



# Albanese come, Albanese go PM'S PLEDGE

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Premier Peter Malinauskas inspect the upgraded Renmark Hospital levee bank with Renmark Paringa Council representatives, including Mayor Peter Hunter (left) and CEO Tony Siviour (middle). The Labor pair visited the town on Saturday to witness impacts of the current major flood event. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

## HUGH SCHUITMAKER


“HEARTENED” by the optimism of locals, the first sitting prime minister to visit the Riverland in 17 years has hinted at further assistance for the flood-hit region. Anthony Albanese’s lightning trip – kept under wraps until just hours beforehand – super-charged Renmark’s Saturday morning, with the Labor PM visiting several local sites, including levees near the town’s hospital and its biggest

caravan park, plus a coffee shop. Flanked by his Labor colleague, SA Premier Peter Malinauskas, other politicians and Renmark Paringa Council representatives, Mr Albanese said his government would work with other tiers of government to “deliver support” to the local community. “Not just in preparing for the events that are coming, but also with the recovery that will no doubt require significant invest-

ment,” Mr Albanese said. “This is a difficult time, but I’ve been really heartened by the optimism of this local community, and the sheer confidence it can be resilient and get through.” Before Mr Albanese, the most recent sitting PM to visit the region was Liberal Party stalwart John Howard, back in 2005. Before departing the BIG4 Renmark Riverland Holiday Park, Mr Albanese – since diagnosed

with Covid-19 – suggested he could return to the region soon. The PM’s visit continued an extraordinary sequence of flood-related events for the Riverland. The streak continued yesterday when Mr Malinauskas announced \$1.2m in “last resort” funding for River Murray residents displaced from their homes by the flood. **PAGES 2-3 FULL COVERAGE**  
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## \$1.2m for short-term accommodation

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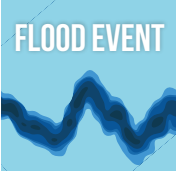
Speaking at his River Murray flood update yesterday afternoon, Premier Peter Malinauskas announced the funding as a “last resort” option.

“This \$1.2m will go to the booking of a range of short-term accommodation options, up to 500 beds, in communities and locations that are as close as possible to those peoples’ homes,” he said.

“The simple fact is we’ve got a very tight housing situation here in South Australia at the moment for anyone who has been trying to rent a home – both in metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia – there just simply isn’t that many vacancies.

“The last thing we want to do is be providing cash but people just physically not being able to have a place to sleep, particularly on the short-term side of the equation.”

Accommodation will be secured in a range of towns throughout the Riverland and Mid-Murray areas.



## Gayle’s ‘extraordinary’ opportunity



Big4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park manager Gayle Gudgeon addressing the local, state and national media, flanked by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, Premier Peter Malinauskas and SA SES chief officer Chris Beattie, at the park on Saturday morning. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



GAYLE Gudgeon knew she was speaking for the entire Riverland when given the “extraordinary” opportunity to meet Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and address the media.

Co-manager of the Big4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park, with her husband Craig, Mrs Gudgeon was made aware on Friday that the PM and Premier Peter Malinauskas – plus their respective entourages – could be paying a visit the next day.

“The tourism industry’s been hit really hard in the Riverland and the whole of South Australia,” she said.

“We were just recovering from Covid obviously and having a really good year.”

The giant levee separating the park from the raging River Murray was an ideal location for Mr Albanese to get a handle on the challenges facing the Riverland.

“It was very humbling and a great privilege to have them both here,” Mrs Gudgeon said.

Mrs Gudgeon also said when Riverland tourism operators suffer the entire region suffers via the trickle-down effect. She said she remained grateful to guests who had decided against cancelling their bookings.

“We’re open and honest,” she said.

“We’ve told them there’s no access to the river, and we wouldn’t recommend they go on the river anyway, but we’ve got lots to entertain them...”

## Albo breaks our drought of PM visits

LABOR’S Anthony Albanese on Saturday became the first sitting prime minister to visit the Riverland in over 17 years.

John Howard (pictured) was the most recent PM to travel to the region, journeying to Loxton and Bookpurnong on August 2, 2005.

Mr Howard was accompanied by then Chaffey MP and River Murray minister Karlene Maywald, with the duo announcing a range of water and environment funding packages.

During his lightning trip, the Liberal PM walked up Loxton’s East Terrace and enjoyed an early lunch at The Country Bakehouse.



## Driver drunk with baby

A RIVERLANDER has lost his licence and will appear in court after he was caught driving while nearly four times over the legal alcohol limit with a baby in his car.

A silver Holden Commodore sedan was stopped by police on the Sturt Highway, at Kingston-On-Murray, around 5.25am yesterday.

When breath tested, the 25-year-old male drive from Cambrai, who also had a three-month-old child in the vehicle, returned a positive result of 0.188.

The man was arrested, received a 12-month instant loss of licence, and was charged with driving with a prescribed concentration of alcohol while a child under 16 was present, misuse of a motor vehicle and driving with an expired licence.

It is understood the man was granted bail and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.



Local businessmen Ben Taylor and Stephen Flaherty (bottom), discuss local concerns surrounding the current flood event with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese (top, second from left), and Premier Steven Malinauskas, at the BIG4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park on Saturday.

PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

## Prime Minister gets down to business with locals

THE plight of local irrigators – plus the wider Riverland – was conveyed to Anthony Albanese via an impromptu chat during the Prime Minister’s trip to the region last Saturday morning.

Shortly after arriving at his final local stopover, at the BIG4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday

Park, Mr Albanese – accompanied by SA Premier and “good friend” Peter Malinauskas – climbed up to inspect the giant levee, recently installed at the park to protect it from the rising River Murray.

He spotted Platinum Ag Services manager and tourism

operator Stephen Flaherty, and local irrigator and businessman Ben Taylor, who were enjoying a boat ride, and a four-way conversation between the two Labor leaders and the local duo ensued.

During the chat, the Riverland pair stressed the importance of irrigators being able to maintain

power to their pumps, plus the need to prevent the region being decimated by the floodwaters, as has happened interstate.

Mr Albanese listened intently throughout the conversation, with Mr Malinauskas taking the driver’s seat, supported by his prior knowledge of the local scene.

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Police Commissioner Grant Stevens provided an update on potential property evacuations during Saturday's visit.



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese (right) arrives at the Renmark Hospital levee bank site with Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs and Premier Peter Malinauskas. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Mr Malinauskas and Mr Albanese inspected the recently built levee bank at the Big 4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park.

# Albo fever floods into Renmark

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

WORK to upgrade Renmark's levee system before peak flows arrive earned prime ministerial-acclaim as the town was once again visited by senior politicians, however the SA premier also revealed a disparity in River Murray height measurements.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Saturday examined upgrades to the Renmark Hospital levee bank, and the new levee built at the BIG4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park, during a lightning visit to the town with Premier Peter Malinauskas, Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs and police commissioner Grant Stevens.

Mr Albanese praised work undertaken by Renmark Paringa Council and local contractors to build and upgrade existing levee banks.

"We have been... talking to business operators and local community members about the challenges this community is facing," Mr Albanese said.

"We've seen the preparedness that is being put in place for that (peak) event. What we're also seeing is the resilience of the local community.

"I want to pay tribute to all those who have made an astonishing effort to prepare this community for the coming days, weeks and months."

Mr Malinauskas said manipulation of the river system since 1974 had resulted in a disparity between flow rates and the river's expected height.

"The flow modelling is proving to be accurate, but we have to continue to monitor how that operates relative to the height of the river," Mr Malinauskas said.



"Since (1974) there's been an extraordinary amount of work that's been undertaken up and down the river, including on private land holdings, which is informing the way the flow of the river operates, and what happens to the height of the river."

Mr Albanese expected further economic assistance would be required for the region.

"We'll continue to work with the South Australian government, and also with local government, to deliver support for these communi-

ties," he said.

"Not just in preparing for the events that are coming, but also with the recovery that will no doubt require significant investment.

"This is a difficult time, but I've been really heartened by the optimism of this local community, and the sheer confidence it can be resilient and get through."

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said it was crucial the Prime Minister and Premier witnessed the flood event's ongoing impacts.

"We were able to take them to see the construction of our levee banks in two locations," Mr Hunter said.

"Both of our senior leaders showed genuine concern for our communities and offered to keep channels open to further explore opportunities for ongoing support.

"While no new announcements for funding were made, they have already created funding options, which are in place at the moment."

Mr Malinauskas said ensuring Riverland communities were prepared for upcoming peak flow events, with the first expected to reach Renmark next Wednesday, was a priority.

"The whole community around Renmark has done a lot of work to try and mitigate the risk where we can," he said.

"There is an inevitability, unfortunately, of approximately 3500 to 4000 properties being inundated as we see those peaks emerge throughout the course of this month.

"To that end, it is more about preparation from individuals themselves to address that."



Mr Albanese and Mr Malinauskas took time to meet and chat with locals, including Danielle Weeks, at Arrosto Coffee in Renmark. PHOTO: supplied



The pair spoke to media at the Big 4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park after inspecting its new levee.



Meeting Mr Albanese at the holiday park on Saturday were Kyla Raby and six-month-old Mia Roper, of Adelaide. Mia was born on election day, May 21, half an hour after the election was called for Labor.

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# Relocated: Residents on the move

JOSH BRINE

THE relocation of a quarter of all aged care residents at the Renmark Paringa Hospital began yesterday after river heights near the facility triggered the first phase of SA Health’s pre-determined contingency plan.

Yesterday, eight of the 21 residents who are “not independently mobile” were relocated to other Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) residential aged care facilities, including in Barmera, Loxton and Waikerie, with a further 11 relocations today and two later this week.

RMCLHN CEO Wayne Champion said all 21 families were contacted on Sunday morning.

“The height of the river has reached the level which SA Health pre-determined would require planned gradual relocation of the most vulnerable residents,” Mr Champion said.

“They can’t self-rescue in the very unlikely scenario of something happening with

the levee in the middle of the night, so for their safety we are relocating them in a calm, orderly manner.

“We have a very high level of confidence in the levee that’s been reconstructed to protect most of the assets in the town of Renmark, the hospital levee that has been built to the 1956 flood level with a level of freeboard above that.

“We have no doubt that the levee will hold, however I’m not going to gamble people’s lives if they’re not able to self-mobilise.”

Mr Champion said a second phase of the relocation was likely to happen “relatively soon” but was dependant on river heights in relation to the floor level of the lowest part of the facility, with a relocation of all residents “very unlikely”.

“Whether or not we conduct phase two will come down to the forecasted river flow levels later on this week or early next week...” he said.

“When we conduct phase two, the remaining residents



Ambulance staff preparing to transport Renmark Paringa Hospital aged care residents to Barmera and Loxton using the SAAS ambulance bus. PHOTO: Josh Brine

will be moved up into higher parts of the facility.

“With phase three we are talking about residents who are mobile and can help themselves and self-rescue in the case there happens to be a couple of inches of water on the floor, but obviously we don’t want to expose anyone to that.”

With the residents involved in the first phase of the relocation, Mr Champion said the process could be “challenging depending on he cognitive capacity of the residents”.

“Where a resident is unable to make a decision on their own behalf, family

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members and their alternate decision makers have been involved,” he said.

“The families and residents that are able to make their own decisions are quite thankful for the level of communication they’ve received and that their safety and wellbeing is being put first and foremost and that we’re conducting the transfer in a safe, orderly manner.”

Crescent resident Kris Weir, whose 95-year-old

been suspended to allow staff to assist with relocations, while some staff have volunteered to travel to other facilities to care for the relocated residents.

“They’ll all be cared for by people who are familiar to them as well as the staff at the sites they are going to,” Mr Champion said.

“That means the staff have continuity of employment and the staff at the receiving hospitals hopefully won’t be overwhelmed.”

The hospital residential aged care facility normally homes 81 residents.

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# Tim wants Booky Road open ASAP

**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

A LOCAL MP says all users of a major road linking two Riverland towns – recently closed due to flooding – should be entitled to economic support.

A sizeable stretch of Bookpurnong Road was officially closed to all traffic last Thursday as Murray River flows into South Australia rose above 150GL/day.

Motorists seeking to travel between Berri and Loxton are now required to use the existing detour via Stanitzki Road to the Sturt Highway, through Paringa and Renmark and onto the Old Sturt Highway, Berri. The detour turns the 44km round trip into a 140km trek.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, speaking to The Murray Pioneer yesterday, suggested Bookpurnong Road should be reopened “as soon as possible”, once Murray River flows decreased to approximately 130GL/day.

Mr Whetstone also said the SA government’s financial support payments exclusively for teachers impacted by the closure should be extended to all Riverlanders who would normally use the road for work-related travel.



This section of Bookpurnong Road, near Berri, is now officially flooded, after being closed to traffic last Thursday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

A section of Plush’s Bend Road was flooded on Monday after this private levee on a property in Crescent, south of Renmark, broke.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



## Locals ‘frightened’ by broken levee

RESIDENTS of a Riverland town were left frightened when a broken levee saw a road submerged by flood waters earlier this week.

A section of Plush’s Bend Road, in Crescent outside of Renmark, became inundated on Monday when a private



levee on a nearby property broke due to rising river levels.

Crescent resident Cathy, speaking to ABC Riverland, said the situation “was a bit frightening... but knowing it was the old levee was reassuring”.

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A neighbouring patch of grape vines was also flooded.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

## Diary of a remarkable day

REGARDLESS of your political persuasion, having the Australian prime minister visit the Riverland during its biggest flood event since 1956 is a momentous occasion.

Those looking for new federal funding announcements were left disappointed, but at the very least Anthony Albanese himself is more aware of the plight of SA’s River Murray communities, and by extension so is the rest of the nation.

The visit came about at short notice, following whispers earlier in the week that SA Premier Peter Malinauskas might be making another trip to the Riverland, but on Friday.

Instead, it all happened on Saturday morning, with the PM arriving in town and enjoying a beverage – and a few happy snaps – at Arrosto Coffee in Renmark, before being driven to the impressive levee behind the Renmark hospital, with Mr Malinauskas, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, and SA Emergency Services Minister Joe Szakacs in tow.

As expected, Renmark Paringa Council representatives were thick on the ground, including newly elected mayor, Peter Hunter, while a sizeable media contingent was joined by those accompanying the PM and the Premier.

Although footage and photographs were being taken, the levee stopover was relatively brief, after the PM’s chief minder advised the “presser” (press conference) would be at the Big4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park, also home to an imposing new levee.

Enduring the Riverland’s hottest day for months felt somewhat incongruous and unrepresentative of the wet winter and spring we have experienced, helping to further swell the river.

With time apparently a premium, the party swiftly moved to the park, where the real show started. Before the media conference, Mr Albanese and Mr Malinauskas took a stroll, eventually striking up a conversation with two well-known locals who had stopped at the levee, just metres from the gathering, in their boat.

The plight of local irrigators, particularly those facing the dire prospect of having power disconnected from their pumps, was put to the PM and the Premier in clear and easy-to-understand terms.

Mr Albanese listened intently, leaving Mr Malinauskas to be the more active participant in the conversation, displaying his expert communication skills and effortless ability to be – or at least seem – across the issue and thoroughly engaged.

After that, the media conference began, TV network-branded microphones and recording iPhones at the ready, and by now a few curious park guests edging closer to the gathering.

Neither Mr Albanese nor Mr Malinauskas said anything remarkable during their respective addresses, likewise the other speakers, although park manager Gayle Gudgeon deserves a mention for her remarkably calm and natural interview.

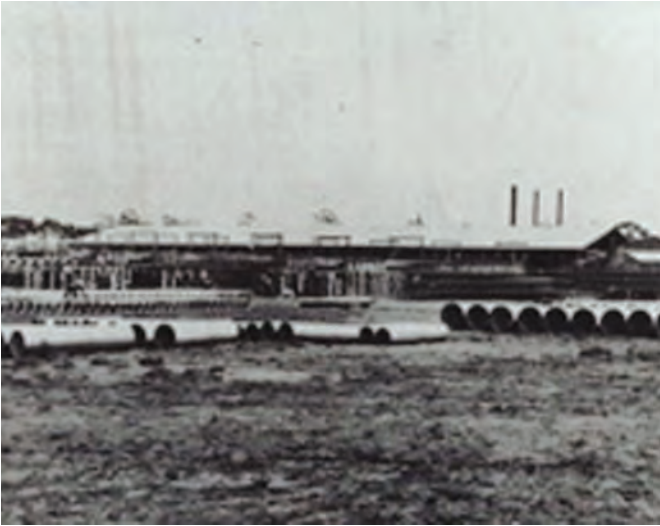
The Q&A session was similarly uneventful, with the resolute, slightly domineering Channel 7 reporter quickly steering the conversation away from local issues to national issues, including the PM’s favourite topic, climate change, and Brittany Higgins.

When he’d had enough, in familiar style Mr Albanese abruptly ended the media conference, taking a couple of steps away until he was asked for a comment on the Socceroos, due to take on Argentina less than 24 hours later.

The lightbulb over the PM’s head was almost visible. He spun in a manner that would have made Argentinean star Lionel Messi – who he referenced – proud, returned to the microphones and milked some warm fuzzies from the Aussie team’s surprisingly good World Cup showing.

Then it was job done, save for some photo opportunities in the park, including a Labor-voting couple whose first child was born on the very night ‘Albo’ ascended to the nation’s top job.

The Prime Minister had suitably charmed and impressed most of those present, with his subsequent Covid-19 diagnosis merely adding another ‘remember when’ detail to a memorable day in the Riverland’s history.



**The Hume Pipe Company’s factory at Loveday, early-1920s:** Samuel McIntosh, government engineer, SA Irrigation Department, and others established the Loveday irrigation settlement post-World War I. The Hume brothers of Keswick, SA, began making concrete pipes at Loveday for an irrigation system to supersede the existing open-channel system. Later claimed the ‘largest pipe works in the world’, the settlement comprised some 2000 men including over 400 factory employees who fielded Loveday’s own football, cricket, and tennis teams. The factory supplied an array of pipe sizes for new fruit blocks across 4000ha of the local World War I Soldier Settlement Scheme. The blocks were flood irrigated with ‘Loveday outlets’ that regulated the amount of water for each crop row. Production of the pipes did not reach full capacity until – in 1921 – the Irrigation Department completed a tramline from Cobdogla to deliver materials for the factory. (The Cobdogla Irrigation Museum has restored the former tramline’s steam engine, now a tourist attraction.) But from 1923, production had declined and by late-1925 little remained of the Loveday township. The Hon T. Pascoe, Minister for Irrigation, had said “if concrete pipe channels proved a success at Loveday, the system would revolutionise irrigation.” In its own way, it did. DETAILS/PHOTO: Jacque Zagotsis, Berri-Barmera Council

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bailey bridges to keep Booky open

IMAGINE the Australian Army chasing their enemy all the way across the Nullarbor only to find when they get to Berri the enemy is now safely in Loxton.

Bookpurnong Road, the road connecting Berri to Loxton, is closed due to the River Murray being in flood.

So while the enemy – thinking they are safe – do some sightseeing in Loxton, the Army in Berri hasn’t given up the chase and has been very busy. It has reopened Bookpurnong Road by means of erecting Bailey bridges where required. Very soon the chase is over and the enemy are apprehended.

So where are the Bailey bridges and where are the Army when we want them?

All the dignitaries that have visited the Riverland recently must have realised how important Bookpurnong Road is to both Berri and Loxton and should have offered some solution to keep the road open.

Bailey bridges are a simple solution.

DEREK TANNER  
Berri

### Local golf course is underwater

FOR the next year I am the president of the Morgan Cadell Golf Club and I have three aims.

They are a veranda, a shed extension and a road upgrade from the clubhouse to the fairway.

I will talk to Mid Murray Council, Downer Group and others about achieving these goals in the next year.

We have a small problem though.

Due to the high-river event, half our course is underwater, and we will lose the other half.

While the river will recede early next year, we only expect the course to become playable again in June 2023.

For now we have no birdies, only ducks.

But as a silver lining, I have met other golfers out there

visiting our course as it slowly goes underwater, as it is worth seeing.

We are a public course, so everyone is welcome to come out and see our slowly sinking fairways.

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Every time you felt you weren’t doing enough or you shook when you had to stand your ground, you were a light in the darkness.

And whether you knew it or not, others were paying attention and some were wishing they had your courage, but some were furious with you for exactly that reason. They wanted to be you, but they didn’t have it in them.

Some were not furious or hateful, but they were too afraid to try. They were wondering how in the world were you able to go against the grain?

And they saw you and their children saw you. In some cases, your own children saw you. You were planting seeds.

You may never know which of your small acts of defiance made a difference, but I can guarantee you that they did, they absolutely did.

You were raising your frequency and the frequency of this planet.

You refused to sink into the energy of shame, fear, guilt or submission.

God bless you for every single beat of your heart and your

beautiful God-given soul.

God bless you for every single time that you had the courage to do what you knew was right. We all know how you felt, even though we didn’t have the courage to stand with you.

Thank you.

ZARA BELLA  
Loxton

### Climate crew sorely lacking in science

ALF Rapisarda says climate deniers should be bought to account (‘Bring climate deniers to account’, Murray Pioneer, 23/11/22), yet the same could be said of the alarmists, given the psychological damage they have done to our children/grandchildren.

In fact I would suggest that many of the teachers who create this unreasonable fear in our children should also be held accountable.

Mr Rapisarda suggests all deniers are of a right-wing persuasion and implies this is criminal.

Yet on the other side of the fence one could easily claim that the alarmists all belong to the left side of politics. This in itself implies there is more politics than science involved in the so-called debate.

I use the term ‘so-called’ as I have never been made aware of any public debate about climate science. The closest I have seen is the ABC and some other left-leaning media entities pushing the alarmist view, and occasionally having some scientists with opposite views on their show for no other reason than to have them howled down and made fun of, very rarely allowing them actually to present their case.

I have never heard one politician explain what the science was or where they got it. In fact even Scott Morrison was unable to articulate why he and the Coalition had a change of heart on the matter. The closest I heard was that “the rest of the world may not want to trade with us”.

So, once again are we to be dictated to by other govern-

ments and not our own?

Why? If the climate is sitting on a knife’s edge, does the CO2 emitted by large economies – such as China or India – not matter to the environment?

But somehow our piddly bit (one-eighty-fifth of approximately 28 per cent of the remainder of emissions after the biggest polluters) is going to change the world?

I find it interesting that one of the greatest proponent of climate alarmism, Al Gore – who has made a fortune travelling the world, telling us we must all lower our carbon footprint or the world’s coastlines will all be flooded – is so concerned that he has not long ago bought a beach-front property.

He can’t even travel with 500 people on a jumbo jet and share the carbon it emits, but instead travels with a handful of personal aids on his own personal jumbo.

I am told his home uses a similar amount of power to that of three of his neighbours combined.

So you see, Mr Rapisarda, if you want me to believe your climate concerns how about you share your scientific evidence? You have previously stated in this paper that the CSIRO had plenty of evidence to support climate change, yet some 18 months ago at a senate estimates hearing, it was unable to produce any empirical evidence to fully support such a claim.

Sadly, whatever your arguments may be, many of us will always be concerned about the CSIRO’s scientific status.

Particularly when it is continually being pushed by the same left-wing people and media that wants to rewrite our history to suit their agenda, pushes sex-change availability to minors, is hellbent on dividing Australians, and is generally woke in all its affairs.

And why is it that the graph line used to demonstrate the modelling of temperature increases from the past 30-odd years moves almost diagonally across and up the page, yet the graph line indicating the actual recorded temperatures for the







# SA Power: Disconnections unavoidable for Riverland

PAUL MITCHELL

SA Power Networks says electricity disconnections without notice are unavoidable, but remain a last resort.

Responding to criticism over sudden disconnections at flood-impacted sites across the Riverland, SA Power Networks head of corporate affairs Paul Roberts said the nil-warning practice is likely to become more common as the River Murray keeps rising.

“It is worth noting these are emergency disconnections being undertaken in a fast-evolving flood situation (and) safety remains our first priority,” he said.

“We will endeavour to give as much warning as possible but that will get harder as the water rises and we have to locate the nearest safe point in the network to disconnect power supply to areas that are flooded or will be flooded within days.

“In an emergency power disconnection situation we actually are not required to give notice, though that is strongly not our preference or intent in our flood response.”

Mr Roberts said SA Power Networks had engaged additional field crews and network asset inspectors across the region, but warned their task would become “increasingly challenging”, making individual servicing more difficult.

“Our ability to complete case-by-case investigations when it comes to switching off customers is declining with time and the rapid rise of floodwaters, closure of roads etc.,” he said.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone has been a vocal critic of SA Power Networks in recent weeks and said this week he was receiving “more and more texts from people getting their



power cut off unannounced”.

“People are angry,” said Mr Whetstone, expressing concern for both households and irrigators.

However, Mr Roberts cited a variety of reasons for people being disconnected without notice.

“When we notify some business customers we are notifying their head office as the contact point provided for SMS, but have found messages not always passed on,” he said.

“When we get to (the) site not every home or property is occupied, nor are we always able to identify who a specific pump or other equipment is operated by.

“When we get to some locations we find water inundation beyond the SA government modelling expectations and have to disconnect further up the electricity network, which means multiple customers are affected and potentially some without notice.”

Mr Roberts also said not everyone potentially impacted had registered for SA Power Network’s SMS service, Power@MyPlace. People can do so via 13 12 61 or at the service’s website (<https://pamp.apps.sapowernetworks.com.au/>).

He said the service is providing up to seven days’ notice of the potential for disconnection and reaches about 80 per cent of SA Power Networks customers.

# Lake Bonney blocked for six to eight weeks... ‘Unknown’ downstream impacts

JOSH BRINE

THE levee blocking the Lake Bonney inlet is expected to remain in place for six to eight weeks, with the potential downstream impacts and additional inundations caused by the closure yet to be determined.

An earthen levee next to Nappers Bridge closed off the inlet last Friday, as part of a levee network running for 7km to the west of the lake protecting “significant infrastructure” in Barmera.

Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong said infrastructure deemed at risk of inundation had the inlet remained open included the Barmera stormwater network and the wastewater network supporting Barmera, Cobdogla and Loveday.

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

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

Mr Strong said the reopening of the inlet was dependent on a number of factors



A temporary earthen levee and DefenCell sandbags have been deployed on the west of Lake Bonney. PHOTO: Facebook



including flood risks returning to a “manageable level”, confirmation of no environmental risk to the removal, and when council can mobilise contractors to decommission the levee system.

“The State Emergency Service (SA SES) anticipates that the inlet closure will remain in place for six to eight weeks from the date of closure, conditions permitting,” he said.

“Council is committed to liaising with SA SES, DEW (Department for Environment and Water) and other agencies throughout the flood event to determine a suitable and practical reopening timeline.

“It is the position of all agencies that the inlet should be opened at the earliest and safest opportunity.

“Lake Bonney remains open to all users, and is protected from the river flows by the temporary levee system at Nappers Bridge.

“Community and visitors can continue to enjoy the recreational activities that Lake Bonney offers.”

Mr Strong said it was “difficult to determine any additional inundation” that may occur as a result of the closure, as the impact on flows downstream was “unknown”.

“The Department for Environment and Water will continue to monitor the situation, and the community is encouraged to continue to check the department’s websites for updates,” he said.

“I encourage the community to continue to check the SES website for up to date modelling and inundation information.”

For more information, visit the SES website ([www.ses.sa.gov.au](http://www.ses.sa.gov.au)) or DEW website ([www.environment.sa.gov.au](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au))



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# Flood communication 'train wreck'

**PAUL MITCHELL**

**COMMUNICATION** to Riverland residents about power disconnections and possible forced evacuations – due to the flood – has been “a train wreck”, Tim Whetstone says.

The Chaffey MP has already been critical of SA Power Networks' handling of power disconnections, and has now voiced concerns about recent messaging from the SA SES (State Emergency Service), accusing both of “heightening anxiety”.

The SES has been contacting people in what it describes as “likely inundation” areas of the Riverland via physical visits, text messages and phone calls, advising they risk “isolation from rising floodwaters”.

Mr Whetstone says in some cases the warnings have been unnecessarily alarmist.

“People are receiving text messages when there should be no need for messages,” he said.

“I’m getting people from Jane Eliza (in Renmark) getting told they might have to evacuate. Jane Eliza is '56 compliant – it’s crazy.

“We want people to be safe, we want them to be informed, but we don’t think it’s necessary to scare people.

“We just want factual information, rather than ‘one size fits all’.”

The Murray Pioneer has received anecdotal reports of elderly residents being upset by the SA SES messaging, however, the service says the warnings are appropriately targeted.



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (inset) says he has received reports that residents at Renmark's Jane Eliza Estate have received messaging warning them to prepare to evacuate their properties, despite the area being compliant with 1956-level flood regulations. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

“The criteria includes properties that may become isolated either by road closures to amenities or loss of power for example,” said SA SES state duty director Kane Murray.

“It is a targeted approach led by planning and intelligence.

“The flood event is dynamic in nature and therefore the situation may change, but at this stage the approach will not be changing.”

Mr Whetstone said his Berri office had been inundated with calls from locals, concerned about mes-

saging from SA Power Networks and the SA SES, and dissatisfied with responses to questions.

“We’ve sort of given up on deferring inquiries to a government department, because people are not getting answers...” he said.

“So we’re doing everything we can to answer the question, and give people some level of satisfaction that they know more after speaking to the office than they did before they spoke to the office.”

One local, a part-time carer, was

critical of a message sent from the SA SES to a “normally level-headed” 91-year-old.

“To broadcast this information to people who are in no way threatened by the flood is totally irresponsible and causes unnecessary worry and stress,” they said.

On Saturday in the Riverland SA Premier Peter Malinauskas said he had been “putting the blowtorch” on SA Power Networks over electricity disconnections.

**PAGE 16** New 50m exclusion zone



An example of a text message sent to a Riverland resident by SA SES.

## SES messaging at-risk Riverland households

RIVERLANDERS in low-lying, “likely inundation” areas last week began receiving automatic phone messaging about flooding, including potential power disconnections and road closures.

Last Wednesday morning the SA State Emergency Service messaged more than 12,500 registered residents and/or businesses in seven separate geographical areas across River Murray communities.

The areas have been identified as being at risk of flooding, however those living on the outskirts of the mapped inundation areas have also been notified as they may be affected by secondary

### FLOOD EVENT

impacts including road closures or the loss of utilities.

Text messages were sent to mobile phones while a pre-recorded message was sent to fixed phonelines. If fixed phonelines were unanswered, the automated system has been calling back up to three times within three minutes.

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

“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.

“The messaging works concurrently with the door-knocking of communities currently under way and will also reach those people who may have already left the area.”

People can contact SA Power Networks to register for outage alerts at [sapowernetworks.com.au](http://sapowernetworks.com.au), or by calling 13 12 61.

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Renmark Paringa chief executive officer Tony Siviour speaks to a crowd of approximately 300 people at last week's River Murray Flood Community Meeting, held at the Renmark Greek Church Hall. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



# Levees and safety focus of flood meeting

UPDATES regarding levee bank upgrades and safety warnings were the focus of a second flood information meeting in Renmark last week.

Approximately 300 locals attended the latest Renmark River Murray Flood Community Meeting, held at the Renmark Greek Church Hall.

Renmark Paringa chief executive officer

Tony Siviour – who spoke at the meeting – said large DefenCell sandbags would be used to construct a temporary levee on the Renmark riverfront.

“The levels there vary a bit, but the DefenCell bags are 1.5m wide by 600mm high,” Mr Siviour said.

“If we run it from the Visitor Information Centre to the Westpac (building), that would give us enough coverage.”

Mr Siviour expected all upgrades to Renmark’s levee network would be completed before the first predicted flood peak on December 14.

“We’ve engineered that (levee system) to cater for flows of 250GL/day, plus we’ve also allowed for a buffer of 200mm,” he said.

“We’re being conservative with what we’re doing with our levees, and have gone higher than (current predictions).”

“There’s 22 segments that make up the levee system, and we’ve got three left to complete...”

“We will finish them before the first peak flows come.”

Mr Siviour urged the community to prioritise safety when near the levee system, particularly the flooded area of Twentyfirst Street.

“Please don’t drive on the levees,” he said.

“They are being compacted by a 10-tonne roller, that is specifically there to compact them. Driving on the levee will not help and if anything, it’s going to create wheel ruts.

“Please do not play in floodwaters, particularly around Twentyfirst Street (because) it’s very fast-flowing through there.”

The meeting can be viewed back in full by visiting the SES Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SASStateEmergencyService/videos/513458477381885](https://www.facebook.com/SASStateEmergencyService/videos/513458477381885)).

Further information regarding the flood event can be found by visiting the Renmark Paringa Council River Murray Flow Advice website ([www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/river-murray-high-flow-advice](http://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/river-murray-high-flow-advice)), or by using the attached QR code.



The scene at Twentyfirst Street, Renmark. Locals have been warned against playing in flood waters. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



Barker MP Tony Pasin at the Renmark Hospital levee bank on Saturday during Prime Minister Anthony Albanese’s visit to the town. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

# Pasin calls for more support as flood event ‘harm’ looms

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A COMMITMENT of further resources for Riverland communities during the current flood event was missing from the Prime Minister’s visit to the region, according to a senior local federal MP.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Saturday toured the Renmark Hospital levee bank, and the BIG4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park, with Premier Peter Malinauskas, SA Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, and Renmark Paringa Council representatives.

Mr Malinauskas had last month announced a \$51.6m financial support package for River Murray communities.

However, Barker MP Tony Pasin said further assistance would be required for homeowners and businesses impacted by upcoming peak flow events.

“(The visit was) an important acknowledgement by the Prime Minister that we could suffer significant harm,” Mr Pasin said.

“Fly-in visits are great, but what I want to see is real support and real resources for the local community.

“There was no commitment for further funding... and that’s a real concern to me.

“I’ve written to the Premier identifying issues that need urgent attention.”

Mr Pasin last week wrote to Mr Malinauskas outlining a number of concerns surrounding the current flood event, including alternative accommodation for displaced locals and what he believes has been a lack of communication regarding power connections.

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Overland Corner Hotel part-owner Brad Flowers says tourists should continue to visit the Riverland during the ongoing “once-in-a-lifetime” flood event. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



Overland Corner Hotel part owners Brad and Nicole Flowers on the hotel's levee bank, built in 1974. The levee bank is expected to be high enough to hold back water under current flow projections.

# Owners confident as historic pub faces familiar flood foe

**JOSH BRINE**

OWNERS of the Riverland's oldest pub are urging visitors to support struggling local operators as the region's tourism industry battles negative perceptions of flooding.

Part-owner of the heritage-listed Overland Corner Hotel, Brad Flowers, said the pub had seen a “significant downturn” in patronage in the past few weeks as visitors' concerns over the flooding situation have grown.

“We hadn't really seen any change in patronage until probably about two weeks ago when Adelaide media outlets started sending all the doom and gloom reports,” he said.

“Whenever you checked the news there were stories that basically we were all drowning.”

However, Mr Flowers said the

hotel was still encouraging people to visit and see the “once-in-a-lifetime” flood event.

“We want everyone to be safe, but in saying that it's a beautiful time to be up here so we're trying to encourage everyone to come up to the Riverland and look at what's going on,” he said.

“We've had a lot of phone calls, a lot of emails, a lot of text messages from people in Adelaide, the Adelaide Hills and beyond showing their support.

“People have been coming up from Adelaide just to show their support and have a look.

“The region in general is extremely safe and people have been driving around looking at all the points of interest and visiting tourism operators...

“This is our busiest time of the year usually, so there's a lot of people doing it tough at the



moment – houseboat operators, accommodation and so on.

“So we're all trying to band together and push the positive message out there.”

To help keep the 163-year-old pub safe, Mr Flowers said works had been undertaken to maintain the 1974 levee bank protecting the hotel's courtyard, with levee banks also built at the nearby historic quarry and across the now-closed section of Old Coach Road.

With the hotel having survived many major floods including 1931, 1974 and 1956 – when flooding almost reached the pub's roof – Mr Flowers said he

was confident preparatory works would keep the business safe under current flow projections.

“Over the course of the next few weeks we'll do as much maintenance as we can on the current levee banks,” he said.

“We're blocking the storm-water drains and preparing ourselves as best we can.

“We're not concerned for the building – she's a lot tougher than I am.

“This hotel is synonymous with flood, so seeing it over the levee bank out in the back courtyard is pretty amazing and it's now about promoting to people to come and have a look.

“This region balances on tourism, and the river is the lifeblood of the whole region, so getting everyone to work together and stick together is really important.”

**“This hotel is synonymous with flood, so seeing it over the levee bank out in the back courtyard is pretty amazing...”**

- Brad Flowers

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Berri Barmera Council

Mayor, 1 vacancy

Formal Ballot Papers - 3,234

Informal Ballot Papers - 22

Quota – 1,618

Candidates

First preference votes

Result after distribution

NOBILE, Raffaele (Ralf)

358

HUNT, Peter R

1,421

WINNALL, Ella

1,455

Elected 1

Area Councillors, 8 vacancies

Formal Ballot Papers - 3,142

Informal Ballot Papers - 102

Quota – 350

Candidates

First preference votes

Result after distribution

CENTOFANTI, Rhonda Louise

1,006

Elected 1

RICHARDSON, Bruce Graeme

496

Elected 2

SINDOS, Meta

178

SCOTT, Trevor Malcolm

354

Elected 3

LITTLE, Adrian James

215

Elected 6

WATERMAN, David

220

Elected 5

SCHLEIN, Ian

206

Elected 8

KASSEBAUM, Andrew

224

Elected 4

MARRETT, Collis

243

Elected 7

District Council of Loxton Wakerie

Mayor, 1 vacancy

Formal Ballot Papers - 4,477

Informal Ballot Papers - 12

Quota – 2,239

Candidates

First preference votes

Result after distribution

NORTON, Trevor (Nobby)

2,686

Elected 1

NICHOLLS, Bob

1,791

Area Councillors, 10 vacancies

Formal Ballot Papers - 4,310

Informal Ballot Papers - 211

Quota – 392

Candidates

First preference votes

Result after distribution

SIMES, Frances

134

FERBER, Craig Francis

341

Elected 7

HILL, Michelle

424

Elected 5

WEBBER, Kym

120

LIGHT, Ian James

346

Elected 6

ALTSCHWAGER, Sonya

565

Elected 1

FOWLER, Sonia Jane

558

Elected 2

ANDREW, Kent

193

Elected 10

FLAVEL, Jody

288

Elected 8

VOWLES, Michael John

474

Elected 3

MATTHEWS, Clive Andrew

235

Elected 9

PFEILER, Gary William

436

Elected 4

WHEELDON, Terry Michael

196

Renmark Paringa Council

Mayor, 1 vacancy

Formal Ballot Papers - 3,181

Informal Ballot Papers - 31

Quota – 1,591

Candidates

First preference votes

Result after distribution

HUNTER, Peter

1,693

Elected 1

DU RIEU, Henry

1,488

Area Councillors, 8 vacancies

Formal Ballot Papers - 3,146

Informal Ballot Papers - 70

Quota – 350

Candidates

First preference votes

Result after distribution

TURTON, Frank James

210

Elected 8

SPANO, Maria

451

Elected 3

MADDOCKS, Allan Peter

157

TOWNSEND, Ben

473

Elected 2

JOHN, James

739

Elected 1

GREWAL, Jung

68

GIBB, (Jack) Bronte John

403

Elected 4

HOWIE, Margaret

252

Elected 5

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151

Elected 7

BRAUER, Stephanie

242

Elected 6

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2022 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

# Waikerie’s shock after suspected drowning

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie community is in mourning following the suspected drowning of a nine-year-old boy at the town’s pool on Saturday. Police said afternoon patrols and paramedics were called to the Waikerie Swimming Centre after the boy was pulled from the pool unconscious.

A police spokesperson said paramedics worked desperately to revive the boy before rushing him under CPR to Waikerie Hospital where he sadly died. They said police were preparing a report for the state coroner and there were no suspicious circumstances.

SafeWork SA said on Monday it was still investigating the incident after being notified of a death by the pool’s operator at about 5.15pm on Saturday.

A spokesperson said a verbal non-disturbance notice (NDN) was issued by SafeWork SA on Saturday evening to ensure the site was preserved. A SafeWork SA inspector and an investigator attended the site on Sunday morning to make inquiries and conduct an interview.

The spokesperson said on Monday the NDN had been lifted and inquiries were still continuing.

Loxton Waikerie council in a statement on Facebook on Sunday extended its “deepest condolences to the parents and family that lost their loved one”. “We are in shock that this has occurred in our community and it is difficult to find

## Swimming centre reopening

THE Waikerie Swimming Centre was expected to reopen yesterday following the tragic death of the nine-year-old boy in the pool on Saturday.

Loxton Waikerie council director of commercial and community services Andrew Waters said the pool, which was closed after the incident on Saturday, had been expected to be back open yesterday.

He said Waikerie Lutheran Primary School was expected to conduct swimming lessons there yesterday and it was expected to be open to the public last night.

“It could have opened on Monday, but out of respect to the community and all involved we have decided to open on Tuesday,” he said.

Belgravia Leisure is contracted by council to manage the pool.

Mr Waters said the company was bringing in additional staff from the Loxton pool and its recreation centre in Tanunda to support Waikerie staff who were impacted by the event.

He said Waikerie staff were also being provided counselling.

Mr Waters said Loxton Waikerie council staff had been supporting the principals of the Waikerie, Waikerie Lutheran and Ramco Primary schools, and the Waikerie High School.

He said council staff visited the schools to have discussions with principals on Monday.

Mr Waters said Loxton Waikerie council had provided links on its social media sites for Waikerie community members and others affected by the incident who needed support.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

the words to offer comfort in a time of extreme grief,” the statement said.

“We thank the SA Ambulance personnel for their response and SA Police staff that attended.”

Waikerie Primary School principal Megan Higgins and Waikerie High School principal Craig Griffiths issued a joint statement on Monday afternoon.

They said the Waikerie school community was “deeply shocked and saddened by the unexpected tragic death of one of their students”.

“On behalf of our school communities, we would like

to offer our condolences to the family and friends of the student who passed away at the weekend,” they said.

“As a small, tight-knit town, the loss of any student is extremely upsetting and impacts everyone within the community.

“Support is being offered to members of Waikerie’s school communities who are understandably affected and saddened by this incident.

“We have been in contact with the family and expressed our support during this difficult time.

“We respectfully ask for privacy for our school communities.”

## Cr Scott step ups as deputy mayor

JOSH BRINE

THIRD-term Berri Barmera councillor Trevor Scott will serve as the district’s deputy mayor for at least the next 12 months, after being elected in a two-candidate ballot at last week’s council meeting.

Cr Scott beat Cr Andrew Kassebaum, who has previously served as deputy mayor in five of 12 years on council, in a secret ballot after both nominated themselves for the position.

Council voted to maintain its existing 12-month term length for the deputy mayor role.

Councillors also nominated for a trimmed down list of Section 41 committees, following the discontinuation of several groups including the Berri and Barmera Improvement committees.

In place of these two committees, council authorised its CEO to establish “reference groups to assist in the delivery of council’s endorsed plans and strategy as required”.

Crs Kassebaum, Ian Schlein and Bruce Richardson will sit on the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Crs Scott, Adrian Little, Collis Marrett and Rhonda Centofanti on the Planning and Strategy Committee, and Crs Marrett, Centofanti, Scott and Richardson on the Infrastructure, Assets and Works Committee.

Crs Centofanti, Little, Scott and Dave

● Berri Barmera’s newly elected deputy mayor Trevor Scott

Waterman will sit on the CEO Review Panel. Cr Marrett will serve as council’s representative to the Murray Darling Association Region 5 committee, Cr Schlein on the Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network, and Cr Kassebaum on the Riverland Fruit Fly Response Group.



# Drinking water supply warning

DRINKING water supplies and sewage services could be temporarily interrupted in some low-lying Riverland areas due to the current flood event.

SA Water has identified and prioritised its operational locations that could be impacted by the high flows, and is preparing these sites for the expected peak – around December 15 – but has warned its customers to be prepared.

“The main challenge we have is the potential for inundation of our treatment infrastructure in low-lying areas adjacent the river, as

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well as what this means for the connecting networks,” said SA Water’s general manager customer and commercial, Danny Moore.

“This could lead to temporary drinking water supply interruptions, if our ability to deliver or safely treat the water is limited, or a temporary disruption to your sewer service, if we need to isolate impacted sections of the pipe network to help reduce sewer over-

flows caused by floodwater infiltration.

“Some of the things we are doing to mitigate this include raising the height of protective embankments, deploying back-up pumps and generators, and storing extra materials and equipment, in case site access and transport routes are cut.

“One of the things you can do now to help manage through the start of a potential water supply interruption, is store water in large containers or similar, aiming for around 20 litres of water per person in your household.”

## SA Water’s contact call-out to Riverlanders

RIVERLANDERS are being asked to register their mobile phone numbers with SA Water to ensure the utility can provide important information about any flood impacts on residents’ water and wastewater infrastructure.

While the safety and reliability of local water or wastewater services provided by SA Water currently remains intact, preparations are under way to help maintain this status, where possible.

However, SA Water’s Danny Moore said this may change as high flows reach peak levels over coming weeks.

“If our ability to maintain your normal water or wastewater services changes, we want to let you know what’s happening, what we’re doing to manage it and what we might need you to do to help,” Mr Moore said.

“We will use a range of communication channels to share this information with the community, but for updates specific to your area, direct contact, such as via SMS, will be the most helpful.”

To update details to receive notification of interruptions to SA Water’s services, visit sawater.com.au/notification-register.



Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton speaking at the recent Murray River Flow community forum in Waikerie. PHOTO: Christine Webster

## Council working to reduce risk of stormwater flooding at Waikerie

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

STORMWATER detention dams are being built to alleviate the risk of heavy rain flooding Waikerie during the high river event.

Loxton Waikerie Council CEO David Beaton told a recent Murray River Flow community forum in Waikerie “stormwater was the biggest issue” for the town.

“Because the stormwater rushes down and the pipes go into the river, the big pipes that we have got will not be able to displace the water well enough,” he said.

“So the slope and the

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hydraulic pressure has the potential to affect all the pipes up through the town and potentially blow some of them out.”

Loxton Waikerie council director of infrastructure services Greg Perry told The Murray Pioneer constructing the dams would reduce the risk of the town flooding during “big rain events” once the high river covers the end of the pipes.

He said a smaller detention dam was being built

adjacent to Ramco Rd near the lifestyle village and a larger one near the Waikerie Fauna Park on the corner of Edgar Bartlett Drive and Ramco Road.

“They are detention dams to take some edge off the storm water as it comes down,” Mr Beaton told the meeting.

“They won’t have a great capacity, but what they will do is give more time and move the water away and protect the town infrastructure.”

The council’s flood defence strategy for the district is based on the scenario of 250GL a day.

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# Ex-local cop avoids jail after appeal

AN ex-Riverland police officer has avoided a jail sentence for a drug-related offence after his appeal was found successful.

Former Renmark police officer Daniel John Schatto, 46, last week had an appeal against a three-and-a-half-year prison sentence upheld in the Court of Appeal.

Mr Schatto had previously been found guilty of trafficking a controlled drug, after providing ex-wife Natasha Marie Schatto, 40, money to purchase methamphetamine in April 2020.

Ms Schatto was then stopped by police during a trip back from Adelaide and was found to be in possession of approximately 3.4g of methamphetamine.

The Advertiser reported the Court of Appeal, consisting of President Mark Livesey and Justices Sam Doyle and Sophie David, concluded hardship to Mr Schatto's children, and the fact his offending was limited to a short period of time, were reasons to suspend the sentence.

Mr Schatto, who was initially given a non-parole period of 22 months, was released from custody with a suspended sentence.



# Loxton Christmas carols this Sunday

LOXTON Oval is the venue for Loxton's annual Christmas carols night this Sunday, December 11.

"Come and join the community of Loxton singing your favourite Christmas Carols," a spokesperson said.

"Bring your chairs, picnic rugs, candles and your Christmas cheer."

The event starts at 7pm, with prelude music.



Adelaide Crows player Lachlan Sholl with Renmark High School students Jacob Hoffman, Bree Whiting and Molly Whyte during the visit last Thursday. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham. INSET: At Waikerie High School during the visit to the Riverland last week were Adelaide Crows player Jordan Dawson, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Crow Harry Schoenberg, SA Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer and Crow Lachlan Sholl. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

# Students, minister, Crows having a ball

ELYSE ARMANINI

A STRONG, community feeling greeted the SA Minister for Education when he visited Riverland towns and school students with Adelaide Crows players last Thursday.

The visit – an initiative of The Advertiser Foundation – brought players Jordan Dawson, Jordon Butts, Will Hamill, Harry Schoenberg and Lachlan Sholl to Renmark High School (RHS) and Waikerie High School for a kick and catch session, and opportunities for autographs and photos.

Students from Renmark Primary School, St Joseph's School Renmark and St Francis of Assisi also joined RHS for the session on Thursday morning.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer joined the kick and catch session with students, taking on a pack tackle from half a dozen students at RHS and losing.

Mr Boyer said it was "fantastic" to see people still positive and enjoying the Crows' visit amid the flooding event.

"It's great to see the Crows players here because I think kids and our young people – school students – feel that anxiety more," he said.

"We need to keep that at the front of our minds around how they're feeling about the rising flood waters... they have parents, grandparents and friends who are stressed, so

that plays out at school sometimes.

"It doesn't matter where they go to school, we're all here to support them and they're here to support each other.

"I thought that was a great moment here at Renmark High with everyone out on the school oval, boys and girls, kicking the ball with the Crows stars and no one cared where they went to school. They were Riverland kids and they were looking out for each other."

During a visit to the Riverland last month, Mr Boyer visited St Francis of Assisi and inspected the levee bank just down the road on Twentyfirst Street.

"I've had a number of chats with Nathan Hayes, the principal at St Francis of Assisi, and they're still positive about the school being okay," Mr Boyer said.

"In some respects, you think a natural event like this, that's slower moving, gives you time to prepare, but it also takes a real toll on people's mental health because it's there and pushing down on them for the foreseeable future. It's not a quick event."

In a bid to help ease the impact on public school staff affected by road and ferry closures due to flood waters, Mr Boyer said a one-off payment of \$300 will be available.

Eligible staff will be advised through their respective schools on how to apply for the payment.

"When you're paying up near \$2 a litre for fuel in the country that has a big impact on people," Mr Boyer said.

"We have that ready to go quickly so that those staff who are affected can get some financial support.

"I'm here to let all the students and staff at all schools know that if they need anything, I want them to contact me directly as soon as they can. We'll come up as often as we have to."



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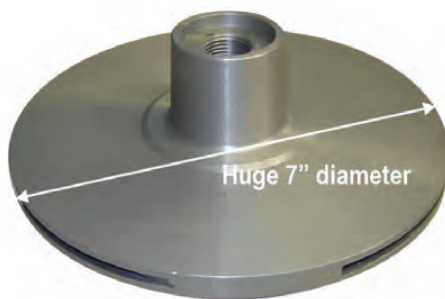


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# New 50m powerline exclusion zone

ENSURING Riverlanders remain safe, and avoiding unnecessary power disconnections, are the goals of a new flood event policy.

The state government last week announced a 50m exclusion zone would be put into effect around powerlines standing in floodwaters.

Minister for Energy, and Minister for Infrastructure, Tom Koutsantonis, said the measure would “help minimise the potential for disconnection of power” to Riverland communities.

“To help maintain electricity supply to the Riverland region, the majority of power lines will remain live,” Mr Koutsantonis said.

“This needs to be supported by an exclusion zone to reduce any potential risk to the community.

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“The exclusion zone will allow the continued safe operations of powerlines in flood plains.

“This will then assist irrigators and communities outside the reach of flooding, who rely on power supplied by powerlines now standing in plains affected by flood waters.”

Mr Koutsantonis said “keeping people clear of electricity infrastructure (was) the safest course of action” during the current flood event.

“The government is relying on the community to observe these

**SA Power backs government’s safety measure**

SA Power Networks says the state government’s announcement of a 50-metre exclusion zone around electricity powerlines standing in River Murray floodwaters will keep people safe and reduce the potential for power disconnections across the Riverland.

“Flood modelling shows that at the 160GL flood level around 3000 stobie poles will be standing in water and a further 1000 will be inundated if levels reach

200GL,” said Paul Roberts, SA Power Networks’ head of corporate affairs.

“To maintain electricity supply to the region the majority of powerlines must remain live.

“This needs to be supported by an exclusion zone to reduce any potential risk to the community. The exclusion zone will allow the continued safe operations of powerlines in flood plains.

“This will then assist irriga-

tors and communities outside the reach of flooding, who rely on power supplied by powerlines now standing in plains affected by flood waters.”

Mr Roberts advised locals to always assume powerlines are live and to remember they are potentially lethal.

“The risk is heightened with the presence of water,” he said.

“Avoiding flooded areas is the safest course of action.”

## Toy and Tucker Run raises thousands

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

THIS year’s annual Toy and Tucker Run has raised over \$3400 for the Riverland Christmas Appeal.

Secretary of the Mallee branch of the Ulysses Club, David Moore, said 150 bikes and 27 pillion riders, took part in this year’s event, held on Sunday.

Riders began in either Renmark or Waikerie and travelled through the Riverland before finishing up in Barmera at the town’s market day.,

On top of the money raised were donations of toys and goods.

“There were a lot of dollars given in actual goods, like a can of peaches costs \$5, and people have brought in three or four of them, which amounted to a lot of money when you sit down and work it all out,” Mr Moore said.

“Seeing the weather was hot, it knocked a third out compared to last year, but the actual income was only 18 per cent lower than last year (when \$4200 was raised).”

A number of the region’s larger stores also contributed, including the four Woolworths stores, Foodland and Big W.



Mallee branch of the Ulysses Club members Ian ‘Wol’ Wolter, Scott Crockett and David Moore in Renmark on Sunday morning. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



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## Morgan Christmas Pageant returns

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Morgan community is eagerly awaiting the return of its Christmas Pageant and Fair this Saturday.

It is the first time the event has been held since 2019 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Morgan and District Lions Club president Laura Williams said the flood has meant the fair has been relocated from the riverfront to the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) precinct behind Pendle's Tearooms and the craft shop.

The fair, which begins at 3pm, will feature a variety of food vans, while Birdys Bar will have cocktails and other refreshments on offer.

Stalls run by local craftspeople will feature leather goods, homemade jewellery, motorcycle accessories, jams, preserves, and resin work.

The event will also feature children's entertainment including a jumping castle, while Riverland duo The Chasers will perform.

Meanwhile Santa will be at his cave giving out Christmas gifts.

Ms Williams said town crier and local Lions club member Mark Smith would lead the pageant, which will start at 6pm from the CFS Shed in Third Street.

The three sons of the late Peter Reusch, Simon, Benny and Matt, will MC the event in his honour.

Mr Reusch was the pageant's MC for many years.

"It is carrying on Peter's legacy for the Lions Club," Ms Williams said.

She said community organisations,

local businesses and the Morgan Primary School had decorated floats for the parade around the town's CBD.

"A local family have put in a lot of effort for their Alice in Wonderland float."

Ms Williams said the event was a tradition for Morgan families and many relatives from outside the region were expected to attend.

She said due to the high river, the fireworks have had to be cancelled this year as they are usually let off from a pontoon on the river.

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# New 80km/h limits for highway roundabouts

JOSH BRINE

NEW 80km/h speed limits have been implemented approaching two “substantially completed” Riverland roundabouts on the Sturt Highway, with minor finishing works to be finalised early this month.

The project included the installation of single-lane roundabouts at the two Sturt Highway-Old Sturt Highway junctions, located east of Barmera and north of Berri, plus asphalt resurfacing, new line marking, upgraded LED lighting and

improved drainage.

With major works mostly complete, an SA Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) spokesperson confirmed speed limits at the approaches to both junctions would be posted at 80km/h.

“Permanent new posted speed limit signage is expected to be installed... as part of the minor finishing works for the project,” they said. “Temporary 80km/h posted speed limit signage has been reinstated at both locations until the permanent signage is installed.

“Temporary speed and lane restrictions may be required when the remaining minor finishing works, including line marking and other signage amendments, are undertaken.

“These works are expected to be completed in early December 2022.”

The junction upgrades formed part of an \$87.5m commitment by the federal and state governments, funded 80-20, to upgrade the Sturt Highway between Renmark and Gawler, as part of the Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative.

## Levee approval reforms ‘save precious time’

“URGENT” changes have been made to state government planning legislation in an effort to ensure Riverland homes and businesses are better prepared for the current flood event.

The state government last week announced reforms allowing local councils to construct flood levees without planning approval.

Minister for Planning Nick Champion said “saving precious time and enabling the structures to be put in place as quickly as possible” was a priority.

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“There’s a real risk that without this change, a significant number of homes and businesses will be inundated,” Mr Champion said.

“We want to remove any barriers councils may face in protecting their communities from the emergency flood threat – which is why we’ve acted so quickly.

“Our government stands ready to provide urgent and flexible support to those impacted and responding to

their evolving needs.”

Previously councils needed to lodge a formal development application before works on a levee could commence, however Mr Champion said “community feedback made it clear an immediate response was needed to minimise the impacts of rising floodwaters”.

Following the flood event councils will be required to remove the levees and reinstate the land, or seek approval for any levees to become permanent.



## Remembering days of some comic relief

THE entire length of Quarte Street is unusually empty as I lethargically pedal my way to school one morning.

It’s not a dislike of school, it’s just that today’s energy is low, plus I’m late again, explaining why I have the road to myself.

I’ve ridden this route hundreds of times and know it intimately, so for a while, something unusual up-ahead, a motionless object on the roadside, has caught my eye.

Closer now, I see it’s a package wrapped in heavy brown paper. Laying my bike down, I pull back some of the paper and am utterly flabbergasted.

All second-hand but fully intact, there must be at least 30 comics inside. Briefly, before I squeeze the package into my school bag, I note that all the good ones – Superman, Batman, Phantom, Richie Rich and Archie – are there.

I plan to reveal this glorious find to no one, at least until my arrival home, but school has suddenly become energetic and exciting. My arrival home tonight will be triumphant.

I once read that a woman asked Albert Einstein how she could best develop her children’s intelligence.

“Read books to them,” was Einstein’s reply.

“Thank you, but I already do that,” the woman responded.

“Then read more books to them,” he said.

So, assuming comics qualify as books, I’m saying our generation must be some of the brightest intellects that have ever walked this planet!

Before TV’s arrival, comics were hugely popular, kids devouring each one and more than once, losing ourselves into another world, just as television did later. But one could argue there were more highbrow hobbies than comics.

Studies could be done on whether Monopoly, the first popular family board game, actually helped develop the Baby Boomers’ financial acumen. Or was getting out of jail a greater preoccupation?

Some collected stamps, lifting them from



envelopes from far away countries, displaying them behind plastic covers.

Collecting birds’ eggs was one hobby that, well, made little sense. From memory, you made pin pricks at either end of the egg and then blew the contents out. I tried it once, but those multi-coloured, speckled eggs were for the fascination of others.

Some lost themselves for days to weeks constructing models with Meccano sets. Possibly the precursor to Lego, its metal strips, plates, wheels and gears were connected with nuts and bolts. This was enchanting to girls and boys equally.

Autograph books, each page a different pastel colour, were originally intended for autographs, but having met zero famous people, girls ultimately converted the book into messages to each other: ‘You are my friend forever’ or ‘You love Scott’ with a heart.

Losing my marbles to brothers just lifted the temperature too high. There were aggies, tom bowlers and cat’s eye, and having knocked your opponent’s marble out of a designated area, usually drawn in the dirt with a stick, you could keep it. To enable the next game, you returned them.

Some kids, who years later probably topped their science classes, and whose parents could afford it, had chemistry sets and microscopes, under which they studied the bone structures of frogs caught from the channel, for example.

Truthfully though, nothing compared with the magic of the bespectacled Clark Kent, the ever-curious Lois Lane and the heroic adventures of Superman; or the virtuous jungle exploits of The Phantom, The Ghost Who Walks; or the material largesse of the richest kid in the world, Richie Rich, who was so rich, his middle name was a \$ sign, yet he was kind and generous to everyone.

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## ‘Don’t drive on levees’

RENMARK Paringa Council has warned people against driving on levee banks.

To combat the rising river, new levee banks have been built around Renmark, and others reinforced, however the council is concerned about motorists risking safety and threatening the structures’ integrity.

“Only authorises vehicles are allowed to drive on the levee banks as they will conducting daily monitoring of the levees,” the council said via social media.

“Driving on the levees if you are not an authorised vehicle puts others at risk form collision and could impact the integrity of the levee bank if driven on recklessly.”





Salena Estate owners Bob and Silvia Franchitto accepted Cucina 837's bronze award for Italian Restaurant - Informal at the recent national Awards for Excellence. PHOTO: supplied

# Cucina 837's eccellente award

A LOCAL Italian restaurant was recognised nationally as one of the best in the state at a recent awards night.

Cucina 837 at Salena Estate, Bookpurnong, took out bronze in the Italian Restaurant - Informal category at the national Restaurant and Catering Hostplus 2022 Awards for Excellence.

The bronze award follows the restaurant's gold win as Best Italian restaurant at the SA awards in

August.

Owners Bob and Silvia Franchitto attended the awards gala dinner, held in Brisbane on November 28, and celebrated the win.

Mr Franchitto said the high of winning lasted long after the night ended, with the award getting its own seat on the flight back to Adelaide.

Marketing manager Salena Muirden said seeing the gold and silver winners – from Sydney and

south-east Queensland respectively – made the team “want to go and check the restaurants to see how we can improve”.

“Head chef Vincenzo was all smiles when he held the award in his hands for the first time, and he still smiles every time he walks past it in the restaurant,” Mrs Muirden said.

“This is one more reminder that we are doing something right and that good food and service can be found in regional Australia.”



**This is one more reminder that we are doing something right and that good food and service can be found in regional Australia...**

- Salena Muirden

## Spectacular flood flights a tourism boost

PAUL MITCHELL

A NEW initiative launched in Waikerie is providing a once-in-a-lifetime chance to view the swollen Riverland flood plains from the air, while also potentially boosting the struggling tourism industry.

SA business Arid Air is offering scenic 30-minute and 60-minute flights across the Riverland, currently experiencing its biggest flood event since 1956.

Project co-ordinator Kathy Elliott said she hoped the service could help drag back some of the tourists lost to the region due to the high river.

“I figured that turning a negative into a positive by offering a Murray River flood experience could generate interest, which it has,” Ms Elliott said.

“I felt this was important in bringing tourists to our region during the holidays, particularly given the loss of visitors who come to the Riverland for the summer period to enjoy cruising the river on a houseboat or for various water activities and attractions.

“Our aim is to spread the message that the Riverland is open for business and to come and enjoy the amazing spectacle that Mother Nature is offering.

“The chorus of birds and frogs is incredible to hear and although the river is flooding there is still plenty to see and experience.”

Ms Elliott said she hoped the service would capture tourism traffic off the Sturt Highway “going in both directions”.



Travel Managers Waikerie's Yvette Kelly, pilot Aaron Hannaford, Arid Air owner Phil van Wegen, project co-ordinator Kathy Elliott and pilot Callum Jones at Waikerie Airport ahead of the launch of the new scenic flight service, taking in the flooded Riverland and aimed at helping the region's struggling tourism industry. PHOTO: supplied

“The Waikerie Airport runs adjacent to the Sturt Highway and as a federal road it is very busy,” she said.

“This would allow us to encourage people to make stopovers in the Riverland (and) there are opportunities to bring coach tours with accommodation packages incorporating land-based tours and/or a scenic flight.

“Either way the views will be spectacular.”

Departing from Waikerie, the flight routes will take passengers over the Riverland as far as Renmark and Ms Elliott said specific-area tours can be pre-arranged.

The idea sprung from a Waikerie-centric social media discussion and a connection with the aviation industry through Ms Elliott's husband Ross.

“I proceeded to contact sever-

al operators and Arid Air responded promptly,” she said.

“Within hours they had all the logistics covered and were very enthusiastic in offering scenic flights out of Waikerie Airport.

“They have located a Cessna 210 Turbo plane and a fuel truck all the way from Marree, where the owners also run the Marree Hotel.”

The aircraft can take five passengers, plus the pilot, and all passengers have a window seat. Ms Elliott said additional aircraft could be added if bookings build.

She said Destination Riverland and SA Tourism were “right behind” the venture.

Bookings can be made (including payment) at the website (<https://murrayriverfloodexperience.com/>), or by contacting Travel Managers Waikerie via email (Yvettek@travelmanagers.com.au).



Former Riverlander Oliver Du Rieu, working with Mildura-based Ramair, will take locals on flights to observe the River Murray flood event's impacts on Renmark and its surrounding areas. PHOTO: supplied

## Seeing the flood a different way

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

AN ex-local has invited Riverlanders to gain a unique perspective of the current River Murray flood event.

Former Riverlander, and commercial pilot, Oliver Du Rieu's company Country Aviation – in partnership with Mildura-based Ramair – will conduct flights to observe the impacts of the flood on Renmark and its surrounding areas.

Mr Du Rieu, son of previous Renmark Paringa deputy mayor Henry Du Rieu, said the flight provided an opportunity to witness the full extent of inundation at local floodplain areas.

“In the last few months with everything going on, I have had an increased amount of requests to get up and go for a flight around the Riverland as we see the water levels rise and fill the flood plains,” he said.

“Knowing that people might



only see something like this once in their lifetime. I wanted to come up with a way to help get people up in the air and out for a look.

“I teamed up with the guys from Ramair... and have organised two weekends of flights leaving Renmark.

“If interest continues as it is, we are thinking of adding another couple of dates before New Year's (Day).”

The flights will be run from December 16 to December 17, and from January 6 to January 7, departing from the Renmark Airport and travelling to either Customs House, Neds Corner, or Wentworth.

For further information, or to book a flight, visit the website (<https://countryaviation.com.au/>).

Joy Williamson celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, November 20, surrounded by her family and friends at Riverside Estate. PHOTO: supplied



## 100 years of Joy for Renmark centurion

ALEXANDRA BULL

STAYING inquisitive and remaining interested in the world are the secrets to a long and happy life, according to Renmark's latest centurion Joyce Williamson.

Born in Nhill in Victoria on November 20, 1922, Mrs Williamson moved to the Riverland in 1980, calling Renmark home for the past 42 years.

“I love the Riverland country, I loved my gardening and I really enjoy being outside,” she said.

Mrs Williamson left school when she was 13 to work in a solicitor's office, before joining the Australian Army during World War II as a clerk.

“Mainly all my work throughout my life was clerical in different ways,” she said.

“I worked in a doctor's surgery for 27 years.”

Mrs Williamson met her late husband, Keith Williamson, during their time in the Army and Air Force respectively, before marrying in 1944. Keith sadly passed away in 1991.

“We both played golf together; I loved my golf and my bowls and I made great friends through bowls,” Mrs Williamson said.

“I loved travelling and seeing places. My favourite place is Ireland – I loved the people.”

A keen Adelaide Crows supporter, Mrs Williamson

has remained an avid sports fan throughout her years, and was president of the Renmark Bowling Club.

The milestone birthday was also marked with a birthday lunch at the Riverside Estate function room, with 80 of Mrs Williamson's nearest and dearest joining her for the special occasion.

She received special letters from Barker MP Tony Pasin, and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who came to visit her to celebrate the special occasion.

“I am just generally interested in life, I have had a wonderful life and done lots of things,” Mrs Williamson said.

“I love living.”



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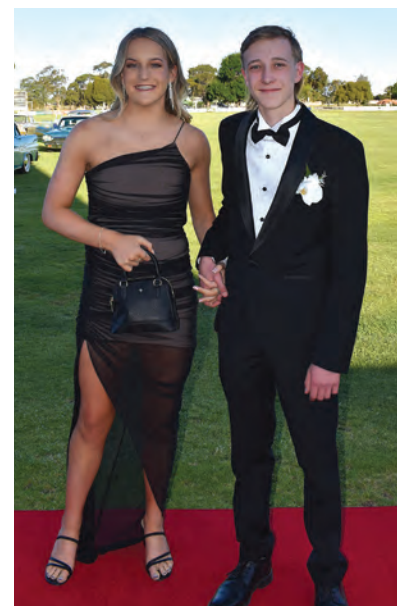
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**NOTE:** Arrival photos from Berri Regional Secondary College and Riverland Special School will be included in next week's *Murray Pioneer*.

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Jake W. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



## Town hall venue for Berri Christmas market

THE Berri Town Hall will host an indoor boutique gift-style Christmas market this Saturday, from 9am to 3pm.

“We initially choose the town hall and to have an indoor market because of the interesting weather we have had in the Riverland over the last six months,” a spokesperson said.

“As it turns out, it looks like we are expecting a sunny 33 degrees, which is great weather for getting out and about and the hall will be air conditioned.”

Stallholders will be offering homewares, jewellery, clothing, candles, children’s items, local produce, home-baked goods and sweet treats, garden/outdoor orna-

ments, succulents and plants, novelty items and local food vendors.

For the past month organisers have also been running a district school-based Christmas colouring competition that children can enter on the day, with all entries going on display and winners announced at the end of the market. The Riverland Brass Band will perform at 10.30am and Santa will visit from 12.30pm.

Santa’s Cave in Berri’s main street will be open from 9am to 12 noon, while the Berri Church of Christ will hold its Mega Christmas Market from 8am to 12 noon on the same day (1025 Old Sturt Highway).



Berri’s annual Carols by the River event is set to return for another year on the town’s riverfront this Sunday.  
PHOTO: supplied

## Berri carols to get locals feeling merry

LOCALS are being encouraged to get into the Christmas spirit at Berri’s annual Carols by the River this Sunday night.

The carols, organised by the Berri Barmera Christian churches and supported by Berri Barmera Council, will be held on the Berri riverfront from 6pm, with carols starting at 7pm.

Attendees can bring their own picnic, or have a sausage sizzle or coleslaw sandwich with a donation.

Coffee, drinks and ice cream will also be available to purchase.

Attendees are asked to bring their own chair or picnic rug, with a collection also running for the Riverland Christmas Appeal.

# Multi-nominations galore for 2023 Golden Guitar Awards

HERE is the full list of Golden Guitar Awards finalists for 2023 as selected from the 620-plus entries received:

Alt Country Album of the Year: *Dead Men Tell No Tales* - Allison Forbes, produced by Matt Fell; *Strength Of A Queen* - Andy Gollidge, produced by John Vella/Ryan Miller; *Tug of War* - Jenny Mitchell, produced by Matt Fell; *Looks Like Heaven* - Kim Cheshire, produced by Rod McCormack; *You Reap What You Sow* - The Weeping Willows, produced by Andrew Wrigglesworth/Laura Coates.

Contemporary Country Album of the Year: *All Or Nothing* - Adam Brand, produced by Adam Brand/Vesa Matara/Benji Pocock/Luke Wooten; *Living For The Highlights* - Amber Lawrence, produced by Stuart; *Light It Up* - Casey Barnes, produced by Michael DeLorenzis/Michael Paynter; *Silver Linings* - Kaylee Bell, produced by Simon Oscroft/Andy Mak/Joseph Faris; *Wiser* - Lyn Bowtell, produced by Shane Nicholson.

Traditional Country Album of the Year: *In The Moment* - Ashleigh Dallas, pro-

duced by Brett Dallas; *Dry Season* - Blake Dantier, produced by Simon Johnson; *Shades of Blue* - Kristy Cox, produced by Jerry Salley; *Mr Goodtime* - Michael Carpenter and The Banks Brothers, produced by Michael Carpenter; *Travelling Heart* - TC Cassidy, produced by Angus Gill.


Toyota Album of the Year: *All Or Nothing* - Adam Brand, produced by Adam Brand/Vesa Matara/Benji Pocock/Luke Wooten; *Living For The Highlights* - Amber Lawrence, produced by Stuart; *In The Moment* - Ashleigh Dallas, produced by Brett Dallas; *Light It Up* - Casey Barnes, produced by Michael DeLorenzis/Michael Paynter; *Silver Linings* - Kaylee Bell, produced by Simon Oscroft/Andy Mak/Joseph Faris.

Male Artist of the Year: Adam Brand; Andrew Swift; Casey Barnes; James Johnston; Morgan Evans.

Female Artist of the Year: Amber Lawrence; Ashleigh Dallas; Hayley Jensen; Lyn Bowtell; Melanie Dyer.

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Duo of the Year: Brooke McClymont & Adam Eckersley; Lachlan Bryan and The Wildes; McAlister Kemp; The Buckleys; The Weeping Willows.

Vocal Collaboration of the Year: *Same Songs* - James Johnston & Kaylee Bell; *Let The Girls Sing* - Kirsty Lee Akers, Amber Lawrence, Ashleigh Dallas; *Come Together* - Lee Kernaghan, Mitch Tambo, Isaiah Firebrace; *Wiser* - Lyn Bowtell & Shane Nicholson; *Dumb Decisions* - Melanie Dyer & Caitlyn Shadbolt.

Bush Ballad of the Year: *Sometimes It’s Your Job* - Allan Caswell, songwriters Allan Caswell/Manfred Vijars/Lindsay Waddington; *Ghostly Gums* - Andy Penkow, songwriters Kath Stewart/David Carter/Angela Bristow-Baohm/Andy Penkow; *Waiting for the Boss* - Angus Gill featuring Anne Kirkpatrick, songwriters Angus Gill/Alan Mackey/Mary O’Brien; *Out on Killarney* - Dean Perrett, songwriter Dean Perrett; *Family Tree* - Dianne Lindsay, songwriters Rod McCormack/Dianne Lindsay/Peter Simpson.

Heritage Song of the Year: *I’m Coming Home* - Amber Lawrence, songwriters Amber Lawrence/Katrina Burgoyne; *Listen to the Country* - Angus Gill & Kevin Bennett, songwriters Angus Gill - Kevin Bennett; *Bogswamp* - Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham, songwriter Josh Cunningham; *Come Together* - Lee Kernaghan, Mitch Tambo, Isaiah Firebrace, songwriters Lee Kernaghan/Mitch Tambo/Isaiah Firebrace/Nicholas Wolfe/Colin Buchanan/Garth Porter; *South East Queensland* - Luke O’Shea, songwriters Luke O’Shea/Fred Smith/Mitchell Lynham.

Instrumental of the Year: *Dust* - Angus Gill & Pixie Jenkins; *Burning Mountain* - Michael Carpenter and The Banks Brothers (feat Hamish Davidson); *Fidget Spinner* - Mickey Pye; *Clippety Clop* - Pete

Denahy; *Soda Cap Boogie* - The French Family Band.

Bluegrass Recording of the Year: *Sweet Sister Jasmine* - Angus Gill; *Good Morning Moon* - Kristy Cox; *Until This Song Ends* - Lynchburg & The Weeping Willows; *Road Man* - Michael Carpenter and The Banks Brothers; *House Of Sin* - The Weeping Willows.

New Talent of the Year: Blake Dantier; Cass Hopetoun; James Johnston; Max Jackson; Taylor Moss.

Song of the Year: *All Or Nothing* - Adam Brand, songwriters Adam Brand/Nicholas Wolfe/Tom Wolfe; *Star Of The Show* - Brooke McClymont & Adam Eckersley, songwriters Brooke McClymont/Adam Eckersley/Dan Biederman/Tiggy Heart Eckersley; *Small Town* - Casey Barnes, songwriters Casey Barnes/Michael DeLorenzis / Michael Paynter; *Small Town* - James Johnston, songwriters James Johnston/Nolan Wynne; *South East Queensland* - Luke O’Shea, songwriters Luke O’Shea/Fred Smith/Mitchell Lynham.

CMT Video of the Year: *Star Of The Show* - Brooke McClymont & Adam Eckersley, director Brad Murnane; *Small Town* - James Johnston, director Elijah Cavanagh; *South East Queensland* - Luke O’Shea, directors Luke O’Shea / Jay Seeney; *Something Good’s Gonna Happen* - The Wolfe Brothers featuring Amy Sheppard, director Jay Seeney. *One Of Them Nights* - Travis Collins, director Jay Seeney.

Apple Music Single of the Year: *All Or Nothing* - Adam Brand; *Memory Lane* - Brooke McClymont & Adam Eckersley; *Get To Know Ya* - Casey Barnes; *Small Town* - James Johnston; *Sing Along Drink Along* - Morgan Evans.

Best Country Album in the ARIA Awards was won by Casey Barnes with his album *Light It Up*.

This follows on from the finalist nominee announcements for the 2023 Tamworth Golden Guitars where he had scored five nominations.



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Taking part in Waikerie High School's Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser recently were year 10 students: Harry Nitschke (back, left), Sam Trandafil and Mal Lloyd who cut the hair of Zack Imbrogno (front left) Flynn Andrew and Kieran Hahn. PHOTO: Connie Little



# School raises 10K for leukaemia research

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

TEN Waikerie High School students and two staff members have sacrificed their locks and raised more than \$10,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.

The recent event coincided with a student casual day and barbecue lunch, with parents and carers invited to witness the fundraising action.

Waikerie High School student representative council co-ordinator Daniel Pierce said the Leukaemia Foundation was chosen this year due to the prevalence of the illness.

"There are far too many Riverland families who are or who have been affected by leukaemia including the families of some Waikerie High School students," Mr Pierce said.

He said the school community was "in awe of the generosity shown by the Riverland community".

"The SRC ambitiously set the initial fundraising goal to \$5000," he said.

"To double that sum is absolutely incredible, and a real testament to the community spirit of Riverlanders."

Year 9 SRC representative Grace Borgas said supporting charities strongly aligned with the school's values, particularly those of community, achievement and respect.

"It is always great to see the wider student community getting involved in events like casual clothes days," she said.

"It is also fantastic to get parents, carers and other family members interacting with the school and supporting these events as it contributes positively to the culture of our school," Mr Pierce said.

He said year 9 SRC members Grace Borgas and Bella Paschke "did most of the heavy lifting in terms of organising and advertising the event".

"A big congratulations to these girls in showing leadership skills and dedication beyond their years," Mr Pierce said.

Year 10 students Mal Lloyd, Kieran Hahn,



Waikerie High School year 10 student Mal Lloyd (left) holding some of his hair, just lopped off by Harry Nitschke. PHOTO: Connie Little

Flynn Andrew, Harry Nitschke, Nick Jones, Noah Tuckey, Aaron Schmidt, Axel Lochert and Zack Imbrogno all parted with some of their hair.

Mr Pierce said Mal, Kieran, Harry and Noah all lost their "glorious mullets" to the cause.

"It was a sad moment for the boys, but a proud moment for their fathers and a sigh of relief for their mothers," he said.

Mr Pierce and fellow student representative council co-ordinator Callan Smart both also had their heads shaved.

Year 12 student Ebony Jinks traded her shoulder length hair for a buzz cut.

Mr Pierce said she returned for the fundraiser after completing her final exams.

"We would like to say a massive thank you to BJ's Hair and Beauty and in particular Laura Temple for donating her time to cut brave Ebony's hair," Mr Pierce said.

"Ebony was the only participant who actually received a haircut rather than being mauled by a group of year 10 lads who were armed with clippers."

## Chamber launches new program

THE Riverland West Chamber of Commerce officially launched its Why Leave Town gift card program at its AGM at the Waikerie Hotel recently.

The gift card can be purchased at participating stores in the Riverland West area and enables holders to buy goods from shops involved with the program.

The executive committee was also elected for the following year.

Angela Lukacs will continue as chairperson and Paul McCormick as deputy chairperson.

Other executive members are Paul Croft, who will remain as treasurer, minute secretary Gini Gatgens, Steven Kleeman, Yvette Kelly, Sandra Schober and Pam Stendara.

The Riverland West Chamber of Commerce executive committee thanked former secretary Frances Asher and Ashlea Cole, who have both stepped down, for their hard work.



Riverland West Chamber of Commerce chairperson Angela Lukacs, Sandy Neindorf from Hansen Electric and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton at the launch of the Why Leave Town gift card program recently. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

Guest speakers at the event were Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and Mid Murray councillor Jen Davis.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Waikerie community to unite with carols

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie community will come together on Sunday for its annual Carols by Candlelight event, organised each year by a committee of representatives from all of the town's churches.

One of the organisers, Chris Mibus, said the carols were being held at the Waikerie Primary School oval this year for the first time, after previously being at Waikerie Lutheran Primary School.

"We are trying out a new venue this year to bring the

carols back to the centre of town," Mr Mibus said.

He said while the former location suited the logistical side of the carols set-up, organisers had received comments it was "a bit hidden", with concerns over people not seeing it as an open-to-anyone event.

Performers will include a combined primary schools choir, featuring students from Ramco, Waikerie and the Waikerie Lutheran schools, the Waikerie Children's Centre and the Mainly Music program.

Mr Mibus said the

recently formed Waikerie Choir and a group of Fijian singers would also perform at the community carols.

"With floods and other events in the community that are putting strain on so many people, Christmas in Waikerie will take on extra importance this year," Mr Mibus said.

The event on Sunday begins from 6pm with the children's activities and the sausage sizzle and singing starting at 7pm.

People are encouraged to bring their own chairs or rugs.

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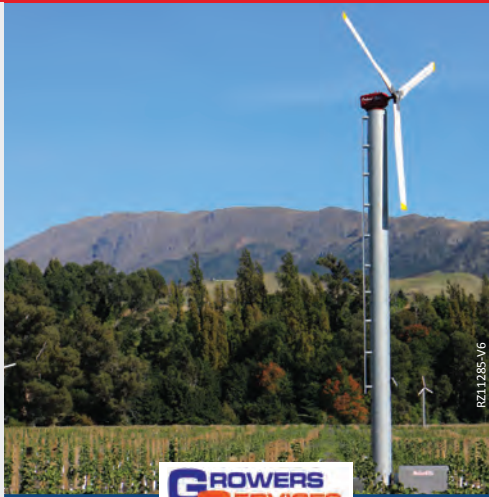
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**PM AND PREMIER:** Local boys Ivan Atsaves (left) and Apollo Atsaves with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and SA Premier Peter Malinauskas in Renmark on Saturday. PHOTO: supplied



**PRIDE OF SA:** Adelaide Crows players with members of the football club's Riverland supporters' group during a meet and greet at Renmark Hungry Jack's last week. PHOTOS: Ben Lennon



Adelaide Crows player Jordan Butts with local fan Kaide Gorman, 6, at Renmark Hungry Jack's.



**LIGHT UP DAY:** Enjoying the Loxton Light Up Day late last month were Sophie, 4, Matilda, 8, and Harvey Schultz, 7, all of Loxton. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



**THE BEND:** Loxton Men's Probus Club members Ross Coombs, Brian Thiele and Noel Thiele at the recent Loxton Men's Probus Club day out at The Bend race track at Tailem Bend. PHOTOS: Deane Phillips



Loxton Men's Probus Club members John Schell and Robert Nitschke, with Robert's wife Sue Nitschke, all of Loxton, enjoyed the car museum at The Bend during the club's recent day out.

## 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

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

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

### WEEKLY

U3A Riverland fourth term vacancies: Card cafe, third Wednesday of the month, 1pm-4pm in the clubrooms. Social bridge, Fridays, from 9.30am in clubrooms. Mahjong, Barmera Library on Wednesdays, Renmark

Library on Thursdays, 1pm-3pm. French and German conversation Thursdays, 10am-12 noon and 1.30pm-3pm, respectively.

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### 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).

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Charity for all bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Loxton Retirement Village Committee. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and raffles available.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Barmera Library's after school activities

for kids. Robots on parade, 4pm. Lego and Edison robots to make our own indoor Christmas pageant. Bookings essential, phone 8588 2872.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

U3A Riverland invite members to a Christmas celebration lunch at the Berri Hotel from 12.30pm. RSVP Cheri or any committee member by December 5.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Mega Christmas market at Berri Church of Christ. Set up from 7am, market 8am to 12 noon.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Barmera RSL sub-branch invites all to join them for a Christmas fair and twilight markets from 4pm to 9pm. Santa visiting, fun and gifts for children, wide variety of stalls, sausage sizzle and drinks available. Stall holders contact Kerry (0431 635 405).

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Berri Carols by the River. Hosted by the Berri Barmera Christian Churches. From 6pm, enjoy a sausage sizzle (by donation), with coffee, drinks and ice creams available. Carols and guest artists start at 7pm. BYO chairs or picnic rugs.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Charity for all Christmas bingo at the Loxton Club. Doors open at 12.30pm and eyes down at 2pm. Afternoon tea and raffles available.



# Barmera's big night returns with a bang

FINE weather is expected to draw a bumper crowd to this Friday's Barmera Christmas Pageant.

The pageant will return to its pre-Covid strength for the first time since 2019, after it was cancelled in 2020 and a scaled-back event was staged last year.

A rain-free weather forecast, including a mild top temperature of 25C, should contribute to a healthy turnout.

Pageant night starts at 5.30pm, with the parade commencing at 6.15pm, featuring floats completing two laps of Barwell Avenue. Barmera's renowned fireworks display will start around 9.15pm, while the main street is decked out in Christmas decorations.

# Peter tackles new role as councillor

EDITOR of the Greek Tribune newspaper and former Renmark man Peter Ppiros has been elected to a metropolitan council.

Mr Ppiros is now a City of Charles Sturt councillor, after being elected in the Findon Ward.

In a four-way contest for two vacant positions, Mr Ppiros received the second-highest number of votes, edging past the quota.

The Greek Tribune is printed in Renmark at The Murray Pioneer, with around 1000 copies distributed across South Australia.

Peter Ppiros

- PAUL MITCHELL

# Local launch for magazine's latest edition

FOR the first time, the Riverland has been chosen to launch the latest issue of Australia's premier literary youth journal.

The 128th issue of Voiceworks magazine will be unveiled at Renmark's Chaffey Theatre this Friday, December 9, from 7pm.

Writers SA and Express Media have joined forces for the initiative, which features the work of young South Australian artists and writers.

Voiceworks has produced new art and writing by young people (under 15) for over 30 years. In addition to the in-person launch, the local event will also be simultaneously livestreamed to the Express Media and Writers SA YouTube accounts.

"The 128th issue seeks to provide opportunities for young people in regional areas to

respond to works of art and literature inside its pages," a spokesperson said.

The launch will include live readings from SA contributors.

Voiceworks is part of Writers SA's No Limits: Young Regional Writers Program.

The project supports co-ordinators in three regional SA locations, including the Riverland, employs diverse authors to present skills-based writing workshops, commissions new literary work by young regional writers, connects young writers with publishers and industry representatives, and presents performance events and literary showcases in regional venues for communities of readers and writers.

Tickets for the Voiceworks 128th issue event are available from the Chaffey Theatre.

# Loxton Waikerie Library Service newsletter:

THE Loxton Waikerie libraries have some exciting programs lined up for the children during the holidays.

Children can join in the Christmas festivities by making Christmas crafts or spending an hour or two at the board games afternoon in Waikerie.

Both libraries are running their Summer Reading Club. Each child who uses the library, borrows or attends craft activities during the holiday period will be one step closer to entering a draw to win great prizes.

There will be fun craft activities available for chil-

dren during January and both libraries will be holding their annual book sales. Contact the libraries for details or follow 'Loxton Waikerie Libraries' on Facebook.

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**Waikerie Library 8541 0720**

# BOOK REVIEW

NOVEMBER



LOXTON WAIKERIE LIBRARIES' TOP 10 READS:

- Exiles by Jane Harper
- The Soulmate by Sally Hepworth
- Jillaroo from Jacaranda by Mandy Magro
- No Plan B by Lee Child
- Long Shadows by David Baldacci
- The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida by Shehan Karunatilaka
- Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks
- The Sun Walks Down by Fiona McFarlane
- The Winners by Fredrick Backman
- Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult



TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone  
AUTHOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Gabaldon  
BOOK REVIEW BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Flavel

Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone is the ninth book in the popular Outlander series written by Diana Gabaldon.

The book begins with Brianna, Roger and their children returning to Fraser's Ridge and into the arms of their beloved parents, Claire and Jamie. It's 1779 and war is brewing on the horizon.

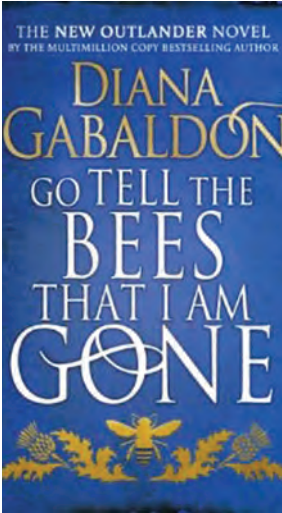
The Ridge is home to both Patriots, with whom Jamie sides, and Loyalist tenants so it's only a matter of time before tensions boil over and the shooting starts.

The sieges of Charles Town and Savannah are described in detail, along with journeys to Philadelphia and upstate New York by Brianna, Roger and their family, and Ian, Rebecca and their family.

The first few hundred pages of the book are like a family catch-up. All the main characters are reintroduced to us with glimpses into their background and how they came to be settlers on Fraser's Ridge. New characters are also introduced and few escape without a backstory.

The Ridge is split apart when the two opposing sides meet on the battlefield. One side is led by former sea captain Charles Cunningham, who has 'seen' his future and is convinced he knows the date of his death (which is several years away), and the other is led by Jamie.

Jamie has come across A History of the American Revolution written by Claire's former husband from the 20th Century. The



book contains a list of those killed at the Battle of Kings Mountain, in October 1780, and his name is in it. Is it possible to outrun your own death?

There are several side stories woven into the main story line, one featuring Jamie's son, William Ransom, who is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity.

Another concerns Lord John Grey, his brother, and their extended family.

There are conflicts to settle, and reconciliations to make before it's too late.

We catch up on what Fergus, Marsali and their growing family have been up to since the tragic death of Henri Christian.

As with all the Outlander novels, Claire has been the captivating heroine. Her personality, strength and medical knowledge shine in Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone.

Her enduring love and devotion to Jamie is vividly portrayed in the final battle scene, leaving the story with a cliffhanger ending.

Gabaldon's painstaking research brings this historical period to life with a stunning depiction of simple, everyday life, along with a sweeping account of the Revolutionary War.

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# Cost-cutting sees Berri SafeWork SA office close

**JOSH BRINE**

THE region's only SafeWork SA office is expected to close next month in a move expected to save the state government about \$250,000.

The Berri SafeWork SA office will close in January as part of the agency's budget-saving measures required in the 2022-23 State Budget.

In October, then-SafeWork SA executive director Martyn Campbell told parliament's Budget and Finance Committee closing the office, the base for two agency inspectors, would

save about \$250,000 and would be the "most significant cost saving for this financial year".

A SafeWork SA spokesperson said the exact date the of the closure was not yet known and would depend on "a range of factors" including the River Murray flooding situation.

"The Berri office handles a significantly lower volume of work than any of SafeWork SA's other regional offices," they said. "The two inspectors based at Berri are considering their positions, including options to remain with the agency."

"The two closest SafeWork SA offices to the Riverland are Adelaide and Port Pirie, which will service the region following the closure of the Berri branch."

"SafeWork SA does not have a public-facing counter service at any of its regional offices. "Public inquiries will continue to be handled by the Adelaide customer service centre."

"The function that SafeWork SA inspectors undertake in regional and metropolitan areas is field based and triaged through a central reporting system."

# Speeding driver blows 0.158

A LOCAL man has lost his licence for over a year after he was caught speeding while more than three times the legal alcohol limit.

Police detected a Volkswagen sedan travelling at 156km/h in a

110km/h zone of the Sturt Highway, at Blanchetown, just before 4.30pm on Thursday, December 1.

When breath tested, the driver also allegedly returned a positive result of 0.158.

The 42-year-old Renmark man lost his licence on the spot for 18 months, and had his car impounded.

It is understood he will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.



A kangaroo makes a lucky escape from the fast-flowing Murray. PHOTOS: Richard Fewster

# Hoppy ending to roo's river ordeal



Back on dry land.

RENMARK man Richard Fewster was on hand to witness this "lucky kangaroo" escape the floodwaters in Renmark on the weekend.

The kangaroo was having trouble staying afloat and "close to drowning"

"Thankfully two guys in a tinnie saw the distressed animal, grabbed it by the scruff off the

neck and towed it into the shore," said Mr Fewster, who took a series of photographs, including these two.

"Once on the land the obviously very tired and slightly confused animal appeared to realise it had been saved and hopped towards the guys in the tinnie as if to say thank you."

# Citrus workshop in Loxton North next week

RIVERLAND citrus growers are invited to attend an orchard floor management workshop next Thursday, December 15.

The workshop will be held 345 Anderson Road, Loxton North (Duxton Apples), running from 8am

to 9.30am.

Dr Thomas Lines and Professor Tim Cavagnaro, from the University of Adelaide, will present the new orchard floor trial in Loxton North.







Topics covered will include soil health, soil

carbon ('What is a carbon stock?'), ground covers and what to select, management techniques, biodiversity and water infiltration.

RSVP to: thomas.lines@adelaide.edu.au

**Next week's Pioneer:** Citrus SA column



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# Word search

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- DITCH

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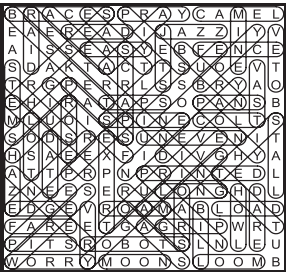
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Last Week's Solution



Crossword

ACROSS

2. Senseless

8. Vital organ

9. Genus of heath

11. Ominous

13. Go away!

15. Exudation

17. Shellfish

18. Verse

19. Allude

21. Open space in a wood

24. Banishment

25. Stinging insects

28. Herd of cattle being moved

31. Shoe part

34. Yemen seaport

35. Plunder

37. Smell

38. Rocky peak

39. Repasts

40. Brown pigment

41. Suffer

DOWN

1. Ring

2. East Indian herb

3. Neat

4. Balance

5. Cleansed

6. Italian currency

7. Female horse

10. Repulse

12. Tennis score

13. Twist

14. Floating platforms

16. Pointed metal bar

20. Reply

22. Positive electrode

23. Occurrence

26. Solemn wonder

27. Student

29. Inflorescence (bot.)

30. Thin coating of a finer substance

32. Fastener

33. African antelope

35. Moist

36. Ship's rigging part

37. Pronounce indistinctly

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BIRTHDAY

LIST

Joseph Bagnato - 10/12/12

Grace Vallelonga - 12/12/12

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## December 2022 Horoscopes: week 2

### ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Before you listen to a colleague, make sure you know how their beliefs may be affecting what they tell you. This person may have reasons for helping you which you are not aware of. **Romance.** Make sure that you use your excess energy wisely. You will become frustrated if you feel that you are being held up by others.

### TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Knowing what makes a friend "tick" will put you one step closer to getting to grips with a recent disagreement with this person. You will need to drill down until you find the real reasons for the dispute. **Romance.** A person whom you have not seen for many weeks will suddenly be back in your life.

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

A positive aspect to Uranus later in the week will help you to find a creative solution to a problem which has foxed your colleagues. Your idea will be well-worth implementing, even though it may seem a little impractical at first. **Romance.** A recent change in your emotions could have something to do with a new person in your life! You will start to grow much closer over the next few weeks.

### CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A person whom you don't know very well may turn out to be unreliable. Don't get into a situation where you have to depend on this person. **Romance.** You need to work out what your partner's feelings are about a recent problem in your relationship. A subtle approach will help you to get the answers that you need.

### LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A boost to your career will come when you least expect it. In the meantime, do you best to show everybody that your efforts are worth taking seriously. **Romance.** Don't allow yourself to be put off course by an unkind remark. You may be feeling a little insecure at the moment.

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

A challenging aspect to Saturn could make things a little heavy-going at times. However your determination will be enough to see you through: you are not someone who gives up easily! **Romance.** A sudden change in your relationship may be worrying at first. You will soon see how much it makes sense, however.

### LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Avoid rash moves. Be especially careful later in the week, when you may end up making a short-sighted decision which you later regret. **Romance.** Time spent carrying out household chores with your partner will help to draw you both together. Make sure that you get for a few days, however.

### SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Strange events early in the week will take you by surprise. Adapt as far as you can, even if you feel you are on a losing wicket at times. **Romance.** Your partner may be hiding something from you. Don't assume the worst, though! A powerful aspect to Pluto will help to bring some secrets out of the closet.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

You might be feeling restless because other people are not quite as "hyped" up as you. It is up to you to motivate everybody else! **Romance.** Be careful not to criticise your partner: they could be in a slightly difficult mood at the moment, and will respond better to praise. This is not a good time to deal with a long-standing issue.

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

A long chat with a friend could be a little boring at times. However there is one important fact which you must not miss. **Romance.** You may find yourself getting involved in a situation that is not easy to get out of. Take things carefully for the first few days and don't make any rash moves.

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

A powerful aspect to Jupiter will give you the confidence you need to push on, despite criticism from people around you. You believe in yourself and will soon be proven right. **Romance.** Communications with your partner are likely to be very healthy at the moment. A trip away from home later in the week will go especially well.

### PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A get-together with a close friend will help you to sort some issues out in your mind. Don't be afraid to ask difficult questions in order to get to the truth. **Romance.** Make sure that you take advantage of the recent improvement in your social life. A get-together with friends later in the week will put you in touch with a new admirer.

## SUDOKU No.406

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

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1	2	4	9	8	6	3	7	5
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## Waikerie District Ladies Probus Club end-of-year break-up

PROBUS groups around the world believe in friendship, fellowship and fun.

Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club made sure there was enough of each at its end-of-year break-up on November 22.

Thirty-three members and eight guests heard about the Riverland’s Christmas Appeal from Theresa of Waikerie Hub. Morning tea followed then came a fun fashion parade organised by Yvette Kelly of Harmony and Grace. That was followed by a poetry reading from member Joy Vaughan.

Theresa emphasised how difficult life is for more families in the Riverland than usual. Non-perishable

food, toys (preferably new), toiletries and cosmetics, ‘Christmassy’ items and money (used for gift cards) are being collected throughout the Riverland, packed and then sent out to the various hubs for distribution to concession card holders.

The Ulysses bike club has been getting involved too, with its annual Toy and Tucker Run, starting at both ends of the Riverland and meeting up in the middle, being held last Sunday.

Yvette’s carefully chosen clothes and models were a big hit. Yvette started the fashion house during Covid 2020 and aims to provide great advice on style, colour and clothes for a wide range of women (sizes and ages), with nothing costing over \$100. The

Harmony and Grace website also provides great information.

As a member of the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce, Yvette also encouraged people to make use of the ‘Why Leave Town’ gift cards to help local businesses.

She also promoted her bus trip business, especially a trip to Port Adelaide and another to the Hairspray Musical in Adelaide in January.

Joy’s poems brought back memories of the recent bus trip to Monarto, plus helped put people in a festive mood for the shared Christmas lunch.

Once again, members excelled themselves, as the meal was delicious, with few leftovers and no one



Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club member Peggy Gibson, Karen Richardson, Yvette Kelly, Angela Lukacs and Gini Gatgens. PHOTO: supplied

in a hurry to leave.

Apart from a planning meeting – to think of speakers and activities for 2023 – at the Waikerie Bowling Club at 1pm on December 13, the group won’t reconvene until January 24.

Bearing in mind the rising river level, the committee wishes absent members, Probus club members in other towns and the community in general as happy a Christmas and New Year as possible.

WELCOME to summer in the beautiful Riverland region. We waited for summer to come after the chill of the long winter, and we almost skipped over our regular spring, so now it’s finally the real feel of summer.

We are all aware of the Murray River now in flood. We have been waiting for daily updates, listening to the experts, keeping safe at all times, and taking no risks of entering roads with water over them. Some things are still unknown and are we ready for the rush of water that will come soon? I recall the 1956 flood. We also knew it was coming, but we didn’t have all the technology now available to see daily changes. We give thanks to those members of the community with drones giving us brilliant photos that are shared, plus photos from our mobiles that we send to family, friends and former residents.

As we approach the Christmas festive season we look forward to the community carols at the

### KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN WEBBER



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Waikerie Primary School oval this Sunday, December 11, at 6pm. Come and enjoy children’s activities and a sausage sizzle, and be ready for the carol singing at 7pm. This is a time to share concerns as a community, in the hope of overcoming them together. Our thoughts and cares are with those businesses and residents who are facing uncertainties with the flood, especially as the flood’s duration is unknown. We give thanks to those government staff who have been visiting all residents and businesses in those situations over the past weeks.

Morgan residents welcome you to the riverfront Christmas fair at 3pm this Saturday, December 10,

then the Christmas pageant at 6pm. Some of the floats from Waikerie may join in the fun, as they have in other years. The event includes live music, tasty food and fun for everyone.

Thanks to the Adelaide Football Club which last week had a group of players visit the region to spend time with appreciative students at Renmark and Waikerie high schools. The committee and some members of the Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group met with the group at Hungry Jack’s at Renmark. Although it was a brief visit, it was an excellent get together with the players, who were happy to be there. The players didn’t realised how high and treacherous the river had become. They made time to call in and see Waikerie Santa’s Cave on the way back to Adelaide.

The past week has been a busy one at Waikerie Santa’s Cave, especially Sunday. To be there in the air-conditioned Institute was

pleasant and many families came through then to see Santa with their little ones. First-time groups were impressed at the display and wanted to know how long it has been a special event for our community and our region. The Santa Shop is well stocked and I can assure you there are lots of goodies that would help with the Christmas presents or stocking fillers.

We have so much to appreciate and give thanks for at Waikerie when the community comes together and shares the projects and plans for a project. We look at the reindeers on the roundabouts, thanks to the Men’s Shed volunteers, the Christmas Tree Trail and all who support that, and Santa’s Cave, which is the icing on top. We recall those early days when we wanted our grandchildren to see Santa. We couldn’t get to John Martin’s cave, so we created our own. How it has evolved over the years, with coach-loads of visitors

now enjoying it every year.

Well done to Yvette Kelly and Kathy Elliott, who took up Jan’s idea (that several residents thought of, but Jan put it forward). Yes, we now have flights over the region to see the Murray in flood, and a tour guide included if need be.

The community extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs Barbara Maywald upon her recent passing. She was a much-loved and admired friend to many and had the honour of being the first female Waikerie councillor.

All Warrawee residents sincerely thank the students of Waikerie High School for the special messages in the lovely Christmas cards we received last week. It was a kind thought and a pleasant surprise to us all. Thank you.

Thought for the week: “Courage is like a muscle. We strengthen it by use.”

- Ruth Gordon

# the quiz

1. In what African country would you find Mount Kilimanjaro?  
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2. What is a group of pandas known as?  
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3. How many bones do we have in an ear?  
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4. Who famously crossed the Alps with elephants on the way to a war the Romans?  
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5. True or False: Halloween originated as an ancient Irish festival?  
.....
6. Which Grammy-nominated New York rapper died in April of 2021?  
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7. In what country is the Chernobyl nuclear plant located?  
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8. Complete the following lyrics - “I should have changed that stupid lock.....”  
.....
9. What type of animal is a Mandrill?  
.....
10. In German this musical instrument is called a Dudelsack, but what is it called in English?  
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11. The album ‘Abbey Road’ was by which group?  
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12. Which golfer had the nickname ‘Super-Mex’?  
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13. What candy coated chocolates were created by Forrest Mars and Bruce Murrie?  
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14. Rabologists are collectors of what?  
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15. Who plays Travis Bickle in the cult classic film “Taxi Driver”?  
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16. In which war was Ernest Hemingway’s “For Whom the Bell Tolls” set?  
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17. Sarah Palin was the first female governor of which US state?  
.....
18. What is the most common colour uniform worn by competitors in a fencing tournament?  
.....
19. In what year did Princess Diana die?  
.....
20. The song Duelling Banjos was made famous by which 1972 film?  
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## BONUS QUESTION:

Which English Premier League team started life called Dial Square FC? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 37

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CHRISTMAS POEM  
WRITING COMP  
PLACEGETTERS



THE winners of The Murray Pioneer Christmas Poem Writing Competition are revealed in today’s edition.

Moorook Primary School student Eden Piltz, 11, was the overall winner, and her poem has been published in the 2022 Riverland Gift Guide, inserted free inside today’s Murray Pioneer.

The stories written by runner-up Cordelia Bland, 11, of Berri Primary School, and the joint third placegetters, Lyra Lawson, 10, and Callie Loffler, 12, both of the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School, are on this page.

Congratulations

Cordelia Bland (age 11)

from the Berri Primary School

**An Ode to Christmas**

The sound of happiness in the air,  
And the notes for Santa are to share.  
The smell of cookies are so pleasant,  
Let’s wrap them up and wrap some presents.

With a glow of red in the sky,  
Looks like Rudolf has started to fly.  
As all the children tucked in tight,  
Knowing Santa is coming tonight.

Elves are filled with glee, seeing children smile,  
As Santa on his sled, travels millions of miles.  
Children sat around the Christmas tree,  
Opening presents, “Is this one for me?”.

Candy canes, a festive sweet treat,  
As the family gathers around to eat.  
Christmas pyjamas are all to be seen,  
Christmas is over and Santa has been.

Congratulations

Lyra Lawson (age 10)

from the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School

**The Christmas People**

Christmas near,  
Christmas cheer,  
As we get close to a night of great giving.  
We learn that Jesus was born in a manger.

That a king called Herod, was not forgiving.  
He wanted himself to rule the land  
And lead a lot of great people into great sinning.

He set off to find the newborn Lord,  
And demanded all youngsters to be slaughtered,  
Until he was sure that his new baby was not alive,  
He never would be, to take his pride.

St. Nicholas, sir, was well very friendly,  
And now he is known, incidentally,  
As a cheery old man, who has helpers at hand,  
And who flies the skies at this night, secretly.

Congratulations

Callie Loffler (age 12)

from the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School

**A special sight**

I woke to cookie smells,  
And the sound of bells.  
I tiptoed down the hall,  
Trying to wake no one at all.

As I reached the end my mouth fell to the floor,  
I was amazed at what I saw.  
A man in a large red suit,  
He was quite a big brute.

Working quickly under the Christmas tree,  
Hoping no one would see.

He stopped at the chimney and cocked his head,  
He gave me a wink and said:  
‘Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night’.  
Then up the chimney and out of sight.



Dashing  
through  
the...  
river?

Eden Piltz, 11, from Moorook Primary School, is the winner of the 2022 Murray Pioneer Christmas Poem competition. Eden (pictured at the Moorook riverfront) used the current Riverland floods as inspiration for her winning piece. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

ALEXANDRA BULL

EDEN Piltz used the Riverland floods as her main source of inspiration to win The Murray Pioneer Christmas Poem competition.

The 11-year-old Moorook Primary School student’s winning entry featured Father Christmas delivering presents in a dinghy, rather than a sleigh.

Eden – who said she was “excited” to win – and three of her classmates all decided to get into the festive spirit by entering the competition, and Eden said it took her a couple of weeks to create the winning piece.

“I like English at school and I like being creative,” she said.

The avid reader was awarded a \$300 prize pack, which included a book pack donated by Renmark business T.H. Books.

“I have started reading Remarkably Ruby and I am looking forward to reading Charlotte’s Webb,” Eden said.

All Christmas poem entries will be available to read at T.H. Books in Renmark throughout December.



Cordelia Bland, 11, from Berri Primary School, received a prize pack for finishing runner-up. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager Glenda Malinovski said entries were received from across the Riverland.

“We had some very creative and clever entries,” she said.

“A lot of the children had clearly put a lot of thought into their poems, which was great to see.

“Thanks to all the kids who entered. We were blown away by the response and picking a top four was extremely difficult.”

Eden’s poem features inside the 2022 Riverland Christmas Gift Guide, inserted free inside today’s Murray Pioneer.

‘Monster’ Christmas raffle to help RFDS

A ‘MONSTER’ raffle will be held by a local community group in Renmark during the lead-up to Christmas.

The Lions Club of Renmark will set up its raffle stall in Renmark Square adjacent to Autograph from Monday, December 12 to Thursday, December 22, from 10am to 4pm daily.

Six prizes are up for grabs in this year’s raffle:

1st: Wheelbarrow full of Christmas fair;  
2nd: Christmas basket; 3rd: Children’s supermarket; 4th: Baby doll; 5th: Full-size doll; 6th: ‘Just for the guys’.

Raffle tickets are \$1, with net proceeds to be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). The raffle will be drawn on December 22.

“We will have collection tins for donations to RFDS – a much-valued service for country communi-

ties and the usual beneficiary of the proceeds from our wrapping service in past years,” said Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks.

“The club has committed to donating \$3000 from the proceeds of our recent bazaar to RFDS, in addition to the net proceeds of this year’s raffle.”

The raffle takes the place of the traditional Christmas present wrapping service, which is no longer viable due to “changing circumstances” including a reduced need for the service because of online shopping, lack of available space in Renmark Square, and a lack of sufficient volunteer numbers.

The Lions Christmas cakes (1.5kg for \$19, 1kg for \$15 and mini cakes for \$2) and puddings (900g for \$15) will also be available during the stall’s opening times.



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**PUBLIC NOTICES****Annual General Meeting**

will be held on

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7.00pm**

at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers.

Nominations for Executive or Committee positions  
can be emailed to the Secretary prior to the date on  
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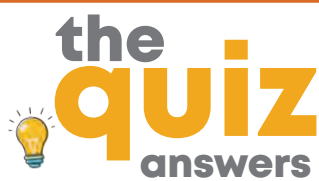
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**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER****(from last week):** Mrs Darrell Waters is better known as the author Enid Blyton. was first introduced in 1976.**Ferries closed indefinitely**

THE Swan Reach and Morgan ferries are closed due to rising water levels.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) closed the ferries last night at 7pm due to rising water levels.

DIT said the ferries were expected to remain closed while local water flow



exceeded 120GL a day.

Alternative river crossings for the Swan Reach ferry are the Walker Flat ferry or Murray Bridge (downstream) and Blanchetown Bridge (upstream).

For the Morgan ferry,

the alternative river crossings are the Cadell ferry (upstream) and the Blanchetown Bridge (downstream).

To find the status of all River Murray ferries, as well as latest information during the Murray River floods, visit (www.sa.gov.au/floods).

**Flood waters force museum to close**

THE current River Murray flood event has forced the Renmark Paringa Community Museum to close "until further notice".

It is understood volunteers today moved some of the museum's exhibits to higher ground.

A spokesperson thanked the surround-

ing community for its "overwhelming" response to the museum's request for assistance.

Further information, and updates regarding the museum's re-opening, can be found by visiting the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/paringamuseum/).

**Berri Regional Secondary College's inaugural Raise Mentoring graduates (back) with their volunteer mentors from the community. PHOTO: supplied****Raising college's first graduates**

A GROUP of local year 8s recently graduated from an inaugural youth mentoring program.

Berri Regional Secondary College celebrated the graduation of its first students involved in the Raise Mentoring program.

The program connects students with a volunteer adult mentor from the community, with a structured curriculum focusing on wellbeing and relationships.

Students met with their mentors every Thursday throughout terms 2 and 3. The mentors acted as a support person – someone available to listen and empower the young

students through the challenges of life.

In a Facebook post, Berri Regional Secondary College Raise program counselor Carly Johnson called for more mentors to apply to the program so more students can benefit from the opportunity.

"The Raise Foundation provide first-class training and support throughout the mentoring journey," the post read.

"If you can spare two hours every Thursday from April to October and want to make a difference in the life of a young person, please express your interest online at www.raise.org.au."

**Wine campaign targets South Korean market**

A NEW international marketing initiative is set to showcase South Australian wines to a market of more than 100 million consumers.

The state government earlier this year launched a South Australian wine distribution campaign in South Korea.

The campaign – called Taste Above All – will see South Australian wines featured in the country's luxury department store Shinsegae.

Minister for Trade Nick Champion said making South Australia "synonymous with wine in South Korea" was an SA government goal.

"We hope to create an exclusive network of leading wine importers across Japan, Korea and the Asia-Pacific region who focus on providing their customers with premium South Australian wines," Mr Champion said.

"These importers have demonstrated their commitment to supporting our wine sector, building long-lasting

**Minister for Trade Champion with South Korean-based Shinsegae CEO Mr Woo, at the launch of the state government's Taste Above All wine distribution campaign. PHOTO: supplied**

relationships with our wine producers and introducing a new generation of consumers to the joys of South Australian wines."

The number of semi-annual drinkers of imported wine in South Korea has increased from 10.2 million in 2017, to 112.6 million in 2022.

Department stores are one of the top three avenues for wine to be sold to consumers in the country.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said South

Korea had "huge potential as an emerging wine market for South Australia".

"Our state already has a reputation for delivering premium wine and food products, (and) this campaign is providing local producers the global stage to reach a bigger audience," Mr Malinauskas said.

"We are using this opportunity to support South Australian winemakers to export their products and grow their markets."

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**BORG, Ivan John.**  
It is with much sadness that Ivan's family advise of his passing in Loxton.  
Ivan was the much-loved husband of Erika. Dad to Deb and Ron. Grandpa to Adrian, Allison, Rohan, Robert and Sarah. Friend to Ingrid and Stephen.  
Remembered with much love by us all.

**FLIGHT, Robert John 'Bob'.**  
Passed away peacefully at Melaleuca House, Loxton on December 4, 2022.  
Aged 87 years.  
Loved husband of Marlene.  
Admired father and father-in-law to; Anne, Stephen and Ann, John and Louise, Geoff and Kathryn. Billy Papa, Papa Bob and Far Far to Nicole and Matt, Marley, Fletcher and Dusty. Steven and Abbey, Cooper, Ned, Ava and Quin. Tamara and Ben, Harry and Charlie. Lisa and Dolton, and Darci. Isobel and Zac. Hugo. Jarek.  
Caleb and Cash. Alexia and Tiarna.  
Forever loved, will be sadly missed.

**HAINES, Phillip John.**  
Passed away peacefully at home with family by his side on Saturday, December 3, 2022.  
Aged 67 years.  
Dearly loved partner of Alison Smith.  
Loved father and father-in-law of Steve and Naomi, Darrin, Clint and Leah, Janelle and Damien, Andrew and Victoria, Michelle and Josh. Adored Poppie of 19 grandchildren. Husband to Sue for 17 years.  
Forever in our hearts and finally at peace.

DEATHS



**HAINES, Phill.**  
What wonderful memories we have to treasure.  
Camping, caravanning, cruising and many get-togethers.  
We have been so lucky to have you as our friend.  
Rest easy, Phill.  
Alison, you have done him proud.  
Until we meet again.  
Linda and Trevor, Shane and Eva, Jessica and Shaun, and families.  
**HAINES, Philip.**  
Our dear friend, Phil. Thank you for the memories.  
Kim, Sue, Lee, Kelly, and families.  
Our deepest sympathy to Alison, and families.  
Great times over many years.  
Goodbye, Mate.

**MAYWALD, Barbara Jean** (nee Kent).  
Passed away peacefully on December 1, 2022 at Pioneer Haven, Waikerie.  
Aged 89 years.  
Loving wife of Len (deceased).  
Much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Jim and Heather, Michael and Kathy, Cheryl and Philip, Karen and Wayne.  
Grandmother to 7 and great-grandmother to 12.  
You had a smile for everyone, You had a heart of gold. You left behind the memories, That we will always hold.  
Barbara's family would like to thank Dr Wanguhu for his care and all of the staff at Pioneer Haven, Waikerie for their care over the last few months.

DEATHS

**MORRISON, Gaynor Jean.**  
Passed away at Flinders Medical Centre on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.  
Aged 62 years.  
Loving wife of Ray. Loved mother of Jeremy and Chris. Mother-in-law to Rachel and Jess. Cherished nanna of Kayden and Jack; Ruby and Poppy.  
Daughter of Stan (deceased), and Shirley (deceased).  
Adored sister and sister-in-law to Jill and Dave, Sue (deceased) and Geoff, Stanley (deceased), Penny and Garry, Terry and Donna.  
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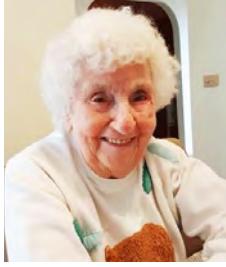
We come with nothing, we go with nothing. But one great thing we can achieve in our beautiful life is a little remembrance in someone's mind and a small place in someone's heart.

DEATHS

**PARRY, Margaret Edith.**  
Passed away peacefully but unexpectedly, with family present, at Riverland General Hospital on Sunday, December 4, 2022.  
Aged 89 years.  
Loving wife of James (deceased).  
Beloved mother of Trevor, John and Dawn, Peter and Linda (both deceased), Sue and Brenton, Jimmy and Colleen, Chris and Faye, and Tania (deceased).  
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Loved mother, nanna and great-nanna.  
Love you forever more.  
Chris and Fay. Sarah, Nathan, Annabel, Scarlett and Jasper. Cassie, Adam and AJ. Aaron and Isaac.

**PARRY, Margaret,**  
Just a small tribute to a long-standing, very loyal friend. It began on our first day of school, 84 years ago. Will miss you, Marg.  
Love Irene, and family.

FUNERALS

**FLIGHT, Robert John 'Bob'.**  
Relatives and friends are advised that Bob's graveside funeral service will be conducted in its entirety in the Loxton Lawn Cemetery on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 11am.  
In memory of Bob, donations to Loxton Nursing Home would be appreciated.  
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**HAINES, Phillip John.**  
Phill's funeral service will be held at 11am on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the Loxton Retirement Village Community Centre, 136 Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton.  
In lieu of flowers, donations to Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia would be appreciated.  
Envelopes will be available at the service.

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**MAYWALD, Barbara Jean** (nee Kent).  
Family and friends of the late Barbara Maywald are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service which will commence at 10:30am on Saturday, December 10, 2022 in the Waikerie Uniting Church.  
This service will conclude at the Waikerie Cemetery.  
Donations in memory of Barbara, to the Waikerie Hospital Guild, c/o 1 Lawrie Terrace, Waikerie SA 5330, would be appreciated.

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In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Salvation Army in Gaynor's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

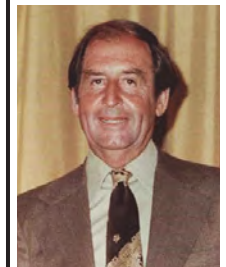
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**PARRY.**  
Family and friends of Margaret Parry are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at Riverland Funerals Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 2pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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**St Edmund's**  
**9am - Monash**  
**St Oswald's**  
**9am - Renmark**  
**St Augustine's**  
**9am - Loxton**  
**The Resurrection**  
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**Sunday, December 11**  
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6pm

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Morgan 6.00pm  
**Sunday**  
Berri 9.00am  
Loxton 11.00am  
Waikerie 11.00am  
Barmera 6.00pm

**WEEKS 2 & 4**

**Saturday**  
Berri 6.30pm  
Waikerie 6.00pm  
**Sunday**  
Renmark 9.00am  
Morgan 9.00am  
Barmera 11.00am  
Loxton 6.00pm

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10am

Concordia 10am HC  
da Costa

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9am  
Lay Reading  
(New Res)

Bookpurnong 8.30am HC  
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Paringa 10.30am

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LOCALS and numerous visitors to the region celebrated the work being done at a Riverland environmental area at a recent fundraiser.

More than 100 people, including Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Barker MP Tony Pasin, attended Calperum Station’s inaugural Bush Ball event held in October.

Calperum Station general manager of education and business development, Julie Robertson, said attendees were provided an insight into ecological and educational initiatives run at the site.

“We had a full house, which was 110 people, attend,” Ms Robertson said.

“Tony Pasin opened the event and spoke. We had other speakers, beautiful food, and

lots of dancing.

“A lot of it was about raising awareness and helping people understand the different aspects of Calperum.

“We have ecology and education programs, and then the engagement of our volunteer organisation and nature-based tourism. It was getting people to understand these different areas and how they fit together.”

Renmark-based Rustons Distillery also created three different gins, including quandong and saltbush flavours, for the event.

Ms Robertson expected the Bush Ball to become an annual tradition at Calperum Station.

“People were already asking when it will be held next year,” she said.

“We probably had around 60 people from Adelaide, so there



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Barker MP Tony Pasin were among a sell-out crowd that attended Calperum Station’s first Bush Ball event, held in October. PHOTO: Facebook

was a lot of people who travelled for it.

“It brought quite a few people to the region.”



LOXTON LIONS PARK: Nick Moore has been taking photographs of the gradually rising river in Loxton in recent months and took this snap at the Loxton Lions Park, along Grant Schubert Drive, recently.



A SUPER SIX: Six of the 2023 Loxton Mardi Gras’ junior ambassadors were sashed at the Alawoona Strawberry Fete on Saturday, November 12. Pictured are back (from left) Mitchell Obst, 2022 Junior Ambassador Eliza Albrecht, junior ambassador co-ordinator Polly Johnston, and chair of Loxton Mardi Gras Liz Dymmott. Front: Noah Scholz, Emily Munn, Ellamae Minerds, Kristal Carson and Tamsin Burgemeister. PHOTO: supplied

## Local donations for the festive season

RENMARK Lions Club has donated \$500 to two organisations to help provide some Christmas cheer to families doing it tough at this time of year.

The donation of \$500 to the 2022 Riverland Christmas Appeal will assist with providing food and toys to under-privileged families throughout the region in the lead-up to Christmas.

Riverland Foodbank also received \$500 to assist the local branch with its work to provide food for disadvantaged people, especially with an anticipated increased demand at Christmas.

Renmark Lions president Allan Maddocks recently presented the donations to Riverland Christmas Appeal co-ordinator Carolyn Trifinoff and Riverland Foodbank manager Peter Smith.

“Our club members have appreciated the support of our local community with our fundraising efforts,” Mr Maddocks said.

“We felt it appropriate that we

give something back to our community by assisting those local charities and organisations who do so much good in our region at this time of year in assisting those families who may be struggling to enjoy their Christmas.

“As a service club, our members felt that we would like to do something to assist those families through these local organisations.”

Meanwhile the Lions Clubs of Berri and Renmark have joined forces to donate Lions Christmas cakes to ac.care.

ac.care requested the cake donations be presented to its Riverland foster carers, who work hard to support children all year round by taking them into their homes.

The cakes will also support ac.care’s various Christmas appeals, including support for people experiencing homelessness or poverty in our community.

The two clubs combined to donate a total 34 large Lions Christmas cakes, valued at \$646.



Riverland Christmas Appeal co-ordinator Carolyn Trifinoff with Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks at the donation presentation. PHOTOS: supplied

Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks presenting the \$500 donation to Riverland Foodbank manager Peter Smith.



## Fire safety key despite wet weather, says MFS

LOCALS have been urged to maintain a focus on the risks of home fires despite ongoing wet conditions this summer.

Riverland MFS branches recently issued a warning surrounding the dangers of home fires caused by cooking appliances.

An MFS spokesperson said a number of recent home fires in the region had been caused by unsafe cooking practices surrounding oil.

“Use extra caution when cooking with high heat and when cooking with fats or oils,” the spokesperson said.

“Do not leave the stove unattended for even a short time, and heat cooking oils slowly.

“Low-heat cooking must also be monitored regularly.”

The spokesperson recommended locals to “equip your kitchen with a fire blanket and fire extinguisher”.

“Never throw water onto an oil or fat fire,” the spokesperson said.

“Use a fire blanket or a dry chemical powder fire extinguisher to smother the flames.”

Further information regarding cooking and fire safety is available by visiting the MFS website ([www.mfs.sa.gov.au/community/safety-and-education/fact-sheets-and-brochures/fact-sheet-pages/cooking](http://www.mfs.sa.gov.au/community/safety-and-education/fact-sheets-and-brochures/fact-sheet-pages/cooking)).



## Lions’ Movember support

FOLLOWING a successful event in early November, a local community group has made a \$1000 donation to Movember.

The Lions Club of Renmark held a community barbecue on November 4 to celebrate using the doughnut van it received from the Barmera Lions Club for the first time.

The event was advertised as a fundraiser for Movember – a well-known annual national fundraiser in support of men’s health issues – and about \$750 was raised on the day.

The club subsequently added to the amount raised to bring the total donation to \$1000.

“Our club members have appreciated the support of our local community with our fundraising efforts, especially on this particular event,” said Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks.

“We feel it is appropriate that we give our net proceeds from our community barbecues to a needy organisation wherever possible. Given the timing of our event, we felt it appropriate to nominate Movember as the beneficiary.

“We indicated to the Movember Group Pty Ltd that the donation has been made on behalf of our club, and also on behalf of the Renmark community.”







Renmark's John Pick and Barmera Hall of Framers star Justin Bannear went head-to-head in Riverland division one tennis last weekend, with Pick emerging victorious 6-2 in the pair's singles contest. Renmark went on to win the fixture by two sets. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Loxton White suffers its first setback

LOXTON White suffered its first loss of the Riverland tennis season last weekend, going down by two sets in a close contest with Berri Blue.

There were only four games between the two sides, with Berri able to secure the points away from home, thanks largely to the strong form of Shane McPherson, who was victorious in all three of his matches.

Maria Tzanavaras was also influential, winning all three of her ties and combining with McPherson to win a crucial doubles contest against Tasmin Smith and Mark Gum.

Despite the loss, White remains in second place, still one win ahead of Renmark in third.

The latter ran out winners over Barmera Hall of Framers last week, despite missing star player Dave Strongman for the contest.

John Pick assumed the role of number one and took down Justin Bannear 6-2 in their singles contest, with Pick also picking up wins in both of his doubles outings.

But, Cobdogla remains the team to beat

after a 12-0 trouncing of Loxton Yellow at Cobdogla.

The travelling side was only able to win 14 games for the contest, with Cobdogla firing on all cylinders to remain unbeaten to start the campaign.

Berri Red also secured a 12-0 win, putting Loxton Black to the sword and holding the home side to just 24 games.

### RESULTS

#### DIVISION ONE/TWO

##### Renmark 7-69 d Barmera Hall of Framers 5-58.

Doubles: J. Pick/C. Cornelius d J. Bannear/M. Henwood 9-5; E. Sleep/M. Cornelius lost to L. Marks/H. Banks 8-9; O. Hughes/C. Martin lost to S. Albrecht/K. Bannear 7-9; J. Pick/M. Cornelius d J. Bannear/L. Marks 7-5; C. Cornelius/H. Poulish lost to S. Albrecht/M. Henwood 4-6; E. Sleep/C. Martin d K. Bannear/H. Banks 6-3.

Singles: J. Pick d J. Bannear 6-2; C. Cornelius d L. Marks 6-1; E. Sleep d M. Henwood 6-4; M. Cornelius lost to H. Banks 2-6; O. Hughes d S. Albrecht 6-2; H. Poulish lost to K. Bannear 2-6.

##### Berri Blue 7-60 d Loxton White 5-56.

Doubles: P. Cresp/S. McPherson d P. Smith/J. Lane 9-6; S. Vallelonga/Unspecified player lost to L. Cockshell/S. Gillett 1-9; Y. Tzanavaras/M. Tzanavaras d T. Smith/N. Graetz 9-4; P. Cresp/Unspecified

player lost to S. Gillett/J. Lane 2-6; S. McPherson/M. Tzanavaras d T. Smith/M. Gum 6-3; S. Vallelonga/Y. Tzanavaras lost to N. Graetz/L. Cockshell 4-6.

Singles: P. Cresp lost to P. Smith 2-6; S. McPherson d J. Lane 7-6; Unspecified player d M. Gum 6-3; S. Vallelonga lost to S. Gillett 2-6; M. Tzanavaras d T. Smith 6-0; Y. Tzanavaras d N. Graetz 6-1.

##### Berri Red 12-81 d Loxton Black 0-24.

Doubles: B. Rogers/R. Mason d C. Wall/T. Jachmann 9-1; R. Cresp/C. Staehr d J. Haenan/G. Amaechi 9-6; K. Hayes/E. Mathews d E. Gum/L. Shacklock 19-; B. Rogers/R. Mason d C. Wall/G. Amaechi 6-0; K. Hayes/R. Cresp d E. Gum/J. Haenan 6-3; J. Fulham/C. Staehr d L. Shacklock/J. Bertram 6-1.

Singles: B. Rogers d C. Wall 6-3; R. Mason d G. Amaechi 6-4; R. Cresp d J. Haenan 6-2; C. Staehr d J. Bertram 6-2; J. Fulham d E. Gum 6-0; E. Mathews d L. Shacklock 6-1.

##### Cobdogla 12-81 d Loxton Yellow 0-14.

Doubles: S. Butterworth/C. Battams d T. Griffin/N. Gibbs 9-4; H. Carter/T. Nettle d M. Roberts/J. Rubarth 9-3; S. Nettle/H. Drogemuller d J. Pearn/D. Gibbs 9-0; S. Butterworth/H. Carter d T. Griffin/B. Reichelt 6-2; E. Carter/N. Battams d N. Gibbs/J. Pearn 6-0; L. Nettle/T. Nettle d D. Gibbs/J. Rubarth 6-1.

Singles: S. Butterworth d T. Griffin 6-0; H. Carter d B. Reichelt 6-0; C. Battams d M. Roberts 6-0; T. Nettle d J. Rubarth 6-1; S. Nettle d J. Pearn 6-0; E. Carter d D. Gibbs 6-3.

### DIVISION THREE

Loxton Bashers 8-60 d Berri 2-27; Cobdogla (2) 5-42

d Barmera All About That Ace 5-41; Moorook 7-49 d Barmera Ace Ace Baby 3-33; Cobdogla 9-58 d Renmark Sharks 1-20; Cobdogla (3) 8-52 d Renmark Dolphins 2-20.

### JUNIORS

#### Green 1

Loxton Millman 5-36 d Berri Topspinners 3-32; Renmark Owls 5-40 d Renmark Joeys 3-25.

#### Green 2

Waikerie Slammers 7-41 d Barmera Blues 1-22; Berri 5-40 d Cobdogla Kites 2-28; Cobdogla Falcons 4-32 d Barmera Bombers 3-23.

#### Green 3

Waikerie 6-42 d Barmera Tigers 1-22; Berri 4-37 d Barmera Lions 3-31; Renmark Kookaburras 5-37 d Loxton Hewitt 1-27.

#### Green 4

Loxton Deminaur 7-42 d Cobdogla Hawks 0-11; Renmark Diamonds 5-34 d Loxton Stosur 3-25; Waikerie 6-32 d Berri 2-16.

#### Orange 1

Cobdogla Harriers 4-24 d Loxton Popyrin 2-19; Loxton Saville 7-31 d Barmera 1-15; Berri 4-26 d Renmark Koalas 2-21.

#### Orange 2

Renmark Possums 5-25 d Barmera 3-19; Cobdogla 6-30 d Loxton Tomljanovic 2-15.

#### Yellow

Loxton Barty 6-45 d Loxton Kyrgios 2-25; Barmera Power 7-47 d Cobdogla 1-18; Barmera Crows d Berri (forfeit).

# Softball showdown

COBBY and Loxton exchanged blows in an action-packed round of Riverland softball last weekend, with the two sides going head-to-head in all three grades.

Two fixtures took place in the A grade as a missed match in November was caught up on, and the results were split evenly between Cobdogla and Loxton.

Loxton took the points in the first contest, with Kathy Johnson leading her side to a 14-4 win, thanks largely to impressive showings from Haylee Symens and Patty Fournaros-Carney.

But, Cobdogla got its revenge in the catch-up game, running out 13-0 victors, with a double-play in the third and fourth innings a highlight.

Grace Millard was named best for Cobby, while Johnson was again among the best players for Loxton.

Cobby took the points in the B grade clash, running out 18-run victors after strong performances from Janiqua Cook and Monica Haaja.

Honours were even in the C grade, with both sides locked on 14 runs at the conclusion of play.



Loxton star Kathy Johnson was named in her side's best players last week.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

### RESULTS

#### A GRADE

##### Loxton 14 d Cobdogla 4

Best: Loxton - K. Johnson, H. Symens, P. Fournaros-Carney. Cobdogla - C. Thompson, C. Sharkey, D. Passmore.

##### Cobdogla 13 d Loxton 0.

Best: Cobdogla - G. Millard, C. Thompson, J. Cook. Loxton - H. Symens, T. Dowdy, K. Johnson.

#### B GRADE

##### Cobdogla 25 d Loxton 7.

Best: Cobdogla - J. Cook, M. Haaja, W. Greig. Loxton - M. Pumpa, J. Gilliland, B. Michalski.

#### C GRADE

##### Cobdogla 14 drew with Loxton 14

Best: Cobdogla - C. Smith, V. Wade, L. Bowers. Loxton - B. McAlister, O. Johnson, D. Lawson.



Caiden Dixon slides for home during Berri Blue's win over Riverland Pirates in last weekend's round of Riverland baseball. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Berri baseball sides on top

ROUND eight of the Riverland baseball season belonged to Berri, as the club's Red and Blue sides both picked up wins against Renmark and Riverland Pirates respectively.

In a rematch of last season's grand final, Berri Red took the chocolates against Renmark in convincing fashion, running out seven-run winners.

A double from Jason McGregor to go with a host of singles saw Berri

post seven runs across the match, while the return to the mound of Jesse Stemberger posed problems for Renmark.

Berri Red's pitcher threw an impressive 12 strikeouts, leaving the Angels scoreless for the match but still in second place on the ladder.

Meanwhile, Berri Blue picked up a rare victory over Riverland Pirates, despite the best efforts of Brenton Halupka.

The Berri star produced an infield home run in the third innings to keep his side in the contest, but the damage had already been done earlier in the match

Berri Blue shot out to a six-run lead in the first inning, which proved to be too large of a margin for the young Pirates to overcome, with the game finishing 6-4 after three innings apiece.

### RESULTS

Berri Red 7 d Renmark 0.

Safe hits: Berri Red - J. McGregor 1d, J. Stemberger, A. Rogers, M. Noble, K. Taylor, P. Reid 1s.

Strikeouts: Berri Red - J. Stemberger 12. Renmark - D. Grenfell 4.

##### Berri Blue 6 d Riverland Pirates 4.

Safe hits: Berri Blue - C. Dixon 1d, C. McKinnon 2s, W. Cox, S. Mancini 1s. Riverland Pirates - B. Halupka 1hr, K. Goldspink 2d, D. Binder 2s 1d, A. Halupka 2s. Strikeouts: Berri Blue - L. Peltz 6. Riverland Pirates - B. Halupka 3, S. Goldspink 2, D. Binder 1.



# Waikerie’s Darling launches new book

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland’s most decorated cricketer of the 20th century has put pen to paper, recounting tales from his childhood in Ramco all the way through to his days in the Australian team.

Waikerie-born Rick Darling grew up at his family home in Ramco and was playing cricket against men by the age of 13, but before long was going toe-to-toe with the best in the world.

The right-handed batsman played 14 tests for his country and 18 one-day internationals, but his debut book, *Bush to Buckingham Palace*, focuses on more than just his on-field exploits.

“I was on jury duty probably two years ago and if you’ve been on jury duty, you’ll know there’s a lot of sitting around and twiddling your thumbs,” he said.

“So, I started doodling on a piece of paper and one doodle turned into a letter,



● Rick Darling

which turned into about 35,000 words and once I got started, I really got into it.

“It’s about the fun times and it’s not necessarily for the cricket purist, it’s more for what I like to call the ‘blue collar’.

“It’s called *Bush to Buckingham Palace*, so Waikerie is obviously the bush side of it whereas the Buckingham Palace side is where I finished up.

“There’s a quote

in the book from Bob Simpson, and he said, ‘You won’t remember the scores and you won’t remember who won, but what you will remember is the camaraderie with your mates’.

“That sums up the book quite well; it’s very light-hearted with plenty of adventures in it.”

Darling was prompted to build on his work at the juror’s bench by his kids, who he has

been telling stories to for a number of years.

He enjoyed reminiscing on his time in the game and said that the process involved in writing the book was “fantastic”.

“It’s all my own doing. I was fortunate enough to get a publisher from Melbourne that helped me out a little bit with the editing, but what you read is all me,” he said.

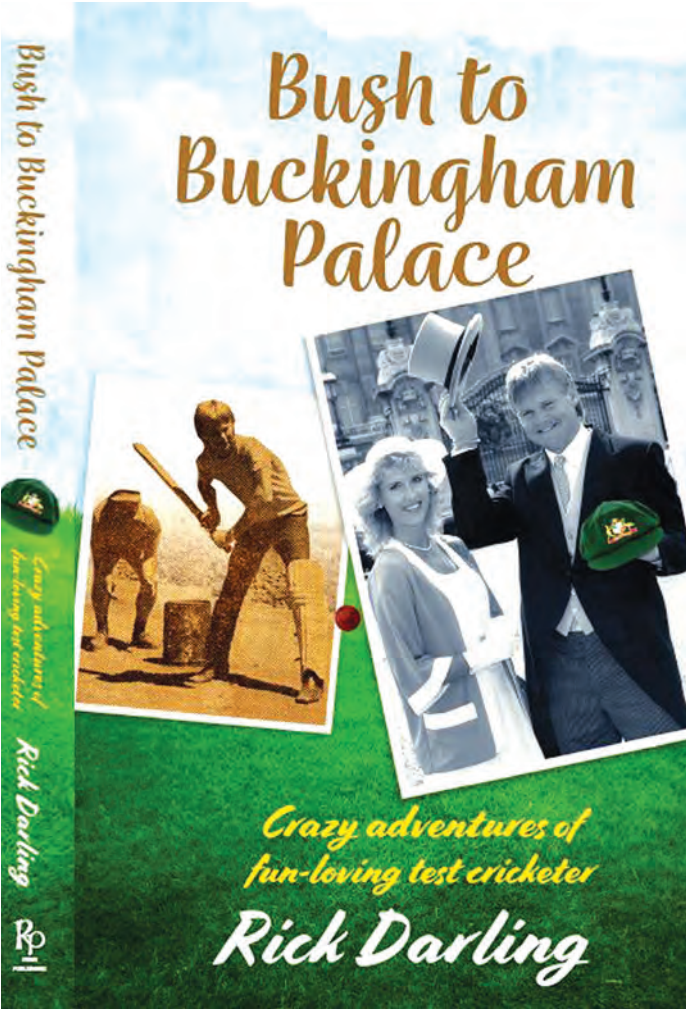
“People have asked me who the ghost writer is and that annoys me a bit because I’ve put a lot of time into this.

“One story turned into two and it eventually got to 32 stories, so it really evolved over the years.

“The more I added to them, the more my memory was jolted and each chapter evolved into something readable.”

The ex-Test star now resides in Adelaide, but says the Riverland still holds a special place in his heart.

“I’ve been in Adelaide for many



Waikerie-born cricket star Rick Darling has released a book, detailing 32 stories ranging from his upbringing in the Riverland to his time spent in the Australian cricket team.

years now, but I often get home to Waikerie to watch a game of football or to catch up with friends. Waikerie or Ramco is still my home,” he said.

“The first four or five stories in the book very much involve the Riverland.

“I’ve even bought myself a cemetery plot

down in Ramco, and hopefully it’s not underwater at the moment, but that’s where I’m going to end up.”

The book is available for purchase at Dillons Bookshop in Norwood and Dymocks in Hyde Park, but, following a launch at the Arkaba tonight, will be more readily available.

“I did find a bit of trouble with distributors in the Riverland and there doesn’t really seem to be a newsagent anywhere these days, but it is available at the Rain Moth Gallery,” he said.

“You can also get it from the publisher’s website, which is ryanpub.com.au.”

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## All square at the top

A SWASHBUCKLING innings from Renmark North skipper Tarque Williamson saw the Bluetongues over the line against Berri, handing the Demons their first loss of the Riverland A grade cricket season.

The result brings three of the four A grade sides level on wins, with Loxton securing a victory over Berri Colts in the other fixture on Saturday.

Day one of the fixture the week prior saw an even contest between bat and ball on Renmark’s second oval, with the Demons managing 158 in the first innings, thanks largely to the impressive strokeplay of Brad Rosenzweig.

The former Riverland cricketer of the year smoked 70 in little time, but the Bluetongues were up to the task in the run chase.

Ben Files and Colin Packer got the side off to a solid start, before Dan Ivanovic entered the fray and took the game to the Berri bowlers.

The Demons were a man down in the field and struggled to contain Ivanovic, who blasted his way to 39, albeit with a bit of luck.

Jacob MacKenzie and Liam Jackson were dismissed in quick succession to bring Berri back into the contest, before the North skipper quickly wrestled control back for the Bluetongues.

Williamson was supported well by Blake Henderson, who hit his first half-century in Bluetongue colours after making the move from Murrayville last season.

The two combined for a 111-run partnership and saw their side over the line, with the Bluetongues batting on before being dismissed for 237.

Meanwhile, Loxton rallied to overcome a spirited Berri Colts outfit at Loxton Oval.

The Colts posted an impressive total of 187 on the first day, with Reece Lehmann again in the runs, but failed to contain the Tigers, who blasted their way to 217 from their 60 overs.

Brown’s Well’s undefeated start in the B grade competition continued, with the Cows picking up a 27-run win over Monash.

Loxton’s B grade secured its first win of the year, with Michael Gutsche’s unbeaten 81 helping the side to victory over a very young Renmark North side.

The competition will take a break over the weekend for the Adelaide test, before resuming for one more match prior to the Christmas break.

**RESULTS A GRADE**

Renmark North 237 (T. Williamson 85, B. Henderson 50, D. Ivanovic 39, S. Bradbrook 16, B. Files 15, W. Scadden 4/28, B. Oakley 2/48, P. Safralidis 1/14, R. Kubsch 1/23, A. Peltz 29) d Berri 158 (B. Rosenzweig 70, N. Scadden 30, W. Scadden 21, W. Frankel 10, L. Jackson 5/37, C. Packer 3/31, B. Lennon 1/37).

Loxton 5/217 (H. Singh 2/17, R. Lehmann 2/60) d Berri Colts 7/187 (R. Lehmann 60, P. Efthimiou 24, G. Singh 14no, S. Andrenacci 11).

**B GRADE**

Brown’s Well 5/227 (P. Elliot 59, L. Patterson 43, J. Patterson 32, M. Hampel 32, D. Ireland 22, C. Patterson 11no) d Monash 204 (D. Rothe 3/24, D. Ireland 3/38, C. Patterson 2/26, L. Patterson 1/22, A. Cunnah 1/28).

Loxton 3/148 (M. Gutsche 81no, T. Kerr 21, L. Harder 14, W. Gutsche 12, J. Pontt 11no, M. Aston 1/5, M. Cartwright 1/22, D. Hill 1/27) d Renmark North 5/145 (D. Aston 33, K. Aston 31no, D. Hill 19, M. Cartwright 19, T. Kerr 3/28, J. Pontt 1/12, R. Smith 1/25).

Gerard vs Waikerie Ramco (details not provided).



# Seventh heaven for Barmera Lakers

BARMERA has taken the new-look Riverland women’s basketball division one/two competition by storm, stringing together seven straight victories to start the campaign.

The Lakers have now beaten every other the team in the competition, with the side’s 16-point win over Waikerie last Thursday leaving it two points clear of Loxton at the top of the ladder.

Chelsea Wutke starred for the table-top-ping team last week, dropping 12 points in the win including two three-pointers, while Tahlia Dillon and Ashleigh Haigh found the basket with regularity.

But, the pressure remains on the Lakers to continue to win, with the Supercats breathing down their neck.

Loxton trounced Renmark’s second team by 69 points last week, proving it remains a genuine threat in the race for the title.

Berri sits third after defeating fourth-placed Waikerie last time out, while Loxton’s second team remains in fifth position despite a loss to Renmark on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Renmark’s dominance of the men’s top division continued last Thursday, but only just, as it ran out three-point winners over Berri.

The Steamers were without a number of regular players and fielded just six players in the contest, including youngster Toby Johnson, but managed to steal the victory thanks largely to a 29-point third quarter effort.

Ryan Curtis topped the scoring charts with 18 and was closely followed by Caiden Gartery (17) and Declan Johnson (15).

Harrison Campbell performed well for Berri, scoring 15 points in the loss, while Jasper Hoffmann dropped 14 points before being ejected by the referee in the dying stages of the clash.

Barmera improved to an even record of three wins and three losses after handing Waikerie its sixth straight loss of the season last week.

The Lakers ran out comfortable 31-point victors and welcomed Dillon Millard back to the line-up, with the veteran leading his side in scoring in his return.

## RESULTS

### MEN

Division one				
Renmark	15	28	57	69



Berri took care of business against Barmera’s division two team, running out 26-point winners on Thursday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Berri	22	41	52	66
Points: Renmark – R. Curtis 18, C. Gartery 17, D. Johnson 15, L. Keynes 11, B. Rover 7, T. Johnson 1. Berri – Harrison Campbell 15, J. Hoffmann 14, J. Szalbot, Heath Campbell 11, L. Dack 6, R. Kunoth 4, O. Hunyadi 3, W. Frankel 2.				
Barmera	22	35	60	75
Waikerie	14	24	31	44
Points: Barmera – Dillon Millard 17, R. Haigh, Danny Millard 11, M. Wellington 10, C. Marks 9, B. Hembling 8, K. Wright 5, A. Smith 4. Waikerie – K. Hahn 16, R. Turner 12, C. Daniels 6, K. Ling, S. Smyth 4, D. Leuders 2.				
Division two				
Loxton 50 d Berri 27; Barmera 38 d Waikerie 32.				
Division three				
Rovers 29 d Paringa 26; Renmark 60 d Chaffey 41; Wildcats 29 d Warriors 20; Supercats 54 d Steamers 36; Barmera 61 d Tigers 22; Waikerie White 30 d Allstars 26; Berri 46 d Waikerie Black 40; Loxton 33 d Blazers 32.				
Division four				
Berri 37 d Blazers 13; Barmera 37 d Lakers 28.				
Under 18 (div 1)				
Barmera 38 d Loxton 29; Renmark 33 d Berri 28.				
Under 18 (div 2)				
Supercats 42 d Renmark 33; Loxton 39 d Waikerie 18.				
Under 16 (div 1)				
Barmera 48 drew Renmark 48; Loxton 51 d Waikerie 26.				
Under 16 (div 2)				

Supercats 29 d Loxton 28; Barmera 41 d Renmark 35; Berri 52 d Waikerie 17; Blazers 47 d Lakers 12.				
Under 14 (div 1)				
Renmark 81 d Berri 13; Barmera 52 d Waikerie 12.				
Under 14 (div 2)				
Supercats 33 d Loxton 28; Renmark 37 d Barmera 35.				
Under 12 (div 1)				
Barmera 20 d Waikerie 12; Loxton 26 d Renmark 15.				
Under 12 (div 2)				
Barmera 12 drew with Lakers 26; Supercats 19 d Loxton 18.				

## WOMEN

Division one/two				
Renmark	10	19	29	36
Loxton D2	8	18	24	32
Points: Renmark – L. Haynes 10, M. Petersen 8, J. Haynes, D. Haynes 7, T. Moldovan 4. Loxton D2 – L. Uren 16, C. Thiele 6, H. Bullock, S. Edwards 4, A. Viney 2.				
Barmera	16	24	35	43
Waikerie	7	13	18	27
Points: Barmera – C. Wutke 12, T. Dillon, A. Haigh 9, K. Barnett 7, L. Hill 4, K. Stavrou 2. Waikerie – T. Fridt 6, Y. Liu, S. Campbell, H. Lehmann 5, L. Hahn 3, C. Turner 2, S. Hyde 1.				
Berri	17	25	40	46
Barmera D2	5	10	17	20
Points: Details not provided.				
Loxton	15	36	55	79
Steamers	5	7	7	10



Chelsea Wutke starred for Barmera on Thursday, putting up 12 points in her side’s 16-point win over Waikerie.

Points: Loxton – E. Foulds 18, S. Rucioch, B. Hahn 17, M. Hogan 12, M. Pfeiler 8, K. Harman 4, A. Modlinski 3. Steamers – A. Koumbarakos 5, A. Esam 3, O. Hughes 2.				
Division three				
Barmera 50 d Supercats 17; Waikerie 19 d Tigers 8; Berri 40 d Allstars 20; Renmark 55 d Loxton 39; Wildcats 29 d Catstars 14.				
Division four				
Blazers 35 d Supercats 12; Berri 51 d Steamers 14; Loxton 21 d Waikerie 12; Renmark 21 d Barmera 17.				
Under 18				
Berri 41 d Barmera 18; Waikerie 25 d Loxton 18.				
Under 16 (div 1)				
Berri 31 d Renmark 26; Loxton 35 d Barmera 29.				
Under 16 (div 2)				
Supercats 26 d Renmark 24; Loxton 26 d Waikerie 21.				
Under 14 (div 1)				
Berri 49 d Waikerie 9; Barmera 44 d Loxton 33.				
Under 14 (div 2)				
Renmark 48 d Barmera 6; Berri 24 d Loxton 16.				
Under 12 (div 1)				
Waikerie 34 d Berri 15.				
Under 12 (div 2)				
Waikerie 12 d Berri 10; Loxton 38 d Barmera 3; Waikerie 14 d Lakers 10; Tigers 57 d Lakers 0.				

# Futsal finale fast approaching

THAT’S Cooked has maintained its momentum heading into the pointy end of the Riverland futsal season, securing a 6-5 win over The Saints in last Sunday’s round of action.

Tony Mitchell’s hat-trick helped secure the points for his side, with Dimitri Kondoprias also netting three times for The Saints.

ABCDE FC bounced back from its loss the week prior by putting Renmark Thunder to the sword, winning 13-1.

The side welcomed Rhys Barber into the fold and he made an immediate impact, netting six times in his debut for the season.

He was named in the best players for ABCDE FC alongside Marty Barber, with just one match remaining before the Top Four Cup. Meanwhile, Chicks ‘n’ Kicks claimed a narrow victory over Sam in the women’s division, while Banana Slugs trounced Deadly Daggers by 17 goals, the largest margin across all divisions for the weekend.

The Bradys and Banana Slugs played out an entertaining contest in the mixed

division, with the former coming out on top thanks largely to an impressive performance from youngster Alex Cartwright.

Angry Plovers suffered a heavy loss to Tastes Like Chicken, with the latter storming home by 16 goals to all but secure top spot heading into the Top Four Cup next fortnight.

## RESULTS

### MEN

That’s Cooked 6 d The Saints 5.				
Best: That’s Cooked – T. Mitchell, C. Mitchell. The Saints – L. Ransley, D. Kondoprias.				
Goals: That’s Cooked – T. Mitchell 3, C. Mitchell, own goal. The Saints – D. Kondoprias 3, T. McCart, J. Coombe.				
Barmera FC 5 d Under Construction 2.				
Best: Barmera FC – N. Boucher, C. van der Woude. Under Construction – L. Mackinnon, Jack.				
Goals: Barmera FC – Z. Pittas 2, J. Bourton, J. Tsonis, K. Kenefick.				
Under Construction – J. Sanghu, Jack.				
ABCDE FC 13 d Renmark Thunder 1.				
Best: ABCDE FC – M. Barber, R. Barber. Renmark Thunder – J. Botten, S. Cocks.				
Goals: ABCDE FC – R. Barber 6, K. Barber Jr, M. Barber 3, F. Vallelonga. Renmark Thunder – S. Cocks.				

## WOMEN

Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 2 d Sam 1.				
Best: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace, L. Quinn. Sam – C. Formby, L. Perre.				
Goals: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace, L. Quinn. Sam – M. Lockwood.				
Banana Slugs 22 d Deadly Daggers 5.				
Best: Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell, A. Perry. Deadly Daggers – A. Threadgold, E. Berlage.				
Goals: Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell 8, M. Coombe 7, A. Perry 3, E. Ashby, K. Skilton, J. Mitchell, own goal. Deadly Daggers – K. Verrall 3, A. Threadgold 2.				
MIXED				
The Bradys 7 d Banana Slugs 5.				
Best: The Bradys – A. Cartwright, V. Rothe. Banana Slugs – J. Coombe, M. Lockwood.				
Goals: The Bradys – M. Cartwright 4, A. Cartwright 2, D. Aston. Banana Slugs – M. Coombe 3, J. Coombe, K. Skilton.				
Tastes Like Chicken 20 d Angry Plovers 4.				
Best: Tastes Like Chicken – M. Mitchell, T. Mitchell. Angry Plovers – Z. Gallo, E. Berlage.				
Goals: Tastes Like Chicken – T. Mitchell 8, C. Ebert 5, J. Mitchell 3, C. Mitchell 2, M. Mitchell, R. Mitchell. Angry Plovers – Z. Gallo, T. McCart 2.				
Rooney Tunes 15 d Renmark Thunder 2.				
Best: Rooney Tunes – S. Cocks, J. Perram. Renmark Thunder – J. Botten, E. Hoffmann.				
Goals: Rooney Tunes – A. Halupka 4, J. Perram, S. Cocks, S. Uzzell 3, K. Verrall 2. Renmark Thunder – J. Botten 2.				



UNDER 14				
Liquorice All Sports 14 d Royan 4.				
Best: Liquorice All Sports – J. Perram, B. Perram. Royan – A. Lange, H. Formby.				
Goals: Liquorice All Sports – L. Perram, M. Mitchell 3, M. Bourton, C. Bourton, J. Perram 2, B. Perram. Royan – Z. Hronopoulos, A. Lange 2.				
Red Devils d Saint Frannies (forfeit).				
UNDER 13 GIRLS				
Saint Frannies 5 d Blue Bombers				

3.				
Best: Saint Frannies – O. White, I. Lyons. Blue Bombers – A. Dale, L. Marsden.				
Goals: Saint Frannies – B. Kimberley 2, S. Broughton, I. Lyons. Blue Bombers – L. Marsden 2, A. Dale.				
Project Mbappe d River Runners (forfeit).				
UNDER 12				
Blues Brothers 8 d Black Bandits 2.				
Best: Blues Brothers – J. Hunter, K. Ogle. Black Bandits – N.				

Drewett, Z. Cole.				
Goals: Blues Brothers – C. Setchell 3, K. Ogle, J. Garoufalis 2, J. Sweet. Black Bandits – A. Ielasi, Z. Cole.				
Sting Rays 6 d Wild Fire 1.				
Best: Sting Rays – M. Sidhu, Y. Kalogerias. Wild Fire – G. Matianos, J. Peltz.				
Goals: Sting Rays – M. Sidhu, R. Quinn, J. Doupis 2, Wild Fire – J. Peltz.				

It was a family affair on Sunday afternoon as Rhys Barber (second from left) joined family members Kevin Jr (left), Kevin Sr and Marty in the ABCDE FC line-up for its match against Renmark Thunder. PHOTO: Facebook



# Top two trade places

TOP spot in the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennant first division changed hands for the first time this season last weekend, with Berri now perched on top of the ladder.

The change came following previous leader Waikerie’s shock loss to fourth-placed Renmark, with the former table-toppers unable to wrestle a rink off of the home side.

Matt Lacey and Mick Rice’s fours secured victory over their Waikerie opponents, while a draw between Bill Dopson and Wayne Collins’ rinks ensured that Renmark would emerge three-shot victors.

Berri took full advantage of the Waikerie slip-up by taking care of Barmera by 19 shots at Berri on Saturday.

Dennis Treloar and Andy Hill skipped their rinks to wins, while Mason kaufer’s sides loss to John Morena’s four failed to derail his the side, which now sits four points ahead of Waikerie.

Meanwhile, the division’s bottom two sides played out an enthralling draw in Loxton, with the home side tying with The Lawns on 55 shots apiece.

Des Schliebs and Peter Kimber’s rinks emerged victorious for Loxton, but a three-shot win to Ron Adam’s side ensured The Lawns would walk away with its share of the spoils.

Berri remains on top of the second division after a comfortable win over Loxton RSL, but Waikerie is still within touching distance following its 32-shot win over

Berri Red.

Waikerie remains undefeated in third division, with its win over Berri the side’s ninth in a row, while Waikerie Regents returned to the top of the fourth division after a win against Barmera.

## RESULTS

### FIRST DIVISION

**Berri 75 d Barmera 56.**  
D. Treloar 34 d C. Karantonis 22; M. Kaufer 18 lost to J. Morena 24; A. Hill 23 d P. Ashton 10.  
**Loxton 55 drew with The Lawns 55.**  
D. Schliebs 18 d R. Lawton 16; P. Kimber 19 d P. Lawton 18; R. Coombs 18 lost to R. Adam 21.  
**Renmark 58 d Waikerie 55.**  
M. Lacey 18 d A. Fulwood 17; M. Rice 23 d E. Johns 21; B. Dopson 17 drew with W. Collins 17.  
Points: Berri 182; Waikerie 178; Barmera 145; Renmark 95; Loxton 58; The Lawns 44.

### SECOND DIVISION

**Monash 70 d Lyrup 32.**  
I. Potts 23 d J. Wrigley 11; M. Wood 22 d S. Munro 14; M. Voigt 25 d P. Drewett 7.  
**Loxton 50 d Renmark 48.**  
T. Thurston 15 drew with H. ter Bogt 15; H. Appleton 19 d L. Warren 16; W. Harrison 16 lost to B. Knight 17.  
**Berri 59 d Loxton RSL 42.**  
B. Hollis 21 d D. Drabsch 9; K. Carpenter 18 d C. Inglis 16; R. Kuchel 20 d G. Huppatz 17.  
**The Lawns 71 d Barmera 44.**  
K. Smith 20 d P. Thomson 15; J. Knight 26 d D. Mills 15; D. Ludas 25 d C. Gamble 14.  
**Waikerie 77 d Berri Red 45.**  
D. Thompson 29 d S. Hall 17; R. Davies 24 d J. Grosser 10; D. Morley 24 d D. Spicer 18.  
Points: Berri 157; Waikerie 151; Monash 108; The Lawns 104; Lyrup 98; Loxton RSL 85; The Lawns Red 81; Barmera 78; Loxton 77; Renmark 68; Berri Red 33.



Mick Rice’s four helped Renmark to a shock win over Waikerie in last weekend’s round of Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants first division. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

### THIRD DIVISION

**Barmera 65 d Moorook 46.**  
T. Brown 20 d T. Graetz 17; I. Lloyd 27 d M. Arnold 7; H. Robinson 18 lost to C. Pantic 22.  
**Waikerie 55 d Berri 52.**  
W. Burris 18 lost to B. Bland 19; S. Canney 17 d K. Tanner 15; B. Hill 20 d J. Bradford 18.  
**Renmark 60 d Loxton Red 52.**  
R. Minge 10 lost to R. Lee 27; C. Vriends 28 d M. Schutz 13; M. Walker 22 d T. Harrison 12.  
**Lyrup 63 d Berri Blue 59.**  
D. Hill 19 drew with R. Grosser 19; B. Tankard 20 lost to G. Pahl 22; J. Calgie 24 d P. Ledsham 18.  
**Loxton White 55 d Loxton RSL 50.**  
G. Sichter 20 d H. Dreschler 14; B. Arnold 14 lost to J. Smith 23; F. Armfield 21 d P. Smith 13.  
**The Lawns 59 drew with Monash 59.**  
J. Kelly 17 lost to J. John 22; L. Pinyon 18 lost to C.

Traeger 19; A. Eckermann 24 d S. Voigt 18.  
Points: Waikerie 221; Barmera 176; Berri 163; Loxton Red 141; Renmark 128; Monash 116; The Lawns 113; Moorook 91; loxton White 84; Loxton RSL 71; Lyrup 65; Berri Blue 33.  
**FOURTH DIVISION**  
**Monash 40 d Moorook 33.**  
T. Swansbury 26 d L. Tschirpig 15; M. Voigt 14 lost to N. Battams 18.  
**Waikerie Hornets 48 d The Lawns 33.**  
S. Moritz 21 d M. McCauley 16; M. Morley 27 d C. Haar 17.  
**Waikerie Regents 51 d Barmera 22.**  
G. van der Myle 34 d K. Brown 8; J. Mortimer 17 d T. Daelman 14.  
Points: Waikerie Regents 144; Monash 136; Waikerie Hornets 115; Barmera 72; The Lawns 52; Moorook 51; Loxton 6.

# Top-of-the-table clash headlines pennant action

A TOP-of-the-table clash headlined last week’s round of Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants, with Barmera emerging victorious over Monash to regain first place.

Both sides went into the clash off the back of a win in the previous round, but the Pelicans were able to secure victory in all three rinks to run out 18-shot winners.

They now sit one game clear on top of the division one table, with

Waikerie and The Lawns making up the top four after both secured wins last week.

Loxton and Berri went head-to-head in the closest match of the round, with the former emerging victorious by just two shots.

The win means Loxton now sits above Berri on the table, while Lyrup remains in last place on just one win after going down to Waikerie last Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Berri Red’s strong form continued in second division, with the side producing a comfortable win over bottom-placed Renmark.

Berri Blue sits in second, while The Lawns and Moorook make up the remainder of the top four.

## RESULTS

### FIRST DIVISION

**Barmera 69 d Monash 51.**  
K. Mellon 23 d S. Elsdon 22; J. Gartner 26

d J. John 14; C. Shugg 20 d R. Potts 15.  
**The Lawns 55 d Renmark 52.**  
J. Knight 18 d S. Schulz 15; S. Machell 15 lost to J. Cooper 26; M. Spano 22 d C. Eagle 11.  
**Waikerie 67 d Lyrup 45.**  
J. Strauss 25 d D. Hill 11; J. Morley 18 lost to R. Smith 22; C. Davies 24 d R. Adams 12.  
**Loxton 58 d Berri 56.**  
B. Mattner 20 d K. Treloar 15; J. Bradford 9 lost to R. Butt 28; M. Schutz 29 d J. Grosser 13.  
**SECOND DIVISION**

**Moorook 48 d Waikerie 23.**  
L. Tschirpig 26 d N. Dellazoppa 10; H. Smith 22 d S. Short 13.  
**Berri Blue 42 d Loxton RSL 30.**  
K. Tanner 21 d J. Smith 14; M. Miller 21 d H. Dreschler 16.  
**The Lawns 30 d Barmera 22.**  
C. Haar 14 d M. Wade 13; L. Pinyon 16 d C. Pickering 9.  
**The Lawns Red 51 d Loxton 32.**  
R. Christie 20 d M. Tygh 19; E. Kennedy 31 d N. Milich 13.  
**Berri Red 51 d Renmark 24.**  
J. Bradford 26 d B. Warren 14; L. Blades 25 d R. Rittman 10.

# Green and Gold collide in midweek triples contest

REMARK’S two Bowls Riverland midweek triples sides played out a close contest last Wednesday, with Green triumphing over Gold by just two shots.

The win means Renmark Green now sits just one win behind its clubmates on the triples ladder, while Barmera’s win over Loxton

RSL ensured the Lakesiders remain on top of the table.

The top side is yet to lose this season, but The Lawns Red remains within striking distance, with the side winning well over Berri Red last week.

Meanwhile, clubmates Loxton Red and Loxton Blue went head-to-head,

with Red claiming bragging rights after a 28-shot win.

## RESULTS

**Loxton White 106 d Barmera Pelicans 71.**  
W. Harrison 29 d H. Robinson 13; H. Appleton 23 d D. Uppington 22; P. Vaughan 24 d T. Brown 16; T. Thurston 30 d T. Daelman 20.  
**Loxton Red 89 d Loxton Blue 61.**  
R. Coombs 23 d R. Hancock 15; G. Cockshell 17 lost to D.

Schliebs 18; G. Schulz 22 d P. Harrington 14; P. Kimber 27 d T. Inglis 14.  
**Barmera 102 d Loxton RSL 62.**  
A. Gapco 23 d B. Manuel 20; C. Healey 26 d D. Drabsch 14; P. Ashton 30 d T. Wurst 13; J. Morena 23 d G. Huppatz.  
**Lyrup 95 d Monash 64.**  
P. Denton 11 lost to P. Raams 28; P. Drewett 26 d B. John 13; G. Milich 31 d W. Pahl 9; G. Elleway 27 d R. Jury 14.

**The Lawns Red 105 d Berri Red 58.**  
R. Lawton 25 d J. Trezise 17; S. Ivanovic 33 d W. Ledsham 7; R. Adam 18 d S. Eichenberger 17; N. Kelly 29 d K. Stokes 17.  
**Renmark Green 80 d Renmark Gold 78.**  
M. Rice 28 d B. Cropper 16; B. Knight 13 lost to B. Dopson 24; M. Lacey 22 d H. ter Bogt 15; B. Lockett 17 lost to P. Amos 23.  
**Berri Blue 89 d The Lawns 58.**

J. Centofanti 18 d M. Hudson 14; G. Jenke 26 d K. Knight 13; J. Jungfer 25 d P. Brown 13; K. Carpenter 20 d R. Ashworth 18.  
Points: Barmera 259; The Lawns Red 212; Loxton Red 167; Renmark Gold 166; Loxton RSL 157; Renmark Green 137; Waikerie 136; Berri Blue 134; Lyrup 130; Loxton White 105; Berri Red 92; Loxton Blue 87; Barmera Pelicans 86; Monash 51; The Lawns 39.



SPEEDWAY SPECIAL: Speedway action returned to the Riverland last weekend, with a number of high octane races involving vehicles of all shapes and sizes taking place on on Sunday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



# ZACH ATTACK



Riverland-born Zach Schubert goes aerial for a serve in the gold medal match at the recent Pro Tour Elite 16 beach volleyball tournament in Torquay. PHOTOS: Facebook

LOXTON-born Aussie beach volleyball star Zach Schubert made history last week at one of the most prestigious tournaments in the world.

The 26-year-old, alongside teammate Thomas Hodges, made it all the way to the final of the Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 competition in Torquay.

The duo faced off against Frenchmen Youssef Krou and Arnaud Gauthier-Rat in the final after winning an epic three-set thriller in the semis to qualify for the gold medal match.

The Australians went down by two sets in a close contest but walked away with a silver medal, making history for their country.

"It was actually a pretty big moment because it was the best an Australian men's team has ever done on the world tour. It's the highest medal we've picked up," Schubert said.

"There's been a few good results, like we got a fourth-place at the Olympics but we've never actually won, and we managed to pick up second.

"This is my highest achievement by a country mile."

The duo went into the contest in a rich vein of form, placing second at an Asian tour beforehand as well

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as securing a number of fifth-place finishes at other events on the tour.

"Obviously you aim to win every event and we had some pretty consistent results leading up to it," he said.

"We were building towards some kind of breakout but just missing the mark by one spot every time.

"It was week seven of the tour and we'd played 33 games in that seven weeks, so we were pretty gassed and probably didn't think we were going to get there.

"We lost both sets but you have to lead by two points to win the set, and we lost both by two points, so we just missed the mark against a pretty solid French team.

"We actually beat them recently as well in Dubai, so they're obviously improving too. It was a good game."

The result was extra satisfying for Schubert, who believes the association thought he was "on the way out" after a number of injury concerns last year.

"We qualified for the Olympics last cycle but didn't get selected for

the team, but that's sport," he said.

"It comes down to more than one event and just because you win the qualifying, it doesn't mean you're the highest rank. They obviously want to medal at the Olympics.

"Obviously there's so much politics in the sport and we haven't had the greatest support from the federation compared to other teams.

"It was a bit like, I had double-knee surgery and they thought I was done, so it was nice to prove them wrong."

The result has propelled Schubert and Hodges up the world rankings, but the pair still has work to do heading into 2023.

"We were ranked fourth in Australia and around 160th in the world but we've pulled this out and had a consistent year, so now we're number one in Australia and top 20 in the world," he said.

"I'll be looking after the body now because obviously after seven weeks straight it'll be good to chill out and do stuff I enjoy.

"We won't start training again until January and the Olympic qualifiers start next year.

"You need to be top 15 in the world for that, so we're still a little bit off the mark and we need to



The silver medal means Schubert (right) along with Aussie partner Thomas Hodges are now the top ranked men's beach volleyball pair in the country.

keep getting those results."

Schubert says he has plenty of work to do off the court as well as on it, with his recent success coming at a personal cost.

"It was just a pity because I missed my best mate's wedding to play in Torquay," he said.

"So I've got a lot of groundwork to do with that one."

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# Crows fly north for flood support

**BEN LENNON**

A TIMELY visit from some much-loved players has “lifted the spirits” of one of the Riverland’s most prominent supporters’ clubs.

As part of its partnership with The Advertiser, the Adelaide Crows sent a quintet of players to the Riverland for a number of meet-and-greet sessions.

Jordon Butts, Lachlan Sholl, Jordan Dawson, Harry Schoenberg and Will Hamill spent time in Renmark on Wednesday morning before heading to Waikerie to meet with members of the supporters’ club.

“The idea of it was to get them out here and show some support for the flood areas and to visit schools and bring a bit of good will up here,” said Riverland Crows Supporters Club presi-

dent Peter Marks.

“We found out about two days before. We had an email from Sam Jacobs saying it was happening and asking us to be there and it was a bit of a hurry, ringing around to see who could get there.

“We still had quite a good turnout and good support, and a couple of kids came through as well to meet the players, and the players were all over them.”

The supporters club has been starved of player contact for a number of years now and members relished the opportunity for a chance to meet some of their favourites.

“Once Covid hit, that was it, we never saw any players at all anymore,” Mr Marks said.

“They were essentially locked away. This is the first time we’ve had players up here where we’ve

actually had some time to have a bit of a chat with them.

“They had so much time and patience and were prepared to talk about anything and everything. It was really good.”

Mr Marks hopes that this signals a change in what has become the norm since Covid-19, with the club now eyeing off a potential special guest at an upcoming dinner.

“It comes up at every meeting we have and we’ve got a good relationship with Sam Jacobs and we get into him about it all the time,” Mr Marks said.

“We’ve got our fingers crossed that we’ll get someone up here in January for a dinner at the Waikerie Club.

“We’re hoping for Tex (Walker) or Darcy Fogarty or someone like that, and we’ve said if there’s a car coming up, get one of those guys in it.”



Adelaide Crows players visited the Riverland last week to provide support for those affected by the flood. Pictured above are Riverland Crows Supporters Club members Gwen Webber (left) and Jean Marks with Jordon Butts. The players, including Lachlan Sholl (left), also visited schools for a kick-to-kick with young Riverlanders. PHOTOS: Ben Lennon and Deirdre Graham

# ‘Wellbeing is everyone’s business’ at Barmera

**BEN LENNON**

WHILE Lake Bonney is temporarily blocked, one of Barmera’s other prominent entities remains open and is encouraging community members to speak up.

The Barmera-Monash Football Club embarked on a new challenge recently, with the launch of its wellbeing committee in late October.

Designed to provide support and resources to players, coaches and members of the community, the committee has five inaugural members, including club stalwart Michael Scordo, who is “excited” about the journey ahead.

“It all came about through a casual conversation between mates,” he said.

“We identified a need in the current climate and the goal is to raise awareness of wellbeing in our community.”

Other members of the committee include Darran van der Woude, Jed Millington, Paul Butterworth and Jess Press.

The club is rolling out profiles for each person on its Facebook page and for Scordo, his background was one of the main reasons behind his involvement in the program.

“I’m a counsellor and work in the community

services field, as well as have my own counselling practice, so it didn’t take much convincing for me to get involved,” he said.

“I also have a lived-experience of mental illness and being heavily involved with the Barmera-Monash Football Club has assisted with the recovery and maintenance of this.

“I know first-hand the benefits of being surrounded by supportive people in this community.

“Sporting clubs have a huge impact in communities, particularly in rural areas, not only with players, but families and the entire community.

“So, we want be a link

between the community and available services in the region and to build a culture of wellbeing and support at the club and in the Barmera community.”

The committee has outlined its vision and mission statement:

- To create a space in the community, for all people to feel safe, included, and aware of support available.
- To make wellbeing support more visible and accessible.
- Reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.
- Increase support networks for players, coaches, members, and the broader community.



● Mick Scordo



TRAINING WHEELS: Morgan motocross hopefuls received a special coaching session from professional racer Luke Reardon (left) last week. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



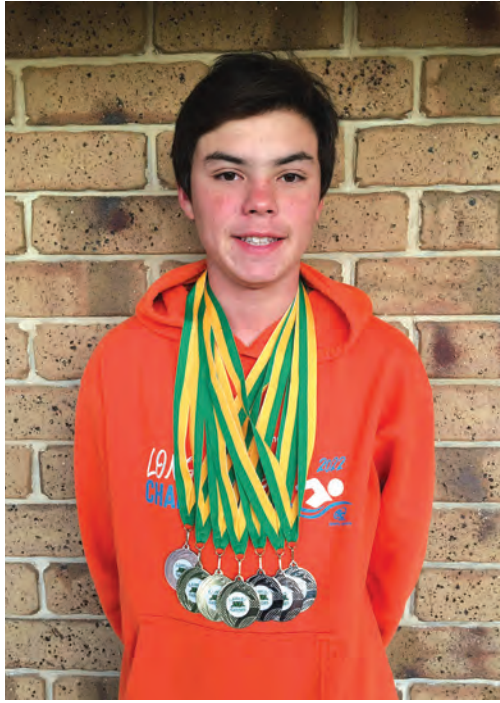
# Hugh's cooking this summer

SOME much-needed warm weather across the region has signalled the return of swimming to the sporting fray, and one Riverlander has hit the ground running to kick off the summer.

Renmark youngster Hugh Riedel has had a busy couple of weeks in the pool, competing at multiple swimming meets across the state and producing some excellent performances.

Last fortnight Hugh travelled to Gawler to compete in the annual Gawler Open and the youngster walked away with an impressive haul of medals.

He won gold in the 200m individual medley, the 50m breaststroke and the 100m breaststroke, all in the open men's category for people aged



between 13 and 30.

Riedel also managed medals in four other events and placed fifth in the 100m open freestyle event, making for a

successful weekend.

He then backed it up last weekend with an even stronger showing at the Mildura Open, where he was accompanied



**MAKING A SPLASH:** Renmark youngster Hugh Riedel has picked up plenty of awards over the past fortnight. Pictured is his medal haul following last weekend's Mildura Open.

PHOTOS: Facebook

by a number of other members of the Vitor Renmark Swimming Club.

The 13-year-old entered seven events at the meet and walked away with

seven medals including two golds and five silver.

He also placed second in the dash for cash, capping off a remarkable two weeks.

## RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

### BERRI

**Wednesday, November 30**

Stableford: E. Dawson 43 pts, P. Mudge 41, I. Bradshaw 38, W. Hocevar 38, J. Skinner 37, S. Wade 37, S. May 37, K. Wyman 36, R. Keightley 35, K. Traeger 35, G. Branson 33, T. McHugh 33.

**Saturday, December 3**

Stableford: W. Thiele 40 pts, I. McHugh 40, T. McHugh 39, C. Hyde 39, J. Brand 39, P. Wood 39, K. Traeger 39,

L. Campbell 38, S. May 37, R. Sully 37, J. Skinner 37, M. O'Loughlin 36, A. Thiel 36, M. Baylis 36, P. Efthimiou 35, A. Brand 35, G. Tognon 35.

**Sunday, December 4**

Stableford: D. Ramsay 38 pts, J. Brand 36, E. Day 36, M. Jennings 36, M. Gray 34, G. Tognon 34, P. Jealous 34, I. Bradshaw 33, E. Dawson 33.

### LOXTON

**Wednesday, November 30**

Stableford: Men - G. Wooldridge 40,

S. Semmler 38, D. Marsland 37. Women - J. Patching 36, S. Grein 34, K. Nolan 31.

**Saturday, December 3**

Monthly medal Overall winner: D. Johns Nett 67.

### Men

Stroke: A grade - K. Rivett 69, R. Hogan 69, B. Chapman 69. B grade - D. Johns 67, C. Maczkowiack 70, G. Polymiadis 70.

### Women

Stroke: M. Tyler 75, J. Patching 76, J. Bullock 77.

## RIVERLAND WOMEN'S EIGHTBALL RESULTS

**Waikerie Club 13 d Lyrup Club 2.**

Best: Waikerie Club - J. Mackereth, M. Briscoe. Lyrup Club - J. Geue, D. Wilson. **Monash Club DV8s 11 d Lyrup Lion Cubs 4.**

Best: Monash Club DV8s - D. Marshall, J. Raines. Lyrup Lion Cubs - C. Walton, T. Knight.

**Bonnie Pelicans 13 d Lyrup Blue 2.**

Best: Bonnie Pelicans - J. Reynolds, G.

Lally. Lyrup Blue - C. Werner, S. Bini.

**BBC Cue-Ts 8 d Renmark Roses 7.**

Best: BBC Cue-Ts - D. Stocker, L. Teague. Renmark Roses - K. McAvaney, C. Knight.

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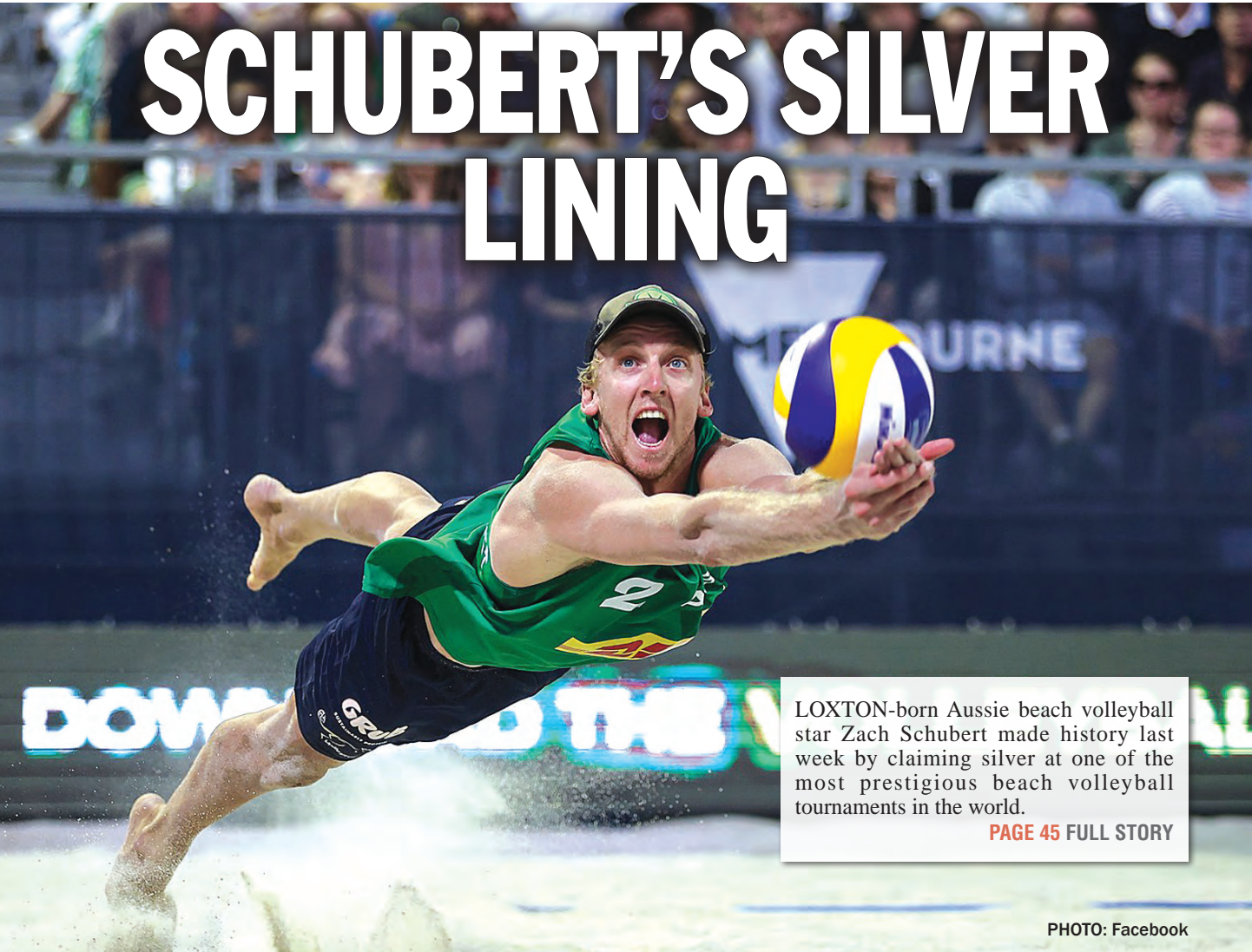
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# SCHUBERT'S SILVER LINING



LOXTON-born Aussie beach volleyball star Zach Schubert made history last week by claiming silver at one of the most prestigious beach volleyball tournaments in the world.

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PHOTO: Facebook



St Joseph's Renmark teacher Rowie Williams (left) with Crows star Jordan Dawson and students Charlotte Evans, Sophie Gordon and Ruby Stuetzel during the Adelaide Football Club's Riverland visit last week.

PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

## Crows fly north for Riverland flood relief

**BEN LENNON**

A TIMELY visit from some much-loved players has “lifted the spirits” of one of the Riverland’s most prominent supporters’ clubs.

As part of its partnership with The Advertiser, the Adelaide Crows sent a quintet of players to the Riverland for a number of meet-and-greet sessions.

Jordon Butts, Lachlan Sholl, Jordan Dawson, Harry Schoenberg and Will Hamill spent time in Renmark on Wednesday morning before heading to Waikerie to meet with fans.

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