

5 golf course units

OVER \$550,000 of state government funding will make \$2.5m of Riverland tourism projects - including five new golf club units and a restaurant upgrade - a PAGE 2 reality.

Carryover changes

IMPROVING water security for Riverland irrigators and removing "difficult to understand" carryover regulations are the goal of proposed landmark changes to SA water allocation policies. PAGE 8

Pony club in crisis

A CHRONIC lack of riders and members is threatening the future of the Renmark Horse and Pony Club, which could fold by midvear. **PAGE 10**

Canberra Convoy

A GLOSSOP grower says attending last weekend's Canberra Freedom Convoy has reassured him that others share his concerns about vaccine mandates. **PAGE 18**



'Are locals aware of a potential \$30m investment on the site?'

VHAT A WASTE'

TWO key stakeholders have slammed a is a "missed opportunity" for the town. council decision to demolish Renmark's river-front Westpac building rather than allow the site to be redeveloped, claiming the move shows a lack of "progressive" thinking, and

Renmark Paringa councillors last week voted to cease exploring options for the Murray Avenue site and instead knock down the building to create extra open space.

The decision has drawn sharp criticism from Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who said the site had the potential to attract \$30m of investment, and the adjacent Renmark Club, which had lodged an expression of interest

regarding the property.

"If you asked any other council in Australia for this opportunity they would grab it with both hands," said Mr Whetstone. PAGES 4-5



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JOSH BRINE

MORE than \$500,000 in state government funding will make almost \$2.5m worth of Riverland tourism projects a reality, as part of the final round of Tourism Industry Development Fund grants announced in recent days.

Par Five Private Shacks in Berri received \$500,000 towards a \$2.2m development of 15 new accommodation units overlooking the par five at the Berri Golf Course, while Ruston's Restaurant and Functions received \$75,008 for a \$250,027 conversion of an existing building into a "boutique distillery and provedore"

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the fund, which has provided more than \$1.1m in grants to Riverland operators had injected \$3.5m into the local economy since September 2020.

"Not only does this improve the economy, it drives jobs and it creates a greater picture of the Riverland as a destination," Mr Whetstone said.

"We can accommodate more visitors to the region, they spend more, it keeps our shops open and the lights on, and I think it's a really exciting circular economy we are embarking on here."

Par Five Private Shacks owner Michael Kregar said the new accommodation would bring "something a little different" to the Riverland.

"Luckily, with help from the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) and the state government we were able to get this funding so we can get this project up and running and build some luxury shacks on the golf course," he said.

"This will be fantastic for the Riverland.

"Golf numbers have increased over 60 per cent, so if we can get people coming into the area playing golf and staying in these shacks it will be great for the region."

Mr Whetstone said Par Five would provide the additional accommodation the region was "calling out for".

"Accommodation is lacking in the Riverland big time, and it's good to see we have a progressive builder here in the region that's part of building the future of accommodation and making the Riverland a hot spot as a tourist destination," he said.



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Par Five Private Shacks owner Michael Kregar at the site, adjacent to the Berri golf course, where 15 new accommodation units will be built, thanks to \$500,000 in state government funding. PHOTO: Josh Brine

"I think the state government have seen fit to support Par Five Private Shacks, and I think it's a great initiative because it's something that's missing.

We do need five and five-and-ahalf-star accommodation so we can attract higher-end tourists, and it's just a feather in the cap for Michael and his vision of what he wanted to see here in Berri."

Mr Whetstone said now was the time for local tourism and hospitality businesses to "capitalise on opportunities".

"People have been out holidaying, being tourists around South Australia and the Riverland has really shone," he said.

"The government has invested in this region primarily to capitalise on the interest.

"People are looking for these kinds of opportunities in regional South Australia."

SATC chief executive Rodney Harrex said the \$20m fund supported operators to meet record-



Ruston's Restaurant and Functions received \$75,000 for a \$250,000 conversion of an existing building into a "boutique distillery and provedore". PHOTO: Facebook

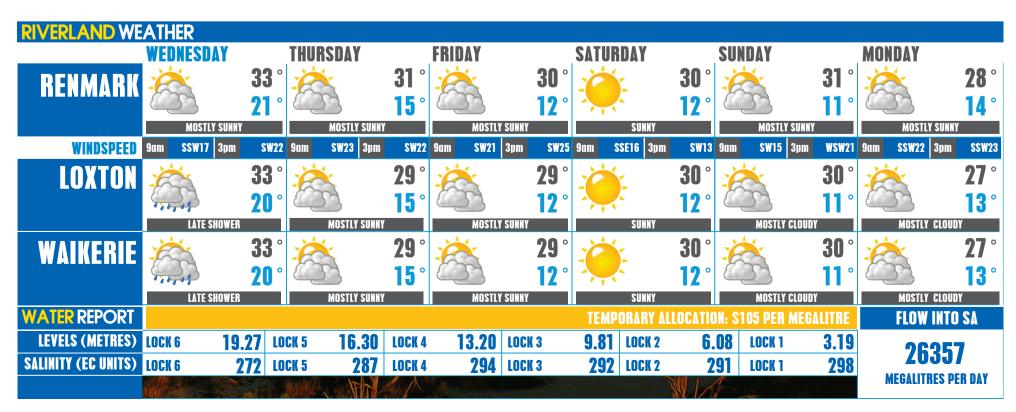
continue to play a major role in

breaking tourism demand.

"Last year, regional SA celebrated seven consecutive months of record-high regional demand and we expect regional tourism will identified across all regions for

recovering our state's visitor economy," he said. "One of the strategic priorities

growing the visitor economy is improved tourism infrastructure, that's improved accommodation, product and experiences, and that's exactly what this fund is doing."



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The likelihood of a backpacker facility at the Berri Club has increased after the 50 per cent of the cost for an upgrade to a pump stage and



Upgrades required to turn Berri Club into backpackers

A PROPOSAL to build a 56-person backpacker hostel at the Berri Club site could be one step closer to reality, after the local council put forward a cost-share agreement to upgrade wastewater services to meet the facility's needs.

At a meeting of the Berri Barmera Council Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee last week, elected members voted to enter an agreement with the applicant to contribute 50 per cent for an upgrade of the BE19 pump station and emergency storage, including all legal fees.

Council consultants advised elected members the pump station would be insufficient for the proposed development, with upgrades and additional emergency storage required to manage the additional wastewater.

The applicants for the Berri Club project had offered to contribute \$40,000 for the upgrade, costed at \$94,000.

Berri Barmera Council acting CEO Peter Bond said council preferred a percentage-based agreement

to avoid being "caught" by increased prices caused by Covid-19.

Mr Bond said the applicants still had "a fair bit of work" to do before the project comes to fruition.

"The manager of concern will notify the applicant (of the proposed agreement)... and they can proceed on to any position they wish from there," he said.

"They're going through a DA (development application) process at the moment - it's been out to consultation and we've had two

representations and the applicant hasn't responded to those at this stage.

"There needs to be an LMA (land management agreement) and a legal agreement in place before we take it back to RAP (Regional Assessment Panel), so there's a bit of work for the applicant to do now they've got the notification to advise of the cost-share arrangement."

The applicants had sought to have the building ready for April for an intake of seasonal workers. - JOSH BRINE

Covid-hit locals able to vote on March 19 **JOSH BRINE**

RIVERLANDERS isolating due to Covid-19 will still be able to vote in next month's State Election, with regional PCR and rapid antigen testing locations to double as voting pack collection points.

South Australians who are Covid-positive, close contacts, or have Covid symptoms between Thursday, March 17 and election day on Saturday, March 19, will be eligible to register online to pick up a voting pack at a testing site, the Electoral Commission of SA (ECSA) announced yesterday.

Electoral commissioner Mick Sherry said yesterday that ECSA had worked in partnership with SA Health, SA Pathology, SAFECOM and SA Police to ensure all residents would be able to vote safely.

"We have every confidence that South Australians can vote safely in the 2022 State Election," he said.

In-person polling booths will have socially distanced queues, sanitisation stations, mandatory mask-wearing, single-use pencils, fully vaccinated electoral officials, and hygiene and density control officers to ensure venues are Covid-safe.

Waikerie park

A DETAIL in a story

in last week's Murray

known Waikerie faces on display' stated that for-mer Waikerie Men's Shed

president, Bob Kemp,

was the instigator of

the Waikerie Water and

Waikerie Water and

Nature Play Park was in

fact Donna Matthews,

who is also a Waikerie-

based beauty therapist.

The instigator of the

Nature Play Park.

The story headed 'Well-

Pioneer was incorrect.

correction:

Quarantine Quiz needs a new name

MURRAY Pioneer readers have a chance to help rename the newspaper's hugely popular Quarantine Quiz – and win a prize in the process.

Introduced early on during the Covid-19 pandemic, the trivia quiz has become a favourite feature of the paper each week for many readers.

It is lovingly and thoughtfully compiled each week by Riverland man – and keen quizmaster - Tom Trifonoff and features on page 37 of today's edition.

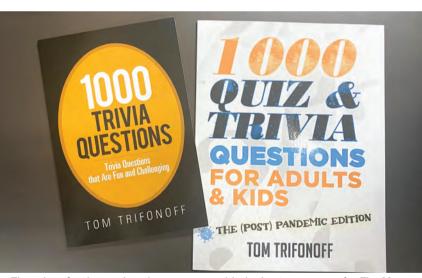
However, the title is due for an update.

"As the nation and the Riverland finally emerges from the pandemic, we thought it was time to update the name of the quiz – maybe to something more positive and forward-looking," said Pioneer editor Paul Mitchell.

'So, we're welcoming suggestions from our readers and Tom has kindly put forward his two trivia books as prizes.'

Entries for the name competition should be sent to: editor@ murraypioneer.com.au or just call the Pioneer on 8586 8000. The winner will be announced

in the coming couple of weeks.



The prizes for the reader who comes up with the best new name for The Murray Pioneer's popular Quarantine Quiz.





PAUL MITCHELL and HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND council's decision against developing a 32-metre stretch of prime river-front location shows a lack of "progressive" thinking among its elected members, Tim Whetstone says.

Renmark Paringa councillors last week passed a motion to demolish Renmark's former Westpac building to open up river views, scuttling any potential commercial development of the site. In a blistering attack, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the decision to stymie expressions of interest (EOI) equates to a failure to utilise the site's economic potential.

"I'm very disappointed the process was cut off," Mr Whetstone said

"The EOI was put to interested parties, and they have spent considerable money, only to have the rug pulled on them.

"The site was removed from the public register in 2000 – the (current) mayor and others were on council then and signed off on it. "Now they have voted for more lawn."

Querying the mindset of elected members, Mr Whetstone said if faced with a similar opportunity, other councils would have voted differently.

"If you asked any other council in Australia for this opportunity they would grab it with both hands," he said.

"This is a huge missed opportunity for the town and the region. "We need more progressive THE WESTPAC BUILDING DIVISION

FOR DEVELOPMENT: Deputy mayor Henry DuRieu Cr Ben Townsend

AGAINST DEVELOPMENT: Cr Peter Hunter Cr Maria Spano Cr Alan Maddocks Cr Margaret Howie Cr David Sims



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councillors that embrace new investment, create jobs and drive the local economy."

Mr Whetstone claimed a lack of public engagement had harmed the chances of potential development.

"How many people participated in the consultation process?" he said.

"Are locals aware of a potential \$30m investment on the site adjoining the club carpark?"

However, Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson – speaking to the ABC – said council initially purchased the building to turn the area into open space.

"I was here at the time (it was purchased), and other elected members on council at that time clearly indicated it was for us to create further open space," Mr Martinson said.

"But by using the word development (in the original motion) that put connotations in... that's what's caused some of the issues.

"When we did the community consultation... 72 per cent of the residents who responded – and it wasn't a lot of people – wanted the building demolished, and the river front opened up for the community."

The Murray Pioneer understands council has budgeted \$443,000 for the building's demolition.

Mr Martinson said other locations in Renmark could be suitable for accommodation, or hospitality venues.

"It was considered the proposals that were put forward did not offer the 'wow factor' council was looking for," he said.

"(Council) was looking for something incredibly different. To try and attract car-parking for any buildings on that site was going to be a significant issue.

"Council believes open space is more important for the community at this point in time. It was a big decision not to proceed, because of that economic benefit that would come to the community."





'Backflip' over Renmark's former Westpac building lamented...

'OPPORTUNITY LOST'

DESTROYING hopes of any commercial development at a notable river-front property has been a "backflip" from a Riverland council, according to the committee of a local community club.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at a special meeting held last week to demolish the former Westpac building and use the area for open river front space, rather than commercial development.

Renmark Club committee member Mark Yates – who was involved in lodging a proposal regarding the property – said the club had hoped to use the site to "create economic stimulus and jobs".

"The Renmark Club proposal was for an investment of tens of millions into international standard accommodation, as an anchor to the site to fill a major gap in the market," Mr Yates said.

"The formal process... which actively asked for development proposals in line with what the Renmark Club presented, has been abandoned at great cost and missed opportunity to the community.

"We simply cannot understand how the



same councillors that approved the expression of interest process, including an information memorandum requesting proposals like what the Renmark Club delivered, could then backflip and abandon their own process.

"Why start the process in the first place?" Mr Yates said an expression of interest from the club – situated adjacent the Murray Avenue ex-Westpac property – was submitted to prioritise community involvement in any potential development.

"We strongly felt that lodging a submission would give us a better opportunity to shape what would happen with the site," he said.

"Our submission was very detailed, and when presenting it at the Renmark Club AGM, we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from members, even though we had anticipated some pushback." Mr Yates said Renmark's Big 4 Caravan Park provided an example of how a former council asset could be developed to the community's benefit.

"It used to be run and owned by council, and when that got put on the market for sale, there was lots of different opinions," he said.

"But that's a prime example of what you can do with an asset when it's released, and you have the right operator

"They turned that park around... and look at the economic value that now brings to local business, and the employment it creates.

"That's what brings people to the regions, and the Westpac site has the potential to be activated - with the right operator - in the same way.

"Any growth and development we can get in a small regional town, council should be supporting it, not opposing it."

Mr Yates said the club's project had the potential to unlock federal and state government funding for the Riverland.

"We've lost the opportunity for development for the region, external funding, and

additional accommodation," he said.

"Activating the site to value-add to a community venue, that donates the majority of its proceeds back to clubs, seems like a logical decision."

Mr Yates said council had needed to be clearer regarding its intentions for the site.

"In April 2021 an initial market engagement process was undertaken by the Renmark Council, which they then voted to proceed to the second stage involving formal expressions of interest," he said.

"Council had the opportunity during the first stage to reject the proposals for development, but in voting to proceed to the next stage it gave a number of parties a clear signal to spend significant time and money on their proposals.

"Council's guidelines for attracting proposals went as far as to say they wanted activation of the site, including creating a vibrant retail civic and entertainment destination, with suggestions for a Riverland Food and Wine Centre and high-quality accommodation."



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Westpac decision a done deal...or is it?

THE issue looked done and dusted this time last week, after Renmark Paringa Council effectively voted to demolish the old Westpac building on Murray Avenue in favour of creating extra open space.

However, in the days since that decision was made, several in the prodevelopment camp have come forward to voice their disapproval – and resubmit their case.

Leading the charge is Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who left zero room for misinterpretation of his opinion.

Pulling no punches, Mr Whetstone condemned the decision, describing it as a "missed opportunity" for Renmark and the Riverland, and giving the current council a clip on the way through for what he considers its lack of progressive thinking.

Armed with inside knowledge of state government machinations, perhaps Mr Whetstone is thinking of grant funding possibilities for the site? Or employment opportunities it could generate in the future.

The decision has also riled the Renmark Club, which lodged an expression of interest for commercial development of the prime - and adjacent - riverfront site.

The backlash has opened a fresh cache of questions surrounding the site.

Is it a done deal, as last week's 5-2 vote to demolish the building would suggest?

As Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson has said, council is yet to budget for the building's demolition. Does that mean a reversal cannot be entirely ruled out?

And with council elections looming just nine months away, might a prodevelopment candidate run as a singleissue contender, championing the possible benefits of a multi-million dollar development.

The mayor has also said the number of residents who responded to community consultation over a year ago "wasn't a lot", but of that relative few, 72 per cent wanted the building demolished.

Does this apathy equate to a lack of care factor, and show that most residents are without a strong opinion either way?

Were they sufficiently engaged in the process? And were the possibilities for the site, including what Mr Whetstone said was the potential of up to \$30m of investment, made sufficiently clear to locals?

Would greater community engagement and feedback have necessarily swayed any of those five councillors anyway?

Without doubt, Renmark is passionate about its river front. Witness the brouhaha when the idea of the Murray River Queen mooring in the town centre first came to light.

Is this issue over? Or will we still be talking about the building's fate in the lead-up to the November council elections?



Maria (née Grosser) and Emil Habel's wedding, July 1890: Wilhelm Emil Habel (born June 1856) lived on his parents' farm at Dutton, near Truro. He first married Maria Emilie née Fielke (born January 1859). They had seven children. In January 1890, Maria died in childbirth and in July that year, Emil married another Maria (Mathilde Grosser, born July 1864). They had a further nine children. In May 1896 Emil and family emigrated to Loxton. They leased Section 10, Hundred of Pyap, north-west of Loxton, and built a pine-and-pug hut close to the river at the later-named Habel's Bend. Emil and Maria hosted the Concordia Lutheran Congregation's first formal service, conducted for eight members in May 1896 by Missionary-Pastor Kempe. He travelled up-river from Mannum by steamer. The congregation continued to meet there for the next six years until the first Concordia church building was completed in 1902 at the corner of Bookpurnong and Gratwick Roads. In 1927, the Concordia church was growing rapidly so they purchased a site for a new chapel at corner of Fourth Street and Bookpurnong Terrace. Emil died on his birthday, June 12, 1926, while his second Maria died on August 28, 1947. PHOTO: David Habel

Councillors with good foresight

IN regards to the decision about Renmark's Westpac building, too much "snow" can fool us over time, but I feel that the foundation of a plan was made possible 22 years ago – by councillors with good foresight.

That's exactly what they should be good at.

If I put the proper value on that site, wouldn't all developers be looking on the other side of the street?

TOM MARTIN

Renmark **Disappointed with**

Westpac decision

I WISH to express my utter and total disappointment with the Renmark Paringa Council's elected members' decision regarding the Westpac building site in Renmark.

Why would they want to stop progress and not bring economic activities and gain into our community?

Instead they have decided to take a step backwards, to remove the building, I believe at a cost of more than \$440,000, plus ongoing costs of \$11,000 increasing every year with CPI. Ultimately this affects the ratepayer.

This community is not in need of more open space, particularly in the centre of town where there should be a booming, prosperous and vibrant centre, supporting local business.

Look at how successful the sale of the caravan park has been for our community.

Private developers have the capacity to deliver greater eco nomic growth when we allow them to take the initiative and develop business opportunities.

I feel sad for future generations, because this decision that council has made will have longterm effects.

If council embraced this progress, it could have brought up to \$42m and potentially 162 jobs into our community.

It would help to sustain and grow existing retail business which struggle to maintain their viability on the existing population.

Just imagine how our popula-

tion could grow. Even better, we could keep our young people here and possibly attract more families to this beautiful part of Australia.

I urge this council to rethink this decision. This is a wonderful opportunity for our town.

Open your minds Renmark community and make Renmark the place to live and visit. KATHY ANSPACH

Renmark

Local member's performance

WITH the state election not far away. I think we in the Chaffey electorate should look at what our member, Tim Whetstone, has done for us in the last four years. Outside of the usual grants

etc., the scoreboard looks very bleak.

He has taken the pat on the back for the proposed Berri to Glossop road upgrade. Is that more down to the Berri Barmera councillors and their staff?

I noticed that nothing has been done for the Humphrey Pump at the Cobby Steam Museum even though on May 14, 2015, Mr Whetstone wrote to say that he was pushing the then Labor minister to have it fixed and have it operational.

That was over six years ago and Mr Whetstone has been in government for four of those.

When asked about it, he has only said that he has written to "steam groups" around the world asking for funds to get it going again. So there's nothing from our state government, even though it actually owns the pump

I think that it would be helpful for electorates if candidates gave a list of four things they aim to do for the betterment of the electorate.

These should be outside of the usual grants and here it should include fixing the Loxton to Moorook road (it is now on a never, never wish list), replacing Nappers Bridge before it falls down, and of course getting the Humphrey Pump fixed

We can then judge their promises. Then in four years we will be able to see if they really want to represent us or just pay lip service and treat us with contempt.

That seems to happen when you are in a safe seat, such as Chaffey.

TREVOR BALSHAW Cobdogla

Amazing effort for **Glossop centenary**

AS a student of Glossop Primary School back in the 1940s I wish to sincerely thank the Centenary Committee, headed by Heather Shearer and Annie Berriman, for the amazing amount of time they have given to researching and compiling a list of former students and teachers who attended over the 100 years.

Sadly the Covid-19 pandemic meant cancelling a get together of folk who live in Adelaide, including Rosalind and Milton Edwards. Rosalind's father, Fred Beare, was the first headmaster of the newly formed Glossop School, from 1920 to 1936, and they now live in the same village as I.

Would you believe my former grade 7 classmate Valerie Morrison (nee Small) and I have met for the first time since 1947 because of the committee's work? So, thank you all.

I believe there is much more history of the school yet to be found and collated.

> JOY MULES (nee Nitschke) Adelaide

Climate alarmism back in the news

CLIMATE change panic and alarmism with fake news is back in favour again.

I say this as anyone with an alternate viewpoint is given very little if any coverage by much of the media, thus denying the public the benefit of evaluating an alternate point of view.

Even if one can be classed as an expert, if you dare express another contrary view, bullying is rampant. This leads to the question: Who can be classed as a climate expert?

Climate change involves many scientific disciplines, which include solar physics, astronomy, tectonics, palaeontology, geochronology, geology, geochemistry, palaeoecology, meteorology, climatology, oceanography, glaciology, sedimentology, archaeology, history, and ecology and

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possibly even more.

Only one or two of these disciplines appear to directly involve the composition of our atmosphere.

It is also worth noting that scientific research is not finite, but continuously evolving and changing as the analysis of new research and evidence comes to hand.

In The Murray Pioneer of December 15, Ben Frankel criticised Dr Patrick Moore's expertise and credentials.

A Forestry degree embraces quite a few of the above disciplines and Dr Moore no doubt spent much time and effort topping up his knowledge through researching scientific papers, experience, and discussion.

As such, it is very likely that he can be classed as one of the better climate change experts.

Most of the radicals come from the rich inner city and have very little knowledge or contact with real nature, hard-working rural folk or the desperately poor.

The poor, especially, need to experience cheap electricity so that they can enter the new world that the rich take for granted.

Unfortunately, money talks. Judging from new research that is surfacing, it appears that there is no critical rush to combat climate change, even if CO2 is the main driver, which is unlikely. Recent analysis of new temperature and sea level rise data indicates a far slower, maybe even static, increase than expected.

As most of us support a reduction in all man-induced emissions, it is a good time for all the relevant experts on the various facets of the earth and climate to get together, excluding politicians and rich industrialists who stand to gain the most from wind farms and solar panels etc., with the objective of producing 'the truth' about our so-called CO2 driven climate change.

Subsequently, recommendations should be made on timing and the correct way forward. Hopefully, environmentally grotesque wind and solar farms would be at the bottom of the list.

It is noted that many past radicals are now jumping ship and supporting a better, more logical approach, which includes ensuring poorer nations are included in the equation. GORDON FORREST

Barmera

Shopping habits of this elusive virus

A RIVERLAND coffee shop employer and the shop's workers have been doing the right thing, but it made no difference.

Since July, 2021 they have been wearing masks and the whole team are fully jabbed.

But one member at this coffee shop got sick, possibly with a cold or flu, and they had to shut down for a week, more or less.

How are the big corporations that have much more contact with the general public not shutting down?

Is this elusive virus avoiding them? Does it hate shopping in those stores?

I sincerely want to know, because after all, I touch the groceries, then the workers touch those same groceries at the checkout, and I touch them again again when I get home.

In two years, has anyone in these stores ever got sick? By the way, I've never got sick either. Please explain?

ZARA BELLA Loxton

Pause to remember our Aussie Nashos

MONDAY this week, February 14, marked National Servicemen's Day, when we honour the hundreds of thousands of young Australian men who served our nation through compulsory military service after the Second World War.

It is important to recognise those who stood up when called upon to defend our country. Australia's 'Nashos', as they



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are affectionately nicknamed, made a significant contribution to our nation's defence forces and rightfully wear the title with pride.

I encourage all Australians to take time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of these men and ensure they continue to be appropriately remembered.

The idea of compulsory military service would seem foreign to many Australians, particularly younger generations, but between 1951 and 1959, and again between 1964 and 1972, it was a reality for many young Aussie men.

Around 227,000 men completed the compulsory six months' recruit training during 1951-1959, but it was in the second period from 1964 when 'Nashos' were deployed in significant numbers.

More than 804,000 men registered between 1964 and 1972, with more than 63,000 called up to serve.

Of these, nearly 19,500 served in Borneo and Vietnam and the remainder in support units in Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

More than 15,000 served in the Vietnam War, where some 200 died and over 1,200 were wounded.

It is a little-known fact that from 1966 Australian infantry battalions in Vietnam were typically comprised of an equal mix of regular soldiers and National Servicemen. At the time, most 20-year-old Australian men were required to register and were then selected for National Service through the infamous 'birthday ballot', in which they were randomly selected by their date of birth.

My uncle Geoff was a 'Nasho', who served his country at Nui Dat in 1967. My family and I are incredibly proud of his service, as all Australians should be very proud of our 'Nashos' who answered the call to serve their nation. They personify our Australian value of service above self.

ANDREW GEE Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Canberra

TEXT LINE

Paringa ratepayers are about to find another \$1m to repair the bank between the club and the hotel plus \$1m from the government). The solution is to allocate a special area, e.g. Lake Bonney, for all wakeboard boats where they can do their thing without harassing and making very uncomfortable other river users, who are entitled to enjoy their river experiences. And the river banks will not suffer excessive damage. **ROSALIND Renmark**

A 30-metre high statue, constructed of titanium, should be made of the 'Roo', because that was how he played the game Riverland legend.

REEKSY

I think the Russell Ebert tribute SANFL game is fantastic – what a great way to honour Russell. As a side note, Russell's first taste and love of Aussie rules footy would have been at Alawoona, but not as a player. His father, Albert, coached the Alawoona team, and Russell would have attended these games as a young boy. Ironically, the Alawoona footy clubs colours were black with a red sash, the same as West Adelaide. I don't think the planets could have aligned any better.

Loxton

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WAITING TIMES CUT?: Waiting lists to see Riverland doctors will continue to fall – provided patients become less fussy about who examines them. A local general practitioner (GP) told The Murray Pioneer patients were being seen faster due to a recent rise in the region's number of doctors, but warned some remained more heavily booked than others, potentially increasing waiting times for anyone requesting to see them.

20 years ago February 15, 2002



LEWIS MOVE SHIFTS POWER BASE: The shock decision on Wednesday by former Liberal MP Peter Lewis to back the Labor Party into Government could not be justified, according to Member for Chaffey Karlene Maywald. The move has deprived Mrs Maywald and two other independents of the balance of power in the House of Assembly. Mrs Maywald said yesterday the Mallee electorate of Hammond would be justified in feeling they had been "robbed" of their conservative vote.

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. The Murray Pioneer Pty Ltd (ACN 007 871 007)

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0448 629 186 So we could have 500 children at Glossop High School and 60km/h speed limit was okay, but we have six government worker in PDF

speed limit was okay, but we have six government workers in PPE – with no cars – in the same spot and the speed limit is 40km/h? Wasteful and senseless.

Barmera

Can anyone explain why, when entering Waikerie from the ferry, the speed limit is 60km/h, whereas other roads within Waikerie central are 50km/h?

GARY Waikerie

In regards to the Westpac Bank Renmark, why wouldn't you have the best of both worlds? Open up majority of the lower level for aesthetics (view of the river) and create an alfresco situation. The upper level could then lend itself to commercial river/eatery and or tourism office. Designed correctly, it would be an asset to the community.

ROGER Loveday

Well done to the Renmark Paringa Council for listening to the thoughts of who they represent. One more to go to open up our

RED T Renmark

What a short-sighted decision by

river front.

Renmark Paringa councillors about the Westpac building. Rod Thomas talks about a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity (*Murray Pioneer*, 9/2/22), and he's dead right. An opportunity to bring the Renmark town to life.

CHRIS Renmark

Good luck to the new Berri Barmera CEO (*Murray Pioneer*, 9/2/22). Plenty of good things to look forward to, and some old baggage to move on from.

Glossop

What is it with drivers using Ral Ral Ave? Coming from Cooltong we're allowed 100km/h and 80km/h closer to Renmark. Drivers turning onto and joining Ral Ral must be unaware of this or don't care. It's seems that if there is room to get their car onto the road and cut you off, they will. It happens every trip to and from Renmark. There's not many options but to brake hard from 80-90km/h. A solid line on the left means no overtaking on the left. If it's wet, it's dangerous. You can't overtake on the right because there's a fair bet they will turn right with little indication, and there's double lines everywhere. It's annoving and dangerous. Just wait for the few seconds it takes to get past the intersection. **GRAHAM STROUT**

accuses an ex-teacher for lacking what he calls "critical thinking". would suggest the opposite. For this teacher to give up her career because she does not want to submit to a leaky trial vaccine, with unproven technology, free-falling efficacy, poor short-term side effects and no long-term safety data, would indicate that she has all the critical thinking she needs to make a decision that she never should have been forced to make. I feel for others who have the same ability to critically think but couldn't afford to quit their jobs.

DAVID Berri

The riverbanks of Renmark and Paringa have been suffering excessive wash damage for a number of years as Frank Turton is saying (Pioneer, 2/2/22). Also, in recent times there have been many different comments/articles pointing out the excessive damage and inconvenience caused by wake boats. Certainly wake boat activities bring important tourist dollars to our town but nothing is ever said about the costs to ratepayers that the subsequent damage causes just to have these vandals enjoying themselves. For example, it seems the Renmark

mix of regular soldiers and National Servicemen. Renmark Parin Ueff Moss in his letter ('Vaccination will restore your rights', 9/2/22)



Changes to end carryover?



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KEEPING SA SAFE&STRONG Government of South Australia SA Health IMPROVING water security for Riverland irrigators and removing "difficult to understand" carryover regulations are the goal of proposed landmark changes to SA water allocation policies.

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board on Monday released an updated draft Water Allocation Plan, including changes to the private carryover arrangement for irrigators who hold Class 3 South Australian water entitlements.

Under the proposed changes, rollover and the potential forfeiture of carryover water – if opening allocations for the following year are above 50 per cent – would be removed, with carryover also able to be used in the year it is granted.

Water entitlement holders would also need to lodge an application form in order to be eligible for carryover.

Renmark Irrigation Trust (RIT) presiding member – and Renmark-based fruit grower – Humphrey Howie said water lost in recent years through carryover polices had economic impacts for the whole Riverland.

"The trust has advocated for a fit-for-purpose South Australian private carryover arrangement to mitigate drought and climate change risk, and to ensure the economic value of an irrigator's private carryover water is always retained by the irrigator who conserved that



water," Mr Howie said.

"The current arrangement has a high risk that irrigators who conserve their water for a potential dry year will lose access to that water.

"Irrigation water now has a significant economic value due to the national water reform.

"When irrigators lose access to their conserved water there is a negative economic impact on irrigators and their communities."

RIT CEO Rosalie Auricht said many water users had found current carryover regulations – allowing a percentage of water to be rolledover into a future dry year – too complex.

"In April 2021, an industry statement was submitted to government seeking improvement to the private carryover arrangement," Ms Auricht said.

"The statement was supported by South Australian Murray Irrigators, Summerfruits SA, Citrus SA, Barossa Infrastructure Ltd, South Australian Avocado Growers Association, Meningie and Narrung Lakes Irrigators Association and the trust.

"These proposed changes to private carryover are the result of extensive discussion and careful thought, and will enable irrigators to use their conserved water in the year that private carryover is granted.

"The trust strongly supports the proposed changes and considers this to be a great opportunity to improve water security for our Murray irrigation communities in dry years while maintaining South Australia's compliance with the many Murray-Darling Basin rules."

An information session regarding the proposed changes is set to be held at the Berri Bowling Club, on Wednesday, March 23, from 3pm to 6pm.

The draft Water Allocation Plan, and a factsheet summarising key changes, can be viewed by visiting the website (www.landscape. sa.gov.au/mr/water/waterallocation-plans/rivermurray-wap).

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said carryover regulations would require continual reviews to ensure fairness for all Riverland irrigators.

"Any improvement to our carryover rules will help with the management of our water portfolio," Mr Whetstone said.

"Individually, or as a region, carryover has been a long-time issue for South Australian irrigators, and I think we are moving in the right direction.

"The announcement was good news for irrigators, and good news for South Australia, but I think we can still move further forward."



Works to the Loxton Hotel's new alfresco area began on Monday and will complement the renovations, which have included new dining areas, gaming, sports bar and the 1908 Cafe. IMAGE: supplied

More renos for Loxton Hotel

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

ONE of the final stages of the Loxton Hotel renovations began on Monday.

The Loxton Hotel, which has been undergoing renovations for the past three years, will soon have a new alfresco area to complement its recently opened dining areas.

Loxton Hotel manager Darren Morrison said he expects the Pflaum Terrace alfresco to be popular with patrons, following on from the success of the 1908 Café balcony.

"People like being outside to eat and drink, so that is going to be a real benefit," he said.

"If restrictions continue, then there are more areas for people

to eat and drink outside, too." Mr Morrison said the alfresco area would be under cover and usable year round.

"When it cools down, it will all be heated out there as well," he said.

"It will be a casual area for people to sit and have some drinks.

"It's another area for breakfast and the front of the dining area

opens up, so it will all feel like one combined area."

Mr Morrison said a footpath

would continue to run through the alfresco area alongside the hotel. The Loxton Hotel unveiled its

1908 Café in November 2019 and has since opened a new gaming area, two dining spaces and sports bar.

Riverland business Michael Kregar Building is completing the alfresco works, having carried out the other stages of renovations.

\$390k to target mobile black spots

RIVERLANDERS will soon be able to enjoy improved mobile coverage when travelling through the neighbouring Mallee.

The federal government announced on Monday the Southern Mallee District Council would receive \$394,648 in funding – under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program – for the installation of a 4GX Mobile Base Station at Geranium.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the upgrades would benefit local businesses, employees and emergency services crews.

"This project will provide significantly greater coverage to the town of Geranium and surrounding areas," Mr Pasin said.

"The funding will also enable the Southern Mallee District Council to purchase Telstra Go Repeaters, which are an invaluable asset in a disaster situation providing further connectivity, which is crucial as part of a bush fire plan.

"These upgrades will provide vital mobile connectivity to improve day-to-day life for local communities and businesses and improve the health and safety of locals and visitors during emergencies."

Mr Pasin said a lack of mobile connectivity through the Riverland and Mallee had been an issue continuously raised by locals.

"Mobile phone coverage is no longer considered a luxury," he said.

"It's a necessary tool for doing business, growing our economy and Agricultural industries.

"Not only does improved mobile service help our regional businesses but it's a critical safety tool too.

"The needs of communities that continue to struggle to achieve mobile phone connectivity remains foremost in my considerations and my actions in Canberra."

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Zoe John, 11, and her 14-year-old mare Foxy are among the few remaining regulars at the Renmark Horse and Pony Club, which is today issuing a public plea for more riders to ensure its survival beyond June. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

PAUL MITCHELL

A CHRONIC lack of riders and members is threatening the future of the Renmark Horse and Pony Club, which could fold by midyear.

Established in the early 1970s, the club boasts a proud history and some of the state's best facilities, but has just a handful of active riders and has given itself a survival deadline.

"It is currently not viable or possible to sustain the club and its assets long term," said secretary Sue John.

"We want to let the community know the struggle we face and if there are riders out there interested in joining, along with their families and their horses, we would love to hear from them. "A decision will be made in June."

Over the years, the club has hosted Olympians and national champions, and has produced

a succession of highly qualified instructors and state competitors. At its zenith, its regular rallies attracted up to 25 riders, but the current number of five make main-

current number of five make maintaining and financing its Bookmark Avenue grounds unsustainable.

"That doesn't give us a whole lot of manpower or fundraising options," said Ms John, a member for over 40 years.

In a "safe and enjoyable" environment, the club provides instruction in riding and horsemanship, and helps instil a love of horses



in young people, encouraging the responsibility of animal care.

Club members often progress to other equine pursuits, such as equestrian and race riding.

Ms John said while the club's grassed, five-acre property was acknowledged as among SA's best, it came with added responsibilities.

"Most other clubs don't have their own grounds, they just hire their grounds from council or John said. whatever, so they don't have the "It wou

upkeep we do," she said.

bers are getting a bit tired.

rates and water too.

too.'

"We have extra insurance for

"Our existing members are get-

"So, we need riders here with

Just last year, Australian eques-

"So much work, time and effort

trian Olympic gold medallist

Wendy Schaeffer conducted a suc-

has gone into making this club

what it is today and past members,

instructors and participants hold

fond memories of our club," Ms

cessful two-day clinic at the club.

our gear and our shed, and we pay

ting older and us committee mem-

their horses, and we need members

"It would be very sad if we had to wind it up."

The club holds rallies on the first or second weekend of each month.

It is seeking interest from anyone keen on horses or horse-riding, "or just being involved in a local club with a long history of community involvement".

"So if you've got a horse, we'd love to see you," Ms John said.

"But social members are most welcome too."

For more details, phone Sue John (0439 310 951).

Note: Sue John made special mention of the club's vice-president Brad Sykes, who has acted as groundsperson and safety officer for many years.





The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network has announced the Riverland General Hospital drive-through Covid-19 screening clinic will operate on modified hours on any day when temperatures are forecast at 35C or above.



Covid clinic's hot day change

THE region's local health network has amended its rules around restricting opening hours due to hot weather, after it closed early on multiple days with below-average maximum temperatures last week.

On Thursday, the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) announced the Riverland General Hospital drive-through Covid-19 screening clinic would operate on modified hours on any day when temperatures are forecast at 35C or above.

On these days the clinic will open from 8am to 12 noon, and again from 7 to 10pm, instead of its regular 8.15am to 4pm opening hours. The network said changes to opening hours would happen automatically based on the forecast.

"It is both uncomfortable and unsafe for clinical staff to be dressed in full PPE, including a gown, mask, goggles, gloves and a face shield, outside in hot temperatures," they said.

"Thank you to everyone in the Riverland community for your continued understanding, cooperation and patience throughout the Covid-19 pandemic."

Last week, the network announced the testing clinic would open for just four hours for seven days until Monday, February 14, despite maximum temperatures taken from the Renmark Airport on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday measuring below February's average of 32.6C.

"The decision to amend opening hours for a 7-day period was made to provide members of the community seeking testing adequate time to plan and prepare for their test," a RMCLHN spokesperson said.

"Opening hours at our testing clinics are often amended and we encourage the community to keep a close eye on our Facebook page for regular updates.

"We regularly assess conditions and demand at our Covid-19 testing sites and hours are modified as required to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff onsite and those seeking testing.

"People requiring PCR testing can visit their GP and/or collect their RATs from the Berri Barmera RAT collection point if they are identified as a close contact."

The Berri Barmera RAT collection point, located at the former Glossop High School campus in Glossop, is open from 8am to 6pm, seven days per week. - JOSH BRINE



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COMMUNITY groups and clubs within the Loxton Waikerie area are urged to apply for a local council's support.

Applications for Loxton Waikerie council's Community Support Funding are now open ahead of the 2022/23 budget process.

The council encourages organisations intending to seek financial support to complete the community support application form, as it is a guide for decision making.

The process seeks information about the financial support sought, and a demonstration of how the group/event would further the aims contained in council's strategic plan, plus its expected achievements if the group/event is supported.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, March 18. The community support application form is available on council's website and offices in Loxton and Waikerie.

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At the Nangaringa Santa Gertrudis sale recently were stud principal Peter Fogden (right) with Alec Rainnie, of Prostock Central NT, Matt Braiting, of Mount Doreen Station NT and Clint Endersby, of Prostock Livestock Strathalbyn. PHOTO: supplied

Fogdens cheers to 60 years

STEPHANIE THOMPSON A LOCAL family celebrated 60

years of their cattle stud with a successful sale earlier this month. The Fogdens held their

Nangaringa Santa Gertrudis field day at the homestead at Nangari – the first on the property in more than 20 years. Dick Fogden said the sale went well and garnered good results.

"There were a lot of buyers Shere who were after cattle, so we were pretty happy with the way a it went," he said.

"The bulls were in very good order.

"We were pretty proud of the bulls we had there."

On the day, 17 bulls were sold, averaging \$7588, with a top price of \$15,000 to Wendalla Santa Gertrudis in Western Australia, while 18 heifers sold, averaging \$7205.

In addition to the santa gertrudis cattle, four Charloais bulls sold for an average of \$7125. "We've made a name for our-

selves here," Mr Fogden said.

"It was a good day out. It was just wonderful."

In recent years, the sale has been held on another property, closer to Loxton.

However, Mr Fogden said new yards allowed for the opportunity for the sale to return to Nangari.

"There's a good set of yards," he said, "and plenty of room."

High river flows celebrated on wetlands day

INCREASED Murray River flows are benefiting local wetland sites and animal species after three years of dry conditions.

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) earlier this month celebrated World Wetlands Day, focusing on the prevention, and reversal, of environmental degradation.

DEW environmental water manager, Tony Herbert, said La Nina weather patterns had promoted higher river flows across the Murray-Darling Basin.

"Despite recent improvements in conditions thanks largely to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, as well as community and government efforts, large areas of floodplain and many wetlands remain stressed and in need of high flows," Mr Herbert said.

"Fortunately, we've had some positive results recently with strong River Murray flows supplemented by flows from the Hume Dam, the Darling (Baaka), Murrumbidgee and Goulburn rivers resulting in sustained high in-channel flows in South Australia over spring and summer.

"These boosts in river flow have been really important in allowing fish to migrate between rivers and in transporting nutrients and small invertebrates, which supports the successful breeding of native fish such as golden and silver perch.

"It's been a long time since we've seen an extended period of good flows like this through spring and summer and some of our

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wetlands and floodplains along the Murray have responded in spectacular fashion."

Mr Herbert said the increased flows had re-connected a number of local wetland sites with the main River Murray.

"Increased flows have meant the environmental infrastructure on managed floodplains at Chowilla, Pike and Katarapko could be operated and weir pools raised to generate broad-scale floodplain and wetland inundation," he said.

"While the flows have not been sufficient to provide significant inundation across other floodplains, they have connected up wetlands and flow paths and provided real benefits to the lower level floodplains along the river channel."



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WATER REPORT

TOTAL MDBA active storages increased by 23GL over the past week to 8037GL, or 94 per cent of capacity.

At Dartmouth Reservoir, the storage increased by 7GL to 3573GL, or 93 per cent capacity.

The release, measured at Colemans gauge, continues to target the minimum rate of 200 ML/day.

The release may increase to a slightly elevated minimum flow in the coming weeks.

Hume Reservoir storage decreased by 12GL to 2965GL (99 per cent capacity).

During the week, releases remained near 8000ML/day before increasing at the end of the week to 10,500ML/day to supply downstream demands.

DARTMOUTH DAM Current storage: 92% This time last month: 90% This time in 2021: 63%

HUME DAM Current storage: 99% This time last month: 99%

This time in 2021: 56% LAKE VICTORIA Current storage: 76% This time last month: 78%

This time in 2021: 41%

Current storage: 94% This time last month: 91% This time in 2021: 18%

CURRENT FLOWS

THIS TIME IN 2021

27,300ml per day

LAST MONTH

31,400ml per day

8500ml per day

THIS TIME

DESIGNS for proposed infrastructure to improve the use of a local environmental site have been shown to Riverlanders for the first

time. The Department of Environment and Water earlier this month held the fourth online workshop regarding upgrades at Bookmark Creek, in Renmark, unveiling designs for a structure that would allow public canoe access and pedestrian travel across the creek.

Sustaining Riverland Environments (SRE) program leader Nathan Clisby said the designs prioritised the community's preferences of improving flow, habitat, and fish passage through the creek, while also optimising existing environmental watering activities.

"At this latest workshop we unveiled the designs, including 3D modelling of the Jane Eliza inlet regulator and the Nelwart Street Bridge, which were presented to and endorsed by the group," Mr Clisby said.

"The designs also included sections of the creek which will be 're-snagged' to provide vital habitat for native fish including Murray Cod. "Once implemented, the

final infrastructure will help create high-value, fast-flow-



SRE program leader Nathan Clisby discussing proposed infrasturcture upgrades for Bookmark Creek with locals.

ing conditions within the creek, which is important for native fish and other native species.

Bookmark Creek designs presented

"By restoring natural fish habitats within Bookmark Creek, the works will unlock a suite of environmental, social and economic benefits, such as supporting the health and wellbeing of the community."

It is understood construction of the infrastructure works is expected to commence in the coming months and be completed by December 2022.

Further information regarding the SRE program can be found by visiting the website (www.environment. sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/improving-river-health/ wetlands-and-floodplains/ sustaining-riverland-environments).



The upgrades are aimed at improving habitat for native species, and passage through the creek area for public canoe access and pedestrian travel.

Grain Producers to host Chaffey candidates forum in Loxton

CHAFFEY candidates will gather in Loxton next month for one of three State Election forums being conducted by Grain Producers SA (GPSA).

Key grain and community issues will be front and centre at the free local forum, being held at the Loxton Hotel on Wednesday, March 2, from 5pm.

Other forums will be held in Cummins, on the Eyre Peninsula, and Maitland, on the York Peninsula.

GPSA CEO – and former Riverlander – Brad Perry said it was important for grain growers and their communities to have the opportunity to ask questions and engage with candidates before they cast their vote at the State Election on March 19.

"GPSA is incredibly

excited to give farming communities the opportunity to ask their local candidates about issues important to them," Mr Perry said.

"There is a diversity of candidates in the seats of Flinders, Chaffey and Narungga and the audience will have the opportunity to consider their views on a variety of topics.

"The upcoming State Election comes at a critical time for the grain industry as farmers face challenges through supply chain disruptions, market access changes, sustainability benchmarking and a variable climate.

"The forums will also enable growers to explore candidates' positions on grain policy matters such as investment in research, innovation and infrastructure.



Grain Producers SA CEO Brad Perry has invited Riverlanders to attend a free local forum, featuring Chaffey State Election candidates, in Loxton next month.

"The grain industry has the unique opportunity to define our own future as we continue on our way to achieving the SA Grain Industry Blueprint target of becoming a \$6 billion industry by 2030 and at GPSA we believe it is important to provide these services for grain growers and their communities."

GPSA is encouraging attendees to register, due

to Covid-related capacity limits.

To register visit: www. tinyurl.com/GPSAevents2022

The forums will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

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THE CFS is reminding motorists to maintain their vehicles following a fire in native vegetation near the Sturt Highway at Stockyard Plain, west of Waikerie, on Monday.

Waikerie CFS captain Shaun Arnold said the fire started after a power take-off shaft on a truck seized up and broke off, before landing in grassland on the side of the road.

"It was red hot... and landed in some leaf litter and started a grass fire," he said.

Mr Arnold said a 50m x 20m area of roadside vegetation was burnt in the blaze. Three Waikerie CFS appliances and a Mid Murray CFS control car attended the

fire. Fortunately the fire was extinguished quickly and CFS crews spent half an hour mopping up.

"Luckily there wasn't much grass in the paddock," Mr Arnold said.

He said the fire demonstrated the importance of truck maintenance.

"Trucks are big and cumbersome and anything can go wrong," he said.

"You could lock up a wheel bearing and start fires, or a tyre running flat on a truck can cause the rubber to smoke and cause fires."

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Fruit Fly Update

As of 6 February 2022, the Riverland fruit fly eradication response has:

- collected over 280,486 kg at-risk fruit
- released over 329 million sterile (SIT) flies.

Renmark West and Pike River remain in red outbreak areas until at least 13 March 2022. If you live in these areas, keep at-risk fruit and veg on your property - do not share them.

Berri, Monash and Cooltong are partly or wholly in yellow areas. This means fruit and vegetables can be moved within the yellow area but cannot be taken into green area.

Remember to pick ripe fruit from your trees and collect fallen fruit in your yard to break the fruit fly life cycle and help eradicate this pest.

Check your fruit for any blemishes on the skin; if you see any, cut your fruit open and look for maggots. If you find anything suspicious, seal the fruit in a plastic bag and call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.

We need your help to get rid of these outbreaks.

Find out what you need to do - visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au

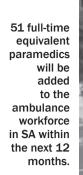


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51 new ambos to battle statewide shortage

THE state government is investing in creating new full-time paramedic jobs to combat shortages in the ambulance workforce across SA, including in the Riverland.

The government will add 51 full-time equivalent (FTE) paramedics within 12 months to expand the capacity of the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS).

Premier Steven Marshall said the \$30m investment into the SAAS would further boost the state's record number of ambulance officers.

"(This) investment is based on the advice of SAAS regarding what is needed to support the demand for our ambulance service going forward," he said. "It comes in addition to the 74 FTE ambulance officers announced in the current state budget, as well as a doubling of the paramedic intake last year and in 2022."

The announcement comes after The Murray Pioneer reported on extended waiting times for ambulances in the Riverland, staff shortages and a roster system that left some paramedics working on-call for 96 hours.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade said the government had worked closely with SAAS to boost resources, especially during Covid-19.

"We have also hired more triple-zero call takers and formed a standby workforce of up to 100 final year paramedicine students to support patient transport through the Covid-19 pandemic," he said.

"This investment builds on sensible industrial reforms that are being introduced to ensure additional crews have the maximum impact and the greatest benefit to South Australians in need of care.

"This investment will enable SAAS to establish additional 10.5 hour shifts to ensure more ambulance and paramedics are on the road at times of peak demand as an expansion of the new shift model it has recently introduced.

"The government will be making further announcements on ambulance services during the campaign."

Life-saving equipment for local organisations

A LOCAL Lions club has purchased potentially lifesaving equipment for three Riverland organisations.

The Lions Club of Berri was successful in applying for a grant from the Australian Lions Foundation to assist with the purchase of three defibrillators.

The defibrillators were presented to the Berri Men's Shed, Foodbank Riverland and Berri Senior Citizens at the start of the month.



Lions David Andrew (left) and Terry Mullan (right) presented the defibrillator to John Fewster of the Berri Senior Citizens club. PHOTOS: supplied

Foodbank

Riverland's

Peter Smith

received the

defibrillator

from Lions

David

Terry

Mullan.

Andrew

(left) and

(middle)



Lions Terry Mullan (left) and David Andrew (right) presented the defibrillator to Clint Wardle, Ian Campbell and Peter Braun from the Berri Men's Shed.





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What you didn't know about Bill

Loxton man Bill Wilson with his two-part autobiography, *An Exciting Life Not Without Drama*. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

THE Stolen Generation, the Sundown murders, and even a UFO sighting.

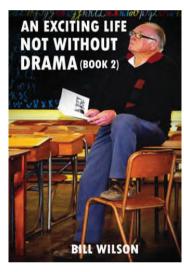
Locals who know Bill Wilson as a former Riverland school principal, irrigation spokesperson or drought authority – or perhaps a combination of all three – might be surprised to hear more about his life's adventures via his latest role as an auto biographer.

Mr Wilson has recently completed and published the final installation of his two-book series, titled An Exciting Life Not Without Drama.

He wrote it mainly for his seven grandchildren, after his granddaughter sowed the seed a couple of years ago.

"She said, 'Poppa, you've done so many things and so many things have happened to you. You should write a book'," Mr Wilson said.

The books span his 84-year life, including his 30-plus years as a teacher, his time as a dairy farmer, builder and artist, and his Riverland-centric experiences as an irrigator who played a key role in Loxton's landmark irrigation redevelopment in the



2000s and as chairperson of the SA Drought Taskforce, among other roles.

Personal adventures, both uplifting and tragic, are also traversed across the books' pages.

Mr Wilson was an educator for 34 years, including five years at Loxton North Primary School, from 1988 to 1992. He chose to leave the metropolitan school scene after a tragic incident – covered in the book – involving one of his Hackham South School students and relocated to the Riverland with his wife, Elaine.

Prior to moving to Loxton North he had all manner of adventures, all covered in the book, including an eerily close call with the Sundown murderer, Raymond John Bailey, who killed four people in the SA outback in December 1957.

"A mate and I were travelling in a car - a Vanguard, identical to the one the victims were in through that exact spot and they were only half an hour ahead of us," Mr Wilson said.

"If we had left on time, it would've been my mate and I murdered..."

Mr Wilson's time as a teacher in Alice Springs led him to being chief witness in the Stolen Generation court case in Darwin. "It was only because I taught

one of the kids who as an appellant there," he said. "ATSIC (Australian

and Torres Strait Islander Commission) found out and wanted me to go along and tell all these lies. They wanted me to say that kids were ill-clothed, mistreated, thrashed at school and segregated, but I was having none of that. I told the truth."

In October 1966, Mr Wilson experienced a life-changing moment while dairy farming on his father's property near Mount Compass. He said he saw a UFO stretching almost the entire 200metre length of the cow paddock over which it was hovering.

"It was humming slightly and I could see large portholes, 12 or 15 feet across, glowing across the bottom perimeter, like an upturned plough disc, I suppose," he said.

"(Then) it just went straight upwards and I don't know whether it shrank or just disappeared at a speed that was beyond belief.

"It knocked a lot of my beliefs and theories into place, because this thing was real. If somebody had come to me with that story I would've said 'bulls*t'.

"It's something that still impacts me, because it's something I can't explain."

Mr Wilson's books are available at the Loxton Newsagency, via Amazon or barnesandnoble.com, in both paperback and hardback. - PAUL MITCHELL

\$2m to foster future leaders in regional SA

MORE than 400 future leaders in regional South Australia will be identified and better supported through a new leadership program being delivered with \$2 million funding from the state government.

The funding will deliver on an element of the government's Regional Development Strategy, by strengthening the voice of regional South Australians in setting the policies and delivering the services important to them.

The money will be gifted to the state's Regional Development Australia (RDA) associations to find and develop leaders in regional communities, based on each area's opportunities and needs.

Each of the seven regional RDAs will receive funding to deliver programs suited to the leadership development requirements of their region.

"A one-size-fits-all approach won't work in our geographically and economically diverse regions," said Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham.

"The RDAs will work with local organisations to establish their region's current and future leadership needs, understand if there are community cohorts not represented in leadership roles, and then deliver formal training and development opportunities..."





Local Industry Briefing

Renmark Club Thursday, 24 February 2022 Arrive at 4pm for a 4:30pm start Project EnergyConnect is the new 900km high-voltage transmission line to be built from Robertstown in South Australia's midnorth to Wagga Wagga in New South Wales, via Buronga in Victoria.

Downer Utilities Australia was awarded the Design and Construction Contract for the transmission lines by ElectraNet in October 2021 to deliver the South Australian portion of Project EnergyConnect.

We would like to invite interested businesses to attend a Local Industry Briefing to learn more about the tendering process, work packages and how to get involved in the project.



Scan the QR code to register your attendance or visit aus.typeform.com/to/I6GjKqAm



'OI Skool' boats to hit the water this weekend

AN annual boating event Renmark Club, where will return to Renmark this weekend when enthusiasts from all over the state hit the water.

The South Australian Ol' Skool Ski Boat Run, hosted by the Ol' Skool Ski Boat social club, will see boats cruising for 32km from Renmark to Woolshed Brewery on Saturday.

The river provides plenty of spots to view the boats, including the the boats will congregate before heading off from 11am.

The event's size has grown each year since its inception about five years ago, with the number of boats registered for 2022 almost doubling the 47 seen last year.

A community raffle will be drawn at Saturday night's presentation dinner at Big4 Renmark, with all proceeds donated directly

to the Renmark Children's Centre.

Tickets cost \$5 each, or three for \$10, with the chance to win one of nine prizes donated by local organisations and businesses.

To buy tickets before the event, visit the Renmark Club on Thursday between 4-5pm and Friday, 5.30-9pm, or the Arthur Shepard Park, next to the boat ramp and Big4 Renmark, on Friday between 12-1pm.



Old school boats and boating enthusiasts will hit the water this Saturday in the annual Ol' Skool Ski Boat Run from Renmark to the Woolshed Brewery. PHOTO: supplied

Riverland writers meet visiting author

A RIVERLAND writers' group has met with a visiting children's author and Writer in Residence.

The Riverland U3A's Writing for Pleasure group hosted Katrina Germein last week, during her two-week local stint.

During the meetings, Ms Germein outlined the skills, joys and challenges of writing children's picture books.

"As an early childhood teacher, Katrina draws inspiration from those around her, the places she visits and the characters she meets along the way," a group spokesperson said. "Each book is illustrated

by talented Australian artists who bring Germein's words to life.'

Ms Germein's popular title, My Dad Thinks He's Funny, was Highly Commended in the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and became the first book in a series of My Dad picture books.

Minyerri, a remote Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory, became the setting for her first book. Ms Germein read Big

Rain Coming to the U3A

group gathered.

"It was easy to see how her teaching appointment to this community in 1997 influenced this beautiful volume, which is still being reprinted," the spokesperson said.

'She says she began writing by accident when a story in her head wouldn't go away so she wrote it down to set it free."

Anyone interested in joining the Writing for Pleasure group should contact facilitator Brent Morrell on 0427 963 386 or bkmorrell@bigpond.com as limited vacancies exist.



Author Katrina Germein reads her picture book Big Rain Coming to U3A Riverland's Writing for Pleasure group. PHOTOS: supplied



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Author Katrina Germein (fourth from right) with Riverland U3A writers group members (from left) Noeleen Warmington, Anne Chase, Brent Morrell, Di Turton, Jenny Sanders, Diana March and Ute Young.

Boost for rural health training

A LOCAL university site will share in more than \$60 million in federal government funding to enhance South Australian regional and rural medical and health training.

The Renmark Flinders University train-

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ing site is among Flinders, University of South Australia and University of Adelaide campuses to benefit from the Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training (RHMT) funding.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the RHMT funding - announced last week - would enable medical students, nurses, midwives and dentists to undertake training in regional or rural areas, and provide a two-fold benefit for patients in the bush.

"We're increasing our overall investment in the program because it has been a key driver to bringing medical, nursing and allied health students to the bush," Mr Pasin said.

"Without this program, these students would have undertaken all their training in Adelaide.

"Instead, they are able to provide a great service to regional and rural communities by increasing access to healthcare for patients and creating or maintaining links to rural communities.

"The rural health training program brings students to these areas, where they see real patients under supervision and get a full hands-on experience, which as a former doctor I know is invaluable."

The 2022-24 RHMT program is part of the \$550 million 10-year Stronger Rural Health Strategy, announced in the 2018-19 Budget.

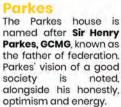


- which have remained a vital part of our school community. When Wybert Symonds was first appointed Principal of Glossop High School in 1941 he established the four school houses as a way for students to show their athletic talents and team spirit through friendly competition.



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Through the 2021 Glossop High School raffle and a grant received

from the Berri Barmera Council, the Historical Preservation Committee was able to purchase a digital honour board which will consolidate all of Glossop High School's history and begin the documentation of the new history at Berri Regional Secondary College. The intention for this resource will be to keep track of official records inclusive of principals of the past, academic and individual accolades and house and sports competition results.



Mount Gambier Exchange Berri Regional Secondary College will continue the cultural, sporting and debating exchange with Mount Gambier High School. Our

RSSA Connection Berri Regional Secondary College is ensuring that the connection between the Riverland Secondary Schools Alliance's schools is strong. Continuing interschool collaboration and events will ensure that there is strong public education for all in the Riverland.

school is extremely proud to be preserving this 75 year tradition.

To find out more information on our Glossop High School Historical Preservation at Berri Regional Secondary College, please visit our website: brsc.sa.edu.au

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Glossop man among thousands at anti-mandate protest... Local grower joins **Canberra** convoy

PAUL MITCHELL

A GLOSSOP grower says attending the Canberra Freedom Convoy has reassured him that others share his concerns about vaccine mandates.

Tens of thousands descended on the nation's capital on Saturday for the peaceful protest, aimed mainly at highlighting discontent with Covid-19 vaccination mandates.

Among them was George Simos, who described the rally as "awesome", and said it dispelled any claims protestors were exclusively antivaxxers.

"I believe in freedom of choice and have since day dot, so it was good knowing there are so many likeminded people who also don't like what's going on," Mr Simos said.

"I know a couple of other Riverlanders were over there, but I didn't see them, because there was just too many people.

"There were a lot vac-



Glossop grower George Simos was among the tens of thousands of Australians who converged on Canberra last weekend to protest vaccine mandates. PHOTOS: George Simos

cinated people there and I actually know plenty of vaccinated people who've had enough, as far as boosters etc. go.'

Mr Simos, who left for Canberra at 3am Thursday

and arrived back in the Riverland in the early hours of Monday morning, said he met people whose livelihoods had been destroyed by what he described as government and employer-driven



nesses.

vaccine mandates.

"There were people who have virtually nothing left - they are devastated with

what's going on and had some horror stories," he said. "They have a caravan and that's it - they've lost their homes, their jobs, their busi-

"We had three qualified nurses in our crowd. We camped next to them and we became friends."

In recent months, Australian governments and health officials have shifted focus to vaccinating children against Covid-19 and Mr Simos said the strategy attracted plenty of attention at the protest.

"Children belong to their parents, not the governnment or health bureaucrats," he said.

"Again, all people want is freedom of choice. It's their right to decide what's best for their children and that was their concern."

Several media outlets led their protest coverage by highlighting the relatively small number of arrests, however Mr Simos said crowd behaviour was exemplary.

"There was not a hint of trouble there, everyone was really well behaved," he said.

"Because one bloke is arrested would you say the whole crowd are troublemakers?'

Despite his positive weekend experience, Mr Simos - who is unvaccinated and intends to remain that way - was critical of media coverage of the protest, and the media's broader role in generating what he described as unnecessary "Covid fear".

"I read somewhere there were 10,000 people there that is an absolute disgrace," he said.

"There were hundreds of thousands there and that's



George Simos at last Saturday's protest. Crowd estimates have varied from 10,000 to 500,000, depending on the source and/or media outlet.

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issued a more blunt message. "I think these people need to just go home and think about the facts which are out there," Mr Albanese told NewsCorp.

"And the facts are that you are far more likely to avoid getting Covid if you're fully vaccinated."

Mr Simos has previously attended three anti-mandate rallies in Adelaide. He said a large number of attendees consider they were coerced into getting the Covid-19 vaccinations.

"And even now they still don't have the freedoms they were promised," he said.

"That's why they were there."



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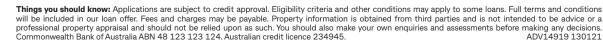
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Riverland Rose and Garden **Festival committee** president Sheree Chappel (centre), at the opening of the 2021 event with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left), South Australian **Premier Steven** Marshall, Senator Anne Ruston and Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson. **PHOTO: Chad Vigar**



AGM hears rose * festival flourished

THE 2021 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival was "one of the "most successful on record", bringing millions of dollars into the Riverland economy.

At the recent AGM, members of the festival committee were presented with the chairperson's report for last year's event, held between October 15 and 24.

Chairperson Sheree Chappel acknowledged how "wonderful" it was to welcome all three Riverland councils and the respective towns to the festival for the first time.

Data extrapolated from the survey, collected via QR codes throughout participating venues, revealed the festival's 43 events and open gardens were attended by more than 11,000 people.

Feedback provided in the survey also showed visitor numbers stretched the Riverland accommodation capacity, with 3960 visitors staying an average of 3.22 nights, injecting \$4.2 million into the Riverland economy.

One visitor expressed there was "not enough accommodation for this wonderful event". The three key objectives of the festival committee for 2021 were: Regional roll-out of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival

Re-instigation of the Rose Festival Ambassador Program

□ Introduction of QR scans to survey visitor experiences

Ms Chappel said all three objectives were achieved.

The committee faced some financial loss due to assumed grantee funds not meeting expectations, with \$35,000 budgeted but only \$23,000 granted.

The \$12,000 "black hole" consequently leaves a \$10,000 balance carried forward into 2022, which the committee is "working hard to rectify".

Ms Chappel was re-appointed as chairperson, however 2022 will be her final year in the position.

She said it was her goal to "leave the committee in a strong position after three wonderful years as the leader of this amazing and truly wonderful Riverland event".

- ELYSE ARMANINI



Schools participating in the South Australian Museum Insect Investigators project, including Loxton North Primary School, will set up a malaise trap to catch and monitor flying insects. PHOTO: supplied

Local insect and biodiversity investigators

A LOCAL primary school is among 50 regional and remote schools across three states selected to take part in a new citizen science project.

Loxton North Primary School joins schools from SA, Queensland and WA in the Insect Investigators project, led by the South Australian Museum.

The project – funded by the federal government – connects students with researchers to document local insect biodiversity and discover new insects, while learning about the scientific process and how it is applied.

Schools will set up a malaise trap – a tent-like

structure to catch flying insects – and monitor the findings over a four-week period, starting Tuesday, March 1.

Project manager and honorary researcher at the SA Museum, Dr Erinn Fagan-Jeffries, said the level of interest from schools wanting to participate in the inaugural year was overwhelming.

"We are so excited by the demand for this project, with nearly 200 schools applying for the 50 places," she said.

Insect Investigator team members will conduct workshops with students over the next few weeks, to inspire them to become junior entomologists for the year.

"We can't wait to work with students to survey the insects at their school, and maybe even find some new species," Dr Fagan-Jeffries said.

"Teachers can assist students to find insects and upload images of them to iNaturalist, an online citizen science portal with an engaged community of people who will help to identify the insects in the images."

Updates and findings from the malaise traps will be posted to the Insect Investigators website (https://insectinvestigators. com.au/).

Loxton position to improve local soil science

A NEW position has been established at a local research centre to increase the drought resilience of Riverland growers and farmers through improved soil management practices.

The federal government last week announced a regional soil co-ordinator would be appointed at the Riverland's Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub, located at Loxton Research Centre.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the role was aimed at providing "practical assistance to improve soil health and testing" for Riverland primary producers.

"We are giving farmers and land managers the tools and information they need to protect and improve the foundation of Australian agriculture, our soils," Mr Pasin said.

"It's on top of a national, \$13.8m Soil Extension Activities program that helps farmers to better understand soil health, better access the latest training and testing techniques, and make better decisions for future growing seasons based on real data. "Good soil management delivers outcomes for the entire community, including increased agricultural productivity and profitability, fresh air and clean water, improved health outcomes, and environmental outcomes such as improved biodiversity.

"This particular program gives our local farmers access to the best soil science and tools available, so they can maximise this year's returns and better plan for the future."

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Renmark info session to recruit more foster carers

THE ac.care agency is calling for caring adults across the Riverland to consider becoming foster carers to provide safe homes and positive relationships for local children.

The agency is facing a shortage of carers in the region and an increase in the number of local children entering care, prompting the call for people to consider opening their hearts and homes to vulnerable young people.

"We are seeking people with space in their hearts and homes to offer a child in the Riverland their love and support as foster carers," ac.care's Brenton Chaplin said.



"More caring adults are needed to become foster

carers to support vulnerable local children long-term, short-term, in emergency situations or to provide occasional respite for other carers.

An information session about foster caring will be held at the Renmark Paringa Public Library on Tuesday, February 22, from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, with locals urged to drop in, meet Mr Chaplin and discuss whether their personal circumstances match requirements for foster care.

"I would love to hear from anyone considering becoming a carer to talk about what is involved, how foster care can be tailored to their availability and the process to become a carer, with 24/7 support provided by our local staff," Mr Chaplin said.

People can also phone ac.care on 8580 5300 or visit accare.org.au to find out more information.

Award-winning Chaffey trainee heads to university... William shakes it up

PAUL MITCHELL

FROM Q&A to Tim Whetstone's office to university.

William Gillett's pathway to tertiary education has been unusual, but never boring.

The former Loxton High School student has just completed a one-year traineeship in the Member for Chaffey's office, and is preparing to tackle his life's next chapter.

William has been a familiar face in Mr Whetstone's office - and by his side over the past 12 months, but is moving to Adelaide tomorrow to study a Bachelor of Business, Economics, Finance and Trade.

Politically aware - relative to his peers even before the traineeship, the 19-year-old said immersing himself in the local state electorate was the most memorable part of his stint.

"It's been great, I've absolutely loved it and I've seen many different aspects of our region and the Chaffey electorate," he said.

"Without a doubt the highlight has been getting to travel around the electorate and meet different community members, hear their stories and try to help them.

"I've certainly learned a lot..."

In 2019 the national spotlight fell on William, albeit briefly, as one of four students from across Australia chosen to appear as panellists on ABC TV's oftencontroversial Q&A.

His conservative views – usually shunned by the national broadcaster - permeated some of his answers and, predictably, attracted a torrent of negative social media feedback. However, it was water off a duck's back for William, who pressed on with his







•Murray Pioneer, 2019

year 12 studies, then moved into his one-year gig at the Chaffey electorate office for the local Liberal member.

He said the office had often been a touch-point - others might say hot spot for community feedback about Covid-19 restrictions imposed by the SA Liberal government.

"I was prepared for the negativity that might come from people into the workplace, but with the Covid pandemic, it's been interesting to see how divided people's views are," he said.

"The government's been in a no-win situation. Whatever decision it makes, some people are going to be against it, and some people for it.

"Some people wanted to lock down harder, whereas others wanted to open up more."

Pressure to conform with a respective MP's political persuasion is absent for electorate trainees, however William is a paid-up Liberal Party member.

For the record, he thinks Premier Steven Marshall and his party will be narrowly reelected next month, and that the state government has handled the pandemic competently.

"I don't think Labor would've done anything different to what the Liberal Party has done – I think they might have had harder lockdowns," he said. "I think in comparison to the other states South Australia has done a very good job of trying to handle this.

"Obviously there are always things you would've done different, in hindsight, but

to commence university studies. PHOTO: supplied overall I think we've done a great job.

"And I think it's great we've been trying to open up and live with the virus, rather than being locked up like Western Australia."

A long-time community volunteer, William was Loxton's Young Citizen of the Year in 2018 and subsequently received the 2019 SA Student Citizen of the Year award.

True to form he will tackle a substantial extra-curricular role this year.

"I'm going to be doing an internship with Primary Producers SA, about 15 hours a fortnight," he said. "They're one of the top agriculture industry bodies, so I'll be doing policy and research internship.

"It won't be too strenuous, because I still have to do my studies."

However, "strenuous" can, according to William, accurately be applied to Mr Whetstone's workload.

'Quite often people don't realise just how hard Tim works for our electorate," he said.

"He's always driving back and forth to Adelaide, and meeting with different people, including constituents.

William also praised fellow staff members Cassie Bye (office manager) and Josh Vivian (executive assistant).

"It's been great getting to work closely with Tim and Cassie and Josh," he said. "Cassie has been an amazing office man-

ager. Her and Tim have been great mentors - they put in so much hard work."

As for a future career in politics, William is appropriately diplomatic.

"I haven't set a career goal," he said.

"At the end of the day I just want to help people and contribute to the community when possible."

Note: In the shadows of the 2022 State Election, The Murray Pioneer was keen to interview a former Riverlander who is now an SA Labor Party staffer, but the request was politely declined.



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Desert Rose brings support services to the Riverland

RIVERLANDERS will temporarily have better access to federal government support, with a mobile service truck set to visit the Riverland later this week.

Services Australia's mobile service centre, Desert Rose, will be in Loxton, opposite the library on East Terrace, tomorrow and on Friday from 9am to 4pm.

The 20-tonne truck is operated by staff from Services Australia, providing locals with face-to-face service and tailored support.

- Staff can assist with:
- Centrelink claims
- □ Medicare registrations, and □ accessing online services.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and supports will also be available.

All services will be offered with strict Covid-19 safety precautions.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said Mobile Service Centres demonstrate the government's commitment to ensuring all Australians get the support they need, no matter where they live, particularly following a natural disaster.

"It's important that communities in rural



Barker MP Tony Pasin with Service Australia's mobile service centre Desert Rose, which will be on East Terrace in Loxton tomorrow and Friday. PHOTO: supplied

and remote areas can access essential government services easily, so they can get on with their lives," Mr Pasin said. "Staff on board Desert Rose provide friendly face-toface services, information and support tailored to customers in these rural and regional communities."

For more information, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice.



be targeted on Clean Up Australia Day this year. In 2020, more than three billion single-use masks were thrown out across the globe every day, contributing to a significant portion of pandemic-related litter enter-

ing the environment. However, the extent of the problem in Australia - where face masks remain mandatory - remains unclear, prompting the nation's largest community-based environmental event to launch a "citizen science project" aimed at quantifying the litter.

THE extent of Australia's

Covid-driven, face-mask litter phenomenon will

"We can't cover up the problem – now is the time to act," said Pip Kiernan, Chair of Clean Up Australia.



How many face masks have we dumped?

"Our environmental issues have not gone away because of Covid, rather, they have escalated because of the mountain of rubbish we've created."

On Clean Up Australia Day next month volunteers will unmask the impact of this problem by tallying the number of face masks collected and removed from the environment.

Plastic in disposable masks can take up to 450 years to break down and researchers have warned that littered single-use masks could be releasing chemical

pollutants and nano-plastics into the environment.

Ms Kiernan said over the past two years many "dis-turbing cases" have been reported of seabirds and wildlife found tangled up in discarded single-use face masks.

Clean Up Australia Day registration means participants are covered by Clean Up Australia's public liability insurance and all community and school groups receive free gloves and bags. Businesses are asked to pay a small fee to cover costs.

Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday, March 6. A business Clean Up Day is on Tuesday, March 1, while a schools Clean Up Day is on Friday, March 4.

To register visit the website (cleanup.org.au). - PAUL MITCHELL

Community conversations for regional resilience

RIVERLANDERS are being encouraged to hold community conversations to help better prepare for drought and other environmental disruptions.

As part of the federal government's Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program, the Murraylands and Riverland (MR) Plan engages community members to think about regional resilience.

The MR Plan is developed in partnership with the MR Local Government Association (LGA), MR Landscape Board, and Regional Development Australia (RDA) MR.

The Plan provides an opportunity for communities to develop a plan and implementation process to support regional resilience.

RDAMR chair, Jodie Hawkes, said communities need to be heard for the MR Plan process to work.

"We are running an innovate planning process that aims to bring together community, industry and government to develop a regional vision and enduring voice," Mrs Hawkes said.

"To achieve this, we need to hear from you and your networks."

In planning MR Plan conversations, com-



Riverlanders are encouraged to engage in community conversations about drought preparedness planning and contribute to a plan to support the Riverland and Murraylands regions. PHOTO: supplied

munity members are asked to choose a time and location with minimal opportunities for disruptions, develop an invitation list between six to 15 people, and work through the provided feedback forms available online (mrplan.com.au).

An online regional summit is planned for Friday, February 18, to provide an update on the feedback collected from community conversations.

Interest panels, made up of community members, will draft regional priorities into a MR Plan and inform the development of an enduring regional planning and implementation process.

"The MR Plan is all about genuinely hearing our community's voice, understanding this voice in the context of existing plans, and identifying the groups or networks we can continue to work with as we collectively pursue our region's priorities," said Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Mayor and Murraylands and Riverland LGA president.

A finalised MR Plan will be revealed later in the year.

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KI fire medal for Berri MFS duo

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THE efforts of two Riverland firefighters during a bushfire emergency that burned half of a South Australian island were recently recognised with a national award.

Berri MFS station officer Mark Wenman and firefighter Scott Milburn were last month awarded the National Emergency Bushfire 2019/20 medal for their deployments to Kangaroo Island during an extreme bushfire event.

Mr Wenman said he and Mr Milburn had less than 24 hours' notice before travelling to the island.

"We went over on January 21, 2020, and we had found out that morning," Mr Wenman said.

"We had the phone call about seven-thirty or eight in the morning, and we arrived at Cape Jervis at 3.45pm.

"We're in a position where we're always ready to go. We packed more of a longer-stav bag than what we would normally take.

'Twelve of us from the MFS went over, and we worked in tier with other organisations."

Mr Wenman – who acted as a staging officer – said his duties included ensuring the accountability of firefighting crews and trucks, while Mr Milburn was responsible for logistical planning.

'We were called over as part of the Incident Management Team (IMT)," he said. "It's normally a seven-day deployment,

however we were there for 10 days. That was the longest stint anyone did in a row.

"They were 13 to 14 shifts. Scott was on day shift, and I was on night shift."

Mr Wenman said preparation and training, plus co-ordination between different emergency service organisations, was key to effectively managing the situation.

"It was a high workload in the IMT where we were based...," he said.

"We're relying on information back from crews and team leaders on the ground, so it can be put into writing that this will be our game plan for the next day

"Working together as a team, especially with different agencies, was crucial. It was very important to be diverse, and to be able to adapt to how everyone is trained.

"On the first night we got there we went out and familiarised ourselves with the roles, (but) you're thinking, 'There's a lot going on here'. At that stage there was probably 30 to 40 appliances out during the day, and 20 or 25 out during the night.

"The systems we put in place are simplified as much as possible, so any agency can pick up on them, and that makes things a lot easier.'

An estimated 210,000 hectares, or almost



Mr Wenman and fellow firefighter Scott Milburn – who also received a medal leaving the island in 2020 after the bushfires were contained. PHOTO: supplied

half of Kangaroo Island, was burnt during the bushfire event.

Mr Wenman said favourable weather conditions were vital to eventually containing the fires. "We had great outcomes towards the end,"

he said.

The first couple of nights were full on. They would have to move everything because they thought they were going to lose a lot more, but we managed to put the brakes on the fire.

"It was a matter of keeping it where it was, and then hoping the weather was kind to us, which it was.

"Then it was a matter of utilising that time we had when it was stopped in its tracks, to make sure that was it. That week was really important, because it was a good chance to get on top of it."

Mr Wenman hoped his next visit to the island would be for leisurely purposes.

"The day we left was 44C, and they were really worried about a storm coming through again," he said.

"Thankfully the rain came first. We finished night shift, got back to Berri around 11pm that night, and I looked on the radar and they had 45mm of rain.

"That was the end of it. It was time to start decommissioning, and looking at recovery.

"I would love to get back over there and see the beaches. It would be nice to sit on the beach for a day, have a barbie and a beer, and enjoy the island."



Berri MFS station officer Mark Wenman with the National Emergency **Bushfire** 2019/20 medal, earned for his efforts during the 2020 Kangaroo Island bushfires. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



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RIVERLANDERS seeking to increase the safety of their local communities reported more crimes to police during 2021.

Figures released recently by Crime Stoppers SA revealed an increase of more than 7000 calls to the service during 2021, compared to the previous year.

Crime Stoppers SA CEO, Nigel Smart, said a large number of calls also related to the cultivation, and sale, of illicit drugs.

"Despite the ongoing challenges of Covid in the community, people have clearly remained concerned about what is happening in their neighbourhood, which is why it was great to see 40 firearms taken out of the hands of criminals and three clandestine drug labs located and shut down by police thanks to information provided to Crime Stoppers," Mr Smart said.

"The impact of drugs remained a concern for people during the year, with more than 1500 contacts providing information about illicit drug manufacturing and sale.

"Those tips led to police stopping an estimated 30,390 cannabis street deals and 2561 street deals of amphetamine and location of a large commercial cannabis crop in rural SA."

Mr Smart said 660 calls to the service were regard-



More than 27,000 calls were made to Crime Stoppers SA during 2021. IMAGE: supplied

ing firearms, and 224 involved murder investigations and cold cases.

Minister for Police Vincent Tarzia said co-operation between Riverlanders and SAPOL continued to benefit the wider community.

"Once again these results speak for themselves," Mr Tarzia said.

"Crime Stoppers SA has a huge impact on criminal activity and is responsible for taking deadly weapons and drugs out of the hands of criminals and off our streets.

"We are so proud to see our historic funding of more than \$800,000 help



Nigel Smart

this incredible organisation continue to serve South Australians."

Further Crime Stoppers data from 2021 can be found by visiting the website (https://crimestopperssa.com.au/statistics).

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Waikerie Lutheran Primary School's new principal Tania Fragnito, who was born in Loxton, has fulfilled her childhood dream of working in education. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Waikerie principal's Riverland calling

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE Lutheran Primary School's new principal, Tania Fragnito, is excited about returning to her home region of the Riverland.

Ms Fragnito began her new role nearly three weeks ago, during a time when SA was having to deal with more than 1000 Covid-19 cases a day.

The Loxton-born teacher has more than 25 years' experience in the education sector and attended Loxton Lutheran Primary School and Loxton High School.

Ms Fragnito said teaching was her childhood passion.

"I really enjoyed going to school myself and from very young I wanted to be a teacher," she said.

Ms Fragnito said after completing secondary school, she moved to Adelaide to study teaching at the South Australian College of Advanced Education, now known as the University of South Australia.

She said she enjoyed working with children and families and supporting primary school students' well-being, growth and development.

Ms Fragnito began her teaching career in 1990, in Queensland, and one of the schools she taught at was the Good Shepherd Lutheran College in Noosa. The college worked closely with a Japanese school in the area, leading Ms Fragnito to develop a strong interest in Japan and its culture.

She then took part in a teacher exchange program in Tokyo.

Ms Fragnito enjoyed the experience so much, she took a year off from her position at Good Shepherd Lutheran College and eventually resigned to work in Japan for five years. She taught English to Japanese high school students and also taught at an international junior primary school in Japan.

Ms Fragnito achieved a "level two" in Japanese language, which would have enabled her to read and write at a level where she could have attended university in Japan.

She said this level of competence was due to being immersed in the culture of Japan.

"In my first job at a Japanese high school, I was the only non-Japanese person and I lived in a small apartment in the local area," Ms Fragnito said.

"Very rarely would I interact with people who were not Japanese."

Ms Fragnito said 19 years after living in Japan, it has been difficult to maintain her fluency in the Asian language.

"I haven't been back to Japan for about 15 years, but when you visit, the language tends to come back to you," she said.

Upon returning from Japan, Ms Fragnito worked in the hospitality sector in Adelaide from mid-2004 for nearly two-and-a-half years.

But her love for teaching still remained and in April 2007, she became the director of Calvary Kindergarten in the Adelaide suburb of Morphett Vale before taking up her new role at Waikerie.

Ms Fragnito said Waikerie Lutheran Primary School was a strong, caring community, especially important during the challenges Covid-19 has been posing to SA.

"I am impressed with the quality of staff," she said.

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Getting to the heart of women and heart disease

FEBRUARY is REDFEB, otherwise known as heart awareness month; a time to highlight the importance of recognising the symptoms, prevention and management of

heart disease in men and women. Heart disease is the top cause of death in the country, killing an Australian every 30 minutes, with 42 per cent of deaths due to a heart attack.

While more men die from heart disease than women, it remains one of the main causes of death in women

"Only one in five Australian women are aware of this," said Nicci Dent, CEO of Heart Research Australia.

"This highlights a huge gap in understanding and the need to

raise awareness about the different symptoms and risks for

women "Many women dismiss early

warning signs because they think

heart disease mainly affects older

"Awareness is critical so that

women can advocate for their own

health. Although more men than

women are admitted to hospital

experiencing a heart attack, the

number of deaths is the same and

heart disease kills more than two

times as many Australian women

Because aspects of heart

disease prevention, treatment

Dind said missed, or unrecog

and management are unique to

women, cardiologist Dr Ashleigh

than breast cancer.

men

nised, symptoms increase the likelihood of a missed diagnosis.

"Although men suffering from a heart attack typically describe chest pain or discomfort, women are more likely to have non-chest pain symptoms such as shortness of breath, weakness, fatigue and indigestion, and frequently with worse consequences," Dr Dind said.

Entering menopause reduces the natural protection against heart disease, leaving women generally more at risk of heart disease after menopause.

"As women reach their fifties and navigate menopause, their risk factors for heart disease are more likely to increase as the protection they have received from

oestrogen declines," Dr Dind said. "Women should try to keep up their lean muscle mass because menopause can also cause a change in their body composition, which means their fat mass can increase. Exercising, following a healthy diet and not smoking can all help prevent that escalation in risk.

Heart Research Australia invite all Australians to participate in REDFEB to raise awareness of heart disease, and funds for lifesaving research, to help keep families together for longer.

By wearing red and donat-ing during February, Aussies can show support for a family member, wife, husband, special friend, or in memory of a loved one who

passed away due to heart disease. Free resources are available online, including two new educational videos and a free wallet card, that outline the different signs and symptoms of a heart attack in men and women.

'The new resources are free to all Australians, but any financial support towards our life saving research will be gratefully received," Ms Dent said.

Money raised and donated to Heart Research Australia supports world-class research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

For more information, or to sign up for REDFEB and donate, visit www.heartresearch.com.au.





Leonie Dalle-Molle has been working on road construction jobs in Waikerie since October and enjoys working in the traditionally male-orientated industry. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Leonie breaking the mould

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

ROAD construction may be considered a non-traditional career path for women, but for Leonie Dalle-Molle, who has been working on projects around Waikerie, it has become a lifestyle.

The 25-year-old was part of a team that did the earthworks for the new footpaths along the Waikerie river front from October to December.

Last month, she also assisted with the installation of new kerbing along Thompson Street in Waikerie.

Ms Dalle-Molle was with the Australian Army for six months when she injured her knee.

Due to her injury she decided to follow her husband into the road construction sector and work for one of the couple's friends.

"He said, 'I need a hand if you are happy to just do some traffic control', so I jumped at that," she said.

"I started to do a little bit of labour and jump on the machines every now and then and it has just gone from there."

Ms Dalle-Molle and her husband have been working and travelling around SA for the past three years working on mainly council infrastructure projects.

The couple have a home in Adelaide, but spend most of their time on the road, working on road construction jobs and staying in their caravan with their pet dog.

"We mostly do council work, we quote jobs and we win them and we get to go

away," Ms Dalle-Molle said.

"We have been over to Kangaroo Island a few times and we go to the Flinders Ranges and we have been as far north as Laura and Port Pirie."

Ms Dalle-Molle said SA's construction industry had been largely unaffected by Covid-19 regulations.

"There were a couple of lockdowns, when no one could work, but I think council works are considered essential, so we have been pretty lucky that we can still work," she said.

Ms Dalle-Molle said working in road construction and traffic control gives her a chance to interact with others.

"They call me 'public relations', I am the one who knocks on the door and lets them know what is going on all the time," she said.

"I am not as scary as some of the guys with their tattoos and beards."

Ms Dalle-Molle said although the construction industry was male dominated it is no longer just considered a man's job.

She said despite some of the stories she has heard of harassment or discrimination against women in the construction sector, her experience has been always positive.

"I am one of six children and I have three brothers, so I know how to talk my way out of things," she said.

"It is very respectful, all the guys are great, they, don't treat me any differently because I am a woman."

\$20m for rural health workforce plan

A MULTI-million-dollar strategy to tackle rural workforce shortages across South Australia, including in the Riverland, was officially released by the state government last week.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade said the \$20m Rural Health Workforce Strategy was focused on delivering a "stronger and more sustainable" health workforce in rural SA.

"South Australia, like all other jurisdictions, faces significant rural health workforce challenges in recruiting, training and retaining health professionals," he said.

als," he said. "The Marshall Government's \$20 million investment under the strategy is delivering significant achievements and successful improvements to the rural health workforce, including launching six specialised workforce plans which together provide South Australia with an integrated plan for a sustainable rural health workforce.

"This investment has helped drive substantial increases in rural medical training positions in recent years, tripling from five full-time rural interns in 2019 to 19 this year.

"Fifty metropolitan interns are completing a rural GP rotation, which has more than doubled since 2020.

"Additionally, 17 rural GP registrars are completing their advanced skills training this year, up from five in 2020, and 13 in 2021."

The strategy's steering

committee featured representation from a range of health backgrounds, including Waikerie GP Dr Ken Wanguhu.

Committee chair Dr Hendrika Meyer said the plan was the result of collaboration and engagement with health professionals and rural communities since 2018.

"With more than 500,000 South Australians living in rural areas across the state, it is clear that the State Government's Rural Health Workforce Strategy will help to ensure our country health services are sustainable and meet the changing health needs of rural South Australians," she said.

To read the strategy, or for more information, visit SA Health's website (bit. ly/3gCkOLG).



About Lock 5...

PARINGA'S Lock 5 is easily accessible for visitors and has been adapted to showcase the development and construction of the local area.

Lawn areas, with barbecues and seating, ensure the lock is family friendly and inviting, with toilet facilities also on-site.

The area includes information boards explaining how the lock

was installed and how it operates, while visitors can venture to the edge of the lock chamber to view the mechanics and size of the structure.

Also on display at the lock is the river barge, The Bunyip, which was used to transport goods up and down river during the paddlesteamer era.



A love affair for lifelong Paringa resident

PARINGA has always been home for the reining Renmark Paringa Citizen of the Year, Lorna Taylor (pictured) – and she is the town's biggest fan.

"I've lived here all my life, and I love it," says Lorna.

"It's a great tourism town, particularly for walkers. They walk out along the railway line, around Paringa, or park their car by the bridge and walk into Renmark, or the opposite way around.

"We've got the koala farm, the

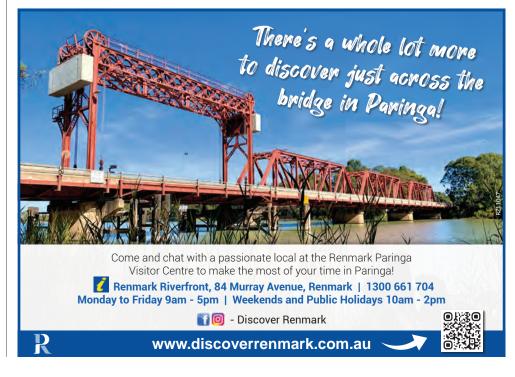
sandbar, and it's a great place for tourists too.

"We've got beautiful caravan parks on both sides of the river."

Lorna and her family once lived in the house behind the old council chambers in Paringa, and attended the Lutheran church in town.

"It's where Frank Turton lives now," she said.

During the 1956 flood, Lorna, now 77, even attended primary school in Paringa, when it was held "behind the Paringa Hall".





What **Paringa** has to offer

JUST across the river lies a small, often-forgotten gem of the Riverland, with more to offer than meets the eye.

Fittingly named after the Aboriginal word meaning "big bend in the river", Paringa has options for the whole family to enjoy on a day out.

Crossing the River Murray via the historic Paringa Bridge, which opened in 1927 and is one of only five bridges spanning the river, starts the trip into Paringa in an iconic way.

The twice-daily vertical lifting of the Heritage Listed bridge is a sight to behold, with a section of the bridge raised more than nine metres to allow river traffic through.

The possibilities of where to go next are right at your fingertips.

Take the opportunity to stop and marvel at the beauty of the Paringa Silo Art, an official part of the Australian Silo Art Trail.

With a viewing shelter and platform, and an abundant amount of information available on the silos, spare a few minutes to learn about the art and the history behind it.

Just by the silos, the Renmark Paringa Community Museum features a vast range of farm and agricultural equipment, set in a landscaped native garden.

Farm machinery, implements, tools, static displays, historical steam engines

and much more waits for families to wander through and enjoy.

Another quirky tourist attraction – an impressive 600-year-old tree stump in the front of a residential property – The Black Stump is a photo opportunity waiting to happen.

Looking for a bite to eat? Try the Paringa Bakery and head across the road to the grassed seating area and playground, or the popular Paringa Hotel for something more substantial but equally delicious.

Across the highway, Cammies Antiques is a reputable antique and vintage store, and popular tourist attraction, and has a vast range of furniture, china, books,

clothing, jams, soaps, and much more. Overlooking the River Murray, Bert Dix Memorial Park is the perfect spot for a picnic, or leisurely stroll, and provides a unique vantage point of the bridge.

A popular destination for outdoor wedding ceremonies, the park scenery is simple but beautiful, with a creek dividing the park and a shady backdrop of willow trees.

A small, fully-fenced playground set at the southern end of the parkland is the perfect place for the kids to run around and enjoy.

Among the popular tourist attractions, there are a number of businesses with a strong customer service focus ready to

help locals with their needs.

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A restless dance show in Renmark

RIVERLAND dance and theatre enthusiasts have been invited to see an "evocative and uplifting" performance from a national theatre organisation. Restless Dance Theatre will perform Seeing Through Darkness at Renmark's Chaffey Theatre next week. A Country Arts SA spokesperson said

the company presented "innovative and

highly distinctive works of dance theatre

celebrating diversity on stage".

a screening of the film Michelle's Story, about artistic director Michelle Ryan – vill be performed at the Chaffey Theatre,

original," the spokesperson said.

on Thursday, February 24, at 7pm. For further information and bookings visit the Country Arts SA website (www.countryarts.org.au/events/restlessdance/).

"Their artistic voice is loud, strong and

Seeing Through Darkness – including

Local church's World Day of Prayer service

A RIVERLAND church will host a World Day of Prayer service next month.

The session will be held at the Uniting Church Renmark on Friday, March 4, at 10am followed by a morning tea. "The World Day of Prayer is an interdenominational ecumenical Christian initiative," a local spokesperson said. "It aims to bring people together of various races, cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer and action for peace and justice, as well as an opportunity for fellowship." This year's theme is: "I know the plans I have for you."

The 2022 Australian project is Bibles for Bubs in Northern

Island and donations will assist the Bible Society project in Vanuatu.

"The artist for the cover page of this year's booklet is Angie Fox and her image depicts freedom: an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista," the spokesperson said.

All are welcome to join in with the local event.



SALVOS OUTREACH: The Salvation Army runs its Outreach program – aimed at supporting consumers who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness and who may have a range of disabilities – at Lake Bonney, in Barmera, every Wednesday at 6pm. Pictured at the session recently were Salvation Army's Sue Dayman, volunteer Jess Richards, Salvos' Helena Palena-Adamczyk, Ronald Oliver, Susan Wallace (Adelaide team leader), Allan Wedd and volunteer Dianne Rains. PHOTO: supplied

Special Tamworth-themed CD is an absolute pleasure

I MENTIONED in a previous column the compilation CD released with the Official Festival Guide for Tamworth, so now I'm allowing you to see what you missed out on by not ordering the gig guide.

Over the years there have been numerous songs written about the Tamworth country music festival and 17 of those made it onto the CD.

The track I knew just had to be included was Big Time Country Star recorded in 1992 by **The Hired Hands**. (When I listened to the track this time I realised that a part of the chorus is "I want to win a gold guitar", but when I was singing along with it always sung "golden guitar".)

Other tracks are Clouds Over Tamworth recorded by John Williamson in 2014; Australia's Country Music Home - James Blundell/Rex Dallas/Andrew Farriss/ Luke O'Shea/Quarralia Knox/Jared Scot/Shelley Minson (2021); Tamworth Song – Norma O'Hara Murphy (1992); Festival Blues – Peter Campbell (1997); Tamworth – Bobby T Nash (1971); City Slicker Country Heart – Rene Diaz (1984); Gotta Get Back To Tamworth - Johnny Chester (1975); Makin' The Music in Tamworth – Greg Champion (2013); an instrumental Road To Tamworth - Lindsay Butler (2003); Streets Of Tamworth - Roger Knox and the Pine Valley Cosmonauts (1983); Summer's Here -Fredbear (2019); Tamworth The Great Country Star – Stan Coster (1979); The Tamworth Song – Tim McNamara (1983); Take Me Back To Tamworth - Buddy



Williams (1986); Everybody Knows Why Everybody Goes To Tamworth (1979) – Smoky Dawson with the Grand Junction Band; and New England Highway – Adam Brand (2003).

Adam Brand makes mention of Riverlander The Chookman (Frank Turton), and Tamworth legend The One Man Band (Rodney Walker) in the chorus, which I felt was an honour for both of these men.

By the way, Frank's comedy song And The Rain Came Down (over Tamworth Town), which he wrote during a downpour at Tamworth festival, didn't make it onto the album.

Good to see that **Tom** and **Annabel Curtain** were acknowledged in the Waikerie Australia Day Awards.

They won the Waikerie Event of the Year award, after bringing their In The West Tour to the town.

Katherine is the home base for Tom and Annabel's business, Katherine Outback Experience, but over the past few years they have taken their show on the road, performing at different sites each time they head out.

Another tour is in progress now, as they continue to do their best to support rural and regional communities by bringing them much-needed entertainment. It's especially important in these crazy times. The show still raises awareness of bullying and mental health issues.

My cousin and I caught up with their show at Tamworth a few years ago, and recommended it as a good family entertainment opportunity.

I have mentioned numerous times about how our industry is suffering in these Covid times, and how it hurts all involved, from the roadies, to the band members, artists, the managements, venues, to the advertising outlets.

My support is directed at the independent artists. I can purchase CDs from them, to give them a little bit of money, and if we all did that they would really appreciate it.

Stephen White, a promoter who has been involved in the Australian music scene for almost five decades, is fed up with government disdain for the industry and has spelt out his case in an open letter to the Prime Minister and federal members of parliament.

The letter, is also addressed to state and territory premiers, chief ministers and opposition leaders, deputy premiers, all state government ministers and shadow ministers.

Stephen currently manages **Andrew Farriss, Lee Kernaghan** and **The Wolfe Brothers**. In his 20s he was touring the world with the **Little River Band**.

It may be a letter from the promotor, the top end of the chain, but I found it interest-

ing and wanted others interested in the subject to have the chance to read it.

It has far too many words to fit onto my column (2111 words), but can be read in full at countrymusicbulletin.com.au if you are interested.

I am wondering how many accommodation houses take advantage of the influx of people to their region when a major event is on.

For interest sake, I checked prices for six days' accommodation for one person at a budget motel in Tamworth in normal times and when the country music festival is on.

Wow, did I get a surprise. It is \$85 per night normally, but \$350 per

night during the festival. Any wonder the big artists get in and out

of Tamworth as fast as they can, as even they can't afford an extended stay.

I do hope we are not that greedy in our region at times of special events.

Our industry was recognised by the Australia Day Concert presence of **Amber Lawrence, Aleyce Simmonds, Hayley Jensen**, and **Kirsty Lee Akers**, accompanied by **Andrew Farriss**, performing True Blue.

Also on the Voice Generations, **Kevin Sullivan** with his 12-year-old son, **Ky**, and 10-year-old daughter **Cha Cha**. They competed as the **Sulli-vans**, singing Down Under. It would have been interesting to see them sing a part of one of Kevin's original songs, as requested by coach **Keith Urban**.

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RFDS Riverland Support Group president Alan Eckermann speaking at the Renmark Club, after the organisation annouced a new patient transfer facility would be built at the Renmark Airport earlier this month. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

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

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

WEEKLY

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

Every Thursday and Friday from 10am

to 4pm, and Saturday from 9.30am to 3.30pm, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery, on Barwell Ave, is open for sales. Inquiries: Ruth 0428 899 506.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

Riverland Brass Monday nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All welcome. MONTHLY The Riverland Philatelic Society -

Stamp Club - meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 10am at the Berri Library. All Welcome FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Murray Moments by the Waikerie Photography Club. The exhibition of unique Riverland landscapes and portraits of local characters at the Rain Moth Gallery is part of the Adelaide Fringe/River Fringe festival. **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Bingo at the Loxton Club this week is for the Shitbox Rally raising funds for the Cancer Council. Raffles and sup-

per available. Come along and support Tyson and Stuart. Eyes down at 7pm and all welcome.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The first Cancer Care Group get together for 2022 will be held from 10am at the Viewpoint Café, in Waikerie. Please join us for coffee and a chat.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Renmark Lions Club 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. Eftpos, BBQ, hot donuts. Covid-19 protocols apply, including masks inside the building. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Quiz night at the Berri Town Hall. \$60 per table (max six per table), with prizes, fun and food. Contact Trish Wardle on 0409 900 380.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival, Loxton Oval. Unique twilight event from 5pm til late. Free entry. Catering available. Non-stop racing under handicap conditions for exciting finishes. Great night out for the whole family. **TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

Loxton Neighbourhood Watch will be holding their next meeting at 7.30pm in the Pyap Room, Loxton Hotel. Guest speaker is Tom Edwards from Loxton Pharmacies. All welcome. **TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

Chaffey Rose Club members meet at BBQ area in Jarrett Memorial Gardens at 10am for Shrove Tuesday pancakes and a cuppa. Garden ram-

ble to follow. RSVP Dale ASAP 0420 383 948. TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Due to renovations being carried out at the Monash Club, Palms Bingo Club will recommence their regular Tuesday morning Bingo at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am, lunch and drinks available at the bar. Covid-19 rules still apply.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - MONDAY, MARCH 14

Riverland Miracle Tent. Adelaide Cup Weekend. Loxton Community Theatre. Free entry. Love offerings collected. Guest speakers. Food available.

Facebook or)www. riverlandmiracletent.org.au) for session times.



At the Renmark Airport for the project announcement were RFDS deputy chair Paul Worley (left), Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, RFDS chairman Peter de Cure, RMCLHN CEO Wayne Champion, Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson, and SAAS acting director of country operations, Robert Tolson.



Diehard dinghy fan Jamie Higgins (centre), who visits the region annually to view the event, watching the Dash for Cash earlier this month at the Renmark river-front, with children Sally (left), and Jamie. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



Tallon Sudweeks (left), of Renmark, watched the Dash for Cash with friend Lachlan Optic de-Coul, from Mildura.

Teylah Rosewarne (left), at the Dash for Cash with friend Desrey Jones, both of Barmera.



LOOKING BACK AT 130





TOP TEAM: Members of the Loxton team which won the 1995/96 first division pennant in the Riverland women's bowls competition (from left): back - Margaret Nield, Myrtle Size, Judy Cheer, Doreen Wright, Joan Thompson, Margret Thiele, Ruth Proud. Middle - Evelyn Saint, Rhonda Ridgwell, Ann Wachtel, Joyce Gurr, Lorraine Lee. Front - Shirley Fenwick (sk), Coral Vaughan (sk), Sylv Lidgerwood (sk), Esther Freundt (sk).

Berri have Midas touch



MIDAS TOUCH: Berri Gold won the 2004/05 midweek triples bowls pennant after finishing on top of the table. With the last round of bowls cancelled due to heat, Berri Gold remained on top of the ladder. Back row, from left: John Cook, Ray Obst, Ray Krollig, Jarred Davis, Doug Nitschke, Graham Mason, Dennis Treloar. Front row: Maurice Rix (manager), Peter Swinstead, Keith Hocking, Gary Meyer. Absent: Craig Tranter, Robert Lee, Ron Grosser.



Thursday, May 1, 1941. Semi-finals reached in pairs at the annual carnival of the Renmark Club Bowling Club.



Riverland champion of champions pairs winners Ev Saint and Lorraine Lee, of Loxton Bowling Club, accept the championship shield after the final at Barmera Bowling Club on Wednesday.



PAIRS SEMI-FINALIST: Kim Ruediger, of Waikerie, was a runner-up, together with team mate Stan Burnett, in the SA Country men's pairs championship, held in Adelaide last week. Ruediger is seen here playing for Waikerie in their Riverland divison one pennant match against Berri at Berri on Saturday.



Barmera four Second Division Green champion of champions for 1970-71. From left: C. J. Kerrison, R. L. Biggins, D. R. McDonald and L. W. Lum.



BEST FEET FORWARD FOR VICTORY: The winning RWBA champion of champions fours side, from left: skipper Melva Thiel, Joy Schier, Dorothy Flint and Sylv Young, all from Renmark RSL.



This Renmark rink won the rinks event at the Mildura Easter tournament and here is shown with the handsome cup and individual trophies gained. - Left to right - V. T. McLean, P. W. Lill, G. Rosenthal, and E. E. Kirby (skipper). May, 1, 1941.



Lorna O'Malley, left, and Gert Sachse, of Monash, are pictured after their easy win in the final of the Riverland women's bowls champion of champions pairs title. They beat Alice Hoey and Audrey Hefford, of Barmera 21-6.

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ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Before you put energy into a new project you must make sure that you are going in the right direction. Trust to your instincts. Romance. You may be a little tense at times this week. Avoid getting into areas which have caused arguments in the past.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

A powerful aspect to Mars later in the week could make you a little tense at times. Try not to get into an argument with your boss. Romance. A new admirer will be very impressed with your unselfish nature. Your relationship with this person will deepen over the next few days.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A co-worker who tries to interfere too much in your life will do more harm than good. Their "help" could be a little intrusive at times. Romance. A person whom you would like to meet may have much less confidence than you think. A compliment would put them at ease and will help to get things off to a good start.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

This will be a good time to catch up with chores around the house. When everything is out of the way you can start focusing on more interesting matters. Romance. An admirer will find an unusual way of showing their interest. This person may be more serious than you think, though!

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A powerful aspect to Saturn may make you a little negative at times. Before you make a move which could have long-term repercussions make sure that you have considered the upside as well as the downside of a recent change. Romance. A difficult aspect to Neptune may be making you a little too passive.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A burst of positive energy later in the week will help you to push through with a difficult decision. Use your gut feelings to guide you on this. Romance. Try to analyse your feelings towards a new admirer. They may not be as unreasonable as you think. A phone call later in the week will help you to clarify your thoughts.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Don't overdo it this week. You have been under a bit of stress recently and need to spend time taking it easy. Be a little kinder to yourself! Romance. Your partner's emotional energy may be quite overpowering at the moment. You will probably need to spend some time by yourself.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Your mood will be up and down at the moment, and at times you may find it difficult to stick to anything. Avoid making any major decisions. Romance. A dream later in the week will help to clarify your thoughts about a recent misunderstanding. Don't be afraid to admit that you were wrong and apologise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

Time spent working with new colleagues will give you a chance to understand them better. Your positive energy will help to move the project along quickly. Romance. Your partner might appreciate a bit of extra attention at the moment. Do your best to organize a get-together later in the week.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

Don't worry too much about what other people think. Do what you feel is right and don't worry too much about the consequences. Romance. A friend whom you enjoy flirting with may be much more serious than you realise about the potential for a romantic friendship between you.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Time spent trying to understand yourself a little better will not be wasted. You need to get away from other people for a while and work out what changes you need to make in your life. Romance. This will be an excellent period for romance. You will have so many admirers that you won't know whom to choose!

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

You may feel a little pent-up: you have a lot of energy but may feel that you are being held back by other people. If you don't get the support that you need you may have to do more things by yourself. Romance. This promises to be an exciting week. Don't be shy about taking advantage of an opportunity which will not come again.

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36 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, February 16, 2022 **River cannabis charges all in Renmark**

ALL three positive cannabis tests during a recent SA Police river safety blitz were detected in Renmark.

Over 16 days of Operation Riversafe, concluding last week, police made contact with more than 600 river users, focusing on popular SA River Murray summer holiday spots.

Police conducted 224 vessel checks, 205 alcohol tests and 127 drug tests, with all three positive cannabis coming from tourists holidaying in Renmark.

Twelve expiations were issued for safety equipment breaches, mainly life jacket use and fire extinguishers, while 28 cautions were issued, mainly for minor safety breaches and minor behavioural breaches.

SAPOL said it was "particularly happy" with the behaviour on the river and the compliance river users showed with

the Harbors and Navigation the conclusion of police pres-Act, especially in relation to the rules regarding use of lifejackets.

Officer in Charge, Murray Mallee Local Service Area, Superintendent Scott Denny, said river users could still expect to see a strong police presence on the river as the warmer weather continues.

"The conclusion of this formal operation does not mean ence on the River Murray," he said.

"Members of SAPOL will continue to monitor the river for behaviours that put all users at risk and will take action accordingly.

"I urge all river users to be responsible, look out for yourself and for others and to report any suspicious behaviour to SAPOL by calling 131 444."



Be kind customers, not harsh critics

CUSTOMERS are being urged to refrain from posting negative reviews online as short-staffed small businesses struggle to stay open.

The Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, Bruce Billson, said many business owners are working hard to keep doors open and employees and customers safe during the pandemic.

"Small businesses are doing their best to serve their communities, despite the challenges that come with having staff in isolation and supply chain disruptions," Mr Billson said.

"The best way to support small businesses is to be a kindly customer – patient and understanding, with good and generous intent. Small businesses are run by real people who deserve our respect and empathy.

"Negative online reviews can be devastating for a small business, particularly those that are struggling to recover from a tough couple of years. So just put the phone away. Resist

the urge to give that unfair one-star review."

Mr Billson's comments about the lasting effects of negative online reviews come following a submission to the federal government's social media inquiry for digital platforms to make it easier to remove fake reviews.

"Our office has assisted more than 30 businesses dealing with fake reviews in recent years," he said.

"These so-called reviews hurt business reputations and cause significant distress to staff and business owners.

"Unfortunately, small businesses have few avenues for recourse when a fake review is posted, which is why there needs to be a transparent review system in place.

"Small business owners are under enormous strain as they work get their businesses back on track. Fake reviews are contributing to those mental health pressures. Digital platforms should be doing more to support the small business community."





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Rotary to honour hard-working Loxton people **STEPHANIE THOMPSON**

NOMINATIONS for prestigious workmanship awards in Loxton are now open.

The Rotary Club of Loxton is seeking nominations for its Pride of Workmanship Awards, which honour local hard-working individuals and small business.

Loxton Rotarian Paula Nitschke urged locals to consider nominating an individual or business that demonstrates a high standard of commitment to a job.

"It's lovely that businesses can recognise staff, or volunteers, who have worked tirelessly in the industry and recognise the passion for the industry they work in," she said.

"It's lovely to be recognised for the work that you do.

"The Pride of Workmanship has been a long-standing event on the Rotarian calendar.'

Accepted nominees will then



Some of the winners from the 2020 Pride of Workmanship Awards, which will again be held in Loxton, in April.

attend a presentation dinner to be held at the Loxton Club on Tuesday, April 12.

Former Loxton High School student Kerry Halupka will be a guest speaker at the event.

Dr Halupka was a Loxton High School dux and was awarded the Andy Thomas Scholarship to study mechatronic engineering at the University of Adelaide. She helped develop the bionic eye, which uses electronic signals to assist blind people regain some vision.

She has worked with IBM in artificial intelligence, the Victorian Government as a senior data scientist and is now a machine learning engineer.

While in the Riverland, Dr Halupka will be available as a guest speaker to some schools and service groups.

Nomination forms are available from the Loxton Rotary Opportunity Shop, via email (jandrmills@bigpond.com) or by calling 0421 319 929.

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ENHANCED Lifestyles has been committed to supporting Riverland locals living with a disability since before the rollout of the NDIS.

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As a member-governed organisation, Enhanced Lifestyles ensures that customers' voices are always heard. Its board is predominately comprised of its customers, allowing individuals with lived disability experiences to drive decisions within this unique organisation.

Supporting independence in the Riverland

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social opportunities, their hobbies, and interests throughout the Riverland.

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Locally servicing the Riverland

Enhanced Lifestyles is locally based in Berri, providing services across the Riverland.

This will be a space where Riverland residents can have a face-to-face chat with a local to explore support options for themselves or a loved one in the region.

Enhanced Lifestyles interim CEO Andrew Ellis said:

"We are committed to being a long-term partner in the Riverland region. After strong growth in staff working to provide essential services to our local customers, we are already outgrowing our existing premises in Wilson Street.

"We recognise there are other unmet needs for people living with disability in the region and are aiming to relocate to a larger office in order to expand the range of services and supports available in the Riverland."

If you have an NDIS plan and are interested in learning more about how Enhanced Lifestyles can support you. Drop by the Enhanced Lifestyles' office at 30 Wilson Street, Berri, for a chat.

For more information about Enhanced Lifestyles' services, visit www. enhancedlifestyles.com. au or call 8501 4010 to speak to the local team.



Rookie competitors at Wakeboard South Australia's final minor competition round at Morgan on Saturday. INSET: Matt Pearce of Renmark will be the one to watch at the Wakeboard South Australia state titles in Renmark on March 5. PHOTOS: supplied

Morgan a wakeboarding drawcard

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

CONDITIONS on the Murray River at Morgan on Saturday were the best of the season for the 46 participants in Wakeboard South Australia's final minor competition round.

Wakeboard South Australia president, Daniella Lambert, said the wind in the morning was a challenge for the competitors, but by lunchtime it had disappeared, making the rest of the day "perfect".

The winner of Saturday's open division was Matt Pearce of Renmark.

Other divisions run on Saturday were advanced, invert, shred, straight air, straight air

under 14, rookie boys and rookie girls.

She said competitors are judged on the composition, execution and intensity of their wakeboarding tricks.

Participants in Wakeboard South Australia's minor competition are also encouraged to participate in the state titles in Renmark on March 5.

Ms Lambert said once wakerboarders compete in the SA titles they are eligible to enter the national titles being held in Canberra in April.

"We don't pick and choose people, we basically encourage everyone to go for experience," she said.

Ms Lambert said during the Covid-19 pandemic the interest in wakeboarding across SA had increased.

"We have definitely seen a rise in competitor numbers in the sport in the past year," she said.

Ms Lambert said Morgan has become a popular spot for wakeboarders over the past six years, with many shack owners coming to the area to pursue the sport.

"There are quite a few up and coming wakeboard riders in the Morgan area," she said.

Ms Lambert said the Morgan Caravan Park, Mid Murray Council and locals strongly supported the event each year.

"We have a lot of people come down and throw a picnic rug out and bring some lunch and watch the event," she said.

Mid Murray ward election closes Monday

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

RESIDENTS living in the Mid Murray Council's Eyre Ward are being reminded to vote in the supplementary election, which closes at noon on Monday.

A vacancy was created in the Eyre Ward in October following the death of councillor Dennis McCarthy.

Three nominations were received and accepted for the supplementary election.

The nominees were Wayne Tredrea, Deb Brokenshire and Jakob Gamertsfelder.

Voting material was posted to electors during the first week of this month.

Voters in the Mid Murray Council's Eyre Ward have until midday on Monday to return their completed ballot papers.

Those yet to send a postal vote can drop their completed ballot envelope into the Mid Murray Council offices in Morgan, Cambrai and Mannum, on any weekday from 9am to 5pm.

Voters can also return their ballot papers to the Blanchetown Hub tomorrow between 10am to 2pm.

The scrutiny and count of ballot papers will be held at the Electoral Commission SA's Central Processing Centre on Tuesday.

Provisional results will be announced following the conclusion of the count.



A: Snowboarding

- B: Skiing
- C: Luge
- D: Curling
- Which Olympic team was the subject of a 1993 Disney comedy?
 A: The Danish gymnastics team
 - B: The Russian synchronized swimming team
 - C: The Jamaican bobsled team
 - D: The Japanese baseball team
- What are the only two countries south of the equator to win medals at the Winter Olympics Games? A: New Zealand and South Africa B: Australia and New Zealand C: South Africa and Argentina D: Australia and Argentina
- 6. Who is the youngest athlete to ever win a gold medal at the Olympic Winter Games?
 A: Johann Olav Koss
 B: Tara Lipinski
 C: Donat Acklin
 - D: Christopher Dean

BONUS How many sports (disciplines) are there in the Winter **QUESTION:** Olympics? Answer in next week's Quiz.

- What was slalom skiing gold medallist Alberto Tomba's nickname?
 A: La Bomba
 B: Alpino
 C: Il Fantastico
 D: La Tigre
- Which 1980 Winter Olympic event came to be known as the 'The Miracle on Ice'? A: Ice Hockey B: Figure Skating
 - C: Slalom Skiing
 - D: Speed Skating







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Your son, Valerio. SPEIGHT, Bob.

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Miss you so much. Love Cindy, Cody, Tate and Chloe xx.



STOCKER-THIELE, Luke John. 9/3/1986 -21/2/2015

7 years without you, in my broken heart it feels like yesterday. It seems so hard to comprehend, Luke, that you're no longer here. But all my love and beautiful memories will keep vou locked in my heart forever. Luke, you were my saddest goodbye. Love you now

and forever. My shining star. ♥Mum♥.

We missed you today Luke. Just like we missed you yesterday. Just as we will tomorrow and for the rest of our lives. The gates of memories will

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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING



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- Day to day management of the full suite of operational HR functions.
- Assisting and supporting Managers with HR activities.
 Leading a team of effective and dedicated team players.
- Ensuring HR activities across the Company are aligned to desired outcomes and strategic objectives.
- The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and experience:
- Five+ years' experience in similar management role is essential.
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- Tertiary qualification in Human Resources Mana
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- Possess strong negotiation skills.
- Possess strong negotiation skills.
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Human Resources Coordinator

Based at our Riverland winery and reporting to the Human Resources Manager, this position works as part of the HR team in partnering with our managers to ensure our most important asset, our people, are recruited, onboarded, trained, and inspired in a manner that contributes to positive personal and organisational outcomes.

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LOXTON and Parilla have qualified for the RivaMallee Super League cricket grand final after both took home wins in last weekend's round of action.

The Tigers have remained on top of the table for most of the season, but the top two spots were up for grabs heading into the final round.

Parrakie's forfeit against Berri meant that the winner of Parilla's clash with Renmark North would be guaranteed a spot in the final.

The Bluetongues batted first and struggled to score, finding the pitch difficult to negotiate.

Parilla's bowlers were relentless with their line and length, restricting the home side to under three runs an over for the duration of the innings.

The travelling side made light work of the total, chasing down Renmark North's 113 in just 25 overs, with Shilo Dabinett unbeaten on 47 at the conclusion of play.

Loxton secured its first-place finish by handily defeating Pinnaroo, thanks to a strong performance with the bat.

Joshua Deren record his first century of the season, his 106 coming off of just 98 balls.

Deren was supported well by Jake Albrecht who fell just 15 runs short of a triple figure score.

Lameroo picked up its second win of the RivaMallee Super League campaign, defeating Waikerie Ramco in a one-sided affair.

The home side set an imposing total of 251 from their 40 overs, with three Lameroo batsmen passing the half-century mark.

Waikerie Ramco managed just

93 in reply, confirming it would finish bottom of the RivaMallee Super League table in 2022.

Forfeits from Kings Punjab XI and Gerard meant only two B grade games were played, with Wunkar triumphant against Waikerie Gold and Brown's Well victorious over Berri.

Brown's Well skipper Brian Hampel put in the performance of the round, smashing his way to an unbeaten 133 and backing it up with the ball, taking four wickets for just 24 runs.

RESULTS A grade

A grade Loxton 5/268 (J. Deren 106, J. Albrecht 85, B. Hoffmann 29no, T. O'Shaughnessy 13, B. Lynch 12, A. Keough 2/42, J. Gum 1/12, T. Wurfel 1/37, S. Magnisalis 1/51) d Pinnaroo (details not provided). Lameroo 4/251 (C. Altus 69, T. Fiebiger 66, D. Philbey 47, K. Miegel 37, A. Werner 1/40, M. Waanders 1/44) d Waikerie Ramco 93 (A. Werner 27, S. Taylor 17, T. Sherman 2/3, L. Stephenson 2/5, K. Lagallou 1/15, C. Altus 1/16, J. Schulz 1/18) Parilla 2/117 (S. Dabinett 47pp 1

Parilla 2/117 (S. Dabinett 47no, J. Smithson 26, R. Kerber 23, L. Young 13no, L. Jackson 1/19, T. Williamson 1/23) d Renmark North 6/113 (T. Williamson 27, D. Mills 26, F. Sampson 18, B. Williss 10no, R. Kerber 3/10, L. Dabinett 3/28).

Berri d Parrakie (forfeit). **B grade** Wunkar 1/116 (H. Campbell 65no, B. Falting 44) d Waikerie Gold 113 (L. Evans 3/15, L. Harder 2/14, L. Pontt 2/31, R. Smith 1/10, B. Falting 1/14). Brown's Well 6/224 (B. Hampel 133no, B. Hoffmann 23, L. Patterson 18, B. Pech 14, R. Lehmann 2/32, M. Cawse 1/30, R. Kubsch 1/32, B. Oakley 1/42, C. Smith 1/56) d Berri 199 (J. Hennessy 60, P. Burnett 52, R. Lehmann 33, R. Kubsch 10, B. Hampel 4/24, J. Patterson 3/22, L. Patterson 2/22, A. Cunnah 1/50). Monash d Gerard (forfeit). Renmark North d Kings Punjab XI (forfeit).



Tarque Williamson picked up one of Renmark North's two wickets and top scored for his side, registering 27 runs with the bat.





Vitor Renmark Swimming Club hosted the Renmark Open last weekend with over 300 competitors taking to the water. PHOTO: Mark Riedel



Steve Thomas and his Cattitude boat were part of Lake Bonney's victorious Interclub Regatta team. PHOTO: Facebook

Brown's Well

Vitor Renmark Open for business

THE Vitor Renmark Swimming Club held its second major event of the year last weekend, with hundreds of competitors flocking to the Riverland for the Renmark Open.

Entry numbers were up on last year's event, cementing the open as one of the state's premiere two-day swimming championships.

Swimming clubs from around the state converged in great numbers, with a host of heavyweight metropolitan clubs joining the action. The weekend saw 325 competitors hit the water from 25 different clubs, with a number of talented swimmers in attendance.

Riverland swimmers enjoyed a prosperous weekend, with many local entrants recording personal best times.

Vitor Renmark Swimming Club president Mark Riedel was happy with how the weekend's event played out.

"We have already been

advised from a very large number of the clubs that they will be back next year in even greater numbers," Mr Riedel said.

"Swimming SA officials from the weekend had nothing but praise for how the meet was run and conducted. "Full credit must go to

"Full credit must go to the club's members, parents, families, swimmers and all those who volunteered to host this important event on the swimming calendar."

Lake Bonney sails to interclub victory

LAKE Bonney Yacht Club emerged victorious in the teams event at this year's Interclub Regatta held at Lake Cullulleraine a fortnight ago.

The event featured 24 boats including nine laser, the largest Laser fleet the competition has seen in many years.

Lake Cullulleraine's unique kidney shape brought tactics to the forefront of the race and the Lake Bonney crew adapted best, winning the competition ahead of Lake Cullulleraine's A team.

Cullulleraine's lake also has a lot of directional wind shifts which challenges

sailors to pick wind changes by reading the wind action on the water.

Saturday's wind favoured the smaller monohulls, but stronger winds on Sunday favoured the catamarans and challenged many sailors' skills.

Holly Ransom of Lake Bonney took out the top individual award in her Laser Radial after moving to the Riverland just a fortnight prior to the event.

Next year's competition will be hosted by the Lake Boga Yacht Club and will see the Lake Bonney team aiming for back-toback victories.

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The Lawns no longer winless in **Saturday pennants**

THE Lawns broke its 15-match winless streak with a two-shot win over Loxton in last Saturday's round of Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants.

The side was the only one without a win across all four divisions until the weekend, with Cathy Topperwien's four the key to the breakthrough victory.

Her rink's 12-shot win over Des Schliebs' four was enough to overcome a 10-shot deficit and claim The Lawns' maiden win.

Waikerie continued its winning ways, running out 19-shot victors against The Lawns Red, while Renmark's loss to Berri saw it miss an opportunity to extend the gap between second and third.

Loxton RSL and Barmera's game of tug of war for third position continued as the two met in last weekend's round of fixtures.

Loxton RSL came out on top by 10 shots, meaning it now holds the ascendancy, with the teams level in the wins column but RSL ahead on aggregate.

Berri is the only other team that can make the top four, with just one round remaining in the regular season.

Waikerie looks set to finish first, barring a mammoth turnaround in aggregate score when it takes on Renmark this week.

Barmera will play The Lawns in the final round while Loxton RSL will take on crosstown rivals Loxton as it looks to secure a top four position.

Berri's hopes depend on either Barmera and Loxton RSL failing to defeat their lowerranked rivals, while also needing a win itself against The Lawns Red.

A frantic final round is in store, with no team outside of The Lawns having nailed down its final position on the ladder.

The race for finals is equally as tight in the second division, with Berri and Lyrup fighting to stay in the four and Barmera and Loxton snapping at their heels.

Lyrup and Barmera will go head-to-head this week, with a spot in the finals guaranteed for whichever team comes out on top.

DIVISION ONE

The Lawns 57 d Loxton 55. K. Schopp 14 lost to R. Coombs 23; N. Skinner 20 lost to B. Schubert 21; C. Topperwien 23 d D. Loxton RSL 64 d Barmera 54.

J. Wright 29 d R. Reynolds 16; J. Bodnar 13 lost to J. Morena 19; S. Roberts 22 d C. Karantonis 19. Waikerie 62 d The Lawns Red 43. W. Collins 26 d M. Inglis 14; A. Fulwood 20 d P. Lawton 18; G. Frahm 16 d S. Leesue 11. Berri 58 d Renmark 56. D. Treloar 15 lost to M. Rice 21; D. Badran 23 d B.

Dopson 19; K. Treloar 20 d K. Schulz 16.				
	W	L	Agg	Point
Waikerie	12	4	172	300
Renmark	11	5	118	273
Loxton RSL	10	6	99	259
Barmera	10	6	37	251
Berri	9	7	72	237
Loxton	6	10	-91	166
The Lawns Red	5	11	-74	140
The Lawns	1	15	-333	38

DIVISION TWO

Renmark 51 d Lyrup 49. R. Andt 21 d L. Recchia 16; M. Howe 13 lost to J. Wrigley 17; B. Knight 17 d S. Munro 16.

Loxton 73 d Waikerie 55. T. Thurston 21 d R. Davies 18; H. Appleton 28 d M.

Morete 19; P. Kimber 24 d D. Thompson 18. Barmera 69 d Monash 40.

I. Lloyde 19 d S. Elsdon 12; P. Thompson 22 d M. Wood 21; D. Mills 28 d S. Voigt 7.

The Lawns 64 d Loxton RSL 45. K. Smith 19 d S. Charles 16; K. Knight 23 d P. Smith 15; M. Hudson 22 d E. Eagle 14.

Berri 88 d Moorook 36.

L. Knight 27 d C. Pantic 11; J. Cresp 26 d C. Battams 17; W. Couzens 35 d A. Wachtel 8. W Points Agg

Waikerie	13	4	229	321
Monash	12	4	194	306
Berri	10	7	134	263
Lyrup	9	6	205	262
Barmera	9	6	86	259
Loxton	8	7	129	241
The Lawns	6	9	-177	183
Renmark	6	10	-41	177
Moorook	5	11	-295	149
Loxton RSL	1	15	-464	49

DIVISION THREE

Monash 63 d Barmera 55. R. Jury 27 d H. Robinson 15; C. Traeger 21 d P. Symens 19; J. John 15 lost to R. Slater 21.

Loxton White 77 d The Lawns 36. J. Vaughan 21 d K. Tschirpig 10; B. Arnold 28 d L. Schubert 12; K. Brandsma 28 d G. Brown 14.

Lyrup 55 d Renmark 53. D. Hill 19 lost to J. Thompson 21; P. Drewett 21 d T.

Matulick 11; P. Denton 15 lost to R. Warren 21. Waikerie 62 d Berri Blue 54.

G. Hall 18 lost to D. Piltz 21; W. Burris 29 d L. Blades 13: B. Hill 15 d B. Bland 20. Loxton Red 90 d Berri Red 49.

R. Lee 23 d K. Tanner 22; T. Harrison 38 d B. Schulz

First place finish beckons for triples ladder leaders

LAST week's close win over Loxton White has all but secured first place for The Lawns Red in the Bowls Riverland midweek triples competition.

Just three weeks remain in the season and The Lawns Red has opened up a 48-point gap over second-placed Barmera.

Renmark Gold remains third after securing a 20-shot victory against Berri Red.

Barmera had a chance to stay in touch with the ladder leaders but failed to win last week, going down by 12 shots to Waikerie.

The side remains a mathematical chance of finishing first but with The Lawns Red losing just one game all season, the odds are stacked against Barmera.

Elsewhere, two of the three Loxton sides faced off in a tight match, with Loxton Blue triumphant against Loxton Red by just four shots.

RESULTS

Berri Blue 110 d The Lawns 57. K. Stokes 12 lost to K. Knight 17; A. Kosturjak 24 d G. Brown 15; G. Elleway 48 d M. Hudson 9; K. Carpenter 26 d K. Schopp 16. Lyrup 102 d Barmera Pelicans 79.

C. Gamble 23 d B. Tamblyn 20; G. Milich 26 d P.

Thompson 21; L. Recchia 18 lost to I. Lloyde 24; J. Bodnar 35 d H. Robinson 14. The Lawns Red 78 d Loxton White 74.

R. Stoeckel 20 lost to D. Kimber 24; S. Ivanovic 28 d

W. Harrison 10; R. Lawton 20 lost to D. Schliebs 21; P. Lawton 10 lost to R. Coombs 19.

Loxton Blue 79 d Loxton Red 75.

T. Wurst 17 lost to G. Schulz 21; P. Madden 14 lost to G. Cockshell 26: P. Vaughan 25 d T. Thurston 11 H. Appleton 23 d P. Kimber 17.

Renmark Gold 99 d Berri Red 79.

B. Dopson 27 d P. Tanner 10: M. Howe 27 lost to R. Correll 33; D. Leedle 22 d D. Treloar 19; B. Cropper 23 d L. Knight 17.

Renmark Green 85 d Monash 74.

B. Quatreborne 20 drew with R. Jury 20; M. Rice 26 d W. Pahl 18: J. Thompson 21 d P. Grocke 16: B. Knight 18 lost to W. Barnett 20.

Waikerie 74 d Barmera 62.

B. Oliver 15 lost to J. Morena 28; M. Morete 21 d D. Button 15; N. Harcombe 19 d R. Reynolds 14; R. Pickett 19 d D. Mills 15.

Points: The Lawns Red 373; Barmera 325; Renmark Gold 276; Berri Blue 271; Lyrup 253; Waikerie 247; Renmark Green 242: Loxton White 231: Loxton Red 216; Berri Red 200; Loxton Blue 183; Barmera Pelicans 117; The Lawns 105; Monash 97.



Dennis Treloar's Berri side upset Renmark in last weekend's round of Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants. Treloar skippered his four to a 20-16 victory. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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The Lawns Red

The Lawns Red 46 d Loxton 30.

Barmera 60 d Moorook 17.

C. Haar 33 d N. Milich 13; L. Pinyon 13 lost to M. Tygh

Points

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320 243

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K. Brown 33 d L. Tschirpig 11; T. Daelman 27 d M.

Waikerie Regents d The Lawns via forfeit.

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11; F. Armfield 29 d J. Price 16.					
	W	L	Agg	Points	
Waikerie	14	2	378	357	
Loxton Red	12	5	120	312	
Barmera	12	5	211	305	
Loxton White	12	5	77	296	
Renmark	7	9	-105	194	
Berri Blue	7	10	-65	186	
Lyrup	6	10	-77	172	
Monash	6	11	-131	166	
The Lawns	4	12	-156	130	
Berri Red	3	14	-252	92	

DIVISION FOUR

Renmark 46 d Waikerie Hornets 23. B. Warren 21 d E. Loughhead 14; L. Warren 25 d B.



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Best yet' Nippy's Gift carnival looming



The final of last year's Nippy's Loxton Gift. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

ATHLETES from around the country will again descend on Loxton on the last weekend of February to compete in the popular Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival.

The carnival is being staged for the 21st time and South Australian Athletic League president Colin Rowston believes a programming change points to the 2022 event being the "best yet" seen in Loxton.

"Runners, coaches, officials and spectators love the Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival and it has become a highlight of the season," Mr Rowston said.

"In the last couple of years, unfortunately the South Australian state titles have been held on the same weekend in Adelaide but there is no such clash this year.

"There is sure to be increased numbers of competitors which will be fantastic.

"We are also receiving a great deal of interest from over the border, so the racing is going to be sensational."

Nominations closed Monday for the event, with the likes of 2016 Stawell Gift champion Isaac Dunmall and 2016 Stawell Gift runner-up Tijmarri Sanderson-Milera among confirmed runners.

In a huge boost for the female athletes, Loxton will offer equal prizemoney for the men's and women's feature 120m sprints.

Racing.com's Terry McAuliffe, acclaimed as Australia's number one athletics racecaller, will again be back behind the microphone to describe all the action.

The 2022 Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival will be held at Loxton Oval on Saturday, February 26, from 5pm to 10pm, with entry free to all spectators.







Ellie Foulds initiates a fast-break in Loxton's win over Renmark.

Riverland basketball's best shoot to the top

THE top two teams in Riverland men's division one basketball have separated themselves from the pack, with Loxton and Barmera both claiming wins last Thursday night.

Renmark went into its clash with Loxton in hot form and it showed, with a fast start leaving the Steamers up by five points at the halfway mark.

The Supercats began to claw their way back in the third quarter and were just one point behind heading into the last.

Brandan Tregeagle gave Loxton the lead early in the last quarter and the Supercats never looked back, running out 13-point winners.

Barmera's match with Waikerie also saw the higher-placed team get off to a slow start, but a mammoth 26-10 second term saw Barmera regain the ascendancy.

Jack Sullivan impressed for Barmera, consistently finding his way to the free-throw line and Campbell Marks registered nine of his 11 points from beyond the arc.

Loxton sits in first place on percentage alone, with Barmera in second place now five points clear of Renmark in third position.

After securing its first win in division one women's last week, Renmark was unable to make it two in a row as it fell to Loxton by six points.

Paige Roberts fought well for Renmark and recorded 21 points, but the threepronged attack of Elise Foulds, Mackella Hogan and Leah Uren saw Barmera over the line, with the trio combining for 41 points.

In a similar story to the corresponding men's division fixture, Renmark's women led throughout the match until a frantic final quarter secured the win for Loxton.

The symmetry continued in the other fixture, with the result and margin between Barmera and Waikerie the same in both the men's and women's competitions.

Chelsea and Ashlee Wutke put up 36 points between them, which was enough to secure a narrow win, despite the best efforts of Sienna and Hannah Lehmann.

MEN **DIVISION ONE**

Loxton 19 31 64 Renmark 12 24 32 51 Points: Loxton – R. Kennedy 23, J. Oates, B. Tregeagle, C. Lange 10, J. Will 8, B. Whitelaw 2, J Hutchinson 1. Renmark – R. Curtis, C. Gartery 10, D. Johnson 7, A. Haynes, Z. Gartery 6, J. Hansen, W. Stockman 4, B. Rover, J. Brine 2.

Barmera 11 37 Waikerie 18 28

Points: Barmera - J. Sullivan 22, D. Millard 16, C. Marks 11, L. Phillips 6, R. Haigh 4, S. Allder 3, A. Smith 2. Waikerie - J. Parfitt 19, S. Smyth 11, B. Fridd 10, L. Exton 8, K. Ling 7, D. Leuders 5. **DIVISION TWO**

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Tigers 63 d Loxton 35: Berri 38 d Waikerie White 15; Allstars 63 d Waikerie Black 35; Barmera 42 d Supercats 31

DIVISION THREE

Renmark 63 d Chaffey 42; Waikerie White 48 d Berri 34; Blazers 26 d Warriors 19; Steamers 52 d Supercats 26: Waikerie Black 69 d Berri Red Barmera 38 d Loxton 23.

DIVISION FOUR

Blazers 39 d Barmera 23; Supercats 47 d Berri 30. WOMEN

DIVISION ONE

Loxton	3	17	35	53	Und
Renmark	13	28	42	47	23 d
Points: Loxton – E. Foulds 17, M. Hogan 14, L. Uren					
10, T. Tickle 5, A. Modlinski 4, S. Edwards 2, B. Hahn. Un					
Renmark – P. Roberts 21, S. Rucioch 8, D. Johnson,					Waił
M. Petersen 4, S. Modlinski 2.					Und
Barmera	14	34	47	65	Loxt
Waikerie	22	29	44	61	Und
Points: Ba	rmera – C	. Wutke 2	20, A. Wutke	e 16, T. Dillon	39 d

Po 15, L. Hill 11, T. Hill 3. Waikerie - S. Lehmann 21, H. Lehmann 19, Y. Liu 8, T. Fridd 5, A. Curtis 4, S. Campbell, C. Turner 2.

DIVISION TWO/THREE

Lakers 36 d Berri 32; Allstars 44 d Tigers 17; Steamers 48 d Loxton 38; Supercats 25 d Wildcats 19; Renmark 28 d Catstars 22; Barmera 35 d Waikerie 14 **DIVISION FOUR**

Loxton 31 d Barmera 2; Berri 43 d Tigers 10; Waikerie 23 d Renmark 19; Supercats 40 d Allstars 29. BOYS

Under 18 (div 1): Barmera 43 d Waikerie 31;

Renmark 57 d Loxton 34. Under 18 (div 2): Supercats 32 d Renmark 18; Berri

50 d Loxton 48; Barmera 28 d Waikerie 27. Under 16 (div 1): Renmark 68 d Berri 30; Loxton 48 d Barmera 26.

Under 16 (div 2): Renmark 35 d Tigers 32; Barmera Supercat Under 14 (div 1): Barmera 61 d Berri 19; Renmark 57 d Loxton 20

Under 14 (div 2): Renmark 41 d Barmera 24; Waikerie 48 d Loxton 16.

Under 12 (div 1): Berri 30 d Waikerie 23; Loxton 44 d Barmera 9

ler 12 (div 2): Loxton 34 d Barmera 4; Waikerie d Supercats 20.

RLS

ler 18: Renmark 39 d Berri 16; Loxton 29 d kerie 24

ler 16: Renmark 24 d Waikerie 22; Barmera 40 d ton 30.

der 14 (div 1): Berri 35 d Supercats 22; Barmera d Renmark 18; Loxton 43 d Waikerie 10. Under 14 (div 2): Supercats 16 d Barmera 12;

Waikerie 18 d Loxton 16. Under 12 (div 1): Berri 47 d Barmera 22; Waikerie 22

d Loxton 12 Under 12 (div 2): Supercats 12 d Loxton 7; Waikerie 30 d Barmera 6.



Lachlan Peltz' Berri Blue side is set to take on Berri Red in round one of the Riverland Baseball finals series.



Ashley Rodgers (left) received a decorative ball from Vikki Taylor after claiming best-onground honours for Berri Red in Indigenous Round. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Indigenous round closes out regular season

A CELEBRATION of culture was on the agenda as the Riverland Baseball Association held Indigenous Round last Friday.

Vikki Taylor threw a boomerang to kick off both matches and the best players in each game were presented with a decorative ball designed and painted by local indigenous man Jason Johnson.

It was the competition's last regular season round and a preview of the finals was in store with Berri Red taking on Berri Blue, the former coming out on top.

The game was in the hands of Berri Red from the outset, with a strong start to its batting innings setting the tone for the rest of the match.

Jesse Stemberger and Ashley Rogers registered triples early, putting Berri Blue on the back foot.

Rogers received the cov-

eted best-on-ground award after registering multiple triples and Tony Halupka was damaging with the ball, recording six strike-outs.

The qualifying final sees the two Berri sides lock horns again this week, with Berri Blue hoping to improve in order to keep its season alive.

The winner of that match will take on Renmark in the grand final, with a draw against Pirates ensuring a first-place finish for the Angels.

Pirates took the lead in the first inning but it was soon wrestled back by Renmark as the Angels picked off seven runs in the second inning.

Pirates drew level at the end of the third and the match finished with Renmark and Pirates locked on 13 runs after both sides put up four runs in a frantic final inning.

Pirates pitcher Kane Liddell took home the beston-ground ball after registering three strike-outs for the game.

The result means another year in the books for the Riverland Pirates, while Renmark eagerly awaits the result of this week's qualifying final.

RESULTS

Berri Red 14 d Berri Blue 2. Safe hits: Berri Red - Z. Joannou. J. Stemberger, A. Rogers, B. Markwick, M. Reilly. Berri Blue - L. Sutherland, D. Campbell, L. Kambouris.

Strike-outs: Berri Red - T. Halupka

6. Berri Blue - L. Peltz 3, L. Sutherland.

Renmark Angels 13 drew with Pirates 13.

Safe hits: Renmark - A. Hendry 3, H. McDonald, L. McDonald, J. Rudd, C. Crouch. Pirates - K. Karpany, N. Kuhn. Strike-outs: Renmark - J. Bonner 4, C. Crouch 3. Pirates: K. Liddel 3.



Berri's Cara Venning heads for home, with coach Kym Sampson urging her on in last week's round of Riverland softball. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

LOXTON Wednesday, February 9

Stableford: A grade – S. Patching 42, B. Proud 38, M. Maczkowiack 38, D. Unferdorben 37, S. Aldridge 37, P. Harman 35. B grade – P. Tygh 38, A. Hucks 38, P. Barber 38, G. Walsh 37, I. Winen 36, T. Wilke 36, J. Johnson 35. Birdies - 2nd M. Maczkowiack, H. Kara-Ali, 15th O. Walkley, R. Ind. NTP - B. Skinner 233cm, B. Proud 440cm, P. Campbell 189cm, P. Harman 1305cm. Women

Stableford: S. Grein 36, S. Pannell 35, J. Sawade 35. NTP - S. Pannell 325cm

Saturday, February 12 Men

Stableford: A grade - J. Walker 37, M. Maczkowiack 37, J. Searles 36, B. Chapman 36, A. Hume 36, S. Palat 35, C. Wooldridge 35, K. Bennett 34. B grade - B. Skinner 40, J. Goldsworthy 35, M. Taylor 35, C. Voumard 34, B. Whitelaw 34, G. MacInnes 33, O. Walkley 33. C grade - A. Baker 37, T. Pontt 35, D. Peberdy 34, C. Pontt 33, P. Fogden 32, A. Hucks 31, T. Riches 31. NTP: C. Wooldridge HIO, D. Sunman 261cm, J. Henwood 555cm, B. Oxlade 840cm. Birdies – 2nd M. Maczkowiack, 12th B. Skinner, 15th D. Sunman. Eagles – 5th C. Wooldridge. Women

Stableford: M. Tyler 36, J. Patching 35, S. Pendle 33, S. Pannell 31, C. Arndt 31. NTP - K. Henwood 234cm. Birdies - 15th K. Henwood.

Crane lifts game to secure darts event

DARCY Crane showed superb form in Riverland darts last week, taking out the 301 double-finish event at the Monash Club.

Crane played his way through to the final by defeating highly-touted competitors in Wayne Bonham, Allen Hargreaves and Lee Rasheed.

Rasheed hit form, though, and defeated teammate Neil Flack to make it to the final, but fell to Crane at the final hurdle.

The highest peg out of the night went to the eventual winner, with Crane registering an impressive 106.

Softball swings back into action

RIVERLAND senior softball returned last double plays from Jo Gregory. week following Covid-related hiatus, with many players still opting to don pink attire showed their class in the C grade division to raise breast cancer awareness.

The action on the diamond was frantic, with a host of high-scoring games played out across the senior and C grade divisions.

Berri Red bested Loxton in seniors, thanks largely to a strong performance with bat in hand.

A home run from Noah Paull helped keep Loxton in the contest, but Berri Red's batting was unstoppable as it emerged with a six-run win.

The other senior fixture saw a draw played out between Berri and Cobdogla, with Cara Venning's home run getting Berri off to a flyer.

Cobdogla wrestled the ascendancy back and was able to restrict Berri thanks to

The Riverland's finest youngsters again with a number of strong performances

across the board. Vanessa Wade impressed in Cobdogla's win, pitching five strike-outs for the game, while Kiana Robinson was the standout for Renmark in the field and on the mound.

Berri broke the record for home runs in a single game with seven coming in its win against Loxton Blue.

Asharne Collard registered two of her own, while Breah Cooper, Sophie Sampson and Kelsey Goldspink all hit one four-bagger each.

Last week's missed fixtures are set to be played sometime this week, with updates to come on the Riverland Softball

Association Facebook page. RESULTS

SENIORS

Cobdogla 8 drew with Berri 8. Best players: Cobdogla - D. Passmore, C. Thompson, J. Pech. Berri - C. Venning, W. Nuske,

A. Sampson Berri Red 20 d Loxton 14.

Best players: Berri Red – A. Selfe, D. Campbell-Collard, D. Venning. Loxton - N. Paull, D. Venning, K. Lawson

C GRADE

Cobdogla 14 d Renmark 7. Best players: Cobdogla – V. Wade, W. Greig, L. Banks. Renmark - K. Robinson, H. Watkins, R. Brand

Berri 21 d Loxton Blue 11.

Best players: Berri - A. Collard, S. Sampson, B. Cooper. Loxton Blue – D. Lawson, B. Geraghty, L. Johnson.

Cobdogla Blue 16 drew with Loxton Green 16.

Best players: Cobdogla Blue - K. Haves, D. Pfitzpatrick, F. Pech, Loxton Green – J. Hucks, B. Michalski, K. Murdoch.

48 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, February 16, 2022 **Dinghy Derby winner Shane on the mend**

BEN LENNON

AFTER a decade of entering the Dinghy Derby, Shane Taylor finally tasted the ultimate glory when he and Reece Yard crossed the finish line in first place on February 5.

The event capped off a thrilling few days of dinghy action, but the weekend had one last sharp turn in store for onlookers as Taylor collapsed during the trophy presentations on Sunday night.

After a week of rest, Shane is now on the mend and recounted a topsy-turvy few days.

"We went up and got our trophy for third in the Dash 4 Cash,"

doing all right now." "I'd been feeling a bit of pain

With a clean bill of health hopefully on the horizon, Taylor was able to reflect on a manic weekend.

The duo finished third in the Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash and two days later and enjoyed a relatively comfortable run in the Dinghy Derby.

The pair had won the Dinghy Derby in various other classes before, but this was their first victory in the main event.

Taylor believes that the countless nights of hard work in the build-up to the event stood them in good stead when it came to race

day. "The time and effort in this

class, it's stepped up compared to the others," he said.

"It paid off with how much we put in throughout the last week or two and it definitely got us up there, for sure.

"It was mostly engine stuff. Reece ran down to Adelaide to make sure the engine was right and pick up anything that we needed.

"With preparation, we were out in the shed past midnight on a few occasions, just to make sure everything was running right and looking good."

Taylor now has his sights set on the upcoming circuit race, the next

event in the dinghy calendar. He has received positive advice from doctors and he and Yard are looking to continue their hot start to the season when it comes time to hit the water again.

'That's one of the roughest races out there," he said.

"The doctor pretty much said you've got to test it, see what happens and go from there.

"I'd have to thank the ambulance crew and the doctors for helping me out at the Derby.

"My wife and Reece as well, just for being there throughout the whole thing

"Reece missed a lot of that night because of me so it was a bit disappointing in that respect, but we'll have to make up for it I guess."

Taylor said.

and eventually it sort of broke me.

wanted to go to hospital and I said,

dizzy and clammy and I was no

still waiting on one. They (doc-

tors) mostly put it down to trauma

from the race and just being run

down from late nights in the previ-

"It's not like we hit something.

There was plenty of rough water

out there but that's the same as

every race. I'm back at work and

'I think I'm going to have to'.

good from there on.

ous weeks.

"My wife Stacey asked me if I

"Then I went to get up and I got

"I've since had a few tests but

15hp standard: 2nd Kelly Bright/Alice Bright, 1st Ben Haslett/Sarah Haslett, 3rd Dale Parrish/Sue Parrish (absent).



25hp standard: 2nd Shannon Morrow/Ben Consedine, 1st Michael Spencer/Steven Campbell, 3rd Stephen Scott/ Lachlan Matthews.



30hp standard: 2nd Jeremy Morrison/Riley Schwarz, 1st Mark Webber/Tanya Webber, 3rd Andrew Schulz/Joel Porter.



300cc modified: 2nd John Chigros/Thomas Pilgrim (absent), 1st Nathan Wilson/Dylan Weir, 3rd Jason Brown/Maddy Perry.



30hp rookies: 2nd Mark McKerlie/Riley Foster, 1st Cameron Price/Luke Gordon, 3rd Michael Preen/Sam Peck.



30hp sports: 2nd Ben Pilgrim/Travis Thiel, 1st Reece Yard/Shane Taylor (absent), 3rd Andrew Kelckhoven/Brendon Phillips.

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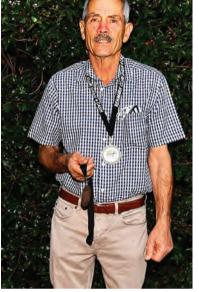
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ABOVE and BELOW: Action from this year's Dash 4 Cash.

300cc modified: 2nd John Chigros/ Thomas Pilgrim (absent).





300cc modified: 1st Dylan Weir/ Nathan Wilson.





30hp standard: 2nd Andrew Schulz/Joel Porter, 1st Briley Gibbs/Ty Wagenknecht, 3rd Josh Ridley/Tim Ridley.

30hp rookies: Mark Mckerlie/Riley Foster, 1st Cameron Price/Luke Gordon, 3rd Cameron Zadow/Matt Northcott.

30hp Super standard: 2nd James Haslett/ Cooper Newman (absent), 1st Bode Baylis/ Luke Bacskai.





30hp sports: 1st Shaun Jenke/Ben Kaye, 3rd Shane Taylor/Reece Yard.

50 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Kaiden 'excited' about Brand new match

BEN LENNON

THE introduction of the Russell Ebert Tribute Match between Port Adelaide and West Adelaide is set to bring one of the Riverland's favourite sons back home.

Kaiden Brand last played football in the Riverland almost a decade ago, when he turned out for the Berri under 18s side.

Since then he has gone on to play for Hawthorn, Sydney and in 2022, finds himself back in South Australia, pulling on the boots for West Adelaide in the SANFL.

Brand remembers his time playing for the Berri fondly, despite being unable to achieve the ultimate prize.

"I played from Auskick until bottom age under 18s, so I spent about a decade playing for Berri growing up," Brand said.

"I think we lost about three grand finals in underage footy, so not many great memories in terms of premierships or anything like that.

"My passion for playing footy came from Berri though, so that would have to be the standout memory.

"I've got some good mates that play back there, so I keep tabs on how they're going. I've still got that connection there.'

With the Riverland falling under West Adelaide's zone, Brand was plucked from an early age into the SANFL setup.

From there, he was selected at pick 66 in the 2012 national draft by Hawthorn, where he would go on to play 43 games across seven years before moving to Sydney.

His time at the Swans was short and plagued with injury, leading to his move

back to South Australia to play for the Bloods.

Now, he returns to the Riverland for one game only, and Brand is excited about the prospect of playing back home.

"The club had a chat to me in the early days when they were working through the possibility of it," he said.

"When it all got confirmed it was fantastic. To come home is super exciting.

"Mum and Dad can drive down the road instead of driving eight hours like they have for the last few years.'

As for the significance of the match, Russell Ebert's importance in South Australian football folklore is not lost on Brand, despite the Port Adelaide great's career being before Brand's time.

"He was obviously a bit before my generation but I certainly know the name well and know of all the accolades he was able to achieve," he said.

"Someone like that who was able to have such an impact in footy, the fact he came from the Riverland is pretty special and it's great to celebrate his life by having a game back there.

"As a player, individual stuff has never really been an ambition of mine but whoever wins the Russell Ebert Medal (for best on ground) will hold it in pretty high regard."

West Adelaide's new CEO Conny Wilson is an ex-Riverlander herself and bringing the region back onto the SANFL map is firmly in her sights.

Brand believes that getting out into the region with West Adelaide is a key factor in continuing to develop Riverland footballers.

Former Berri junior footballer Kaiden Brand during his stint in the AFL with Hawthorn, scuffling with Port Adelaide forward Jay Schulz. PHOTO: Facebook

"Over the last few years, the representation in the league side has dropped off a bit from the Riverland," Brand said.

"Hopefully we can keep developing the kids coming through and developing the grades that way and also just give back to that region however we can.

"I know we had a day of clinics organised for February but it got called off due to Covid. But certainly if we can start to get the region involved a bit more by doing those sorts of things it'll be great.

"With Conny on board and all the right people on board, that relationship will start to get even stronger again."

The Russell Ebert tribute match will serve that purpose, with a night of public speaking from both Port and West Adelaide in store for the evening before the game.

Waikerie and Loxton are set to play an

RFL game as a curtain raiser to the SANFL match and Brand hopes that the crowd will roll into Loxton in droves for both fixtures.

'Obviously I was pretty young when I left Berri but there's still lots of blokes playing there that I looked up to as a kid and had a lot of respect for," Brand said.

"I think a game like this can give some of those guys playing in those teams something to strive for if they want to further their footy.

"There's also just the exposure. Hopefully we can draw a bit of a crowd so the game beforehand can get a crowd to it as well and bring that excitement around the curtain raiser.

"I know Loxton has just upgraded its facilities, so it'll be good to have a look at what those are like as well."

Berri strikes a blow against Loxton

BERRI struck a blow against fellow grand final contender Loxton, scoring a 10-5 win in last weekend's round of Riverland division one tennis.

Berri won all three round two doubles to clinch victory.

Kirsty Barnett had a good day for the victors, winning all three of her sets, including a 6-4 win over Ainslie Graetz at bottom singles.

In the other division one match, top side Cobdogla beat bottom side Renmark 11-4.

Renmark won two of the singles rubbers, via Dean Schumann and Emme Reid, but was never seriously in the hunt.

In division two, Berri Red edged past clubmates Berri Blue, with Rowan Cresp and Jannette Fulham combining to clinch the winning rubber.

RESULTS **DIVISION ONE**

Berri 10-74 d Loxton 5-56.

Doubles (round 1): E. Day/M. Jericho lost to A. Waters/P. Smith 4-6; P. Cresp/P. Reid d J. Lane/J. Loxton 6-1; G. Tzanavaras/K. Barnett d T. Smith/A. Biggins 6-3; Day/Reid d Waters/P. Smith 6-2; Jericho/Cresp lost to Lane/Loxton 2-6; Tzanavaras/Barnett d T.

Smith/Biggins 6-2. Singles: Day lost to Waters 4-6; Jericho d P. Smith 6-3; Cresp lost to Lane 3-6; Reid d Loxton 6-4; Tzanavaras lost to T. Smith 1-6; Barnett d Biggins 6-4. Doubles (round 2): Day/Reid d Waters/ Loxton 6-2; Jericho/ Tzanavaras d P.

Smith/T. Smith 6-2; Cresp/Barnett d Lane/ **Biggins 6-3** Cobdogla 11-72 d Renmark Tintra 4-50. Doubles (round 1): H. Carter/Shane Nettle

d D. Strongman/D. Schumann 6-3; W. Swinstead/C. Battams d H. Beavis/D. Bright 6-1; Sophie Nettle/H. Drogemuller d H. Poulish/E. Reid 6-3; Carter/C. Battams lost to Strongman/Schumann 1-6; Shane Nettle/N. Battams d Bright/J. Pick 6-3: Sophie Nettle/Drogemuller d Poulish/Reid

6-2. Singles: Carter d Strongman 6-3; C. Battams d Bright 6-1; Swinstead d Beavis 6-3; N. Battams lost to Schumann 1-6; Sophie Nettle d Poulish 6-1; Drogemuller lost to Reid 2-6

Doubles (round 2): Carter/Swinstead lost to Strongman/Pick 2-6; C. Battams/Sophie Nettle d Bright/Poulish 6-3; N. Battams/ Drogemuller d Beavis/Reid 6-3. Points: Cobdogla 22, Loxton 14, Berri 12, Renmark 2.

DIVISION TWO

Berri Red 8-65 d Berri Blue 7-61. Barmera 11-82 d Loxton 4-49. Points: Cobdogla 16, Barmera 14, Berri Red 12, Berri Blue 8, Loxton 0.

Barmera 6-53 d Renmark 4-46 Moorook 8-55 d Cobdogla 2-33. Paringa 22, Moorook 13, Loxton Bashers, Barmera 12, Cobdogla 10, Loxton Smashers 6, Renmark 1.

JUNIORS

Green 2 Renmark Diamonds 6-35 d Cobdogla 2-21. Berri 4-39 d Loxton Saville 3-27. Green 3 Barmera Tigers 7-38 d Renmark

Kookaburras 1-21. Barmera Bulldogs 7-40 d Loxton Tomlianovic 0-19.

Green 4a Berri 2-29 drew with Waikerie Barty Party

2-29. Waikerie Slammers 4-34 d Renmark Gliders 2-24.

Cobdogla Eagles 5-39 d Loxton Stosur 3-25.

Orange 1

Renmark Koalas 5-35 d Berri 0-17. Waikerie Wild Ones 6-38 d Barmera 1-17. Loxton Popyrin 5-35 d Cobdogla 3-24. Orange 2 Cobdogla Raptors 5-30 d Loxton Bolt 3-21.

Green 4b

Barmera Giants 6-31 d Loxton Kyrgios 2-15. Cobdogla Hawks 4-27 d Cobdogla Falcons 4-26.

Yellow 1

Berri 7-43 d Barmera 1-26.



Max Jericho helped Berri to a win over Loxton, with the youngster emerging victorious in his singles match against Phil Smith. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Loxton Millman 5-32 d Barmera 3-37 Cobdogla 6-42 d Renmark Joeys 2-31. Green 1 Opals Berri 6-43 d Loxton Molik 2-28. Barmera 5-39 d Berri 3-32.

DV8s secure a spot in eightball grand final

DIVISION THREE

FINALS eightball is under way in the Riverland women's competition, with Monash Club DV8s the standout team so far.

DV8s defeated Lyrup Club Odd Bunch 8-2 in the semi-final, earning the team a spot in the grand final, which will be played in two weeks.

Waikerie Club kept its season alive by defeating Barmera Pelicans in a close affair, with the final score 8-7.

The result brings the campaign to an end for Barmera Pelicans and means that Waikerie is just one win away from a grand final berth.

The preliminary final between Lyrup Club Odd Bunch and Waikerie Club was played this week, with results to be published in next week's Murray Pioneer.

The winner of that match will take on the all-conquering Monash Club DV8s in the grand final.

Lee in a criterium league of his own

LEE Stevens was the lone A grade participant in last week's round of Riverland cycling as riders took to the streets in the Monash criterium race.

The event capped off an impressive stretch for Stevens after he won three gold and two silver medals at the recent SA State Track Titles.

He was joined on the road last Wednesday by Phil Pfennig, Scott Hardwick, Wayne Champion and Lee

Rasheed who all competed in the B grade division.

Phil Pfennig continued his strong run of form, crossing the line first in the B grade, while Ruth Strout was fastest in the C grade division.

RESULTS:

Monash criterium: A grade - 1st L. Stevens. B grade - 1st P. Pfennig, 2nd S. Hardwick, 3rd W. Champion, 4th L. Rasheed. C grade - 1st R. Strout, 2nd J. Stevens, 3rd A. Ylia.

Cobdogla 8-48 d Renmark Sharks 0-9.

Green 1 Pirates

Futsal finds its feet after extended break

AFTER an extended break due to Covid, Riverland futsal has returned in 2022 and it has brought with it a wealth of action.

The men's division saw ABCDE FC toppled for the first time this season, with That's Cooked running out three-goal victors.

The Other Mob trounced Young God FC and kept a clean sheet in the process, while scoring 14 goals of its own.

In the women's division, Banana Slugs emerged victorious against The Devil's Avocado by a solitary goal.

Chicks 'n' Kicks won in a one-sided affair against BHC, with the latter failing to trouble the scorers.

Tastes Like Chicken and The Odd Mob were victorious in the mixed division and the junior competitions saw a host of highscoring matches take place.

RESULTS

MEN

That's Cooked 9 d ABCDE FC 6.

Roals: That's Cooked – T. Mitchell 3, S. Crouch 3, R. Mitchell, C. Mitchell, M. Rayner. ABCDE FC – M. Barber 2, T. Pipinis 2, K. Barber Jr, E. Wade. Best: That's Cooked - C Mitchell, S Crouch. ABCDE FC

- M Barber, T Pipinis. **The Other Mob 14 d Young God FC 0.** Goals: The Other Mob – J. Skilton 4, T. McCart 4, T.

Yoshitomo 3, Paul Cooper 3. Best: The Other Mob – T. Yoshitomo, Paul Cooper. Young God FC – A. Perry, A. Abdul. The Wannabes d Owens and the Gang via forfeit.

WOMEN

Banana Slugs 6 d The Devil's Avocado 5. Goals: Banana Slugs - T. Mitchell 3, M. Mitchell 2, S. Maheswara. The Devil's Avocado – R. Payne 3, M. Lockwood 2.

Best: Banana Slugs - A. Perry, T. Mitchell. The Devil's Avocado – R. Payne, D. Ebert. **Chicks 'n' Kicks 16 d BHC 0.**

Goals: Chicks 'n' Kicks – P. Drakopoulos 7, L. Quinn 6, J. Grace 3.

Best: Chicks 'n' Kicks – L. Quinn, J. Grace. BHC – E. Berlage, K. Jury.

MIXED

Tastes Like Chicken 11 d It Just Got Messi 3. Goals: Tastes Like Chicken T. Mitchell 4, Mikayla Rayner 2, M. Mitchell 2, Mitchell Rayner 2, C. Mitchell. It Just Got Messi – M. Barber 2, R. Verrall. Best: Tastes Like Chicken – M. Rayner, R. Mitchell. It Just Got Messi – R. Verrall, M. Barber. **The Odd Mob 14 d Banana Slugs 2.** Goals: The Odd Mob J. Kim 4, T. Yoshitomo 4, R.

Payne 3, P. Perre 2, M. Lockwood. Banana Slugs – K. Skilton, J. Skilton. Best: The Odd Mob – T. Yoshitomo, J. Kim. Banana Slugs – P. Cooper, K. Skilton.

Pimms Parade d Purple Reign via forfeit.

UNDER 16

Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets 14 d Fake Madrid 8. Goals: Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets – T. Mitchell 7, M. Rayner 4, C Ebert 3. Fake Madrid – A. Son 5, K. Kahlon 2, G. Tsolomitis. Best: Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets – T. Mitchell, C.

Best: Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets – T. Mitchell, C. Ebert. Fake Madrid – A. Son, K. Kahlon. Pique Blinders 14 d Tigers 0. Goals: Pique Blinders - J. Tsonis 3, N. Mitchell-Cocks,

J. Bourton 3, C. Vanderwoude 2, N. Boucher, J. Bertram. Best: Pique Blinders – J. Tsonis, N Mitchell-Cocks. Tigers - F. Perre, S. Uzzell. **Malcolm d Nerds FC via forfeit.**

UNDER 14

Hatrick Swayze 21 d McChicken Nuggets 2. Goals: Hatrick Swayze – C. Vallelonga 10, D. Hronopoulos 4, J. Krendl 3, M. Cawse 3, B. Pankhurst. McChicken Nuggets – M. Bourton, J. Hunter. Best: Hatrick Swayze – C. Vallelonga, J. Krendl.

McChicken Nuggets – M. Mitchell, J. Hunter. **The Red Devils 5 d Indoor Ballers 2.** Goals: The Red Devils – L. Ivanovic 2, N. Meimetis 2, B. Altundag. Indoor Ballers - M-A. Perre, S. Williams. Best: The Red Devils – L. Ivanovic, B. Lock. Indoor Ballers – R. Thiele-Butterworth, S. Williams.

UNDER 12

Block it Like it's Hot 15 d Wild Fire 1. Goals: Block it Like it's Hot - N. Meimetis 6, K. Kipkosgei 3, Z. Hronopoulos 3, A. Ielasi 2, P. Efthimiou. Wild Fire – K. Krendl. Best: Block it Like it's Hot - R. Kipkosgei, Z. Hronopoulos. Wild Fire – K. Krendl, K. Strout. Blues Brothers 14 d The Black Cats 0. Goals: Blues Brothers – J. Sweet 6, J. Hunter 5, K. Ogle 2, E. Bascombe. Best: Blues Brothers – J. Sweet, J. Hunter. The Black Cats – H. Martin. A. Flavel.

UNDER 12 GIRLS

Blue Bombers 4 d Tomato Pugs 2. Goals: Blue Bombers – Z. Verco, E. Isaacs, T. Hunt, M. Mitchell. Tomato Pugs – R. Wishart 2.

SPRTGE



After signing on with Berri Football Club before Christmas, Marty Barber's attention returned to the round ball, with Riverland futsal back up and running in 2022. PHOTO: Sandy Smith

Best: Blue Bombers – A. Dale, M. Mitchell. Tomato Pugs – A. Kondoprias, R. Wishart. **McChicken Nuggets 20 d The Rebels 3.** Goals: McChicken Nuggets – M. Bourton 10, M. Mitchell 6, A. Perry 2, M. Rayner, H. Beames. The Rebels – C. Formby 2, S. Setchell. Best: McChicken Nuggets – M. Bourton, M. Mitchell. The Rebels – S. Setchell, C. Formby.

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WELL TO BE



Reece Yard and Shane Taylor took out last week's Dinghy Derby, but had to negotiate another turn when Taylor collapsed during the trophy presentations. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



VICTORY this Saturday will see Barmera Bowling Club break one of Riverland sport's longest finals droughts.

Club stalwarts cannot recall the last time Barmera's division one pennant side made the finals, but a win over The Lawns will clinch fourth place for the reborn Pelicans.

"You've got (division one skipper) Johnny Morena and those blokes who are the backbone of the club and have never played in finals," division one skipper and club coach, Ron Reynolds, said recently.

Barmera is sitting fourth going into the final minor round and only needs a victory over bottom side, the visiting The Lawns line-up, to clinch a finals spot and hold out one-time Riverland bowls powerhouse Berri.

Despite a string of good performances at the start of 2021/22, division one player Kelvin Carter declared early in the season that Barmera was merely looking to make finals this year, and cement its recent improvement.

However, adding extra spice to this weekend's match, The Lawns scored its first victory of the season last Saturday, upsetting Loxton.

Waikerie, Renmark and Loxton RSL have already sealed their respective spots in the division one finals.

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