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Nippy's joint managing director Ben Knispel at the third-generation Riverland business's Moorook plant yesterday. Nippy's electricity bill could almost double next year, to \$1.8m.

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Riverland councillor ousted amid returns saga...

ELECTION EJECTION

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Councillor ousted amid returns saga

JOSH BRINE and
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Those impacted have until February 20 to launch an appeal with the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) to seek reinstatement.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said Mr Sims’ access to “all aspects of council” had been withdrawn, as required by the state’s

Local Government Act.

“We do not know the details of any direct correspondence between Cr Sims and SACAT but it is clear, that as he is now deemed a member of the public (not holding office), that he will need to make his own application to restore his position personally, undertaking his own representation as a private individual,” Mr Hunter said.

“Should Cr Sims not be successful in his appeal, it is unclear at this point as to what processes which may be required (to fill the vacancy).

“One option would be for the next-ranked candidate (from the November 2022 elections) to take the position or there may need to be a (supplementary) election.

“This will be determined by government and we will be informed in due course.”

Candidates were given until January 19, one month after the official lodgement period ended, to submit returns before their positions were made vacant.

The Murray Pioneer has been told reminder emails sent by ECSA to some candidates were being filtered into junk folders.

Renmark Paringa councillor Jack Gibb said he was required to re-lodge a campaign donation form.

“I nearly got caught out,” Cr Gibb said.

“(ECSA) sent another form because they didn’t get the form I lodged, so I lodged the second one with council and got them to send it down.”

In a statement, an ECSA spokesperson said it was “elected members’ responsibility to ensure that they understand and comply with the relevant legislation”.

“ECSA provides extensive guidance to candidates to assist them to meet their legislative obligations,” they said.

SA Local Government Minister Geoff Brock told The Murray Pioneer he was “disappointed” by the mass vacancies, but that he “could not interfere” with ECSA and SACAT’s process.

“They have to now communicate with the Electoral Commissioner and also SACAT and I’m strongly recommending that they do that with their explanations...” he said.

“I’m very frustrated, quite frank-



Renmark Paringa councillor David Sims (pictured in 2020) is one of 45 elected members across South Australia whose position has been vacated due to a failure to submit campaign donation returns on time.

ly, because I’m passionate about local councils being transparent with their communities and at the end of the day some of these things have put a bit of a doubt in some people’s minds.”

Mr Brock said despite the relevant legislation being in place for more than 20 years, “this scenario has not occurred in previous elections”.

State opposition local government spokesperson Sam Telfer criticised both Mr Brock and ECSA for their handling of the issue.

“It is Geoff Brock’s sole responsibility to ensure local government runs smoothly but his failure to do so has resulted in a monumental stuff-up that will cost people positions they thought they had won

fair and square,” Mr Telfer said.

“It’s also clear that ECSA’s communication on this issue has been poor – it’s as if the Commissioner had known this problem was snowballing but chose not to act.

“With so many people impacted, ECSA should have seen the warning signs from a mile away and it shouldn’t have ever gotten this far.”

The potential reshuffle at Renmark Paringa follows former councillor Sim Singh-Mahli resigning in mid-2022 due to ongoing and serious legal issues. On that occasion a supplementary election was unnecessary, with the scheduled elections just months away.

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Donation returns drama to spark reviews

A REVIEW into the processes that have led to 45 elected council members across SA having their positions vacated due to late or unreturned donation declarations will be undertaken, the state’s Local Government Minister said during a visit to the region last week.

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Dozens of successful candidates from last November’s elections, including Renmark Paringa councillor David Sims, had their positions vacated last week after failing to lodge campaign donation disclosure returns in time.

SA Local Government Minister Geoff Brock said in previous elections these forms were returned by candidates to council CEOs before a change to the process in 2021 – under the previous Liberal State Government – that required the returns to be made to the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) directly.

He said ECSA would undertake a review

of the November elections and the aftermath.

“I’ve also been looking at having a review of how this has eventuated,” Mr Brock said.

“Has the system brought in during 2021 worked? I don’t know whether it has.

“We want to have a very deep analysis of this – of what’s going on, how it happened and how we can improve it.

“I’ll work very closely with the Electoral Commissioner, I’ll work very closely with the Local Government Association (LGA SA), and I’ll work very closely, if he permits it, with the shadow minister.

“I want to bring everyone’s thoughts into it. I want to be able to resolve this so it doesn’t happen again.”

State opposition local government spokesperson Sam Telfer, who was part of the consultation on local government reforms as

LGA SA president, said Mr Brock had taken his “hands off the wheel... wiping his hands of any responsibility”.



















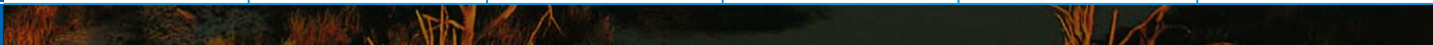
“The legislation is watertight, but Geoff Brock’s communication of proper process has been non-existent and now we find ourselves in this frustrating and avoidable situation,” Mr Telfer said.

Mr Brock said Mr Telfer was trying to make “political gain” from the situation.

“My view is let’s work our way through this,” he said.

An ECSA spokesperson said vacancies would be looked at on a “case-by-case basis” and would be filled either through supplementary elections or using “new count-back provisions in the Local Government (Elections) Act”.

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Reopened road's resilience surprises locals and department...



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone pictured yesterday at Bookpurnong Road, which reopened on the weekend. Mr Whetstone says he will pressure the State and Federal governments to "invest in a long-term solution" for the road, to ensure it is never again inundated. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Tim: Never ever again

TIM Whetstone has welcomed the reopening of Bookpurnong Road, but says its inundation must never happen again.

The key Berri-Loxton connector was reopened to light vehicle traffic last weekend, ending months of inconvenience and extra expenses for motorists, particularly commuters.

Although flood waters are now receding rapidly, the Chaffey MP has pledged to push hard for Bookpurnong Road to be upgraded, allowing it to withstand future high-river events.

"The reopening of Bookpurnong Road is a huge relief to many locals who have had to endure a heavy financial and mental toll due to the closure," Mr Whetstone said.

"To say it's been an inconvenience is an understatement and the large detours have cost local road users more at a time when the cost of living is at an all-time high.

"We can't let this happen again and as we now move into the recovery phase.

"I will be pressuring both State and Federal governments to invest in a long-term solution for the road, to ensure we don't ever find ourselves in this same situation in the future.

"The (State) Labor Government is yet to announce any long-term plans for the road, and it needs to be upgraded to ensure that if we do experience severe flooding again the road will be able to withstand those high flow levels.

"I'll continue to work with the Renmark Paringa Council to see the road futureproofed rather than just a patch-up job."

- PAUL MITCHELL

Booky bounces back

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A MAJOR road linking two Riverland towns can once again be accessed by most vehicles, with State Government assessments showing the surface remained in "strong" condition following the River Murray flood event.

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport reopened the Berri end of Bookpurnong Road – which links the town to Loxton – to light vehicles and with a 60km/h speed limit in place at 9am on Saturday.

A DIT spokesperson said ensuring Bookpurnong Road could be accessed by all motorists was a priority.

"Those weight restrictions are in place to see how the road goes initially, having not had any vehicle traffic on there

for a while," the spokesperson said.

"We need to have a good window of seeing how it performs.

"Particularly with Gurra Gurra Bridge as well, we want to see how that goes with light vehicles first before we open it to heavy vehicles.

"Over the next few weeks we'll keep monitoring. We're going to try and lift the restrictions as soon as possible (because) we know what a key road it is for the community."

Renmark Paringa Council last week also began reducing a built-up portion of Gurra Road that had allowed locals access to Berri via Bookpurnong Road during the flood event.

The spokesperson said Bookpurnong Road – which was closed on December 1 – had escaped major damage

despite being submerged for nearly two months.

"The road has handled the traffic really well (since Saturday)," the spokesperson said.

"Everything is looking pretty good. Obviously we're only open to light vehicles at this stage, because we're waiting to see how things go with the increased vehicle traffic.

"We opened it a bit earlier than we expected, which ended up being a pleasant surprise.

"The visual inspection and pavement strength testing showed the road was in better condition and the surface was stronger than we were thinking."

Gurra Road has fared much worse than Bookpurnong Road, with the eastern stretch of the road still closed to all traffic.



Gurra Road sustained serious damage during the inundation. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

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Three months on, Barmera caravan park reopens doors

JOSH BRINE

AFTER a three-month closure, a prominent Riverland caravan park has reopened, making more than 220 sites and 80 cabins available as the region’s tourism recovery continues.

Discovery Parks – Lake Bonney officially reopened yesterday, after the property closed in early November in anticipation of flooding.

Discovery Parks CEO Grant Wilckens said the company was looking forward to encouraging guests to return to the region.

“Tourism is such a driver for the Riverland economy during the summer months and it was a really tough decision for us to close over the summer peak period as we would ordinarily be 80-90 per cent full during December and January,” he said.

“We really feel for the local community, including our own staff, who have been impacted.

“Our focus now is on supporting the regional recovery by encouraging guests back to the Riverland and sending a clear message to get out here and explore the best that the region has to offer.”

“We know that every dollar spent



by a guest on accommodation injects \$3 in economic benefit back to the community and local businesses need this support now more than ever.”

SA Tourism Minister Zoe Bettison said the reopening was a “shot in the arm” for Barmera and the Riverland.

“The reopening of the park sends a very strong signal that Lake Bonney is open for business and that it is now the time to head up to the region, book a cabin or a site, and enjoy some quality time in the Riverland,” she said.

After closing the property, Discovery Parks constructed a levee to protect from floodwater and moved 20 deluxe cabins to higher ground.

The levee, along with the closure of the Lake Bonney inlet, ensured the property was unaffected by floodwater and could be brought back online quickly without any damage.

A handful of cabins were utilised during the closure to accommodate tradespeople and contractors working in the region on flood preparation and management works.



Local irrigator Richard Swinstead pictured near Lake Bonney in a social media video posted by Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone. IMAGE: Facebook

Lake salt slug ‘threatening local crops’

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PAUL MITCHELL

A SALT slug from Lake Bonney could threaten the crops of downstream irrigators, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone says.

After being disconnected from the river system in December to protect Barmera infrastructure from rising water levels, the lake was reconnected just over two weeks ago, sending its highly-saline water back into the Murray.

Mr Whetstone met with irrigators at Nappers Bridge – where the levee was constructed – several days ago, and said the growers were concerned about possible impacts on their crops.

“This water could jeopardise all those crops, all the way down,” Mr Whetstone said.

“(Irrigators) are worried their crops are going to fail,

due to salt burn.

“It’ll burn the roots first and it’ll impact on the quality of the fruit.”

The Department for Environment and Water confirmed it is monitoring River Murray salinity levels in response to the reopening of the Lake Bonney inlet.

“The department is taking readings at Lock 3 and Lock 2 to determine how far the salt slug is travelling downstream,” a department spokesperson told The Murray Pioneer.

Back in late November, the salinity reading at Lock 3, about 18km downstream from Lake Bonney, was 274 EC units. The department said Monday’s reading at Lock 3 was 848 EC units, while at Lock 2 the reading was 488 EC units.

Mr Whetstone said he was concerned that the salt level past Lake Bonney could

reach over 1500EC units, which would “wreck crops”.

He claimed the prospect of damaging EC levels was because the State Government had “mismanaged” the lake’s reconnection.

Mr Whetstone said growers who apply water via a centre pivot system would fare worse than those using drip irrigation.

Save Lake Bonney campaigner John Beech said the slug illustrated the folly of blocking off Lake Bonney in the first place.

“This wasn’t unexpected as a consequence of blocking off the lake and it’s one of the reasons why the lake should never be blocked,” Mr Beech said.

“It just reinforces our argument. The lake is part of the river system and works with the river.”

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IN a blow for local tourism, a Riverland holiday park has decided to close its doors in



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Nippy's joint managing director Ben Knispel at the third-generation Riverland business's Moorook plant yesterday. Nippy's electricity bill could almost double next year, to \$1.8m.

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PAUL MITCHELL

AN iconic Riverland business faces a brutal power price hike next year, when its electricity bill will virtually double, from \$916,000 to \$1.8m.

The eye-watering jump is across Nippy's three SA manufacturing sites in Moorook, Waikerie and Regency Park in Adelaide, and joint managing director Ben Knispel described the looming increase as "scary".

"I was quite shocked when I sat down and opened those emails to work out what was coming for us," Mr Knispel said.

To raise awareness of his plight, Mr Knispel last week took to Sydney's highest-rating radio show, Ben Fordham Live on 2GB, while Barker MP Tony Pasin also raised the issue in parliament with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese during a rowdy question session.

Mr Knispel said while Nippy's – in the final year of a three-year power contract – would attempt to find a better deal for next year, the spectre of bumping up prices for its popular juice and milk products loomed large.

"I guess I'm worried about how much more customers are willing to pay," he told 2GB.

"But we'll have to find the money from somewhere and unfortunately I think part of it will come from another price rise."

Mr Knispel said rising production costs had exacerbated the situation.

"One of our problems we've had is that a lot of our other things are going up," he said.

"(For example) white milk coming off the farms has gone up 25 per cent in the last year."

In parliament's first sitting week of 2023, Mr Pasin pointed the finger squarely at Mr Albanese and the Labor Party's energy policies, which the local MP says have contributed to significant power bill increases – and the prediction of more pain in the years ahead.

"My question is to the Prime Minister," Mr Pasin said.

"Nippy's, a family-run food manufacturer located in my electorate, is facing a 92.5 per cent annual increase on their energy contract. That's an increase of more than \$900,000.

"Why do Australians always pay more under Labor?"

Mr Knispel said Nippy's had attempted to offset past and future power cost increases by investing in solar.

"Our on-site solar is very cost-effective but the problem we've got is the amount of space you need," he told 2GB.

"Our current solar we've got is 300 kilowatts, that represents about 6 to 8 per cent of our consumption and... we're putting in another 400.

"But it's just hard. You need a lot of room to put in panels and once you run out of room you're stuck on the grid and the grid is getting more and more expensive."

In his reply to Mr Pasin, Mr Albanese said his government had moved to limit energy increases by controversially introducing a price cap on natural gas in December.

"Rather than sit back and do nothing, we acted responsibly and we brought in that legislation," Mr Albanese said.

"And, as a range of people have said, particularly in the manufacturing sector, this was the right thing to do. But those opposite voted against it..."

Mr Pasin spoke on 2GB after the parliamentary session and warned that rising power costs would severely impact his electorate – which includes the Riverland – and all Australian manufacturers.

"Ben (Knispel) was quite fair and he said effectively 'the only way I can find this (money) is to put my fruit juices and my milk products up'," Mr Pasin said.

"My electorate employs more people in food manufacturing than any other electorate and I'm hearing this everywhere I go.

"Prices are going to have to keep going up..."

"So Australians are quickly going to find themselves in a situation where they can't buy Aussie-grown, Aussie-made fruit juice, not to mention every other product we're responsible for manufacturing in Barker.

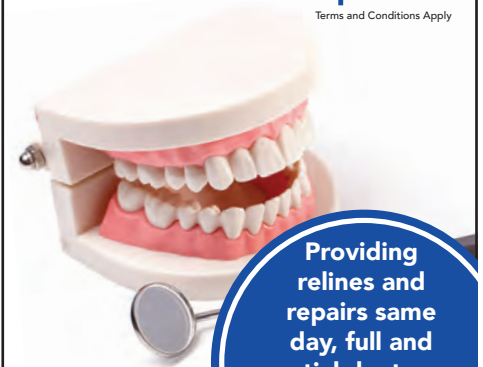
"That would be a travesty, but it's a direct result of pressure being put on energy generators driving the price of electricity up. If people want to believe that renewables are the cheapest form of electricity, they're being hoodwinked."

Mr Knispel told The Murray Pioneer that he also held grave fears that manufacturers would bear the brunt of the Albanese Government's ideology.

"By rushing away from coal for baseload power I'm worried we are going to destroy our domestic economy," he said, "and make no measurable difference to global climate change."

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

A right royal shemozzle

A RIGHT royal shemozzle is the kindest way to describe the local government disaster that befell certain SA councils in recent days, including – unfortunately – one Riverland council and a neighbouring one in the Mallee.

Pulling together threads from multiple sources, many with seemingly different ‘facts’, then compiling an easily comprehensible story has been a challenge and an exercise in patience.

At the heart of circumstances that saw 46 – or was it 45? – elected members across South Australia suddenly lose office has been poor communication, on multiple levels.

Naturally, the elected members who were afforded ample opportunity to return forms noting their campaign donations leading up to the November 2022 local government elections – and failed to do so – need to wear the blame and take their medicine, in some cases, loss of office.

Like it or not, such formalities are part of all walks of life in modern Australia.

However, it has emerged that other elected members embroiled in this debacle may have been given less than every opportunity to complete these forms and return them before the allotted deadline.

In recent days The Murray Pioneer has heard anecdotal claims of documents arriving in registered post after the close-off date, and of elected members responding in time, but of those responses somehow going missing at ECSA’s (Electoral Commission of South Australia) end.

One local elected member told The Pioneer they were unable to access ECSA’s online system to lodge the documents, while another said multiple emails had dropped into junk folders – a common-enough lament for all email users, but surely insufficiently serious to derail elections?

Incredibly, The Pioneer has also heard that as late as this week some elected members across SA were still unaware their positions on council were suddenly no more.

CEOs of affected councils were rang and informed of elected members impacted.

However, even if candidates were slack, surely ECSA could have made 40 odd phone calls to guard against the now-likely necessity of costly and unnecessary supplementary elections?

Although individuals affected, like Karoonda East Murray’s now-former mayor, Caroline Phillips, will pay for their own appeal to the SA Civil and Administrative Tribunal for reinstatement, any extra elections across SA will ultimately cost ratepayers of these districts.

But the communication issues didn’t end there.

Uncovering, definitively, the names of those impacted has been nigh-on impossible for media outlets. Had ECSA released all 46 – or 45 – names off the bat, the messy and time-consuming flurry of media inquiries that added to the state of confusion and disarray would have immediately melted away.

In addition, it would have prevented any elected members whose forms were lodged on time from being innocently caught up in the scenario, as has also happened.

Local Government Minister Geoff Brock offered a “privacy reasons” explanation for not naming those affected, while ECSA said as the matters may be subject to SACAT legal proceedings it was inappropriate to disclose the names.

Opinion may be divided on whether these explanations pass the pub test.

Hopefully no solid, hard-working and valuable elected members are lost to local government as a result of this sorry tale.



House with sandbags, Kingston-On-Murray, 1956: In the mid-1950s, times were different. In 2022, early warning of the flood was given to the public along the Murray and Darling rivers. Although many wanted more detail than was supplied, the detail that reached Riverland townspeople and local fruit producers was much greater than was supplied in 1956. Reports of the earlier day said: “Some thought it was just going to be another flood. The punts were going to go out... but we didn’t know how big it was going to be. Often predictions were limited to hearing along the grapevine or perhaps on the wireless that this flood’s going to be a bit bigger than normal.” It might reach 1931 level, they were told. Gill Harrington, a Kingston-On-Murray resident said: “There was a mark on a tree down the block... so we didn’t worry too much.” But then reports started coming in and the waters kept rising. Then they heard there was another two metres heading their way. Sandbags were needed. The bags they used were 82kg wheat bags, not the lightweight 10kg sugar bags used in modern times. Only some men could lift them... and they stacked 14 bags high. PHOTO: LHC

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dumb decisions caused salinity slug

I CANNOT sit back any longer without questioning the dumb engineering and decision-making regarding the management of Lake Bonney during the recent flood.

This is not commentary made in hindsight of events that have occurred and are occurring.

I made comments across social media when the lake was to be disconnected from the river system.

From all the history of droughts and floods available, it is beyond belief that people elected and given the responsibility of managing our communities, environments and business viabilities can still get it so wrong.

Decisions are being made with little research or consultation as to their consequences.

The Murray Darling Basin Authority has had \$15bn and the Environmental Water Holder also has large sums of Federal Government funds. It’s difficult to understand how it’s been spent.

Several large pipes should have been placed through the Lake Bonney levee, with sluice valves, to better control the water level and quality, and to provide more vegetation environmental benefits.

It would also have kept the saline levels lower. Was this even considered? Was it left too late? Or was it just beyond our engineering capabilities?

Now that the flood is receding and the levee bank has been removed, large quantities of highly saline water are entering the river system and surrounding environmental areas, like Chambers Creek, Banrock Station and the Akuna Station wetlands.

This water is affecting the downstream irrigators and has the potential to be devastating to large areas of salt-sensitive crops, predominantly of basic food items.

The large pipes and sluice valves could have controlled the release of this saline water to the river.

I understand downstream irrigators were informed that the saline levels would only get to 650 EC units, but they have already reached 750 EC units, as of February 7.

Some of the permanent plantings can withstand higher saline readings, but react differently when there is a sudden saline increase.

I dare say that the environment would react the same, as this water is still flowing into the back waters and will be trapped in these floodplain lagoons as they are disconnected from the mainstream.

Will it affect our native aquatic species, of which we have noticed a remarkable breeding cycle during this flood?

Irrigators as far down as Sunlands, downstream from Waikerie, have been warned of a salt slug.

Emails indicate that it is out of control and will be for a further couple of weeks.

Increases of up to 100 EC units per day are currently being forecast.

I believe two weeks will result in readings in excess of 1000 EC units, plus the current 750 UC units. This is unmanageable for the environment and irrigators.

If the river levels go below normal pool level (AHD) consequences are inconceivable.

The river still has another 1.5m to return to normal pool level (AHD), but as we know the river level drops below this while the locks and weirs are returned to a position to control flows.

Areas east of Mildura have been on water restrictions because of the inability to re-install the weirs fast enough to maintain a viable level for towns’ domestic water supplies.

Maybe Lake Bonney needs to be disconnected from the river again until the saline issue can be managed, and the river flows and levels stabilise, but this time with large pipes and sluice valves to control and manage the in and out flows.

A photographic record is being kept of irrigated crops below Lake Bonney and any noticeable and discernible effect on crops and income may result

in a financial burden on the managers and decision-makers regarding decisions and actions taken in the management of this situation.

It is about time these people were held responsible for their uneducated, ill-considered, and blinkered decision-making.

Is it time to revisit the concept of a permanent weir at Nappers Bridge?

Before I get jumped on, I’m saying a weir, not a concrete wall.

It would be a weir that is open all the time, except when there is the potential need or benefit to protect or enhance the surrounding and downstream environments and protect the food-cropping irrigators.

IAN PENNO
Water Communities SA Inc
Winkie

river all their lives. They have lived through floods and high waters over many years and they have a healthy respect for the river and know the dangers associated with living on it.

Finally I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Berri Barmera Council and to the councils from outside the Riverland who worked so hard to save our towns.

Some people may think that we were never in danger of another ’56, but let me tell you, if it had continued to rain interstate, we would have been living through what we experienced in ’56.

ROSEMARY GOWER
Cobdogla

Hospital, services not taken for granted

CONGRATULATIONS to the Riverland Regional Hospital for being one of three public hospitals Australia-wide which consistently delivered care within the recommended time frames (‘Riverland shines in public hospital review’, Murray Pioneer, 8/2/23).

As rural residents, the Riverland Regional Hospital is greatly appreciated for all the services it offers.

These are provided with professionalism, promptness and care.

Not having to travel to Adelaide for appointments and treatment is a wonderful bonus and never taken for granted.

Our city friends often express their envy at the level of health care we receive in Loxton and at the Riverland Regional Hospital in Berri.

Congratulations to all the hard-working staff for committing to and delivering exceptional high-quality health care.

LILLIAN MATTNER
Loxton

Some people need access to cash

JEANETTE Staehr has once again brought to our attention another trend that should concern us all, particularly those ageing members of our

“This water is affecting the downstream irrigators and has the potential to be devastating to large areas of salt-sensitive crops...”

- IAN PENNO



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community, namely the move by banks towards a cashless society (‘Stop banks forcing us to go cashless’, Murray Pioneer, 8/2/23).

A related concern is the increasing difficulty to interact these days with organisations, unless one does it online.

I might add that some government departments already do not display a contact telephone number for those who are unable to use a smartphone or a computer, but who do need to get in touch with that department.

It seems people who run the banks and these other organisations fail to take into account the fact that there are a significant number of people in our community who are unable to use smartphones or computers.

One such group is those who suffer from age-related macular degeneration.

The Macular Degeneration Society estimates that 1.5 million Australians already suffer from this disorder or are in the early stages of doing so.

Regular treatment can slow the progress of this disease considerably so that most sufferers, despite being unable to use smartphones or computers, are still able to use cash in all its forms to retain their independence.

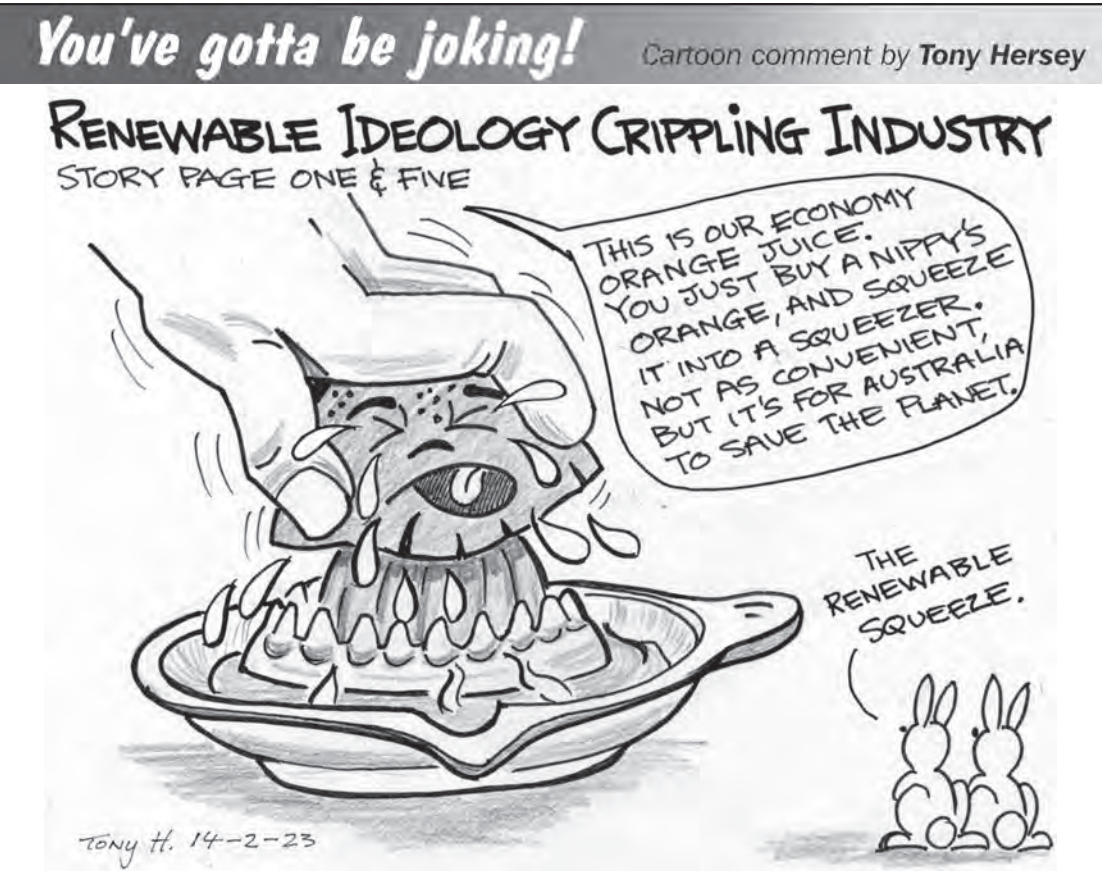
I am sure that there are other disabilities that also render their sufferers unable to interact online. Migrants who have a limited grasp of the English language, similarly, would also be better served by cash.

The Commonwealth Bank has already notified customers that as of June 3 this year they will no longer issue cheque books. I would suggest that this could be the first step in a move to cashless banking for this bank.

The ANZ Bank in New Zealand has already adopted this form of banking.

Your readers will recall that during the wild weather last year when the electricity interconnector from Victoria was extensively damaged, some communities were without power for several days.

The only manner in which commerce could have taken place in those communities would have



been by resorting to cash.

With hackers increasingly managing to gain access to the computer systems of large government organisations such as Medibank, how would a similarly compromised bank be able to continue any trading – if the hackers shut down their systems – if these banks have ceased to use cash?

While a majority of customers may be banking online, the banks, when closing branches, have ignored the fact that a significant proportion of their customers still require face-to-face banking services. Were they to visit the remaining banks in our region I would venture to say that it would be rare to find them bereft of customers for an extended period of time.

I also believe that Jeanette Staehr’s suggestion for our governments to extend the banking services already in our post offices in order to create a public postal bank that retains the cash option along with the online service would enable it to continue to serve the need of all segments of the population.

DEAN LINES
Barmera

Cash is essential for your freedom

HAVE people noticed that the banks are going? That there are shorter hours of operation?

Then suddenly we hear they are closing. The Kingston SE BankSA branch is the latest in my area.

However it is happening to SA citizens now across the state, both country and city. We are losing our banking services and jobs at a rapid rate.

I do not want only digital transactions. I do not want my every purchase tracked by AI.

I want my money so I can purchase what I need, when I need it, and not be controlled by AI and international organisations that do not have my best interests in mind.

I do not want a Chinese-like system to be here in Australia.

I was appalled to see the statement by the Leader of the Opposition saying “There won’t be any banks in Naracoorte or anywhere else in 10 years’ time – not in the country or the city.” (The Naracoorte News, 21/12/22).

ANDREW
Loxton

When is the eyesore and dangerous, burnt-out building at the entrance to McCoy Street, Waikerie, going to be fixed? Come on, council, get your act together.

SH
Waikerie

In regard to a text signed “Jan, Waikerie” in the February 8 edition of *The Murray Pioneer*, I wish to make it clear, as the Riverland advocate for Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) that these were the

I want to know whether there are any SA politicians who have the courage to stand up and truly represent South Australians, and not be battered down by international organisations like the World Economic Forum with an agenda to take over the world.

If we cannot stop the big banks, are we able to create a proper people’s bank, like we had at Federation, when banks served the people, not their own greedy interests, as modern banks do?

I encourage you to use cash. Yes, it means you have to be more organised, but using cash is now a responsible statement that means you are aware of the plan to control the people through digital financial systems.

It means you want to continue to be free to give that \$2 donation to the people selling tickets down the street, buy something at the local market, and see the joy from a tooth fairy delivery.

The question is: Do you want to be free, or totally controlled? China is the template.

HEATHER GIBBONS
Robe

TEXT LINE

views of a person other than myself. Voluntary Assisted Dying SA was established in 1983 in order to gain the right to a safe, legal and compassionate end-of-life choice for terminally ill sufferers, and has no association with Philip Nitschke or Exit International.

JAN KEMBLE
Waikerie

Does closing the gap mean that magnanimous question ‘Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?’ gets removed from government forms?

JOE
Waikerie

Supplementary election costs should be paid by the mayors and councillors who have not returned their forms. Not ratepayers.

ROB
Berri

Looking back...

10 years ago February 15, 2013



BERRI CLUB: Concern for 16 employees - and creditors

Now the fallout

By ALEXANDRA LUNAN
Local man John Flood among those to lose the life of a swimming pool at Lake Callathra last weekend.



NOW THE FALLOUT: Sixteen people are without work and a long list of local creditors are out of pocket following the Berri Club’s sudden closure this week. After operating since 1969, the club went into administration on Tuesday, with poor trade cited as the reason behind its dire situation. Business Riverland president Barry Phillips said “the writing has been on the wall” for more than a year. “It has been an under-utilised location that is now suffering,” he said. Mr Phillips expressed concern for the families of the one full-time and 15 casual employees.

20 years ago February 14, 2003



WHAT A STINKER!: The stench emanating from a near dry swamp at Cobdogla is driving away tourists and affecting local businesses and residents. The pong is being emitted from the Cobdogla evaporation basin, which has been drying out since late last year because of drought conditions and a reduction in groundwater. Residents have been struggling with the smell – a combination of decaying fish and hydrogen sulphide (rotten egg) gas – for more than three months. More than 160 signatures have been collected on a petition lobbying for action to be taken to stop the smell.

All letters must carry the full name of the writer. We do not accept nom de plumes. An address and phone number must be included for checking purposes. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters.

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Thank you, Trevor Chapple, for exposing the blatant lies coming from the Berri Barmera Council (‘Council’s role in Lake Bonney saga’, *Murray Pioneer*, 8/2/23).

MURRAY
Barmera

Why is the Berri riverfront still closed to traffic between the hotel and the caravan park? The flood water threat has been gone for weeks now?

ERIC
Berri

I’ve noticed the Renmark Paringa Council has permitted small parcels of land to be subdivided in horticultural Arumpo Street. These small housing parcels are roadside, with fruit properties directly surrounding them. No buffer zone. Just a heads up, but the chemicals that are sprayed

almost weekly and usually at night time will give these residence a white chalky powder over their homes and belongings such as clothes hanging out to dry. The spray vats sound like a jet engine and collecting rainwater for drinking is not advised. These toxins not suitable for children or adults are present. The council really needs to review its decision to allow house development here.

ST
Renmark

I saw a survey on social media from Loxton football and netball clubs looking for suggestions on what should be built on the vacant land next to the pretentious Precinct. My suggestion was going to be a building with great all-weather viewing, a bar, kitchen and canteen to generate income for the clubs. Somewhere to proudly

Skiing finally gets the all clear

LOCALS and visitors using a significant local stretch of the River Murray can again ski on the water as flood restrictions continue to ease.

In recent days the SES has announced restrictions for River Murray users in Zones A, B and C – from the South Australian border to Lock 3 – have been reduced, allowing people to be towed from a boat, including water skiing, and to swim, bathe, dive, or operate a human-powered vessel within 250m of a lock or weir, other than Lock 3.

An SES spokesperson said “to ensure a safe return to river activities, the community are reminded that people operating watercraft, swimming, canoeing or participating in other activities on the River Murray are advised to take appropriate precautions”.



The Emergency Management Declaration made during the River Murray flood event has been revoked, allowing locals and visitors access to the river across the region. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Green light to go in the river

ACCESS to the River Murray has been largely restored for locals and visitors to the region following the revocation of an emergency declaration for the recent flood.

Police Commissioner Grant Stevens last Thursday revoked the Emergency Management Declaration surrounding the River Murray flood event.

Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs said the event could “now be managed under normal emergency measures”.

“We know the restrictions on the river imposed a burden on communities, but the (State) Government acted on clear advice that they were needed to protect lives and property,” Mr Szakacs said. “With flows now starting to return to something approaching normal, it’s sensible to lift them altogether. “We owe a debt of gratitude to our police, SASES staff and volunteers, and other emergency services for their many months of work in managing this emergency, work which remains ongoing.”

Locals are still restricted from entering or remaining on an engaged levee – except as provided for an emergency response or

FLOOD EVENT

inspection, maintenance, and repair – and mooring, anchoring, attaching or securing a vessel to an engaged levee.

Vessels being operated on the River Murray must also stay below four knots within 250m of an engaged levee, or within 250m from the location of any dwelling or buildings that are partially or wholly submerged.

River users in the region also remain unable to be within 50m from any point along the length of an overhead powerline, if in or on a floodplain.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the State Government was “committed to working hand in hand with our resilient river communities” during the flood recovery process.

The Emergency Management Declaration had been imposed under the Emergency Management Act on November 21.

‘Lengthy’ flood repairs ahead of council

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND council has started repairing high-priority roads that suffered damage from the Murray River flood event.

Renmark Paringa Council staff recent-

ly began the assessment of local roads and infrastructure impacted by floods.

Renmark Paringa chief executive officer Tony Siviour said council’s “focus has been on roads to enable property access to occur as soon as possible”.

“Council has commenced the lengthy task of assessing all asset classes for any damage and the structural integrity of each asset to ensure the community is not placed at any risk and the asset isn’t further damaged by the community using them,” Mr Siviour said.

“Some roads have fared okay through the flood event, while others such as Gurra Road, Causeway Road and Patey Drive have considerable damage.

“Council has already commenced urgent repair works on priority roads.”

Mr Siviour said facilitating river access for locals and visitors was also a priority.

“We are keeping a close eye on boat ramps as we appreciate this is a challenge for the community to access the river and backwaters,” he said.

“Opening a boat ramp above the Paringa Bridge is something we are working hard to achieve sooner rather than later.”



• Tony Siviour

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Hugo's Apprentice of the Year honour

ELYSE ARMANINI

UP against 15 other finalists, Hugo Kregar was caught off guard when announced the 2022 Apprentice of the Year at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards last Friday night.

Hugo, currently in the fourth year of his Certificate III in Carpentry apprenticeship, also took out the CITB Building and Construction Industry Award earlier in the night, but was shocked when his name was called for the major award.

"There were 16 apprentices who were finalists for the award," he said.

"So, after my name was called out for the Building and Construction Industry Award I did have some hope that I could be in the running for Apprentice of the Year.

"It was a fantastic feeling and I'm very grateful to win such a great award. It was very humbling to be alongside so many deserving recipients."

The 20-year-old is hosted by his father's company, Michael Kregar Building, and said it was beneficial to have his dad as his boss to help him through his apprenticeship.

"I've always looked up to Dad and the people we work with," Hugo said.

"We've got a great crew and they really take the time to teach you – we're very lucky to have a group of people happy to help the apprentices coming through the ranks.

"I've always wanted to pursue a career in the building and construction industry. I thought becoming an apprentice carpenter was a great pathway to work myself up in the building industry.

"You're virtually getting paid to learn, and there's so much demand for construction workers at the moment. It's just a wonderful opportunity to become an apprentice carpenter."



2022 Apprentice of the Year Hugo Kregar was presented with the perpetual trophy by Riley Thompson, who was one of two 2021 Apprentice of the Year winners, at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards on Friday night.
PHOTO: Elyse Armanini



Hugo is in his second year of studying a Bachelor of Construction Management at UniSA, which he hopes will help his future endeavours in the industry.

"Becoming an apprentice first and then studying, you learn the fundamentals and what it's actually like on site before learning in a classroom at university," he said.

"I encourage all people to seriously con-

sider completing an apprenticeship, because in the Riverland there is such a great opportunity for work as a 'sparkie' or carpenter, and it's a great way to get paid to learn on site. You learn so many life skills."

After Michael Kregar Building hosted a mental health workshop, being an advocate for mental health awareness in the construction industry was a big part of Hugo's nomination for the awards.

"We hosted MATES in Construction – a metropolitan organisation – last year and that was for our MKB team and contractors," Hugo said.

"Across Australia we lose a construction worker every second day to suicide and they're six times more likely to die from suicide than an accident at work. I wanted to help spread that awareness, not just with our workers and contractors, but with the community as well."

Hugo thanked his training organisation, ATEC, and the team at Michael Kregar Building for their support, plus the Rotary Club of Berri, Berri Hotel and the sponsors of the awards for "a fantastic night".

MAJOR AWARDS

Apprentice of the Year – Hugo Kregar, Michael Kregar Building Pty Ltd.
Runner-up – Jarah Jackson, Prestige Kitchens and Cabinets.
Trainee of the Year – Cameron Dixon, Berri Regional Secondary College.
Runner-up – Megan Bannear, Tankard Dental Riverland.
Australian School Based Apprentice of Year – Connor Ross, Barmera Hotel, Berri Regional Secondary College.
Runner-up – Shelley Priest, G.J. Gardner Homes Riverland, Berri Regional Secondary College.
Australian School Based Trainee of Year – Charlotte Zimmermann, Riverland Veterinary Practice, Loxton High School.
Runner-up – Ellie Ambaras, Cobdogla Primary School, Berri Regional Secondary College.
Vocational Education and Training (VET) Student of the Year – Jack Campain, Berri Regional Secondary College.
Runner-up – Ella Britten, Loxton High School.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Air Conditioning/Electrical – Jordan Burgess, Devilee's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.
Automotive – Ty Glassey, Big River Toyota.
CITB Building & Construction – Hugo Kregar, Michael Kregar Building Pty Ltd.
Engineering – James Bannear, Woolston Engineering.
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Cameron Dixon was named the 2022 Trainee of the Year at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards on Friday night. He was presented with his award by WIN Riverland manager Gail Campain. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Cameron the Riverland’s best trainee for 2022

ELYSE ARMANINI

CAMERON Dixon is a young man going places.

The 18-year-old took home the 2022 Trainee of the Year title at last Friday night’s prestigious Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards, held at the Berri Hotel.

Now in its 40th year, the awards presentation event recognises the latest crop of trainees, apprentices and Vocational Education and Training (VET) students from across the Riverland and Mallee.

Cameron completed a one-year traineeship at Berri Regional Secondary College under a Certificate III in Information Technology and said he was “very surprised” to be announced the 2022 Trainee of the Year.

“There were very good finalists and I didn’t really know which way it was going to fall,” he said.

“I was just really honoured to be named Trainee of the Year.

“One of the biggest things for me was to be able to give back to my school.

“(Glossop High School staff) had given me so many opportunities to be able to do what I wanted to do through school, so it was pretty awesome to be able to give back and help them transition into Berri Regional Secondary College.

“Plus, the additional things I did to help out some of the students like helping with the Student Leadership Council (SLC) and the media team – that was really rewarding for me.”

Cameron has just started a Bachelor of Creative Industries, and while he is “not 100 per cent sure” of what he wants to do in the future, he hopes to end up “somewhere in the sports media industry”.

“I go down to university

this week, so it’s all kicking off,” he said.

“It will be a good opportunity for me to continue to develop I think, and it’ll be good fun.”

Cameron thanked the many people who supported him throughout his traineeship, including “all the amazing people at BRSC who made me feel so welcome and able to do my work”, his family and his trainer.

He encouraged others to take the opportunity to become a trainee or apprentice and nominate for the awards.

“(The awards night) is such a great way to see what’s happening elsewhere in the region. I didn’t even know how far the trainee and apprenticeship group went,” he said.

“It’s really awesome to be able to be recognised, at whatever level you’re at, and to just show off your skills.”



Runner-up Australian School Based Trainee of the Year Ellie Ambaras, 2022 VET Student of the Year Jack Campain, runner-up VET Student of the Year Ella Britten, 2022 Australian School Based Trainee of the Year Charlotte Zimmermann and Australian School Based Apprentice of the Year Connor Ross. Shelley Priest (not pictured) was named runner-up Australian School Based Apprentice of the Year. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Rate relief for flood-impacted residents

FLOOD EVENT

JOSH BRINE

BERRI Barmera Council could provide flood-impacted residents with rate relief, after elected members gave their in-principle support for a scheme.

Councillor Ian Schlein put forward a motion with notice for the rate relief at council’s most recent monthly meeting, with council administration to prepare draft guidelines and eligibility criteria and present them for elected members’ consideration.

Speaking to the motion, Cr Schlein said criteria could be created to determine the extent of the relief provided.

“This is not final – it is

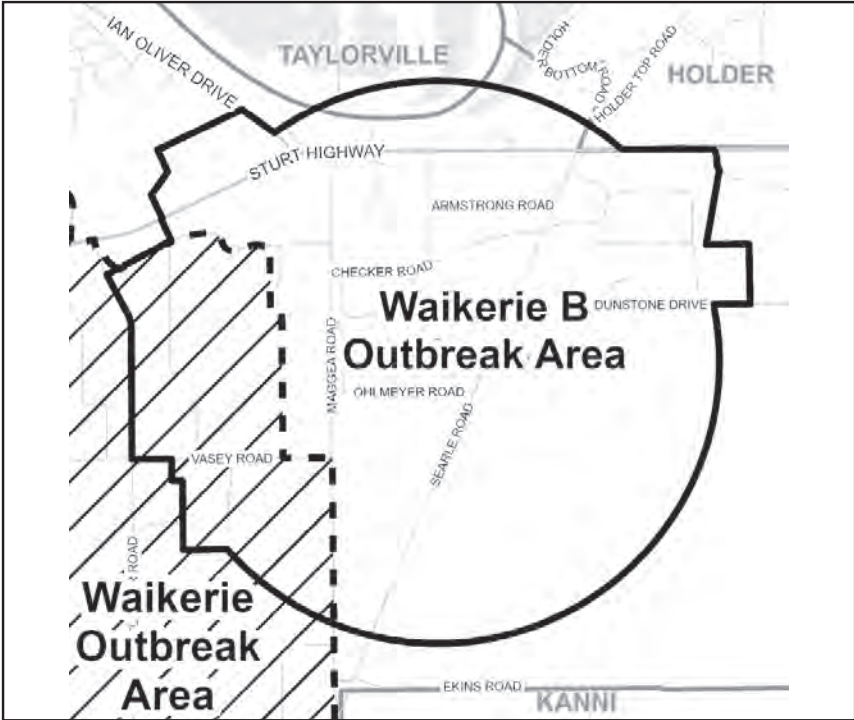
simply for the council to move forward in relation to looking at a similar scheme to the hardship policy,” he said.

“It really demonstrates that we as council are part of this community... in relation to the flood.”

Cr Schlein said he was aware the scheme would create more work for council staff, but thought it was important to show council was “prepared to help and prepared to lead”.

Cr Andrew Kassebaum, who seconded the motion, suggested staff approach agencies involved with the Emergency Relief Centre for information on flood-impacted residents to reduce the ability for people to defraud the relief scheme.

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK WAIKERIE B



Queensland fruit fly found at Waikerie has caused a new outbreak, called Waikerie B.

A 1.5 km radius outbreak area has been established.

If you live in these areas, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions in place.

Some fruit and vegetables cannot move from properties in the outbreak area.

An eradication program has begun in the area. PIRSA field staff will be carrying ID and entering properties to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

Discuss special arrangements for moving commercial produce from the Waikerie B outbreak area by calling the industry hotline on 1800 255 556.

What you need to do:

- **Keep** fruit on your property – do not share, sell or give it away.
- **Provide** access to your garden so we can do our work quickly and efficiently.
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- **Check** your fruit for blemishes and maggots.
- **Call** the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 if you find any maggots in fruit, seal the item in an airtight bag and arrange collection.

Don’t let fruit fly under the radar, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au or call 1300 666 010.



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Minister praises our councils

JOSH BRINE

The state’s Local Government Minister has praised the “fantastic” work of Riverland councils in protecting the region from floods in recent month, as clean-up efforts continue.

Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock visited the Riverland last week, meeting with Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella Winnall and CEO Dylan Strong in Berri and Cobdogla.

Mr Brock said he had been in communication with local councils throughout the flood event.

“It’s been good to see the key stakeholders from the Government – the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Emergency Services and the Housing Minister – have come up here regularly,” he said.

“The communities up here, including the councils, have had a great challenge and done a fantastic job.

“It’s good to see it’s starting to subside, but there’s still a lot of work that needs to be done.”

Mr Brock said he had inspected levee banks that had been built in response to the flood threat and spoke to “various community people”.

“I pay tribute to not only the councils here but also the communities in the Riverland for what they’ve done,” he said.



Local Government Minister Geoff Brock pictured in Cobdogla last week, during his visit to the region to chat to locals, including local council leaders, about the flood event. PHOTO: Josh Brine

“The Government’s been here a lot and the Federal and State governments have put a lot of money in here.

“I was a mayor, and I was on council for 20 years. I love getting out there and talking to elected members and I’m looking forward to the next three years talking to councils and elected members.”

Local SACE achievers awarded with merits

NINE Riverland graduates were recognised at the SACE merit ceremony held at Government House in Adelaide last week.

Subject merits were awarded to 1034 students from across the state who demonstrated “exceptional achievement” and an overall subject grade of A+.

Loxton High School was represented by seven out of the nine local recipients, with one graduate receiving two merits. The Riverland students awarded were:

- ▣Caitlin Kalms (Berri Regional Secondary College) – Activating Identities and Futures
- ▣Judd Hansen (Renmark High School) – Research Project A
- ▣Adison King (Loxton High School) – Food and Hospitality
- ▣Alexandra Ramm (Loxton High School) – Business Innovation
- ▣Harmony Nitschke (Loxton High School) – Business Innovation and Visual Arts - Design
- ▣Kayla Wallis (Loxton High School) – Agricultural Production
- ▣Makayla Lockwood (Loxton High School) – Material Solutions
- ▣Mikayla Gillett (Loxton High School) – Visual Arts - Art
- ▣Zoe Raynes (Loxton High School) – Research Project B

Renmark High School graduate Madelyn Long was also recognised at the ceremony with a Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award.



●Harmony Nitschke (LHS) received two subject merits.

Madelyn was nominated by the school in recognition of her SACE capabilities in achieving 70+ SACE credits plus an A level grade (A-, A, A+) for Research Project.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer said the number of students with subject merits was “a testament to the hard work and dedication each of them applied throughout the year, in sometimes difficult and challenging circumstances”.

“As they embark on their next chapter in life – whether it be further study, a break or beginning their career – the education they have received in South Australia, along with the advice and commitment of their teachers, will no doubt provide a wonderful foundation for their years ahead,” he said.

SACE Board chief executive Michaela Bensley congratulated all high-achieving students from the class of 2022.

“We love celebrating with the students and their families each year. They achieved their goals and have shown remarkable determination and passion,” Ms Bensley said.

“It’s been a challenging few years for the class of 2022, but with the support of their teachers and families they’ve met those challenges head on and remained committed to their education.

“With the completion of their SACE, these students have earned a qualification that opens doors in South Australia and worldwide. I’m excited to hear about their future successes.”



Renmark Primary School students in years 3 to 6 are among the first to try out an expanded version of the Optus Digital Thumbprint Program on digital safety and wellbeing. PHOTO: supplied

Renmark students stay cyber secure

RENMARK students are among the first to experience an expanded digital program on digital safety and wellbeing.

Renmark Primary School students in year 3 and 4 will experience the expanded Digital Thumbprint Program – run by Optus – with a focus on kids staying safe when gaming and using apps, and keeping information private online.

Year 5 and 6 students will be able to access a program tailored to deal with cyberbullying and how to have respectful online relationships.

The expansion was released last week to mark the 20th annual Safer Internet Day on February 7.

“Optus is committed to ensuring a safer future for all Australians online by providing support to young people, families and seniors,” said Optus customer success managing director, Maurice McCarthy.

“We’re investing \$1.25 million into the Optus Digital Thumbprint Program this year as one of our key commitments following the recent cyber-attack.

“The aim is to create a more inclusive and optimistic future for all Australians in Renmark to thrive and have confident, positive interactions with each other and digital technology by providing essential tools for digital safety and wellbeing.

“We’re dedicated to ensuring our Digital Thumbprint Program has an increased focus on cyber security and digital identity topics.”

According to a school teacher who participated in the program in 2022, the resources “align with eSafety and current curriculum (and) they provide a fresh approach to online safety for primary and secondary students”.

Primary school teachers interested in participating in the expanded Digital Thumbprint Program can register their classroom online (www.digital-thumbprint.com.au) for free and gain access to teaching resources, quizzes and interactive games.

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK SWAN REACH

Queensland fruit fly found at Swan Reach has caused a new outbreak.

A 1.5 km radius outbreak area has been established.

If you live in these areas, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions in place.

Some fruit and vegetables cannot move from properties in the outbreak area.

An eradication program has begun in the area. PIRSA field staff will be carrying ID and entering properties to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

Discuss special arrangements for moving commercial produce from the Swan Reach outbreak area by calling the industry hotline on 1800 255 556.

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Green and Gold Houseboats' owner James Copeland is closely monitoring his mooring sites. He is pictured on his pontoon boat that he used to offer free transport on when the Waikerie ferry was closed last month. PHOTO: Christine Webster



Private houseboat operators urged to monitor moorings

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A WAIKERIE houseboat operator is concerned that some private houseboat owners are failing to monitor their vessels as River Murray levels continue to drop.

The SES last week warned houseboat operators about rapidly receding flood levels and advised them to regularly check their mooring sites to guard against their boats becoming stranded or tipping over.

Green and Gold Houseboats' owners James and Ruth Copeland check their fleet at the Waikerie riverfront mooring site "at least once or twice a day".

"It is dropping 100mm a day at the moment, which

isn't too bad," Mr Copeland said.

"It may look like it is dropping about a metre, but it is still a very high river at this stage."

Mr Copeland said some private owners including those who live outside the area were less vigilant and one boat had already become stranded.

"Some of them stick their heads in the sand and just assume that everything will be okay," Mr Copeland said.

"Realistically there are locals who are looking after their boats just so that they do not get stuck.

"That is without being asked.

"One boat in particular we missed and she is high and

dry now."

Mr Copeland said it was important for houseboat owners to check their vessels daily.

"You don't want to get caught out because the day will come and then all of a sudden the river level could go down 300mm or 400mm," he said.

"Then you will have to get a bulldozer."

The Department for Environment and Water on Friday said the calculated flow at the SA border was about 49GL a day and falling quickly.

It said this was a reduction of more than 140GL a day since it peaked at about 190GL a day on December 23 last year.

"One boat in particular we missed and she is high and dry now..."

- James Copeland

Berri and Renmark to host tourism recovery sessions

BERRI and Renmark will host tourism workshops later this month to help local operators bounce back from the flood event.

Also to be held in Murray Bridge, the workshops follow the recent formation of a working group aimed at providing input to the state's tourism river recovery action plan.

Established by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC), the group, which met for the first time last week, will guide decisions about priorities and resource allocation to ensure what the State Government says will be a co-ordinated, sustainable and equitable tourism recovery.

The group includes tourism operators, local councils, the Tourism Industry Council of SA, and industry representatives.

The SATC also confirmed that the final touches were being made on the upcoming \$4.1m river recovery campaign and voucher program.

Three rounds of targeted vouchers will be available during 2023 to stimulate the return of tourism during autumn, winter and spring. Operators at the workshops will be briefed on the campaign, while the sessions will also be a forum for operators to share experiences with the SATC and help inform the broader

FLOOD EVENT

tourism recovery activity.

"With the water receding and most recreational aquatic activities back on, the time is now right to focus on tourism recovery for the Murray River regions," said SA Tourism Minister, Zoe Bettison.

"The sessions in Berri, Renmark and Murray Bridge will be a perfect opportunity for us to provide tourism operators with an overview of the campaign, and importantly to hear directly from local experts on what they are experiencing, what support they need and what is the best timing for the next steps of recovery."

Emma Terry, CEO of SATC, described the workshops as "just one piece of the recovery puzzle".

"Progressively, we're seeing more businesses reopen as the water recedes, and the clean-up continues, so now is the time to look ahead to reclaiming the river as an iconic Australian tourism destination," she said.

"That is why we are holding these workshops – another step in the engagement process – to share the thinking behind the SATC's campaign."

Electric scooter driver busted by police

AN electric scooter rider has fallen foul of the law, after attempting to flee police in Loveday.

On Sunday, Barmera Police arrested a 42-year-old Loveday man, who was seen riding the scooter along Loveday Road.

Police checks revealed the man was already disqualified

from driving.

He allegedly ran off and was located a short time later hiding in a yard.

The man was bailed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on March 27.

Meanwhile a 24-year-old man was detected driving at 80km/h in a 60km/h zone on

Ramco Road on Sunday.

The Ramco resident also returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.165. Police checks revealed he was driving unlicensed.

The man was reported for speeding, drink driving and driving unlicensed and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

An advertisement for Casey's Pest Control. It features a cartoon illustration of a brown bug with a surprised expression, running. The text reads: "WE KNOW HOW TO SEND THEM RUNNING". Below this is the company logo "CASEY'S PEST CONTROL PTY. LTD." and the contact information "(08) 8586 6982 | 130 Renmark Avenue". A small code "RZ11273-V8" is visible at the bottom left of the ad.

An advertisement for Action Steel. It features a large, modern farm shed with a blue roof and white walls, situated in a rural area with trees and a field. The text reads: "ACTION THE BIG SHED PEOPLE", "YOUR TRUSTED FARM SHED SUPPLIER", and "ACTIONSTEEL.COM.AU". In the top right corner, there is a red box with the text "REQUEST A QUOTE" and a QR code.

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Norton is
encouraging
the district's
community
to tell
council their
priorities
as part of
a survey
designed to
inform the
council's
2023-24
Annual
Business
Plan and
budget.



Mayor urges community to ‘speak up’ about priorities

“SPEAK up” is the message being delivered to community members across the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Mayor Trevor Norton says the council wants to hear about what matters to locals – to inform the council’s decisions and priorities ahead of its 2023-24 budget and Annual Business Plan – and is doing so via a survey.

“We are very eager to connect with our community and provide them with opportunities to voice the

needs and wants for the place they live,” Mr Norton said.

“It’s always good to have an understanding of the community’s priorities as we head into budget preparation, so elected members can make decisions knowing what the community would like us to focus on.”

Mr Norton said community engagement was “always a priority” for his council.

“We want the community to know they can provide their comments

and concerns and be confident they will be considered,” he said.

“Approaching budget and Annual Business Plan preparation for the 2023-24 financial year is the ideal time for council to closely connect with residents and ensure that elected members make decisions with the knowledge of what the community would like to see prioritised.”

The survey closes at 5pm on Tuesday, February 21. See advertisement below for details.

Flood-hit shack area a ‘war zone’



The River Murray levels have receded around Wayne and Heather Tredrea’s two-storey shack at Blanchetown. PHOTO: supplied

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

BLANCHETOWN shack owners are describing the destruction left behind by the River Murray flood as a “war zone”.

Blanchetown Shackowners’ Association president Wayne Tredrea said “irreparable damage” had been caused to the older single-storey shacks.

“I really feel for those people, as that was their little treasure in life, having those places,” he said.

Mr Tredrea said two-storey shacks, like the one he owns with wife Heather, were also damaged.

Judy Smith and her husband Danny’s two-storey shack was also extensively damaged. The Smiths only purchased their shack in 2021 and had almost finished their renovations when the flood hit.

“We had done a lot of hard work to get the home to how it was,” Ms Smith said.

The Tredreas had made their shack their permanent home, while the Smiths are still planning to move from Salisbury to their shack once they retire.

Both couples said they were shocked their shacks had been inundated by water as they were built above the 1974 flood level of 180GL a day.

They moved their furniture and belongings to their top floors, believing they would be safe.

However, the flood level at Lock 1 at Blanchetown peaked on January 5, reaching about 190GL a day.

Mr Tredrea said shack owners had started entering their premises to examine the damage, but only by foot or dinghy.

He said the main road to the town’s shack area, Page Drive, was still closed to traffic



Judy and Danny Smith, of Salisbury, had almost completed renovations to their Blanchetown shack when the flood caused extensive damage. PHOTO: Beau Smith

due to flood waters remaining on parts of the road.


“The water is receding at about 100mm a day,” he said.

Mr Tredrea said he hoped the road would dry out sufficiently this week to allow it to be reopened by Mid Murray Council.

He said improving access to his shack would enable him to allow an insurance assessor to determine the financial cost of the damage.


Both the Tredreas and the Smiths have registered for the State Government’s structural assessment and clean-up assistance program.

Ms Smith said it was concerning she and her husband failed to qualify for financial assistance because their shack was considered a holiday home.



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Council Budget Priorities


The District Council of Loxton Waikerie are inviting community members to share their thoughts on what they think Council should prioritise in the 2023-24 budget and Annual Business Plan.

Results will be presented to Council in the upcoming budget workshops and will be used to inform the decisions and priorities of Council’s activities for the upcoming financial year.

The survey can be accessed on our website:
<https://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au/notice-board/latest-news/have-your-say-council-budget-priorities>
via the above QR code or in hard copy at the Loxton Council office and at the Loxton and Waikerie Library Visitor Information Centres.

Survey closes 5pm Tuesday 21 February 2023.

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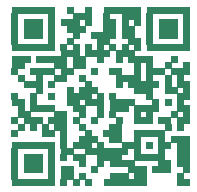
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Loxton Mardi Gras back for another colourful year

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE iconic Loxton Mardi Gras is returning to its original date for 2023, with the day of festivities heading down to Loxton's No. 2 oval on Saturday, February 25.

This year's event will see a new and revised route for the parade, as well as a new position for the stage to create a more inclusive day for everybody.

All the usual crowd favourites will make their return for 2023, including the Nippy's Orange Bowling Competition, children's entertainment, food stalls and market stalls.

Loxton Mardi Gras chairperson Liz Dymmott said the committee was looking forward to having Mardi Gras back on the last Saturday in February.

"We are hoping more people are used to having it in February and work towards that date," she said.

"It also has got the significance of relating to the original meaning of Mardi Gras, which is the start of Lent, and this is in February."

The day of festivities will kick off at 9am with market stalls and food vendors, with the Riverland Community Band lending its musical talents to the sounds of the morning, kids' entertainment, clowns, and even a unicorn on offer for the little ones.

The parade will commence at 10.45am with an address from Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and will feature a variety of exciting floats and classic vintage cars accompanied by the Adelaide City Pipe Band and the Nuriootpa Town Band.

After the parade's conclusion, the Nippy's Orange Bowling Competition will get under way, and patrons will also be treated to a rock n roll dance demonstration and a SES rescue demonstration.

Presentations for parade float winners, the shop window display winner and ambassador awards will commence at 1.30pm, before the day draws to a close at 3pm.

"On the Sunday morning there is an Appreciation Service which is a lovely way to show appreciation to all the volunteers

in the district," Mrs Dymmott said.

"There will be a presentation to flag bearers Leon and Lynette Stasinowsky, and will also be featuring Howard Hendrick who is in his 100th year.

"Each year we honour one of the nurses that the streets of Loxton and Loxton North are named after; this year we are honouring Sister McFarlane and bringing her story to life."

The Appreciation Service will be held in East Terrace, Loxton, at the rotunda from 8.30am on Sunday, February 26.



ATTRACTIONS

- ▶ **Grand Parade**
- ▶ **Food Vans**
- ▶ **Market Stalls**
- ▶ **Clowns**
- ▶ **Harvest Display**
- ▶ **Flood Display**
- ▶ **Marquee Viewing Area**
- ▶ **Nuriootpa Town Band**
- ▶ **Musical Entertainment**
- ▶ **Adelaide City Pipe Band**
- ▶ **Orange Bowling**
- ▶ **Patsy the Clydesdale**
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10.45 AM

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1.30 PM

3.00 PM

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“We want to make this a real success on the oval and see how it goes from there.”

Chris Sheahan
Loxton Mardi Gras
events co-ordinator

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New and improved parade route

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE new and improved route for the Loxton Mardi Gras parade is providing a more inclusive experience for those attending the calendar favourite on Saturday, February 25.

The focus of the parade will be on the south side of Loxton oval no.2, with two loops around the oval to give people more opportunity to see floats from different angles.

The parade will get under way at 10.45am with all floats, emergency vehicles, vintage cars and bands doing two laps around the parade route to give Mardi Gras attendees every opportunity to get a view of the colourful display.

“There are things to see and do from 9am – so come along early and have a good time before the parade and make sure you get a good viewing spot,” Loxton Mardi Gras publicity and events co-ordinator Chris Sheahan said.

“We will have marquees on the south side of oval No. 2; there will also be a stage and the main commentary team.

“There will be about 200 seats put out for the elderly, but make sure to bring your own chair too.

“We want to make this a real success on the oval and see how it goes from there.”

The Loxton Mardi Gras team is also hoping to also create more of a carnival atmosphere this year, with two bands during the parade, roaming clowns, Patsy the Clydesdale horse and a variety of other entertainment throughout the day.

Mr Sheahan said he is expecting about 50-60 floats in the parade, along with 30 vintage cars and a handful of emergency vehicles. He encouraged the community to get involved with the parade.

“Come and have fun, and consider entering a float. You can promote your interests if you are a group, or come and promote your business,” he said.

Float entry details are on the Loxton Mardi Gras Website (www.loxtonmardi-gras.org.au/).

“Our theme this year is Harvest, so we would like floats to reflect the theme of harvest in some creative way, as well as having fun and promoting themselves or their cause.”

Prizes are available to be won, including \$500 for Best Overall Float and \$500 for Most Humorous Float, so make sure to deck your float out to the nines to be in it to win it.

“I have seen a couple of entries that have come in and I am thinking ‘wow,

that’s clever,’” Mr Sheahan said.

“We have the rivalry between the Loxton men’s and Loxton ladies Probus clubs. The ladies Probus have won the most humorous float for the last couple of years, and I think the men are trying to outdo the ladies, so we will see what happens there.

“If you can’t make it to the parade then you can watch it online, as Riverland Life FM will be livestreaming the parade on their Facebook page @riverlandlife.”

Meanwhile Loxton High School is contributing to the lunchtime entertainment with some upbeat music for the younger generations.

The Mardi Gras committee is also looking for more volunteers to help with the set-up on Friday, February 24, and with the pack-down after the event on the Saturday.

All volunteer inquiries should be directed to Glenda Cass at glenda.cass2021@gmail.com or 0457 147 594.





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ISABELLA SANTINI
Age: 11
Hobbies: Netball and art
Why did you want to be a junior Mardi Gras Ambassador?
Because I thought it would be fun
Favourite thing about living in Loxton?
Seeing my friends and the Loxton Pool.



ELLAMAE MINERDS
Age: 10
Hobbies: Gymnastics, karate and target shooting
Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador? I wanted to help the community
Favourite thing about living in Barmera?
I love the country



MITCHELL OBST
Age: 11
Hobbies: Football and cricket
Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador?
I thought it would be fun
Favourite thing about living in Karoonda?
I like living out of town and not busy



PAIGE BATES
Age: 11
Hobbies: Netball and basketball
Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador?
To help the community
Favourite thing about living in Loxton?
Probably the people



SUMMER KAUR
Age: 11 Hobbies: Painting, drawing, playing with my dog and chatting with friends
Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador? I thought it would be fun and I have always loved the Mardi Gras
Favourite thing about living in Kingston-on-Murray? The river is really nice there



NOAH SCHOLZ
Age: 10
Hobbies: Basketball and riding my dirt bike
Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador?
To support the community
Favourite thing about living in Loxton?
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Junior Ambassadors getting it done in 2023

THE junior ambassadors are an important part of the Loxton Mardi Gras each year, with each ambassador having the opportunity to support the Loxton and wider community.

This year, junior ambassadors have been working hard selling raffle tickets, holding barbecues and assisting with bingo fundraisers, all to support the Mardi Gras.

Isabella Santini, Ellamae Minerds,

Page Bates, Summer Kaur, Noah Scholz, Mitchell Obst, Tamsin Burgemeister, Emily Munn and Kristal Carson have been supporting this year's Loxton Mardi Gras, and are more than ready for the big day on Saturday, February 25.

Supported by Loxton Mardi Gras Junior Ambassador co-ordinator, Polly Johnston, the junior ambassadors have been keenly supporting the commu-

nity, with all nine 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.

The junior ambassadors hail from an array of towns including Loxton, Barmera and even Karoonda, with all nine of them attending school in Loxton.

Each junior ambassador brings something different to the table this year, but the one common theme among the 2023 cohort is the desire to support the Loxton community through the Loxton Mardi Gras.



EMILY MUNN

Age: 10

Hobbies: Netball and swimming

Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador?

It's fun and good for the community

Favourite thing about living in Loxton?

The river



KRISTAL CARSON

Age: 11

Hobbies: Art and basketball

Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador? To support local businesses in and around Loxton

Favourite thing about living in Loxton? All the stores and the nice people you can meet here



TAMSIN BURGEMEISTER

Age: 11

Hobbies: Swimming, tennis, gymnastics and music

Why did you want to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador? I like to support the community

Favourite thing about living in Loxton?

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Riverland film’s Friday premiere

AN independent movie primarily shot in Renmark will be showcased for local film enthusiasts this weekend.

The feature film Roadkill will mark its world premiere commercial screening at the Chaffey Theatre, in Renmark, on Friday.

Writer, director and lead actor Alexander Whitrow said the story focused on outback thief Connor Shelby, who “gets caught in the crossfires of an ongoing police investigation”.

“Roadkill is a drama/thriller that explores a man of my own age, and like most of us, doesn’t know his place in the world,” Mr Whitrow said.

“While Roadkill is a tense Aussie thriller, behind the scenes it’s truly an underdog story.

“Telling the story of an anti-hero was always so much more interesting to me than showing the film from either the villain’s or the cop’s perspective.

“It makes us question our morals, as in – he’s not a good guy, but we want to see him succeed.”

Mr Whitrow said the film – shot during 2019 and 2020 – featured local landmarks such as Headings Cliffs and Ral Ral Creek.



Actor Erik Strauts plays the character Detective Ernest in the independent feature film Roadkill, which was shot primarily around Renmark and will premiere at the Chaffey Theatre this Friday. PHOTO: supplied

“It’s great to be able to have our first commercial screening in the town it is based in and where we received such great support from the local community,” Mr Whitrow said.

“I set out to create a film that had characters and a story that the audience would care about, as well as showcasing the beautiful and expansive scenery of the South Australian Riverland.”

Producer, and Mr Whitrow’s father, James,

said the region’s “desolate beauty” was captured in the film.

“(It) constantly grabs your attention, reminding you of the power of nature as it bears the imprint of time,” he said.

Roadkill will be screened at the Chaffey Theatre, in Renmark, on Friday, at 8pm.

For further information, or to book tickets, visit the Country Arts SA website (www.countryarts.org.au/events/roadkill/venue/chaffey-theatre/).



Inspecting the then rising River Murray levels at Morgan last December were Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey (left) Mid Murray CEO Ben Scales, SA Premier Peter Malinauskas and Morgan Riverside Caravan Park owner Leigh Cock. PHOTOS: Christine Webster

Mid Murray begins long road to recovery

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MID Murray Council is anticipating the reopening and repair of its roads and infrastructure inundated and damaged by the River Murray flood to “take months and potentially years”.

Council CEO Ben Scales said an assessment program was being implemented to determine the condition of the roads and infrastructure.

As of last week about 150km of sealed and unsealed roads in the district were still inundated by flood waters.

“Once the water recedes, we assess the roads in the first instance and then identify what remediation works if any have to occur,” Mr Scales said.

“We are doing that as quickly as possible. “Given some of these roads have been under water for more than two months, remediation works will be required.”

Mr Scales said council would be working

with the State and Federal governments to determine how it could “improve” the infrastructure damaged by the flood.

“The costs associated with the repair of infrastructure, whether that be roads, parks, gardens and open space will be significant,” he said.

Mr Scales said council was working with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to determine the processes required to remove the levee along the Morgan riverfront and to reinstate the ferry service.

“We will be removing the levee in front of the ferry as soon as we can,” he said.

“This will ensure that when the Morgan ferry is able to operate, it can do so.”

The Morgan ferry has been closed since December 6 due to the high river level.

Mr Scales said issues caused by the flood on the road on the other side of the Morgan ferry crossing would also have to be addressed.



The Morgan ferry has been closed for more than two months due to the flood.

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Waikerie ferry transferred to lower landing

THE Waikerie ferry has been transferred to its lower landing after works were successfully completed on Friday.

The ferry was closed from 10am to 3.30pm on Friday, while the changeover took place to accommodate the drop in the River Murray water level.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) said the ferry

was currently restricted to light vehicles (less than 4.5 tonnes), emergency vehicles, and local school buses.

DIT is requesting Waikerie ferry users obey all signage and take extra care on Taylorville Road, which is the ferry access road. It said some soft sections were present on this road, particular within the final 200m approaching the ferry.

DIT said the resumption of



A drop in the River Murray water level has seen the Waikerie ferry transferred to its lower landing site.

PHOTO: Christine Webster

services for further vehicle types (including B-Double and heavy mass permitted vehicles) would be

dependent on water levels.

It said the performance of Taylorville Road and the adjacent

bridge under light vehicle traffic over the coming weeks would also be a factor.



SMALL BUT POWERFUL: A fallen tree branch across power lines at Bert Dix Park caused a short power outage for several properties and local businesses in Paringa on Friday morning. Local CFS crews attended to calls of the branch creating sparks. Power was disconnected around 10.30am and restored by SA Power Networks around 11.45am. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini



The scene this week at Paringa, where Lock 5 Road has reopened, after flood waters receded.

PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Lock 5 Road, boat ramp reopen

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A ROAD used to access a local park, houseboat moorings, an accommodation facility, homes and a lock has been deemed safe as a Riverland council continues to assess flood damage to its infrastructure.

Renmark Paringa Council on Saturday reopened Lock 5 Road,

in Paringa, following a successful roll test on the surface.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter advised motorists using the road to “please keep the speed down until we can be sure it has dried out fully”.

“We appreciate people’s patience as we gradually open sections in a manner which both

keeps people safe AND ensures we do not damage the road surface,” Mr Hunter said, via a Facebook post.

Lock 5 Road was initially closed on December 2 due to the Murray River flood event.

The Bert Dix Park boat ramp was also reopened on Saturday.

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River Murray Cabinet Designs new owner Nathan Gregurke (right) and fourth-year apprentice Ashlee Coombs are ready to take on any project. PHOTO: supplied

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Riverland power restorations begin



SA Power Networks has begun the "massive task" of reconnecting electricity supplies to Riverland homes affected by the recent flood event. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

THE process of restoring power to customers impacted by the River Murray floods is under way.

SA Power Networks says power has been restored to all major "backbone powerlines" turned off due to unsafe clearances, meaning several hundred homes, business and irrigators on high ground are now back on normal supply.

SA Power Networks is continuing to assess electricity infrastructure as access to flooded areas is allowed and has staff assembled to assist local crews.

It says field crew are being deployed as needed from other regions to assist local crews in tackling the network-related repair and restoration work, while asset inspectors are assisting in checking the integrity of the network.

In addition, an army of SA Power Networks electricians have undertaken updated training for the specific work of connecting service points for customers once the network in their area has been re-energised.

"We know that many of the 3350 customers disconnected over the course of the flood will not be able



to be reconnected for some time due to major damage from water inundation and debris," said Paul Roberts, SA Power Networks' head of corporate affairs.

"Many properties will be beyond repair or uninhabitable for some time or will simply be demolished. Some will be able to be reconnected straight away and others may be partially affected and require several visits.

"Where we can, we will restore electricity supply to the switchboard and leave instructions advising the property owner of whether they can turn on their power or whether they will need to get an electrician to undertake checks and or do corrective work before turning on their main switch.

"We had more than 400km of powerline and about 4000 stobie poles standing in floodwaters, so it will be a massive task to visit every site affected, assess the damage, make repairs to powerlines and then reconnect electricity to properties that can

be safely reconnected."

Mr Roberts warned that despite flood waters receding, safety remained an issue.

"We advise property owners that they should take every precaution in visiting their properties and that they do not interfere with electrical infrastructure of any kind until we have visited and they have received confirmation that it is safe either from us or their electrician," he said.

"In all cases, customers should contact their electricity retailer to raise a reconnection service request."

To assist customers, SA Power Networks is continuing to offer community information hubs in towns along the river.

Upcoming local hubs (all 10am to 3pm):

Today: Loxton Library and VIC

Tomorrow: Waikerie Library and VIC

Tuesday, February 21: Morgan Activity Centre

Tuesday, February 28: Parklands next to Renmark Club

Wednesday, March 1: Loxton Library and VIC

Thursday, March 2: Waikerie Library and VIC



Dried Fruits Australia CEO Thomas Cheung with industry field officer Stephen Kelly, who will both be at today's 2023 Dried Fruits Australia Forum Series event in Renmark.

PHOTO: supplied

Dried fruits forum in Renmark today

THE state of the nation's dried fruit industry, including a seasonal outlook, will be discussed today when Renmark hosts the first in a series of grower forum events.

After several years, Dried Fruit Australia's Mildura-based staff, along with board members and processor representatives, will return to the Riverland region to connect with dried grape growers and encourage others to join the industry.

The forum will include presentations from DFA and its Innovation Committee, a season outlook, an insight into mechanisation and automation, new dried grape varieties, as well as updates from the Australian industry's two processors, Sunbeam Foods and Australian Premium Dried Fruits.

The event will include an open forum opportunity to ask questions and discuss challenges, concerns, or ways the peak industry body can assist growers.

DFA CEO Thomas Cheung, who started in the role in September last year, said the event was an opportunity for

him to meet more growers and understand their wants and needs from DFA. "We'll also be able to introduce our new industry field officer Stephen Kelly, board chair Mark King, Innovation Committee chair Ashley Johnstone and new board member, local Barmera dried grape grower, Ashley Chabrel," he said.

"We as an organisation have not hosted events of this kind in South Australia for some time, so it will be great to visit and connect with our growers in the Riverland and keep them updated on the current season and the work DFA is doing for the industry."

Any dried grape growers, or those considering entering the industry, are welcome to attend the event at the Renmark Hotel at 5pm today and should contact the DFA office on (03) 5023 5174 to register their interest.

The forum series will continue throughout this year with events in towns around the growing district of Sunraysia.

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VOCATIONAL AWARDS: Kerri and Brooke Wilksch, Lachlan Cass, Sharni Goodhand, and Tamara Mann, all of Loxton, at the 2022 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards at the Berri Hotel on Friday night. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



Michael and Lauren Ward, of Overland Corner.



Jack, Jess, Lee and Jordy Campain, all of Berri, enjoyed the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards on Friday night. Jack took out the VET Student of the Year award on the night.



Connor and Michelle Ross, both of Moorook, and Diana Sully, of Berri. Connor was named Australian School Based Apprentice of Year at the awards.



JUNIOR AMBASSADORS: At the Loxton Mardi Gras fundraiser bingo night at the Loxton Club last week were junior ambassadors Summer Kaur, Paige Bates, Ellamae Minerds, Kristal Carson, Tamsin Burgemeister, Noah Scholz, Mitchell Obst, Isabella Santini, 2022 Junior Ambassador winner Eliza Albrecht, Emily Munn and Loxton Mardi Gras Junior Ambassador co-ordinator Polly Johnston (back). PHOTO: supplied

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY
Guided tours of **The Pines Historic House** are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903).
WEEKLY
Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506).
WEEKLY
Palms Bingo Club hold a bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available from the bar.
WEEKLY
Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at **Renmark Lutheran Church**, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer (8595 1560).
WEEKLY
Line dancing at the **Monash Club** every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.
WEEKLY
Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising.

WEEKLY
Riverland Youth Theatre has a range of classes and activities on offer this term for all ages including arts and crafts, movie making and music and movement for babies, plus special events.
WEEKLY
The **Loxton Legacy Widow Group** meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall.
WEEKLY
The **Barmera Community Men's Shed** is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are welcome. Not open on public holidays.
WEEKLY
Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.
WEEKLY
The **SACWA Loxton District Branch** meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft.
WEEKLY
Riverland Woodworkers at the old Renmark High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun (0400 253 572).

WEEKLY
Riverland Concert Brass Band. Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians welcome.
WEEKLY
Loxton Historical Village is closed until further notice. Apologies for any inconvenience.
WEEKLY
Meet, Greet & Eat at **Loxcare Community Hub**, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584 6954.
WEEKLY
The **Berri Community Men's Shed** is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114.
WEEKLY
Social badminton is played at the **Barmera Recreation Centre** every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).
WEEKLY
Tea nights at **Barmera RSL**, Sturt Street, Barmera. Every Friday night, served from 6pm. \$15 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter (0408 813 882).
WEEKLY
The **Renmark Senior Citizen's Club** meet

every Tuesday at their clubroom, 75 Ral Ral Avenue. New members welcome. Please call Marina (8586 3331).
WEEKLY
Ukulele every Thursday during school terms, from 5.15pm to 6.45pm at the **Monash Hall** supper room. Inquiries to Margot (0407 796 508).
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
An information session to discuss the formation of a **U3A Riverland** community singing group activity will be held at the Barmera football clubrooms at 1pm. Everyone welcome.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Loxton RSL bowls. Eyes down at 7pm, so don't be late to join in the fun.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Riverland Justices meeting at Cobdogla Club, 6pm. Guest speaker is Rosemary Gower on floods. RSVP for catering to secretary Jacque (0438 839 691). All welcome.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar, 8am to 12 noon, at the Renmark No.2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains, EFTPOS available, barbecue and hot doughnuts. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).



New Renmark Primary School principal Sally Schwartzkopff, pictured with her year 5 school photo that she keeps in her office. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

A familiar face back at Renmark Primary School

ELYSE ARMANINI

RENMARK Primary School has a new principal, but the school has seen her face before.

Sally Schwartzkopff was a student at Renmark Primary, but never imagined one day she would return.

“I came here in 1985 as a year 4 and (predecessor) Lyn Bretag was actually my first teacher,” Mrs Schwartzkopff said.

“My schooling here was very special, so I want that for the kids, and I want to make sure I can create the conditions and support that will allow that to happen in our school.”

Mrs Schwartzkopff has ample experience in a leadership role, spending 15 years as director of Renmark West Preschool, two years as principal of Glossop Primary Community School and two years as Curriculum Lead for the Berri portfolio.

“With the experience that I have, and the fact that I am a local... I feel like I can bring all that wealth of experience and wealth of curriculum knowledge together for these kids,” she said.

“With a school focus on our community and the understanding of Renmark as a town and Renmark’s students, mixed with my understanding of curriculum... we can continue to build improvement in the school, which is really exciting.”

The first weeks of the new school year have been positive for Mrs Schwartzkopff, who said spending time with students during the school’s Care and Connect morning program was “really valuable”.

“I’ve been building those positive connections with students, learning their names and spending time in their classrooms to find out who they are as learners and who they are as

people,” she said.

“Twenty minutes before the lessons start, students can come into classrooms, connect with their teachers and build those relationships. Being able to spend time with students during that time, even as the principal, has been really valuable.”

“If you think about where we ended 2022, it was so uncertain for our community. I think to come back to school, and to have the positivity that we can put the flood behind us in some ways and move on with positive learning has been great.”

Working out where the school fits in the public education “puzzle” and “building the connections so parents can see the importance of us delivering this seamless learning program for students as they move from site to site” is what Mrs Schwartzkopff is most looking forward to as principal.

“I’m incredibly passionate about public education and, if I look at where we’re located – we’ve got Renmark Children’s Centre and preschool across the road and Renmark High School just at the back of us – we have this perfect opportunity to build a space where parents can access birth to year 12 education,” she said.

“We were third in the state in (year 5) NAPLAN improvements (last year) and that is massive. Let’s celebrate that and let’s showcase that because the things that are happening within these four walls are amazing.”

“I feel very humbled to be in this role. I take my leadership very seriously and I am very privileged to lead a school, with a lot of trust put into me from parents, students and staff. But I love it – I love coming to work every day.”

Recognising Riverland West’s high achieving businesses

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Riverland West Chamber of Commerce’s (RWCC) top businesses will be recognised at its second annual awards night this Friday.

Almost 30 nominations have been received for the awards and Riverland West Chamber of Commerce chairperson Angela Lukacs said a panel of judges, including Business SA’s corporate director Nicola Martin, have been closely examining the entries.

The awards will recognise the best-performing businesses in the trade, tourism, retail, service and community sectors for 2022.

“(Judges) will look at their customer service, their innovations and how they stand out from the crowd,” Mrs Lukacs said.

Experiences these businesses provide to their customers will also be considered, along with their respective growth plans.

Mrs Lukacs said Riverland West busi-

nesses had experienced some difficult years due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the flood.

“The awards recognise it has been a tough time, but we do have some good people out there who connect with the community,” she said.

“Our businesses are a vital part of the community and we would like to recognise that.”

The awards night will be held at the Waikerie Bowling Club from 6pm.

Business SA’s corporate director Nicola Martin, Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager Glenda Malinowski, and Bank SA’s customer service specialist Tania Schutz will be guest speakers at the award presentation dinner.

Tickets are \$50 for guests and non-members and include a two-course dinner.

Mrs Lukacs said people still wanting to attend the awards should book by COB today by phoning 0499 097 240 or by clicking onto the Eventbrite link on the RWCC Facebook page.



Caudo Vineyard’s Cellar Door team leader, Honor Walklin, accepting the 2021 Riverland West Chamber of Commerce award for best tourism business with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



Waikerie’s Rollbusch Quality Meats owner and butcher, Nigel Rollbusch, and Nay’s Place proprietor, Naomi Campbell at the inaugural Riverland West Chamber of Commerce Business awards in 2021. PHOTO: supplied

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Emergency services were called to a two-car crash in the Waikerie CBD on Saturday.
PHOTO: Paul McCormick

Two people injured in CBD crash

A MAN and a woman were taken to hospital with minor injuries after two cars were involved in a collision in the Waikerie CBD on Saturday morning. Police and emergency services were called to the intersection of Crush Terrace

and Strangman Road after reports of a two-car crash at about 11.30am. A police spokesperson said the two people who sustained minor injuries were in the same car.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

AS each new week comes along we can see the mighty River Murray flood level continually dropping and those who were affected by the flood endeavouring to get back to normal, with help available.

Great news for the Riverland region last week with the announcement that the former Bella Lavender Estate would reopen on Thursday, March 2 from 11am-10 pm as the Lavender Café, run by Anthony Lippis and his girls. This family-built business has been an iconic venue in our region and we wish the very best to Anthony and his team as he follows his dream.

The Cancer Care Group welcomes you to its coffee, cake and chat morning at the Waikerie RSL clubrooms in Thompson Street on Friday, February 24 from 10am-12 noon. Discussion will be the draft information brochure presentation. This group aims to “provide a supportive, caring environment for those people with cancer and their relatives and friends”.

The Waikerie Community Club advises its will be closed on Saturday, February 25 for a staff day trip. We trust they have an enjoyable day out. The club will reopen on Sunday, February 26 at 1pm.

Waikerie Santa's Cave committee members welcomed their many volunteers to a lunch on Sunday at the Waikerie Community Club. It was in appreciation for volunteers' support during the year preparing for the opening, and being there throughout those weeks when it was on display and when Santa was in residence. Volunteering at Santa's Cave is simply the best ever experience, sharing this special event; sometimes with first-time visitors, but also with others who come back year after year. The group's AGM will be held on Monday, February 27 at the Waikerie Community Meeting Room at Penaluna Drive at 7pm. Would you like to give your support to this exciting annual event?

It was a great day Saturday when all roads led to Sunline Speedway at Waikerie for the twilight meeting, featuring capacity entries. Trailers carrying the cars began coming into the town on Friday afternoon for the event.

Well done to Nippy's for its new Breakfast Juice, now available at Foodland supermarkets, fruit and vegetable markets, delicatessens and independent retailers. It has no added sugar, colours or preservatives. It's healthy, enjoyable, farm-grown and family-made.

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Diary date for Sunday, March 19: The popular Waikerie & Districts Garden Club plant sale and Mini Fete at the Ramco Hall from 10am until 2pm. For those with artistic talents you are welcome to showcase your creativity in the crafts, cooking and plant stalls. Further information and application forms from Carole Walker (0417 414 102).

Thanks to Karen Tate, the Riverland has several events in this year's Adelaide Fringe (February 17 until March 19). SA Fringe are magazines available in Foodland supermarkets, so if you want to check out the events in the region get your copy or go to the website (www.adelaidefringe.com.au) for more details and bookings.

This is the one we've been waiting for. On Saturday, February 2, Cadell hosts the Yabby Race Day. The first race claws off at 4.30pm. It will be a day of fun with families and friends. It's a free event, featuring DJ Woody to keep the music going, then BBQ tea. It will be a great start to subsequent events in our region.

Are you ready for an adult comedy session presented by Jane New, called Old Woman in a Hurry? It's at the Waikerie Institute at 6pm on Monday, February 27. Jane wants to prove you're never too old to have a laugh about sex and internet dating. She will be performing at The Precinct, Loxton, on Saturday from 7pm-10pm. Jane is seen regularly around her home state of Tasmania, plus Melbourne and Sydney. If you feel it might be offensive, stay home that night, as there are many other events to attend.

The Waikerie Community Club will host the popular Red Dirt Band on Saturday, March 4. Bookings at the club.

Thought for the week: “There is something basic about friendship. It is like the structure that holds up a building. It is mostly hidden and absolutely essential.”

- Emilie Barnes

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TV GUIDE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WEDNESDAY



6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Four Corners; 10:45 Q+A; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 National Press Club Address; 1:35 Media Watch; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 3:00 Gardening Australia; 4:00 Antiques Roadshow; 5:00 Australian Story; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Hard Quiz
8:30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
9:00 Utopia - The Ghost Of Christmas Future
9:30 Spicks And Specks
10:15 TBA
11:00 ABC Late News
11:15 The Business



5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Do, Re & Mi; 5:45 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Spicks And Specks
7:30 Death In Paradise
8:30 Banana
9:00 Cucumber
9:45 Killing Eve
10:30 Veneno
11:20 Year One
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6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 My Way; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Married At First Sight
9:05 Under Investigation
10:05 Nine News Late
10:35 See No Evil
11:30 Ordinary Joe
12:15 Tipping Point
1:10 Living On The Coast
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today



6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful Encore; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 Australian Survivor Encore; 3:40 Entertainment Tonight; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 The Dog House Australia
8:40 Fire Country
9:40 Bull
11:30 The Project Encore
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:30 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings



5:00 World News 9:00 World's Most Secret Homes; 9:55 Confucious Was A Foodie; 11:00 The Story Of Coffee; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 PBS NewsHour; 2:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 2:05 Lost Worlds And Hidden Treasures; 3:15 Mastermind; 4:15 Britain's Cathedrals With Tony Robinson; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Wildlife ER
8:35 My Grandparents' War
9:30 Bloodlands
10:35 SBS World News Late
11:05 Cargo
12:00 Thin Blue Line
2:15 Face To Face

THURSDAY

6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Back Roads; 10:30 That Pacific Sports Show; 11:05 Big Weather; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Hard Quiz; 1:30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering; 2:00Parliament Question Time; 3:00 Gardening Australia; 4:00 Antiques Roadshow; 5:00 Australian Story; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Foreign Correspondent
8:30pm Grand Designs
9:20 Joanna Lumley's Great Cities of the World - Paris
10:10 Movin' To The Country - New South Wales
10:40 ABC Late News
10:55 The Business

5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Do, Re & Mi; 5:45 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
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6:20 Bluey
6:30 Spicks And Specks
7:30 QI
8:30 Penn And Teller
9:10 Hard Quiz
9:40 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
10:15 Gruen
10:50 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL
11:25 Doctor Who
12:25 Would I Lie To You?
12:55 Live At The Apollo
1:40 Louis Theroux
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6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 It's All Greek To Me; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Rbt
8:30 Paramedics
9:30 Australia Behind Bars
10:40 Nine News Late
11:10 Emergency Call
11:55 Council Of Dads
12:40 Tipping Point
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful Encore; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 2:00 Taskmaster Australia Encore; 3:00 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 Taskmaster Australia
8:30 The Montreal Comedy Festival
9:30 Law & Order
11:30 The Project Encore
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:30 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 World's Most Secret Homes; 9:55 Confucious Was A Foodie; 11:00 The Story Of Cheese; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 PBS NewsHour; 2:00 Bamay; 2:20 Walking Britain's Roman Roads; 3:15 Mastermind; 4:15 Britain's Cathedrals With Tony Robinson; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 From Paris to Rome With Bettany Hughes
8:30 American Presidency With Bill Clinton
9:20 The Walk-In
10:15 SBS World News Late
10:45 L'Opera
11:40 World On Fire

FRIDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Joanna Lumley's Great Cities of the World; 11:00 Australia Remastered - Platypus and Echidna; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Les Miserables; 2:15 Scottish Vets Down Unde; 2:45 Back Roads; 3:15 Gardening Australia; 4:30 Antiques Roadshow; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Gardening Australia
8:30 Endeavour - Exeunt
10:05 Van der Valk: Death in Amsterdam
11:35 ABC Late News
11:55 TBA
12:35 Unforgotten
1:25 rage
5:00 rage

5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Do, Re & Mi; 5:45 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
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7:30 Hard Quiz
8:30 Booksmart
10:10 Doctor Who
10:55 Death In Paradise
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6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 June Again; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 For The Love Of Pets
8:30 Muriel's Wedding
10:40 Tba
12:30 Tipping Point
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
4:00 Take Two
5:30 Skippy - The Bush Kangaroo

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful Encore; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day; 3:00 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 The Graham Norton Show
8:30 Taskmaster Australia Encore
9:30 To Be Advised
10:30 Just For Laughs Australia
11:00 Just For Laughs Uncut
11:30 The Project Encore
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

5:00 World News; 9:00 Home Of The Year; 10:05 Confucious Was A Foodie; 11:05 The Story Of Chocolate; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 PBS NewsHour; 2:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 2:05 Walking Britain's Roman Roads; 3:00 Nitv News; 3:30 Bamay; 3:45 Mastermind; 4:15 Britain's Cathedrals With Tony Robinson; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Scotland - A Year In The Wild
8:30 Megadams
9:30 Lighthouses
10:25 SBS World News Late
10:55 Gomorrah
1:45 Das Boot

SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 rage; 10:30 rage Guest Programmer; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Endeavour - Exeunt; 2:00 Death In Paradise; 3:00 Marjorie Lawrence - The World At Her Feet; 4:30 Landline; 5:00 Dream Gardens - Toowoomba; 5:30 Further Back In Time For Dinner - The 1920s
6:25 Better Date Than Never
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Call The Midwife
8:30 TBA
9:20 TBA
10:50 Come Home
11:50 rage Guest Programmer
5:00 rage

5:05 Curious George; 5:25 Miffy's Adventures Big and Small; 5:35 Charlie And Lola; 5:45 Children's Programs; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
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6:20 Bluey
6:30 Spicks And Specks
7:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
8:15 Live At The Apollo
9:00 Penn And Teller
9:45 The Set
10:25 Doctor Who
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6:00 Drive Tv; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Today Extra - Saturday; 12:00 Living On The Coast; 12:30 The Pet Rescuers; 1:00 My Way; 1:30 Mr Mayor; 2:00 Mega Zoo; 3:00 Buckley's Chance; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Getaway
6:00 Nine News Saturday
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Space Invaders
8:30 The Blind Side
23:10 Concussion
1:30 The Pet Rescuers
2:00 The Incredible Journey Presents
2:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
5:30 Helping Hands

6:00 Reel Action; 6:30 Leading The Way With Dr. MichaelYoussef; 7:00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 7:30 Escape Fishing With ET; 8:00 am Exploring Off The Grid; 8:30 What's Up Down Under; 9:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 9:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures; 1:00 The Offroad Adventure Show; 2:00 All 4 Adventure; 3:00 What's Up Down Under; 3:30 Cook With Luke; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Bondi Rescue
6:30 To Be Advised
7:30 NCIS
10:30 FBI
12:30 Home Shopping

5:00 World News 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:10 Blue Water Safari; 10:10 Love Your Garden; 11:05 Paul O'grady For The Love Of Dogs; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 PBS NewsHour; 2:00 ISU Figure Skating Highlights; 3:30 Stonehenge - The Lost Circle Revealed; 4:40 Secret Scotland; 5:30 The Abyss - Rise And Fall Of The Nazis
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 The World's Most Beautiful Landscapes
8:30 Portillo In The Pyrenees
9:30 Inside Windsor Castle
10:25 Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman
11:15 Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:50 Mastermind Australia

SUNDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 Insiders; 10:00 Offsiders; 10:30 The World This Week; 11:00 Compass; 11:30 Songs Of Praise; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Landline; 1:30 Gardening Australia; 2:30 Call The Midwife; 3:30 Victoria; 4:15 Grand Designs; 5:10 Griff's Great Kiwi Road Trip
6:00 Antiques Roadshow
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Death In Paradise
8:30 Vera
10:00 Butterfly
10:45 Just Between Us
11:45 Les Miserables
1:00 Victoria
1:50 rage
4:15 The Recording Studio
5:00 Insiders

5:05 Curious George; 5:25 Miffy's Adventures Big and Small; 5:35 Charlie And Lola; 5:50 Children's Programs; 5:45 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
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6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:50 Shaun The Sheep
7:00 Spicks And Specks
7:30 You Can't Ask That
8:30 Louis Theroux
10:30 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef
11:30 Long Lost Family
12:15 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
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6:00 Nine News Sunday
7:00 Married At First Sight
8:40 60 Minutes
9:40 Nine News Late
10:10 Australian Crime Stories
11:15 The First 48
12:05 Law & Order
1:00 Explore Tv
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Take Two
5:30 Nine News Early Edition

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Turning Point With David Jeremiah; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Joel Osteen; 8:00 Luca's Key Ingredient; 8:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 9:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 9:30 Destination Desert; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 Australian Survivor Encore; 1:40 My Market Kitchen; 2:00 Waltzing Jimeoin; 2:30 Exploring Off The Grid; 3:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Sunday Project
7:30 Australian Survivor
9:10 War Zone - Bear Grylls Meets President Zelenskyy
10:10 FBI
11:00 The Sunday Project Encore
12:00 Home Shopping

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 Blue Water Safari; 10:05 Love Your Garden; 11:00 Outside; 12:00 APAC Weekly; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 Speedweek; 3:00 Surf Life Saving Australia Interstate; 4:00 ISU Figure Skating Awards; 5:30 The Abyss
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Ancient Egypt By Train
8:30 Dan Snow's Greatest Discoveries
9:30 Black West
10:30 Castles
11:35 24 Hours In Emergency
1:30 Why We Hate
3:10 The Source
4:00 Mastermind Australia

MONDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Landline; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Lucy Worsley; 2:00 TBA; 3:00 Gardening Australia; 4:00 Antiques Roadshow; 5:00 Australian Story; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Back Roads
8:30 Four Corners
9:15 Media Watch
9:35 Q+A
10:35 China Tonight
11:10 ABC Late News
11:25 The Business
11:40 Vera
1:10 Father Brown
1:55 The Trouble With Maggie Cole

5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:50 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
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7:30 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive
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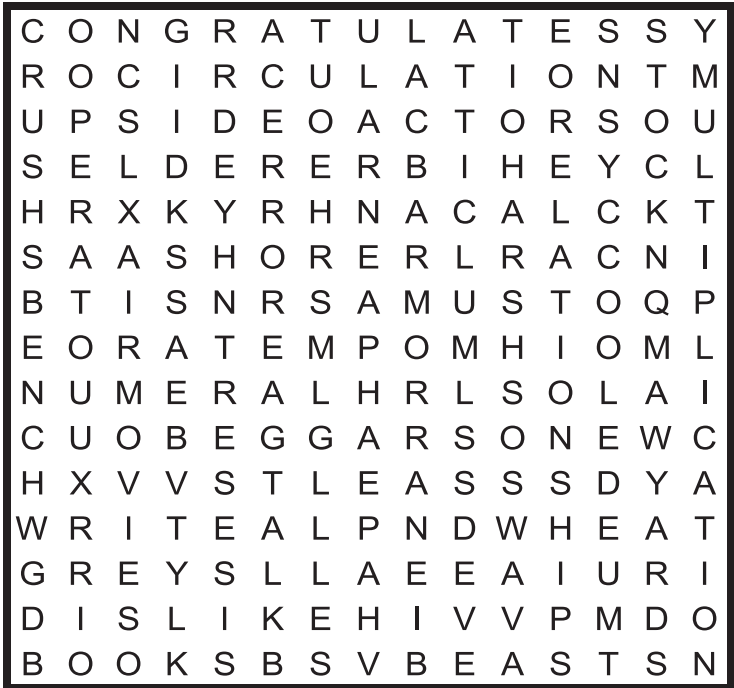
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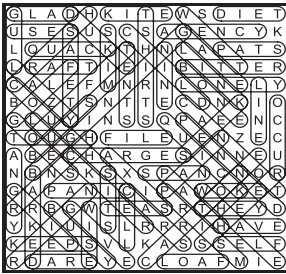
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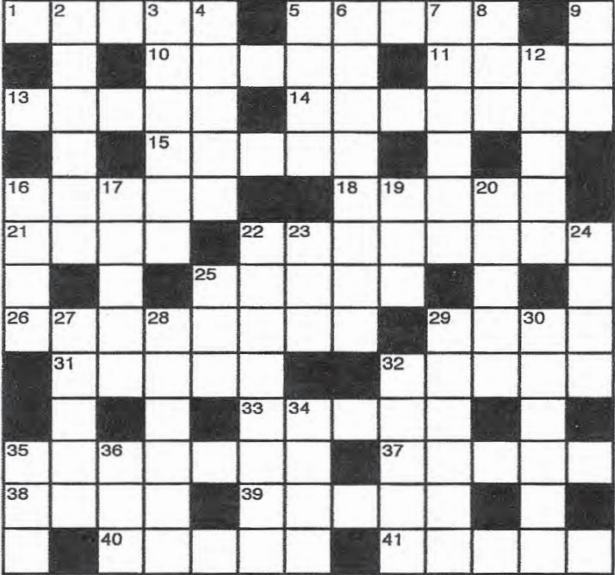
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Crossword

ACROSS
1. Temporary stop
5. Molten rock
10. Contribution
11. Early church pulpit
13. Identification mark
14. Pertaining to the skull
15. Lizard
16. Cooked in an oven
18. Fruit
21. Woe
22. Smeared
25. Make amends
26. Shorten
29. Therefore
31. Foreign
32. Chemical compound
33. Gold coin
35. Flowers
37. Fried lightly and quickly
38. Spoken
39. Reposition
40. Amphibians
41. River embankment

DOWN
2. Antenna
3. Scorches
4. Finished
5. Slish
6. Poisonous alkaloid
7. Lunatic
8. Friend (Fr.)
9. Mountain pass
12. Wash
16. Lure
17. Capital of Afghanistan
19. Before
20. Map
22. Normal
23. Pithy saying
24. Entrance
25. Winning tennis serve
27. Radio location
28. Method of engraving
29. Property
30. Mild and refined
32. Artist's stand
34. Consumes
35. Domestic animal
36. Stetson



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



February 2022 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
A get-together will help you to see your relationship with your close friends in a completely different way. Follow up on this: you will be surprised how much insight it gives you if you use the information wisely. **Romance.** Time spent with a person from overseas will help you to see things in perspective.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A message which gets lost could leave you stranded. A difficult aspect to Mercury later in the week will make communications especially flaky, so watch out for misunderstandings. **Romance.** A comment from a complete stranger may surprise you at first. Don't be shy about getting to know this person, however: they won't bite you!

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
An acquaintance who knows you well may give you some advice about your appearance. Don't be offended by this criticism: it will be meant to help you, not hurt you. **Romance.** A get-together later in the week will work much better than you expect. Time spent alone with your partner will help you to sort out a recent disagreement.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
A challenging aspect to Neptune later in the week could make you a little light-headed. Be careful of making a snap decision which will be difficult to reverse later. **Romance.** You will be in a very romantic mood at the moment. Time spent alone with your partner will help you to understand each other's needs and draw you closer together.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
A positive aspect to Neptune will help your powers of intuition. Your gut feelings will be a good guide for you over the next few days: don't waste time on a venture which doesn't "feel" right, even if it seems the logical thing to do. **Romance.** Time spent keeping in touch with your friends will be well spent. There is one person whom you may have forgotten about, however.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
A disagreement with your friend will be solved, but there may be some tense moments before you have dealt with everything fully. A direct and open approach may be embarrassing at first but it is essential for the long-term stability of your relationship with this person. **Romance.** Recent changes to your domestic routine may be harder to get used to than you expect.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
An event which has been haunting you for the past few days will finally be solved. Don't forget to thank the person who gave you the clues you needed. **Romance.** It will be hard to understand a recent decision by your partner. Do your best to be understanding, but make sure that you find out all the facts.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
A suggestion which has worked well in the past won't work so well in the future: you will need to be more flexible if you are to achieve the same level of success. Don't be afraid to move on. **Romance.** This will be a good time for relaxing with your partner. A romantic get-together around the middle of the week will go well.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
A way of doing things which has not been successful in the past is unlikely to work any better now. A completely fresh angle on the problem will help you to get what you want, but you will need to persist. **Romance.** A boost to your confidence will help you to sort out a recent difficulty with your relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
A positive aspect to Mars will give you the energy you need to push ahead with some difficult tasks. Sift out the most important challenges and make sure that you get these out of the way before moving on to the rest. **Romance.** A flattering remark from an admirer will change your feelings towards this person.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
A get-together with friends will help you to relax and will give you the chance to catch up on what has been happening in their lives. One friend has something to tell you which will be a lesson for your own life. **Romance.** A chance meeting at work will help to give your confidence a boost. You will see this person again in a more romantic environment.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
A positive aspect to Mercury early in the week will help you to think clearly and logically. You have some important decisions to make and need to do so with a clear mind. **Romance.** You may be a little tense at times. Be careful not to get too upset – at times you may feel that your needs are not being taken seriously enough.

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SUDOKU No.415

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

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

Level of Difficulty: Very Hard

Solution No. 414

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SUMMER READING, HAPPENED SO FAST: Khushreet, 10, was named winner of the Renmark Paringa Public Library's summer reading challenge after reading 50 books throughout the summer school holidays. Her favourite book was *Tom Gates: Yes! No. (maybe)* by Liz Pichon. She received a \$25 Big W gift card and a certificate for her efforts. The initiative aimed to encourage children to read for enjoyment throughout the holidays. The program generated interest from local children and visitors to the area, with 117 children registered, 745 books read and 55 prizes awarded. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Fringe exhibit takes flight

EMERGING Riverland-based large-scale mural artist Jarrod Loxton's Fringe outdoor twilight exhibition will open in Loxton this Friday night. Mr Loxton's Feathers: Taking Flight exhibition depicts flora and fauna, with a focus on birdlife. The opening is on the lawn area of Heritage Park, Loxton, from 7pm Friday.

A former South Aussie acknowledged at Tamworth

THE 2023 inductees into the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame were **Kristy Cox**, **Kevin Bennett**, **Wanita**, **Duncan Toombs** and **Tom Curtain**.

South Aussie born, and now a dual citizen of Australia and the USA, **Kristy Cox** went through the talent quest ranks. She is a popular bluegrass sensation and now lives in the USA with her SA-born hubby, **Travis List**, and her two children.

Singer/songwriter **Kevin Bennett** has been a regular tutor at the CMAA Academy of Country Music and The Dag Songwriters Retreat, and has led the country blues and roots band, **The Flood**. He is also part of the award-winning trio **Bennett Bowtell Urquhart**.

Multi award-winning film clip producer **Duncan Toombs** has also been on stage with some of our nation's best artists over the years, and has just released his debut album, *Steel On Steel*.

Based in Tamworth and known as 'Australian's Queen of honky tonk' since the early 1990s, **Wanita** is a dynamic performer who released a documentary on her life titled *I Am Wanita* that has made her a toast of the international film circuit.

A dog and horse whisperer, **Tom Curtain** has released five successful albums with #1 hits from each album. He is also well known for his primary business, the multi-award winning Katherine Outback Experience, which he tours nationally at times.

By
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MY KIND OF COUNTRY



People's Choice Awards as voted on by the fans saw **Graham Rodger** named Best Male Vocal, **Courtney Keil** Best Female Vocal, and **The RnR Ranchgirls** Best Group or Duo.

Other awards went to: **Brendan McMahon** – Best Album with *as the road unfolds*; **James Johnston** – *Raised Like That*; **Andy Penkow** – Best Bush Ballad, *Ghostly Gums* (co-written with **David Carter**, **Angela Bristow-Baohm** and **Kathleen Stewart**; **The Long & Short Of It** – Best Video, *Midnight Choir*; and **Laura Frank** – Most Promising Future Star.

In the broadcasting categories **Alan Gilmour**, a perennial winner who has one of the most popular shows on Australian radio (The Australian Country Songwriters Show) won Most Popular Country Music Program.

Danni Shaw's Country Kickbacks, a new media program, was named most Popular Country Music Program.

The 2023 Australian Country Music Broadcasters Hall of Fame inductees were **Rhonda Francis**, a long-time broadcaster with 2SSR in Sydney, and **Ron Montague** (aka **Ronnieboy**) of 2RRR.

Returning after a lengthy break was the Country Music



Husband-and-wife duo **Dianne Lindsay** and **Peter Simpson** were both recognised in the recent Australia Day honours. PHOTO: Robyn McIntosh

Entertainer of the Year, a section which was determined by the votes of Australian country music broadcasters and specialist media. This went to **Troy Cassar-Daley**.

Voting for the 2024 Australian Country Music People's Choice Awards will open in July (www.peopleschoiceawards.com.au).

In the Australia Day honours **Dianne Lindsay** and **Peter Simpson** were each awarded an OAM for their service to the performing arts as entertainers.

Both are singers/songwriters/recording artists, and together organise the very popular Back To The Bush Spectacular, one of my favourite bush ballad shows of the festival.

They also jointly co-host the long-running syndicated radio program, The Australian Bush Ballad Show.

Dianne is the patron of the Pittwater Country Music Club, and Peter is a board member of the CMAA (Country Music Association of Australia).

Both have been inducted into the National Country Music Hands of Fame at Tamworth, and earned numerous awards and accolades throughout their careers.

Despite having stages set up in both Peel and White Street at

Tamworth, there is still busking in the streets and from the hundreds of performing musicians who are allotted spots, judges and festival goers vote for who they think are the best.

From this, 10 are chosen to vie for the Best of the Buskers Champion, and perform in Toyota Park, with the 2023 winner being local Tamworth man, **Lane Pittman**.

Lane took home a \$2000 cash prize, and has earned himself two paid gigs at the Courthouse Hotel during the 2024 Tamworth Country Music Festival, plus the opportunity to perform on the 2024 Opening Concert.

Ziggy McNeill, of Freshwater, NSW, who came second, along with third placegetter, **Scott Rathman Jr.**, of Pooraka SA, each received cash prizes and paid gigs.

The people's choice winner was **Maddie Warden** of Walgett, NSW. She received a Yamaha electric acoustic guitar.

Some late news received after my deadline was the great news for **The French Family Band** that they have been invited to debut on the Grand Ole Opry this spring.

They relocated to Nashville three and a half years ago and have been really making their mark over there.

the quiz



- Which Asian country is known as the 'Land of Smiles'?
- London landmark The Shaftesbury Memorial is better known by what name?
- Toucher, Narrow and Bias are all terms used in which sport?
- In 2002 Steve Fossett became the first solo person to circumnavigate the world non-stop and single-handed in what?
- What is the first name of the nephew of Ebenezer Scrooge, son of his sister Fran, in the Charles Dickens novel 'A Christmas Carol'?
- If food is napped, how is it served?

- What is the title of The Beatles first feature film, released in 1964?
- Arancione is Italian for which colour?
- Vestiphobia is the irrational fear of which items?
- Which country hosted the 1998 Winter Olympic Games?
- In November 1990 Mian Nawaz Sharif became Prime Minister of which Asian country?
- In October 1992, which baseball team became the first non-USA team to win the World Series?
- In 1932, who was the only Premier of an Australian state (New South Wales) to have been dismissed from his post by the state Governor?

- Which element is contained in the molecules of organic compounds?
- Kwaito is a music genre which originated in which country?
- Who won the Wimbledon Men's Singles Championship in 2013?
- The 1986 autobiography 'Going Solo' is by which British author?
- What is the name of the moaning ghost in the Harry Potter novels?
- Who is the husband of actress/clinical psychologist Pamela Stephenson?
- Songwriter/manager/producer Stig Anderson was often known as the fifth member of which group?

BONUS QUESTION:

Which European country reached the quarter finals of the 1990 soccer World Cup without winning a match? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 35

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Crustaceans' humane journey from river to plate... How to kill your yabbies

PAUL MITCHELL

YABBIES have been plentiful – and delicious – in many Riverland homes in recent weeks, and the RSPCA has issued a friendly reminder about how to humanely get the crustaceans from net to plate.

The keys are handling yabbies gently once caught, then inducing insensibility, meaning the animal has lost its ability to feel pain when killed – rather than be dropped alive in boiling water or removed from water and left to suffocate from lack of oxygen.

Bringing on insensibility involves submerging the yabbies in an ice flurry – three parts ice, one part water – for between 20 and 30 minutes, says Dr Rebekah Eyers, an animal welfare advocate for the RSPCA.

“The really important thing is for the person to be able to recognise the signs of insensibility,” Dr Eyers said.

“That would be no controlled limb movements, no eye reflex when they’re tapped on the shell (and) no reaction when they’re touched, particularly around the mouth parts.

“They’re usually not resistant to handling once they’re insensible, so you can extend their tail with no resistance, for example.”

Once rendered insensible, the yabbies must be killed quickly, by destroying their nerve centres, as outlined below in the RSPCA’s guidelines.

“It should take no more than 10 seconds,” Dr Eyers said.

“It’s important that all the nerve centres are destroyed.”

Dr Eyers said as scientific understanding of animals was constantly evolving, methods once thought humane and best-practice were being updated.

“That’s why the RSPCA isn’t being judgemental about this,” she said.

“It was thought in the past that dropping them into boiling water would kill them quickly. It was thought that chilling them and cutting their tail off or removing other body parts would be a quick death. I think people also removed them from water and allowed them to die from lack of oxygen.

“But we now know, because the science has moved on, that they are not methods that kill them quickly and that they’re not humane.

“The important thing is for the community to have the information they need to know what the most humane way is.”

In the past, it was assumed that yabbies and other crustaceans were non-sentient, but research has proven otherwise, Dr Eyers explained.

“There’s three angles of sentience,” she said. “The first is that the animal is capable of experiencing a range of emotions, from pleasure to distress.

“(The second is) that it’s capable of learning from experiences and from other animals.



Riverlanders are enjoying a bountiful supply of yabbies this summer, and locals have been reminded about the most humane ways to kill the creatures.

PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

“And (the third is) that it’s also able to assess risks and make choices.

“Previously we would have believed that yabbies don’t have those capacities...”

“We now know, from recent science, that yabbies and other crustaceans are sentient. That means that as our understanding of them evolves, so too does the way that we treat them.”

Dr Eyers said the recognition of sentience in crustaceans follows similar discoveries in livestock.

“Relatively recently our scientific understanding of sheep and cattle has shown that they are sentient and in response to that we’ve developed low-stress stock-handling techniques,” she said.

“The farming industry has taken that on and every industry that deals with animals understands that as our scientific understanding of those animals evolves, practices and the way that we treat them also evolves.

“It’s the same with the handling and killing of yabbies.”

Mechanical killing method: splitting

SPLITTING involves rapidly cutting through the centre-line of the head, thorax (chest) and abdomen with a large, sharp knife. Cutting must occur along the longitudinal midline (lengthways) to destroy all the nerve centres.

Step 1: Once insensible, hold the yabby around the top of its head with firm pressure

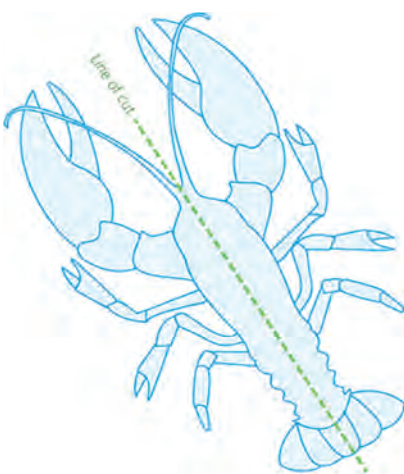
Step 2: Use a large, sharp knife for the cuts, and a mallet to force the knife quickly through the animal. Keeping the knife oriented with the midline, place the knife on the head beneath the mouth parts. Cut through the head at this point to

pierce and destroy the first nerve centre.

Step 3: Next, cut along the longitudinal midline on the under-surface to pierce and destroy the rest of the chain of nerve centres in two stages, starting near the junction of the abdomen and the thorax. Direct the first cut straight towards the head, and the second backwards, towards the tail.

Step 4: After cutting in half lengthways through the longitudinal midline, rapidly remove the chain of nerve centres at the front end (chest and head) of the yabby.

Step 5: Complete the cutting procedure in less than 10 seconds.



●Where to cut a sentient yabby. (Note: The image provided by the RSPCA is for a lobster, but the nerve centres are in approximately the same position for yabbies).

Extension for Waikerie’s tree replacement program

MORE Waikerie residents can now volunteer to have their unwanted backyard fruit trees replaced – and cut the region’s fruit fly risk – thanks to the extension of the voluntary tree replacement pilot program.

Interested residents and landholders in the original Waikerie outbreak area now have until March 17 to apply to be involved in the initiative, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven, said this week.

The extension enables flood-affected residents an opportunity to volunteer for the trial program, which is managed by the Department of Primary Industries and Region in partnership with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

The voluntary trial program commenced in November, aimed at improving the management of non-commercial backyard fruit trees. Removed fruit trees have been replaced with locally sourced, non-fruiting native trees without charge.

Residents can choose to replace one or multiple fruit trees that are at

risk from fruit fly.

However, trees are only replaced if landholders or residents apply to participate.

“As this trial has coincided with the current River Murray flood event, this extension now allows interested and eligible residents and landowners an opportunity to be involved,” Ms Scriven said.

“So far 13 residents have volunteered in the program to date, with 101 fruit trees to be removed and 48 non-fruiting native trees ordered as replacement.

“Importantly this program has also allowed us to speak with backyard fruit tree owners about the need to, and risks of not, maintaining their trees.

“During the trial, PIRSA’s community engagement officer has met with many Waikerie residents to discuss their trees and offer advice on how to prevent them becoming a target for fruit fly.”

To register for the program visit the website (fruitfly.sa.gov.au), call the Hotline (1300 666 010) or email fruitfly@sa.gov.au to request an application form.

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and Pheni, Jase
and Dad.
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DEATHS

GOODES, Dulcie May.

Passed away peacefully at Riverview Lutheran Rest Home on Sunday, February 12, 2023 with family by her side.

Aged 92 years.

Loved wife of Mervyn (deceased).

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Ron and Robyn, Mary and Trevor (deceased), Wayne, Peter (deceased), Janet and Karl, Diane and Bronte, Katrina and Wally (deceased), Phillip and Ally. Loving nan to grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In God's loving care.

HAGEAN, Beryl Althea.

Passed away aged 87 years.

Loving wife of John (deceased). Much-loved nan of Luke. Treasured friend of many that will be sadly missed.

Beryl was privately cremated as per her wishes.

A small interment service will be held at a later date.

Beryl's friends that wish to attend, please contact Riverland Funerals and your phone number will be passed to family.

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DEATHS

HENDERSON, Kay Lee.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family in the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home, Loxton on February 6, 2023.

Aged 89 years.

Dearly loved wife of Dick (deceased). Adored mother and mother-in-law of Vickie and Ken, Janise and Blue, Patti and Dennis, Jo and Mark. Cherished grandmother of 9. Great-grandmother of 25.

Great-great-grandmother of 2.

"Love you always and forever".

Kay's funeral service was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at The Pines in Loxton, followed by a private cremation.

Donations in Kay's memory to Care Flight Ltd. would be appreciated and can be given direct online or by phone 1800 655 876.



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SHAW, Helene June.

Passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at home on January 27, 2023.

Aged 88 years.

Loved Mar of Christopher, Alison, Louise, David, and their families.

Will be missed, but has begun her next journey.

Helene was privately cremated at the Riverland Crematorium.

A memorial gathering for Helene will be held at the Bonney Theatre Soldiers Memorial Hall for afternoon tea on February 18, 2023 at 2pm.

All welcome.

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DEATHS



WATKINS, Ronald 'Ron'.

Passed away peacefully on February 13, 2023.

Aged 82 years

Loved husband of Kath. Father and father-in-law of Russell, Jenine and Brad. Pop to Madison, Mikaylah, Lachlan and Cooper.

Will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at the Waikerie Bowling Club, Thursday, February 16, at 11am.

FUNERALS

GOODES, Dulcie May.

Relatives and friends are advised that Dulcie's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety at the Loxton Lawn Cemetery on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 10am.

In Dulcie's memory, donations to SIDS South Australia, would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the service.



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0400 012 089

IN MEMORIAM

TAYLOR, Pat.

Passed away February 13, 2014.

Sadly missed.

Grant and family.

RETURN THANKS

TRIPNEY, Donald Langdon.

Donna, Mark, Joanne, Louise, partners and families wish to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards, flowers and support on the sad and sudden loss of our father, father-in-law, grandpa and great-grandpa. Thankyou to staff at Riverland General Hospital. Special thanks to the staff at Renmark hospital for their support, care and ensuring Don's dignity in his final days of his life.

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BOAT - Inflatable dinghy, 2hp Honda motor. 2.5m plus extras. \$1175 ono. Phone 0438394376.

CARAVAN - 2002, 19ft 6in, Roadstar. \$20,000 ono. Phone 0407975231.

CARAVAN - Kedron ATV2, little use, excellent condition. 18ft 6in, many extras. \$65,000. Phone 0428828996 for details.

CARAVAN poptop 2-door, built 2014, used 6 times, one owner since built. 300w solar panels, 2 x 120amp DC batteries, 200L water tanks, 120L fridge 12v/240v, TV, microwave, slide-out stainless steel kitchen and BBQ, gas stove, gas hot water and shower, slide-out vanity, double bed, plenty of storage inside and out, full annex and small pull-out annex, shower tent (new), annex floor mat (new), 3 x spare tyres, electric brakes, 2 x gas bottles, extra double solar panels, LT 4-stroke key start generator. \$27,500. All reasonable offers considered. Registered til 22/4/2023. For more information phone 0429869430.

CARAVAN Prattline. 17ft, with two room annexe. \$7000 ono. Phone 0412771238.



DINING table - solid wood with 6 chairs, 1800 x 1000mm. Immaculate condition, as near new, \$950. Phone 0457673141.

GARLIC - Fresh quality garlic for sale. \$15/kg. Minimum purchase one kilo. Phone 0414882659.

GOAT - three quarter boar billy, approximately six months old, ready to work. Light chocolate brown, very good frame and friendly, can be viewed at old Monash bypass fruit stall. Parents also on view. \$200. Phone 0408835373.

FOR SALE

GOPHER 4-wheel Merits. Can carry up to 130kg, new batteries and charger, folds up into car boot. Excellent condition. Can deliver. \$1550. Phone 0438253986.

GRAPES - white Frontignac, approximately 20t, best offer, spray diary and audit papers available. Phone 0412934884.



PRICE DROP

HARVESTER - 1996 Flory. Almonds, pecans, walnuts - all nuts. Self-propelled pick-up/harvester in good working order with new pick-up belt, twin rod dirt chain worth \$15,000 alone. 5137hours. Huge price drop, now \$29,000 ono. Phone 0419833517.

MERITS 4-wheel mobility scooter. Recent major service, new motor fitted, good condition. Suspension and puncture-proof tyres. Can carry 136kg, high-back swivel seat. Can deliver. \$2550. Phone 0438253986.

PUPPIES - Kelpie. 1 female and 5 males all black and tan. They will be vet checked, vaccinated, micro-chipped and wormed upon purchase. They have really good bloodlines for working dogs and exceptionally good natures. 7 weeks old, born on November 28, 2022. \$500 each, located Taylerville. Breeder No. DAC0231118. Phone Joe 0475436702.

ROSES - new season roses have arrived at Brad's Roses. Floribunda, climbers, standard hybrid teas. Phone 0417855014. 13 Riverview Drive, Paringa.



STORAGE - 24/7 keypad entry, CCTV and monitoring. Various site sizes available. Phone 0488050482. Renmark Central Storage.

FOR SALE

VARIOUS - moving sale. 3m aluminium boat, new oars and jackets \$850; 2 old lawn mowers \$25 for both; 2 old BBQs \$20 for both; cheval mirror \$40; dip tins \$5 each; worm bed with worms \$35 ono; old wireless \$50; old bottles, records and scales. Phone Rob 0419800497.

VARIOUS - 2 x tents, \$200 each. 1 x silo, \$3000. Phone Yvonne 85419027.

VINTAGE 2023 - Grapes for sale. Chardonnay - 200 tonne, Sauvignon blanc - 50 tonne, Shiraz - 100 tonne, Merlot - 100 tonne, Gordo - 100 tonne. All with spray diaries and audit papers. Phone 0447188244.

GARAGE SALES

LOXTON - combined sale, 3 and 5 Kroeger Place. Saturday, February 18, from 8am. Assorted items including Urnie juicer, fan, new baby toys, orchids etc.

LOXTON - 1 Laffer Street. Saturday, February 18, 8am - 2pm and Sunday 19th, 8am - 12 noon. Children's, women's, men's clothing, books, puzzles, toys, swimming pool cover, single bed mattress, lego table, blinds, bric-a-brac and more. Phone 0437847034 for more information.

LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road. Open Friday, February 17, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th, 10am - 4pm. Plants. Orders now being taken for bare-rooted deciduous ornamental trees and stone fruit trees. Phone 85841205.

FOR HIRE



RIVERLAND Trailer Bins. You throw it - We tow it. For all your rubbish removal needs at competitive prices. Great alternative to skip bins, range of sizes available. Book a trailer bin today! Contact David 0400576230.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

AGM - Waikerie Santa's Cave AGM will be held on February 27, 2023 at 7pm at the Community Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. New members and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

WANTED

DWELLING - Livable shed, running water/rain water, small amount of workable land, for off-grid family living. Phone 0438851751.

WANTED TO BUY

ANTIQUE bottles and pot lids, collections or singles. Enamel signs, coins, medals and militaria. Phone Peter 0428813220.

MANIFOLD - Hi-rise manifold for small block chevy, 780 cfm, vacuum secondary holley carburetor also turbo slant plug heads. Phone 0408835373.

SIGNS wanted. Looking for old not modern advertising, enamel signs, any subject matter - motoring, co-coa, sheepdip. Phone 0403351587.

TRAMPOLINES - Broken or not used square trampolines. Phone 0427957303.

MOTOR VEHICLES



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HOLDEN VZ wagon, 2006, iconic 4WD Adventra, top of the range LX6, midnight black with rare tan buckskin leather interior. Well maintained, 317,000km. Registration S058-AGP. \$7000. Phone 0418859500.

Riverland CHURCH NOTICES



BERRI | BARMERA
Sunday, February 19
Barmera 11am
Berri 9am
Pastor S Trautwein
All Welcome
Phone 0493021960

LOXTON
Transfiguration
Sunday, February 19
St Peter's 8.30am HC
Concordia 10am HC
Myrla & New Residence 9am HC (Myrla) Georg
Bookpurnong 8.30am HC da Costa
Riverview Rest Home Wed, Feb 22 10.30am HC

Unfortunately, until further notice only residents can attend - no visitors
Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 22
St Peter's 7pm

Lutheran Ministry Centre
Phone 8584 5522
Pastor Chris Georg (Concordia and outlying)
Pastor Jason Sander (St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA
Sunday, February 19
Renmark 9am
Paringa 10.30am HC
All Welcome
Pastor Roland Adams
Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE
Sunday, February 19
Lowbank 8.45am
Ramco 8.45am
Waikerie 10am
All Welcome
Phone 8541 2689

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Riverland
19 Sunrise Court, Berri
Bible Study 10-11am
Worship every Saturday (Sabbath) Now 11.15am
All Welcome
Pastor Andy Krause
Ph: 0418 617 582

Anglican Church
Riverland
Saturday, February 18
5pm - Monash St Oswald's
Sunday, February 19
9am - Loxton
The Resurrection
9am - Barmera
St Edmund's
11am - Waikerie
St James
11am - Renmark
St Augustine's
Contact:
Fr. David Patterson
8586 3288



UNITING CHURCH
BERRI / BARMERA
Sunday, February 19
Sundays at 10am
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Barmera, Nookamka Tce
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LOXTON
Sunday, February 19
10am HC
Rev Linda Forsyth
Contact
Rev Linda Forsyth
0401 815 488

RENMARK
Sunday, February 19
8.30am
Renmark West 10am
Renmark Avenue
Ian Forsyth
Phone 0401 815 488

Catholic Church
Mass Times
Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish
WEEKS 1, 3 & 5
Saturday
Morgan 6pm
Renmark 6.30pm
Sunday
Berri 9am
Loxton 11am
Waikerie 11am
Barmera 6pm
WEEKS 2 & 4
Saturday
Waikerie 6pm
Berri 6.30pm
Sunday
Renmark 9am
Morgan 9am
Barmera 11am
Loxton 6pm

One Voice
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday, February 19
10am
Loxton Senior Citizen Hall
25 Tobruk Terrace
Ps Red Elliott
0439 507 096
Ps Sheryl Giles
0423 884 002

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Volunteers Notice Board

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Loxton Mardi Gras...
Helpers needed to assist with setup/down 1-2 hours on 24th & 25th Feb. Also parade marshals for 2 - 3 hours on Sat 25th Feb.
Email to (glenda.cass2021@gmail.com) or text to 0457 137 594

Riverland Red Cross...
are looking for volunteer drivers and we would love to hear from you. Please contact Narelle 1800 334 882 or search (Berri https://volunteering.redcross.org.au.)

Support Your Local...
Get involved and give back to your community by volunteering at Loxton Red Cross Shop. Call 1800 833 489 or email (savolunteer@redcross.org.au.)

Riverland Youth Theatre is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the volunteer position of Secretary on the four-member executive of the RYT Board. They should have some experience in meeting organisation skills, corporate governance, administration and an understanding of the not-for-profit charitable sector regulatory frameworks and standards. If you have an interest in contributing to RYT's wonderful work, please email an expression of interest to board@ryt.org.au including your relevant qualifications and experience.

Loxton Show Society
Conveners needed for the 2023 LOXTON show to be trained for this year's Show in October for the following sections: Vegetables, Floral Art, Amateur Winemaking & Brewing and Scarecrows
Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.

Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of National Trust) are seeking able bodied volunteers to help with maintaining walking trails, weed control, pest control, revegetation & other projects. If you enjoy the outdoors please contact Gordon on 0427847896 for more information.





BERRI HOTEL

BERRI HOTEL INCORPORATED

Berri Hotel Members are advised that Annual General Meeting of Berri Hotel Incorporated will be held at the Hotel in the Riverview Lounge on **Wednesday 22nd of March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

In accordance with Rule 26 Forms Of Nomination for the Office of Committee Member are available at the Reception Desk of the Hotel, and are required to be returned on or before Tuesday 28th February 2023

A.S. Parker
General Secretary

BZ12142



District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie hereby exercises the power pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and Clause "F" of the Instrument of General Approval of the Minister dated 12 March 2001 to:

Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 7.30am and 10:30am on Sunday 26 February 2023 for the Mardi Gras Appreciation Church Service.

- Eastern carriageway of East Terrace from Drabsch Street to the intersection of Edwards Street
- Western carriageway of East Terrace from Edwards Street to the intersection of Drabsch Street

Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238

For further information contact
Greg Perry 8584 8000
gperry@dclw.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

LZ14721

Riverland 8-Ball Association Inc AGM

The Riverland 8-Ball Association Inc is holding its upcoming AGM on the **21st of February, at 7 pm at the Lyrup Club** all members are encouraged to attend.

This meeting is also open to the public, but only members can vote on the day.

For more information please contact
**Rusty at 0492 050 136 or
Daniel at 0466 725 211**

BZ12138



PANCAKE NIGHT

will be held at the
Anglican Church of the Resurrection,
William Street, Loxton on
on Tuesday 21st of February, 2023

ALL WELCOME

Come along and enjoy savoury and sweet pancakes (eat as much as you like) for \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12 years old and families of five or more \$30 Soft drinks available for purchase on the night.

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Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 8.30am and 2.00pm on Saturday 25 February 2023 for the 2022 Loxton Mardi Gras Parade;

Closed for event preparations, the Parade and subsequent events

- Raymont Avenue from Bookpurnong Road to Starcevic Road
- Mill Road from Raymont Avenue
- AW Traeger Drive from Pine Avenue and Coral Street intersections

Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238

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gperry@dclw.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

LZ14720

Public Consultation Renmark Table Tennis Association New Lease

The Renmark Table Tennis Association are seeking a lease for a period of ten (10) years for the main section of KM Tucker Hall. The leased area is situated within the Renmark Sporting Complex grounds and is comprised in CT 5825/696.



The lease will be issued pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999.

In accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, interested persons are invited to make submissions about the proposed lease by no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday 8 March 2023:

**Renmark Paringa Council
Renmark Table Tennis Assoc New Lease
PO Box 730
Renmark SA 5341**

or by email to -
council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

or by hand to -
61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark

For further inquiries please contact
Council's Property Officer on (08) 8580 3000

Tony Siviour
Chief Executive Officer

RZ12006





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BZ1473



IRRIGATION SALES ASSISTANT

Loxton Irrigation Centre is currently seeking a full time Irrigation Sales Assistant for our store at Loxton Irrigation Centre in Loxton and some occasional work at Barmera.

Knowledge and experience in the irrigation industry is highly desirable but not essential as training will be provided.

Key Responsibilities:

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- Assist in solving customer technical issues
- Assist with the receiving and distribution of stock
- Assist with administrative duties.

The successful applicant will have a good work ethic and be a team player with a focus on customer service.

**To apply please include your resume with contactable references to:
bernie@loxtonirrigation.com.au**
**Application will be accepted until COB, Friday
16th February.**

LZ14718

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**Written applications with references
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pj.freeman@bigpond.com**

**Further Information contact
Peter Freeman on 0418422684**

BZ11969



Warehouse and Sales Person - Renmark

The Platinum Operations group services a diverse client base that incorporates rural merchandise, viticulture, horticulture and broadacre interests. The group operates branches in 10 locations across SA and Vic under the Platinum Ag Services banner.

We have a vacancy in our Renmark branch for a motivated Warehouse and Counter Sales Person. This is a hands-on role that will require exceptional organization skills and you will need to be meticulous about running a efficient Warehouse. This position requires a high attention to detail and offers a wide range of manual handling tasks.

Reporting to the Branch Manager, your responsibilities will include all Warehouse related duties including receiving, dispatching and storing stock as well as counter sales to clients in the area of rural merchandise with a focus on horticulture. You will require a can do attitude, ability to cope with manual work and be exceptional at keeping a clean efficient workplace to a high standard. Customer deliveries and some relief truck driving may also be required so a HR Driving Licence would be an advantage.

The ideal candidate will preferably have experience in Warehousing and retail sales, good written and verbal communication skills and some computer experience. You must be motivated with a keen work ethic, be able to work independently as well part of a team and ideally, have an outgoing personality.

This is a full time position, however flexible hours maybe considered for the right candidate. Salary 55-60k dependent on experience.

**Forward your cover letter and resume to
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BZ12008

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BZ12009



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Enquiries: Any enquiries can be addressed to Prue Sinoch on 0407 611 475.

To submit your application, visit **www.rasa.org.au/careers/vacancies**
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Administrative TAFE study will be included in the traineeship.

To apply for this position, you must be aged 17-24 or 17-30 in special circumstances.

Applications can be submitted from Thursday February 16th and close 5pm Thursday 9th March 2023.

For details on how to apply, please view job reference number **521479** at <https://iworkfor.sa.gov.au/>



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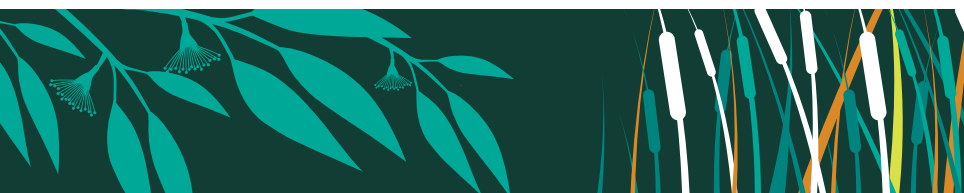
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Waikerie bests Barmera to secure second spot

THE penultimate round of the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants season saw Waikerie secure second spot ahead of Barmera in division one.

An impressive display from Wayne Collins' four helped the home side to a win over the Lakesiders under the dome.

Waikerie now holds a 44-point advantage over the Pelicans with just one round remaining and plays The Lawns this weekend, while Barmera hosts Loxton.

Berri remains at the top of the tree and will finish the home and away season in first place after another dominant display last weekend.

Berri travelled to Loxton and scored a convincing victory after winning all three rinks against the home side.

Mason Kaufer's four was particularly impressive, handing Des Schliebs' quartet a 19-shot loss on their home turf.

Meanwhile, Renmark defeated local rivals The Lawns to pull ahead in the race for the fourth finals spot.

The last remaining finals position is far from secured though, with Renmark the firm underdogs heading into its clash with Berri this week.

The Lawns will need to score a win over second-placed Waikerie this Saturday and hope for a Renmark loss if it is to taste finals action this season.

Loxton is the only team out of the finals race and will play its final match of the season against Barmera this week.



Waikerie skipper Wayne Collins helped his side to an important victory over Barmera last Saturday.

Berri, Waikerie, Monash and Loxton RSL loom as the four teams set to make up the finals in division two, while Waikerie has secured top spot in division three with a week still to play.

RESULTS DIVISION ONE

Renmark 66 d The Lawns 52.
B. Dopson 32 d S. Leesue 13; K. Schulz 12 lost to P. Lawton 23; M. Rice 22 d R. Lawton 16.

Waikerie 59 d Barmera 52.
G. Johns 20 d C. Karantonis 17; A. Fulwood 14 lost to J. Morena 17; W. Collins 25 d R. Reynolds 18.

Berri 70 d Loxton 37.
M. Kaufer 28 d D. Schliebs 9; A. Hill 21 d J. Vaughan 15; D. Treloar 21 d R. Coombs 13.

Points: Berri 385; Waikerie 294; Barmera 250; Renmark 149; The Lawns 136; Loxton 112.

DIVISION TWO

Monash 80 d Berri Red 48.
I. Potts 21 drew with S. Hall 21; M. Wood 22 d J. Jungfer 15; M. Kruger 37 d J. Cresp 12.

Loxton 68 d Lyrup 49.
H. Appleton 25 d S. Munro 17; W. Harrison 20 d P. Drewett 16; T. Thurston 23 d L. Recchia 16.
Renmark 59 d Barmera 56.
C. Eagle 23 d D. Mills 16; L.

Warren 15 lost to W. Uppington 24; B. Lockett 21 d C. Gamble 16.
Waikerie 74 d The Lawns Red 53.
D. Morley 36 d K. Smith 15; R. Davies 18 lost to K. Knight 19; D. Thompson 20 d B. Haby 19.

Loxton RSL 60 d The Lawns 53.
S. Roberts 22 d R. Adam 15; C. Inglis 22 d C. Topperwien 18; G. Huppertz 16 lost to R. Ashworth 20.

Points: Berri 286; Waikerie 276; Monash 248.18; Loxton RSL 247.27; The Lawns 194.81; Barmera 189.45; Renmark 164; Lyrup 163.27; Loxton 157; The Lawns Red 143; Berri Red 64.

DIVISION THREE

Moorook 65 d Renmark 41.
J. Sutherland 25 d J. Thompson 13; M. Couzner 20 d C. Vriends 12; C. Pantic 20 d M. Walker 16.

Waikerie 65 d Barmera 64.
W. Burris 25 d I. Lloyde 23; C. Davies 22 d H. Robinson 9; D. Trandafil 18 lost to T. Brown 32.
Monash 59 d Berri 54.
J. John 25 d J. Bradford 17; S. Voigt 19 lost to K. Tanner 24; C. Traeger 15 lost to B. Bland 16.

Loxton White 66 d Berri Blue 45.
G. Sichler 25 d P. Ledsham 14; T. Altschwager 25 d M. Binding 14; B. Arnold 16 lost to D. Irwin 17.
Loxton RSL 64 d The Lawns 55.
H. Dreschler 19 lost to P. Brown 22; T. Watkins 30 d L. Pinyon 13;



DERBY DAY: Mick Rice (above) and Russel Lawton's quartets went head-to-head as Renmark took on The Lawns in a cross-town derby last Saturday. Rice's rink emerged victorious by six shots, while Renmark won the overall contest 66-52. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



J. Smith 15 lost to K. Tschirpig 20.
Loxton Red d Lyrup (forfeit).
Points: Waikerie 373; Berri 317; Barmera 304; Loxton Red 295; Renmark 236; Monash 219; Loxton RSL 194; Moorook 192; Loxton White 190; The Lawns 173; Berri Blue 88; Lyrup 69.

DIVISION FOUR

Monash 51 d The Lawns 24.
R. Wright 21 d V. Crouch 11; T. Swanbury 30 d C. Haar 13.
Waikerie Regents 39 d Loxton 28.
J. Mortimer 25 d N. Milich 10; G.

van der Myle 14 lost to T. Harrison 18.
Waikerie Hornets d Moorook (forfeit).
Points: Waikerie Regents 281; Monash 232; Waikerie Hornets 200; Barmera 174; Moorook 111; The Lawns 110.28; Loxton 62.42.

Massive midweek triples wins for top sides as finals action approaches

A PAIR of hefty wins headlined last week's round of Bowls Riverland midweek triples.

Top side Barmera travelled to Renmark to take on The Lawns and emerged with the points after a 65-shot trouncing of the home side.

Ron Reynolds' quartet did the bulk of the damage, picking up a 36-shot victory over their opponents.

But, the biggest margin of the week came in a match played under the dome, where

mid-table Waikerie dominated last-place Monash.

The home side won all four rinks comfortably and finished the match 76 shots in front of their opponents.

RESULTS

Loxton White 102 d Berri Red 80.
P. Vaughan 36 d B. Hollis 10; W. Harrison 28 d D. Treloar 18; H. Appleton 19 lost to J. Cresp 24; T. Thurston 19 lost to G. Elleway 28.

Renmark Green 90 d Loxton Red 71.
J. Thompson 16 lost to G. Schulz 26; M. Lacey 30 d G.

Cockshell 7; B. QuatreBornes 22 d R. Coombs 20; B. Knight 22 d P. Kimber 18.

Barmera 110 d The Lawns 45.
C. Healey 22 d K. Schopp 10; R. Reynolds 42 d K. Tschirpig 6; J. Morena 45 d K. Knight 15; A. Gapco 21 d R. Ashworth 14.

The Lawns Red 101 d Barmera Pelicans 67.
N. Kelly 22 d P. Thompson 15; S. Ivanovic 22 d T. Daelman 16; R. Lawton 37 d H. Robinson 11; R. Adam 20 lost to T. Brown 25.

Renmark Gold 78 d Loxton Blue 72.
M. Howe 16 lost to T. Allister 21; B. Dopson 21 d D. Schliebs 18; B. Cropper 18 lost to R. Hancock 20; D. Leedle 23 d D. Kimber 13.

Loxton RSL 86 d Berri Blue 61.
G. Huppertz 30 d G. Pahl 10; S. Charles 11 lost to J. Jungfer 25; W. Schulz 20 d N. Jenke 12; D. Drabsch 25 d J. Centofanti 14.

Waikerie 124 d Monash 48.
W. Burris 35 d P. Raams 6; G. Lloyd 26 d W. Pahl 18; R. Mortimer 24 d R. Jury 14; D. Morley 39 d C. Traeger 10.

Points: Barmera 443; The Lawns Red 393.4; Loxton Red 304; Renmark Gold 273; Renmark Green 271; Waikerie 252; Berri Blue 237.6; Lyrup 233.3; Loxton White 233; Loxton Blue 218; Berri Red 214; Loxton RSL 191; Barmera Pelicans 148; The Lawns 99; Monash 63.

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Tigers clear in second

A RUTHLESS performance from Loxton's bowling attack saw it move a game clear of Berri in second place on the Riverland Turf Cricket Association A grade ladder last weekend.

The Tigers took on Berri Colts at home and set an imposing total after captain Ben Hoffmann won the toss and elected to bat.

Opener Jacob Evans top scored with 55 for the home side, while Jake Albrecht fell just seven runs short of a half-century.

Former Wunkar duo Kale Smith and Talyn Eagle combined to add 48 runs in the middle order, before the Tigers finished on 184 for the loss of just five wickets from their 40 overs.

Mitch Cawse, son of former quick Hayden Cawse, was the pick of the young Berri Bowlers, taking 3/22 from his eight overs.

The Colts' chase never got off the ground as wickets tumbled at both ends, with skipper Reece Lehmann the only player to make it to double digits.

Hoffmann continued his form with the ball, taking four wickets in the win, while youngster Cam Kerr picked up 3/12 as the Colts were bowled out for just 38.

Meanwhile, Renmark North made it nine straight A grade wins (including Super League games) when it took down Berri at Renmark Oval.

The Bluetongues won the toss with skipper Tarque Williamson putting the travelling side in the field for the first innings.

Colin Packer compiled a solid 20 at the top of the order, with the all-rounder continuing to fill in for the injured Ben Files.

Liam Jackson and Tarque Williamson both notched up half centuries, while some big hitting from Blake Henderson in the dying overs got the Bluetongues close to 200.

Nathan Scadden got Berri off to a hot start with his 32, while Berri captain Brad Rosenzweig looked in strong form before falling victim to a miracle leg-side run-out from keeper Daniel Harding.

The travelling side was eventually bowled out one short of 100, with Jackson's off-spin taking apart the lower order.

RESULTS A GRADE

Loxton 5/184 (J. Evans 55, J. Albrecht 43, K. Smith 24no, T. Eagle 24, T. Hobby 12, M. Cawse 3/22, A. Nobile 1/29, R.



Renmark North opener Colin Packer compiled 20 runs before he was dismissed in his side's clash with Berri last Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Lehmann 1/42) d Berri Colts 38 (R. Lehmann 12, B. Hoffmann 4/11, C. Kerr 3/12, B. Lynch 1/4).

Renmark North 5/191 (T. Williamson 64, L. Jackson 53, B. Henderson 22no, C. Packer 20, D. Harding 10, R. Kubsch 2/29, R. Herbert 1/29, B. Oakley 1/38, B. Rosenzweig 1/48) d Berri 99 (N. Scadden 32, B. Rosenzweig 21, J. Fielke 14, R. Herbert 12, L. Jackson 4/9, T. Bharker 3/22, Z. Gallo 2/21).

B GRADE

Waikerie Ramco 4/135 (S. Liebich 39, C. Smart 38no, S.

Taylor 27no, N. Andrew 12) d Monash 9/130 (K. Gillespie 69, J. Roberts 23, N. Andrew 3/9, S. Liebich 2/6, F. Andrew 2/29, A. Werner 1/33).

Renmark North 9/154 (M. Cartwright 55, B. Willis 21no, J. Smedley 18, D. Aston 16, M. Recchia 15, A. Abdulla Jr 4/30, A. Abdulla Sr 2/17, B. McPherson 2/24, W. Motto 1/13) d Gerard 96 (J. Abdulla 19, G. Abdulla Jr 18, G. Halls 17, B. McPherson 14, M. Cartwright 3/15, D. Hill 2/20, J. Smedley 2/21, S. Files 1/5). Brown's Well d Loxton (forfeit).

Top three set for junior finals

DESPITE a loss in the final home and away match of the season, Waikerie Ramco has ended the Riverland Turf Cricket Association on top of the table.

The Warriors dropped just one match throughout the regular season, losing to Berri last Saturday by two wickets.

Aaron Nobile and Gurshan Singh starred for the Berri side that ended the season in second spot and will take on Loxton this week in the preliminary final.

Waikerie Ramco will enjoy a week off before playing the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final a week later.

The Warriors will go into the match confident, with stars Thomas Waanders and Flynn Andrew putting together impressive seasons with bat, ball and gloves.

Meanwhile, Renmark North's season ended on a high, picking up its first win of the season against Loxton last Saturday.

The Bluetongues will not play finals cricket, but strong showings from Trent Coombs with the bat and a number of players with the ball saw the home side over the line against Loxton.

Tigers star Dan Zdanowicz compiled a half-century for the visitors and looms as a key wicket for the Demons in



Waikerie Ramco skipper Flynn Andrew will be key to his side's finals success. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

this weekend's clash.

RESULTS UNDER 16

Berri 8/134 (A. Nobile 35, G. Singh 28no, S. Andrenacci 19, P. Efthimiou 18) d Waikerie Ramco 130 (B. Shergill 3/6, S. Andrenacci 2/4, M. Cawse 2/10, K. Shergill 1/19, G. Singh 1/21, A. Nobile 1/25).

Renmark North 7/203 (T. Coombs 54no, L. Foley 36, M. Aston 33, A. Cartwright 11, H. Lynch 3/28, R. Montgomery 2/18) d Loxton 8/190 (D. Zdanowicz 61no, C. Kerr 36, J. Hall 28, R. Montgomery 18, A. Khaira 2/7, H. Papageorgios 2/13, A. Cartwright 2/31, T. Johnson 1/7, A. Singh-Dhillon 1/41).



Former Loxton North player Zac Wooldridge will return to Panther Park in 2023 after spending a number of years in Adelaide. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Zac's back at Panther Park

ONE of Loxton North's favourite sons has committed to return to the club in 2023, in what is a major coup for new coach Terry Eleftheriadis.

Former West Adelaide Footballer and Loxton North junior Zac Wooldridge will lace up the boots for the Panthers again this season, after spending a number of years in Adelaide.

Wooldridge is a decorated player, having made his A grade debut

for North in 2018 and winning the club's goalkicking trophy in the same season.

He also took out best first year player honours for the club, after coming fourth in the Panthers' best and fairest count and being named in the RFL Team of the Year.

The 2019 season saw Wooldridge play six games for the Westies under 18s side, before making his way into the senior set-up, playing 11 times

for the reserves.

A year later, he managed a podium placing in the reserves best and fairest count, finishing third overall, before making his way to Flinders Park where he became a regular feature in the club's A grade side.

Wooldridge joins fellow gun recruits Matt Fletcher and Dylan Eleftheriadis at Panther Park, as the new-look North side gears up for an improved 2023 campaign.

Memorial match for 'Mitch'

AFTER over a year in recess, Cobdogla Football Club will take the field again, although it won't be premiership points on the line for the Eagles.

Cobby and Wunkar will go head-to-head in a friendly match set to honour the memory of a local legend.

Mick 'Mitch' Mitchell was

known for his contribution to a number of the region's sporting clubs before his passing late last year.

He was president of the Cobdogla Football Club and a trainer for both Cobby and Wunkar, as well as a loyal servant to the Barmera Soccer Club.

Mitch tragically passed away

late last year.

The memorial match will take place at midday on Saturday, March 4 at Wunkar Oval, with a get-together to be held at Cobdogla Football Club on the Wednesday prior to the match.

Cobdogla Football Club encouraged all people willing to be a part of the event to attend.

RFL set to scale the Summit at SANFL-run education event

A WIDE array of education and training services are set to hit the Riverland for one day only, with the region's footy public encouraged to attend 'The Summit' later this month.

The event, which will be held at Loxton Oval on Sunday, February 26, is designed to educate club coaches, administrators and Auskick co-ordinators, with the aim of providing high-level education and training.

The SANFL-run

event will see West Adelaide Football Club duo Adam Hartlett (senior coach) and Russell Godson (talent manager/U18 coach) headline the day with a presentation on training drills.

Hartlett is also set to be the day's guest speaker, with SANFL employee and former Riverlander Shane Uren to interview the coach in the afternoon.

SANFL coach development co-ordinator Rian Nelson will also make a

presentation regarding culture and relationships, and coaching resources, while women's footy, facilities, grants and Play HQ will also all be covered by SANFL speakers.

The day will then finish with the official RFL 2023 season launch.

To register your interest in attending the event, head to (<https://sanflprograms.wufoo.com/forms/the-summit-2023/>).



HAT-TRICK HERO: Gerard bowler Adrian 'Nooky' Abdulla Jr put on a show at Berri's second oval last weekend, picking up three wickets in as many balls in his side's clash with Renmark North. Nooky finished with figures of 4/30 from his eight overs, but the Bluetongues had the last laugh, winning the match by 58 runs.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



The victorious Riverland under 14 girls and boys division one sides from last weekend’s Riverland basketball carnival. Under 14 girls: Back: Matthew Hutchinson (coach, left), Sophie Tullett, Shaya Whitbourne, Layla Hutchinson, Elise Cameron and Sue Whitbourne (team manager). Front: Elysia Cresp, Mackenzie Pitt, Nyah Uren and Ocea Gartner. Under 14 boys: Back: Logan Bowers, Jake Sweet, Harrison Keynes, Jack O’Byran and David Ness (coach). Front: Ivan Ness, Samuel DePalma and Tyson Burford. PHOTOS: Facebook



Welcome return for Riverland carnival

BEN LENNON

ANOTHER Riverland basketball carnival has been and gone, with the latest Covid-free edition welcoming 11 associations to the region.

Each Riverland basketball club hosted a number of matches across the 15 divisions, although Waikerie hosted just one match.

Riverland Basketball Association vice-president Chantel Johnson said feedback received from visiting associations had been positive and the carnival was “very successful”.

“It was awesome,” Ms Johnson said.

“Obviously with the

floods recently, having all those people in the Riverland towns was great.

“Last year Covid was around during the tournament, although the restrictions weren’t too bad, but this year it was all good.”

The timely opening of Bookpurnong Road, which connects Berri to Loxton, was a saving grace for travelling families.

“Once we found out the road was opening on Saturday morning, it became a lot easier,” Ms Johnson said.

“With families coming up, they might have two or three kids playing in different grades and in different towns.

“Obviously as a parent you try and go to watch as many games as you can, so having that road open really helped.”

Ms Johnson acted as president for the carnival in the absence of Michael Trussell, who is currently overseas.

Despite his absence, Ms Johnson, who is also the president of Renmark Steamers, praised the work of Mr Trussell behind the scenes, as well as the efforts of the hosting clubs.

““Truss’ does a lot of the work and he’s become pretty good at it by now,” Ms Johnson said.

“Each club helps out.

At Renmark we take over the stadium for the carnival and run it ourselves, and the other towns do the same.

“You’ve got your court managers making sure games run on time and every club in the Riverland plays a major part of it.

“It’s a lot of hard work. We get a lot of the other associations bringing umpires, and umpires from Adelaide come up as well which helps.”

Local kids enjoyed plenty of success, with the Riverland’s under 14 boys, under 14 girls and under 12 girls all taking out their respective division one titles.



The Riverland under 12 girls division one side also managed a grand final win. Back: Leah Uren (coach, left), Indigo Williams, Indy Venning, Ally Sweet, Sienna Uren and Lydia Schwarz-Johns (team manager). Front: Ilse Vowles, Mollie Thiele, Millah Schwarz-da Silva and Isobel Miller.

Steamers move to 9-1 as Riverland basketball heats up

A BARRAGE of three-pointers from young guard Declan Johnson helped Renmark to its ninth win in 10 attempts this season in last Thursday’s round of Riverland division one men’s basketball.

The Steamers welcomed Berri to the Renmark recreation centre and it was the travelling side that had the upper hand early, with the Blazers holding a three-point advantage at the end of the first.

But, the Renmark offence soon began to click into gear, with Johnson’s long-range shooting a feature down the stretch.

He finished with seven three-pointers and 26 points and was handily helped by under-sized point guard Judd Hansen, who added 21 of his own.

Jasper Hoffmann played a lone hand in offence for the travelling side, pouring in 23 points, but the Blazers fell well short despite their hot start.

Meanwhile a strong defensive display in the third quarter helped Barmera to a win over Waikerie at home.

The Lakers held the Warriors to just four points in the third term and went on to win the contest by 17 after leading by just one point at half time.

Campbell Marks led the way for the Lakers with 17, while no Waikerie player

managed more than 10 points in the low-scoring contest.

Scoring was no issue for Barmera’s division one women’s side, with the Lakers dropping 81 points on Loxton’s second string outfit.

Tahlia Dillon and Chelsea Wutke combined for 29 as the home side took down the Supercats, while Loxton’s division one side comfortably defeated the Barmera division two team in the reverse fixture.

Renmark’s two women’s sides continued to struggle, with the division one team falling to Berri by 32 and the division two team going down to Waikerie thanks largely to a Hannah Lehmann masterclass.

RESULTS MEN

Division one				
Renmark	13	39	76	94
Berri	16	32	50	71
Points: Renmark – D. Johnson 26, J. Hansen 21, R. Curtis 13, A. Vuleta 12, L. Keynes, C. Gartery 8, B. Rover 6. Berri – J. Hoffmann 23, Harrison Campbell 15, Heath Campbell 12, O. Hunyadi 7, J. Szalbot 6, R. Kunoth 5, L. Dack 3.				
Barmera	14	30	50	64
Waikerie	8	29	33	47
Points: Barmera – C. Marks 17, M. Wellington 14, R. Haigh 9, L. Warnett 8, A. Smith 7, D. Millard 4, K. Stokes 3, B. Hembling 2. Waikerie – K. Ling, C. Daniels, K. Hahn 10, D. Leuders, L. Ebert 6, J. Twigden 5.				
Division two				

Loxton 55 d Barmera 31; Waikerie 33 d Berri 28.

Division three

Loxton 44 d Supercats 40; Barmera 74 d Berri 11; Warriors 25 d Tigers 24; Wildcats 51 d Allstars 33; Blazer 40 d Rovers 34; Waikerie Black 65 d Renmark 57; Chaffey 42 d Steamers 39.

Division four

Barmera 31 d Blazers 25.

Under 18 (div one)

Barmera 45 d Berri 42; Loxton 68 d Renmark 33.

Under 14 (div two)

Renmark 30 d Loxton 20; Supercats 50 d Waikerie 36.

Under 16 (div one)

Renmark 28 d Loxton 26; Waikerie 42 d Barmera 24.

Under 16 (div two)

Renmark 32 d Berri 26; Blazers 24 d Loxton 6; Supercats 59 d Waikerie 14; Barmera 47 d lakers 18.

Under 14 (div one)

Renmark 66 d Barmera 36; Loxton 36 d Waikerie 13.

Under 14 (div two)

Supercats 43 d Lakers 35; Renmark 37 d Loxton 31.

Under 12 (div one)

Renmark 28 d Berri 18; Loxton 24 d Waikerie 5.

Under 12 (div two)

Waikerie 24 d Lakers 15; Barmera 20 d Supercats 11.

WOMEN

Division one/two

Loxton	15	32	58	76
Barmera D2	2	12	19	27
Points: Loxton – B. Hahn 17, E. Foulds, K. Harman 16, S. Rucioch 14, A. Modlinski, S. Smith 5, M. Pfeiler 3. Barmera D2 – S. Whitbourne 10, B. Pietrolaj 8, R. Gay 4, C. Doupis 3, H. Hodgson 2.				
Waikerie	15	24	40	52
Renmark D2	2	7	16	24
Points: Waikerie – H. Lehmann 17, T. Fridd 15, R.				

Hahn 8, Y. Liu 6, S. Hyde 4, L. Hahn 2. Renmark D2 – M. Newman 11, A. Koumbarakos 6, B. Martinson 4, J. Crook 3.

Barmera	19	41	63	81
Loxton D2	2	8	14	23

Points: Barmera – T. Dillon 15, C. Wutke 14, S. Whitbourne 13, K. Barnett, L. Hill 11, A. Haigh 10, K. Stavrou 5, J. Kassulke 2. Loxton D2 – H. Bullock 12, L. Uren 5, M. Hicks, A. Holmes, S. Edwards 2.

Berri	11	28	38	54
Renmark	1	4	12	22

Points: Berri – B. Gates 23, A. Westley 9, M. O’Leary-Fletcher 8, E. Westley, E. Jordan, E. Cameron 4, A. Fenwick 2. Renmark – L. Haynes, J. Haynes 6, D. Haynes 4, M. Haynes, S. Wiese, T. Moldovan 2.

Division three

Catstars 36 d Berri 23; Barmera 56 d Allstars 18; Renmark 45 d Tigers 13; Wildcats 30 d Loxton 16.

Division four

Renmark 27 d Blazers 23; Berri 35 d Waikerie 24; Barmera 30 d Steamers 11; Loxton 38 d Supercats 12.

Under 18

Barmera 53 d Loxton 27; Berri 20 d Waikerie 0.

Under 16 (div one)

Barmera 29 d Berri 26; Loxton 41 d Renmark 4.

Under 16 (div two)

Supercats 26 d Loxton 15; Waikerie 23 d Renmark 8.

Under 14 (div one)

Barmera 31 d Waikerie 17; Berri 41 d Loxton 14.

Under 14 (div two)

Loxton 34 d Lakers 6; Supercats 38 d Waikerie 32; Berri 19 d Barmera 11.

Under 12 (div one)

Renmark 26 d Barmera 9; Loxton 47 d Berri 6.

Under 12 (div two)

Barmera 8 d Lakers 6; Loxton 22 d Supercats 15; Tigers 31 d Waikerie 14.

Academy hub headed for Berri

BEN LENNON

A CHANGE to the academy structure at the top level of junior netball in South Australia is set to bring major benefits to aspiring Riverlanders.

The Adelaide Thunderbirds Talent Academy has adopted a new structure for 2023, involving five development academies scattered across regional South Australia, including one in Berri.

Riverland Netball Association (RNA) committee member Jessie Miller believes the change should help accelerate the careers of young Riverland netball hopefuls.

"It's designed for 14-16-year-olds, so they're looking at the under 17 and under 19 pathways for state netballers. The players in those teams will be selected from these academies," Ms Miller said.

"There's a metro academy as well, which is for emerging

talent. So, from all of the selections for the regional academies, they'll pull 20 that they deem exceptional into a program run in the metro area for those that are identified as highly talented."

The Riverland has had many talented youngsters come through the ranks, with Loxton's Summer Smith the latest cab off the rank after her selection in the under 17 state side last week.

The introduction of the academy base in Berri will see high-level coaching supplied to these up-and-comers, helping enhance the state team experience for Summer, while also benefiting others, Ms Miller believes.

"For someone like Summer to get specialised coaching, which is going to be similar to what she's going to get through her under 17 coaching program, is going to be highly beneficial," Ms Miller said.

"For the other girls as well, the 20 that are



The Thunderbirds visited the Riverland in May last year, hosting a clinic at Waikerie. PHOTO: Christine Webster

selected are going to get a similar opportunity to Summer, which is something that we haven't had for a few years now."

The RNA has welcomed the structural change with open arms, after recently providing feedback to Netball SA about what locals believed was a neglect of the area.

"As an association, we informed Netball

SA that we weren't happy with what we were getting," Ms Miller said.

"It's good that they're listening to what we need, so it's pretty amazing to have this. We didn't have to apply for this or anything, Berri was chosen as one of the destinations."

"Previously we've had academy programs, but they were

based and structured in Karoonda with the whole of the Mallee, so they were training with heaps of people.

"Having it based in Berri is ideal for us."

Applications for a spot in the Berri-based academy remain open until February 17, with a trial set for Sunday, February 26, with coaches from Adelaide making the trip to assess the local talent.



State selection for Summer

LOXTON netball talent Summer Smith has been selected to represent South Australia this year in the under 17s state side.

Smith, who also donned state colours last year as part of the under 15s, is one of 12 youngsters to make the grade

in the state's top team.

A squad of 25 players has been training since January 15, with Smith one of a handful of country-based players to make the final cut.

The squad will travel to Darwin in April to take part in the National Netball Championships.

Cobby moves to 6-0 as Renmark holds serve in second

COBDOGLA improved its perfect record last weekend, with its win over Berri Blue its sixth consecutive triumph in division one of Riverland tennis.

The reigning champion had its work cut out for it against a spirited Berri outfit that matched the home side for much of the contest.

The two-set win was hard-earned by Cobdogla, with Berri winning just two fewer games throughout the fixture.

Georgia Tzanavaras was a standout for the visitors, winning her singles match against Emily Carter and securing victory in both of her doubles rubbers.

Cohen Battams similarly went undefeated for the victors, while Sam Butterworth lost just his second match

of the season, going down in the doubles alongside Hayden Carter.

Meanwhile, Renmark stormed to victory over Loxton White to secure a one-game buffer in second spot on the table.

The side went into the match equal on wins with Berri Blue, but put in a strong performance to pull ahead, losing just two rubbers along the way.

John Pick returned to the line-up to feature in a doubles contest alongside Ethan Sleep and won well against Callan Wall and Brooke Reichelt.

Dave Strongman's form continued in doubles and singles action, while Nadia Kruger picked up Loxton's only singles win.

Kruger and Wall teamed

up to deliver the side's solitary doubles victory, defeating Ethan Sleep and Caren Martin 7-6.

RESULTS SENIORS DIVISION ONE

Cobdogla 7-58 d Berri Blue 5-56

Doubles: S. Butterworth/H. Carter d E. Day/P. Reid 9-5; C. Battams/W. Swinstead d P. Cresp/unspecified player 9-7; E. Carter/H. Drogemuller lost to K. Hayes/G. Tzanavaras 0-9; S. Butterworth/H. Carter lost to E. Day/unspecified player 5-7; H. Carter/E. Carter lost to P. Reid/G. Tzanavaras 2-6; C. Battams/H. Drogemuller d P. Cresp/K. Hayes 6-4.

Singles: S. Butterworth d E. Day 6-1; H. Carter d P. Reid 6-0; C. Battams d unspecified player 6-2; W. Swinstead lost to P. Cresp 2-6; E. Carter lost to G. Tzanavaras 1-6; H. Drogemuller d K. Hayes 6-3.

Renmark 10-77 d Loxton White 2-40

Doubles: D. Strongman/D. Schumann d P. Smith/S. Gillett 9-1; J. Pick/E. Sleep d C. Wall/B.

Reichelt 9-2; O. Hughes/H. Poulish d T. Smith/N. Kruger 9-6; D. Strongman/D. Schumann d P. Smith/B. Reichelt 6-1; A. Qambari/O. Hughes d S. Gillett/T. Smith 6-2; E. Sleep/C. Martin lost to C. Wall/N. Kruger 6-7. Singles: D. Strongman d P. Smith 6-3; D. Schumann d S. Gillett 6-2; A. Qambari d C. Wall 6-4; C. Cornelius d B. Reichelt 6-3; O. Hughes d T. Smith 6-3; C. Martin lost to N. Kruger 2-6.

DIVISION TWO

Barmera Hall of Framers 10-78 d Loxton Black 2-35

Doubles: M. Henwood/P. Jericho d M. Gum/T. Jachmann 9-8; S. Jericho/A. Kariuki d C. Loxton/R. Loxton 9-0; S. Albrecht/H. Brattoli d E. Gum/B. Gum 9-1; M. Henwood/P. Jericho d M. Gum/T. Jachmann 7-6; S. Jericho/S. Albrecht d C. Loxton/E. Gum 6-1; A. Kariuki/H. Brattoli d R. Loxton/B. Gum 6-3.

Singles: M. Henwood lost to M. Gum 5-7; P. Jericho lost to T. Jachmann 3-6; S. Jericho d C. Loxton 6-1; A. Kariuki d R. Loxton 6-1; S. Albrecht d E. Gum 6-1; H. Brattoli d B. Gum 6-0.

Berri Red 11-75 d Loxton Yellow

1-32

Doubles: B. Rogers/S. Macpherson d T. Griffin/N. Gibbs 9-7; R. Mason/R. Cresp d A. Segui/R. Hentschke 9-2; Y. Tzanavaras/A. Reid d J. Pearn/D. Gibbs 9-4; B. Rogers/R. Mason d T. Griffin/N. Gibbs 6-1; S. Macpherson/Y. Tzanavaras d A. Segui/J. Pearn 6-2; R. Cresp/A. Reid d R. Hentschke/D. Gibbs 6-4. Singles: B. Rogers d T. Griffin 6-1; S. Macpherson d N. Gibbs 6-0; R. Mason d A. Segui 6-4; R. Cresp d R. Hentschke 6-0; Y. Tzanavaras d J. Pearn 6-1; A. Reid lost to D. Gibbs 0-6.

DIVISION THREE

Cobdogla (2) 10-60 d Loxton Bashers 0-20; Cobby Crushers 8-57 d Barmera Ace Ace Baby 2-29; Barmera All About That Ace 5-46 d Moorook 5-45; Cobdogla (3) 8-51 d Renmark Sharks 2-21; Renmark Dolphins 6-49 d Berri "Work In Progress" 4-39.

JUNIORS

GREEN 1

Loxton Millman 8-48 d Renmark Owls 0-23; Cobdogla 7-47 d Renmark Joeys 1-16.

GREEN 2

Cobdogla Falcons 7-35 d Cobdogla Kites 0-16; Barmera Blues 6-40 d Berri 2-22; Waikerie Slammers 6-42 d Barmera Bombers 1-24.

GREEN 3

Waikerie 8-43 d Barmera Lions 0-16; Loxton Hewitt 5-41 d Berri 2-22; Renmark Kookaburras 7-47 d Barmera Tigers 1-11.

Green 4

Renmark Diamonds 7-42 d Cobdogla Hawks 0-9; Loxton Deminaur 4-27 d Loxton Stosur 4-23; Waikerie 6-34 d Cobdogla Eagles 2-22.

ORANGE 1

Barmera 8-33 d Cobdogla Harriers 0-6; Loxton Saville 5-30 d Loxton Popyrin 2-19; Renmark Koalas 8-38 d Cobdogla Kestrels 0-8.

ORANGE 2

Barmera 4-21 d Loxton Tomljanovic 3-22; Renmark Possums 5-27 d Cobdogla 1-17.

YELLOW

Cobdogla 6-40 d Barmera Crows 2-24; Renmark Sharks 7-47 d Loxton Kyrgios 1-18; Barmera Power 8-48 d Berri 0-8.



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Restart your engines for dinghy season

BEN LENNON

FOLLOWING some uncertain times due to the River Murray flood event, a local sporting organisation is set to resume regular programming, albeit with a few changes.

The Riverland Dinghy Club season, which normally kicks off at the beginning of February, was delayed this year due to high flows and water levels, but the club has now announced a revised start date for 2023.

The season will begin nearly two months later than usual, with racers to return to the water on Friday, March 31.

The Dash for Cash remains as the traditional

season opener, with the Derby to follow two days later on April 2.

Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke said the club “contemplated moving” the structure of the season around, but opted to stick with the familiar format.

“If the water hadn’t receded as quickly as we’d planned for, we were going to need to move the Dash to a different week-end and have a possible double-round with a circuit race for instance,” Mr Jenke said.

“People want to race under lights in the Dash and they want to race in the Dinghy Derby, so it would’ve been a big financial hit for us if we’d sep-

arated them, so we were keen to try and retain the format.”

The delay to the season’s start came largely due to the State Government-imposed restrictions on river activities, as well as safety concerns.

Mr Jenke is confident the races will be able to run smoothly, albeit with some need to adapt to new conditions.

“We do have a couple of obstacles as always, but we’re working with the relevant authorities to deal with them,” Mr Jenke said.

“Marine Safety was happy for us to return to the water a month ago if we could, but with the legislation that we had, we

definitely couldn’t.”

The news has been welcomed by competitors and supporters with open arms, with a large number of people rallying behind the club on social media and in private.

“The racers are keen to get back out there. They’ve been in touch a lot with messages of support and telling us they’re keen to return to racing as soon as they can,” Mr Jenke said.

“It’s the wider audience across Australia that has probably been more worried though, always making sure Renmark is all right and reaching out with their support.”

The Dash for Cash will once again be a free family-friendly event, with the

club no longer restricted by Covid protocols.

“Our one biggest drawback is the ability now, post-Covid, to be able to return it into a family event on the Renmark riverfront,” Mr Jenke said.

“We could keep the fencing up like before, bank the money and make a bit more, because it’s going to cost us more now with security and things like that, but for us, we’re happy to wear that cost because we think it’s important to get back to the way it was pre-Covid.

“Like I’ve always said, we owe it to the general public to get the events back up and running so all the tourism operators can benefit.”

Oars in action

A LOCAL sports club persevered through the recent River Murray flood event and returned to relative normality last week, after restrictions were eased on river-based activities.

Members of the Renmark Rowing Club took to the river for the first time in three months last week, and club president Tony Townsend says the rowers are “looking forward to getting back on the water on a regular basis”.

“The ladies crew hit the river last Wednesday and our Vietnam veterans headed out on the water on Thursday night, as well as some people on Sunday morning,” Mr Townsend said.

“It was great to get out on the water given we hadn’t really rowed since November. I think when it rose to about 110GL that’s when we decided to call it quits.

“The only other row we’d had in between was on Lake Bonney.

“The flow rates are obviously still fairly high, but we did find

that it wasn’t too bad rowing into the flow and it was easier than prior to Christmas when the water was rising.”

Despite a halt to regular programming, club members continued to meet regularly during the period off the water, with the club’s land-based equipment enough to provide ample training for the athletes.

“Socially the club has remained pretty active and we’ve still had people on rowing machines,” Mr Townsend said. “In fact a lot of our rowers have been putting in plenty of hours on those Ergos.

“The rest of us have continued to meet socially.”

Mr Townsend believes the social aspect of the club has played an “important part” for its member in dealing with the situation facing the town and the region.

“From a mental health perspective, particularly for blokes, being able to get together and have a



Renmark Rowing Club crews returned to the water last week, as river restrictions were lifted. PHOTO: supplied

chat has been great,” he said.

“There’s been plenty of uncertainty around the town, so for men to share those moments together and talk about it is a good thing, regardless of the outcome.”

Crews will continue to hit the water in the coming weeks and months, with the peak of the flood event passing late last year.

“We love the river and it’s great to see it in a flooded situation, but when it’s threatening people’s homes and threatening the town it’s obviously not good,” Mr Townsend said.

Berri Rowing Club has had no such luck in recommencing on-water action, with Draper Road only recently reopening.

Until then, members had been unable to access the club and the water, with president Sue Skinner saying the ground has been “too wet and soft”.

But, Ms Skinner believes the opening of Draper Road means the club will now be able to access its shed and conduct an assessment on when it will be able to return to action.

– BEN LENNON

Chloe Thompson was named best for Cobdogla after helping her side to victory over Berri in last week’s round of Riverland A grade softball. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Cobby scores clutch win

COBDOGLA emerged victorious from a nail biter at Glassey Park in last week’s round of Riverland A grade softball.

Chloe Thompson and Josh Peltz helped Cobby to an 8-7 win over Berri, with Zy Heinrich and Regan Lambert named best for the home side.

Di Passmore was also named in Cobdogla’s best in the one-run win, while Sophie Sampson performed well for Berri.

The result was reversed in the B grade, with Kasey Ferguson leading Berri to a nine-run win, while Loxton and Cobdogla

picked up victories in the C grade.

RESULTS A GRADE

Cobdogla 8 d Berri 7.
Best: Cobdogla – C. Thompson, J. Peltz, D. Passmore. Berri – Z. Heinrich, R. Lambert, S. Sampson.

B GRADE

Berri 28 d Cobdogla 19.
Best: Berri – K. Ferguson, L. Campbell-Collard, D. Campbell-Collard. Cobdogla – E. Pech, G. Dyer, V. Wade.

C GRADE

Loxton 6 d Renmark 2.
Best: Loxton – not provided. Renmark – M. Morris, P. Seekamp, K. Robinson.
Cobdogla 21 d Berri 12.
Best: Cobdogla – K. Swart, M. Wegner, V. Wade. Berri – K. Goldspink, M. Fridd, L. Walker.

Red runs riot in the third

AN onslaught of third-innings runs from Berri Red saw the top side run out comfortable victors over Riverland Pirates in last week’s round of Riverland baseball.

Red got off to a strong start, scoring three runs in the opening innings, but Pirates held their own with the bat, securing a run to stay within striking distance of the ladder leaders.

Kane Liddell stepped up to the plate for the young Pirates side and immediately had an impact, holding Red to just one run in the second innings, with Pirates holding firm and adding another.

A combination of walks, safe hits and hit-by-pitchers saw Red improve its margin in the third innings, with Steven Goldspink taking over pitching duties midway through.

A further two safe hits to Berri brought the innings to a close, with Red’s lead out to nine runs.

Pirates failed to register a run in the final two innings, while a wild throw from the young side helped Berri add another to the total.

Despite the loss, Pirates continue to show that they have plenty of



Ashley Rogers produced a double as Berri Red exploded in the third innings against Riverland Pirates. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

promise, with one blow-out innings largely the difference between the two sides.

Meanwhile, Renmark trounced Berri Blue in a ruthless display to keep the pressure on Berri Red at the top of the table.

Blue went into the clash undermanned and it showed, with Renmark able to add 10 runs across the first two innings.

Tim Golding was in form on the mound for the Angels, picking up four strikeouts in the victory.

Berri Blue’s highlight came in the form of first-gamer Kym Sampson, who took an impressive catch off a

fly ball at centrefield.

RESULTS

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Berri Red	3	1	7	1	12
Pirates	1	1	-	-	2

Safe hits: Berri Red – A. Rogers 1d, Jesse Frazer, Jamie Frazer, J. Stemberger 1s. Pirates – S. Goldspink 1d 1s, A. Halupka 1s. Strikeouts: Berri Red – K. Karpany 5, Jamie Frazer 2. Pirates – R. Halupka, S. Goldspink 2.

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Renmark	7	3	3	2	15
Berri Blue	-	-	-	4	4

Safe hits: Renmark – D. Grenfell 1d 1s, N. Koumbarakos 1d, G. O’Brien, M. Reilly 1s. Berri Blue – D. Binder 1s. Strikeouts: Renmark – T. Golding 4, N. Koumbarakos 1. Berri Blue – K. Liddell 2, B. Markwick 1.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

BERRI

Wednesday, February 8

Stableford: L. Berry 36, J. Skinner 35, T. McHugh 33, P. Frahn 33, P. Mudge 32, W. Hocevar 32, W. Adams 32.

Saturday, February 11

Stableford: J. Brand 40, C. McKinlay 38, M. Heuzenroeder 37, L. Berry 37, E. Wade 36, C. Waihape 35, B. Hartshorne 35, L. Campbell 35, M. Jennings 34, D. Ramsay 34, P. Jealous 33.

Sunday, February 12

Stableford: I. McHugh 36, M. Wilksch 36, W. Hocevar 36, S. Marsden 35, M. Boon 35, M. Baylis 35, S. Wade 34, P. Efthimiou 34, M. Heuzenroeder. 34, R. Nagy 33.

LOXTON

Wednesday, February 8

Stableford: Men – T. Sawade 39, D. Unferdorben 37, G. MacInnes 37, P. Richardson 36, B. Skinner 36. Women – S. Grein 35, D. Harman 34, J. Sawade 34.

Saturday, February 11

Stableford

Men: A grade – J. Walker 43, B. Whitelaw 41, P. Harman 40, B. Proud 38. B grade – B. Skinner 37, D. Peberdy 35, D. Marsland 35, E. O’Callaghan 35, G. Schultz 35. Women: M. Thomson 33, J. Bullock 33, J. Sawade 33, J. Ling 33.

WOMEN'S EIGHTBALL

RESULTS

Waikerie 10 d Lyrup Blue 5.
Bonnie Pelicans 13 d Lyrup Lion Cubs 2.
Monash Club 8 d Renmark Roses 7.
Lyrup Club 8 d BBC Cue-Ts 7.

RIFLE CLUB RESULTS

Thursday, February 2

20m: M. Cresp 99.4, 95.1 (0) 194; R. Ward 95.0, 95.1 (3) 193.

Thursday, February 9

20m: M. Cresp 100.4, 100.2 (0) 200; B. Lacey 97.0, 96.1 (1) 194; R. Ward 91.0, 98.1 (3) 192.



Stacked line-up for Nippy's Loxton Gift

THE 2022 Bay Sheffield champion, Adelaide's Michael Moschou, is heading to Loxton this Saturday in attempt to become the first athlete to win the Bay Sheffield/Nippy's Loxton Gift double in the same season.

As the event backmarker, Moschou has a massive task ahead, however the 18-year-old junior state sprint champion is fresh from contesting the 100m at the Adelaide Invitational, where he was the first SA athlete home in the 100m C race.

Only Shaun Walker (1995 Bay Sheffield/2002 Loxton Gift) and Clay Watkins (2005 Bay Sheffield/2013 Loxton Gift) have won the prestigious Gift double, however neither was in the same season.

Among the toughest for Moschou to overcome are recent Camden 120m Gift winner Jack Doney, 2022 Loxton Gift runner-up Jesse Cordoma and last year's fourth-placegetter Brett Richards.

Last year's Loxton champion Matt Forrest, a training partner of Moschou's, returns to try to become the first to win the Gift in consecutive years. Forrest was finalist in the PreBay Gift in December.

Victorian Aaron Leferink adds intrigue to the event, having won the 400m Devonport Gift at the Tasmanian Christmas carnivals.

He will be trying to emulate his former stablemate Jack Doderico's Loxton Gift victory from 2020.

In the Women's 120m Gift, four SA Bay Sheffield finalists will meet for the first time since the Bay Sheffield in December.

Jordi McMillan (runner-up), Liana Channon (third), Kayla Lemm (fourth) and Ellie Whittingham (fifth) will be looking to triumph in one of the classic gifts on the calendar.

Whittingham is the in-form athlete after storming to victory in the Crystal Brook Gift three weeks ago.

Adding quality to the field, the placegetters from the under 18 junior Bay Sheffield, Rose Jillard, Jade Dinan and Georgie Fiedler, will be vying to make their first senior classic gift final.

The Nippy's Loxton Gift carnival kicks off at 4pm on Saturday, with the finals of the women's and men's gifts scheduled for 9.30pm onwards.



Last year's winner Matt Forrest (above, centre) will return to Loxton in 2023 to defend his crown as the men's 120m Nippy's Loxton Gift champion.

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RELAY ACTION: The local sporting club relays will be back in 2023.

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The Riverland Dinghy Club season, which normally kicks off at the beginning of February, was

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delayed this year due to high flows and water levels, but the club has now announced a revised start date

for the 2023 season.

The season will begin nearly two months later than usual, with racers to return to the water on Friday, March 31.

The Dash for Cash remains as the traditional season opener, with the Derby to follow two days later on April 2.

Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke said the club “contemplated moving” the structure of the season around, but opted to stick with the familiar format.

“People want to race under lights in the Dash and they want to race in the Dinghy Derby, so it would’ve been a big financial hit

for us if we’d separated them, so we were keen to try and retain the format,” Mr Jenke said.

Mr Jenke is confident the races will be able to run smoothly, albeit with some need to adapt to new conditions.

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