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Drugs and firearms arrests made

RIVERLAND police have arrested and reported seven people after searches of homes were conducted last week.

Between Monday 5 February and Thursday 8 February, Waikerie and Blanchetown police carried out a number of searches acting on information from the public.

In total, police searched five premises resulting in three arrests and four reports for offences against the controlled substances and firearms acts.

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amine, six firearms (gel blasters), over 500 rounds of ammunition, a quantity of prohibited weapons and dangerous articles (prescribed knives and a taser) and a stolen motorcycle.

A 66-year-old woman from Cambrai was arrested for cultivating a commercial quantity of cannabis, possessesing prescribed equipment, possessesing ammunition without a license and possessing cannabis. She has been bailed to appear at the Waikerie Magistrates Court on 8 April 2024.

A 36-year-old man and a 40-year-old woman from Waikerie were arrested and jointly charged for possessing a dangerous article, possessesing a prohibited weapon, traffic in a controlled drug, possess ammunition without a permit and unlawful possession.

They have been bailed to appear in the Waikerie Magistrates Court on 8 April 2024.

A 66-year-old woman from Sedan and a 62-year-old man from Towitta have been reported for cultivating cannabis and will be summonsed to appear in the Waikerie Magistrates Court at a later date.

A 43-year-old man from Ramco Heights has been report-

ed for cultivating cannabis, possessing cannabis, possessing a firearm without a licence and possess an unregistered firearm.

A 21-year-old man from the same address was reported for possess a firearm without a licence, and for possessing an unregistered firearm. They will be summonsed to appear in the Waikerie Magistrates Court at a later date.

Anyone with information relating to these or other offences is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at (www.crimestopperssa.com au)

Drink drivers caught by police in region over weekend

RIVERLAND police detected three drivers committing traffic offences in the region over the weekend.

At about 9.15pm on Friday 9 February, a 45-year-old man from Loxton was reported for drink driving after he was stopped on Pyap Street, Loxton.

He was submitted to a breath test and allegedly produced a blood alcohol reading of 0.130.

He was issued with a six-month instant loss of licence, had his vehicle impounded

and will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

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On Saturday 10 February, at about 5.40pm police clocked a women's car travelling 150km/h in a 100km/h zone on Bookpurnong Road, at Bookpurnong.

The driver, a 31-year-old Strathalbyn woman, recorded a blood alcohol reading of 0.203 – more than four times the legal limit.

Also of concern to the highway patrol, there were four children – one unrestrained – in the vehicle.

The woman was reported for drink driving and issued with a fine totalling \$2255 for

speeding and seatbelt offences.

She was issued with a 12-month immediate loss of licence, had her car impounded for 28 days and will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

Also on Saturday, at about midday, Riverland police stopped a motorcycle rider on Halfway House Road, Sedan.

The rider, a 53-year-old man, was drug tested and allegedly returned a positive result to cannabis.

He received a three-month loss of licence and may face drug-driving charges pending results of a forensic analysis.

Patch Nursery talks to local garden club

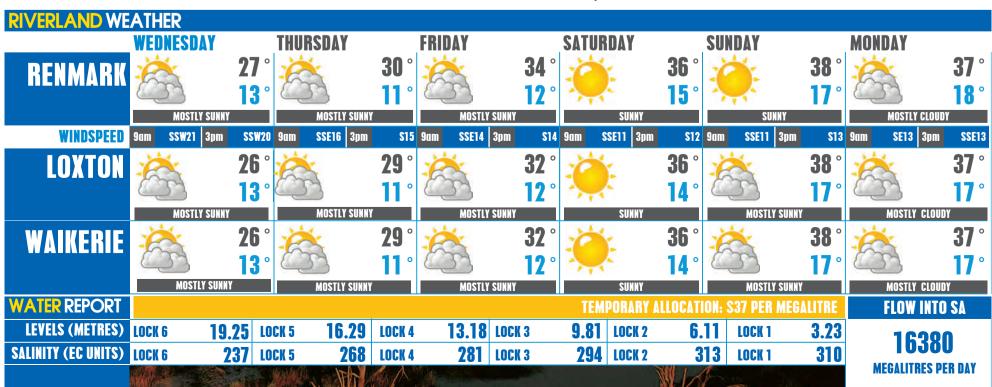
THE Renmark Garden Club is meeting on Tuesday, at the Garden Club rooms, at 7.30pm.

The special guest speaker will be from The Patch Nursery, in Renmark

Members please bring a plate of supper to share. There will be an exciting raffle prize to be won at the meeting.

Visitors are always welcome to attend.

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Supporting apprentices across the Riverland

ALEXANDRA BULL

SEEING how Riverland businesses support their apprentices was part of a visit from the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) CEO last Friday.

CITB CEO Holly Willcox and director workforce, skills and training Toni Hartley visited the Riverland last Friday for the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards, and also to get a sense of how Riverland businesses are supporting their apprenticeships.

The CITB provides funding for training and skills development to the South Australian building and construction industry, including the Riverland.

"While we are here, we thought it was important to come out and see some of the businesses and get an understanding of how the Riverland is utilising the funds that the CITB provides," Ms Willcox said.

"In the Riverland in particular, we are seeing that there are issues that the community faces when apprentices want to go to trade school and they are quite limited in the training providers that are able to come up to the regions," she said.

"For example, Hugo Kregar, who is now a CITB ambassador, had to come down to the city to do his trade school, and we are

trying to understand what some of the barriers are and how to address those barriers and supporting some of our training providers to come up more.

"We are also looking at when we provide short course training, which of the training providers in the regions can offer those types of short-courses and where we play our leadership role is where we can help those training providers offer more short courses or more upskilled trainers as well."

Ms Willcox said the important connection last Friday was Hugo Kregar, who won the South Australian Apprentice of the Year last year.

"It is important for us to showcase Hugo's journey, because he started his career right back in school, so he started the doorways to construction program and the CITB funds a lot of programs and have a very strong partnership with the Department for Education, and catholic and independent schools," she said.

"Hugo did that program and then did a cert two in construction pathways and then he progressed to a school-based apprenticeship, as well as completing a full-time apprenticeship. He is now qualified.

"The CITB funds helped him through from the pathways program right through to his apprenticeship and now even as a qualified worker, he can access short course funding to continually develop and upskill himself."

Ms Willcox and Ms Hartley were joined on the day by Mr Kregar, who showed them around the region.

"At the moment CITB is doing incredible work promoting apprenticeships around South Australia and they just launched Trade-Up which is going to help young people enter an apprenticeship," Mr Kregar said.

"It's really rewarding having Holly here today and showing them around the building sites, meeting people who are commencing their apprenticeships and really showing the apprentices here that there is support here for them.

"It doesn't matter if you are in the metropolitan or regional parts of South Australia, there is always that support while you are undertaking your apprenticeship.

"The CITB definitely supported me through my apprenticeship. There's so many incentives out there for apprentices and overall, it's a great industry to be in and now working with the CITB, it's really rewarding and fulfilling to see other apprentices striving and completing their apprenticeships."



Apprentice Seth Johns, CITB director workforce, skills and training Toni Hartley, apprentice Hayden Johns, Michael Kregar Building's Hugo Kregar, CITB CEO Holly Willcox, JMA Engineering's Crystal Petch and Michael Kregar at the new Big River Toyota site in Berri, PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Twin brothers Seth and Hayden Johns are both undertaking apprenticeships in the



Hugo Kregar, Holly Willcox and Toni Hartley.



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Loxton Hotel chef takes home Apprentice of the Year

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"It's pretty surreal to be honest," Callum said.

"I guess going in you don't know your chances and obviously it's a very strong field of people you are up against.

"It's a big honour. I wasn't really expecting it to be honest but I'm certainly very happy and very proud."

Callum, who completed his Cert III in commercial cookery last year, said he always had a passion for cooking.

"Even when I was younger, I would jump in the kitchen with my mum and help her cook tea and then I started to do some extracurricular training through TAFE and eventually got my apprenticeship, but it has really stuck with me," he said.

"I think I owe a lot to the people at the hotel. I've had a lot of support in my three years here, they have really pushed me and given me the opportunities I've needed to be where I am today.

"My two lecturers at TAFE, Gary and Alistair, they were the people that really got me into my job, and also my first head chef Daniel, he isn't here anymore but he's the person who really took me under his wing and trained me to be who I am today."

Callum said his mum had always been one

of his biggest supporters.

"I think she (mum) has just been there for me to be honest," he said.

"Whenever I've had any troubles at work or I'm feeling a bit down, she is someone who just lifts me up and I'm really grateful for that."

Moving forward, Callum would like to stay in the Riverland for a while, but wants to travel to experience cooking in other countries.

"I would like to travel and go overseas and just learn as much as I can," he said.

"Ideally I would like to come back and sort of showcase what the world has to offer in terms of food."

Callum was also awarded the industry award for Commercial Cookery.

Rotary Club of Berri president Bruce Richardson said the awards night went "extraordinarily well".

"We were very happy and very pleased with the night, and the standard and quality of finalists as well," he said.

"The Rotary Club of Berri is proud of all the finalists. It as difficult for the judges, I was one of them and our committee was certainly really well focused on getting it to be the best we can and try to better the previous years.

"We just want to highlight those young people and what they do because they are all winners in a way. They are all winners because they all put their hand up and are doing so much in their areas.

"Congratulations from the rotary club to the winners and a big thank you to everyone who supports our project each year."



2023 Riverland and Mallee Apprentice of the Year runner-up Monty Wall and North East Vocational College's Quentin Sickerdick. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull





2023 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards Trainee of the Year Jayde Harrington and Murray Pioneer advertising manager Glenda Malinovski. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

Jayde takes out Trainee of the Year award

ALEXANDRA BULL

AN Almondco employee has been awarded the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards Trainee of the Year award for 2023.

Jayde Harrington was awarded Trainee of the Year last Friday at the awards, which celebrates some of the Riverland's best and brightest apprentices and trainees from throughout the region.

Jayde, who commenced a traineeship at Almondco in 2022, said it feels "really good" to have been awarded Trainee of the Year.

"I was sitting there, I had the leg shake but it was really, really good," she said.

"I am so proud of myself and thankful for everyone at Almondco who has supported me."

Jayde was originally meant to be writing work instructions when she first started at Almondco, but then showed potential in human recourses, which is what helped her enter a traineeship.

"Almondco invested in two traineeships, which myself and Vi undertook, and we were the only two on the night who had undertaken a Cert IV" Jayde said.

"I think being in human

resources, I handle a lot of sticky situations and this award kind of acknowledges all parts of my job.

"I think it's just an acknowledgement that I am where I am supposed to be, which is right here.

"I am pretty happy where I am here. I cover two other sites as well, so maybe in a years' time I go ahead and study a diploma of HR or something like that, but I want to stick around here."

Jayde added her family had also been a big support over her journey to winning the award.

"I think last year probably wasn't my best year and they definitely encouraged me to come to work, continue my studies and reminded me I have something to look forward to once I got my qualification," she said.

"I want to thank Almondco as a whole and probably more direct Andrea Molloy. She helped me go down the HR side of things, and she was the one who helped me select things to do for work and then that's how I got into recruitment. She introduced me to everything and everyone."

MAJOR AWARDS

Apprentice of the Year - Callum

Irlam, Loxton Community Hotel Motel.

Runner-up – Monty Wall, LecLogix Riverland & Mallee Pty Ltd. Trainee of the Year – Jayde Harrington, Almondco Australia

Runner-up - Johnathon Twigden,

Frankleigh Fruits.

Australian School Based Apprentice of the Year - Tyson McFeeters, Berri Regional Secondary College, TNT Fabrication & Enginering Runner-up - Deegan Corman, Berri Regional Secondary College, Kuhn Plumbing. Australian School Based Trainee of the Year - Jenaya Biele, The Loxton District Children's Centre. Loxton High School. Runner-up - Meg Mitchell, Jarahs Hair (Front of House), Berri Regional Secondary College Vocational Education and Training (VET) Student of the Year - Jade Crook, Renmark High School (Community Services).

Runner-up – Makaede Ireland, Loxton High School (Agriculture). INDUSTRY AWARDS

Automotive – Cody Schutz, employed by MEGT hosted by MJC Mechanical Repairs. CITB Building and Construction – Aaron Smith, employed by SMGT hosted by Smith's Carpentry and General Building. Commercial Cookery – Callum Irlam, Loxton Community Hotel

Motel. Electrical – Monty Wall, LecLogix Riverland and Mallee Pty Ltd. Engineering – Jackson Thiel, JMA

Engineering. Wall and Floor Tiling – Zachary Wills, Manuel's Tiling and Building



2023 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards Trainee of the Year runner-up Johnathon Twigden with Gail Campain from WIN TV South Australia.

Independent MLC calls for wines grape fears to be heard by Parliament...



About 100 wine grape growers attended a meeting in Barmera last month, with independent MLC Frank Pangallo present, to discuss options and solutions going forward. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Let's inquire

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"The prices being offered this year are equivalent to what growers were getting 50 years ago. Many growers have already decided not to harvest this year while others will need to decide what to do with their crops in the next few weeks.

"Many feel the wine companies have a gun to their head; damned if they do and damned if they don't."

A proposal for the inquiry from Greens MLC Robert Simms – was last week supported in the Legislative Council.

Mr Pangallo said examination of industry body Riverland Wine's effectiveness was also necessary.

"(The inquiry) will also afford them the opportunity to disclose the levels of support being offered by the State Government as well as the advocacy - or lack thereof - being shown by their peak lobby group, Riverland Wine," Mr Pangallo said.

"I am aware of the widespread frustration the growers have with the lack of advocacy and communication being provided by Riverland Wine.'

Mr Pangallo said negative economic impacts within the Riverland wine industry would flow throughout the region and South Australia.

"Make no mistake, the Riverland grape growing industry... (is) on the brink of collapse due to appalling low prices being offered by the big wine companies for their grapes," he said.

"The growers I met with recently painted a very grim picture about their futures and that of the entire Riverland region.

"The state cannot afford to lose this crucial grapegrowing region, which is a major contributor to the state's \$2.5bn annual wine production value – the flowon effects would be cata-

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'Labor won't listen' on grapes, says Nicola

CALLS for a parliamentary inquiry into the Riverland's ailing wine grape industry have drawn both support and scepticism from a locally-based SA politician.

Liberal MLC Nicola Centofanti has backed calls – in today's Murray Pioneer – by her independent upper house col-league Frank Pangallo for an overarching review into the industry, with growers struggling to survive amid an environment of over-supply and low prices for red wine grapes. However, Dr Centofanti

the SA Liberals' spokesperson for primary industries – predicted Mr Pangallo's call would fall on deaf ears.

"I think any process that highlights the dire situation in which our wine and grape growers are fac-ing is a welcomed one," Dr Centofanti told The

Pioneer yesterday.

"However, given I have been highlighting this important issue to Minister (Clare) Scriven for months now without any tangible action or outcomes, I'm sceptical that the (State) Government will listen and act.'

Ms Scriven is the SA **Minister for Primary** Industries and also sits in the upper house.

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Approximately 100 growers met on a private property in Barmera last month to air industry concerns with independent MLC Frank Pangallo.

The Riverland Wine spokesperson said the organisation had recently advocated for local growers with key stakeholders including South Australian Government departments, Australian Grape and Wine, Wine Australia, Rural Business Support, the Riverland as well as the Federal Government, and Regional Development Australia.

"We have emphasised the need for shortterm, crisis support and called on these organisations to step forward with some genuine solutions," the spokesperson said.

"However, the challenges we are facing are global in nature, and a quick fix might not be enough to ensure long-term sustain-

The town meeting will take place at the Barmera Club, on Wednesday 21 February, at 5pm and local growers are urged to share their concerns.

"We appreciate that vintage '24 is upon us and that there is an upcoming grower meeting with CCW to discuss its negotiations with Accolade... about which we also hold concerns," the spokesperson said.

"The Riverland industry is facing low prices for both grapes and wine, and this impacts the entire community, but the task cannot be done alone.

"When we work together, we can speak louder and with greater influence.'



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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Time to engage

IT appears as though, after many months, the challenges facing the Riverland wine industry and the region's grape growers are capturing the attention of those higher up the chain of power.

Last month's crisis meeting, held at a Loveday property, brought independent Adelaide MLC Frank Pangallo to the region and despite some doubts existing in the community, we see in today's edition that Mr Pangallo has taken some action toward putting a spotlight on the situation. Whether the idea of including wine grape pricing in an inquiry focused largely on prices in supermarkets would be effective is another discussion.

So too was industry body Riverland Wine represented at that meeting, and at another industry meeting in Renmark the next day, with action intended to quell any questions surrounding the level of representation offered to growers.

Although next week's meeting, set to be held in Barmera, comes at a time when many will be in harvest mode, it is another similar gesture, and will provide a vital public forum for concerns and questions to be heard directly from growers.

Interestingly, this meeting still fails to tempt Minister for Primary Industries Clare Scriven into a Riverland visit.

A tale of two projects

WORKS resulting from the flood, and at the riverfront, have recently tested Renmark Paringa Council's communication.

Two construction projects in Renmark have been a central community focus of late, those being the Twentyfirst Street Bridge replacement, at the repairs and upgrades of the Renmark wharf.

The somewhat surprising start of the riverfront works, which occured on relatively short notice, raised the question among some residents as to whether this was a higher priority project than the bridge replacement.

Weighing into this discussion online, Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter rightly pointed out that the wharf project had been planned since before the flood event, and is funded seperately.

These discussions unfortunately do little to increase the speed of the Twentyfirst Street bridge's replacement, an area in which council has admittedly been quiet lately, or ease the economic strain on businesses that rely on the bridge being open, however, they perhaps reflect the priority council is currently putting on interacting with the community.

Increased communication has been one of Mr Hunter's goals since his mayoral campaign, and even his use of online platforms to communicate directly with the public will likely be appreciated.

It is understood by the paper that after recent meetings with council representatives, operators of a main business on Twentyfirst Street are satisfied of the progress being made with the bridge, with a contractor expected to be announced soon to undertake the replacement.

It is perhaps a lesson that with discussion, some of the worse speculation can be avoided.



Savings Bank of South Australia (SBSA), Loxton, **1956.** This photo appeared recently on social media, sparking discussion as to which bank it was and where? By comparing the surrounding features, the suspected location was confirmed. In fact, the photo was likely taken on 20 September 1956, when this building was declared open. The SBSA first opened an agency in Loxton in 1912. In a spirit of co-operation, it operated in the Bank of Adelaide located adjacent to the present site. Business expanded and in August 1946, the bank rented the Red Cross Opportunity Shop, on the corner of East Terrace and Drabsch Street, becoming the 60th SA branch and the fourth River town to have a fully equipped SBSA branch. The first manager was Graham Alexander. Loxton's new branch took over five nearby agencies and began collecting deposits at 16 local schools. The bank continued to grow and, in consequence, purchased one of two town blocks from the Bank of Adelaide fronting East Terrace. These had been bought by the Bank of Adelaide when the town was first proclaimed in 1907. The 1956 premises remain current (as BankSA) and, after once being one of five in Loxton, is now the only bank still open. PHOTO: Alison Halupka

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Confused over unclad bathing

I WRITE regarding public consultation on the unclad bathing policy for Lake Bonney.

I obtained a copy of the policy and responded to Berri Barmera Council before the due date of Friday 1 December 2023 to the council's manager of environment and regular regulatory services, Tracey Alexander.

I wrote the letter dated 20 November 2023 and hand delivered it to Berri Barmera Council.

It raised the following issues. We purchased our former property, Pelican Point Nudist Park (240 Morgan Road, Barmera) in 1991 for the sole purpose of establishing a nudist caravan park.

The planning officer stated it was to complement the existing clad and unclad beach.

Various tinkering has taken place on the beach since, viz:

- 1. Logs installed (to prevent vehicular access to 'Southern Point') that eventually floated away.
- 2. Large boulders placed to cause a 'block off'. These were later removed.
- 3. Deep trenches dug in to be later filled in.
- 4. Large irrigation pipes installed – later removed.
- 5. Pine posts dug in later

6. The latest, a fence installed. Since 1 December 2023, according to the unclad bathing policy, access to the unclad bathing area is now via a narrow walking track, with no access area either side.

But more recently a 'road closed' sign has been put in place, with an official sign from Berri Barmera Council, just past a house and quite some distance from Pelican Point.

The 'road closed' sign reads as such:

Road closed No access allowed to Pelican **Point**

The other sign reads: No access allowed beyond this

This area is monitored. Please follow council's by-laws.

Fines will be issued to any breaches of by-laws.

Berri Barmera Council

The Pelican Point clad and unclad beach has been in existence for the same amount of years as Maslin Beach and the beach between Beachport and

Each Australian state has only two or three such beaches, with the exception of Queensland, where there are none.

Nudists are gradually losing their areas, yet the local unclad bathing policy states:

"The portion of land within Section 854 in Cobdogla Irrigation Area identified in the attached maps referred to in Appendix 1 shall be reserved for the purpose of clad and unclad bathing, and all persons using this portion of land shall be exempt from any penalty under By-Law No.3 - Local Government Land. Unclad bathing is prohibited on all other Local Government land within the Berri Barmera Council."

Boy! What a continual indecisive saga, possibly at the expense of the ratepayers. **YV**ONNE BAKES

Date not a make or break

I AGREE with comments made in the 31 January editorial ('Best aspect of the day', page 6) that the best aspect of Australia Day is to honour well-deserving community contributors and volunteers.

However, I am equally aware that the date of 26 January is also a symbol of the adverse impacts of British settlement on Australia's First Nations people and cannot be a day of celebration for all Australians.

Fortunately, this is becoming more recognised. In 2022 the Federal Government changed the law to allow councils to conduct citizen ceremonies three days before or after the current Australia Day. In 2024, 81 councils changed the date of their citizen ceremonies to a date so that it no longer coincides with 26 January.

A remarkable change in a relatively short period of time.

When I watched the Australia Day awards on ABC television, I was deeply moved by community leaders being honoured, most notably local hero David Elliot, who turned a discovery of a dinosaur fossil on his sheep property into an Australian palaeontology outpost, Senior Australian of the year Yalmay Yunupingu for teaching language and culture, and of course Melanoma treatment pioneers Georgina Long and Richard Scolor for their outstanding research in treating skin cancer.

These people, and the local Riverland community contributors, deserve to be recognised on a national day. Rethinking the date that we celebrate Australia day takes nothing from these well-deserving citizens.

We can still have the same awards and recognitions, just on a different day.

VANESSA STOCKDALE

Appeal to all **Australians**

IT has been deeply saddening to hear about and see the many protests across our country on Australia Day.

I am a great grandma, almost 96, and this letter is particularly addressed to my dear First Nations brothers and sisters.

I would first like to reassure you that most people are truly sorry and ashamed of the fearful wrongs done years ago to you, the first people of this land. Our generation was not there, so we cannot take the blame, but many

national apologies have been made and much restoration done, even if not always in the most beneficial ways.

But how many times must we say sorry? Does acceptance and forgiveness not come into it at

Jesus said forgiveness is divine. It is truly healing for all parties. Bitterness, hatred, payback and unforgiveness are so destructive.

Protests are not helpful, but keep festering the hurt.

Losing the Voice vote was hurtful for many, but that does not mean you are rejected. Sadly, atrocities of all kinds continue to happen in our countries, and in our land too. Just watch the daily

I believe our main purpose in this life is to respect, love and support each other at all times and in all situations.

I appeal to all Australians, the oldest and the newest, to work together for true unity in our great country.

May God bless us and our dear land.

LOIS RATHJEN

Careering out of control?

WHATEVER Anthony Albanese may say, I think he has lost touch with the average Australian and does not have the nation's best interest at heart.

His policies are very short sighted, such as increased migration and wages, which are putting even further strain on our resources and quality of life.

Yet his solutions, including quick-fix housing developments, are blinded by his ideology. The government is careering out of control like a car with a madman at the wheel.

Some successful corporations insist that their top executives spend time with their base-paid workers, to listen to their con-

I would suggest this would

"Rethinking the date that we celebrate Australia day takes nothing from these well-deserving citizens..."
- VANESSA STOCKDALE



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be an essential addition to any Prime Minister's list of duties. Barmera

Bright ideas for our government

TO our current state government, why not look at these two, what I think are, bright ideas from a simple country lad.

The first: why not build the new police horse mount at the old Belair golf course, as there plenty of room, it's not far from town and could also accommodate the dog squad, and even a gun range.

The second: we have six locks and a barrage down to Goolwa, so why doesn't SAWater or the State Government use these and put portable turbines on them to make electricity for the state

I don't think these things are real rocket science, but have a look at the feasibility.

MĂRK NEWMAN Loxton

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Breaking up with Optus

I WAS one of the 10 million who recently lost Optus services temporarily.

After 30 hours of being down I got in touch with them and after a run-around, I decided to use another provider.

Optus has something seriously wrong with their customer support. It's not just the appalling hold music, it's the constant need to verify your identity. Each time I ring them I verify at least

Call centre service is intentionally bad. I get that. They don't want extra staff doing nothing, so they always run understaffed.

Bad call centre service also drives more customers to use their Optus apps and online services, which cost less to run. Much like a self-service checkout at your local supermarket, fewer staff means more customers will do unpaid work for the supermarket.

Optus has some other problems though. I logged in online to change my details, for which I needed to register, for which I needed to verify myself. I did. It said I did. Then when I wanted to change my details, it said I needed to register, and so on.

Anyhow, I solved the problems as I am no longer with Optus, and will move onto a happier future.

I am convinced that not one person in Optus management has had to use their own customer

On the upside, if you have long wait times on the phone,

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You've gotta be joking! Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey WINE INDUSTRY CRISIS RESPO STORY PAGE 5 EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS 13-2-24

you can tell it's not scammers. JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

Signs of severity

IN my opinion it is sheer madness to burn fossil fuels at the current scale to produce energy because this action releases massive amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which is the prime cause of human-induced climate

Just a quick scan of some climatic-related happenings that took place last year attest to the terrible dangers ahead if we continue to burn fossil fuels:

The World Meteorological Body, using up-to-date measurement means, has made it known that the month of July 2023 was the hottest month ever recorded.

United Nations secretary general Antonio Guterres has stated "the era of global warning has ended, the era of global boiling has arrived".

Scientists have stated existing carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are the highest in approximately two million years.

The frightening wildfires experienced in Northern America, the life-threatening acrid smoke haze in New Yor the likes of which has never been seen before. I could go on

If the present widespread burning of fossil fuels can be greatly reduced scientists are

confident human-induced climate change can be, at least, considerably slowed.

SOLUTIONS ARE FOUND IN THE PROBLEMS

BRIAN MEASDAY

Kingswood

New look for greatest shave

THE World's Greatest Shave is arguably Australia's favourite fundraising campaign spanning 26 years – with more than two million Australians taking part by shaving, cutting, and colouring their hair, to raise vital funds for the Leukaemia Foundation and people living with blood cancer in Australia.

The World's Greatest Shave, however, wasn't immune to the devastating impact of Covid, which created the most formidable challenge the campaign has faced in its 26-year history.

With the World's Greatest Shave being the single biggest source of income for the Leukaemia Foundation, the organisation took a significant hit and saw fundraising figures drop dramatically.

The World's Greatest Shave had to pivot, and this year we farewell the beloved chins as we launch a new era of the campaign, with a vibrant, bold, contemporary, and more personal approach – to support the growing number of Australians impacted by blood cancer.

The new-look World's

Greatest Shave celebrates the everyday heroes in our community doing 'bloody beautiful' acts of shaving, cutting, colouring, or donating.

The new creative direction will feature real human participants and a catchy new slogan 'That's Bloody Beautiful', which will resonate more deeply with Australians.

There has never been a more important time for World's Greatest Shave to be back in force, with more Australians diagnosed with blood cancer now than ever before - underscoring the urgent need for increased support, additional resources, and more funds.

More than 140,000 Australians are currently living with blood cancer. Incidence of blood cancer has soared by 47 per cent in the past decade, making it a significant public health issue in Australia.

Funds raised through the World's Greatest Shave ensure that the Leukaemia Foundation can continue to provide vital support to blood cancer patients and their loved ones, and fund ground-breaking research, in the hopes of one day finding a cure.

We urge the Australian community to sign up to shave, cut, or colour their hair for World's Greatest Shave by visiting (worldsgreatestshave.com). **CHRIS TANTI**

Leukaemia Foundation

Looking back...

10 years ago 14 January, 2014





relief



RAIN A FIRE RELIEF: It was mother nature's lightning strikes that ignited blazes across the Riverland in January, and now she could have the final say in extinguishing trees left smouldering for the past month. Significant rainfall and possible thunderstorms forecast for yesterday, today and tomorrow are expected to extinguish areas that have been burning for weeks, including smouldering trees in the Mundic Creek area.

20 years ago 16 January, 2004







THEATRE IN LIMBO: The deteriorating condition of the Chaffey Theatre and its car park area are no closer to being repaired than than they were a year ago. Country Arts SA chief officer Ken Lloyd visited the Riverland this week and said while improvements were necessary, a lack of funding remained the key issue. "It's in the lap of the Treasurer. The fact is Country Arts has done everything it can do for the long-term development of all four auditoriums.'

TEXT LINE

How can Riverland Wine justify its staff living outside of this region? Is Riverland Wine now paying for accommodation when staff are here? I doubt staff would be paying for it out of their own

Monash

by the Loxton rubbish trucks? I hope council is happy to pay for my replacement bin soon.

Loxton

Welcome to Lachlan Dand as The Murray Pioneer sports journalist, on behalf of the Riverland Superdogs. And yes, we will be the curtain raiser for the Ebert memorial game, playing the

Peninsula Magpies.

IAN FORSYTH Berri

Thanks ANZ for cleaning the Loxton ATM.

SHANE Loxton

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Mantung's Suzi Evans (left) is one of three finalists for the 2024 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award South Australia. She is pictured with fellow finalists Nikki Atkinson and Susie Williams. PHOTO: Supplied

Our Suzi named one of SA's best

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL woman is putting Mantung on the map after recently being announced as a state rural women's award finalist.

Mantung author and mental health first aid trainer Suzi Evans is a 2024 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award South Australian finalist for her work in mental health, having founded the Workbench for the Mind program.

Mrs Evans said finding out she was one of three finalists came as a surprise.

"I really was quite overwhelmed and gobsmacked," she said.

As a finalist, Mrs Evans is in the running to win a \$15,000 Westpac grant to support an existing project, business, or program.

The winner will also receive professional development opportunities and access to

alumni networks.

The South Australian winner will be announced on 26 March and will represent the state at the national AgriFutures Rural Women's Award Gala Dinner in Canberra later in the year.

The national winner will be awarded an additional \$20,000 Westpac grant and the national runner-up will receive a \$15,000 grant.

The AgriFutures Rural Women's Award is recognised as supporting the essential role women play in rural industries, businesses, and communities.

Mrs Evans is up against Nikki Atkinson, who promotes Australian merino wool as an environmentally sustainable alternative to polyester wedding dresses, and entrepreneur Susie Williams, who has developed the Fleurieu App, which is designed to provide

local news for free and connect rural communities.

"We've all decided no matter who wins, we're all going to go to Canberra to support each other," Mrs Evans said.

"The two other finalists are just beautiful women.

"So often rural women go under the radar."

Mrs Evans' dedication to the mental health industry began following the loss of her son Murray to suicide in 2018.

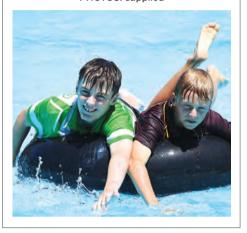
"Being acknowledged for the work that I do honours him," she said.

Regional Development Minister Clare

Regional Development Minister Clare Scriven congratulated the three finalists.

"The finalists' devotion and drive to make positive change is inspirational and they should be incredibly proud of their achievements," she added.

WET AND WILD: Loxton High School year 7 students earlier this month participated in Splash Day, in preparation for the school's swimming carnival. PHOTOS: supplied



Grain growers are urged to speak up

GRAINGROWERS is asking growers across the Riverland to have their say on issues impacting their farms in the 2024 Annual Policy Survey.

The survey aims to help GrainGrowers prioritise the challenges and opportunities for growers.

GrainGrowers CEO Shona Gawel said the survey represented an important opportunity for growers to be involved and have their say on issues that impact their day-today business operations.

"Last year, 626 growers participated in the survey, providing a wealth of useful information," she said.

"From a data viewpoint, the breadth of participation provided statistically significant results, allowing us to draw accurate, industry-wide conclusions.

"In 2023, the survey identified the top four priority areas as farm inputs, trade and market access, workforce and freight and supply chains. The feedback and insights provide a sharp focus to our policy and advocacy efforts, undertaken on behalf of our members and the wider industry."

Ms Gawel encouraged growers to put aside time, get involved and make their opinions known.

"Our policy and advocacy efforts reflect the needs of growers, and the survey ensures that we can showcase the severity of the issues occurring on-farm directly to government," she said.

"While we communicate regularly with growers and receive regular input from elected members of the National Policy Group, the survey is another opportunity for growers to directly communicate with us."

The survey, conducted through an independent research firm, comprises a range of multiple-choice and open-text questions. It asks growers for information about the issues that affect them, and the policies required to help drive the future development of the industry in a profitable and sustainable manner.

The survey can be accessed via the GrainGrowers website and closes on Monday 11 March.

As an incentive to participate, all responses received by that date will be entered into a draw for the chance to win one of four \$500 Mastercard gift cards.

Serious injury after car accident at Cobdogla

POLICE are investigating a serious crash at Cobdogla on Sunday afternoon.

At about 12.10pm on Sunday 11 February, emergency services were called to the Sturt Highway after reports a Mitsubishi Pajero and a Morris Minor had crashed at the intersection of Drogemuller Road.

The driver of the Minor, a 89-year-old Berri man, received serious but non-life threatening injuries and was taken to the Berri hospital

before being airlifted to the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

The driver of the Pajero, a 49-year-old McCracken man, was taken to the Berri hospital as a precaution.

His passengers, a 45-year-old man and a 14-year-old girl were not injured.

The Sturt Highway remained closed until 4pm.





Man injured in Loxton car crash

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

EMERGENCY services were called to a car accident in Loxton last Wednesday afternoon.

Police were called to the scene at 5.10pm following reports of a crash involving a small truck and Hyundai Getz on Kokoda Terrace.

The driver of the truck, a 26-year-old woman from New South Wales, was issued a fine for failing to give way.

The driver of the Hyundai, a 20-year-old man from Pyap, was taken to hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.



Emergency services were called to Kokoda Terrace, Loxton, last Wednesday afternoon following a car accident involving a car and small truck. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



TOILET VANDALS: Public toilets near the Barmera jetty have been targeted regularly by vandals recently. Berri Barmera Council is asking locals to report any instances of vandalism. PHOTO: supplied

Loxton artists Lyn Anstey and Jarrod Loxton will host a month-long exhibition, with the official opening this Friday night at the Loxton Chamber of Commerce **Business** Hub. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



Local duo combine for art exhibition

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

TWO of the region's leading artists will showcase their talents with an exhibition this Friday night, officially kicking off River Fringe.

Loxton's Lyn Anstey and Jarrod Loxton's exhibition, Colour Theory, Reflections of Us, will feature in the Loxton Chamber of Commerce Business Hub until 16 March.

"It's a really good opportunity to see professional artwork, but also artists at work, as well," Country Arts SA and Loxton Waikerie council arts and cultural facilitator Karen Tate said.

The month-long exhibition will feature about 40 pieces of art work with a focus on the region's flora, fauna and scenery.

Barker MP Tony Pasin will open Friday night's exhibition, which is from 6pm to 8pm, with entertainment by Christine Clifford.

Mr Loxton said attendees can expect lots of "colour and vibrancy" from the upcoming exhibition, with Mrs Anstey adding that they "both love colour".

"Our work complements each other quite well," she said.

"We are both passionate about our flora and fauna."

For more information or for viewing times, contact Mrs Anstey on 0412 283 233, or Mr Loxton on 0472 688 012.





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Grubby ATM pushes local's buttons

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THE combined efforts of a Loxton resident and The Murray Pioneer will result in better hygiene for users of an ATM in Loxton.

The Loxton man was "disgusted" at the grubbiness of the ANZ Loxton ATM, situated on East Terrace, but told The Pioneer he hit dead-ends when trying to contact the bank about the issue.

He eventually cleaned the machine, but - still frustrated at the lack of response from the bank – spoke to The Pioneer, which managed to contact ANZ's Australian headquarters.

ANZ has since informed The Pioneer the ATM will be cleaned.

ANZ closed its Loxton branch in January 2022, citing a drop in face-toface transactions, however it retained its ATM facility.



The formerly grubby ATM in Loxton. PHOTO: supplied

Find all 8 fruits hidden in the

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Foodland



The CFS were able to contain a fire that recently threatened old tractors and cars on a Waikerie property. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

Sulphur burning causes fire at Waikerie property

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE recent burning of sulphur on a property on Pope Road, at Waikerie, caused a scrub fire that sent black smoke billowing from the

Mid Murray CFS group officer Graeme Ward said apricot drying trays near a sulphur tent caught alight and then ignited rubbish, grass, and gumtrees, and damaged some citrus picking bins.

Police, three CFS appliances from Waikerie and three CFS appliances from Cadell attended the scene.

Mr Ward said the CFS volunteers managed to prevent the fire from spreading to some old cars and tractors on the property.

He said the blaze was under control within

for a further two hours to ensure no reignition occurred.

Mr Ward said only half a hectare of land was burnt and nobody was injured.

He said it was concerning many people decided to travel to the area to have a look at

'It was unbelievable how many people turned out to the incident," Mr Ward said.

"Pope Road was just congested, and it was difficult to get fire trucks down there.

"It is a dual-lane bitumen road, but people were doing U-turns in front of fire trucks and parking all over the place and wandering around," he said.

"It was very dangerous for everyone."









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DIT repairs at Bookmark bridge Another successful field day

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE State Government has undertaken repairs at a major bridge leading into Renmark.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) has undertaken maintenance work at the Bookmark Creek bridge, near the Twentythird Street Distillery.

A DIT spokesman said the works included minor concrete repairs, asphalt crack sealing, plus bearing and bridge joint repairs.

"Works are expected to be completed by Friday 16 February," the spokesperson said.

The majority of obstructions to traffic were removed as of last week.

Betty Leak
of Waikerie
celebrated her
100th birthday
on Sunday with
relatives and
close friends at
an afternoon
tea in the town
hosted by
local resident
Lucy Quintel.
PHOTO: supplied





At the Nangaringa Santa Gertrudis and Boulview Charolais field day earlier this month were breeders Eleni, Richard 'Dick' and Alizah Fogden. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

HOT weather did little to deter buyers from an annual bull sale near Loxton recently.

The annual Nangaringa Santa Gertrudis and Boulview Charolais field day took place earlier this month at Taldra and stud principal Peter Fogden said buyers travelled from far and wide.

"We had buyers from just out of Sydney and some from just outside the Sunshine Coast, along with Lameroo, Wanbi and Ardrossan," he said.

The top bull of the day went to Bendigo, selling for \$8000.

Over 20 santa gertrudis were on offer, along with seven charolais.



The top bull of the day.

Entries now open for Flinders First Nations art comp

RIVERLAND indigenous artists have been encouraged to apply for a university's new state-wide art competition.

Flinders University last week opened entries for its inaugural First Nations Art Competition.

A Flinders University spokesperson said the competition's theme – Whole Health, Whole of Community – was aimed at improving the health of geographically and culturally diverse communities.

"Artists are asked to include one or more of the elements, land, water, bush medicine or education in their artwork," the spokesperson said

"This exciting acquisitive competition is free to enter for artists over the age of 16 who identify as First Nations people."

First prize in the competition is \$3000, with \$4000 acquisition, with the runner up to receive \$1000.

Entries close at 4pm on 31 May. Preliminary judging will take place at each campus, with final judging taking place at the university's Renmark campus in late June

Further information, including terms and conditions and an entry form, is available by visiting the website (www.flinders.edu.au/flinders-rural-and-remote-health-sa/community-engagement).

Waikerie housing among key projects in RDA report

IMPROVING housing availability in Waikerie is among the priority projects identified in a recent major report focused on growing regional communities.

Regional Development SA (RDSA) earlier this month released its 2023 Regional Development SA Infrastructure Prioritisation Plan.

RDA Murraylands and Riverland chair Jodie Hawkes said the waste reduction and energy production sectors presented "growth opportunities for many regional communities".

"We are a very resilient community with a strong spirit and there's a need to build on that to ensure we continue to be able to adapt to environmental changes and to leverage disruption," Mrs Hawkes said.

"Support for renewables and recycling is important to us, along with building on our strengths in sustainable growth in agriculture and tourism.

"We'd also like to see improved road access to our region and within our many river communities."

Potential Riverland projects highlighted in the report include the development of 550 residential allotments, alongside a circular economy precinct containing an industrial hub, feedlot, olive plantation and public open spaces, at Waikerie, and targeted anchor projects under the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve, near Blanchetown.

RDASA chair Rob Kerin said increasing development in regional South Australian areas would benefit the wider economy.

"Our regions drive our state's economy, particularly when it comes to agricultural production, resources, construction and health care," Mr Kerin said.

"By prioritising and advocating for projects, we can promote the state's growth, which will benefit every South Australian.

"If supported by targeted investment and a robust pipeline of required skills and resources, the state can continue to develop a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy which is competitive on a national and global

scale."
Mr Kerin the development of more affordable housing, improving childcare accessibility and upgrading of infrastructure was key to regional growth.

"Many communities where



Delivering targeted anchor projects under the River Murray
International Dark Sky Reserve was among reccomended Riverland
projects in the RDA's recent Infrastructure Prioritisation Plan.
FILE PHOTO

work is available are unable to accommodate workers moving to their city or town," Mr Kerin said.

"By recommending improvements to regional infrastructure we're hoping it will pave the way for significant regional growth, which not only builds community strength, but builds capacity, improves the social fabric of surrounding areas and re-attracts young people and families back home."

The full 2023 Regional Development SA Infrastructure Prioritisation Plan can be accessed by visiting the website (www.regionaldevelopmentsa.com.au/resources/).



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Our love's journey may end, who knows where? How the years quickly pass, But we still raise our glass. Then we both fall asleep in our chair.

No new fruit fly outbreaks

NO new Queensland fruit fly outbreaks have been declared in the Riverland for the last fortnight, with the total number remaining at 48.

Of the 48 outbreaks, 25 of the declared outbreaks have avoided detections in more than 12 weeks, and some of these for not

New extensions to existing outbreak areas include Barmera, Berri A and Monash North.

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) incident controller for the fruit fly response Con Poulos said "the response team is asking Riverlanders once again to pay attention to their homegrown fruit, especially in the Berri, Barmera, Loveday and Renmark areas.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing increased fruit fly activity in the Berri, Barmera, Loveday and Renmark areas right now. They currently have more detections than other Riverland areas, however we're actively increasing measures to control them, and we are mailing residents and businesses in those areas this week to draw attention to this," he said.

"We're grateful that Riverlanders have been working really hard with us for a long time to fight against Queensland fruit fly; we understand the outbreaks are draining the community's energy, resources, and time, and I want to remind Riverlanders that PIRSA's commitment to eradicating these ongoing outbreaks isn't flagging."



The old Waikerie jetty has been removed and will be replaced with a new one featuring pontoons that will be suitable to remain commissioned until River Murray flows at the border reach 110GL/a day. PHOTO: supplied

New jetty on the way for Waikerie

CONTRACTORS have removed the old jetty at the Waikerie Riverfront and installed new piles at the site using their pile-driving

A Loxton Waikerie council spokesperson said site measurements had been taken and the floating pontoons and gangway had been procured, with installation expected to occur in April.

They said safety and hazard inspections had identified that the Waikerie Jetty should be replaced.

In 2022 council engaged South Australian company Infrastructure Consulting (IC) to design and investigate the construction of a new jetty at Waikerie.

But the 2022-2023 River Murray flood event significantly impacted the area, and the project was placed on hold.

Initially, IC aimed to create a design that could withstand significant flooding (up to approximately 100GL/day).

However, it was found that this design would obstruct access to the riverfront.

Council said IC then developed a modified approach to balance flood protection and usability.

It said the proposed design included a shorter gangway than the old jetty that could be easily removed during moderate flooding (approx. 65GL/day).

The council's website said additionally, the jetty would be constructed with sturdy piles extending 5.1m above the pool level, allowing the pontoons to remain commissioned until the flow at the border reaches approximately 110GL/day.

Loxton Waikerie council has allocated a budget of \$357,000 for the new jetty in its 2022-23 Annual Business Plan.

In 2022, it secured \$178,000 in funding towards the project from the Federal Government's Preparing Australian Communities Program.

Mid Murray Council facing \$4m shortfall in Federal funds

MID Murray and Southern Mallee councils have raised concerns with the Premier about a funding shortfall regional councils are experiencing in their Financial Assistance Grant allocations through the Federal Government.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey and Southern Mallee Mayor Ron Valentine met with Premier Peter Malinauskas in Adelaide on Friday.

Ms Bailey said it was concerning Mid Murray Council was only receiving about 36 per cent of the \$11m of untied federal government funding it required this financial

She said her council had only received just over \$4m, which equated to a shortfall of about

Ms Bailey said her council became aware of the significance of the funding disparity it was experiencing during a presentation by the SA Local Government Grants Commission at its public hearing at Mannum last November.

The forum was attended by Ms Bailey, six Mid Murray councillors and community representa-

She said the Mid Murray Council funding shortfall was highlighted at the forum in a study by the commission.

"The calculations consider the

extended distances the council must travel to provide services,' Ms Bailey said. She said the commission's fig-

ures failed to take into account the Mid Murray district's non-resident ratepayer base.

"This is an aspect under review in an ongoing methodology review," she said.

Both the Mid Murray and Southern Mallee Mayors are hoping the State Government will lobby the Commonwealth for more funding.

"I just don't know how long we can operate on this funding, especially when the Essential Services Commission of South Australia has already released a report saying that Mid Murray Council is potentially unsustainable," Ms Bailey

"That is the part where I expect state governments to step in and ask what can we do to make sure these regional councils stay sus-

Ms Bailey said it was also concerning to learn if a council advocated for a greater share in funding, other small regional councils could experience reductions in their Financial Assistance Grant allocations.

She said this was due to a minimum grant entitlement that every council receives at least 30 per cent of the funding, distributed on a per capita basis.

"Hopefully the SA Government will let the Federal Government know that there is an issue, and it is time to look at the way the grants are dispersed and whether there is more funding to be put into those grants," Ms Bailey said.

"Those federal grants are untied and you do not need to match them," she said.

"The money is allocated, and you can spend it on anything within your community that it needs or wants.

"In our case it goes to roads because Mid Murray has such a big road network.'

Ms Bailey said Financial Assistance Grants had dwindled from one per cent of Commonwealth Tax Revenue in 1996 to a mere 0.5 per cent, which was half of this previous amount.

She said when the issue wa raised with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, by River Murray councils at a forum in Canberra last year, the response was they were still receiving one per cent of this revenue, as the rest was made up with tied grants.

"For councils like Mid Murray Council we have done tied grants before, and that has put us in the situation we are in," Ms Bailey



Bailey and council representatives last year. FILE PHOTO

She said it meant that councils had to match the Federal Government funding by paying half of the cost of projects such as new infrastructure.

"Those tied grants for small population regional councils are not the best," Ms Bailey said.

"They are also very costly to apply for, as we have to get a grant writer in to write the grant."

Premier Peter Malinauskas said he was grateful for the opportunity to meet with Mayors Bailey and Valentine to better understand the nature of their concerns about how Financial Assistance Grants from the Federal Government were distributed.

"I look forward to further discussions around this issue in coming months," he said.



That is the part where I expect state governments to step in and ask what can we do to make sure these regional councils stay sustainable?...

The former
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Murray
Area
School site
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sale, with
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Included in the sale of the former East Murray Area School is the oval and East Murray football and netball clubrooms.

Schools out, buyers are in

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE real estate agent seeking expressions of interest for the sale of a former Mallee school said his "phone hasn't stopped" since the property was listed.

The site of the former East Murray Area School, near Mindarie, is currently open for expressions of interest and Professionals Murray Bridge sales representative Nathan Bolt has received six offers for the 20-acre property so far.

"We've had interest from schools in Adelaide, trucking companies, charity organisations, religious groups, local farmers and past students and teachers," he said.

"Things like this don't come up very often and for what it's got in terms of infrastructure and space, it has many options."

The property received lots of social media attention in recent days, attracting over 140 shares,

900 likes and 670 comments on Real Commercial's Facebook

"We've actually extended the expression of interest period until Friday just purely because of what's happened over the past couple of days," Mr Bolt said.

"My phone hasn't stopped.
"Enquiries are coming

through thick and fast.
"I even met a family who had

driven down from Sydney to come and have a look."

The large property includes a

The large property includes a range of infrastructure, including a 44m by 35m open shed covering netball and basketball courts, multiple school facilities and buildings, along with sporting facilities including an oval, courts, clubrooms and change rooms

The property has a bore, diesel tank facilities, playground and swimming pool and also includes a three-bedroom, solid brick house with two living areas.



The former East Murray Area School features a range of infrastructure including school buildings, playgrounds, pool and sporting courts.

The school opened in 1967 with 133 students and eight staff members.

East Murray Area School closed in 2018 with 15 students.

A former East Murray Area School pupil himself, Mr Bolt said it was a "privilege" to be selling the property.

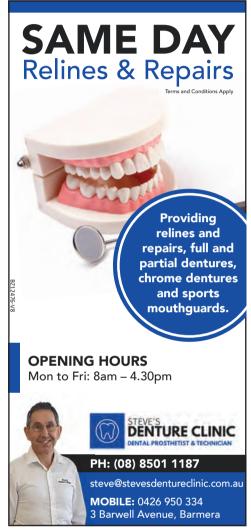
"It's uncanny how it all worked out," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Bolt said there is hope the property will

remain the home of the former East Murray football and netball clubs.

"East Murray Football and Netball Club still have a lease, which is attached to the property and they still have their memorabilia in there," he said.

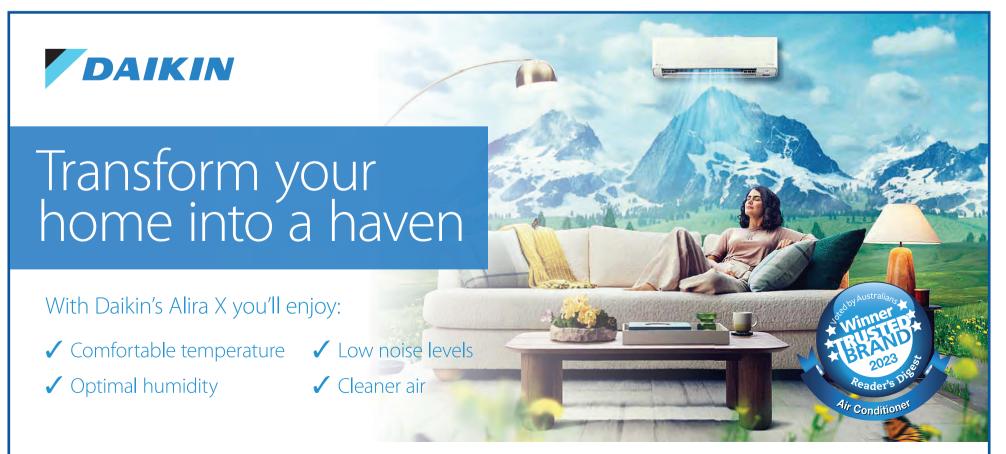
"They are hoping the new owners would continue the lease so they have somewhere to meet."



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I even met a family who had driven down from Sydney to come and have a look...

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Waikerie's community hub progress

MORE progress is being made on the construction of the \$4.6m Waikerie Riverfront Community Hub.

A Loxton Waikerie council statement said contractors had been installing the different types of formwork required to support the upper-level concrete floor slab, prior to it being

Bulk earthworks are also underway to form the grass mounds surrounding the building.

Construction of the hub began in September last year with an official turning of the sod ceremony at the RFL Grand Final.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Barker MP Tony Pasin, District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and Waikerie Football Club president Aaron Thompson, officially launched the project.

Local builder Moffa Wood, which also has operations in Adelaide, won the contract to build the hub.

The new facility will be jointly owned by Loxton Waikerie council and the Waikerie Football Club.

It has received \$1.5m from the Federal Government's Building Better Region's Fund and \$1.5m from the State Government's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program.

Loxton Waikerie council provided the Waikerie Football Club an interestfree loan for \$1m to be repaid over 30 years, which was subject to receiving the federal grant.

It has also provided an additional \$600,000 to support the completion of the project, plus assistance with landscaping budgeted at \$80,000.

The project is hoped to be completed by November.



More progress is being made on the construction of the Waikerie Riverfront Community Hub. PHOTO: supplied

Hopefully these issues will be rectified with the second tranche of councils...

- Simone Bailey



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MID Murray Council is calling for more engagement in the process the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) uses to assess the financial performance of

On 30 April 2022, amendments to the Local Government Act that came into operation led to the introduction of the ESCOSA advisory scheme.

The State's 68 councils are subject to the scheme and in February last year, ESCOSA released its first report on 15 councils.

The report described Mid Murray Council's financial position as being "potentially unsustainable", and said the council was unable to service its assets.

Its advice was generally based on information available to the commission as at 15 February

Following the River Murray flood, Mid Murray Council's Mid-Year Budget Review for 2022-23 reported a net increase in borrowings of \$1.82m, taking the total to \$19.13m.





ESCOSA advised Mid Murray Council to make nine changes to shore up the state of its finances, including winding back its spending, selling assets, and considering which services it continues to provide to ratepay-

In October last year Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock indicated in a letter to Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey he was aware that some SA councils were concerned about ESCOSA's financial assessment scheme.

"I am aware that some in the local government sector do not support the intent and the implementation of the scheme, Mr Brock said.

"However, it must be remembered that ESCOSA is an independent body that has been tasked by the State Parliament to provide thorough and dispassionate advice to all councils, on a matter that is fundamental to their good operation - their financial sustainability.

'To my mind, it is difficult for a council to argue that this advice is of limited value, particularly when significant risks are identified that could have detrimental impacts on ratepayers in the future."

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey responded to Mr Brock's letter in December, expressing her council's commitment to receiving independent advice.

"Contrary to assertions made in the correspondence, council is supportive of independent advice and is committed to transparent decision making, however it feels that the process could be improved to better deliver the objectives of the scheme," she wrote.

"From council's perspective, the process lacked meaningful engagement, which limited the understanding of council's financial operating environment and position."

Ms Bailey said improved engagement would have enabled ESCOSA to be better informed, and this would have added value to the advice it provided the council last year.

She said the timeframes involved in the process were also restrictive in some parts, which impacted on the advice.

"Hopefully these issues will be rectified with the second tranche of councils," she said.

Ms Bailey said Mid Murray Council had already been aware of the financial challenges it faced before it received the

She said prior to the release of the ESCOA report, the council had been working actively with its administration on strategies to improve the long-term sustainability of the business.

Ms Bailey said this was being undertaken in a "planned and considered manner", by the council that was committed to addressing these challenges and council's financial sustainability.

Mr Brock did acknowledge Mid Murray Council's response to ESCOSA's recommendations in his letter in October.

"I am pleased to note that the council has formally responded to the ESCOSA advice and has identified recommended actions and implementation requirements to address these recommendations, he said

He encouraged the council to consider the recommendations and work through any actions that may need to be taken to fully respond to these improvements.

"I emphasise that ESCOSA's advice is provided on the basis of each council's financial and asset management planning for the next ten years," Mr Brock said.

In her reply to Mr Brock, Ms Bailey said engagement with council prior to sending of the October 2023 letter would have also been appreciated.

She said it would have assisted him in understanding the measures already undertaken by council to address the concerns ESCOSA had highlighted in its report in February last year.





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Disaster-ready partnership to equip Riverland youth

A COLLABRATION between the State Government, the CFS, Australian Red Cross and Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly is set to help young Riverlanders to be disaster ready.

The Youth Emergencies Development Program (YEDP) gives young people in Years 9 to 12 around the state the opportunity to work towards a Duke of Edinburgh International Bronze Award and to enhance their disaster preparedness education in the face of the escalating impact of emergencies and disasters.

Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs said "this program is a proactive step towards building a community that is disaster ready"

"By investing in their education and empowerment, we are fostering a generation that not only understands the challenges posed by emergencies but is also equipped to face them head-on," he said.

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Youth council info

session next week

YOUNG Riverlanders interested in

community leadership have been encouraged

to participate in a local environmental body's

Board will on Monday hold an information

session, at Martin Bend Reserve, regard-

ing the 2024 River Murray Youth Council

Attendees will explore the Martin Bend Reserve wetlands, participate in fun outdoor activities, hear about local projects

and opportunities, while also meeting the

2023 RMYC members and 2024 interested

students to learn more about environmental

The session begins at 4.30pm, and is

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leader in emergency management, gaining essential skills, connecting with like-minded peers, and bolstering access to higher education and job opportunities.

"The CFS has a strong history of working with young people to build resilience in emergencies," CFS director of community risk and resilience Alison May said.

We look forward to collaborating in providing learning opportunities and getting to know future leaders in emergency management through this important project."

The team works with young people from around South Australia to co-design the unique program, which imparts vital knowledge of emergency scenarios to its participants.

Applications for the Youth in Emergencies Development Program are now open to all South Australian students enrolled in years 9 to 12.

For more information, or to apply for the program visit (www.redcross.org.au/act/ duke-of-edinburgh/).

HISTORY FOR ALL TO SEE: Renmark High School recently installed a mural Ogilvy at the entrance of its library.



Riverland-made wines were among those showcased at the State Government's annual Cellar Door Fest event, held earlier this month. PHOTO: supplied

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RIVERLAND-made wines were among those used to highlight tourism potential in regional South Australia at a recent state event.

Riverland wine producers earlier this month took part in the State Government's annual Cellar Door Fest, held at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Minister for Tourism Zoe Bettison said the event showcased South Australia's regional wine tourism potential.

"South Australia is known as the wine state both domestically and abroad, with wine a key driver of visitors to our state," Ms Bettison said.

Our wines makes Cellar Door Fest appearance

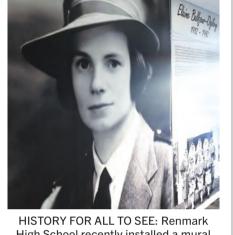
"Latest data shows in the 12 months to September 2023, one third of all international tourists to our state – and one fifth of all interstate tourists - visited a winery during their trip to South Australia.

"With 340 cellar doors in SA, 200 of which are located within an hour's drive from Adelaide, our wine regions are considered must-visit destinations for visitors to South Australia."

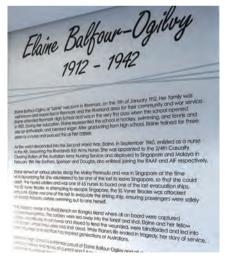
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Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said the event provided "the perfect inspiration for a future visit to the regions".

"Our wine tourism has been showcased as part of our membership in Great Wine Capitals, which formally recognises South Australia as one of the top wine producers and wine destinations in the world and benchmarks against prestigious regions such as Bordeaux and the Napa Valley," Ms Scriven said.



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tion session regarding its 2024 Education Program. The 2024 program contains environmen-

tally-themed resources tailored to the landscapes in the Riverland including local native animals, rivers and wetlands, sustainable agriculture and Mallee woodlands.

A spokesperson said the session would provide an opportunity to "meet like-minded educators and talk to our staff about what you need to help you inspire and provide excellent learning opportunities to your students".

"Hear from local teachers, Education Program staff and experts to find out how you can work with the team to integrate local environmental topics, knowledge and resources into the curriculum," the spokesperson said.

The session will be held at the Loxton Lutheran School STEM building, on Wednesday, from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

For further information, or to register for the session, visit the website (www.landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/events/riverland-term1teacherpd).



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Mardi Gras is ready to celebrate

THE iconic Loxton Mardi Gras will return for its 67th year with a full day of festivities on Saturday 24 February.

Now at its Loxton No. 2 oval home, the event will feature a colourful parade, along with a range of entertainment, and food and market stalls.

Loxton Mardi Gras chairperson Liz Dymmott said she was looking forward to seeing how

this year's theme is interpreted by parade entrants.

"This year's theme is 'Happiness is...' and we are hoping for a bigger and better parade," she said.

"It's a day to celebrate what we have in our community and enjoy the community atmosphere.'

The full day of festivities, which is an official Adelaide

Fringe event, will kick off at 9am with market stalls and food vendors, along with the musical entertainment, clowns, hockey club j-ball demo and an art display.

"New entertainment at this year's Loxton Mardi Gras is a range of free games suitable for both children and adults," events and publicity coordinator Chris Sheahan said.

'Come along and have fam-

The parade will get under way at 10.45am with the official opening, civic address by Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and a few words by Loxton 2024 Citizen of the Year Genni Lehmann, followed by the Nuriootpa Town Band and varied floats from local schools, businesses and organisations.

Following the parade, the Nippy's Orange Bowling Competition will begin, along with games, music and dancing entertainment and a children's dance area.

Attendees are encouraged to grab some lunch from the range of food vans on offer.

'We've tried to get a bit more varied entertainment," Mrs Dymmott said.

"There will be roving clowns

and things to entertain the children.

"We are really encouraging people to stay and enjoy the picnic atmosphere.

From 1.30pm, the presentations will get under way, with the float and shop window display winners to be announced.

The winning ambassador entrants will then be crowned and celebrated, with the day drawing to a close at 3pm.

On Sunday, the Loxton Mardi Gras Appreciation Service will be held at 8.30am near the Loxton Rotunda.

At the service, a presentation will be made to 2024 Loxton Mardi Gras parade flag bearers John and Jan Cass.

"The appreciation service is a lovely way to show appreciation to all the volunteers in the district and those who have contributed a lot to the local community," Mrs Dymmott said.

Each year, one of the nurses which Loxton and Loxton North streets are named after is honoured and this year's is World War II nursing sister, Florence Casson.

For more information, visit the website (loxtonmardigras. org.au), or visit the Facebook page.



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Parade Opening

Civic address: Mayor Trevor Norton Citizen of the year: Genni Lehmann Parade Route: Loxton No2 Oval - see parade map, Nuriootpa Town Band, many interesting and varied floats

after parade

Nippy's Orange Bowling Competition, Games, Lunch from food vans, Nuriootpa Town Band, Singing and music entertainment, Rock n Roll demo dancing, Children's Dance Area

1.30pm

Presentations

Float winners, Shop Window Display winner, Ambassador Awards

3pm Mardi Gras Close

Sunday 25th Feb

8.30am

Mardi Gras Appreciation Service At the Rotunda East Terrace Honouring: WWII Nursing Sister Florence Casson Bangka Island Tragedy Presentation to Flag Bearers - John & Jan Cass

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2024 AMBASSADORS



DALE STIRLING

Dale Stirling has had a big year of fundraising, with a number of successful events.

Mr Stirling is representing the Loxton Club as a Loxton Mardi Gras community ambassador entrant.

Successful fundraising events included golf days, gin and jazz night, a raffle and AFL grand final barbecue and Mr Stirling thanked the community for supporting his events.



JULIE **GRAETZ**

After years of being approached, Julie Graetz decided 2024 was her year to put her hand up as a community ambassador entrant.

Ms Graetz's sponsor is Loxcare and she has held a number of successful events, including bingo nights and sausage sizzles.

Along with raising money for the Loxfon community, Ms Graetz said she was looking forward to "having lots of fun along the way".



CHLOE **OLDMAN**

Chloe Oldman has had a busy few months of fundraising, with a number of events held.

Ms Oldman is a community ambassador entrant, and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Loxton.

Past events have included a black stump dinner and auction, and high tea.

Ms Oldman said she has enjoyed building relationships and the sense of community from the ambassador entrant process.



JIM **WEST**

Jim West will enter the quest as a Loxton Mardi Gras senior ambassador entrant, representing the Loxton Historical Village.

The well-known Loxton local said the Loxton Mardi Gras was important to the town.

"We've all grown up volunteering and fundraising to get things done in our town.'

Mr West's fundraising events have included a coronationthemed high tea and bingo













The Loxton Mardi Gras junior ambassador entrants were sashed at the Strawberry Fete in November. Pictured back, (from left) were Noah Scholz, Jaslyn Kernich, Charlotte Andriske, Ivy and Zeva Dreschler, Danielle Morrison and outgoing junior ambassador Mitchell Obst. Front: Lily Loxton, Olive Arnold, Emma Kruschel, Ellamae Minerds and Indi Thomas.

junior ambassador entrants:

- Noah Scholz (Loxton Motorcycle Centre)
- Jaslyn Kernich (Riverland Canvas)
- Charlotte Andriske (PPHS Loxton)
- Ivy Dreschler (Drex Connect)

- Zeva Dreschler (Drex Connect)
 - Danielle Morrison (Loxton Hotel)
 - **Lily Loxton** (Fox's Crash Repairs)
- Olive Arnold (Leach Constructions)
- Emma Kruschel (Auto Pro Loxton)
- Ellamae Minerds (Riverland Skips)
- Indi Thomas (Mojo Mentoring)

Junior program going from strength-to-strength

The Loxton Mardi Gras junior ambassador program is going from strength-to-strength, with 11 entrants for this year's event.

The 11 junior entrants were sashed at the Loxton Mardi Gras' Strawberry Fete fundraiser late last year and have held numerous events in recent months.

Supported by Loxton Mardi Gras Junior Ambassador co-ordinator, Polly Johnston, the junior ambassadors have been keenly supporting the community, with all of them relishing the opportunity to give back to the community.

The objectives of the junior ambassador program are to enable participation in the Loxton Mardi Gras, provide local youth with an opportunity to learn and grow, ensure inclusiveness for all members of the community and raise funds for distribution to worthy organisations in and around the Loxton community.

Each junior ambassador brings something different to the table this year, but the one common theme amongst the 2024 cohort was the desire to support the Loxton community through the Loxton Mardi Gras.



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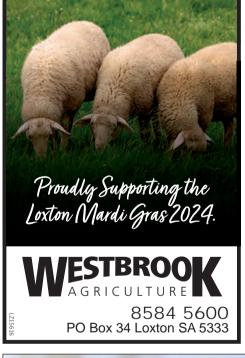


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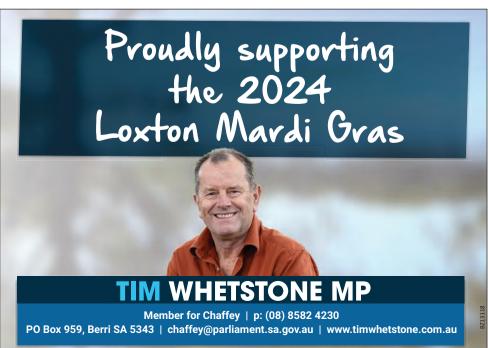
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A range of native bird species have been seen at Riverland floodplains through recent DEW monitoring. PHOTOS: supplied



Effects of the River Murray flood event benefitted bird habitat at local floodplains and wetlands.

Environmental benefits still flow from flood

LASTING effects of the River Murray flood event have improved habitat conditions for Riverland wildlife.

Department of Environment and Water (DEW) monitoring conducted during spring and early summer 2023 showed the River Murray flood – and recent environmental water releases – had resulted in benefits for

the region's waterbirds and plants.

Flood waters greatly improved the health of mature black box woodland and lignum shrublands in the Riverland, which up until last summer had been in decline due to a lack of inundation.

This provided habitat for birds, with surveys detecting 75 native species – including rare species such as hooded robins, little friarbirds and Gilbert's whistlers – at the Chowilla, Pike and Katarapko floodplains.

DEW environmental water manager Tony Herbert said parts of local floodplains and wetlands received water for the first time in 60 years during the flood.

"Vegetation that has been struggling in recent years was boosted by the waters, which in turn provided improved habitat for our native species to flourish," he said.

"The River Murray flood and subsequent releases of water for the environment have had an overall very positive effect on the River Murray's wetlands, floodplains and estuary.

"Water managers will continue working to deliver water for the environment to prolong these positive conditions for as long as possible."

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Strategy to increase local fishing tourism

A NEW state government plan is aimed at increasing the value of fishing tourism in regional South Australia – including the Riverland – by more than \$450m.

The State Government last week released the Recreational Fishing Tourism Strategy 2030.

Minister for Tourism Zoe Bettison said attracting highyield fishers from interstate and overseas to regional South Australian areas was a goal of the strategy.

"With 5000km of coastline, some of the best beaches in our nation, and the world's third longest navigable river – the Murray River – running through our state and out to sea, South Australia is well known for its water-based experiences," Ms Bettison said.

"One of those water-based experiences is recreational

fishing. We know people travel vast distances in pursuit of a particular fish species and in doing so, they contribute valuable tourism dollars into our state and into the many regional seaside and river towns which rely on visitor spend.

"I'm thrilled to see the Recreational Fishing Tourism Strategy 2030 released... and look forward to seeing South Australia realise the potential in recreational fishing tourism in our state."

RecFish SA executive officer Asher Dezsery fishing tourism was a crucial factor for regional economies.

"Recreational fishing tourism is a key driver of tourism stays and expenditure to our regions," Mr Dezsery said.

"In fact, recreational fish-

ers make a significant contribution to regional economies, through the purchase of accommodation, dining, hospitality, fuel, bait, and more.

"By increasing the value and recognition of this sector, we can help drive better experiences for tourists enjoying recreational fishing such as bolstering our programs like fish restocking programs, habitat enhancements and fishing clinics, driving investment in access and infrastructure and supporting community events."

The full Recreational Fishing Tourism Strategy 2030 can be viewed by visiting the website (www.tourism.sa.gov.au/support/industry-resources-and-tools/sector-development/fishing-tourism).



Federal Minister for Water Tanya Plibersek wants members of Riverland communities to provide feedback on potential water-saving projects. FILE PHOTO

Water-saving projects being sought for the Basin

FEEDBACK is being sought on new watersaving infrastructure projects from state governments representing communities along the Murray-Darling Basin, including in the Riverland.

The Federal Government has launched the first of three programs that form part of its commitment to deliver the Murray-Darling Basin Plan in full.

Under the Resilient Rivers Program, participating state governments can now bring forward proposals for projects like irrigation network upgrades to further improve water efficiency and management, reduce water loss, and return water to the environment.

It is part of a new draft blueprint to assist the Federal Government to deliver an additional 450GL of environmental water to the Basin by 31 December 2027.

The 'Restoring our Rivers' bill was passed by the Federal parliament in November last year.

Federal Minister for Water Tanya Plibersek said the draft blueprint outlined the government's plans for the voluntary water purchase and community support programs which it was seeking feedback on.

She said it also detailed the three key principles that would guide the delivery of the Basin Plan: enhancing environmental outcomes, minimising socio-economic impacts, and achieving value for money.

"After a decade of neglect and sabotage by the Liberals and Nationals, the Basin Plan was completely off-track," Ms Plibersek said.

"The previous government let communities down, let industry down, and have failed to protect the environment.

"We've put more time, more funding.

"We've put more time, more funding, more options and more accountability on the table.

"And we are starting straight away by giving participating governments the opportunity to bring forward new water saving projects.

"The reality is the more of these projects we fund, the less water we will need to purchase.

"For too long, Basin communities have been let down."

Ms Plibersek is consulting communities, industries, farmers, First Nations and environmental groups on the draft principles and program guidelines for the Voluntary Water Purchase Program and Sustainable Communities Program.

They can provide feedback by visiting consult.dcceew.gov.au/draft-restoring-our-rivers-framework

The consultation closes on 4 March.

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HITTING 70 IN STYLE: Vickie Johnson, of New Residence, celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends at the Renmark Club on Sunday 11 February. PHOTOS: supplied

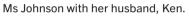




Ms Johnson with daughter Kym Mellon, of Barmera.

Norma Battams and Cynthia Voigt.







ALWAYS TIME FOR A **BOOK: Local youngsters** who completed the Renmark Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge last week received their certificates. The children who participated received a reading pack full of activities and were issued the challenge to read 10 books over the holidays, with prizes on offer for achieving the goal. Together the entrants read a whopping total of 691 books. The five prize winners read a combined total of 160 books. PHOTOS: supplied



COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery

in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506).

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.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Card and boards games every Monday, even long weekends, 1.30pm to 4pm. Carpet bowls every Wednesday, 1.30pm to 4pm. Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Yvonne Kruschel 0428 963 195.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

Renmark Bowling Club on Cowra Street would like to welcome you to bingo. Every

Thursday night from 7pm. Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4

Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising.

WEEKLY

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.

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

WEEKLY

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

AA meetings throughout the Riverland. Kingston Institute Hall, Sunday, 2pm. Loxcare, Tuesday, 8pm. Loxton Uniting

Church Hall, Thursday, 12.30pm. St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Berri, Thursday, 8pm.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

The Berri Community Men's Shed is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone president Ian Campbell (0418 839 963).

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum open Thursday to Monday, 10am to 4pm and on public holidays. Pet friendly. Inquiries call (8586 6175).

WEEKLY

Visit the **Renmark Paringa Community** Museum and watch the Paringa Bridge lift most days at 2.30pm. Preserving the past, more than 70 vintage stationary engines. Contact Wayne (0407 618 311), open Mon/Wed/Fri from 10am to 3pm.

WEEKLY

Sing Australia meets on Thursdays 7pm - 8.30pm in the Monash Hall in school terms. Come and share in the joy of singing. You may visit three times before joining. Inquiries Margot: 0407 796 508.

MONTHLY

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

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

MONTHLY

Loxcare Community Hub free mobile

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

BI-MONTHLY

Ostomy Support Group Riverland. First Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November at Renmark RSL, 91 Fifteenth Street. 10am till 12 noon. All Ostomates and partners welcome. Contact Neville Sharp 0419 849 822 for further information.

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network (RCSPN) next meeting 5.30pm at Berri Hotel. New members and any one in community most welcome to attend. Phone Val 0466 278 511

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Charity for All Bingo for Mardi Gras Loxton Club (Dale) at the Loxton Club. Doors open at 6pm, seated by 6.30 for eyes down at 7pm. Don't be late to join in the fun.

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Riverland Justices group next meeting, Waikerie Bowling Club, 6 for 6.30pm. Guest speaker. RSVP to secretary jacque 0438839691asap. Members and visitors

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Renmark Lions Club 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Many bargains. EFTPOS, BBQ, hot donuts. Funds raised go to 'Lions' local community projects. Contact Colin 0419 801 996

SATURDAY 9 MARCH

River Fringe Family Fun Day at **the Loxton Historical Village** 12pm-4pm. Featuring Circus Workshops, interactive music and dance, and face painting. The activities are free, plus special reduced entry into the village, however tickets needs to be booked through the Fringe website, see QR codes in the official program.

TUESDAY 12 MARCH

The Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council are hosting a Women's Health Night from 7pm to 9:30pm at the Berri Hotel. For more information, visit www.bit. ly/BBHACWomensHealthNight

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Catching up at the Loxton Australia Day breakfast in East Terrace were Rhonda Westlake, and Maryann and Shayne Lindquist. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



Colleen Norton and Heather Manuel were pictured helping out at the Loxton Australia Day breakfast recently.



Enjoying the Australia Day breakfast in Loxton last month were Kai Sellar, 4, Rae Rae and Mackenzie Sellar, 2, all of Loxton.



LOVIN' THE LAKE: Barmera man Barry Phillips sent in this photo of his grandchildren enjoying Lake Bonney over the recent summer holidays. PHOTO: supplied



Helping with the Australia Day breakfast in Loxton recently were Melissa and Daryl Blythman.





FINISHED PRODUCT: Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter, and Renmark Lions Club president Paul Farr, officially opened the new shelter at Jarrett Memorial Gardens, built by the Lions Mr Hunter congratulated the club for its continued contribution to the Renmark Paringa area and commended the impressive fundraising efforts to achieve the shelter extension. PHOTOS: supplied



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Smoke on the Water operations manager David Storer, Berri Barmera council Mayor Ella Winnall and Smoke on the Water general manager Steve Timmis. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

New food festival to hit Lake Bonney

BARMERA will host a new smoked-food festival over the June long weekend.

The Smoke on the Water festival will kick off on Saturday 8 June and will feature cooking demonstrations, plus craft breweries, artisan distillers and wineries from across the Riverland.

The event features five options: General Admission (children under 12 free), Hardcore Carnival Feast (\$70 per head), Native Food Fusion (\$60 per head), Whisky Wine and Fire – A Vegetarian Degustation (\$130 per head) and Whisky Wine and Fire A Smoky Degustation (\$130 per head).

Native Food Fusion tasting events explore just what can be done with some of our local ingredients. Hardcore Carnivore is a pre-paid sit-down meal, but not for the faint hearted, and for those who want to step it up a bit, there is a Whisky Wine and Fire five-course Smoky Degustation to round out

the day.

Market stalls with handmade knives, BBQ smokers, rubs, sauces, jerky, charcutiers and a fully operational blacksmith will

Smoke on the Water managing director Steve Timmis said "this event has been challenging to pull together, but not as challenging as the last few years have been for river communities".

"The strength of character and resilience of people who live along the river is something very special and the quality of what we have and what we produce in our own backyard is something to be celebrated.

"So, fire up your appetite and we'll fire up the smokers.'

Entertainment at the event will include live music, fire twirling acts, laser light shows and fireworks into the evening.

The event will also feature competitions

for patrons to try their hand at, including a Ready Steady 'Chook'.

"We couldn't be more excited to have one of the SA Smoke on the Water events held in Berri Barmera on the June long weekend," Berri Barmera council Mayor Ella Winnall said.

"The Murray really is Australia's most iconic river and it's great to be able to showcase Lake Bonney as one of the stunning landscapes of the Murray River as part of the event series."

Smoke on the Water festival kicks off on Saturday 8 June, from 11am to 8pm, and will also run on Sunday 9 June, from 11am to 8pm.

Tickets are now on sale at (www.eventbrite.com.au/e/smoke-on-the-water-barmera-tickets-807349452947?aff=ebdssbde stsearch).

Miner birds aplenty during recent Riverland bird survey

RECENT field surveys have shown encouraging results for two endangered Mallee bird species – the black-eared miner and the Murray Mallee striated grasswren.

A team of volunteer and professional ornithologists in October last year undertook surveys of two properties on the South Olary Plain - Gluepot Reserve, near Waikerie, and Calperum Station, north of Renmark.

The events saw the team walk a combined total of 564km in their efforts to survey miners in order to understand how the species was fairing. The native and endangered black-eared miner (Manorina melanotis) is one of the most threatened species of bird in the Murraylands and Riverland region, and the biggest population in the region is known to inhabit Gluepot Reserve and Calperum Station.

Both properties feature dense Mallee woodland, the vegetation type preferred by black-eared miners, which are much sought after by both national and international birdwatchers.

The surveys took a total of five days to complete, with the team walking through patches of thick Mallee with spinifex grass while listening and watching for

A total of 1066 miners were spotted during the surveys, including both black-eared miners and the more common native yellow-throated miners (Manorina flavigula), which are very hard to differentiate in the field.

Interestingly, black-eared miners and yellow-throated miners can breed with each another, so a portion of the miners observed also includes hybrid black-eared-yellow-throated miners. Given not all miners recorded were black-eared miners, further data analysis is required to ascertain an approximate number of the different miner types. However, the overall number of miners observed was encouraging and nests and young miners were frequently observed across the landscape.

In addition to the miners, the survey team recorded many other species of bird, including 59 individual sightings of the endangered Murray Mallee striated grasswren (Amytornis striatus howei). The striated grasswren inhabits open shrubby Mallee with a healthy understory of spinifex.

A large wildfire on the South Olary Plain in 2006 and the Millennium Drought all but decimated the striated grasswren population. Now, after a few



The black-eared miner is one of the most threatened birds in the Murraylands and Riverland region. PHOTOS: supplied

good years of rain and no major wildfires, the striated grasswren has started to return from the north to its former range in Gluepot Reserve and Calperum Station.

The initial findings of this field survey are encouraging with good numbers of miners breeding in the region, and good numbers of striated grasswren returning to Gluepot Reserve and Calperum Station.

Mallee woodland in our region is essential to the survival of these two bird species as well as many other native plants, animal and fungi. Despite bushfires and droughts, native species are resilient and can flourish as long as we care for the Mallee habitat that remains.

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Join our Buddy Bunyip Birthday List Renmark Koah Robert Berger - 18/2/21 Simply contact the Murray Pioneer Office to sign up! Eligible for kids up to 12 years of age 8586 8000 | office@murraypioneer.com.au Don't forget that if your name appears on the birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Wholemeal Crispy Chicken Snack Wrap, Apple Slices and 250mL Pop Tops™ Water Happy Meal®.

February 2024 Horoscopes: week 2

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

You may need to modify a new idea before it is really practical. Don't be too proud to take advice! Romance. A powerful aspect to Neptune could make you a little dreamy and unrealistic at times. Don't make any decisions which will be difficult to reverse later on. You need to keep your feet firmly on the

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Don't be put off by a comment which was not meant to be taken seriously. You need to read between the lines and work out what this person really thinks. Romance. Do your best to avoid getting into a power struggle with your partner. A romantic get-away later in the week will give you a chance to sort out your differences.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A message addressed to someone else will be too tempting to ignore. You may wish that you had left it alone, however! Romance. This would be an excellent time to give your partner a surprise. They will need a lot of emotional support at the moment. A favourable aspect to Venus later in the week will help to bring you closer together.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A change in your working environment will start to have a positive impact on your home life. Romance. Your partner may be jealous because you have been paying too much attention to a new friend. Try to find a way to reconcile your own interests with those of your partner.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A chance encounter with a dog or cat may be more significant than you realise at the time. You will see this animal again later in the week. Romance. A favourable aspect to Mercury early in the week will improve communications between you. A long chat will help you to understand the reasons for a recent misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A friend may have more serious things to worry about than you may realise, and you must give them all the support you can. Your advice will come at just the right time. Romance. A difficult aspect to Uranus will help to bring a much-needed change into your life. A meeting with a group of friends will be the first sign that things are on the way up.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A positive aspect to the Moon right at the beginning of the week will give your social life a boost. A new friend will help you to get over a recent disappointment. Romance. A person whom you have been dreaming about will shortly be coming back into your life. You will be surprised when you find out how much they have changed.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

You may have a bit too much energy at the moment! Try to find a new outlet for all this enthusiasm. Romance. You will be getting more attention than usual, even from people who normally never talk to you. This would be a good time to make your feelings known to a person whom you have been interested in for some time.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
A member of the family has been causing a lot of anxiety recently: this person may need a firmer approach. Romance. You will need to trust to your intuition before you make an important decision. Other people will want to give you advice, but this is more likely to mislead you.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

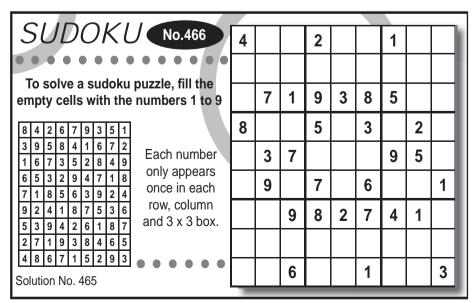
It is possible that you will end up being trapped by an acquaintance. Your suspicions may be aroused by a chance comment, which you must not ignore. Romance. A conflict of interest between you and your partner will have to be resolved amicably. In order to find the best solution you may have to take a long-term view.

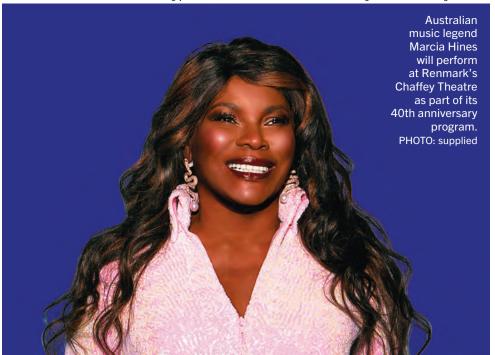
AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Working on a project with new friends will give you a chance to understand them a little better. **Romance**. Don't get jealous if your partner is spending time with a new friend. This relationship may not be quite as serious as you think! A long discussion later in the week will help to put your mind at rest.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

You may be a little confused by recent events. Don't jump to conclusions! Romance. A favourable aspect to Neptune around the middle of the week should help your intuition to work especially well. Don't jump to conclusions! Romance. A favourable aspect to Neptune around the middle of the week should help your intuition to work especially well. Do your best to understand an insight which you receive during a dream.





Music royalty to celebrate Chaffey's 40th

AN Australian music icon will grace the Chaffey Theatre's stage as part of celebrations for its 40th anniversary year.

Country Arts SA last week released the 2024 program for the Chaffey Theatre.

The program – which marks the theatre's 40th anniversary – is headlined by the Australian Chamber Orchestra's performance of An Evening with the ACO Collective Quartet, on 21 May.

Long-time singer, and current Australian Idol judge, Marcia Hines, will also play at the theatre on 14 September.

Also included in the program are performances by Bangarra Dance Theatre and the SA Police Band.

Chaffey Theatre venue manager Sharlene Goodman said the program combined both on stage and screen events.

"The Chaffey Theatre is looking forward to kicking off its 40th birthday celebrations for the year beginning in March with the Riverland and Mallee's own Riverland Youth Theatre performing the Bacchae," Ms Goodman said.

"With our 40th Birthday in May, we look forward to welcoming the community through our doors for an entertainment packed year.

"Community members can look forward to seeing visual arts exhibitions featuring Riverland Mallee artists, along with a diverse range of performances from the likes of Marcia Hines, the Australian Chamber Orchestra and the Bangarra Dance Theatre, among the many other artists featured on our 2024 program."

Further information and tickets for all shows are available on the Country Arts website (www.countryarts.org.au/venues/chaffey-theatre/).

Busy start to 2024 for Renmark men's Probus

THE first meeting for 2024 was a combined gathering of the Renmark Men's and Renmark Ladies Probus Clubs, on Monday 15 January, at Hotel Renmark.

The meeting was extremely successful as we had the pleasure to hear our guest speaker, Geoff Bull speak about the 'Challenges of Local History: Finding it, Preserving it and making it accessible'. He focused on the Renmark Irrigation Trust, Lindsay Point Almonds and Woolenook Wood Camp.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 19 February, at Hotel Renmark, at 10am, after which our usual meeting and morning tea will follow. We will not be having a guest speaker, but instead our entertainment chairperson has come up with an interesting concept whereby members will have the opportunity to get to know each other a little better through a series of devised question and answers. It shall be interesting.

Over the next couple of months we have the following occurring;

- ☐ On Tuesday 12 March we will be travelling by car as a group to Pinnaroo to visit a Lawn Growing Farm with morning tea, followed by lunch.
- ☐ Monday 18 March is our Annual General Meeting, at 10am at Hotel Renmark, at which our officers for the 2024-2025 year will be elected. This will be followed by a talk from two of our own members, with time permitting.
- On Monday 15 April we will be at the Woolshed Brewery, with our guest being Peter Haslett, who will talk about the '3C's', being cats, cane toads and carp.

As an added bonus our club arranges one-day trips visiting various places of interest, an example of which is indicated above, with these events being arranged on a day other than the usual meeting days.

Sometimes some of these events are organised in conjunction with other Riverland Probus Clubs.

If any of these activities sound interest-



Riverland historian Geoff Bull was a guest speaker at the Renmark Men's Probus Club's recent meeting. PHOTO: supplied

ing to you and you are retired, then feel free to contact one of our members for further information, or come along to the Hotel Entertainment Room, at 10am, on the third Monday of the month.

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- 1. What popular website debuted on Valentine's Day in 2005?
- 2. From where was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message sent?
- 3. Before "X" stood for a kiss, what did it represent at the end of a letter?
- 4. What do yellow roses symbolize?
- 5. In what European country is Valentine's Day known as "Friend's Day?"

- 6. What state produces most of America's red roses?
- 7. What fruit was once known as a "love apple" for its alleged aphrodisiac properties?

- 8. What major invention was patented on Valentine's Day?
- 9. In the Victorian era, mean-spirited Valentine's Day cards were called "___ Valentines."
- 10. Saint Valentine was a priest based in which Italian city?

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- 11. In the 1700s, what did women in England place on their pillows in order to dream of their future husband?
- 12. There was a Pope called Valentine who held the position for 40 days. True or false?
- 13. Which gender buys more Valentine's cards; men or women?

- 14. Is Valentine's Day a public holiday in any country?
- 15. In the Friends episode The One with the Candy Hearts, who does Joey accidentally set Chandler up with on Valentine's Day?
- 16. Valentine's Day is a busy day for restaurants. But which day is busier?
- 17. What was the oldest known love poem written on?

- 18. Kissing increases most people's heart rate to how many beats per minute?
- 19. William Shakespeare mentions Valentine's Day in which of his plays?
- 20. Which symbol is lit onto the Empire State Building on Valentine's Day?

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BONUS QUESTION:

in what year was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message written? Answer in next week's Quiz.



Answers on page 37

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hugh cooks with hugh





slice (serves four)

- 1kg zucchini
- 5 large potatoes
- · 12 eggs
- 100g feta cheese
- 1 bunch parsley
- Salt and pepper · Salad (to serve)
- 1. Preheat oven to 200C.
- 2. Slice the zucchini and potato as thinly as possi-

ble (a mandolin is best).

3. Crack the eggs into a

method

large bowl, season heavily with salt and pepper and whisk until foamy.

4. Line a loaf tin with baking paper. Arrange layers of zucchini, potato and crumbled feta cheese.

5. When about 3cm from top of tin, pour eggs over the zucchini and potato.

6. Bake in oven for 20 minutes. Allow to cool before serving with side salad

Copies of the Riverland Women's Wellbeing Diary are available through Berri Barmera Council and the Riverland Suicide Prevention Network. PHOTO: supplied

NEWS 31

Keeping our wellbeing front of mind

FOLLOWING a successful launch event at the Berri hotel, copies of the Riverland Women's Wellbeing Diary are being distributed for free to women across the Riverland through a University of South Australia research project.

The project was led by National Enterprise for Rural Community Wellbeing director, Professor Lia Bryant, and was funded by the National Mental Health Commission and Wellbeing SA. The project was also supported by the Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network.

Women from horticulture, viticulture and agriculture were personally interviewed by the researchers to share their experiences of challenges to mental health and wellbeing and to suggest support strategies. Based on



The Riverland Women's Wellbeing Diary was launched at a recent event at the Berri Hotel. PHOTO: Lachlan Dand

the findings from the interviews the research team facilitated a co-design workshop with a group of women participants to brainstorm what they could create.

The group came up with the idea of a diary that was both functional for keeping appointments, but also offered a resource that reminded women about how to manage and celebrate wellbeing.

The diary was tailored

to the Riverland through custom design and layout, bespoke illustrations and through content drawn from the interviews and co-design group. Importantly, the diary contains information about local services and supports for mental health and well-

Riverland women can receive diaries from Berri Barmera Council and the Riverland Suicide Prevention Network.

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For this week's edition of hugh cooks with hugh, the boys have embraced the summer weather by making a zucchini and potato slice.

An easy and fresh vegetarian meal that is perfect as a lunch or dinner, this dish uses affordable ingredients for an eye-catching result. Best served warm with a vinegar-dressed salad.



Fringe festival fun begins for the Riverland

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Fringe Festival arrives in the Riverland on Friday and runs until 16 March.

Supported by Loxton Waikerie council and Country Arts SA, the month-long event will feature an impressive program showcasing local and visiting talent.

The River Fringe entertainment starts on Friday in the Riverland West with a free music concert by Adelaide children's entertainer Cool 4 Kids, featuring Tony Genovese at the Waikerie Institute.

Children from the ages of 1 to 12 will be able to experience vibrant and innovative-themed music and opportunities to star on stage.

The event starts at 4pm.
Also at Waikerie, on Friday night, Adelaide's award-winning Pulse Band will present The Sensationals – A 60s and 70s Music Experience.

SCHOOL'S CARPARK
UPGRADE: Renmark
Paringa Council recently
completed works on
the Renmark West
Primary School carpark,
including repairs to
the bitumen surfacing,
sealing of the walkway
to improve access,
line-marking, and
placement of bollards.
PHOTO: supplied



At last year's River Fringe festival, RYT Teddy Bears Picnic host Sophie Landau with participants at the Waikerie Civic Centre grounds. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

The ticketed event, at the Waikerie Institute, starts at 7pm.

The Fringe Festival's opening night at Loxton, also on Friday, will feature a visual arts exhibition by local artists Lyn Anstey and Jarrod Loxton.

It will feature live music by SA Country Music artist Christine Clifford.

The free event at the Loxton Chamber of Commerce Business Hub

begins at 6pm.

River Fringe will continue in the Riverland West on Saturday with The Cadell Club's infamous Yabby Races.

The crustacean racing, live music, food and entertainment begins at 4pm.

On Saturday evening Pulse Band presents Dinner with the Stars, at the Loxton Club.

The ticketed event begins at 7pm.









Into each life some rain must fall, a creative story by Brent Morrell

A BITTER wind drove the rain. Several days ago the low-pressure system had crossed the coast 3000km to the south, looking and sounding like an invading army.

Relentlessly it advanced across the continent. On the plains the bare earth, strewn with broken hay bales, turned to red mud, smelling like a damp cellar.

Huddled amid the inadequate shelter of the gidgee scrub, a small mob of young steers pointed their rumps to the storm, looking like a can-can line awaiting the music. The cattle bellowed, sounding like an orchestra tuning up, sometimes in harmony, mostly discordant.

As bitter as the wind, they complained. This was their first winter. Born into drought, life had been tough for them almost from the beginning. They had been weaned at an early age, to save the breeding cows from the stress of providing milk. Even before they had left the protection of the maternal herd, they had been violated, condemned to a life of celibacy by their so-called carers.

And before they were ready, they were separated from their mothers and forced to subsist on an unchanging diet of bland pellets and southern hay. They scoured the scrubby expanse of the property for

food, but to no avail. Years without rain had robbed the earth of the ability to produce or sustain life, as exhausted as a mug punter's wallet

Now this. Days of biting wind, stinging dust morphing into a deluge. The rain had eased, but the gale continued.

"Why us", was the pained chorus. "What have we done to deserve such a miserable life."

The great bull, father to most of the herd, stood alone downwind from it and heard the din. He ambled over, head down into the rain, to join them.

"Rejoice in the rain you young blokes" he mooed. "It marks the beginning of the end of your suffering. In a few weeks this red mud will transform into a carpet of green, something you have never seen. It will be grass, and it is delicious to eat. That will be another new experience for you."

"Soon however," he continued, "this grass will develop into the most wonderful feast you could imagine."

"You will all grow into magnificent young men, and, when you have reached perfection, a great carriage will come for you and carry you to paradise."

"So rejoice in this rain."

What on earth, a short story by Anne Chase

"WHAT on earth is the margarine doing in the oven?"

Belinda was talking to Marmalade, but
Marmalade wasn't answering. Instead he stretched
out his sleek body, preened
his whiskers and went back
to sleep on the couch.

Belinda was tired. She'd just driven from Adelaide to Whyalla, a five-hour journey. She'd come because of the phone call. A stranger telling her that her mother had fallen, broken her hip, had an operation and was resting comfortably in hospital. By the time Belinda had organised her family to manage without her, she was much later than hoped for leaving the city. Now it was 5pm and due to Covid, the visiting hours at the hospital finished at 3pm.

She'd found the key in the usual hiding spot, let herself into the house, realised that she'd forgotten to have lunch so decided to eat the sandwich she had packed and call that lunch and tea. Walking past the oven, she noticed out of the corner of her eye, the familiar packaging of her mother's brand of margarine.

After feeding Marmalade, she decided to check the food supplies in the house. In the pantry there were many tins and about half of them were well out of date. In the fridge and freezer,

there was confusion.
Frozen peas and ice cream were in the fridge while lettuce and eggs were in the freezer. The milk was in the right place and fortunately not out of date.

"Oh Marmalade – how long has there been this shambles?"

There was still no reply from Marmalade so Belinda decided to ring her sister Veronica, in Broome. Veronica was the eldest of the three siblings and a pharmacist. Belinda barely said "hello" before Veronica started.

"Belinda, I've just spoken on the phone to Mum and she sounded very confused. She kept calling me Betty, that's her sister who died before I was born, and she said the doctor told her that she could go home tomorrow and that there's nothing wrong with her.

"Now we know that's not true. Make sure you talk to the doctor tomorrow. I'm glad that you're there. Do we need to get another opinion? Fred knows a specialist in Perth who might be able to give us a name of an Adelaide one. Ring me tomorrow as soon as you know anything and I will fly over if you think that's necessary."

Belinda caught her breath and made a coffee before ringing her younger brother Neil, who lived in Darwin as a fly-in fly-out worker. His response was "Belinda, I can't cope with anything more in my life at the moment. Mandy's just announced that she wants me out of the house by the end of the week. I hope that you and Veronica can sort it out, Belinda. Let me know."

Finally Belinda rang her husband Daryl. "The kids and I are fine. I cooked my signature dish tonight and they cleaned up the kitchen."

Belinda had to smile at this – her husband only had one recipe in his repertoire.

Later, Belinda pulled back the quilt from the spare bed and underneath found clean clothes in small piles. On closer examination, it was clean and dirty ones, folded neatly. There was a strange smell in the room and under the bed she discovered some mouldy carrots and broccoli.

That night she dreamt of men and women locked in a nursing home and terrorising the staff and residents by racing their electric wheelchairs up and down the passage in the middle of the night. What a relief to wake up in the morning.

Or was it?
What would the day

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Wedding car Model B Ford (an upscaled touring car with wire wheels) took them back to the Loxton Hotel for a stay.

Your love is eternal. we sincerely congratulate you both, from Kay and Kym. Kym and John. grandchildren Kirby and Aaron, their partners and 3 great-grandchildren.

Best wishes to Unit 76 BCH, Berri.

DEATHS

BELL, Patricia June

Passed away with family present in hospital on Wednesday 31 January, 2024.

Aged 88 years.

Much-loved wife of David (deceased). Loving mother of Mark and Julie, Tony and Linda. Cherished nanna of Lisa, Hayden; Leah, Hannah. Great GG of Charlotte and Isabella.

> Reunited with her soulmate.

Pat was privately farewelled at the Renmark Lawn Cemetery by her family.

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EFTHIMIOU, Peter.

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on Tuesday 6 February, 2024.

Aged 87 years.

Loved husband of Sofia. Loving father and father-in-law of Angelo and Leigha, Con and Patty, Jim and Effie. Loved papou of Sophia and Michael, Nikolas and Mikala, Tia, Peter, and Paul.

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DEATHS

FULLER, Kayleen May.

Passed away on 3 February, 2024.

Aged 63 years. Loving partner

of Keith. Beloved mother of Aura-Lee, Candice, Zac, Tom, Jacob and Helen. Grandmother to Marky, Tameka,

Kieara, Sahara, Jacob, Lachy, Beau, Salah, Daniella, Marcus, Ellie-May, Isla, Sam, Alice, Emilio, Xavier.

You are so very loved and will always be in our hearts.

HOFFMANN, Neil Gordon

> 25/5/1968 -7/2/2024

We are sad to announce Neil passed away peacefully at the Fiona Stanley Hospital, Perth with his sister, Deanna by his side.

Loved son of Gordon and Jennifer. Father to Amelia. Brother and brother-in-law to: Sharlene and Andrew,

Peter and Bernie, Suzanne, Megan and Ben, Deanna and Drew. Loving uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews.

"Sweet is the sleep that ended the pain. We would not wake you to suffer again."

SAMSONENKO

Josephine 'Jo' (nee West).

21/8/1954 -

8/2/2024 Passed away

peacefully at Mary Potter Hospice.

Dearly loved wife of Valentine 'Val'. Loving mum to Melanie and Lana. Mother-in-law

to David. Loved and adored nana of Scarlett, Matilda, Mila, and Michael.

Special thank you to doctors and nurses at Calvary Hospital and Mary Potter Hospice.

Much loved and never forgotten.

At peace.

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DEATHS

SELFE, Joyce Doreen.

Passed away peacefully at Renmark Residential Aged Care on Saturday 3 February, 2024.

Aged 97 years.

Loving wife of Bob (deceased). Loved mother of David (deceased), Ronnie (deceased), Alan and Lyn. Cherished nanna Joycee of Tammy, and Richard. Great-nanna Joycee of Loren, Reuben, Amy, Jamica.

Great-great nanna Joycee of Daisy, Willow, Sophie, Harper, Spencer, Storm, and CJ.

Many thanks to the staff at Renmark Residential Aged Care who cared for and loved Joyce.

> Gone but never to be forgotten.

Mum and Dad together again.

SPANOS, Panagiota 'Pat' (nee Vagenas).

> Born 22/2/1932, Lefkada Greece.

Sadly passed away suddenly at home on 7 February, 2024.

Aged 91 years.

Dearly loved wife of Tony (deceased). Much-loved and cherished mum and mother-in-law of Peter and Roxanne, George and Tracey, Loula and Mark, Helen and Kvm. Much-loved and adored yiayia of Belinda, Chantelle, Jessica, Kelly, Anthony, Andriana, Nicola, Nicholas and Ellie. Old yiayia of Mia,

Darius and Taric.

Reunited with her beloved Tony.

Mum, now it's your

turn to rest WILKSCH, Olive Lorna.

Passed away 6

rebruary, 2024. Aged 94 years. Loving wife of the

late Ernst 'Ernie' and loving mother of the late William 'Bill' and mother-in-law of Susan 'Sue'. Devoted nanna of Alana and Bradley, nanna-in-law to Mike and Dani, and great-nanna to Wyatt,

Reunited with her loving family.

Willow and Zoe.

FUNERALS

The family and friends of Peter Efthimiou are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted at St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 1324 Old Sturt Highway, Berri on Friday 16 February, 2024 at 11am.

EFTHIMIOU.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Peter's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Berri Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

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FULLER, Kayleen May.

Kayleen's family and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at the Waikerie Uniting Church, McCoy Street. Waikerie on Friday 16 February, 2024 at 12.30pm.

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NICKOLAI, Eric John.

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After the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Royal Flying Doctors Service would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the service.

The service will be livestreamed, details available on Altschwager Family Funerals Facebook page and Website.



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SAMSONENKO.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Jo's life at the Ceduna Sailing Club on Thursday 15 February, 2024 at 4pm.

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ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

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SELFE.

The family and friends of Mrs Joyce Selfe are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at St Augustine of Hippo, Anglican Church, James Avenue. Renmark on Monday 19 February, 2024 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Jovce's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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SPANOS.

The family and friends of Pat Spanos are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at St Dimitrios Greek Orthodox Church, Mortimer Road, Berri, on Wednesday 21 February, 2024 at

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WILKSCH.

Olive's family and friends are respectfully invited to attend her graveside funeral service at the Waikerie Cemetery on Monday 19 February, 2024 at 11am.

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TAYLOR, Pat. 12/2/2014

Loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Sadly missed, Forever remembered.

Grant, family and friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

HOFFMANN, Neil Gordon.

25/5/1968 -7/2/2024

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David Beaton Chief Executive Officer

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Berri and Cobdogla Gold play out rare draw

BERRI and Cobdogla Gold played out a thrilling draw in Riverland division one tennis on Friday night.

After winning three of the four singles fixtures, Cobdogla Gold had a commanding lead, before Ben Rogers and Paul Reid banded together to win the final two fixtures to level the scores at 5-47 apiece.

Nettle duo Cohen and Tom proved to be a tough match-up for Berri to handle, winning both doubles contests, while Tom also claimed a singles victory.

The result between the top two sides leaves the ladder wide open with just one round of the home and away season remaining.

Elsewhere, it was a much more comfortable outing for Loxton Black, which enjoyed a dominant eight-set win over Renmark away from home.

Scott Gillett continued his strong form for Loxton Black, winning each of his fixtures, while Cody Cornelius and Jarrod Loxton put in strong outings to put the visitors in a winning position.

Meanwhile, it wasn't quite as smooth sailing for Loxton Yellow, which fell to Cobdogla Blue by eight rubbers at home.

Cobdogla's Sam Butterworth and Hayden Carter showed their class once again with another undefeated outing.

Teammates Ian McFarlane and

Will Swinstead also had the same fortune.

Just one round remains in both senior and junior tennis' home and away season, with finals action set to kick off on Saturday 24 February.

Division One Berri 5-47 drew with Cobdogla Gold 5-47

Doubles: B. Rogers/P. Reid d C. Battams/T. Nettle 7-5; C. Staehr/R. Mason lost to S. Nettle/N. Battams 3-6; B. Rogers/P. Cresp lost to C. Battams/T. Nettle 2-6: P. Reid/C. Staehr d S. Nettle/L. Nettle 7-6; B. Rogers/P. Reid d C. Battams/N. Battams 6-1; P. Cresp/C. Staehr d T. Nettle/A. Myer

Singles: B. Rogers lost to C. Battams 4-6; P. Reid lost to T. Nettle 3-6; C. Staehr lost to S. Nettle 3-6: P. Cresp d A. Myer 6-3.

Loxton Black 9-59 d Renmark 1-29 Doubles: A. Waters/C. Cornelius lost to B. Dring/J. Pick 4-6; S. Gillett/J. Loxton d J. Rucioch/J. McGuire 7-6; A. Waters/S. Gillett d H. Dring/B. Dring 6-4; C. Cornelius/J. Loxton d J. Rucioch/H. Poulish 6-2; A. Waters/J. Loxton d H. Dring/J. McGuire 6-3; C. Cornelius/S. Gillett d J. Rucioch/H. Poulish 6-0. Singles: A. Waters d B. Dring 6-3; C.

Cornelius d J. McGuire 6-2; S. Gillett d J. Rucioch 6-1; J. Loxton d H. Poulish 6-2. Cobdogla Blue 9-55 d Loxton Yellow 1-27 Doubles: S. Butterworth/H. Carter d J. Lane/P. Smith 6-1; W. Swinstead/I. McFarlane d L. Jachmann/B. Reichelt 6-2; S. Butterworth/H. Carter d J. Lane/P. Smith 6-3; L. McFarlane/I. McFarlane d L. Jachmann/L. Cockshell 6-4; S. Butterworth/W. Swinstead d J. Lane/L. Cockshell 6-3; H. Carter/L. McFarlane d B. Reichelt/L. Jachmann 6-0.

Singles: S. Butterworth d J. Lane 6-2; H. Carter d P. Smith 6-2; W. Swinstead d L. Cockshell 6-4; L. McFarlane lost to B.

Division Two

Barmera KIDS 12-93 d Loxton 7-78: Cobdogla 10-82 d Barmera GOATS 9-84 **Division Three**

Renmark 6-50 d Loxton Smashers 4-42; Barmera "Tennis the Menace" 5-45 d Moorook 5-39; Berri Ace Kickers 9-59 d Berri Racqueters 1-31; Cobdogla 10-60 d Loxton Bashers 0-19.

Girls

Loxton Barty 5-33 d Renmark 3-26; Cobdogla 7-40 d Barmera Thunderbirds 1-24; Barmera Vixens 7-57 d Berri Alisha Monk 1-9

MWL (Division A)

Renmark Runners 7-42 d Champagne Shots 1-20; Loxton Laces 7-43 d Berri Blue 1-20; Polly's Pearls 7-48 d Mixed Berries 1-14; Barmera Belles 5-41 d Hippie Hitters 3-40.

Juniors Yellow

Barmera 6-42 d Cobdogla Blue 2-28; Renmark 6-38 d Loxton Hijikata 2-26; Loxton DeMinaur 6-40 d Cobdogla Gold 2-29.

Green 1

Waikerie 7-46 d Renmark 1-18; Loxton Millman 8-48 d Berri 0-26.

Green 2

Waikerie 8-41 d Loxton Newcombe 0-17; Loxton Hewitt d Berri Alex (forfeit) Green 3

Barmera 4-32 d Renmark 3-26; Loxton

Kubler 8-48 d Cobdogla 0-9. Berri Thanasi 7-45 d Cobdogla 1-15;

Barmera 5-37 d Loxton Saville 2-32; Berri Dasha 5-37 d Waikerie 3-33. Orange 1 Barmera 4-27 d Waikerie 2-17; Cobdogla

5-29 d Loxton Popyrin 1-16: Loxton Kokkinakis 6-32 d Renmark 2-14.

Berri Ash 8-36 d Cobdogla 0-7; Renmark



Berri's Cooper Staehr in action during his division one singles match against Cobdogla Gold last Friday night. Staehr lost a hard-fought game to Shane Nettle. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Dynamic duo helps Bluetongues blitz Tigers

ONE of the most comprehensive wins of the 2023-24 Riverland A grade cricket season was claimed on Saturday afternoon, with Renmark North crushing Loxton by 169 runs at Bluetongue Park.

Winning the toss and electing to bat against the top team in the competition, Renmark North was desperate for a win to stay in touch with the top two.

Colin Packer's 26 got the Bluetongues off to a good start, as they continued to pile on the runs through Liam Jackson's 38 at the number three.

However, the best was yet to come as Michael Cartwright's 90, and Tarque Williamson's 83 stole the headlines.

The duo dealt almost exclusively in boundaries, with a remarkable 26 boundaries between them, including a whopping total of 18 maximums.

The score lifted North to 5/265, with the Tigers' bowlers having no answers for the experienced pair.

In reply, the Bluetongues struck early with Zakk Gallo snaring early wickets, including the dangerous Ben Hoffmann at the top of the

order, with Loxton reeling at 3/26.

Travis O'Shaughnessy provided some resistance for the Tigers, working his way to 32, but wickets continued to fall around him, with his side bowled out for 96.

Gallo was the pick of the bowlers for North, finishing with 3/23, while youngster Stephen Files again found his name among the wicket takers with 2/30.

Meanwhile, the flurry of runs continued around the association, as Murrayville batter Randall Watson tore the Berri bowling attack to shreds, scoring a century.

Wayne Scadden was the most influential with the ball for Berri, snaring four wickets, including Watson, and Cooper Wisneske for a wellmade 23.

Chasing 174 for victory, Berri lost the early wickets of openers Wes Frankel and Peter Efthimiou for scores of seven and two.

Reece Lehmann topscored for Berri, reaching a half-century, yet was unable to convert it into a big score as the home side struggled to build partnerships for much of the afternoon.

B grade action saw Waikerie affirm its status at the top of the table, with another big win, this time against Loxton on the road.

Waikerie's bowling power was yet again on display, dismissing Loxton for just 64, and chasing the total in less than 17 overs.

RESULTS

A Grade

Renmark North 5/265 (M. Cartwright 90, T. Williamson 83, L. Jackson 38, C. Packer 26, B. Henderson 10no, K. Smith 2/33, R. Montgomery 2/72, K. Evans 1/43) d Loxton 96 (T. O'Shaughnessy 32, R. Montgomery 17, K. Smith 13, Z. Gallo 3/23, S. Files 2/30, T. Bharker 1/11, L. Jackson 1/14, J. Kernich 1/16) Murrayville 9/173 (R. Watson

102, C. Wisneske 23, Fill-in 18,

W. Scadden 4/17, B. Rosenzweig 2/25, A. Nobile 2/26, B. Oakley 1/24) d Berri 7/137 (R. Lehmann 54, B. Rosenzweig 23, W. Scadden 12no, B. Oakley 12no, N. Scadden 11, T. Wurfel 2/15, Fill-in 2/52, R. Watson 1/10, Fill-in 1/24, Fill-in

B Grade

Waikerie Ramco 2/68 (S. Liebich 25, F. Andrew 22no, C. Smart 10no, L. Biele 1/5, B. Lynch 1/6 d Loxton 64 (B. Smith 22, J. Mamo 11, M. Waanders 4/23, F. Andrew 2/2, N. Andrew 2/9, T. Waanders 2/22).

Monash 2/118 (K. Gillespie 38, B. Williams 32, J. Roberts 30no, R. Williams 13no, C. Scholz 1/7, P. Elliot 1/17) d Brown's Well 9/115 (C. Van der Merwe 39, C. Patterson 16, L. Patterson 11, D. Rothe 11no, R. Williams 2/11. K. Gillespie 2/14, B. Williams 2/19,

Riverland representative team takes down

LACHLAN DAND

THE Riverland Turf Cricket Association (RTCA) selected a side which recently beat a Tatiara District Cricket Association team (TDCA) at Bordertown.

In a significant positive for the region, seven players were selected to play for the Riverland team. across both A and B grade compe-

Berri's Nathan Scadden, said he was excited by the opportunity to play with some of the best players in the competition.

"It was obviously awesome to be involved this year, and it is good to see the guys put their hands up," he said.

"It's quite an effort to back up a game from Saturday and then go all the way down to Bordertown.

"In previous years we'd have a Riverland side play the Mallee side in preparation to represent Murray Districts at the SA country carnival.

"Overall, it's great to have so many numbers from the Riverland, including a few younger blokes, which doesn't happen as often."

Riverland players came from Berri, Loxton, and Monash, with Loxton captain Ben Hoffmann picking up figures of 5/31.

Local B grade club Monash was also represented, and Scadden said the players would have felt right at home at the higher level.

"Every team has those few players who could definitely play A grade level," he said.

"Kyle Gillespie (at Monash) had an amazing T20 competition, with two scores above 80 in the same day.

"I've played a lot of cricket with him and he's an exceptional cricketer, along with a lot of the other

"Monash was my old club so I was pretty keen to get out there with those guys again, and we had some good players from the Mallee

"Shilo Dabinett and Craig Altus come from the Mallee and they're good cricketers who have been around for a while."

The RTCA side had a good mix of players from an age perspective, with voungsters such as Berri's Wes Frankel making the journey, along with experienced leaders such as Hoffmann.

Scadden says he is hoping this season's edition will encourage more junior players to step forward in future years.

"It would be nice to have some more juniors, but I think this year it really came down to availability and the team was chosen from there," he said.

"Wes is an exceptional cricketer. I've been promoting him at Berri for years and the last five or so years he's come through the senior

"Any kind of cricket experience he gets outside of the Riverland is going to work in his favour with massive potential advantages.

"Ben Hoffman at Loxton has been captain for a while and they've had their trying times as well over recent seasons.

"He's a good captain who gets the team going each week, and he's got plenty of experience with good skills too.

"Shilo and Craig's names are talked about quite often too, and speaking from experience, when they come out to bat you know you won't get their wicket early."

However, despite saying Scadden says he has seen stronger competition across both A and B grade in previous years, he believes the young talent can help ensure Riverland cricket is a forced to be reckoned with in years to

"My dad has played for more

than 40 years up here and after seeing the teams he used to play against, I'd say the competition has dropped off a little bit talent wise," he said.

"I think there's a good batch of youngsters coming through, like the Andrew boys at Waikerie...

"What we're trying to do right now is make sure the competition survives, which we are doing, and from there promote the young guys coming through.

"The competition isn't as strong as what it was 15 years ago but as long as you're out there playing that's the main thing.

"We're on the right track and there's a lot of young guys coming through who now have the talent to carry the next generation through."

RESULTS

RTCA 177 (M. Hawthorne 63, C. Altus 42, T. Wurfel 14, W. Frankel 12, C. Kerr 11) d TDCA 139 (B. Hoffmann 5/31, K. Gillespie 2/22, J. Norman 2/28, T. Wurfel 1/23).

Barmera's drought-breaking basketball win

IN one of the upsets of the 2023/24 division one men's Riverland basketball season, Barmera defeated Berri by 17 points at home on Thursday night.

In what was mostly a close encounter, the Lakers led at every change, yet with the margin at just 10 points at the final break, Berri was within touching distance.

However, the home side turned it on in the final quarter, with a 17-10 quarter, as Tony Drogemuller poured in 11 of his own.

Riley Haigh was instrumental for Barmera, scoring 23 points, while Mitch Wellington and Drogemuller both proved important with 20 and 17 points respec-

Both Heath Campbell and Jasper Hoffmann proved strong competitors for the Blazers with 18 points apiece, but it was ultimately too great of a deficit to overcome.

Elsewhere, after nearly two months without a fixture, Renmark showed why it is one of the premier teams in the competition, winning on the road against Waikerie by 33 points.

Having won against Berri last week, the Warriors came into the game with high confidence, but this quickly diminished as Renmark raced away to a 13-point half time lead.

The Steamers continued their dominance in the second half, pushing the margin out to 26 points at the final change, before eventually running out as big victors.

Declan Johnson picked up where he left off prior to the mid-season break, scoring 25 points including four three-pointers.

Reece Curtis followed Johnson's path, scoring 20 points of his own to put Renmark in a winning position.

Both Kieran Hahn and Luke Exton fought valiantly for Waikerie with scores in double figures, with Exton proving particularly dangerous from beyond the arc.

Meanwhile, it was double delight for Barmera after its women's side won by a whopping 48 points against Berri, continuing what has been a rampaging season.

Barmera's ability to reach the bucket with ease was on show yet again, as superstar Tahlia Dillon poured in a remarkable 32 points.

Bella Gates proved to be somewhat of a lone hand for Berri as the only player to score in double figures, with 17 points overall.

Elsewhere, Loxton recorded backto-back wins, with a 22-point win over Waikerie away from home.

In a low scoring affair, the Supercats led at every change, with Mackella Hogan leading the scoring on her way to 20 points. **RESULTS**

MEN **Division One**

> Renmark 21 Waikerie 12 Points: Renmark - D. Johnson 25, R. Curtis 20, A. Herador-Vuleta 11, T. Johnson 9, Z. Gartery 9, A. Havnes 9, B. Rover 6, Waikerie - K. Hahn 17, L. Exton 11, L. Gava 6, R. Fridd 6, J. Trandafil 6, J. Twigden 4, S. Trandafil 4, D. Leuders 2.

Barmera 20 Points: Barmera - R. Haigh 23, M. Wellington 20, T.

Drogemuller 17, L. Marks 8, A. Smith 6, C. Evans 2, D. Hronopoulos 2, Berri – I. Hoffmann 18, H. Campbell 18, J. Szalbot 8, B. Nagy 8, O. Hunyadi 5, B. Pankhurst 2, R. Kunoth 2.

Standings: Loxton 25, Renmark 25, Berri 18, Waikerie 16, Barmera 12.

Division Two

Loxton 67 d Barmera 34: Supercats 43 d Berri 20 **Division Three**

Berri 55 d Steamers 29; Waikerie White 35 d Paringa 27; Loxton 46 d Chaffey 11; Rovers 42 d Renmark 34; Supercats 42 d Waikerie Black 39; Tigers 77 d All Stars 57; Barmera 41 d Lakers 20.

Division Four

Barmera 56 d Renmark 24; Loxton 56 d Berri 23. Under 18 (Division One)

Border Sports 50 d Renmark 40.

Under 18 (Division Two) Supercats 47 d Barmera 40; Waikerie 47 d Loxton 35. Under 16 (Division One)

Loxton 31 d Border Sports 26; Renmark 49 d

Barmera 20. **Under 16 (Division Two)**

Barmera 76 d Loxton 11; Lakers 41 d Waikerie 19; Berri 38 d Renmark 27.

Under 14 (Division One)

Loxton 50 d Waikerie 29; Renmark 51 d Barmera 26; Berri 56 d Border Sports 21.

Under 14 (Division Two)

Loxton 32 d Supercats 14; Renmark 20 d Lakers 12; Waikerie 28 d Barmera 15.

Under 12 (Division One)

Loxton 39 d Barmera 35; Berri 31 d Supercats 11;

Waikerie 23 d Renmark 20. **Under 12 (Division Two)**

Renmark 40 d Pelicans 11; Supercats 36 d Barmera 2; Waikerie 28 d Lakers 15; Loxton 16 d Berri 12.

WOMEN

Division One

Loxton 21 Waikerie 10 30 Points: Loxton - M. Hogan 20, S. Rucioch 14, S. Smith 12, M. Pfeiler 4, K. Harman 3, L. Uren 1. Waikerie - S. Hyde 11, S. Campbell 7, A. Curtis 6, A. Salter 4, L. Hahn 4.

Barmera 23 20 Points: Barmera - T. Dillon 32, S. Whitbourne 16, L. Hill 13, C. Wutke 12, H. Hodgson 4, J. Kassulke 4. Berri - B. Gates 17, A. Morgan 6, A. Fenwick 4, E. Jordan 4, M. O'Leary-Fletcher 3, S. Glen 3, K. Bozo 2. Standings: Loxton 33, Barmera 31, Berri 20, Waikerie

Division Two

Renmark 70 d Loxton 21; Berri 30 d Barmera 27.

Division Three

All Stars 38 d Waikerie 8; Renmark 43 d Barmera 23; Berri 47 d Chaffey 15; Steamers 19 d Supercats 17; Loxton 39 d Tigers 28.

Division Four

Barmera 48 d Tigers 16; Renmark 24 d Berri 23; Waikerie 28 d Supercats 23; Blazers 34 d Loxton 16. **Under 16 (Division One)**

Drogemuller scored 17 points for Barmera in the Lakers' breakthrough win last week.



Tahlia Dillon was in sparkling form for Barmera against Berri on Thursday night, racking up a game-high 32 points. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Berri 24 d Supercats 22; Renmark 36 d Waikerie 19; Loxton 41 d Barmera 31.

Under 16 (Division Two)

Waikerie 22 d Renmark 15; Border Sports 32 d

Supercats 12. Under 14 (Division One)

Loxton 40 d Barmera 21; Waikerie 26 d Renmark 13; Berri 39 d Supercats 18.

Under 14 (Division Two)

Waikerie White 27 d Loxton 20; Supercats 29 d Waikerie Black 13; Renmark 23 d Barmera 18; Berri 20 d Lakers 17.

Under 12 (Division One)

Berri 26 d Barmera 2; Loxton 1 46 d Border Sports 16.

Under 12 (Division Two)

Barmera 23 d Waikerie 17; Supercats 40 d Berri 2.



The Riverland featured at the country basketball last weekend.

Teams converge for junior event

THE Riverland junior basketball carnival was held over the weekend, with a high level of talent on display.

Around 100 teams competed in the event, with the Riverland's bestperforming team coming from the U14 Boys division one/two final.

The Riverland finished runner-up in the division two grand final, falling by 11 points against Mildura.

RESULTS

U12 Boys Div 1 Riverland won 1 game

Great Southern 39 d Easter Hills 34

U12 Boys Div 2

Riverland won 1 game

Bordertown 50 d Millicent 18 U12 Boys Div 3

Naracoorte 31 d Keith 20 U12 Girls Div 1

Eastern Hills 19 d Woodville 18 in Overtime

U12 Girls Div 2 Riverland won 1 game

Border Sports 24 d Great Southern 10

U12 Girls Div 3

Bordertown 14 d Naracoorte 13 **U14 Boys Div 1/2** Riverland played in the Div 2 GF

and lost to Mildura 40 to 29 Div 1 GF Great Southern 47 d Eastern

Hills 44 **U14** Boys Div 3/4

Riverland lost Div 4 Semi Final 50 - 26 against Bordertown Div 3 GF Light 38 d Naracoorte 36

Div 4 GF Bordertown 41 d Millicent 33

U14 Boys Div 5 Mildura 48 d Naracoorte 19

U14 Girls Div 1 Riverland lost GF 47 - 21 against Millicent

U14 Girls Div 2 Riverland won 2 games Naracoorte 33 d Millicent 10

U14 Girls Div 3

Keith 18 d Strathalbyn 4 **U16 Boys Div 1/2**

42 – 32 against Eastern Hills Div 1 GF Eastern Hills 44 d Naracoorte

Riverland lost Div 1 Semi Final

Div 2 GF Strathalbyn 59 d Barossa Valley

U16 Boys Div 3/4

Riverland didn't win a game Div 3 GF Border Sports 47 d Alcheringa

Div 4 GF Light 41 d Bordertown 31

U16 Boys Div 5 Centrals 60 d Naracoorte 31 U16 Girls Div 1

Riverland won 1 game Strathalbyn 40 d Great

Southern 34 U16 Girls Div 2

Riverland didn't win a game

Naracoorte 41 d Millicent 29 U16 Girls Div 3

Great Southern 38 d Border Sports 17.

Berri hold onto Saturday pennants top spot



Pui Ching Gamble in action for Renmark in the division one pennants game against top side Berri on Saturday. Berri scored a comfortable win. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Clare Eichenberger bowling for Berri on Saturday. Eichenberger was part of Mason Kaufer's winning rink.

Bowls Riverland's division one Saturday pennants, with the final four teams locked in.

While Berri, Waikerie, Barmera and Loxton are the clubs heading to finals, their positions in the final four remain up in the air, with just one point separating Berri and Waikerie at the top of the lad-

Hoping to hold on to top spot, Berri travelled to Renmark, and picked up a 25-shot win, largely thanks to the performance of Kerry Treloar's four.

Treloar's four enjoyed a 19-shot win at the expense of Kym Schulz's quartet, while Mason Kaufer's team picked up an 11-shot victory over Mick Rice's side.

Meanwhile, the biggest win of the round came via The Lawns, which secured a 26-shot win over Loxton RSL

It was a clean sweep for The Lawns, with the biggest win coming from Neville Kelly's team, winning by 16 shots over Jade Wright's quartet.

Elsewhere, Waikerie did its chances of finishing in top spot no harm on the back of a 24-shot win over Loxton at

Waikerie was victorious in two of the three rinks,

JUST one round remains in as Wayne Collins showed his class, helping his side to a 19-shot win over Brad Semmler's four.

> Division four saw the biggest victory of the weekend, with Loxton claiming a 44-shot win over Loxton RSL, while just one shot separated Waikerie and The Lawns in division three.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE Berri 70 d Renmark 45

A. Hill 13 lost to W. Dopson 18; K.

Treloar 28 d K. Schulz 9; M. Kaufer 29 d M. Rice 18.

The Lawns 64 d Loxton RSL 38 S. Ivanovic 18 d W. Schulz 17; N. Kelly 25 d J. Wright 9; R. Lawton 21 d G. Huppatz 12.

Waikerie 61 d Loxton 37

W. Collins 26 d B. Semmler 7; G. Frahm 12 lost to J. Vaughan 19; A. Fulwood 23 d S. Roberts 11. Points: Berri 330; Waikerie 329;

Barmera 280; Loxton 213; The Lawns 149; Renmark 131; Loxton

DIVISION TWO

Renmark 58 d Monash 47

R. Andt 16 d I. Potts 9; S. Schulz 17 lost to M. Wood 18; E. Schulz 25 d M. Kruger 20.

The Lawns 68 d Loxton 61

C. McConnell 26 d H. Appleton 13; B. Symonds 22 lost to B. Bullock 25; R. Sutton 20 lost to W. Harrison 23.

Berri 62 d Barmera 59

N. Jenke 18 drew with W. Uppington 18; B. Hollis 22 d P. Thompson 16; K. Carpenter 22 lost to I. Lloyde 25. Waikerie 83 d Lyrup 46

R. Davies 22 d S. Lloyd 14; D. Morley 36 d L. Recchia 13; M. Morete 25 d B. Johns 19.

Points: Waikerie 307; Berri 293;

Loxton 243: Monash 232: Barmera 230; The Lawns 200; Lyrup 141; Renmark 122

DIVISION THREE

Berri 70 d Renmark 46 L. Knight 21 d L. Warren 13; B. Knight 18 d J. Cooper 16; W. Couzens 31 d B. Lockett 17.

Waikerie 61 d The Lawns 60 M. Morley 27 d B. Haby 13; T. Strauss 22 d P. Brown 19; W. Burris 12 lost to D. Wilson 28.

Berri Red 71 d Monash 44

J. Jungfer 24 d J. Sutherland 14; S. Hall 26 d W. Pahl 12; J. Price 21 d T.

Swanbury 18. Loxton 66 d Barmera 44

F. Armfield 24 d G. Van der Myle 13; D. Sparrow 18 drew with C. Shugg 18; P. Madden 24 d K. Brown 13. Points: Waikerie 337; Berri 323; Loxton 279; The Lawns 231; Berri Red 214; Renmark 204; Monash 125: Barmera 55.

DIVISION FOUR

Loxton 77 d Loxton RSL 33

B. Flavel 15 lost to B. Manuel 21: G. Sichler 39 d J. Smith 3; G. Fisher 23 d G. Watkins 9.

Moorook 64 d Waikerie 59

C. Battams 22 d L. Watkins 20; M. Arnold 26 d J. Mortimer 15; M. Smith 16 lost to K. Rogers 24.

The Lawns 59 d Berri 56

L. Pinyon 22 d B. Harrington 16; C. Haar 18 lost to J. Nelson 22; M. McCauley 19 d P. Ledsham 18. Points: Loxton 312; Moorook 248; The Lawns 241; Loxton RSL 217; Berri 159; Waikerie 149.

DIVISION FIVE

Barmera 39 d Loxton 32 H. Robinson 18 d M. Tygh 15; N. Vercoe 21 d D. Vaughan 17.

Lyrup 57 d Monash 26

B. Koch 35 d A. Campbell 14; D. Hill 22 d M. Daley 12.

Points: Monash 280; Lyrup 240; Barmera 178; Waikerie 172; Loxton



Berri star Gerrin Jenke is a picture of concentration during the division one match on Saturday. Jenke bowled number three for Kerry Treloar's four, which scored a big win.

Reds jump to top spot in midweek triples comp

THE Lawns Red have rocketed into top 46-shot win with two rounds left of action. spot of Bowls Riverland's midweek triples

Russell Lawton skippered his team to competition, on the back of a whitewash another significant win, this time to the tune

of 16 shots, continuing the good form of the previous week.

The Lawns Red leapfrogged Loxton Blue at the top of the ladder, after it fell to Renmark Green by 39 shots on the road.

It was a whitewash for the Greens, with the biggest winning margin coming from Ben Quatre-Bones' trio, who defeated Graham Schulz's three by 22 shots.

However, the most dominant performance came from Renmark Gold, which took care of Lyrup by a whopping 73 shots

Bill Dopson's three did the bulk of the scoring, defeating Neville Nattrass' team by 37 shots, while a 23-shot win from Bill Cropper's three also added to Lyrup's pain.

Two rounds of the season remain, in what appears to be a two-horse race between The Lawns Red and Loxton Blue for the compe-

Loxton White 81 d Berri Red 64; The Lawns Red 86 d Loxton RSL 40; Loxton Red 72 d Berri Blue 58; Waikerie 70 d The Lawns 52; Renmark Gold 113 d Lyrup 40; Barmera Pelicans 60 d Monash 50; Renmark Green 91 d Loxton Blue 52.

Points: The Lawns Red 369; Loxton Blue 345; Waikerie 340; Renmark Green 338; Renmark Gold 313; Loxton White 312; Berri Red 264; Berri Blue 257; Barmera Pelicans 256; Loxton Red 230; Barmera 215; Loxton RSL 183; The Lawns 132; Lyrup 119: Monash 107.



Waikerie bowler wins pairs title in Marion

THE 2023-24 Bowls SA men's country carnival recently held its final at Marion in Adelaide, with a big crowd in attendance.

Waikerie superstar Wayne Collins reached the pairs final of the competition, alongside Angaston superstar Jono Voigt.

The duo blitzed region seven's pair Daryl Steinwedel (Kingscote) and G. Smith (Laura) in the semi-final, showing their skills to win 17 shots to nine.

Facing off against Barry Hooker and Peter Gageler in the final, the match was expected to be a tight one, with Gageler and Voigt producing strong showings in their singles matches earlier in the day.

However, Collins and Voigt quickly put the match to bed, putting in a dominant performance, winning by 22 shots to four.

Berri hands out a belting

THE latest round of Riverland baseball saw Berri Red record yet another comprehensive win, defeating the Renmark Angels by 15

Berri Red got off to a flyer, coming out swinging with an eight-run opening innings, and was also strong on the mound, with Steven Goldspink striking out the Angels' batters.

Having piled on 15 runs by the completion of the second innings, the game was all but over, with the Reds running out big

Elsewhere, Berri Blue held off a fast finishing Pirates side in a nail-biting clash, winning by just two runs.

Coming up against an inexperienced side, the Blues were expected to return to the winners' list after last weekend's rivalry round loss to Berri Red.

Peltz

Alex Arnold was instrumental for Berri Blue in the victory, scoring a triple and a double, and pitching for two strikeouts.

This Friday night sees Berri Blue take on Renmark Angels in the early fixture, while the Riverland Pirates will face off against Berri Red in Indigenous Round.

RESULTS						
Innings	1	2	3	4	Т	
Berri Red	8	7	2	-1	16	
Angels	0	0	1	0	1	
Safa Hite: Barri Dad S Goldenink 3v cingle 1						

Sutherland 1x double, 1x single; J. Frazer 2x single; T. Halupka 2x single. Renmark Angels – C. Lawton 1x single; D. Beer 1x single.

Innings Safe Hits: Berri Blue - A. Arnold 1x triple, 1x double; A. Rogers 1x double; R. Beviss 1x double; A. Petherick 1x single; C. McKinnon 1x single; M. Nobile 1x single. Riverland Pirates – A. Halupka 1x single; R. Halupka 1x single.



Alex Arnold in action during Berri Blue's win on Friday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Josh pitching for **Pirates** on Friday night.



Haylee Symens gloves a spectacular catch for Loxton during its drought-breaking win over Berri on Saturday, PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Johanna Grauer batting for Berri.

It's Loxton...finally

ON the back of a disappointing loss at the hands of Sunraysia a week earlier, Loxton claimed its first win of the Riverland A grade softball season with a two-run victory over Berri last Saturday.

Michelle Bradtke continued her standout season for Loxton, with yet another best afield display, closely followed by Haylee Symens and Mel Holland.

Jo Grauer again fought valiantly for Berri, while Deanna Campbell-Collard and Regan Lambert were also mentioned in the best players.

Next weekend features a top of the ladder clash, with Mildura hosting Berri Redsox over the border.

Berri had a more positive outing in the B grade, winning by 16 runs over Renmark, while the other all-Riverland affair saw Cobdogla win by eight runs against Loxton.

Meanwhile, C grade action saw the biggest winning margin of the round, with Loxton winning by a whopping 17 runs against Renmark, with Halle Reichstein named Best on Ground.

RESULTS A GRADE

Loxton 12 d Berri 10 Best: Loxton - M. Bradtke, H. Symens, M. Holland. Berri - J. Grauer, D. Campbell-Collard, R.

Berri 22 d Renmark 6 Best: Berri - K. Ferguson, K. Lambert, S. Elbourne. Renmark - A. Threadgold, A. Preusker, T.

Batchelor. Cobdogla 18 d Loxton 10

Best: Cobdogla - K. Hayes, J. Cook, K. Swarts. Loxton - J. Hucks.

A. Musker, M. Pumpa. C GRADE

Loxton 19 d Renmark 2

Best: Loxton - H. Reichstein, G. Wagner, L. Johnson. Renmark - S. Smith, K. Robinson, B. Lawton.





MONTHLY column

Hello all Adelaide Crows supporters in the Riverland. As Gwen Webber has retired from the role of communications person for the Riverland Crows Supporters' Group, I attempt to take on the role to keep the group up to date with events and happenings on the Crow

The 2024 preseason commenced recently with the Adelaide squad out training and the Riverland group is now getting behind the player group.

There are changes to the squad, with a few favourites and fresh players to take the field in 2024.

It is shaping up to be a year of high performance and when September arrives the cup could be carried by any team. Hopefully it will be the Adelaide

Adelaide Oval home games will again be the target of supporters. However, games have been scheduled for Thursday nights and these may not suit all the Riverland supporters who work on Fridays. These games certainly hinder the Riverland Crows Supporters Group organising the bus trips to attend

However, not being able to attend games will not prevent the group from getting together at a communal venue to support the players and to express their support via a big screen game viewing.

The Riverland Crows Supporters Group kicks off the year with a member's day, on Sunday 25 February, at Cobdogla Club for a lunchtime meal, paying subs, and meeting with other members who will engross the matches with enthusiasm on the day. On the members day the luncheon is free, while memorabilia and raffles will be on sale. Persons wanting to attend need to contact a group member as numbers for the meal is required. Membership will include a name draw for two members to visit each home game.

The Riverland Crows Supporters Group had 84 financial members in 2023, but is hoping to attract a higher number of members in 2024 by attending functions the group arranges.

Each Riverland town has one or two members on the committee for members and others to contact for joining or support.

A fundraiser for the Riverland Supporters Group will be a bingo night, at the Barmera RSL building, on 16 April. The committee are also looking at an overnight bus trip for 15 June, with a Crows game on the Saturday afternoon

If you're interested in being part of the Riverland Supports Group, you can contact myself and I will have a committee member contact you with further information.

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Concussion rules could hit local clubs

LACHLAN DAND

THE impact of looming changes to concussions rules on country sports club must be taken into account, a Riverland MP says.

The Australian Institute of Sport has recommended 14 days of concussion-free symptoms before returning to contact training, plus a minimum period of 21 days until the resumption of competitive contact sport.

The AIS has also called for mandatory extended periods of rest for those who suffer multiple concussions, and the appointment of concussion officers for community and school sports.

While acknowledging concussion is a "major concern" for sporting communities, clubs, players and parents, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said grassroots

clubs – constricted by limited volunteer numbers - must be factored in.

"Concussion management has been in the headlines more and more, and the overhaul to concussion protocols will provide clubs with the tools and direction that are missing," he said.

"However, we need to understand the effect these guidelines will have on our grassroots

"There are still questions about how these guidelines should be administered, and the AIS report must be fully considered before we adopt the recommendations."

Mr Whetstone said ideally, the SA Government would provide "support and financial assistance to ensure these changes can be implemented while minimising risk to our sportsmen and women associated with our sporting clubs or organisations".

Major sporting bodies such as the AFL, Rugby Australia, Cricket Australia, Football Federation Australia and Netball Australia are yet to endorse the changes, saying they are continuing to review the proposals before settling on a position.

The Coalition's assistant spokesperson for Regional Health, Mildura-based Dr Anne Webster, echoed Mr Whetstone's concerns for the future of country sporting clubs.

"Regional football and community sporting clubs risk folding if recommendations on concussion and head knocks are not implemented appropriately by

sporting code," Dr Webster said.

"This is primarily a health matter and frankly the sporting alternatives in regional Australia are more limited than in the cit-

"I am very concerned how these recommendations may impact the future of country sport, but business-as-usual is not an option for country footy and other sporting codes.

"We have all seen the evolution in professional sport, for instance with head knocks in the cricket and pauses in play to check on player welfare.

"The last thing we want is people dropping out of sport, clubs folding and the social fabric of regional communities (already torn during the pandemic) ripped to shreds.'

Call to crank up women's comp

A CLOUD is currently hanging over the 2024 RFLW season due to a shortage of player numbers.

Ahead of the second RFLW delegate meeting of the calendar year, chairman Drew Nelsson says anyone is welcome at their local clubs.

"A few clubs are currently down on numbers," he said.

"RFL women's football is currently scheduled to start in early May.

"If you're turning 16 this year, wanting a change, returning to sport, or looking to try something different please contact your local football club."

Alternatively, Mr Nelsson can be contacted at any time on 0437 632 434.

The SANFL ran a six-week Saturdays are for the Girls program throughout October and November in 2023, with strong numbers consistent at each club, in what was a significant positive.

Mr Nelsson says the league has plans to run combined training sessions in March, with all clubs present.

Four sessions are scheduled at this stage, with the first one held at the Barmera-Monash Football Club on Monday 4 March.

All teams will be on one oval, which will give players an opportunity to test their skills and boost participation numbers.

In addition, the Riverland Football League is set to establish the RFL Women's Strategy, aimed at nurturing the growth and development of women's football.

Members of the group will have the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals, share ideas, and implement initiatives which will enhance opportunities for female participation in foot-

"If you're ready to make a difference and be part of something special, please express your interest by Friday 23 February 2024 to (riverlandfl@sanflcfl.com.

- LACHLAN DAND



against Waikerie during an RFLW match in 2023. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Berri's off-field appointments

AS pre-season preparations continue for every RFL club, Berri has locked in more coaching appointments.

In what is a unique move, the Demons have appointed an under 18 coaching panel, with Mark Wenman in the head coaching role.

David Centofanti will assume the role of assistant coach, with current senior player Shay Hawkins named as senior player development coach.

It follows a host of changes at Berri, which also appointed Brenton Woolston as its new A grade coach in October.

The club is still on the hunt for a women's coach and an under 15s coach, with more information found on the Berri Football Club Facebook page.

In other news, the Demons have locked in further off-field moves, with Jayme Peltz taking charge as president, with De Johns in the vice president chair.

Paul Stewart will take on the role as football director, meanwhile Elisha Hinge, Miranda Corman, Peter Exarheas, Sam Ingerson and Ashly Buzza make up the general committee members.



Berri A grade player Shay Hawkins has been announced as the under 18s senior player development coach. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff.

Swimmers converge on Renmark

THE Vitor Renmark Swimming Club is set to host the 2024 edition of the Renmark Open this weekend over both Saturday and Sunday.

In what has been a successful season for swimming, Riverland clubs Berri, Loxton, and Vitor Renmark are all in training ahead of the event.

Twenty-eight clubs will be represented from metro and regional South Australia, as well as Broken Hill and the Sunraysia district, with 310 swimmers registered to compete.

It is regarded as a big opportunity for Riverland swimmers to compete against some of the best swimmers in South Australia, with points on the

Local Renmark swimmer Hugh Riedel recently took out the Skins Dash 4 Cash event at the Loxton Open carnival, with the 14-year-old up against much more experienced competition.

It is also significant for a regional club to host an SA event of this size over two days.

Gates open from 9:30am on Saturday, with warm up commencing from 10am, before the day's action wraps up at approximately 5:30pm.

It continues into Sunday, with gates opening at 7am, ahead of another full day of swimming.

The Renmark Open is fully catered, with an admission fee for spectators and children under 12 free.

The Riverland public is encouraged to showcase its support.

Cubs showdown in latest Riverland darts round

Riverland darts competition took place on Thursday night, with Lyrup Lion Cubs #1 facing off against Lyrup Lion Cubs #2 in an interclub derby.

The match proved to be closer than what the scoreboard showed, with much of the action lasting the full three legs, before Cubs #1 ran out 8-3 victors.

Elsewhere, the Eagles

ROUND 13 of the had a thrilling con- Expendables, claiming test against the Monash Wanderers, winning through to the semi-final on the back of a 6-5 vic-

> With scores tied at four apiece after the doubles and opening round of singles, pegging out let the Wanderers down as the Eagles capitalised.

Meanwhile, R C Ones were too good for a 9-2 win and securing second spot ahead of the finals.

Darcy Crane continued on with his excellent form and scored his 10th maximum 180 for the season.

RESULTS

Cobby Eagles 6 (A. Hargreaves 140, 125 x 2, 100 x 2, J. Broekers 135, 125, 122, 100 x 2, G. Dyer 133, 123, R. Stemp 114, 100) d Monash Wanderers 5 (W. Bonham 140 x 4, 130,

123, 103, 100 x 2, C. Martin 140 x 2, 136, 130, 122, 121, 100 x 3, D. Martin 140, 118,

Lyrup Lion Cubs # 1 - 8 (A. Vanhaasteren 105, 100, D. Heinicke 131, J. Burke 130, D. Strother 125) d Lyrup Lion Cubs #2 - 3 (C. Fletcher 102, B. Kenefick 101, B. May 100 x 2). R C One 9 (D. Crane 180, 140 x 3, 120, 101, 100 x 4, L. Platten 125, 121, 100, T. Collins 121, 118, C. Wagner 121, 100, T. Stoneham 120, 100 x 2, W. Schwartzkopff 100 x 2) d Expendables 2 (G. Norman 125, 100 x 2, A. Barnes 100).

BERRI

Wednesday 7 February -Stableford

J. Szalbot 40pts, C. Berry 38, L. Campbell 36, L. Berry 34, R. Keightley 34, M. Heuzenroeder 33, G. Mack 33, P. Mudge 33. Saturday 10 February - Stableford S. Schloithe 43, P Jury 42, A. Thiel 39, J. Rosenthal 38, J. Curren 37, J. Skinner 37, J. McGuire 36. S. Breakwell 35, R. Nagy 35, R. Wright 35, M. Wilksch 35, S. Wade 35, W. Thiele 34, L. Berry 34, S. Gore 34, A. Thurmer 34, W. Hocevar 34.

Sunday 11 February - Stableford P. Martin 38, J. Day 36, E. Day 34, P. Efthimiou 34. D. Gregoric 33.

LOXTON Wednesday 7 February -

Stableford Men A - D. Unferdorben 36, T.

Williamson 35, S. Patching 34, S. Palat 34, O. Walkley 34, H. Brown Men B - M. Shearer 38, P. Frahn (Berri) 36, A. Hucks 35, P. Hendrick 35, E. Branson (Berri) 34, R. Burn (Berri) 33, G. Leyson (Berri) 33. A. Thurmer (Berri) 32.

Women - L. Shearer 36, M. Tyler 32. M. Thomson 32, J. Patching 32, S. Juhna 31, Y. Reynolds (Barmera) 31. Saturday 10 February - Stableford Men A - C. Maczkowiack nett 71, B. Chapman 72, P. Harman 72, J. Goldsworthy 73, M. Lewan (Barmera) 73, H. Brown 74, H. Kara-Ali 74.

Men B - G. Polymiadis nett 68, A. Baptie 70, M. Shearer 70, O. Walkley 71, B. Uren (Barmera) 73, N. Harman 73, L. Henschke 74, R. Harman 74, K. Petch 74. Women - M. Tyler nett 70, S. Pannell 73, M. Thomson 74, J. Sawade 75, J. Patching 78.

Loxton Irrigation Monthly Medal -G. Polymiadis nett 68.

Eightball results

Shut Up & Shoot 12 d Cue It 4; Lyrup Club Lions 9 d 8 to go 7; Cobbers 9 d "Bye Week" 7; Four Cues 16 d Up & Comers 0; Chalk a Cue, Sink a few 12 d Lyrup Lost & Found 4 Misfits d Loxton 8 Ball (forfeit).

Points: Cobbers 16; Lyrup Club Lions 14; Four Cues 14; "Bye Week" 14; Shut Up & Shoot 12; Chalk a Cue, Sink a few 10; Misfits 10; 8 to Go 8; Up & Comers 6; Loxton 8 Ball 4; Cue It 0; Lyrup Lost & Found 0.

Women's eightball

Bonnie Pelicans 13 (G. Lally, S. Verco) d Lyrup Club 3 (J. Geue, E. Hoffmann)

DV8's 12 (T. Stieler, D. Marshall) d Unpredictables 4 (J. Greenhalgh, K. Warnett). Cue-T's 11 (A. Threadgold, S.

Thomas) d Roses (E. Carter, A. Johns).

Waikerie Club 11 (J. Mackereth, M. Briscoe) d Lyrup Odd Bunch 5 (T. Knight, C. Mitton).

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Concerns have been raised about the potential fallout on Riverland and other rural sporting clubs of proposed sweeping changes to concussion rules. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Concern concussion rules could hit Riverland clubs

Knock out was blow?

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