri was recently made by the Berri District

## Barmora Hotel Net Loss Of \$5,050 For Year

Barmora, September 30

A net loss of \$5,050 was reported at the annual meeting of the Barmora Hotel Motor Inn on Wednesday, September 25.

The hotel chairman (Mr. C. Schultz) said the profit and loss account revealed a gross operating profit of \$127,171 and a net operating loss of \$5,050 (which included accrued annual leave of \$1,322).

"This result, disappointing as it is, can, to some degree, be explained by the adverse seasonal conditions experienced in our area."

"Encephalitis was also a contributing factor to the decline in occupancy, of 2,700 beds for the year."

Mr. Schultz said the petrol strike in September last year and the failure of two bus lines had also contributed to the down turn in trading profitability.

Other factors contributing to the operating loss

were increased wages, higher insurance costs, including workmen's compensation, increased licence fees, rates and taxes and bank interest and additional costs for light and power and fuel.

"Despite substantial rises in wages and salaries, management was able to contain this to an overall increase of 9.8 per cent or \$14,135," said Mr. Schultz.

The one bright spot was the higher turnover in liquor trading, which rose by \$37,936 to \$399,391.

### Meals Decline

There was a decline in the number of meals served, which was also reflected in the decreased revenue gained from accommodation.

The chairman said the committee regretted that no donations could be made this year, but drew attention to the fact that the Hotel Social Club had distributed the sum of \$3,300 from the proceeds of beer ticket sales during the past 12 months.

Reference was made to the "frustrations" experienced in relation to the construction of motel units, including delays caused by strikes within certain sections of the building industry and shortages of materials.

However, Mr. Schultz said the units were now open for letting and it was hoped that the Hotel Motor Inn would return to profitable trading in the coming year.

Growing competition from

licensed clubs and other liquor sales outlets was the subject of comment by the chairman, who said that within a radius of six miles of the hotel there were eight clubs, a motel and a bottle licence shop operating.

He said they were all perfectly legal and provided excellent service to their members, but were operating in direct competition to the hotel, although not always on an equal basis.

For example, Mr. Schultz explained that hotels were not permitted to open on Sundays unless they served meals, could not use voluntary labour and had to pay income tax on profits, yet clubs remained free from these commitments.

Results of a survey conducted by the Australian National Travel Association were given to illustrate the general decline of the hotel industry since 1969.

Hence, an appeal to the 700 members to promote "our hotel by word of mouth" outside the town was made by the chairman, who invited interested persons to "inspect the accommodation we have to sell".

### Re-elected

Mr. Schultz also appealed for members to consider spending a bigger percentage of money available for the purchase of meals and liquor at the hotel.

Three retiring committee members, Messrs. W. A. R. Symens, T. A. Sander and I. Paul, were re-elected unopposed.

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cheekiness!

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out wherever you can.

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Jackie, Steve, Cassidy,  
Kaeden, Mackenna,  
Scott, and your best  
buddy Charlie.

## DEATHS

### **BLAND, Terry.**

Passed away  
peacefully with family  
present at home on  
Monday, December  
12, 2022.

Aged 75 years.

Loving husband of  
Shirley (deceased).

Loved partner  
of Christine.

Loved father of  
Bobbie and Rob,  
Justin;  
Ryan and Amanda.  
Cherished grandpa of  
Wesley and Jarman.

Reunited with Mum.

### **BLAND, Terry.**

Our dear brother,  
brother-in-law and  
uncle.

So sad our time  
together has quickly  
come to an end.

Loved and cherished  
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### **DAVIES, Valma May** 'Bobbie'.

Passed away  
peacefully on  
Wednesday,  
December 14, 2022.

Aged 97 years.

Loved wife of  
Rodney (deceased),  
and partner of  
Gavin (deceased).  
Loved aunty of  
Christine, Diane,  
Cheryl.

Great-aunty of  
Andrew and Ellen.

Gone but not  
forgotten.

### **DAVIES, Valma** 'Bobbie'.

Passed away at  
the Loxton nursing  
home on Wednesday,  
December 14, 2022.

Much loved by  
Debra and Barbara,  
and a very dear friend  
of our family for more  
than 60 years.

Off to have a beer  
with Jack and Audrey.

Special thank you to  
the Renmark nursing  
home for all your care  
and of late the  
Loxton nursing home.

### **DAVIES, Bobbie.**

1926-2022.

Much-loved dear  
friend of Gavin  
(deceased).

A big part of our  
family for 38 years.  
Will be sadly missed.

From Bob, Kathy,  
and family.  
Janine and family.

### **DIXON, Judith 'Jude'** (nee Nance).

Died peacefully on  
December 14, 2022  
with husband Robert  
and family by her side.

Jude's funeral service  
was conducted on  
Tuesday, December  
20, in the Waikerie  
Uniting Church  
followed by a burial  
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### **GOW, Neil James.**

Passed away  
surrounded by family  
at Ashford Hospital on  
Sunday,  
December 11, 2022.

Aged 68 years.

Loving husband  
of Rose.  
Loving father of  
Chris and Rebecca.  
Adored brother  
of Sandra.  
Cherished son of  
Barbara and Garth  
Gow  
(both deceased).

Too dearly loved  
to be forgotten.

Wog's celebration  
of life was held on  
Tuesday,  
December 20, 2022.

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### **MURDOCH, William** John 'Bill'.

4/1/1932 -  
17/12/2022

Passed away at the  
Karoonda hospital.

Loving husband of  
Irene (deceased).  
Father and  
father-in-law of  
Gary (deceased)  
and Sue (deceased),  
Ian and Lyn,  
Colin and Jill,  
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Passed away on  
December 16, 2022.

Aged 83 years.

A dear, gentle soul  
beloved by all his  
family.

Dot, Rae, Len, Des  
(deceased)  
and Pame.

Kaye, Jan, Di, Barbi,  
Wendy (deceased)  
and Debbie.

Robert and Neville  
(deceased).

Judy, Garry,  
Sharon and Susie.

Long-time resident  
of Peebinga and  
Pinnaroo,  
John spent years  
working as a  
farmhand in the  
district, rarely seen  
without one of  
his adored dogs.  
Eventually moving to  
Lucindale where the  
community honoured  
his good works to all  
with the Lucindale  
Australian of the Year  
Award in 2008.

John will be sadly  
missed by all his  
family and many  
friends.

A true blue Aussie.

### **OBST, Martin Berthold.**

Passed away  
peacefully at the  
Loxton hospital,  
December 17, 2022.

Aged 85 years.

Dearly loved husband  
of Evelyn.

Loved father of  
Cynthia and  
father-in-law of  
Murray.

Pa to Brayden  
and Amy-Louise.

Beloved father  
of Julie and  
much-loved  
father-in-law of Paul.

Forever loved and will  
be sadly missed.

Now at peace and  
pain free.

### **ROSS, Allen Reginald.**

Passed away  
peacefully at home on  
Thursday, December  
8, 2022.

Aged 78 years.

Loving husband  
of Joyce.

Loved father of  
Michael, Wayne  
and Peta.

Loved and cherished  
grandpa and  
great-grandpa that  
will be sadly missed.

## DEATHS

### **TEARE, Elvera 'Elvie'** Alice.

Of Renmark.

Aged 89 years.

5/9/1933 -  
15/12/2022

Dearly loved wife of  
Doug (deceased).  
Mother and  
mother-in-law of  
Lindy, Geoff,  
Nick, Lesley,  
Cathy, Rob,  
Chris and Sue.  
Cherished nana of  
Carly and Jono,  
Ryan and Betsy,  
Kimberley and Samy,  
Keagan and Elyse,  
Ben and Amy,  
Nicola and Holly.

Proud great-  
grandmother of  
Alexa, Annika,  
Henry, Luca,  
Freddie and Olive.  
Sadly missed by  
us all and her  
faithful little  
companion, Wally.

Loving memories are  
ours to keep.

The family is  
incredibly grateful  
to the Renmark  
hospital nursing  
staff and doctors for  
their kindness and  
the caring support  
provided.

### **YATES, Dennis Keith.**

Passed away  
peacefully on Sunday,  
December 11, 2022.

Aged 74 years.

Loved father of  
Ricky (deceased),  
Darryl and Gail.

Loved pop of  
Tristan and Jess,  
Rebecca, Natasha,  
Travis, Matthew,  
Samantha;

and Bradley.  
Pop Pop of  
Declan, Maddison;  
and Nevaeh.

Will be sadly missed.

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### **VAN, Keith (Cornelis** Gerhardus Jacobus van den IJssel).

Died on December  
10, 2022 in Adelaide.

Aged 78 years.

Keith was an educator  
for over 50 years,  
including serving as  
principal in Leigh  
Creek, Cobdogla  
and Port Broughton.  
He was a weekend  
warrior on the tennis  
court and an intrepid  
traveller gracing  
rickety boats, motor  
bikes and tuk-tuks  
across Asia, Europe  
and North America.

Keith was born in  
Borgharen in the  
Netherlands on  
September 18, 1944  
and migrated to  
Australia in 1956  
and attended  
Glossop High School.

He is survived by his  
children  
Melinda and Hamish,  
and his grandchildren  
Ella, Bree, Jack, Sarah  
and Emma.

A private service will  
be held.

## FUNERALS

### **BLAND.**

The relatives and  
friends of Terry Bland  
are respectfully  
invited to attend his  
funeral service to be  
conducted entirely at  
the Riverland Funeral  
Chapel, 32 Hughes  
Street, Berri on Monday,  
January 9, 2023 at  
11am, followed by a  
private cremation  
at the Riverland  
Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if  
desired, a donation to  
the Royal Flying Doctor  
Service in Terry's  
memory would be  
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## FUNERALS

### **DAVIES.**

The relatives and  
friends of the late  
Bobbie Davies are  
respectfully invited  
to attend her funeral  
service to be conducted  
at the Riverland  
Funeral Chapel, 231  
Twentyfirst Street,  
Renmark on Friday,  
January 6, 2023 at  
11am.

At the conclusion of  
the service, the cortege  
will proceed to the  
Renmark Cemetery for  
the committal.

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### **NORDHAUSEN, John** Henry.

Relatives and friends  
are advised that  
John's funeral service  
will be conducted at  
St Peter's Lutheran  
Church, Loxton on  
Friday, December 23,  
2022 at 11am.

After the service, the  
cortege will proceed  
to the Loxton Lawn  
Cemetery for the  
committal.

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### **OBST, Martin Berthold.**

Family and friends are  
respectfully invited to  
attend Martin's funeral  
service to be held at  
St Peter's Lutheran  
Church, Bookpurnong  
Terrace, Loxton on  
Thursday, December  
22, 2022 at 11am.

Following the service,  
the cortege will  
proceed to the Loxton  
Lawn Cemetery for the  
committal.

In memory of Martin,  
donations to the Royal  
Flying Doctors Service  
would be appreciated.  
Envelopes will be  
available at the service.

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coloured clothing.

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**ROSS.**

The relatives and friends of the late Allen Ross are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Allen's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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**YATES.**

The relatives and friends of the late Dennis Yates are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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Dad, Mum, Matthew, Ryan and Aimee.

**KRUSCHEL.**

In loving memory of Niel Kruschel, Loxton.

Passed away December 26, 2021.

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

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Ashley.

31/12/1980

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

**RAFFLE** results - Renmark Bowling Club. 1st Rhonda Wilson, 2nd Elsa Farmer, 3rd Jock Sommerville. Thanks everyone for supporting our club.

**RAFFLE** results - Loxton Christmas Tree Festival raffle winners; 1st J. Viney, 2nd Jenny Burgemeister, 3rd Amelia Ginnelly, 4th Ellen Lekakis, 5th Raelene Reichstein, 6th Morris B., 7th Jenny Kemp, 8th Heather Zimmerman, 9th Jan Cass.

**RAFFLE** results - Waikerie Red Cross raffle winners: 1st Jan Kleemann, 2nd Ruth Reynolds.

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**Riverland Youth Theatre** is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the volunteer position of Secretary on the four-member executive of the RYT Board. They should have some experience in meeting organisation skills, corporate governance, administration and an understanding of the not-for-profit charitable sector regulatory frameworks and standards. If you have an interest in contributing to RYT's wonderful work, please email an expression of interest to [board@ryt.org.au](mailto:board@ryt.org.au) including your relevant qualifications and experience.

**Loxton Show Society**

Conveners needed for the 2023 LOXTON show to be trained for this year's Show in October for the following sections: Vegetables, Floral Art, Amateur Winemaking & Brewing and Scarecrows Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.

**Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of National Trust)** are seeking able bodied volunteers to help with maintaining walking trails, weed control, pest control, revegetation & other projects. If you enjoy the outdoors please contact Gordon on 0427847896 for more information.

**Meals on Wheels**

There's a volunteer in all of us! Meals on Wheels have a variety of Volunteering opportunities in kitchen, delivery and administration, at a number of locations across the Riverland. If you have some time to put to good use, please contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles your volunteering tastebuds!



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# Riverland Christmas CHURCH NOTICES



## LOXTON

**FRIDAY, DEC 23**  
Myrla & New Residence  
7pm  
Christmas Story  
(New Res)

## Christmas Eve

**SATURDAY, DEC 24**  
St Peter's 7pm  
Outdoor Carols  
Concordia 7.30pm  
Children's Nativity  
da Costa  
Bookpurnong 6pm  
da Costa

## Christmas Day

**SUNDAY, DEC 25**  
St Peter's 10am  
Concordia 10am HC  
da Costa  
Myrla & New Residence  
8.30am HC  
(Myrla)  
da Costa  
Bookpurnong 8.30am HC  
Georg  
Riverview Rest Home  
Wed, Dec 28  
dC

## First Sunday after New Year's Day

**SUNDAY, JAN 1**  
St Peter's 10am  
Concordia 10am HC  
Georg  
Moorook 9am HC  
da Costa  
Bookpurnong 8.30am HC  
Georg  
Rest Home Wed, Jan 4  
10.30am HC  
**Lutheran Ministry Centre**  
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Pastors da Costa/ Georg  
(Concordia and outlying)  
Pastor Jason Sander  
(St Peter's)



*Riverland*  
**Saturday, December 24**  
10.30am  
Special Program followed  
by combined lunch

**Saturday, December 31**  
19 Sunrise Court, Berri  
Bible Study 10-11am  
Worship every Saturday  
(Sabbath) Now 11.15am  
All Welcome  
**Pastor Andy Krause**



## BERRI | BARMERA

## Christmas Eve

**SATURDAY, DEC 24**  
Barmera 7pm  
Combined

## Christmas Day

**SUNDAY, DEC 25**  
Berri 9am  
Combined

## SUNDAY, JAN 1

Berri 11am  
Barmera 9am  
Pastor S. Trautwein  
All Welcome  
Phone 0493 021 960

## RENMARK | PARINGA

## Christmas Eve

**SATURDAY, DEC 24**  
Paringa 7pm

## Christmas Day

**SUNDAY, DEC 25**  
Renmark 9am HC  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**SATURDAY, DEC 31**  
Renmark 7pm HC

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

**SUNDAY, JAN 1**  
Renmark 9am  
Paringa 10.30am HC  
All Welcome  
Pastor Roland Adams  
Phone 0460 300 492

## WAIKERIE

## Christmas Eve

**SATURDAY, DEC 24**  
Waikerie 7pm LR  
Lowbank 7pm  
Ramco 7pm LR

## Christmas Day

**SUNDAY, DEC 25**  
Lowbank 8.45am LR  
Ramco 8.45am HC  
Waikerie 10am HC

## SUNDAY, JAN 1

Waikerie 10am  
Lowbank 8.45am HC  
Ramco 8.45am LR  
All Welcome  
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## GOD'S FAMILY - YOUR FAMILY -

**Sunday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**  
9.30am

**Sunday, January 1**  
10am

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## BERRI / BARMERA

**Christmas Eve**  
**Saturday, Dec 24**  
Berri - 7pm  
**Christmas Day**  
**Sunday, December 25**  
Barmera - 9.30am  
**Sunday, January 1**  
10am  
Berri, Denny Street  
Barmera, Nookamka Tce  
berribarmerauca.org.au

## LOXTON

**Christmas Day**  
**Sunday, Dec 25**  
8.30am  
Rev Linda Forsyth  
**Sunday, January 1**  
10am  
Ian Forsyth  
Contact  
Rev Linda Forsyth  
0401 815 488

## RENMARK

**Christmas Eve**  
**Saturday, Dec 24**  
Renmark West  
7.30pm Carol Service  
Rev Linda Forsyth  
**Christmas Day**  
**Sunday, December 25**  
Combined  
Renmark Avenue  
and Renmark West  
10.30am  
Rev Linda Forsyth  
**Sunday, January 1**  
Rev Linda Forsyth HC  
8.30am Renmark West  
10am Renmark Ave  
Linda Forsyth  
Phone 0401 815 488



**Sunday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day**  
9am

**Sunday, January 1**  
10am

Loxton Senior  
Citizen Hall  
25 Tobruk Terrace  
Ps Red Elliott  
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Ps Sheryl Giles  
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## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Saturday, December 24**  
4.30pm - Waikerie  
St James  
Children's Activity  
5pm - Eucharist  
7pm - Renmark  
St Augustine's  
Family Service  
7.30pm - Loxton  
The Resurrection  
Carols  
8pm - Eucharist  
11pm - Barmera  
St Edmund's  
Carols  
11.30pm - Eucharist

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**Sunday, December 25**  
9am - Renmark  
St Augustine's  
Eucharist

## Sunday, January 1

9am - Renmark  
St Augustine's  
9am - Barmera  
St Edmund's  
11am Loxton  
The Resurrection  
11am Waikerie  
St James

**Contact:**  
Fr. David Patterson  
8586 3288

## Catholic Church Mass Times

Our Lady  
of the River  
Catholic Parish

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Saturday, Dec 24**  
Renmark 6pm  
St Joseph's School, Renmark  
Morgan 6pm  
Loxton 8pm  
Waikerie 8pm  
Barmera 10pm  
St Joseph's School, Barmera

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**Sunday, Dec 25**  
Berri 9am

## WEEKS 1, 3 & 5

**Saturday**  
Morgan 6pm  
Renmark 6.30pm  
**Sunday**  
Berri 9am  
Loxton 11am  
Waikerie 11am  
Barmera 6pm

## WEEKS 2 & 4

**Saturday**  
Waikerie 6pm  
Berri 6.30pm  
**Sunday**  
Renmark 9am  
Morgan 9am  
Barmera 11am  
Loxton 6pm

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**Norm Hood**

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**PAYMENT OF WATER SUPPLY CHARGES**

Payment of second quarter charges (October to December 2022) are due by: **31 December 2022.**

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Payments will be accepted without penalty until **Friday 6 January 2023.**

**R Auricht, Chief Executive Officer**

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**the quiz**  
Mega holiday edition

1.Lumpy mashed potatoes 2.Broomstick 3.Richard Nixon 4.Harp 5.Eggs 6.5 gold rings 7.Candy cane 8.Tom Hanks 9.Brazil 10.True-it instead is a sheet of ice that floats on top of the sea 11.Epcot 12.Faberge 13.Lake Como 14.Red, yellow, black 15.Chicago 16.Aurora Borealis 17.Water 18.Las Vegas 19.Zeus 20. Zambezi River 21.Jamaica 22.Tower Bridge 23.An old silk hat 24.Big Ben 25.The Nutcracker 26.The Grand Canyon 27.The Netherlands 28.Mince pies 29.Rio De Janeiro 30.To remind us of the gifts the shepherds brought to baby Jesus 31.The Louvre, Paris 32.Maundy Thursday 33.Cherry Blossom 34.Ireland and Scotland 35.Don Henley 36.Taj Mahal 37.Lake Tahoe 38.Japan 39.Paella 40.You'll shoot your eye out! 41.Guinness 42.Seven swans a-swimming 43.True 44.Dublin, Ireland 45.Bali 46.Vitamin D 47.Sun Protection Factor 48.A pie tin 49.Margarita 50.Sydney Opera House

**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER:** The only bird in the world to have its nostrils at the tip of its long beak is the kiwi

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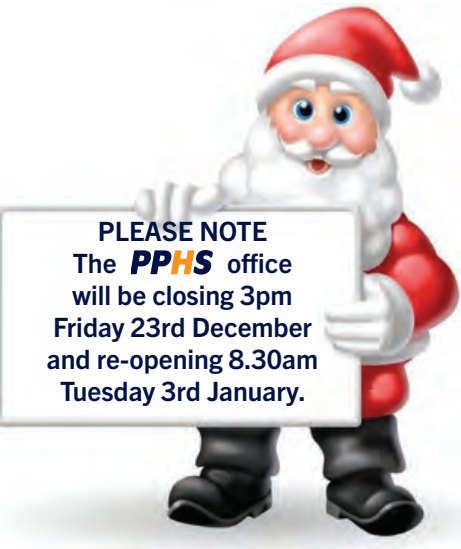


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**PLEASE NOTE**  
The **PPHS** office  
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and re-opening 8.30am  
Tuesday 3rd January.

Best wishes to everyone for the festive season. May 2023 be a prosperous year for all.

**PAUL KINNAIRD, JASON BERGER**  
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# Decorated former local returns to Loxton RSL

FORMER local Cheryl Pearce AM returned briefly to Loxton where she was guest speaker at an afternoon tea held at the Loxton RSL sub-branch rooms on Remembrance Day last month.

"DC Pearce gave a very interesting talk about her interesting career and busy life since leaving Loxton," an RSL spokesperson said.

"DC Pearce recently completed her tenure as Force Commander, United Nations Forces in Cyprus and has now retired as Major General from the Australian Defence Force.

"She commenced in the role of Deputy Commissioner ABF Ports and Enforcement on August 30, 2021, and has responsibility for delivering strategic capabilities to bring to affect the ABF's operational outcomes.

"Cheryl graduated from the Officer Cadet School Portsea in December 1985, commissioning into the Royal Australian Corps of Military Police. Her regimental service includes command appointments within both the operational

and domestic environment.

"During the period 2003 to 2006 DC Pearce commanded the Defence Police Training Centre (2003) and 1st Military Police Battalion (2004-2006) and was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia for exceptional service during her four-year command tenure.

"Prior to her service in Cyprus DC Pearce was Commandant Australian Defence Force Academy (2017-2018).

"Staff appointments included experience with Headquarters 1st Brigade, G3 Branch Land Headquarters, Provost Marshal-Army, directing staff Australian Command and Staff College, director Network Centric Warfare Capability Development Group, director Special Operation Support and chief of staff Army Headquarters.

"DC Pearce attended the Australian Command and Staff College in 2001 and Higher Defence College in 2013.

"Her post-graduate qualifications include a Graduate Diploma



Historian and Loxton RSL sub-branch member David Ward OAM, guest speaker Cheryl Pearce AM and sub-branch secretary Lorraine Masters at the group's recent gathering. PHOTO: supplied

of Management in Defence Studies from the University of Canberra, Masters of Intelligence, Policing and Counter Terrorism from Macquarie University and a Master of Arts (Defence Studies) from Deakin University.

"Her operational experience included working as part of

the United Nations in East Timor (2002) where she was awarded a Chief of Defence Force Commendation for bravery.

"She was also appointed as the Commander Task Group Afghanistan (2016) where she received a Commendation for Distinguished Service."

## Department looks to help grain exports

AFTER two exceptional years of harvest, the federal Department of Agriculture says it is working hard to support the Australian grain export industry meet increased export potential.

The department's Nicola Hinder said several initiatives were currently under way to improve conditions for exporters.

"While the floods have adversely impacted growers in some parts of the country, other parts of Australia are experiencing their best winter crops on record," she said.

"The department has successfully negotiated a treatment program for bulk shipments of grains to Mexico and is currently trialling the same treatment for grains and pulses to India.

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The Riverland celebrates the year 2000...



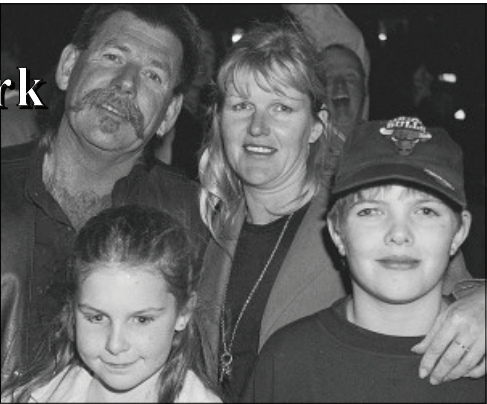
From left, Peter, Dean and Raylene Hill, of Cooltong, with Tim and Kylie Duncan, of Paringa, at the Renmark Click! the Millennium event on Murray Ave.



From left, 'Clacker' and Val John and Ben and Bev Gartery, all of Renmark, at the town's street party.



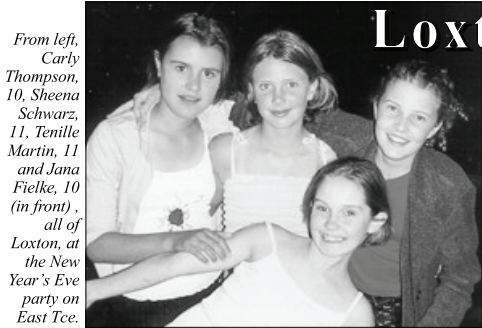
Andrea Lindner and Gale Hanson, both of Renmark, on New Year's Eve.



Kevin Schultz and Denise Pannell, with Casey, 9, and Aaron Pannell, 11, of Renmark at the Click! the Millennium party at Renmark.



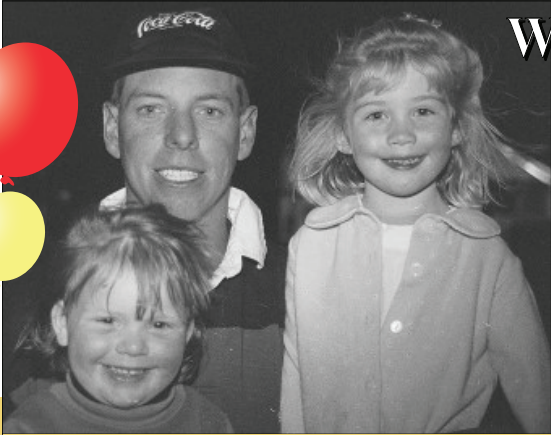
From left, Andy, Denise and Tamara Moldovan, of Paringa, at Renmark's celebrations on Friday night.



From left, Carly Thompson, 10, Sheena Schwarz, 11, Tenille Martin, 11 and Jana Fielke, 10 (in front), all of Loxton, at the New Year's Eve party on East Tce.



Toasting the year 2000 in Loxton's East Tce on Friday night were, from left, Lyn Schmaal, of Loxton, Jenny Nield, of Loxton North, Karen Traeger, Carmel Jackson, Erica Schmidt and Chris Nelson, all of Loxton.



Andrew Linke, of Waikerie, with daughter Sharna, 3, and her friend Emily Sheehan, 3, of Waikerie, at the Waikerie and Districts Crusta 2000 Celebrations at Waikerie Oval.

Photos by Greg Eyre, Graham Mason, Sara Duvnjak and John Orchard.



Waikerie's Graham Carter saw in the New Year with his dog, Patch, at the Waikerie Oval.



From left, Samuel, 6, Susan and Bruce Armstrong, of Waikerie, celebrate the year 2000 at the Waikerie Oval.



Celebrating the New Year at the Cobdogla Club, were Annette and Bronte Kassulke, of Loveday.



Fred Whitehead, left, and Rita Copeland manned the Rotary food stall at the Waikerie and Districts Crusta 2000 Celebrations at Waikerie Oval.



Dressed right for the Loxton New Year's Eve street party were, from left, Eric Schmaal and Karen and Jeff Traeger, all of Loxton.



Having fun in Loxton on Friday night were, from left, Nathan Ward and Jarrod Bruce, of Loxton, and Matthew Hall, of Wunkar.



From left, Samantha Walker, Nicole Langford and Cassandra Harris, all of Loxton, enjoying the New Year's Eve street party.



Shirley and Arthur Manser, of Berri, celebrate the year 2000 at the Berri Resort Hotel.



Sylvia, Jack and Carolanne Bell left the Sydney "rat race" to celebrate 2000 in Berri.



From left, David Harvey, of Loxton, Maureen and Jeff Vale, of Loxton North, and Sani Harvey, of Loxton, at the Berri Resort Hotel's New Year's Eve party.



From left at back, Julie Hill, of Berri, Priscilla Fus, of Monash, Heather Richardson, of Berri, Jane Howe, of Berri and, at front, Michelle Taylor, of Glossop, at the Berri Resort Hotel.



From left, Belinda Whateley, of Loveday, Nikki Rashleigh and Richard Beck, both of Barmera, at the Barmera Hotel for New Year's Eve.



# Berri on top of the tree

Peter Lawton of The Lawns (above) led his rink to victory over the opposing Barmera quartet, skippered by Christos Karantonis, in last weekend's round of Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants first division. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



BERRI landed a major blow to Waikerie's chances of topping the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennant first division ladder this season with a three-shot win over the second-placed side last Saturday.

The two sides went into the clash locked on eight victories apiece, but through wins to Andy Hill's and Mason Kaufer's rinks, Berri was able to edge ahead in the wins column.

Wayne Collins' four managed a win over Dennis Treloar's rink, but Waikerie failed to capitalise on the 11-shot win at home.

Berri will now head into the Christmas break 24 points clear at the top of the table, with Barmera and Renmark making up the remaining teams in the top four.

The former missed its chance to draw level on wins with Waikerie last weekend when it suffered a surprise loss to bottom-placed The Lawns.

John Morena's rink secured one victory for the Lakesiders, but

The Lawns' remaining two quartets, skippered by Russell and Peter Lawton, proved too strong for the travelling team.

Loxton also sprung a surprise victory over Renmark, the side's second win of the year. Des Schliebs' four starred for Loxton at home, handing Matt Lacey's rink a 15-shot loss as Loxton emerged victorious in all three rinks.

Berri continued its dominance over second division with a win over The Lawns, with the side set to head into the Christmas break ahead of Waikerie in second by 10 points.

Waikerie remains undefeated in third division, defeating Berri Blue last weekend to make it 11 straight wins to start the season.

## RESULTS

### FIRST DIVISION

**Loxton 64 d Renmark 35.**

D. Schliebs 25 d M. Lacey 10; P. Kimber 18 d B. Dopson 9; R. Coombs 21 d S. Blee 16.

**Berri 53 d Waikerie 50.**

A. Hill 23 d G. Johns 11; M. Kaufer 18 d A. Fulwood 16; D. Treloar 12 lost to W. Collins 23.

**The Lawns 61 d Barmera 49.**

R. Adam 12 lost to J. Morena 29; P. Lawton 24 d C. Karantonis 6; R. Lawton 25 d R. Reynolds 14. Points: Berri 230; Waikerie 206; Barmera 173; Renmark 95; Loxton 84; The Lawns 70.

**SECOND DIVISION Monash 69 d Renmark 44.**

I. Potts 23 d H. ter Bogt 19; M. Wood 24 d B. Knight 11; M. Kruger 22 d L. Warren 14.

**Berri Red 70 d The Lawns Red 60.**

S. Hall 32 d B. Haby 11; D. Spicer 18 lost to R. Sutton 22; J. Grosser 20 lost to R. Ashworth 27.

**Barmera 60 d Lyrup 48.**

C. Gamble 16 d S. Munro 14; W. Uppington 26 d P. Drewett 9; D. Mills 18 lost to J. Wrigley 25.

**Loxton RSL 64 d Waikerie 47.**

D. Drabsch 19 d R. Davies 17; C. Inglis 22 d H. Hope 16; G. Huppertz 23 d D. Morley 14.

**Berri 74 d The Lawns 50.**

B. Hollis 29 d B. Lewan 7; K. Carpenter 38 d K. Smith 10; R. Kuchel 7 lost to M. Spano 33.

Points: Berri 185; Waikerie 175; Monash 134; Barmera 126; Loxton RSL 113; The Lawns Red 111; The Lawns 108; Lyrup 102; Loxton 101; Renmark 90; Berri Red 55.

### THIRD DIVISION

**Berri 58 d Moorook 47.**

W. Couzens 18 d A. Wachtel 17; J. Bradford 23 d M. Couzner 14; K. Tanner 17 d C. Pantic 16.

**Renmark 70 d Lyrup 53.**

M. Walker 23 d D. Hill 16; J. Thompson 23 d P. Denton 21; C. Vriends 24 d T. Slater 16.

**Monash 54 d Barmera 50.**

S. Voigt 16 d I. Lloyd 14; Pending 27 d H. Robinson 16; R. Wright 11 lost to T. Brown 20.

**Loxton Red 81 d Loxton RSL 52.**

M. Schutz 17 lost to T. Watkins 22; K. Maynard 32 d H. Dreschler 11; R. Lee 32 d P. Smith 19.

**Waikerie 79 d Berri Blue 47.**

B. Hill 30 d R. Grosser 15; W. Burris 25 d D. Irwin 19; S. Canney 24 d P. Ledsham 13.

**Loxton White 72 d The Lawns 61.**

B. Arnold 19 lost to A. Eckermann 32; F. Armfield 26 d L. Pinyon 14; K. Brandsma 27 d P. Brown 15.

Points: Waikerie 269; Berri 213; Barmera 203; Renmark 179; Loxton Red 166; Monash 142; The Lawns 119; Moorook 115; Loxton White 110; Loxton RSL 97; Lyrup 67; Berri Blue 34.

### FOURTH DIVISION

Barmera 42 d Waikerie Hornets 33.

K. Brown 15 lost to M. Morley 19; T. Daelman 27 d S. Moritz 14; Waikerie Regents 53 d The Lawns 36.

M. Boehm 42 d M. McCawley 10; S. Schiers 11 lost to V. Crouch 26. Monash d Loxton (forfeit). Points: Waikerie Regents 188; Monash 160; Waikerie Hornets 129; Barmera 94; The Lawns 78; Moorook 63; Loxton 8.

## Pennant tie closes out the year

A TIE between Renmark and Monash headlined the final round of Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants for 2022 last week.

The two sides finished locked on 65 shots after second-bottom Renmark picked up wins in two of the three rinks.

The remaining Monash quartet, skippered by Sandy Elsdon, managed to cancel out the side's deficit with a 17-shot win over their Renmark opposition.

Meanwhile, Barmera ensured it would enter the Christmas break in top spot after a narrow win over The Lawns.

Waikerie remains hot on the heels of the Lakesiders, fol-

lowing the side's 15-shot win away at Berri last week, while Loxton ended the year on a high, storming to a 54-shot victory over Lyrup.

The top two sides in second division went head-to-head, with Berri Blue emerging victorious over clubmates Berri Red and reducing the gap at the top of the table to just three points.

## RESULTS

### FIRST DIVISION

**Barmera 56 d The Lawns 52.**

K. Mellon 23 d S. Machell 11; J. Gartner 18 drew with J. Knight 18; C. Shugg 15 lost to M. Spano 23.

**Monash 65 drew with Renmark 65.**

R. Potts 23 lost to S. Schulz 29; S. Elsdon 29 d J. Cooper 12; C. Traeger 13 lost to C. Eagle 24.

**Loxton 89 d Lyrup 35.**

M. Schutz 36 d B. Howe 7; D. Vaughan 21 drew with R. Smith 21; B. Mattner 32 d R. Adam 7.

**Waikerie 61 d Berri 46.**

M. Morley 22 d R. Butt 17; C. Davies 16 lost to K. Treloar 21; J. Morley 23 d C. Eichenberger 8.

Points: Barmera 249; Waikerie 226; Monash 213; Loxton 152; Berri 141; The Lawns 139; Renmark 97; Lyrup 29.

### SECOND DIVISION

**Loxton 57 d Waikerie 19.**

N. Milich 35 d S. Short 5; M. Tygh 22 d N. DellaZoppa 14.

**Moorook 43 d Loxton RSL 29.**

H. Smith 26 d J. Smith 11; L. Tschirp 17 lost to H. Dreschler 18.

**Berri Blue 47 d Berri Red 32.**

K. Tanner 21 d L. Blades 19; N. Miller 26 d J. Bradford 13.

**The Lawns 48 d The Lawns Red 35.**

C. Haar 16 lost to E. Kennedy 25; L. Pinyon 32 d R. Christie 10.

**Barmera 43 d Renmark 26.**

M. Wade 21 d B. Cornelius 16; K. Brown 22 d B. Warren 10.

Points: Berri Red 236; Berri Blue 233; The Lawns 211; Moorook 188; Loxton 149; The Lawns Red 145; Loxton RSL 104; Waikerie 101; Barmera 51; Renmark 22.



**FESTIVE FEVER:** Waikerie Bowling Club celebrated the end of its night bowls season with over 130 attendees at its finale last week. Greensgoers were encouraged to dress up in Christmas kit, with a number of Santa's helpers in attendance. PHOTOS: Facebook

## Midweek triples action down to the wire

THE Lawns Red survived a scare from 14th-placed Monash to run out five-shot victors, leaving the side within striking distance of Barmera at the top of the Bowls Riverland midweek triples table.

Monash had won just one game from 11 matches heading into the match but pushed the high-flying Lawns side to the limit at Monash.

Meanwhile, Loxton Red picked up a win over clubmates Loxton White, while Waikerie recorded a mammoth 89-shot win over Barmera Pelicans under the dome.

Renmark Gold and Renmark Green also secured wins

against Berri Blue and Berri Red respectively, leaving the two sides equal on wins heading into round 13.

## RESULTS

**Loxton Red 95 d Loxton White 65.**

G. Cockshell 30 d W. Harrison 17; T. Allister 22 d P. Vaughan 15; R. Coombs 19 d H. Appleton 15; G. Schulz 24 d T. Thurston 18.

**Waikerie 136 d Barmera Pelicans 47.**

W. Burris 29 d T. Daelman 12; R. Mortimer 32 d C. O'Connor 17; N. Harcombe 38 d H. Robinson 9; G. Lloyd 37 d T. Brown 9.

**Loxton Blue 103 d Loxton RSL 65.**

D. Kimber 30 d T. Wurst 12; N. Thiele 27 d G. Huppertz 18; R. Hancock 24 d B. Manuel 21; D. Schliebs 22 d D. Drabsch 14.

**Lyrup 104 d The Lawns 59.**

K. Carter 31; K. Knight 18; J. Morena 27 d C. Weir 11; G. Milich 21 d

K. Schlopp 12; P. Denton 25 d R. Ashworth 18.

**Renmark Green 91 d Berri Red 65.**

M. Rice 23 d J. Trezise 14; B. Knight 19 d S. Eichenberger 18; M. Lacey 35 d G. Elleway 10; S. Blee 14 lost to J. Cresp 23.

**The Lawns Red 84 d Monash 79.**

R. Adam 21 drew with R. Jury 21; S. Ivanovic 17 lost to W. Pahl 24; P. Lawton 24 d B. John 16; R. Lawton 22 d P. Raams 18.

**Renmark Gold 82 d Berri Blue 66.**

B. Dopson 15 drew with A. Kosturjak 15; B. Lockett 16 lost to J. Junger 24; H. ter Bogt 21 d K. Carpenter; B. Cropper 30 d J. Centofanti 10.

Points: Barmera 285; The Lawns Red 263; Loxton Red 197; Renmark Gold 193; Renmark Green 189; Waikerie 188; Berri Blue 163; Lyrup 162; Loxton RSL 161; Loxton Blue 139; Berri Red 118; Loxton White 105; Barmera pelicans 90; Monash 56; The Lawns 41.



# Having a ball for charity



Locals flocked to Glassey Park to show their support for Riverland baseball last Friday night, with a strong crowd in attendance for the association's annual charity match. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

A NEW-look Riverland Baseball charity night has been deemed a “great success” after a bumper crowd flocked to Glassey Park last Friday night to raise money for the Berri Rotary Club.

The association’s committee opted to change its tune from previous years, and publicity officer Paul Reid says the switch-up was well received by those in attendance.

“Typically we do it with a home-and-away match and throw in the charity aspect but the committee’s vision this year was to try and put the game in the spotlight, creating other avenues to get potential players and different people down,” he said.

“If you stick with the same methods, you get the same result.

“We invited different sporting codes so we had Renmark basketballers and the Berri Tennis Club, but the big bonus was that we combined with Riverland softball.

“We tied it in with the Berri Rotary Club, who brought a fair amount of people as well.

“They bring a couple of kids and

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different families and then that all adds to it.

“We threw the charity game open to anyone and everyone and we ended up with 48 players, so 24 per team.

“It was a huge success and everyone that was there enjoyed it and had a ball. They’re already talking about doing it again.

“The commitment from the committee was great because those nights are never easy.”

The association was able to raise \$2596 for the Berri Rotary Club, with the funds likely to go towards upgrading facilities at Glassey Park.

“What we’re trying to do is get some permanent seating for Glassey Park,” Mr Reid said.

“We caught up with their president Peter Jarvis, who actually threw the first pitch and is a former

baseballer, and our aim is to work together with them to get some aluminium seating.

“We’re getting quotes at the moment for an elevated grandstand tier and we’ve got finals in March, so if all goes to plan hopefully we can have them in for the finals series.

“I say it all the time to people, but I don’t think there’s many better spots in the Riverland on a Friday night than Glassey Park.

“It’s a fantastic facility and the comments around that were some of the ones I appreciated the most.”

The night’s festivities involved the Riverland Softball Association for the first time, with star pitcher Johanna Grauer taking centre stage.

“When we were having our meetings, our target was to have quality pitchers on the mound so that people actually get to swing,” he said.

“So, we had Jesse Stemberger, who is probably the best pitcher in Riverland baseball, and softball returned serve with Johanna, and there was just so many people



Even Santa stepped up to the plate during the festivities.

amazed with how fast that lady can pitch a ball.

“I was running around helping out, but I had to go out there and face it.

“I’ve faced some hardcore pitching in my time but that was by far the quickest.”

The night catered to community members of all ages, with a special appearance from a North Pole resident a highlight for the kids.

“It’ll definitely be an annual thing from now on,” Mr Reid said.

“We had Father Christmas show up too, with Berri MFS bringing him in with a fire truck.

“I’ve been involved in baseball for a long time and have been lucky enough to win premierships and stuff, but I can honestly say that was my favourite night, it was sensational.”

## A year in review for Riverland school sport

PETER SAFRALIDIS

COVID-19 was unfortunately still a thorn in our side, causing the cancellation and rescheduling of events, but we did our best, again running what must be close to the largest school sport program in the state.

In total we had 3971 total participants for the year (the same student would be counted again if in multiple events) from 27 schools over Riverland team trials and our 16 district events, with 223 students acting as officials.

From there we had many go on to represent the Riverland or their high schools at state



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events, and 13 went on to represent South Australian school teams at national carnivals.

This was all great fun with many health benefits, but it also:

- built camaraderie and teamwork
- encouraged critical and creative thinking
- promoted discipline and collaborative learning

□ promoted values such as ethics, respect, responsibility, and inclusivity

□ promoted literacy and numeracy in many ways

□ linked to the curriculum, with students gaining SACE credits, working toward units of work being covered at school and being assessed on their efforts at our carnivals.

Thank you to the following people/groups who this would not have occurred without:

□ our school sport co-ordinators, whose passion for school sport and expert organisation gave their students

so many opportunities, whilst these people also regularly help at a Riverland level.

□ principals and schools supporting the release of staff to organise events as well as their own schools. Large scale events like the athletics and swimming would not be possible without this.

□ leaders and schools arranging their own calendars to suit school sport

□ our volunteers – Many events would not be possible without these hard-working, generous and efficient people. They certainly are appreciated, and I hope we have all made

this clear.

□ our student event officials, and their schools for organising and releasing them. This year they were again efficient and hard working; it is a highlight for me working with them. They all received a certificate with the links to learning printed on the back.

□ our sponsors who supported our program so well with discounted goods, awards for students and volunteers, and money which went toward our bigger carnivals. We hope they feel valued with names on ribbons and in programs, mentions in speeches and media and

invitations to present awards.

□ our Riverland team coaches, who in a similar fashion to the school sport co-ordinators, go above and beyond, giving their own time to provide our students the best experience.

□ the Riverland media, who do a fantastic job of covering and promoting Riverland school sport.

Once again thank you all, and I certainly hope we continue to gain the support of all to continue our contributions to sport and education in the Riverland.



# Renmark Rowing Club heading to Lake Bonney

IN what is a club first, Renmark Rowing Club members are heading to Lake Bonney to get their rowing fix, no longer able to row on the River Murray due to the flood.

The Renmark Rowing Club will row in Barmera on Saturday, January 22, with president Tony Townsend saying the river was simply too high.

“From a safety aspect we don’t want to be rowing on the river until it becomes safe again,” he said.

“We don’t know when we will be able to get back onto the Murray. It’s just one of

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those things – we will be guided by those able to make decisions of the safety around using the river.

“We just have to wait and do something else in between, and that’s where I suppose the idea of rowing on Lake Bonney came from given it’s now a closed waterway, so it won’t be rising or falling anytime soon.

“For us, it’s an opportunity to get back on the water rather, than row-

ing on an ergo machine in the club.”

Mr Townsend said at this stage the row on Lake Bonney would a once-off, and that the club would invite Berri and Waikerie rowing clubs to join it for a “casual” row.

“It’s just great to get out on the water and actually row,” he said.

“I was talking to one of our senior members and he can’t remember anyone from Renmark rowing on Lake Bonney,



Members of the Renmark Rowing Club will head to Barmera next year to row on Lake Bonney for the first time. PHOTO: Facebook

so it might be a first for our club.”

While the rowing conditions will be

a little different from the River Murray, Mr Townsend said the club was hoping to make it a

“really fun morning” for all involved.

“There won’t be any current, so we won’t

be contending with the flow, (although) from all accounts it can get a little bit choppy with the wind,” he said.

“While we are hoping to get on the water in January, it will be subject to favourable weather conditions. But we are just hoping to have a bit of a row with other club members from around the Riverland and see where it may go from there.

“At the end of the day, it would be great to get everyone out there and enjoy another part of the fantastic Riverland region in a different way.”

# Supercats sink Steamers before basketball’s break

LOXTON ended Renmark’s unbeaten run in Riverland basketball’s division one men’s competition with an eight-point victory on Monday night.

An extra round of fixtures was played heading into the Christmas break, with two matches in the men’s and one in the top women’s division on Monday evening.

Brandon Tregeagle’s steady shooting saw Loxton to victory at home over the previously unbeaten Steamers, with the guard dropping three three-pointers in his 17-point performance.

Meanwhile, Waikerie claimed a rare win, with a victory over the Blazers on Monday night.

Kyle Ling was dominant for the home side, scoring 18 points in the win and was well supported by Jonathon Twigden and Aidan Perks.

In the women’s division, Renmark’s second-string side survived a late scare against Loxton’s second team to claim its first win of the season, thanks largely to a strong showing Mijanou Newman.

Thursday’s regular round of fixtures saw Renmark best Barmera in the men’s top division.

Judd Hansen has been the standout performer so far for the Steamers, but the under-sized guard took a backseat last week as athletic forward Adren Herrador Vuleta took over.

He poured in 21 points for the home side, while Declan Johnson added 16 including four makes from beyond the arc.

The Lakers set up an early lead, but Renmark’s fitness came to the fore as the game went on, with the Steamers blowing the lead out to 15 points at the final break.

Dillon Millard topped the scoring charts for the travelling team, but his 17 points, along with 15 from Kye Stokes, failed to bring the points home for Barmera.

Meanwhile, Loxton added to Berri’s string of losses, thanks largely to a 33-point performance from Rogan Kennedy.

Kennedy has averaged a touch over 24 points-per-game since he returned to the Loxton lineup three matches ago.

Brandon Tregeagle shot well to score 16 points for the Supercats, with nine of those coming from behind the three-point line.

Heath Campbell played a lone hand for the Blazers, who continue to struggle in the 2022/23 season.

They remain in fourth, with the side’s only win coming against bottom-placed Waikerie in round five.

An explosive performance from Chelsea Wutke saw Barmera claim the points over Renmark in the top women’s division, with the teenager lighting up the Steamers from deep.

She hit four threes on her way to 29 points, with her side remaining clear on top of the table heading into Christmas after an impressive 9-1 start to the season.

Loxton managed to hold off Berri and remain in second spot after beating the Blazers by three points, with Mackella Hogan topping the scoring charts with 15.

Sarah Campbell continued her strong run of form scoring 18 points in Waikerie’s win over Barmera’s second team.

Results

**MEN**

**Division one**

Loxton	24	49	65	86
Berri	12	27	42	57

Points: Loxton – R. Kennedy 33, B. Tregeagle 16, J. Will 14, K. Miller, C. Lange 9, K. Serafin 5. Berri – H. Campbell 19, J. Szalbot 15, L. Dack 12, O. Hunyadi 4, R. Kunoth 3, W. Frankel, R. Tieste 2.

Renmark	13	28	51	72
Barmera	16	26	36	63

Points: Renmark – A. Herrador Vuleta 21, D. Johnson 16, J. Hansen 13, R. Curtis 10, A. Curtis 7, Z. Gartery 4, C. Gartery 1. Barmera – D. Millard 17, K. Stokes 15, M. Wellington, F. Dillon 10, B. Hembling 7, R. Haigh, L. Warnett 2.

Loxton	15	28	43	62
Renmark	21	36	44	54

Points: Loxton – B. Tregeagle 17, R. Kennedy, C. Lange 16, J. Will 7, C. Wright 6. Renmark – R. Curtis 13, Z. Gartery, J. Hansen 10, A. Herrador Vuleta 8, C. Gartery 7, D. Johnson 4, A. Curtis 2.

Waikerie	12	24	36	51
Berri	8	22	41	48

Points: Waikerie – K. Ling 18, J. Twigden 10, A. Perks 8, B. Fridd 7, K. Hahn 4, S. Smyth 3, D. Leuders 2. Berri – Heath Campbell 17, Harrison Campbell 12, J. Szalbot 7, W. Frankel 6, R. Kunoth 4, O. Hunyadi 2.

**Division two**

Loxton 56 d Barmera 30; Waikerie 52 d Berri 28; Waikerie 40 d Barmera 32; Loxton 52 d Berri 11.

**Division three**

Loxton 41 d Tigers 20; Allstars 43 d Berri 40; Supercats 110 d Chaffey 41; Steamers 48 d Waikerie White 44; Rovers 70 d Waikerie Black 53; Blazers 29 d Barmera 18; Wildcats 65 d Paringa 36; Warriors 39 d Paringa 37; Blazers 41 d Steamers 21; Rovers 34 d Supercats 33; Loxton 37 d Warriors 26; Tigers 28 d Berri 21; Allstars 56 d Chaffey 31; Waikerie Black 48 d Waikerie White 39; Blazers 78 d Berri 32; Loxton 40 d Allstars 32; Paringa 40 d Renmark 28; Wildcats 57 d Waikerie Black 37; Rovers 78 d Waikerie White 42; Barmera 52 d Steamers 21; Supercats 38 d Warriors 35; Chaffey 43 d Tigers 34.

**Division four**

Barmera 31 d Blazers 30; Berri 40 d Lakers 23; Barmera 54 d Lakers 15; Berri 28 d Blazers 16.

**Under 18 (div 1)**

Barmera 53 d Renmark 33; Loxton 68 d Berri 30.

**Under 18 (div 2)**

Waikerie 57 d Renmark 39; Loxton 30 d Supercats 25.

**Under 16 (div 1)**

Waikerie 39 d Renmark 37; Loxton 31 d Barmera 27.

**Under 16 (div 2)**

Barmera 49 d Waikerie 16; Loxton 48 d Lakers 32; Supercats 43 d Renmark 38; Berri 24 d Blazers 20.

**Under 14 (div 1)**

Renmark 72 d Waikerie 12; Loxton 30 d Berri 23.

**Under 14 (div 2)**

Lakers 44 d Barmera 26; Renmark 44 d Supercats 10.

**Under 12 (div 1)**

Berri 42 d Barmera 10; Renmark 33 d Waikerie 15.

**Under 12 (div 2)**



Loxton’s Rogan Kennedy flies to the hoop during his side’s win over Berri last week in Riverland division one men’s basketball. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Jesse Will (left) and Heath Campbell hunt the ball during Loxton and Berri’s clash last Thursday.

Lakers 20 d Supercats 9; Waikerie 32 d Loxton 9.

**WOMEN**

Division one/two

Waikerie	25	34	44	49
Barmera D2	3	14	19	32

Points: Waikerie – S. Campbell 18, Y. Liu 10, H. Lehmann 8, S. Hyde 5, C. Turner, T. Fridd 4. Barmera D2 – K. Tsorotiotis 16, R. Gay 6, H. Hodgson, C. Doupis 4, S. Whitbourne 2.

Loxton	12	20	32	39
Berri	10	16	27	36

Points: Loxton – M. Hogan 15, S. Rucioch 7, M. Pfeiler 6, A. Modlinski 5, M. Wright 4, K. Harman 2. Berri – E. Cameron 12, A. Westley 7, E. Jordan, D. Eleftheriadis 5, E. Westley 4, A. Fenwick 2, A. Morgan 1.

Barmera	21	31	40	66
Renmark	5	14	20	32

Points: Barmera – C. Wutke 29, K. Stavrou 12, A. Haigh 10, K. Barnett 7, J. Kassulke, L. Hill 4. Renmark – D. Haynes 10, D. Johnson 9, M. Petersen 6, T. Moldovan, L. Haynes 3, J. Haynes 1.

Steamers	9	17	25	32
Loxton D2	5	10	14	30

Points: Steamers – M. Newman 10, A. Koumbarakos 9, Z. Siviour 7, A. Esam 4, B. Martinson 2. Loxton D2 – A. Holmes 10, L. Uren 9, A. Viney 6, H. Bullock 5.

**Division three**

Wildcats 50 d Supercats 13; Catstars 35 d Loxton 30; Allstars 38 d Tigers 25; Berri 38 d Renmark 12;

Barmera 29 d Wildcats 12; Tigers 28 d Supercats 23; Loxton 59 d Allstars 19; Berri 36 d Waikerie 22; Catstars 41 d Renmark 20; Wildcats 58 d Renmark 44; Barmera 63 d Paringa 27; Catstars 73 d Allstars 28; Renmark 40 d Wildcats 28; Barmera 44 d Tigers 11; Berri 65 d Supercats 8; Loxton 32 d Waikerie 16.

**Division four**

Renmark 67 d Loxton 23; Berri 37 d Barmera 25; Waikerie 23 d Blazers 21; Supercats 31 d Steamers 17; Barmera 34 d Waikerie 18; Blazers 26 d Steamers 22; Renmark 49 d Supercats 14.

**Under 18**

Barmera 42 d Waikerie 18; Berri 45 d Loxton 10.

**Under 16 (div 1)**

Loxton 31 d Berri 18; Barmera 43 d Renmark 24.

**Under 16 (div 2)**

Loxton 25 d Renmark 12; Waikerie 37 d Supercats 19.

**Under 14 (div 1)**

Berri 73 d Barmera 6; Loxton 47 d Waikerie 10.

**Under 14 (div 2)**

Waikerie 32 d Barmera 15; Berri 52 d Lakers 20; Renmark 39 d Supercats 10.

**Under 12 (div 1)**

Waikerie 31 d Barmera 6; Renmark 30 d Berri 4.

**Under 12 (div 2)**

Loxton 41 d Waikerie 4; Tigers 56 d Barmera 2; Supercats 17 d Berri 2.



# Cobdogla on top at Christmas break

COBDOGLA has wrestled back control in the Riverland Lawn Tennis top division, with a comfortable win over Renmark seeing the side leapfrog its opponents into first place on the ladder.

Cobby was nearly bested by Loxton White the week prior, but made no mistake last weekend when it hosted Renmark.

The top-seeded side ran out six-set victors over previously top Renmark, despite star duo Sam Butterworth and Hayden Carter going down in the top doubles contest against Renmark pair Dave Strongman and John Pick.

It would be the only doubles win for Renmark as Cobdogla flexed its muscle, winning the remaining five rubbers along with four of the six singles clashes.

Olivia Hughes and Haylee Poulish scored wins for the travelling side, but Cobdogla’s top-ranked players set the standard, with Butterworth squaring the ledger against Strongman in their singles clash, winning 6-0.

Youngsters Cohen Battams and Tom Nettle also secured wins for Cobby, with the side still unbeaten to start the 2022/23 season.

Meanwhile, Berri Blue produced an upset win over Loxton White to end the year on a

high.

The two sides split the doubles matches 3-3, with Blue able to overcome its opponents by winning four out of six singles matches.

Georgia Tzanavaras went unbeaten in her three matches, teaming up with Emme Reid and Phil Cresp in her doubles rubbers to great effect.

Phil Smith put in a strong showing for Loxton White, winning all three of his out-ings, but it was not enough to secure his side’s first victory since the competition split into divisions one and two.

The win means Berri Blue is lifted off the bottom of the table and will end the year in third place before competition restarts in late January.

Meanwhile, Barmera Hall of Framers defeated Berri Red in a thriller in the second division, while Loxton Yellow trounced Loxton Black by 10 sets.

## SENIORS

### DIVISION ONE

**Cobdogla 9-67 d Renmark 3-39**

Doubles: S. Butterworth/H. Carter lost to D. Strongman/J. Pick 3-9; C. Battams/N. Battams d E. Sleep/M. Cornelius 9-2; E. Carter/L. Nettle d C. Martin/H. Poulish 9-6; S. Butterworth/J. Inglis d D. Strongman/M. Cornelius 6-1; H. Carter/E. Carter d C. Cornelius/O. Hughes 7-5; L. Nettle/T. Nettle d E. Sleep/ C. Martin 6-1.

Singles: S. Butterworth d D. Strongman 6-0; H. Carter d C. Cornelius 6-3; C. Battams d E. Sleep 6-0; T. Nettle d M. Cornelius 6-0; E. Carter lost to O. Hughes 2-6; H. Drogemuller lost to H. Poulish 1-6.

**Berri Blue 7-64 d Loxton White 5-57**

Doubles: P. Reid/P. Cresp lost to P.Smith/J. Lane 7-9; S. Mcpherson/S. Vallelonga 3-9; G. Tzanavaras/E. Reid d T. Smith/S. Nield 9-1; P. Reid/S. Mcpherson lost to P.Smith/S. Gillett 2-6; P. Cresp/G. Tzanavaras d J. Lane/T. Smith 6-4; E. Reid/S. Vallelonga d S. Nield/B. Reichelt 6-3.

Singles: P. Reid lost to P. Smith 4-6; P. Cresp d J. Lane 6-2; S. Mcpherson lost to S. Gillett 3-6; S. Vallelonga d B. Reichelt 6-4; G. Tzanavaras d T. Smith 6-3; E. Reid d S. Nield 6-4.

### DIVISION TWO

**Barmera Hall of Framers 7-59 d Berri Red 5-52**

Doubles: M. Jericho/J. Bannear lost to B. Rogers/R. Mason 7-9; L. Marks/M. Henwood lost to R. Cresp/M. Horsman 2-9; S. Albrecht/K. Bannear d K. Hayes/E. Mathews 9-4; M. Jericho/L. Marks lost to B. Rogers/R. Mason 2-6; J. Bannear/S. Albrecht d J. Fulham/R. Cresp 6-4; K. Bannear/M. Henwood d M. Horsman/E. Mathews 6-4.

Singles: M. Jericho d B. Rogers 6-0; J. Bannear lost to R. Mason 1-6; L. Marks lost to R. Cresp 2-6; M. Henwood d W. Cresp 6-0; S. Albrecht d K. Hayes 6-2; K. Bannear d J. Fulham 6-2.

**Loxton Yellow 11-75 d Loxton Black 1-29**

Doubles: T. Griffin/N. Gibbs d C. Wall/W. Gillett 9-3; J. Rubarth/M. Roberts d L. Jachmann/M. Hoyer 9-1; J. Pearn/D. Gibbs d Z. Hughes/unspecified player 9-5; T. Griffin/N. Gibbs d C. Wall/L. Jachmann 6-2; J. Pearn/J. Rubarth d W. Gillett/E. Hughes 6-2; D. Gibbs/M. Roberts d unspecified player/M. Hoyer 6-3. Singles: T. Griffin d C. Wall 6-4; N. Gibbs d W. Gillett 6-0; J. Rubarth lost to L. Jachmann 0-6; M. Roberts d

M. Hoyer 6-0; J. Pearn d Z. Hughes 6-3; D. Gibbs d E. Hughes 6-0.

### DIVISION THREE

Cobby Crushers 9-58 d Berri “Work In Progress” 1-19; Barmera All About That Ace 9-61 d Moorook 1-31; Cobdogla (2) 6-47 d Barmera Ace Ace Baby 4-42; Cobdogla (3) 7-51 d Renmark Sharks 3-40; Loxton Bashers 8-50 d Renmark Dolphins 2-29

### JUNIORS

#### Green 1

Berri Topspinners 8-48 d Renmark Joeys 0-14; Cobdogla 8-48 d Renmark Owls 0-13.

#### Green 2

Barmera Bombers 7-39 d Berri 1-19; Waikerie Slammers 5-32 d Cobdogla Falcons 3-25; Barmera Blues 5-38 d Cobdogla Kites 3-23.

#### Green 3

Renmark Kookaburras 4-33 d Barmera Lions 3-34; Barmera Tigers 6-42 d Loxton Hewitt 1-20; Waikerie 3-34 d Berri 3-26.

#### Green 4

Loxton Stosur 7-39 d Berri 0-15; Loxton Deminaur 4-37 d Waikerie 2-30; Renmark Diamonds 5-34 d Cobdogla Eagles 1-24.

#### Orange 1

Berri 5-28 d Loxton Saville 1-18; Renmark Koalas 8-41 d Loxton Popyrin 0-8; Barmera 8-36 d Cobdogla Kestrels 0-11.

#### Orange 2

Barmera 5-28 d Cobdogla 2-17; Renmark Possums 7-36 d Loxton Tomljanovic 0-8.

#### Yellow

Cobdogla 8-48 d Loxton Kyrgios 0-14; Barmera Power 5-38 d Renmark Sharks 3-29; Loxton Barty 7-45 d Berri 1-13.



Dave Strongman of Renmark (left) and Cohen Battams of Cobdogla shone for their respective sides when the two clubs went head-to-head last Saturday. Cobdogla came out on top, winning the fixture by six sets, securing first place heading into Christmas in the process. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Cobby kids end the year on a high

A PAIR of Cobdogla Primary School students ended a successful 2022 with a bang, with one representing his state and another nominated for a prestigious award.

Tom Nettle added to his already impressive calendar year with a strong showing in the 13 and under Queensland Junior Teams Carnival.

He was one of just three students selected to represent South Australia and managed an 11th-place finish in the singles events out of 32 competitors from across Australia.

Games started at 7.30 each morning, but the experience Tom gained from competing in tournament competitions for his state earlier in the year stood him in good stead.

Meanwhile, Logan Bowers was nominated for one of the most sought-after awards in state junior sport.

Cobby Primary nominated Logan for the School Sport SA Primary Individual Award and was selected by the governing body as one of 10 finalists.

Although not named winner on the evening, Bowers received a certificate for his strong year that saw him blossom into a future hockey star.

He spent the 2022 season representing Berri Hockey Club across all junior grades, often playing up and starring in the higher age bracket competitions.



Logan Bowers (left) was recognised at the 2022 SA School Sport awards recently, while fellow Cobdogla Primary School student Tom Nettle represented the state in Queensland. PHOTOS: Facebook

## RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

### BERRI

**Wednesday, December 14**

Stableford: J. Davies 41 pts, J. Angove 39, S. Wade 37, S. May 36, S. Gore 36, C. McKinlay 34.

**Saturday, December 17**

Stableford: P. Jury 38 pts, J. Skinner 38, R. Keightley 37, R. Sully 37, D. Gregoric 37, P. Jealous 36, J. Adams 36, G. Seddon 36, M. Boon 36, N. Mcvicar 35, M. Wilksch 35, B. Hartshorne 35, W. Adams 35, A. Thiel 35, L. Berry 34, G. Tognon 34, R. Burn 34.

### Sunday, December 18

Stableford: P. Frahn 39, R. Day 39, S. Gore 38, M. Gray 36, L. Smith 35, M. Heuzenroeder 34, F. Gray 34.

### LOXTON

**Wednesday, December 14**

Stableford: Men – J. Johnson 41pts, D. Tyler 38, C. Foreman 36.

Two-ball ambrose: J. Patching/K Scholz.





Berri Cricket Club pair Archie Peltz (left) and Sam Andrenacci were part of the Murray Districts/Barrier side that reached the final of the under 16 SA country zone cricket competition at Nuriootpa last week. PHOTOS: Lesley Wisneske

# Murray Districts kids in the zone

**BEN LENNON**

FOLLOWING an impressive three days of group stage action, the combined Murray Districts/Barrier under 16s team went down against a strong Barossa/Light outfit in the under 16 SA country zone cricket grand final at Nuriootpa.

Teams were split into groups of four for the competition, with the Murray Districts/Barrier side finishing top of group B after picking up wins against Fleurieu on day one and Yorke Peninsula on day three.

Coach Lino Andrenacci said topping the group was a “coup” for the region, which has struggled in the tournament in recent years.

“These kids have come through the ages and to be realistic, we have eight sides to select from for the carnival, whereas other zones such as Fleurieu have up to 60,” he said.

“We’ve always been short of the mark and took some serious beatings at times, so for us to finish on top of our pool was great.

“A few of the Barossa players play at Northern Districts, and Fleurieu are likewise, with a few kids playing for Southern Districts in SACA premier cricket.

“They’re also able to draw players from Noarlunga, and I can’t quite work out what part of SA country that is...

“It just highlights what our area is up against. For us to have a climb to the top of the competition is a credit to the players.”

The side won the toss and elected to bowl first in each of the three group stage contests, with the team’s only loss in the opening rounds coming against South East on the second match day.

Live scoring allowed them to keep tabs on other results throughout the competition, something that proved advantageous as the side hunted top spot on Wednesday afternoon.

“On Wednesday, midway through our game, we found out South East was in a fair bit of trouble,” he said.

“Hayden Cawse was my team manager and he, being an accountant, had a look

at the numbers and figured that if we were able to get the win without losing a wicket or two then we were a chance to finish top.

“The iPad then crashed which initially meant it had us down as a loss. My wife and I got back to the caravan park, re-entered the scores and then it had us top of the pool.

“In the final we lost the toss and were sent in. Had we won the toss, I think the boys were keen to get out in the field and enjoy each other’s company and settle in.

“A few of the boys were nervous but that’s a good thing, it shows they know what’s at stake.

“We were 4/35 at one stage but then had a 72-run partnership between Harvey Crane and Thomas Waanders which got us to 5/107 but then we lost our way a bit.

“We were able to ground it out, but we had a dropped catch and a missed run-out that – if it went the other way – could’ve halted the momentum a bit.”

A number of players starred on the big stage, but

Andrenacci said the overall performance of the team was the most impressive part of the week’s play.

“I’m really happy and proud with how they played their cricket as well as the camaraderie in the side,” he said.

“They were a mix of personalities and they played cricket with freedom, and the results showed.

“Cameron Kerr was quite good with the bat. His 46 not out at a reasonable clip ensured we finished top. He along with Daniel (Zdanowicz) on Monday put on a 53-run partnership.

“Flynn Andrew was fairly consistent with the ball. He took two on Tuesday and another two on Wednesday, so those three were probably the standouts from the Riverland.

“Our most consistent player and the person we awarded player of the carnival to was Harvey Crane from Murrayville.

“He was our leading wicket-taker with seven and there was a few that took five.”

**RESULTS**



Waikerie-Ramco junior Flynn Andrew captained the side at last week’s carnival.

**GAME ONE**  
Murray Districts/Barrier 2/72 (D. Zdanowicz 43no, C. Kerr 23no) d Fleurieu 71 (H. Crane 3/13, A. Nobile 2/11, F. Andrew 1/1, T. Waanders 1/4, C. Kerr 1/7, D. Zdanowicz 1/10, Z. Kelly 1/13).

**GAME TWO**  
South East 163 (F. Andrew 2/13, H. Crane 2/23, Z. Kelly 2/31, A. Nobile 1/8, T. Waanders 1/24, D. Zdanowicz 1/31) d Murray Districts/Barrier 115 (M. Cawse 24, F. Andrew 23, D. Zdanowicz 17, L. Wisneske 16, S. Andrenacci 10).

**GAME THREE**  
Murray Districts/Barrier 4/126 (C. Kerr 46no, F. Andrew 42, S. Andrenacci 12, H. Crane 12) d Yorke Peninsula 123 (H. Crane 2/18, Z. Kelly 2/20, F. Andrew 2/23, D. Zdanowicz 1/9, M. Cawse 1/10, T. Waanders 1/11).

**FINAL**  
Barossa/Light 3/141 (L. Wisneske 1/13, D. Zdanowicz 1/23, T. Waanders 1/30) d Murray Districts/Barrier 140 (H. Crane 50, T. Waanders 37, C. Kerr 14).

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# Age change undone

A DECISION to change one of the Riverland Football League’s junior competitions was overturned on Monday night, with the under 18s competition now set to remain intact in 2023.

Outgoing RFL chair Mark Wright announced the proposed change from under 18s to under 17s a number of months ago, causing several RFL clubs to voice their concerns.

The league’s AGM on Monday night saw the six RFL clubs vote to overturn the decision, with the aim of ensuring as many footballers stay in the game as possible front of mind.

“They (the clubs) didn’t actually table anything last night, that motion came from me having discussions with Renmark, Waikerie and Barmera-Monash previously,” SANFL football operations co-ordinator

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Shane Uren said.

“It was actually pretty quick. A couple of clubs had done a fair bit of research and it was understood that if it was going to change to under 17s they were going to lose some players, with people not wanting to go up and play senior football.

“That was a major concern from the clubs, and understandably we don’t want to be losing people from the game.

“It was a motion that was put forward and seconded, and I don’t think it was unanimous but it was passed.”



The RFL under 18s competition will remain the same in 2023, after a vote at last Monday’s AGM. Pictured are 2022 premiers Waikerie. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Wright steps down as new era beckons for RFL

**BEN LENNON**

MARK WRIGHT will no longer occupy the position of RFL chair, with the former Loxton Football Club president securing a role on the SANFL country zone council for 2023.

Mr Wright spent two seasons in the RFL’s top job, but his new position means he can no longer sit on a league committee.

SANFL football operations co-ordinator Shane Uren said a recent change to the SANFL’s structure led to Mr Wright’s application for



● Mark Wright

the new role.

“The old SANFL regional football advisory council looked after the zones, there

used to be six members on that council, but SANFL has recently changed it to a country zone council,” Mr Uren said.

“Each of the SANFL clubs now has a representative in their zone, so it’s gone from six members to eight.

“Mark Wright has nominated and been elected as a member of that council (for West Adelaide) which means he can’t hold any position at a league or club.

“It’s some higher-level stuff overseeing the zone

and helping out with country championships and things like that.”

Following Mr Wright’s departure, the RFL welcomed in a new set of commissioners at the second instalment of its AGM on Monday night.

Murray Kemp, Brenton Fenwick, Andrew Linke, Robert Robertson, Henry Crawford, Nigel Dillon and David Birch will all sit on the commission moving forward.

The office bearers for the 2023 season, including the

league’s chair, will be decided at a meeting early next year.

The RFL constitution was also a topic of discussion at Monday’s meeting, with greater consultation between the commission and the clubs a point of interest raised by those in attendance.

“We spent hours going through the constitution which the clubs all had copies of, clarified a couple of things and amended a couple of things,” Mr Uren said.

“It was quite good, there

was some really good discussion and lots of very good input.

“A point was raised and it was well accepted throughout the room that the consultation process between the clubs and the league needed to change, and being able to have open and calm discussion...

“The way it went last night, although not all decisions went the way that some people might have wanted, everyone was grown up about it which was quite good.”

# Demons get the job done against Tigers

BERRI will enter the Christmas break on top of the Riverland A grade cricket table after it defeated Loxton last Saturday, in a match that came down to the wire.

Last time the two met it was The Demons that prevailed, defending a modest total just short of 100, but this time their batsmen gave the bowling attack more to work with.

Skipper Brad Rosenzweig led from the front, with the former Riverland Cricketer of the Year compiling 61 runs as his side reached 9/187 from its 40 overs.

He was well supported by wicket-keeper Wes Frankel, who managed to add 30 to the total, while Paul Burnett and Josh Fielke also registered starts, scoring 18 and 17 respectively.

Unlike last time, the Tigers made a serious fist of the run chase, but heroics from experienced campaigner Wayne Scadden (4/31) saw the home side to victory.

Loxton required three runs off the final delivery but failed to add to its score, leaving Berri ahead on points but level on wins with Renmark North at the end of 2022.

North also enjoyed a victory last time out, defeating Berri Colts under lights at Renmark Oval on Saturday evening.

The match started at 4pm with North electing to bat first and opener Ben Files continued his hot run of form, compiling 59 runs.

Following the dismissal of Daniel Harding, Files was joined

at the crease by Liam Jackson and the two put the young Berri bowling attack to the sword, putting on just shy of 100 together before Files was caught.

Cameos from Dan Ivanovic and Blake Henderson kept momentum going for The Bluetongues after Jackson was dismissed for 77, and the home side produced a formidable total of 228.

After a lengthy halt to proceedings to allow the sun to go down and the lights to come on, the Renmark North bowling attack hit its stride against an inexperienced line-up.

Ben Lennon picked up the first two dismissals of the innings, including Colts captain Reece Lehmann, before Jacob ‘Doc’ Mackenzie and Zakk Gallo cleaned up the middle order.

Outgoing president Sam Bradbrook was brought on and finished the game off in style, picking up three wickets in his final game for The Bluetongues, with the Colts dismissed for just 60.

Meanwhile, Brown’s Well suffered its first defeat of the season in the B grade at the hands of Renmark North, thanks largely to an incredible innings from Michael Cartwright.

The former Riverland soccer president hit 117 from just 56 balls, sinking the Cows at Renmark’s second oval.

Elsewhere in the seconds, Gerard held on to defeat Monash after George Halls compiled an impressive 97 runs in the first



Brad Rosenzweig cuts one to point during Berri’s clash against Loxton in last Saturday’s round of Riverland A grade cricket.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

innings, with Monash falling just 12 runs short in its chase of 227.

## RESULTS A GRADE

Renmark North 4/228 (L. Jackson 77, B. Files 59, B. Henderson 34no, D. Ivanovic 23, D. Harding 12) d Berri Colts 60 (S. Bradbrook 3/11, C. Packer 2/3, B. Lennon 2/4, J. Mackenzie 2/17, Z. Gallo 1/7).  
Berri 9/187 (B. Rosenzweig 61, W. Frankel 30, P. Burnett 18, J. Fielke 17, W. Scadden 10no) d Loxton 8/185 (W. Scadden 4/31, W. Frankel 1/17, B. Oakley 1/32, R. Kubsch 1/44).

## B GRADE

Renmark North 7/154 (M. Cartwright

117, J. Smedley 22no, D. Patterson 2/0, M. Hampel 2/37, A. Cunnah 1/16, P. Elliott 1/29) d Brown’s Well 151 (M. Hampel 60, L. Patterson 19, D. Ireland 14, J. Patterson 12, P. Elliott 12, A. Cunnah 10no, L. Short 10, M. Cartwright 2/9, T. Coombs 2/16, J. Smedley 2/21, D. Hill 2/25, W. Coombs 1/29).  
Gerard 6/227 (G. Halls 97, B. McPherson 34, G. Abdulla 20, A. Abdulla Jr 17no, T. Abdulla 13) d Monash 215 (B. McPherson 3/31, G. Abdulla 2/11, M. Abdulla 2/28, S. Mitchell 1/12, T. Abdulla 1/45).  
Waikerie Ramco d Loxton (forfeit).

## RIFLE CLUB RESULTS

### RENMARK SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

George Letton memorial trophy

M. Cresp: 20m – 199.4. 50m – 198.17. 90m 200.9. Agg – 597.

B. Lacey: 20m – 195.5. 50m – 200.14. 90m – 198.4. Agg – 594.

R. Ward: 20m – 194.3. 50m – 198.15. 90m – 199.5. Agg – 592.

## RIVERLAND WOMEN’S EIGHTBALL RESULTS

Monash Club DV8s 10 d Waikerie Club 5.

Best: Monash Club DV8s – L. Threlfall, D.

Marshall. Waikerie Club – T. Pudney, K. Bannister.

Lyrup Lion Cubs 8 d BBC Cue-Ts 7.

Best: Lyrup Lion Cubs – A. Johns, K. Thiele. BBC Cue-Ts – C. Teague, A. Owens.

Renmark Roses 10 d Barmera Pelicans 5.

Best: Renmark Roses – N. Albanese, K.

McAvaney. Barmera Pelicans – G. Dyer, S. Verco.

Lyrup Club 11 d Lyrup Blue 4.

Best: Lyrup Club – C. Munro, M. Thomas. Lyrup Blue – S. Giumelli, C. Werner.

# Just over the line

JUST, sailed by Steve Thomas, won Queen of the Lake on Saturday in light but generally consistent winds.

The annual event is a long race, and is often sailed over to north lake.

This year, in deference to the winds, the course ranged over most of the central and southern lake, incorporating areas north of Pelican Point.

Second place was taken by Blade, sailed by Chris Stevens, with third place claimed by Wine and Cheese skippered by Holly Ranson.

The club Christmas dinner followed in the evening and was enjoyed by all. Sailing and sail training will resume on January 14 following the Christmas/New Year break.



# Lights, camera, cricket

**BEN LENNON**

RENMARK North Cricket Club hosted its first ever night game in the Riverland Turf Cricket Association last week, when it took on Berri Colts under lights last Saturday.

The oval's new lights, which were erected during winter this year, were sought by the cricket club in order to host night games and different junior competitions.

Renmark North committee member Liam Jackson believes the first day/night hit-out was a success, with the door now open for further night fixtures moving forward.

"It was great for us," he said.

"Due to the fact cricket is a summer sport being able to play once the sun goes down, like many other sports do, will improve the chances of the future of cricket in the Riverland.

"There's even an opportunity for us to possibly play 40-over games over two

nights during the week."

The club took full advantage of the late start, organising with the RTCA to hold both its under 16s and B grade fixtures at home on Renmark's second oval.

The B grade kicked off at the regular time of 1pm, allowing the A grade players a chance to watch their club-mates go to work against Brown's Well prior to the start of their game on the main oval.

"It was massive for us to get the teams together as we are a family-orientated club, so having everyone in the same spot and supporting each other is unreal for the town," Mr Jackson said.

"To be able to watch a part of Michael Cartwright's 100 off 50 'rocks' in the B grade before we started was really enjoyable too, as we normally only hear the stories from the other games. Being able to see some of that was great."

The match attracted plenty of fanfare from the town,

with a host of Renmark-based footballers making their way to the ground to watch the action.

Despite the game itself being fairly one-sided, those in attendance still voiced their support for the home side.

"The crowd interaction was great. They were cheering wickets and runs and the occasional sledge was great to hear and made it very enjoyable for us players," Mr Jackson said.

"We didn't have any issues seeing the ball and with the high quality of the lights, hopefully we can attract some high-level games in the future."

Berri Colts coach Lino Andrenacci praised the idea and shares Jackson's belief that room exists for further night fixtures.

"I believe it was a resounding success. We were quite impressed," he said.

"By the end of that first 20 in the second innings the



Renmark north hosted its first day/night clash of the RTCA era last Saturday, making full use of the new lights at Renmark Oval. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

lights had really started to take effect and the concentration of the lights was in the middle, which is what you want.

"Our kids during the week, one of them was in Berri hospital for an infection, so they tested him for Covid while he was there and he ended up testing

positive.

"He made a point of wanting to be available to play that game, so they were all really looking forward to it.

"We're very much appreciative of Renmark North asking the Colts and we weren't going to knock it back.

"The players enjoyed it

and going forward, it has to be an option in the future.

"How it was organised with the Bs playing home as well as the juniors, it was fantastic.

"I'm glad we took it on and it's another experience for these kids and another learning curve we're putting them through."

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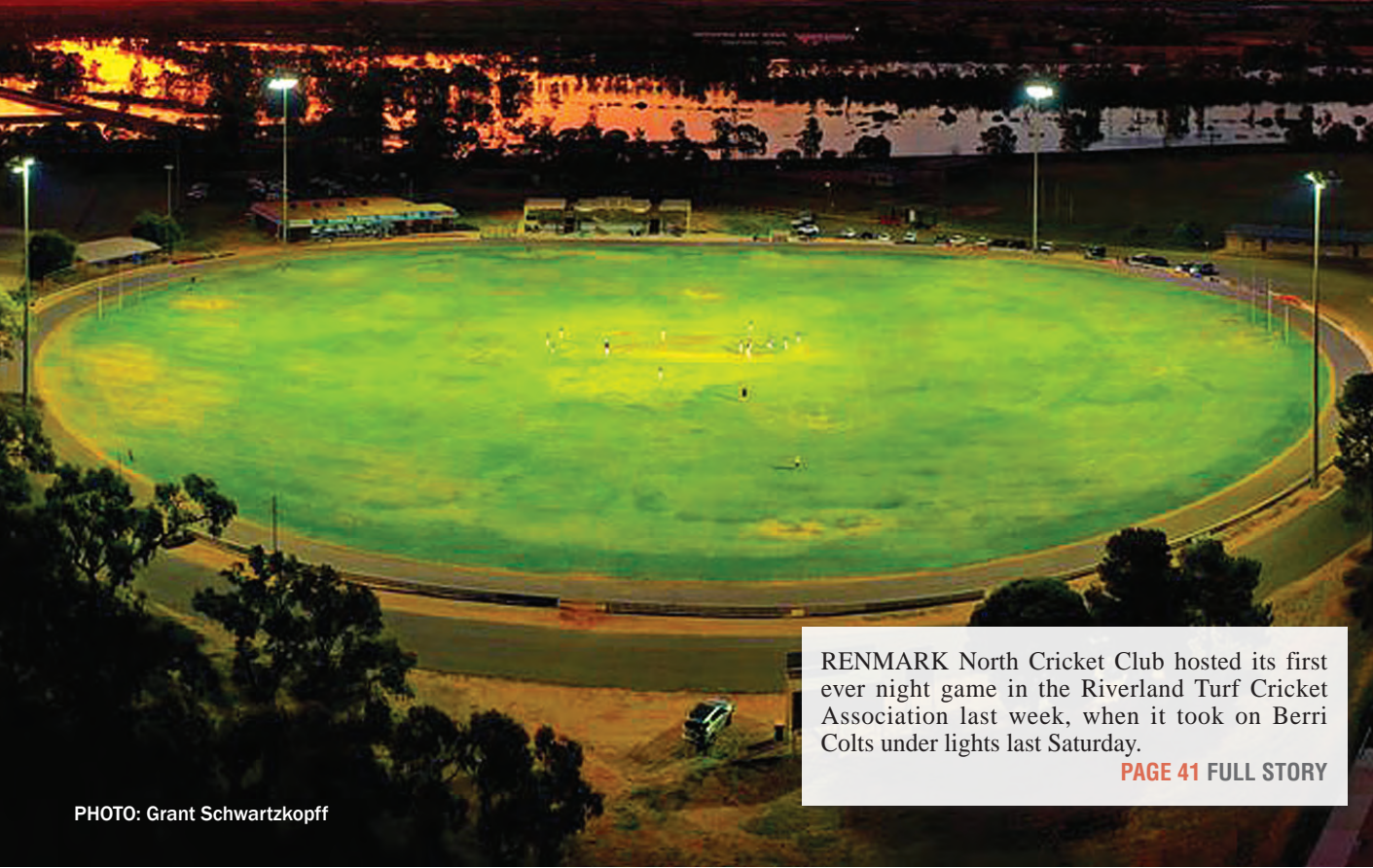
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LIGHTS, CAMERA, CRICKET



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PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



RFL shake-up

BEN LENNON

MARK WRIGHT will no longer occupy the position of RFL chair, with the former Loxton Football Club president securing a role on the SANFL country zone council for 2023.

Mr Wright spent two seasons in the RFL's top job, but his new position means he can no longer sit on a league committee.

The league has welcomed a new set of commissioners for 2023, with the chair set to be elected in January next year.

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Age change annulled

BEN LENNON

A DECISION to change one of the Riverland Football League's junior competitions was overturned on Monday night, with the under 18s competition now set to remain intact in 2023.

Outgoing RFL chair Mark Wright announced the proposed change from under 18s to under 17s a number of months ago, causing several RFL clubs to voice their concerns.

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## Most popular stories of 2022



### Ebert match a 'success' on and off the field

HISTORY was made on Sunday afternoon when Loxton hosted an SANFL match for premiership points in the name of the late Russell Ebert, with 3756 people in attendance.

Published on May 25



### Remember the Berri Schools Adult Musicals?

A GOLDEN era of musicals in Berri will be remembered at a reunion later this year. From 1985 to 1994, the Berri Schools Adult Musicals group performed at the Berri Golf Club to much acclaim.

Published on June 1



### No short cuts in Johnny's 56-year success story

NECESSITY – and repetition – dictated that 'trim' was among the first English terms Johnny Exarheas learned after opening his eponymously named barber shop in Berri 56 years ago.

Published on June 8



### Riverland's fruit fly battle: Backyard tree pulls next?

FORCED removal of backyard fruit trees could be the next drastic measure employed to halt the momentum of consecutive Riverland fruit fly outbreaks.

Published on June 15



### Retail giant confirmed for major Renmark development... Go Harvey

A RENMARK supermarket will spend more than \$1m on renovations aimed at showcasing local produce, as part of a development initiative set to also bring a major national retailer to the town's CBD.

Published on September 28



### Loxton High appoints its new leader

LOXTON High School's search for a new principal is officially over, with the school appointing Amy Evans principal for the rest of 2022 and beyond.

Published on October 12



### Celebrating 65 years of marriage

A LOXTON North couple recently celebrated their blue sapphire wedding anniversary. Peter and Maureen Heinrich were married 65 years ago on October 12, 1957, in North Adelaide.

Published on November 2



### The Beech brothers ride again for mum

A GROUP of ex-Riverland brothers have raised more than \$26,000 for Cancer Council by cycling from the Gold Coast to Adelaide in memory of their late mother

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**Published on June 15**



**What's in a name?**

A PROPOSED new sporting league is set to be introduced in 2023, with the Murray Valley Football Netball League (MVFNL) to replace the Riverland Independent football and netball competitions.

**Published on July 13**



**No tank space for Riverland grapes, no demand for local wines... Growers 'under siege'**

MOTHBALLING or removing vineyards altogether are among drastic options being considered by “under siege” Riverland growers faced with a crippling oversupply of wine grapes.

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**Renmark GF-bound despite rule breach**

AN “oversight” of an RFL constitutional rule threw the Riverland footy world into a frenzy over the past few days, after Renmark fielded an ineligible player in last Saturday’s A grade second semi-final.

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## Seasons Greetings

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### Christmas Closure

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<b>BERRI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE</b>	Will be closed on 25 and 26 December only. Open: Weekdays 9.00am to 5.00pm Saturdays 9.00am to 2.00pm Sundays and Public Holidays 10.00am to 2.00pm
<b>COUNCIL DEPOT</b>	Will close at 4.00pm Friday 16 December 2022 and reopen at 7.00am Tuesday 3 January 2023

For all urgent matters throughout the Christmas closure period, please call 8582 1922.

*On behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and Staff of Berri Barmera Council, we would like to wish our community Seasons Greetings and a happy and healthy New Year.*

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## Students strengthen their river connection

### ELYSE ARMANINI

A WATER-testing program is continuing a Riverland school's long-running connection to the River Murray.

Kingston-On-Murray Primary School's (KOMPS) Water Watch program has run for more than

10 years and, after a brief hiatus, is back and stronger than ever.

Understanding the importance of water quality and the role the river plays in the lives of all in the region are critical parts of the education program at KOMPS.

Program organiser and KOMPS teacher Phillip Lawson said the program was designed to "give students an understanding of how water quality is measured and the flow-on effects of what we can tell from the health of the river based on those measurements".

Each fortnight students from all year levels walk down to the testing site with Mr Lawson and collect a water sample, which is tested for turbidity and salinity.

"The upper primary students are the ones who take the responsibility for the water collection and measurement," Mr Lawson explained.

"Essentially the turbidity – or how clear the water is – tells us stuff about the flow, and suspended solids in the water. That can tell us how deep the sunlight can penetrate and that kind of thing.

"The salinity is the measure of how much salt is in the water."

Recent samples gave salinity readings of 262 ECUs (electrical

conductivity units) and turbidity readings of 30 NTUs, both relatively low readings, however turbidity levels are likely to climb as the flooding event continues and the water becomes murkier.

"Obviously being a freshwater river, we want to make the link with the students that the higher the reading of salt, the more negative impact it has on not just the animals that live in the river, but also all the plants and, by extension, all the people who rely on the river to water their crops and gardens," Mr Lawson said.

"We continue to use the same tools to measure and we'll be keeping records mainly for our own students and their learning, but we've also got the opportunity to participate in the citizen science one.

"In that case, we give our samples to the Landcare Board in Berri and they do the testing and record the results.

"We haven't had a chance to get a sample into them yet.

Partly because of the flooding and the levee being built here in Kingston-On-Murray, we can't access our normal spot at the moment.

"We'll put that on hiatus until next year, I would think, but each time we do a sample I'll send a sample into them as well."

Mr Lawson said he and the students were looking forward to continuing the program in 2023 and hoped the flood waters recede enough to collect samples from their normal site.

"(We will be) gathering data to build our students' understanding of the river and use this information to help our understanding of what the river needs for the future to remain healthy and continue to support the communities that rely on it," he said.

"Hopefully we have some level of access to it, otherwise I might have to find a location that's nearby and collect the water then do the testing back at school."



Kingston-On-Murray Primary School Water Watch program organiser and teacher Phillip Lawson with students on a water-testing outing. PHOTOS: supplied

KOMPS students at the Kingston-On-Murray flood marker before the river levels rose with flood waters.



Student Laila Kelly testing the water.

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# Christmas scenes paint a picture in Loxton

ALEXANDRA BULL

THIRTY-ONE years ago, the Loxton Lights Up Festival graced the streets of Loxton for the first time, crowning the town the home of Christmas in the Riverland.

Fast forward to today, and Loxton is still well and truly alive during the Christmas season, with the festival one of the main highlights for the town each year.

The streets of Loxton are currently adorned with bright lights and festive paintings, with chair of the Loxton Christmas Lights committee Deb Thiele saying it has been “wonderful to see so many people get involved”.

“People use the paintings as a base, build Christmas scenes around the paintings and increase the lighting around them,” she said.

“It’s really satisfying to see so many people embracing the Christmas spirit in Loxton.”

Some Loxton residents go down the classic route of having Father Christmas on their front lawn, while others prefer something reflecting the true origin of Christmas, like Mrs Thiele, who has a nativity scene of native Australian ani-

mals, matching the native vegetation in her front garden.

“When we retired off the farm we didn’t realise it at the time but our place was on the recommended route for the (tour) buses,” she said.

“So we were sitting on our deck and suddenly there’s these buses coming past our place.

“Then we got a letter about the paintings and we didn’t know much about it.

“But the next thing you know, you just get in the swing of things, so we’ve had a beautiful painting for many years now in our front yard.”

The paintings are created by the Painters Decorators Group of Loxton, with each piece of artwork getting delivered in early November, giving each home enough time to decorate their homes in time for Light Up Day at the end of November.

“The Painters Decorators Group work all year towards the paintings,” Mrs Thiele said.

“I call them ‘the happiness group’ because they are all about bringing smiles onto people’s faces.

“It’s fantastic the way they think and

work throughout the year to produce these sorts of things that bring Christmas to the region, particularly the Loxton township.

“I love so many of them (the homes) and I think the best thing is Santa’s Walk. The area around there is where the paintings are concentrated.

“I think in the future it may move towards some connectivity with Christmas Wonderland out at Loxton North for tours.

“So, for the really good ones, you have to go via Santa’s Walk and the surrounding streets, but that doesn’t mean there aren’t some beauties elsewhere.”

Mrs Thiele added that the dedication of the Painters Decorators Group of Loxton, and other quiet volunteer groups in the region, is what produces such spectacular Christmas scenes.

“It’s those volunteers that do the work to provide the magic,” she said.

“I love watching all the people enjoying the displays, and going around to see the displays, especially when I get the chance to take my grandchildren.”

The Loxton Lights Up Festival runs until December 31.

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25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day
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# SUMMER HOLIDAY & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS LIFTOUT

## DEIRDRE GRAHAM

IN the year 2000, Helen Palena-Adamczyk began her role as store manager at the Salvos in Berri.

Earlier this month, 22 years later, Helena stepped away from the store and hopefully into a community engagement role with the organisation.

She was drawn to the Salvos while in her 30s.

"I believed that Christians need to be looking after those who are marginalised and poor in society," she said.

"I guess I saw, at that time, the Salvation Army was a visible example of that.

"At that time they were renowned for their Red Shield Appeal and their social justice work."

In 2000 Helena was a single parent, working on fruit properties and doing some volunteer work at the Renmark Thrift Shop.

"It was really my (Salvation Army) officer at the time who approached me and said 'Look, there is this job coming into town and are you interested in applying?'," she said.

"And the rest, they say, is history.

"I didn't really have a retail background as such, but I did have a capacity for that hard, physical work that was needed at those times."

Helena said changes at the store have included more training, OHS and technology, and a strong emphasis on merchandising.

"The vision and the mission of the store has remained the same," she said.

"The purpose of the store is to raise money for the work of the Salvation Army, but perhaps the way they go about it these days is a little bit more polished."

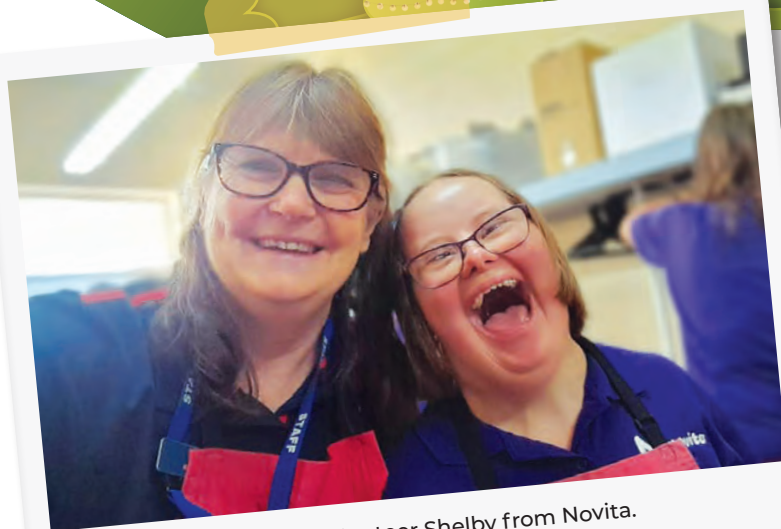
Helena said recruiting volunteers had become a major challenge.

"When I first started 20-odd years ago, we used to have a waiting list for volunteers, and practically someone had to die before you could get into the store to volunteer," she said.

"I found, after 22 years, the volunteer workforce age was beginning to creep up – but I did leave with a great team of volunteers and staff, some who have served with me for 15 years in that store.

"I have a heart and passion for the volunteers, particularly those that come to us that perhaps have been unable to obtain employment elsewhere.

"It really does give them a sense of purpose and fulfillment, and to see those people grow has been one of the greatest joys of my working life."



Helen and volunteer Shelby from Novita.

**I didn't really have a retail background as such, but I did have a capacity for that hard, physical work that was needed at those times.**



Helen with grandchildren William and Abbie Gardner.

But being part of the Salvos – even the store – means dealing with some confronting issues, and people going through difficult times.

"I think the most confronting time for me was... while I was balancing up the till at the end of the day, I had a homeless man sleeping across the doorway," Helena said.

"I needed to engage the alarm, and I actually had to step over him to get out of the store.

"I found it a little bit intimidating, because it was dark and there was no way I could avoid it.

"But I found, when I engaged with him, it turned out he was what we call a 'blow-in'. He had just blown into town and needed somewhere to stay for the night.

"The best I could find him was... a couple of blankets.

"At that point it was about five degrees, and I was shivering as I got to my car. Then I realised that I had never really been cold in my life.

"I had left a warm store, got into a

warm car, and entered a warm house."

That night she and her husband talked about her experience, and it led to the Salvation Army's community services group staging events to allow people to see what homelessness was all about.

"It was just to educate people that homelessness is not always anyone's particular fault and that anyone can fall on hard times," she said.

"But there are other distressing situations, such as if people come to you, and you can't give them all the help that they need.

"Right now we have a rental crisis in our community; I can't find people houses.

"The best I can do is point them to ac.care (and its) homelessness team, and the Salvation Army can offer food parcels and pastoral care support."

Helena said she hopes the new role as a community engagement person will enable her to get back to a more people-focused ministry. She hopes to start in February.

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# A trip to honour those who sacrificed everything

Local man TOM TRIFONOFF has become well known across the Riverland since the Quarantine Quiz (now just The Quiz) was launched in *The Murray Pioneer* during the Covid-19 lockdowns. Today Tom tells of his recent trip to FRANCE and BELGIUM, visiting significant WORLD WAR I SITES.

IN September this year, with a good friend of mine from England, Tim Bryning, I embarked on a very special journey to France and Belgium to visit the memorials and grave sites of Australian soldiers who fought and paid the ultimate sacrifice on the

Western Front during the World War I. While there were many special moments during the week, four stand out as being especially memorable for me. The first was the honour of being able to lay a wreath, with the Australian military coat of arms in the background of that wreath, at the Menin Gate, during the Last Post ceremony in the Belgian town of Ypres. A memorial in the town has the names of over 10,000 soldiers listed as missing during World War I, and hence have no known grave. This ceremony is held every night at 8pm, and has been held there at the same time since September 1944, when the town was liberated during the World War II.

The ceremony was still performed every night, even during the Covid pandemic. I was extremely proud to be able to perform this task, thanks to my friend Tim, who had organised for me to be able to do this. It was a moving experience walking up the steps to the memorial, laying the wreath and trying to get a perspective of the whole solemn occasion. It is something I will never forget. THE second moment was meeting an outstanding individual named Johan Vandewalle from Polygon Wood in Belgium. Johan has created a very powerful and moving memorial named Brothers in Arms in Polygon Wood. It tells the story

of two Australian brothers, Jim and Jack Hunter, who both fought in World War I. Jack, the older brother, was killed near Polygon Wood and died in his brother's arms. Jim buried his brother, survived the war and returned to Australia. The moment that Jack died in his brother's arms would stay with Jim until his own death at the age of 86, when on his death bed and in the last moments of his life he called out for his brother, uttering the words, "Where is Jack? Where is Jack?". Johan, an amateur archaeologist, found Jack's remains near Polygon Wood in 2006, identified by DNA. To honour the brothers, Johan commissioned a monument to be made. It was built in Melbourne, then shipped to Polygon Wood, and officially opened on September 25, 2022.

The bronze monument depicts the moment Jack died in Jim's arms. This is an incredibly powerful and emotional monument. The memorial also has the words to Dire Straits lead singer/songwriter Mark Knopfler's song Brothers in Arms inscribed on one of the walls of the memorial. The Brothers in Arms memorial has been created to honour all brothers, of all nations, who served in World War I. It was an absolute honour to meet, have my picture taken with, and to shake the hand of this truly amazing man.



Laying a wreath at Menin Gate in Belgium town of Ypres, where a Last Post ceremony is held 365 days a year. PHOTOS: supplied



The UEFA has created a monument at the exact spot where the famous Christmas Truce soccer match took place during World War I.



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Riverland man  
Tom Trifonoff  
(right) with  
Belgian man  
Johan Vandewalle,  
who created the  
Brothers in Arms  
monument.



The Brothers in Arms monument, which tells the moving story of two Australian brothers who fought in World War I.



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THE third moment was visiting the war graves and memorial at Villiers Bretonneux in France.

It is a memorial that some Australians may have heard of and be familiar with. It honours the Australian soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice near the Somme in France.

It does not glorify war at all, but in a very powerful way honours those who gave their lives during World War I.

Part of the memorial there is the Sir John Monash Centre, which is an outstanding museum detailing the full Australian involvement on the Western Front during the war. Quite simply, it is a museum every Australian needs to visit when they travel to France,

and in their own way pay their respects and honour our soldiers' bravery in horrific conditions in the hell known as the Western Front.

THE final moment does not involve Australian soldiers but shows the human spirit in times of battle.

In December 1914, in the first months of World War I, the soldiers on the Western Front stopped fighting, walked over to the enemy's side, exchanged small gifts, sang Christmas carols, and made arrangements to bring recently killed soldiers back behind the lines. Joint services were held for the fallen.

The soldiers even played an improvised game of soccer

in No Man's Land, the area between the two frontline trenches.

This became known as the Christmas Truce and was a powerful moment in the minds of the ordinary soldiers. When the generals from both sides learnt of this, they were horrified and ordered the soldiers to resume fighting.

To honour the soccer match, UEFA has created a monument at the exact area the match took place in December 1914. Even though the "truce" was short-lived, it showed the human spirit at its finest.

WHILE there were many other special moments during the week that Tim and I saw and visited, these four for me will

live with me forever.

Even Tim was able to pay his respects to a soldier from Nottingham, the city where he lives. That soldier was Captain Albert Ball VC, who was an incredibly brave flyer and was respected by the enemy. He died at the age of 20 and is buried in the German extension of a French cemetery. The Germans honoured him with a full military funeral.

All these sites, memorials and monuments are very powerful and emotional.

I am so grateful that I went and was able to, in my very small way, honour the soldiers that fought and ultimately died in the horror that was the Western Front in World War I.

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## Waikerie Singers a highlight ahead of Christmas

### CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A GROUP of 18 singers – only formed in October – has been spreading Christmas cheer across Riverland West.

Waikerie Mixed

Probus Club member and experienced singing 'leader' Peter Yelland helped establish the Waikerie Singers, formed to honour the wishes of the late Fred King, a fellow club member.

All aged over 50, the singers meet each Monday night to practice and experiment.

"Most sessions we probably get up to 18 members," he said.

"We already have some people saying

they will attend next year, so hopefully we will get a few more."

The Waikerie Singers' first public performance earlier this month was outside Woolworths at Waikerie, while they

also wowed the crowd at the town's recent Carols by Candlelight event.

Mr Yelland attributed the choir's success to the enjoyment they take from entertaining others.

He said the group has become better each time they sing.

"If you enjoy what you are doing, it goes a lot better," Mr Yelland said.

"That makes a lot of difference."



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The Waikerie Singers were formed in October and started performing in public ahead of Christmas.



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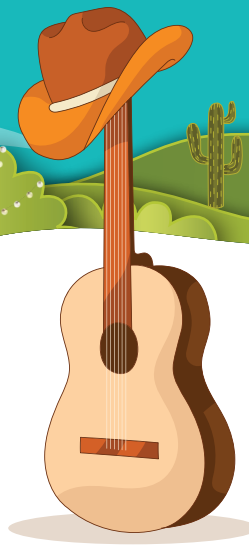




ROB MAC'S

# Country Music Pics

MY KIND OF COUNTRY columnist and photographer ROBYN McINTOSH has compiled her annual country music Christmas photos column for *The Murray Pioneer*.



Dianne Lindsay, Chad Morgan and Peter Simpson at Tamworth Festival in April.



Ron and Judy Collingburn with NSW entertainer Col Thomson (centre). Ron and Judy run the product table at the Sunraysia based festival.



Entertainers Wayne Horsburgh, Jarrod Shaw and Rodney Vincent with Kevin Walsh of Good Morning Country at the Coomealla Club in September.



Anna Rose and Graham Connors were pleased to catch up at the Tamworth Country Music Festival in April.



Riverland residents Marie and Ron Drewett with South Aussie entertainer Dave Prior at the Coomealla Club in September.



Bush balladeers Ged and Trudy Hintz in the Mildura City Heart in September.



This has been a year of mixed emotions for Troy Cassar-Daley, including the sudden loss of his mother, Irene Daley. This is a flashback to the release of his album, in 1997.



Promotor of the Mildura Wentworth Country Music Festival, David Storer, chats with entertainer Andrew Swift at the festival's closing concert.



Former South Aussie entertainer Lance Birrell and wife Mel taking time out during the Sunraysia festival in September.



The Sullivan family, Belinda, KJ, Kevin, and at front Cha-Cha and Jet, at the Mildura Wentworth festival. Belinda is the wife of Kevin, and tour manager of the band The Sulli-vans.



Popular Victorian entertainer, Ian Castles, one of our most professional singers, passed away on October 16.



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## Riverland unites to protect farming history

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

A DISPLAY of co-operation between a local museum and farming business has typified the Riverland's response to the current flood.

The Renmark Paringa Community Museum was earlier this month forced to close due to the Murray River flood event,

with local workers from Aroona Farms recently helping the museum's team of volunteers to move its exhibits onto higher ground.

Museum chairman Wayne Howell said it was crucial to avoid any water damage to the historic tractor equipment.

"The council came in and had a look at

it, and decided they would put in a levee bank," Mr Howell said.

"We've had to move a fair bit of our equipment and had to make a 6m path for them to build the levee.

"We moved all our stationary engines out and up to the highest point."

Mr Howell said support from local volunteers illustrated the co-operation of Riverland communities during emergency situations.

"I come from the city and I wondered if we would have gotten the same response," he said.

"We put a message up on Facebook and then ended up having to say we had enough.

"Everybody really stepped up."

Aroona Farms orchard manager Kelvin Trezise said staff members were eager to assist the museum's volunteers in moving large tractors and engines.

"We basically thought 'it's here and it's local'," Mr Trezise said.

"We're a male-dominated workforce so it matched. Generally these places are full of older volunteers, and we've got a

lot of young blokes that can lift and carry.

"We thought it was something they needed doing... and we're willing to help.

"It would be a shame if anything was lost."

Mr Howell expected a recently constructed levee bank would allow the museum to reopen once exhibits could be moved back in place.

"(Recovery) will take a lot longer," said.

"We've organised to put plastic over our engines, but that will be the last thing we do.

"(Council) recommended we leave the levee bank up this year and cut a small path through the river once it drops... then, if we feel comfortable, to start slowing moving things back.

"If the levee bank holds, it's just a matter of slowly moving stuff back."

Mr Howell said the flood event had provided unexpected experiences in his role as museum chairman.

"We're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," he said.

"It's not exactly what I signed up for."



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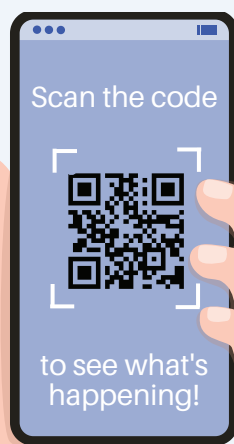


Barker MP presents Riverland Special School student Tahlia with her prize for being one of four winners of his annual Christmas Card competition. PHOTO: supplied

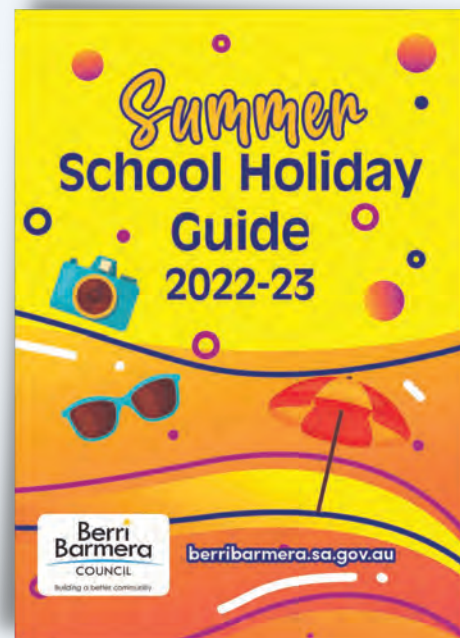


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# Tahlia holds all the (Christmas) cards

HUNDREDS of entries were received from across the electorate for federal MP Tony Pasin's annual Barker Christmas Card competition.

Students from years 1 to 5 were invited to submit artwork that represented Christmas in their region.

"Yet again we've had a fantastic response, with outstanding entries coming in from across the electorate," Mr Pasin said.

"Congratulations to all those students who took the time to create artwork that demonstrated what Christmas means to them, in their unique region of our great state," said Mr Pasin.

Four entries were selected by Mr Pasin to feature on his 2022 Christmas Cards, one from each region of the Barker electorate: Barossa, Limestone Coast, Riverland and Murray Mallee.

An artwork by Riverland Special School year 4 student Tahlia was chosen by Mr Pasin to appear on the card to represent the Riverland.

Mr Pasin visited the school recently to congratulate Tahlia and present her with her prize.

"It's really great to see such a festive spirit in the community at this time of year," Mr Pasin said. "Especially amongst children."





## TONY PASIN MP

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## More than a game

**BEN LENNON**

GRANT Schwartzkopff's name has become synonymous with Riverland sport over the course of the past decade.

You'd be hard pressed to find somebody who hasn't come across him at a local oval, court or gymnasium since he started taking photos back in 2010.

Now, he has put his name to his art in the form of a book entitled *Football Flashbacks*, immortalising the legends of Riverland footy during his time behind the lens.

"I always wanted to put a book together of my best photos but, when I went through them all, there's so many," he said.

"I couldn't pick out the best 100 or 200, so I just picked personal favourites."

"It was going to be a book just for me and for my own sake, but the more I thought about it and the more I liked the photos, I thought maybe I should share it with other people."

"I scanned through and selected about 1000 photos. Then I went through and started culling until I got down to about 500, and then I went a bit harder."

The end product is a paperback book choc-full of Riverland football memories, with each holding a

unique meaning to Grant.

"Some of them are special in regards to the context of the game," he said.

"One of them is (Waikerie's) Daniel Nobes kicking his 100th goal for the second time."

"I saw him before the game and I said to him 'when you kick your 100th, I'm going to be over here, so I want you to look at me', because he always did his signature celebration."

"Sure enough, I was in the top pocket at Waikerie when he kicked the goal. He immediately turned straight to where I was and I got the photo, exactly the way I wanted."

Grant's day doesn't begin and end behind the lens, with travel time and photo editing often seeing him finish up for the day well after midnight.

His schedule requires meticulous planning, with his duties often beginning on the Thursday the week before when he maps out his weekend.

"Especially with footy, if there's a game at Renmark I'll start there with the under 13s, then the 15s and the 18s and I'll get the first quarter of the A grade," he explained.

"Then maybe I'll drive to Berri and I'll know it's going to take me 20 minutes."



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# SUMMER HOLIDAY & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS LIFTOUT



Daniel Nobes after kicking his 100th goal in the 2018 RFL season. Grant had organised with Nobes pre-game that the superstar forward would look for Grant in the crowd so the local photographer could capture the moment perfectly.  
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



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I've met so many great sporting people from the Riverland and it's been absolutely incredible.

"I get to Berri, do a quarter of that game and then work out if I can duck down to Barmera, Loxton, Loxton North or even the Independents, so it's a real juggling act.

"Nowadays I stay and do the women's footy as well, so I try and get home at around 7pm, but I'll be up until midnight or 1am getting those photos done."

Most of his photos are available online free of charge, and his work with *The Murray Pioneer* is voluntary – Grant never asks for a cent.

Grant's pictures are a regular feature in *The Pioneer*, with a crisp action shot often gracing the sport section or, more recently, a drone shot of the Riverland in the midst of a major flood event in the news pages.

"I do feel a bit of a sense of responsibility," he said.

"I have this sense that, and it's going to sound strange, but I don't like to let people down.

"I have no obligation to *The Pioneer*, but I feel like I do, because I want to help.

"It promotes sports, promotes the

people that are playing and brings people together simply because of the fact that when people see the photo in the paper, they can identify with that person.

"If I just have the photos and put them up on Facebook, that's one little aspect but it's limited to those people, whereas the paper is different.

"I'm a believer in books and I think people appreciate something they can hold and look at as opposed to just social media."

'Swatty' admits that each year feels like it might be his last in the game, with the workload often taking its toll, but the community-driven photographer keeps coming back for more.

The Paringa-based 66-year-old believes as much as he has given to the community, taking photos for the region has given him just as much in return.

"If you'd known me 15 years ago... I would not be here doing this," he said.

"I would've been at home and I wouldn't have been going out anywhere.

"Shy doesn't quite seem like the right word, and not insecure.

"But just not very outgoing.

"I started taking photos and it just developed. I've met so many great sporting people from the Riverland and it's been absolutely incredible.

"You've got no idea of what it has brought to me and it's really quite amazing.

"It's given me more confidence and just the fact that I can go and talk to some of these elite sportspeople...

"We've developed a good camaraderie I suppose and it's great.

"The other side of it is, what else would I be doing? That's not why I do it, but I don't want to sit at home and do nothing. I've met so many people and it's been phenomenal.

"Taking photos has been a lifeline for me. It started just after my wife died, so it's definitely been a lifeline and it gave me an outlet.

"I would hate to think what I would do if I hadn't started taking photos."

To purchase Grant's book, contact him via Facebook or his website (<https://gswatty.smugmug.com/>).

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## From Scotland to Renmark, the Bensons celebrate 70 years

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JUST over 70 years since leaving Scotland to find a better life in Australia, the Benson sisters say they are grateful for the kindness and support they were shown by the Riverland community.

In 1952, Margaret, 15, Georgie, 12, Marie, 8, and Jean Benson, 6, and their parents William George and Helen, left their village of Renton and travelled to Southampton, then sailed to Melbourne before journeying on to Renmark.

Margaret, now Evans, said the United Kingdom was left economically depressed after World War II, with many Scots emigrating to Australia, New Zealand, the US and Canada.

"All we could remember and all of our time in primary school was in war times

with air raids and the rest of it," she said.

"Georgie and I are lucky we're still here because one night a bomb did fall not far from our house and demolished a cotton dye works.

"My father was demobbed from the army (after World War II) having been in the regular army for six years, and he was a Dunkirk war veteran.

"We lived upstairs and had neighbours downstairs and they decided to emigrate to Melbourne.

"I don't know whether that is what motivated my father into doing something about it but he had to persuade my mother, who didn't want to leave.

"She used to get pneumonia and pleurisy and the doctors warned my dad she had to get to dry climate or she could end up with tuberculosis."

Eventually the decision was made to emigrate, with the Salvation Army sponsoring the family. The 30-member Renmark corps and Captain Norman Reeve organised accommodation for them and work for Mr Benson.

"We were told we weren't to cry when we said goodbye to our grandmother," Marie said.

"But, of course, I started everyone bawling."

The journey from Southampton to Australia took four weeks aboard the SS New Australia, and was anything but a smooth ride for the family.

"On the boat it was fun when we weren't sick," Marie said.

"We were told Australia was this big place with sunshine and big lakes and all these kangaroos roaming around.

"It's hard to describe how we felt – to me it was an adventure."

Margaret recalled several dramatic moments from the trip.

"In the Indian Ocean we got the tail end of a typhoon, and although it's a big liner we got knocked around a bit," she said.

"Coming through the Suez Canal we knew there was trouble because we weren't allowed ashore.

"There were guards or soldiers with their guns at the ready all along the bank."

The family arrived in Melbourne at the end of August 1952.

"We came on a passenger train to Mildura and then the Salvation Army picked us up (to travel to Renmark)," Marie said.

"The Salvation Army put on such



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Georgie Fernandez, Marie Benson and Margaret Evans catching up earlier this year. The trio, along with sister Jean, celebrated 70 years since moving to the Riverland from Scotland. PHOTOS: supplied

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an incredible spread for us when we arrived."

The family had some teething issues when they first moved to the region, settling on a fruit block on Tapalin Street, in Renmark.

"My mother was told she was coming to a five-room house and we got out and it was the most basic picker's quarters you could ever find," Margaret said.

"She ended up going (to Adelaide)... but Dad wouldn't go.

"When we came to Australia, there was supposed to be a bus driver job waiting for my dad. But they didn't allow for the fact we were on a ship for four weeks and they couldn't hold the job, so they gave it to someone else.

"When he got here they gave him a job with the Renmark Irrigation Trust digging trenches, but he'd never done manual labour in his life and with all the heat it was just terrible.

"He ended up giving that away and getting a job as the cleaner at the school."

The family did eventually settle in the Riverland. Margaret, who moved to Berri to pursue nursing a few months after emigrating, eventually served as Berri and later Berri Barmera mayor for 27 years – the longest service of a female mayor in Australian history at the time of her retirement.

Margaret, Marie and Georgie

(now Fernandez) attended a 'Back to Renmark' event organised by the Salvation Army Riverland Corps earlier this year for members of the former Renmark corps.

Margaret spoke at the luncheon, with a service also held as part of the celebrations.

Three of the sisters, Margaret, Marie and Jean, live in the Riverland, while Georgie lives in Adelaide.



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Margaret Evans



The Benson family, with friends, shortly after arriving in Renmark in 1952.

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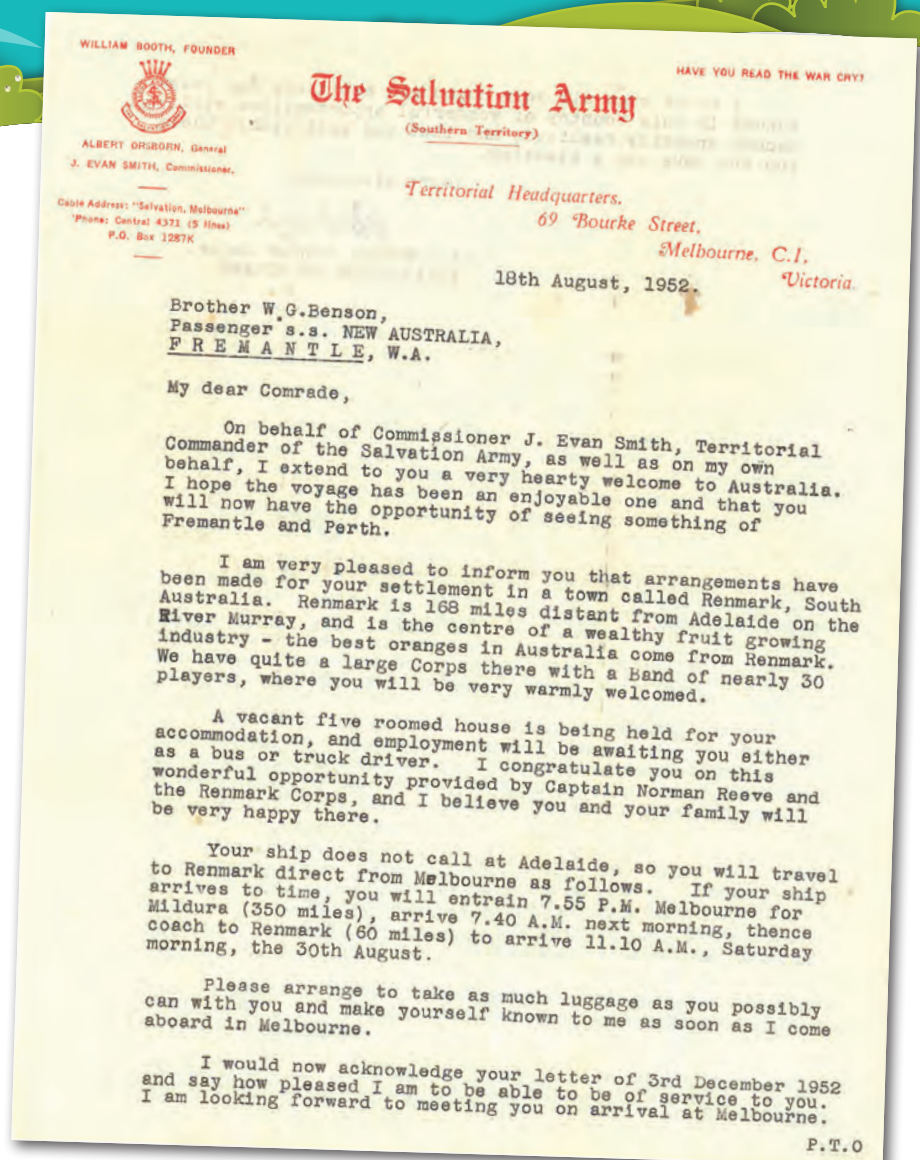


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A letter to William George Benson from the Salvation Army detailing the plans for the family after arriving in Australia.



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*Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year*

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\*Loxton office will close at 2pm, Monday, December 19 and reopen on Monday, January 9, 2022.  
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Last issue of The Murray Pioneer for 2022 will be published on **Wednesday, December 21.**

First issue for 2023 will be **Wednesday, January 4.**

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