

Loxton Hotel wait staff member Rebecca Tastanellis with an EFTPOS machine on Monday. A mobile outage caused issues for a number of businesses and locals with disruptions to phone calls and text messages, along with ATMs and EFTPOS machines. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Berri Barmera's big news...

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JOSH BRINE

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Local telehealth service launched

THE region's health network has transitioned to a new locally operated telehealth medical service to provide 24/7 emergency support where most needed.

From yesterday, the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) moved from the South Australia Virtual Emergency Service (SAVES) to the RMC CARES (Country Access to Remote Emergency Support) service, based at the Riverland General Hospital.

The service provides virtual emergency services and remote medical assistance to all network EDs where local on-call medical officers are unavailable.

An RMCLHN spokesperson said providing the service on a local level would allow doctors to be "better equipped and supported to provide the best possible care to patients when needed".

"The service also provides a unique training opportunity for doctors in the RMCLHN's Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence (RACE), allowing them to gain skills in the provision of telehealth services when working in the Riverland General Hospital ED..." they said.

"The RMC CARES service has previously supported Pinnaroo, Lameroo, Mannum and other hospitals when they have had no local on-call medical officer available, as well as providing support to other LHNs when their medical workforce has been affected by Covid-19 furloughing require-

"RMC CARES has been operating from the Riverland General Hospital ED for the past four months with great success and we look forward to integrating this service across all our hospital emergency departments."

Aged care correction:

A DETAIL in an article in last week's edition of The Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

Due to an error in federal government reporting on Covid-19 outbreaks in residential aged care facilities, the article 'Aged care Covid fight' claimed four staff at the Calvary St Catherine's Retirement Community were Covid-19 positive.

In fact, the facility has recorded no positive Covid-19 cases among its staff.

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Prior to this, he was employed as CEO at Regional Development

Australia (RDA) Yorke and Mid North, and served in other executive and management roles with RDA, the state government and in the private sector.

Mr Strong, who grew up in Coonalpyn, said he was looking forward to relocating to the Riverland to assume his new role.

"I feel very honoured to have been selected by council to lead the organisation and deliver on behalf of the Berri Barmera community over the coming years," he said.

"I will be drawing on my experience in local government and regional economic development to support the continued growth and diversity of this wonderful community.

"The Berri Barmera district has so much to offer, and my family is looking forward to making it our home and becoming part of the community."

Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt said Mr Strong was selected from a "highly contested field" of 38 applicants, and he looked forward to welcoming the new CEO to the district along with his wife and four children.

'We are confident that he will lead the organisation and continue on with the outstanding work that has been done to date in building a progressive and bright future for our community," Mr Hunt said.

Mr Strong is expected to assume the role by mid-April at the latest.

The new appointment follows the resignation of former CEO Karyn Burton, who left council last month following 32 years in



Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt

local government.

From Monday this week former Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association chief executive Peter Bond is serving as acting CEO until Mr Strong commences.

Frank river damage warning for Renmark

A FORMER local councillor has joined the chorus of concern about the damage water vessels cause to river banks and infrastructure.

Paringa man Frank Turton regularly moors his boat in Renmark and says "an increase in the size, number and speed" of water users over the past 10 years is taking its toll, particularly on the town's wharf.

"The constant crashing and smashing of heavy boats hitting the wharf has damaged the structure, causing 'filling rubble' to wash away from beneath the pavement," Mr Turton says in a letter to the editor in today's Murray Pioneer.

"Those areas are now collapsing."

An ex-Renmark Paringa Council elected member and failed mayoral candidate, Mr Turton has also criticised his former council, claiming it should have done more to protect its premium riverfront tourism area.

A recent Murray Pioneer poll found that some Riverlanders would welcome great emphasis on river safety rules in the region.

PAGE 6 Frank Turton's letter



Frank Turton at the Renmark river front this week. Mr Turton says powered vessels are damaging local infrastructure. **PHOTO: Deirdre Graham**

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Loxton man Peter Manfgelsdorf is seeking expressions of interest to take over the Christmas Wonderland display.

Love Christmas Wonderland? Now it could be yours

THE magic of Loxton's Christmas Wonderland could continue, with its current owner looking for expressions of interest to house the festive display.

After almost 40 years, Peter Mangelsdorf announced 2021 was to be the last time Christmas Wonderland would be displayed at his Loxton home.

Mr Mangelsdorf is unable to continue due to poor health, but is looking to gift the 250m display in its entirety.

"Christmas Wonderland is the star of Loxton's Lights Festival and a great attraction that brings many people to Loxton,"

"It's an exciting new era for the display in new hands and at a new venue. I can't wait to see how it evolves."

Mr Mangelsdorf is seeking expressions of interest from individuals, business groups and/or organisations to take full ownership, operate and promote Christmas Wonderland, in conjunction with the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee.

The event is to remain in Loxton, in its entirety.

The new operator will be allocated a seat on the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee, joining other representatives who organise events and displays as part of the Loxton Lights Festival program.

During handover, Mr Mangelsdorf will provide support, together with any requested technical input to the new operator.

Mr Mangelsdorf said he hoped his legacy would live on and Christmas Wonderland would continue to uplift people's spirits and bring joy for many years to come.

"It's so great seeing the kids' faces light up when they see it," he said. "There's so much to look at."

Expressions of interest in writing close on Monday, February 28. For more information, phone 0402 792 928 and see advertisement on page 40.



Emergency services attended an incident and assisted in the removal of a car from the front of the Berri Patisserie on Saturday morning. PHOTOS: supplied

ELYSE ARMANINI

A POPULAR cafe in Berri is closed for repairs after a car crashed into the front of the business on the weekend.

Around 9am on Saturday, a Hyundai Getz ploughed into the front of Berri Patisserie, which was closed at the time, leaving extensive damage to the front window and cool room.

Berri Patisserie's Mary Lailey said she received a call in the morning explaining what had happened.

"It was a young couple and she was parked in front of the shop, but instead of reversing, she put her foot to the floor and she just flew through the shop," Ms Lailey said.

"We've pretty much lost all of our stock, and we just can't trade. We're in the middle of trying to get everything organised but it's just a bit of a mess."

The young couple in the car were uninjured, with the car sustaining almost no damage.



The Hyundai Getz that crashed through the front window of Berri Patisserie sustained minimal damage.

Ms Lailey thanked the emergency service crews that attended and assisted in the car removal, partial clean-up and for securing the property.

The business is covered by insurance and an assessor will visit the cafe tomorrow, but Ms Lailey said it would remain closed for "at least the week"

during the clean-up and until repairs can be made.

Follow the Berri Patisserie Facebook page for future updates.

\$140k for Berri stadium air-conditioning upgrades

JOSH BRINE

BERRI Barmera Council will contribute more than \$140,000 towards significant upgrades to the Berri Stadium after receiving a state government grant.

Council will match the \$142,600 grant from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing to install new air-conditioning system, insulation and cladding at the stadium.

Sunday 9am to 9pm

Mayor Peter Hunt welcomed the state

government's decision to help fund the

"Fortunately, it has turned out in a great way, with our funding and the significant contribution from the state government, that we are now able to provide these upgrades," he said.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone.

"Hopefully this will help more local kids get involved with sporting clubs, especially with the gymnastics academy already grow-

Council staff also assisted the stadium's user groups by collating the necessary information for, and writing, the grant applica-

Two other sporting groups in the Berri Barmera district – the Cobdogla Tennis Club and Barmera Golf Club - also received funding from the state government.



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Telstra outage cripples mobiles, EFTPOS and ATMs in town...

Data down in Loxton

LOXTON businesses – and many residents - were plunged into a bygone era this week via a disruptive mobile data outage that brought an almost cashless community to a near-standstill.

Telstra reported an outage to its mobile services from Monday morning, sparking issues with phone calls and text messages, mobile data, EFTPOS machines and ATMs.

Many locals were left without internet coverage, and Loxton Hotel manager Darren Morrison said the outage was disappointing and ill-timed, given so many businesses were already struggling



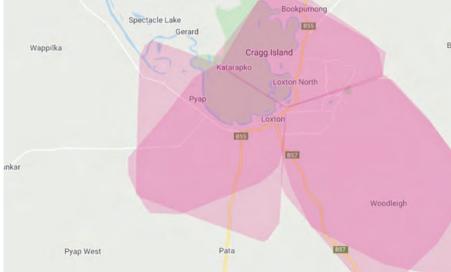
with Covid-19 restrictions or were being impacted by the current outbreak.

"It's just another pressure on the business," he said.

"People don't really go out with cash in their pockets that much now, 90 per cent of our sales are with cards."

Mr Morrison said people were forced to explore other options.

"Some people have gone to get money and I think a couple have



A map showing the Telstra mobile outage throughout the Loxton district on Monday and yesterday, causing disruptions to phone calls and text messages, mobile data, EFTPOS machines and ATMs. IMAGE: Telstra wesbite

left because they didn't have any money on them," he said.

Mr Morrison said almost all areas of the hotel were impacted.

"Our phones, while they are sort of working, it's not consistent," he

"You feel a bit cut off."

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The Telstra website showed a

mobile outage in Loxton and Pyap, extending North to Bookpurnong, and south towards Pata and Woodleigh.

The outage was expected to be restored by 10am yesterday.

"A hardware issue is disrupting our 3G coverage in Loxton," a Telstra spokesperson said.

"4G and landline services aren't affected.

'We're working to get 3G back online and we thank everyone for their patience."

Loxton and some areas near Berri were still experiencing the mobile outage yesterday afternoon, at the time of writing.

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Future unclear for Waikerie birthing

THE future of birthing at one Riverland hospital remains "unclear" more than a year after the region's local health network closed the service due to staff shortages.

Birthing services at the Waikerie Hospital were suspended on January 18, 2021, due to an "unplanned shortage of nursing and midwifery staff", with the temporary measure expected to end in March 2021.

However, the suspension was later extended indefinitely, with SA Health failing to attract the necessary specialist staff for the service.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion said he was unable to commit to the services returning.

"Whilst I'd love to say we'll reopen it, like I've made the commitment with Barmera Hospital, I'm not in a position where I can do that," he said.



"The simple fact is that it's very hard to recruit midwives generally – there is a national shortage."

Last November, the Riverland General Hospital introduced a new midwifery model, with maternity patients allocated a midwife who is available to them throughout their pregnancy and up to six weeks postpartum.

"We have implemented the case-managed midwifery model at the Riverland General Hospital in order to try and make midwifery as a career in this part of the region more attractive to attract more midwives," Mr Champion said.

"So far that's proving successful, but we haven't recruited enough to be able to open the Waikerie service.

"In fact, we were short-staffed at both Berri and Loxton at the time Waikerie closed, so that's still an issue but it has improved slightly with the implementation of the new model."

In August 2021, Mr Champion told The Murray Pioneer the low number of births in Waikerie – about 30 per year – was impacting the facility's ability to attract and retain staff.

"Midwifery staff need to participate in a certain number of birthing processes to maintain their skills over the course of their career, but we can rotate staff through a number of other hospitals from Loxton and Berri to the Women's and Children's Hospital, to help maintain (midwife) skills,"

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he said.

"Generally speaking, people become midwives because they want to be involved in supporting mums and new babies, and therefore, busier places in terms of birthing are more attractive to them."

The Waikerie Hospital still offers sharedcare antenatal and postnatal services to local maternity patients.

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- Wayne Champion Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO

Support that's too important to lose

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A WAIKERIE woman has vowed to continue advocating for a local birthing service, more than a year after its closure.

Ayla Armstrong knows the ease of giving birth at her local hospital after her daughter was born at Waikerie in 2020, but also knows the increased pressure and anxiety mothers face without a local service after having her son at Berri in 2021.

"It would be really good to see the services come back and available for Waikerie," she

"I had a great birth and I loved my experience there."

Mrs Armstrong said there was no denying the added stress travelling over 60km causes new mothers and their families.

"To me, it's important to have the same support systems and know that every week when going to see your doctor, that is the person who is going to be there when you deliver," she

Mrs Armstrong also acknowledged the fear of failing to make it to the hospital in time.

"We drove to Berri while I was in labour, which wasn't

fun," she said.

"It's very uncomfortable."
Mrs Armstrong said the stress
of travelling to Berri, potentially while in labour, could be
compounded by health checks
and appointments following the
baby's birth.

"They have to get their weight and hearing tests done and (hospital staff) said, 'You have to come back to Berri'," she said.

With Waikerie now without obstetric services, Mrs Armstrong said she is seeing the impact it is having on her friends who are currently pregnant.

"One of my girlfriends has chosen to go private and go to Adelaide because she doesn't have someone she can just call up at any time who can stay with her (other) child," she said.

"She said it was causing her too much anxiety to get to Berri.

"She said she is opting for a C-section because that's an easier option. It's sad that is an easier option than navigating getting to Berri."

Mrs Armstrong said she was hopeful staffing levels at the Waikerie Health Service could return to sufficient levels.



Waikerie woman Ayla Armstrong, pictured with her family, is advocating for obstetric services to return to the Waikerie Health Service. PHOTO: supplied



OPINION







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EDITORIAL THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

River use a balancing act

ONE of our region's greatest natural advantages is the River Murray and its attractiveness to recreational water users.

Tourists flock to the region to be near and on the water – and the importance of the latter should not be underestimated.

We have done well to forge a reputation, far and wide, as a water playground perfect for leisure activities, and occasionally to host water sports events.

This weekend features one of the region's sporting success stories, with the Riverland Dinghy Club hosting its Dash for Cash on Friday night and Dinghy Derby on Sunday.

It has long been a major Riverland event, and through a blend of shrewd management and pure enthusiasm, has continued to grow over the years, expanding its reach way beyond South Australia.

The Renmark stretch of river front will be busier than usual in the coming days, while elsewhere across the region, boat owners will continue to enjoy their summer on the water, as is their right.

However, misuse of the river by careless craft operators is emerging as a hot-button issue in the Riverland, firing up residents from one end of the region to the other.

Frank Turton weighs into the debate with his own take on the Renmark river-front situation in today's Murray Pioneer and most river users – or even just river lovers – have a strong opinion either way.

Striking a balance is difficult. Nobody wants continued degredation of the river banks and/or man-made infrastructure, but slapping bans on water craft is an over-the-top reaction.

Perhaps a solution involves all groups embracing complete honesty. Maybe dobbing in the irresponsible minority should become par for the course, those making complaints should stear clear of hyperbole, and governments – of all tiers – should display heighented awareness when assessing any damage and taking steps to prevent it?

One Nation in SA

ONE Nation last ran a Chaffey candidate in 2002, about six years after Pauline Hanson made her famous/infamous maiden speech to federal parliament.

That drought was broken this week when Adelaide-based businessman Sab Feleppa became the fourth state election candidate for Chaffey.

Flanked by former Liberal staffer and ex-Riverlander Richard Henderson, Mr Feleppa travelled to the region to launch his campaign and speak about himself, his motivations and his policies.

He knows he cannot win, but for the next seven weeks he will attempt to draw attention to the issues he believes in, like his fellow candidates. Despite having zero chance of claiming Chaffey, his candidacy alone is an interesting development.

One Nation is running 18 lower house candidates at the March 19 SA election, plus three in the upper house for good measure. Its hopes of getting anyone up are slim to none, but the weight of numbers point to a party hoping to capitalise on the likely splintering of the conservative vote at the federal election, which political insiders believe will be held on May 21, just two months after the SA election.

Pauline Hanson visited the Riverland in 2019 and the party had planned to send high-profile One Nation NSW State Leader – and former leader of the federal opposition – Mark Latham to SA last year, until Covid-19 restrictions intervened.

For as long as the party exists, its stronghold will always be Queensland, but its SA push this time around signals a re-commitment to having an influence in our state, and possibly to lay the groundwork for its federal election campaign.



Pastor Gerhardt Ferdinand Backen, 1898-1971; Lutheran pastor, Renmark and Loxton. c.1920: Pastor Backen had, in late 1921, begun ministering among Renmark's St John's Trinity Lutheran Church where he served for five-and-a-half years. Being farewelled in 1927, tributes by PA John (chairman) and AE Michan (elder) included the presentation of an electric-grill and, for his pianist-daughter. a silver cake bowl. In 1926, Gerhardt also began ministering in Loxton, travelling to Concordia church for services there. A new Lutheran parish including Meribah and Nangari, with Gerhardt as first minister, was soon established. In his first two years, Concordia's membership increased from 137 to 204, outgrowing its existing 1902-built, stone church and, in 1929, a new church hall was dedicated. Pastor Backen was "...a man of mission and zeal... with untiring efforts to (establish) a Christian day school". This was achieved in 1938. Pastor Backen served Concordia's congregation faithfully until 1946 when he resigned due to ill-health. During his ministry Concordia had continued to grow despite the Depression and World War II and the church moved from speaking German to English in its worship and life. The Word of God had its effect on the hearts of the people and had not returned void. PHOTO: Concordia

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boats damaging the Renmark river front

IT is with regret that I must write this letter, criticising the council for a lack of action regarding the preservation of our river front.

For over 10 years now I have used this area on my boat to attract visitors to our town.

For over 10 years now I have noticed damage being caused to our river front, by an increase in the size, number and speed of water users.

For over 10 years now I have reported to council, council members etc. the damage and possible solutions to protect our valuable tourist area, all met with almost total ignorance. It has been a case of, 'You can't tell us what could be done – we are the council'.

Now, after at least 10 years of what I consider to be nothing much done in the way of maintenance, we have a major and costly problem to contend with.

The constant crashing and smashing of heavy boats hitting the wharf has damaged the structure, causing 'filling rubble' to wash away from beneath the pavement. Those areas are now collapsing.

Take note, high water was not the reason for this collapse – water would not have entered if maintenance has been carried out.

Overall we have a big and expensive problem to contend with, but we can temporarily relieve the problem by blocking off the water entry area, compacting and re-laying the pavers.

Ultimately, I believe steel sheet piling should be installed to compete with the increasing river boat use.

Incidentally, looking back on when the structure was built, seeing the plans and structure, I believe there is still a lot of life left in the wharf. The people responsible for the building should be remembered for their initial efforts.

Also note, I would like to see people in the lower ranks of council administration pay a bit more attention to what is happening outside of their polished seats and air-conditioned comfort.

If and when consultants are used they will always cost big dollars. Sometimes a little local knowledge from local workers can save a lot of money for our area.

FRANK TURTON Paringa Former elected member Renmark Paringa Council

Our privileged Covid vaccine experiences

ONE of the most poignant photographs of the pandemic has been that of a young man carrying his aged father on his back to get a Covid-19 vaccine in the Brazilian Amazon.

The doctor who took the photograph said that the rugged journey had taken them hours. It was a stark reminder of the health challenges faced by those in non-developed countries.

I compared that to our experience: a phone call to book in and a park outside the clinic, with the whole process on all three occasions taking about half an hour in air-conditioned comfort.

It's a reminder not to take our privileged way of life for granted.

LILLIAN MATTNER

Hard to dissuade conspiracy theorists

ALAN Ling has provided a lot of statements which I believe require some comment ('Covid-19 vaccines: What's really happened over the past two years', Murray Pioneer, 26/1/22).

His main contention is that the mRNA vaccines are experimental. After a quick search, I was able to find an article (https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02483-w) which sets out the history of the development of mRNA as a Covid-19 vaccine.

The action of mRNA has been well documented and first came to notice in the late 1970s.

Early work for a biological mechanism to deliver the mRNA was first developed by Dr Robert Malone, who drew on the work of others. Since that time there has been much development spurred on in the last few years by the need for a Covid-19 vaccine.

Dr Malone is in dispute with his fellow colleagues and pharmaceutical companies, making unsubstantiated claims that the vaccine is unsafe. Alan makes claims that inter-

Alan makes claims that internet sites are censored to hide the facts but there are numerous sites which can be accessed from both a pro and against vaccination point of view.

I have read articles in various major newspapers which contain articles reporting both sides of the debate.

The media has tended to exaggerate the seriousness of Covid-19. Don't let the facts get in the way of a good story.

It has never been claimed that the Covid-19 vaccines would prevent someone getting Covid-19 but would lessen its impact.

At the end of the day, if you are convinced that there is a conspiracy out there, it is difficult to change your point of view.

TONY MEISSNER Pyap West

Thanks for printing Covid-19 opinions

FIRSTLY, I would like to thank The Murray Pioneer for giving people the chance to voice their opinions in relation to Covid-19.

It seems like we have lost our freedom of speech as anyone with an opinion that differs from the government and their health experts must be shut down.

And the people are very passionate about where they stand on the subject. This was evident in all the protests that we've seen.

But no, the authorities wouldn't stand for this. How dare they not fall into line and bow down to us.

Moving on, it was uplifting and refreshing to read Alan Ling's article in last week's paper.

Do I agree with your opinion? I don't know. We've been fed so much information over the last two years that my head is spinning.

I do know that I was concerned about having such a new vaccine and after having my socalled booster, I still feel uneasy.

The reasons I'm vaccinated include fear, scaremongering, being able to work and hope – hope that it was going to work and life could go on with less sickness and loss of life.

It's almost impossible to have a conversation and say what you think about the whole show without people becoming defensive and bordering on aggressive.

I had one of those moments on Saturday. I happened to mention that more vaccinated people are dying than unvaccinated. I got shot down and told that isn't correct.

So, upon checking that day's numbers, I found that of the 49 deaths in NSW, only 12 were unvaccinated, and in Queensland just four of the 12 deaths were unvaccinated.

Personally, I don't think it works, but let's face it, we don't know and we're basically just winging it and hoping to get the upper hand on this virus. I really hope we do.

My biggest worry is that we have a big, angry variant next. We've seen how fast it can establish itself worldwide. Our only real hope is vaccines but we'll all have to wait and see how that goes.

C. HEYNEN Paringa

Concerned for my six grandchildren

I REFER to the encouragement from Professor Paul Worley from the Local Health Network to have kids vaccinated as "there's no doubt...that vaccinating children between five and 11 is beneficial" ('Get kids jabbed for school, expert says', Murray Pioneer, 26/1/22).

This statement is not supported by the 17,000 medical scientists and specialists forming the Alliance led by Dr Robert Malone, a team member from the group that invented the mRNA technology used in the vaccines.

As a grandparent of six kids

Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey



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under seven years old, I am extremely concerned about side effects they may get in future years from a rushed experimental drug that has not been subjected to the usual 10 years of testing prior to approval for use by the FDA and TGA.

The big pharma companies have received an indemnity against prosecution if these drugs prove to be fatal as part of their "emergency approval"

Parents should fully investigate the risks as they normally would by getting a second opinion. An opinion from 17,000 health specialists is adequate for our family, so see www. rwmalonemd.com for a menu of data.

A.G. LING Loxton

Roads investment: ours versus Labor's

I READ with interest SA Labor's comments in the article titled "Highway Barrier Backlash" (Murray Pioneer, 27/1/22).

The Marshall Liberal Government is investing \$87.5 million into the Sturt Highway, with four new overtaking lanes, two intersection upgrades at the east and west of the Old Sturt Highway and widening works due for completion early next year, in addition to the construction of safety barriers.

We've seen a \$15 million package of works on the Brown's Well Highway completed in 2021 to improve the safety and return the 110km/h speed limit.

We are working hard to fix the backlog of maintenance and going forward we have committed more than \$786 million to regional roads for the next four years, the largest ever investment in our state's regional roads.

We are finally seeing investment in our road infrastructure, which was previously ignored for 16 years under a Labor state government.

They did nothing about the

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condition of our regional roads throughout their tenure, during which time Mr Koutsantonis was the minister for transport and infrastructure.

Tony HEREY

Instead, they reduced speed limits, ignored the pleas from our regional communities and left regional South Australia with a road maintenance backlog of more than \$750 million.

I find it interesting that two months out from the state election, the SA Labor Party suddenly cares about the Riverland.

Our government understands that investment in roads in regional South Australia leads to improved productivity and ease of freight movement, and in turn, more investment and jobs for regional South Australia. But most importantly, it improves safety and saves lives.

The reality is that only the Marshall Liberal Government

has a comprehensive plan to ensure the Riverland and regional South Australians have the roads and infrastructure they deserve.

A LIGHT BULB MOMENT EVERY DAY

TIM WHETSTONE **Member for Chaffey**

Nothing funny about Lake Bonney re-run

THE Poms had the two Ronnies, Barmera got the two Jonnies. At least the Ronnies were

Our Jonnies are the only two people in Barmera that don't want Lake Bonney to be fresher, Loch Luna and Chambers Creek protected and Cobby and Loveday not to smell acid sulphate stench.

They clearly know a lot more than all the experts in all the reports that they clearly have not read.

Not a mention of the more important subject of Lock 3. This is a re-run of last time.

WAS GRANTS FORTE

JOE GROPLER Loveday

Cobweb says thanks

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the shifting of The Cobweb due to storm dam-

Particularly the council and a certain staff member who worked tirelessly to help us shift into the Institute.

We are now trading in the Institute until the shop is fixed.

Unfortunately we have lost some members and volunteers since the storm and temporary relocation. If anyone would like to join or help out please contact me on 0428 412 340.

ELAINE WILKINSON Secretary The Cobweb Association

Looking back...

10 years ago February 3, 2012



CASUALTIES OF WAR: Riverland fruit and vegetable growers could be the casualties in the latest supermarket price war, with some being paid up to 15 per cent less than production costs. Coles announced its new campaign to slash some fruit and vegetable prices by 50 per cent – and possibly more – this week, with Woolworths quickly following suit by vowing to match or beat the cut.

20 years ago February 1, 2002





'Transplant girl' dies



TEXT LINE

because you are not vaccinated What a complete disgrace our seems ludicrous. I have been told paper has become. You have that some bowlers are afraid to chosen to be a haven for anticome and play at clubs where vaxxers and conspiracy theorists. unvaccinated people are allowed To publish an article full of in. Why leave the house at all falsehoods and lies makes a then? One may assume that these mockery of any claim of reputable same people go to pubs, clubs, go journalism. Make no mistake, you shopping and the like. They don't are facilitating and encouraging know if the person sitting nearby dangerous behaviour. You will have is vaccinated or not, so what is blood on your hands. Shameful

> As Berri Regional Secondary College opens its doors for the first time this week, we would like to congratulate the principal and staff for the tireless work they have put to benefit the education of our community's students. In a difficult landscape to manage a school, let alone build a new one, we commend them for getting an operational year 7-12 college built and cannot wait to see how this exciting education institution continues to grow.

> > JUSTIN Berri

EPA CLEAN UP ORDER: Construction of the controversial environment centre at Renmark started this week after years of delays. It marks the end of a long battle to establish the McCormick Centre in the district despite opposition from nearby residents and one of its original backers. The multi-million dollar site will be headquarters for eco-science in the region FK and double as the Chaffey campus for Renmark advanced learning.

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I'm with Graham and David regarding the Westpac bank demolition and open space in Renmark. Bet there are other interested parties that want the land and I'm doubtful council will sway toward the ratepayers before businesses.

Renmark

A few weeks ago, a Riverland physiotherapist claimed she would have to close her business because of her anti-vaccine beliefs. What she believes in doesn't bother me but one sentence in her article stunned me and has annoved me since. She quoted that she'd have to "live on a budget" to make ends meet. Millions of people in Australia budget every week. Thousands don't because they can't. If this woman doesn't have to budget then in my next life I'm gonna be a physio.

> **GARY** Waikerie

The opinion piece provided by Alan Ling ('Covid-19 vaccines: What's really happened over

the past two years', 26/1/22) regarding the Covid vaccines, mandates, restrictions and the like was excellent. People need to stop listening to and believing every word of MSM. We are very fortunate to have a local paper which will publish both sides of the coin when it comes to this polarising debate. As your paper published recently, Bowls SA has brought in a mandate of 'no jab, no play' for pennants games and state events in lawn bowls. Bowls Riverland have gone one step further to mandate Wednesday afternoon bowls which is not a pennants game. Some Riverland bowls clubs have taken it even further and introduced a 'no jab. no entry' policy. On inquiring with these clubs, this means no unvaccinated people can even enter the greens (outside) for a practice or to support a team. Every member in these clubs has paid full subscriptions to be a member and that gives them the right to go to any club in SA and practice. To be excluded from an outdoor sport, where you can easily social distance, just

the issue? It's become downright ridiculous. Bowls SA says it has a duty of care and the clubs say "we want to keep people safe". How far do we go? People also need to be responsible for their own health. It's becoming glaringly apparent that Covid is becoming a disease of the vaccinated, and that the vaccinated are spreading it. I value my health too much to be subject to an experimental medical trial that has no long-term generational data to show possible harmful effects, even if it means giving up a sport I love and being treated like a leper by certain people if I do happen to go to my local bowling club.

Waikerie

Council hits the golden standard

A RIVERLAND council has become the first local government body in the world recognised for its commitment to the responsible use of water resources.

Renmark Paringa Council was last week awarded a gold level certification for sustainable water management through International Water Stewardship Standard (AWS Standard).

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said efficient management of local water resources had generated environmental, social, and economic benefits.

"AWS certification and the development of a water steward-ship plan has provided us with the perfect way to achieve our goal of gaining recognition for our stewardship of water resources in a transparent, rigorous and stakeholder-inclusive way," Mr Martinson said.

"As a community we have always been very active in the water stewardship space without being formally recognised for it.

"The certification provides an opportunity to be recognised for what we currently do, build on that and understand what else we can



Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson at the Renmark Irrigation Trust with council's gold level certification for sustainable water management, awarded through the AWS Standard. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

do. It ripples throughout the community."

Mr Martinson said the use of treated wastewater for municipal irrigation had allowed council to decrease the volume of catchment water used, while supporting the rehabilitation of local floodplains and wetlands.

"The certification process recognises the council's leading role in advancing water stewardship, not just in its own operations, but more

broadly amongst water users in the community," he said.

"We encourage water users in the community

and in the catchment to participate in water stewardship.

Renmark Paringa Council

"This includes major water users in agriculture and industry, as well as domestic water users."

The Renmark Irrigation Trust

(RIT) was awarded gold level certification in 2018, followed by a platinum level certification in 2020.

AWS Asia-Pacific chief executive officer, Rod Knight, said council had set an example for "responsible water practices in local government and agricultural communities".

"Renmark Paringa Council and (RIT) are pioneering sustainable water management in the Murray-Darling Basin," Mr Knight said.

"The leadership and commit-

ment shown by Renmark Paringa Council serves as a model to other communities on the power of collective action to address shared water challenges and achieve social, environmental and economic benefits."

The Renmark Paringa Council Water Stewardship Plan can be viewed by visiting the website (www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0033/1078773/RPC-Water-Stewardship-Plan.pdf).



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One Nation Chaffey candidate

PAUL MITCHELL

A "PRO-VACCINE, but antimandate" business owner who calls the Riverland his second home is One Nation's state election candidate for Chaffey.

The son of former Sunlands fruit block owners, Sab Feleppa is a familiar face to several Riverland business operators, via his role as a workplace safety expert.

Mr Feleppa visits the region regular and officially launched his campaign in Renmark this week, when he declared his campaign would focus on increasing government services in regional areas, ensuring local irrigators escape further penalties from water reform, and calling out government overreach in Covid-19 restrictions.

The 56-year-old is the fourth confirmed Chaffey candidate and said his decision to run was dually motivated by his party's founder and his love of the Riverland.

"Pauline Hanson has been an inspiration with her efforts to put the interests of Australia and Australians first," he said.

"I want the same for people in Chaffey... because I love the joint and things could be better."

Fully vaccinated Mr Feleppa said he had been alarmed by Covid-related decisions made by the Liberal state government over the past two years.

"Friends of mine who are coppers and nurses are going to lose their jobs because they won't get the jab and I never thought that could come about," he said.



Hanson

"But we can't even have a debate; we get called conspiracy theorists. Why do Labor or Liberal not want to talk about it?

"My mum suffered a stroke recently and we couldn't visit her and that got me really mad. None of this makes any sense and none of the politicians give you straight answers.



One Nation's Chaffey candidate for the March 19 state election Sab Feleppa in the Riverland this week to launch his campaign. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

"There seems to be an emphasis on the bureaucratic nature of health, rather than getting patients well and getting them out of the hospitals and making beds avail-

Mr Feleppa described Chaffey as "a unique electorate", where water plays a key role.

"It drives almost everything, from the economy to population levels," he said.

"This means we have to be careful with more water reform in the Murray Darling Basin so that environmental outcomes can be achieved without taking more water from efficient South Australian growers.

"It also means we need to have sound policies and good infrastructure supporting rural communities, such as those in the Mallee, especially in times of drought or hardship.

Mr Feleppa said he had built a career on making high-risk workplaces safer and was now working to improve representation for people in South Australia.

"My priorities will be to stop the erosion of government services locally, and get more public investment and resources into regional communities," he said.

"I'm also keen to promote policies which improve education outcomes and housing affordability in South Australia, and to defend some of the fundamental democratic principles that have been discarded or threatened in this state by unelected bureaucrats managing the Covid-19 pandemic.

"I've seen a lot of unconscionable conduct by government agencies, employer groups and unions which made me seriously question whether they were truly motivated to improve safety for workers.

"It's why I started my own business to help make workplaces

Mr Feleppa will continue to visit the region leading up to the March 19 election, to campaign, for work, and to recruit volunteers.

He is the first One Nation candidate for Chaffey since 2002, when Shirley Faulkner gained 3.4 per cent of the vote.

He joins sitting Liberal member Tim Whetstone, Greens representative Trevor Schloithe and Nationals contender Damien Buijs as confirmed Chaffey candidates.





At the Berri Barmera Council's Australia Day ceremony on the Berri river front were Building a Better Community Award winners Julie Ahrens from Berri Our Town (left) and Julie Krollig from the Barmera **Centenary Shop Window** Project, Community **Event of the Year winner** Lloyd Wright from the **Monash Centenary** Military Ceremony, Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt, Citizen of the Year Chrissy Eleftheriadis, Citizen of Courage Award winner Heather Wynands and Young Citizen of the Year Cameron Dixon. PHOTOS: Josh Brine

Reduced crowd celebrates a Berri good Oz Day

JOSH BRINE

THE Berri Barmera Council's Australia Day celebrations have been hailed a success, with a record number of new citizens welcomed despite limits on crowd size.

The council's Australia Day awards and citizenship ceremony was held on the Berri river front last Wednesday, with attendees restricted to award winners, new citizens, and friends and family.

Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt said the event was "really successful", despite the council's annual community walk and breakfast being cut from the festivities.

"Overall, I thought it was a fantastic day and I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed it," he said.



"I thought we acted responsibly by not having the walk and the breakfast that have traditionally been part of Australia Day."

The council gave out six community awards, including Citizen of the Year to social worker and local sports volunteer Chrissy Eleftheriadis, Young Citizen of the Year to former Glossop High School student Cameron Dixon and the first-ever Citizen of Courage Award to sexual assault survivor Heather Wynands.

Mr Hunt also welcomed 28 new Australian citizens to the district – the most ever at a Berri Barmera ceremony.

"I really enjoyed was having so many new citizens that we welcomed," he said.

"To have so many new Australians being naturalised on the day in our council area was very special, and from all over the world too."

Thi Nguyen, who became an Australian citizen after moving from Vietnam more than four years ago, said she "loved" living in the Riverland.

"I enjoy the nature, the culture and the society, and there are a lot more opportunities," she said.

"Living in Berri is good and very peaceful – the people who live



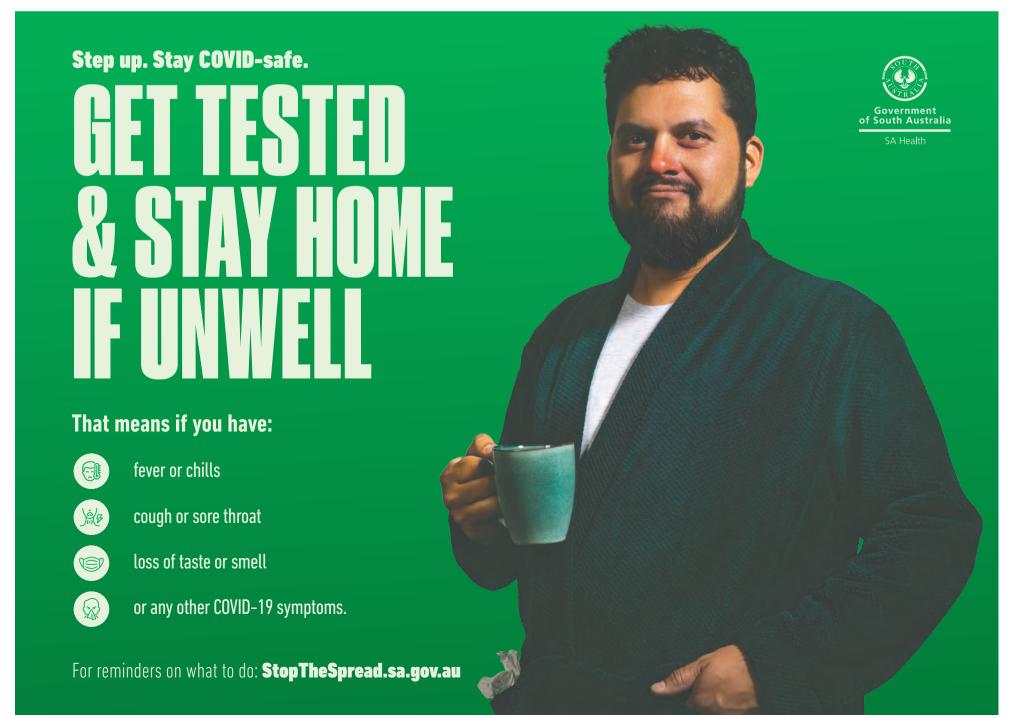
Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt with the 28 new citizens who took the pledge of commitment at the council's Australia Day ceremony.

here are so friendly.

"I'm very happy to now be an Australian citizen."

Mr Hunt thanked council staff for organising a "fantastic event" despite the challenges of Covid-19. "On a special day like Australia Day, you couldn't have asked for anything better," he said.

"Being able to celebrate new citizens and our award winners is what Australia Day is all about."



The big day for Renmark Paringa's best

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE community benefits of a longstanding annual festival, and a local woman's dedication to her Riverland town, were highlighted during Australia Day.

Renmark Paringa Council hosted its annual Australia Day awards ceremony – and community breakfast – last Wednesday at the Renmark Club.

Renmark Rocks On committee member, Lyn Leuders, said receiving the Event of the Year award illustrated the festival's importance to the local community.

"We were excited and honoured to be recognised for the hard work we've put in over the years," Mrs Leuders said.

"We love putting on the show, love dancing and having the music, (and) it's also something for the community. The flow-on effects the festival has around the businesses of our community is fantastic.

"We'll continue to go forward...

the continued support of the council, and local businesses, is so important to the event."

Renmark Paringa Citizen of the Year Lorna Taylor said the ceremony allowed hers and others to showcase their pride in the area.

"It was a lovely ceremony," Mrs Taylor said. "I don't think the council could have done a better job.

"Seeing the new members of our community being given their citizenship is always a highlight for me. It's very special."

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said capacity restrictions and some no-shows impacted attendance for the event.

"Everybody said it was a really good event on the day, but unfortunately were very low on numbers, with the club being down to 25 per cent (capacity) at that particular stage," Mr Martinson said.

"We had a few people who didn't turn up, which is unfortunate because we had a waiting list of other people.

"It's important that if people do



Renmark Paringa Citizen of the Year, Lorna Taylor (centre), with Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Neil Martinson (right), and guest speaker Ian Tolley, at council's Australia Day celebration, at the Renmark Club, last Wednesday.

PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

nominate to go, that they turn up. Otherwise they need to let council know, then we can pick up any extra people."

However, Mr Martinson said

ensuring an Australia Day ceremony could still be held had been a priority for council.

"We were keen to make sure we kept our community spirit going by holding the event," he said.

"There were two very good recipients for the respective awards, and the community appreciated the work they had done over the years."



It was a lovely ceremony. I don't think the council could have done a better job... - Lorna Taylor, Renmark Paringa Citizen of the Year



Members of the Renmark Rocks On festival committee (from left) Julie Hill, Lyn Leuders, Bob Hodgson, Craig Leuders, plus Reg and Kaye Lehmann, accepted the Event of the Year award.

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Waikerie's winners celebrated in style

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE honoured its top citizens and Event of the Year at the Waikerie Sky Show Australia Day celebrations on Saturday night.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor, Leon Stasinowsky, presented the awards during the festivities and told crowd Australia Day was "an opportunity to celebrate our heroes".

Winner of the Waikerie Citizen of the Year Award for 2022, Waikerie CFS Captain, Shaun Arnold, was presented with his award by Mr Stasinowsky.

Mr Arnold has been a CFS volunteer for the past 40 years and is a registered umpire with the South Australian Cricket Association.

He is a founding and life member of the Waikerie Ramco Cricket Club and a life member of Ramco Football club, where he is a trainer and chef of Thursday night tea.

Mr Arnold also volunteers with the Loxton Show Society, Waikerie High School Grounds committee and Waikerie Agricultural Bureau and actively involved with the citrus industry.

Mr Arnold said he was honoured to receive the award and described cricket and the CFS as two of his

Mr Arnold paid tribute to his father, Michael who has also devoted his life to the CFS and community and his mother, Meredith who is a Waikerie historian and an active member of the local community.

He said the local CFS, which has 26 members, spends up to 7000 hours each year on training or callouts and more volunteers were needed.

Mr Arnold said it was important to have CFS volunteers to ensure emergency levies were kept to a reasonable level instead of having to rely on the paid services of the

having to attend, you won't just be be paying more," he told the audi-

Will Campbell, 19, received his 2022 Waikerie's Young Citizen of the Year Award at the Australia Day

The award was an unexpected birthday present for Mr Campbell,

Mr Stasinowsky said Mr Campbell was an "excellent example," to his peers.

tion to the community was due to the examples set by his parents, his peers at the CFS and his football mentor, Waikerie Football Club member, David Dearman.

The winner of the Waikerie Event of the Year Award for 2022 was In The West Tour, organised by threetime Golden Guitar winner, Tom Curtain and his wife Annabel.

Waikerie musician, Peter Santella and his wife Susan, who

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"If you have the red fire trucks paying emergency levies, you will

celebrations on Saturday.

who turned 19 on Australia Day.

Mr Campbell said his contribu-

helped attract the event to Waikerie received the award on behalf of the

Curtains.

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The outback horse and dog show featured Curtain's music with themes around mental health and anti-bullying messages.

It also raised awareness about rural communities' struggles in times of drought.

More than 400 people attended the event at the Waikerie Pony Club grounds in March last year.

Mr Stasinowsky and Barker Member Tony Pasin also welcomed 12 new Australian citizens to Waikerie at the celebrations.



Waikerie's Young Citizen of the Year (centre) Will Campbell with his father Nigel (left) Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, his mother Naomi (right) and Waikerie Football Club mentor for younger

players, David Dearman. PHOTOS: Christine Webster

Waikerie Citizen of the Year for 2022, Waikerie **CFS** captain Shaun Arnold (left), received his award from Loxton Waikerie **Mayor Leon** Stasinowsky on Saturday night.



musician, Peter Santella (left), Loxton Waikerie Mayor, Leon Stasinowsky and Susan Santella of Waikerie who accepted the Waikerie Event of the Year Award for In The **West Tour** organisers Tom and Annabel

Curtain.



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Community-minded locals recognised

SETPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON'S top citizens were crowned at a special, Covidsafe, Australia Day function last Wednesday.

At the breakfast function at the Loxton Club, local octogenarian Denis Hann was awarded the 2022 Citizen of the Year title, while Event of the Year went to Christmas Wonderland.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky said the Australia Day awards recognise voluntary efforts and positive contributions made by individuals and groups in the community.

"Denis has been an active member and is well known in the Loxton community in relation to both his professional and voluntary contribution to the town and the Riverland," Mr Stasinowsky said.

"Starting his volunteering 60 years ago, Denis has assisted many organisations with his skills

and leadership."

Mr Hann's community and volunteering involvement includes: Loxton Rotary Club, Country Press SA executive committee, Country Press Australia SA representative, Loxton Golf Club committee, Riverland Golf Association, Loxton preschool and primary school as a committee member, Loxton Swimming Club coach, president and life member, Loxton Arts Council and Loxton Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, he served on the Loxton Development Committee, which was dissolved and led to the Loxton Nippy's Gift event, of which he is a founding member and continues to serve on the committee

Loxton's Peter Mangelsdorf accepted the Event of the Year award on behalf of Christmas Wonderland, which was held for the final time at Mr Mangelsdorf's home in 2021.



At the Australia Day function at the Loxton Club last week were Loxton Citizen of the Year Denis Hann, Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and Loxton Event of the Year winner Peter Mangelsdorf, on behalf of Christmas Wonderland. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

Mr Stasinowsky said Christmas Wonderland was an important festive attraction for Loxton.

"Christmas Wonderland has been a heart-warming attraction, bringing thousands of visitors to Loxton for the past 36 years," he said. "Having become an annual tradition for local families, the volunteer-run Christmas display has brought joy and countless fond memories for the members of our community."

Meanwhile, Mr Stasinowsky welcomed new Australian citizens

Storm Cass, Ian Jeffrey and Carel van der Merwe to the district.

"I congratulate you on your decision to make a public commitment to embrace Australian values, institutions and the responsibilities and duties that Australian citizenship brings," he added.

A fireworks spectacular for Australia Day

FIREWORKS synchronised to music broadcast on Magic 93.1 FM wowed the crowd at Waikerie's annual Australia Day event on Saturday night.

All 500 tickets for the seated Waikerie Sky Show Australia Day Celebrations event at the Waikerie Football Oval were sold.

Some extra tickets allowing people to bring their own chairs were also on offer.

Waikerie Australia Day Event committee chair, Ian Sutton, said the traditional Waikerie celebrations had to be scaled back this year due to Covid-19 regulations.

But he said it was still a "fantastic night".

"It was a more intimate setting, but we still had great food, cold beer, and fresh doughnuts, so what more could you want for a night like this?" Mr Sutton said.

Adelaide-based Jake Dalby Duo performed acoustic sets throughout the even-

The MC for the event was Waikerie Australia Day Event committee member and Waikerie High School principal Craig Griffiths,



This year's Australia Day fireworks at Waikerie were simulcast as a sky show event on Magic 93.1 FM. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

while Ballistic Fireworks provided the spectacular sky show.

"The fireworks were spectacular," Mr Sutton said. "The 12 to 14 minutes of that were really great."

He said many people in the town who did not attend the actual event took the opportunity to tune into the radio and watch the fireworks from a distance.

"You could see a lot of people took the advantage of tuning into 93.1 to go down the river front and listen to the radio," he said.

Mr Sutton said simulcasting the fireworks to music on

the Riverland radio station enabled more people across the town to join the celebra-

Waikerie has been celebrating Australia Day with fireworks and the presentation of Loxton Waikerie Council's annual Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year awards since 1997.

Mr Sutton said hopefully next year, the situation with Covid-19 would ease and Waikerie's annual Australia Day celebrations would be able to accommodate its usual crowd of 2500 people.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



At the Australia
Day celebrations
at Waikerie on
Saturday: From
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and Waikerie
Football Club
first aid officer
Shirley Mudge,
with Sarah
Kroehn, 11, all of
Waikerie. PHOTO:
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New GP deal to tackle rural workforce 'crisis'

A "LANDMARK" agreement between SA's rural doctors and the state government is set to help Riverland clinics recruit young GPs and build a more sustainable workforce.

The agreement will see the government increase its investment in regional GP services by 20 per cent to an estimated \$188 million over two years.

The new agreement comes after more than a year of negotiations between SA Health's Rural Support Service, the Australian Medical Association in South Australia and Rural Doctors' Association of SA (RDASA), with Riverland GPs continuing to work in local hospitals without a contract during this time.

Loxton GP and RDASA Riverland representative Dr Peter Hamilton said the agreement was a "step in the right direction" in improving SA's rural healthcare.

"I think it's another small part of the overall puzzle that needs to be put together to improve the attractiveness to potential new recruits,"

"What we were really aiming for with that contract negotiation was... most importantly to look towards the future of the rural workforce because it is in a bit of a crisis all over the state.

"What was really important was for the government to acknowledge



the problem and to start taking the steps towards changing the balance so that rural general practice becomes more attractive again."

Among the improvements in the agreement are the ability for a doctor to choose either an hourly rate for hospital work, a new process that allows a GP to dispute their offer from their Local Health Network and better IT and infrastructure for GPs.

Dr Hamilton said SA Health had also committed to a "more sensible, structured approach" to future contract negotiations.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the agreement was the "most significant investment in rural GPs in a generation".

"One of the greatest challenges our region has faced is attracting and retaining doctors in our health network," he said.

"Additionally, our local GPs, along with our local health staff, have been on the frontline of the Covid-19 response, and have worked tirelessly, in what have been trying circumstances and they deserve appropriate remuneration."

"Under this agreement, our area will benefit from recruitment and retention, delivering better health services closer to home, and ensure we are well placed to recover from Covid-19.

"I will continue to do everything I can as the local member to ensure we see the highest standard of care is available for those in our region."

Dr Hamilton said the state and federal governments had begun to recognise there was "a crisis loom-

"Each new measure is another positive step and we are hoping it will make a difference," he said.

"The provision of training pathways for young doctors in the region is really important too and we're looking forward to seeing more work in that area and providing general practice and specialist training for young doctors.

"By providing pathways and a few incentives, I think you start to increase your chances of growing good young rural GPs and enticing them to stay up here after their training."

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade said the agreement would boost a range of state government strategies to attract and retain rural GPs.

"Significantly, it is those living in and requiring health care in regional South Australia that will benefit the most from this investment," he said.



Loxton GP and RDASA Riverland representative Dr Peter Hamilton says a new workforce agreement with SA Health would help address staffing issues across rural South Australia. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



FINISHED PRODUCT: After less than two weeks, local artist Jarrod Loxton has now completed Loxton's latest public artwork. Mr Loxton was commissioned by the owner of the former ANZ bank building to complete a mural, depicting the theme 'from the Mallee to the river'. The work received plenty of attention while in its construction stage recently, with locals and tourists stopping for photos. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



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National caravan rally joins growing list of Covid casualties

JOSH BRINE

A NATIONAL caravan event, originally scheduled to be held in the Riverland later this year, has been postponed until 2023 due to ongoing Covid-19 outbreaks.

The National Caravan Clubs Rally was to be held at the Riverland Events Centre in Barmera starting this March, but will now run from March 27 to April 5, 2023.

In a letter, the rally's committee said the decision to postpone was made after "much deliberation, discussion and considering the current evolving Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions".

"We have received and are still receiving many cancellations from concerned attendees due to the current situation that exists," they said.

"We as a committee believe that we have made a responsible decision considering the health, safety, and wellbeing of our attendees and of course the local community.

"The committee is committed to holding the event in South Australia and we are asking our attendees, sponsors, and supporters to also remain committed to enable this major event to continue and promote the Riverland and South Australia."

Riverland Field Days executive manager Tim Grieger said he was "disappointed but understanding that with the circumstances it was necessary".

"All the planning is in place so we're looking forward to continuing our work with the organising group to plan a great event for 2023," he said.



caravan rally scheduled to be held in March 2022 at the Riverland Events Centre has been postponed until 2023.

A national

"Obviously, the income we were going to have won't be there but we'll adjust our operations to work around that and look forward to it coming next year."

After two years of significant event cancellations, including the past two Field Days, Mr Grieger said several large events were planned for later in 2022.

"Around Easter there's a nation-

al panel van rally which is still moving forward," he said.

"We have another major event towards the end of April and of course we have the big event of the year, the Riverland Field Days, coming up in September and we're enthusiastically planning for that."

All three Riverland councils have provided \$5000 each in cash support for the caravan rally.



Stand for the national anthem...but don't sing

LIKE most, I celebrated Australia Day, only this time it was indoors and with a limited number of patrons.

Masked, everyone entered, checked in and was seated. Face coverings were only to be removed while seated, and eating and drinking during breakfast.

The formalities continued as close to normal as possible, with social distancing rules adhered. Standing was restricted to the mayor, award recipients and those taking the citizenship pledge.

It was only when the national anthem came along that things seemed out of whack.

Advance Australia Fair played over the public address system but the venue's Covid-19 plan didn't allow for the usual vocal accompaniment.

So, there we all stood, masks on, silent, while our rousing, patriotic song played for us.

A national anthem is just that: an expression of national identity and a song to be sung by

all present. It is this singing together that is the

purpose of an anthem.

Throughout the past two years of this global virus pandemic, I have been one who has almost without exception accepted the medical-advice-driven rules of the day. So, it was with more than a little scepticism, that I accepted not being able to sing our country's song.

Please be aware that in no way am I criticising those managing the venue, nor those conducting the event, but surely it would not have been too hazardous to stand in our places and sing with our masks on?

Me singing with a mask on would have been better than without, you might think.

And you would be right. Most of my best work, whether it be in church, at any event where the national anthem is played or otherwise, is done sans vocals.

I mastered lip-syncing at primary school or maybe kindergarten – long before the Grammy Award-winning duo, Milli Vanilli, elevated it to an art form over 30 years ago.

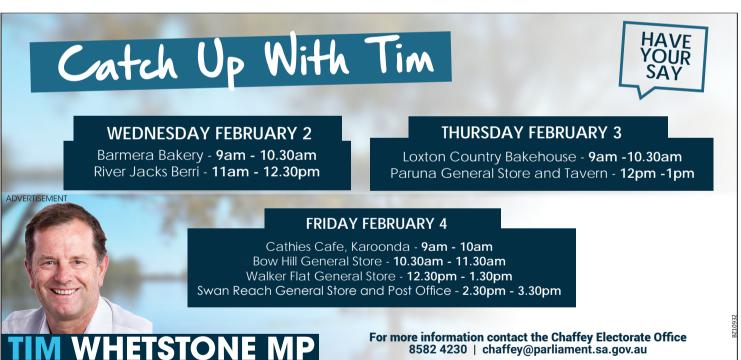
My vocal efforts are exclusive to the shower and only while under running water; a bit like singing in the rain, albeit indoors.

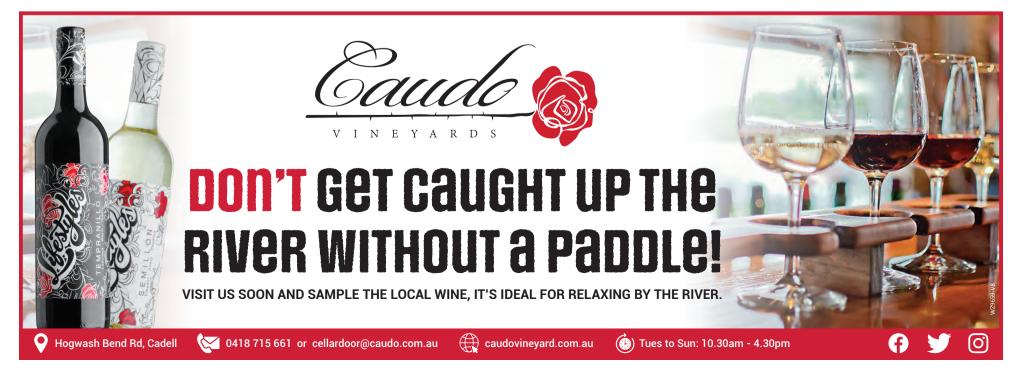
Which segues beautifully into the original 1952 film, Singin' in the Rain, and the famous scene played by Gene Kelly. (He and I are chalk and cheese – YouTube it and you will get the picture).

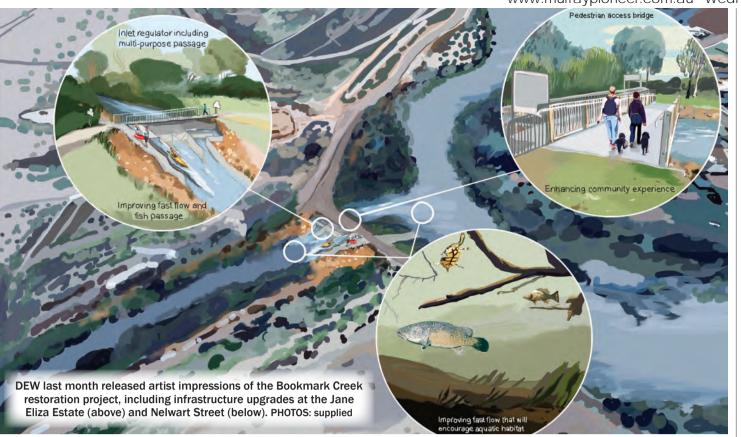
The scene ends when his character, Donald O'Connor, is confronted by a policeman on the beat. He finishes the song and moves on.

Oh, how history repeats, because again it is the authorities making sure anyone singing and dancing does so in accordance with the law.

O Trevor Norton is deputy mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and co-host of 5RM Sports Saturday, but has provided the above comment as his own opinion.







Bookmark Creek upgrade designs released

DESIGNS for infrastructure upgrades expected to generate ecological and community benefits at a local environmental site can now be viewed by Riverlanders.

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) last month released artist impressions of the Bookmark Creek restoration project.

Through the initiative – which is run through the Sustaining Riverland Environments (SRE) Program - infrastructure at the Jane Eliza Estate and Nelwart Street would be upgraded to reinstate natural habitat conditions for native species.

DEW SRE project team leader, Nathan Clisby, said a multi-purpose passage for aquatic life, plus a pedestrian bridge and passage for canoes, would be installed at the Jane Eliza inlet.

"This will improve flow conditions for fish movement, as well as enhance community experience and recreation opportunities," Mr Clisby said.

'The work at Nelwart Street Bridge will replace existing infrastructure and this upgrade will dramatically improve connectivity and movement for native fish, which will encourage aquatic habitat.

"This project is about creating better connectivity and passage for fish through the creek, by undertaking works on a series of structures which currently impede fish

"The existing regulator currently restricts

flow and impedes fish movement, so the proposed works seek to improve access to habitat for large-bodied native fish."

Mr Clisby said the upgrades would allow river users to travel from the River Murray into Bookmark Creek, going past Angove Family Winemakers and the 23rd Street Distillery.

"Recreational users such as kayakers will be able to paddle from the top structure, travel down Bookmark Creek and loop back to the top via the river," he said.

The Bookmark Creek restoration upgrade designs can be viewed by visiting the website (www.environment.sa.gov.au/news-hub).

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Vaccine mandate for **Berri Coles workers**

ALL Coles Berri workers will soon need to be double-vaccinated to keep their jobs.

The supermarket giant has introduced a Covid-19 vaccine mandate policy for its South Australian employees to "help keep team members and customers safe".

As part of Coles' updated vaccination policy, all employees must have received at least one vaccination by yesterday and a second dose by March 31.

The changes affect stores in South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania, bringing them in line with the rest of the chain's stores Australia-

Coles said last week that take up of vaccination had previously been highest in states where it had already been made a requirement

"Extending this requirement to the remaining states will help us ensure that as many people as possible get the jab so we can all be safer," said Coles Group chief legal and safety officer David Brewster.

Coles also "strongly recommends" that vaccinated team members in all states receive booster shots as soon as they are eligible to "maintain their protection against serious illness".

In states where booster shots are required under government health orders, Coles said it would work with employees to help them access vaccination services in time to comply with the orders.

As a designated essential service, Coles will continue to serve all customers regardless of their vaccination status, in line with government requirements.

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It's Chaffey versus Hi-Leaps in the A grade

IN the early 1970s, a junior girls' game is under way on court 2 at Renmark's outdoor basketball courts.

The bitumen court is hot, the players are sweating and there's no reprieve from the February heat.

A handful of young men, cans of beer in hand, sit on their car bonnets at one end, occasionally turning their attention to the game.

A brown snake casually emerges from the nearby saltbushes and slithers onto the court, its underbelly surely being scorched. The game halts as terrorised, shrieking players scatter in all directions.

Reacting to the bedlam, the lone referee heroically snatches the snake by its tail, the reptile dangling helplessly upside down.

As the two of them head towards the saltbushes, the ref begins swinging the snake in circles, hitting its head on the ground with each loop.

What happens next multiplied the chaos. The referee lost his grip and the snake was flung through the air, directly in line with the guys on their cars.

Those hitherto cool young men suddenly scampered in all directions, beers being tossed aside.

I'd like to think the snake recovered and made its way across to the cool safety of the Tintra lawn tennis courts.

This is a classic country-sport story, and golfers from our beautiful Riverland courses, I'm sure, have similar tales.

But this story is about basketball and how it found our family. Netball had been the sport for girls; each Saturday morning junior teams carpooling out to the Paringa courts for competition.

Netball was fun. Being in a team where everyone had a distinctive role meant teamwork prioritised. Then a school friend asked if I would fill in for her under 12 basketball team.

Even now, I can picture the very spot on court 2, where I received a pass and began moving with the bouncing ball, first walking, then jogging.

I recall feelings of freedom, of wonder and lightness.



Basketball had found me. Soon after, a decision by neighbours may have significantly steered sister Lee's and my future.

Neighbours, John and Jim Farrant, who were star Hi-Leaps players, put up a backboard in their backyard.

Such was the easy access between neighbours that John and Jim kicked the footy on our front lawn with Kym and Mark, while Lee and I shot baskets at their place, neither ever asking permission.

Endless hours of relaxed shooting baskets together, with dirt underfoot, nurtured an intuitive feel for the ball in our hands.

A few years later Chaffey are in the A grade women's grand final against Hi-Leaps. The Murray Pioneer has given this game prolific coverage. The icy anxiety is unnerving.

Still teenagers, Lee and I will combat the powerful Starks sisters, Margie and Sue.

Clouds of dust mushroom into the still air as streams of cars enter the gates, such is the uncommon interest in tonight's final.

The night is warm and a buzz of people have already filled bench seats, steps and car bonnets, and there are lines of spectators in folding chairs around the court.

The contest turned into an enormous resistance, both teams graced with athleticism and committed focus.

Win or lose, it doesn't matter now. But what does, is how those experiences on country courts and ovals all over Australia effortlessly cultivate a love for sport.

However, had those early coaches been anything other than encouraging, stable and not driven by ego, that passion may have fizzled out and different interests pursued.

Let's remember, generation after generation of Australian youngsters have those very coaches and club leaders to thank for their enjoyment and future successes.



Local man Mick Scordo has run rhythmic drumming sessions in the Riverland for the past four years to help people with their anxiety, behaviour, self-esteem, relationships and emotional regulation. PHOTO: supplied

Drum sessions with purpose

ELYSE ARMANINI

RIVERLANDERS could benefit from specialised drumming sessions, designed to focus on fun, team building, communication, counselling and more.

Mick Scordo has run Rhythmic Drumming and Counselling Services for the past four years, bringing the benefits of drumming to schools, individuals, and groups.

"It started off with just offering community drum circles, but has grown to offer individual therapeutic counselling and mentoring sessions," Mr Scordo said.

"We saw a need for further opportunity for access to therapeutic services in the region and it has grown from there."

Drumming provides benefits to all areas of the brain, including:

- ☐ Sensory processing
- ☐ Visual memory retention and memory processing
 - ☐ Motor control, co-ordination and balance☐ Breathing, heart rate and blood pressure
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"Recent research indicates that it can accelerate physical healing, boost the immune system, and can assist in releasing emotional trauma," Mr Scordo said.

"The group sessions provide opportunity for self-expression, the development of relationships and opportunity to learn new skills.

"Through the use of the drums as a medium, it supports the release of stored stress, motivates and inspires, improves social interaction, strengthens community and relationships, helps improve confidence, creates a safe space for discussion, and promotes team building and a healthy attitude."

Mr Scordo specialises in therapeutic sessions with children and adolescents, using drumming to work with anxiety, behaviour, self-esteem, relationships and emotional regulation.

For helping professionals – those that work to help individuals' physical, psychological, intellectual, emotional, or spiritual wellbeing – Mr Scordo holds vicarious trauma (VT) and compassion fatigue (CF) workshops.

"The workshops provide a brief understanding of some of the contributing factors that could lead someone to experience VT or CF," he said.

"There is an assessment tool that is utilised for people to self-assess their own level of satisfaction and compassion fatigue, burnout and secondary traumatic stress."

Mr Scordo said he was looking forward to another big year, after a busy 2021.

"We always look forward to connecting with people of all ages," he said.

For more information, or to book a session, contact Mick Scordo by email (mscordo9@gmail.com) or phone (0435 852 390).

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Men's Shed seat to honour Barmera volunteer

A BENCH and plaque honouring a prominent Riverland volunteer will be installed in Barmera following a decision by the local council.

At its January monthly meeting, the Berri Barmera Council endorsed a request for the installation of a seat and memorial plaque at the Barmera Community Men's Shed to former Berri Barmera Citizen of the Year Rob Todd.

Mr Todd, who died last



The Murray Pioneer, 30/6/21

June, was known for his significant contributions to the local community as a president and member of the Barmera Lions Club, founder of the Barmera Men's Shed and member of the Mallee branch of the Ulysses Motorcycle Club.

The plaque request was submitted to council by Diane Sinclair.

"It would be great to have somewhere for Carol and Rob's family and friends to go and sit and remember the good times with Rob he was a loving and caring person with a sense of humour," she said in her submission to council.



New Riverland schools join staggered opening

TWO brand new Riverland schools will welcome students into classrooms for the first time when the statewide staggered return to faceto-face learning begins today.

Berri Regional Secondary College - formerly Glossop High School – will see students in year 7, 8 and 12 return to the classroom, while year 9, 10 and 11 students will start the term online.

St Francis of Assisi College Renmark will open its doors to years 7 and 8 students, in a historic

day as the first secondary Catholic school in the Riverland, with additional year levels added annually until 2026.

Pre-schoolers, and students in reception and year 1 will also start the term with to face-to-face learning today, while primary students in year 2 to 6 must wait until Monday, February 14 to return to the classroom.

We're ready for the start of the school year - we've said for some weeks now that it will be disrupted," Premier Steven Marshall said. "But I genuinely believe because of the great co-operation that exists with our teachers, our principals, our school support officers, our parents and our students, we will have a very good start to term one."



Former Waikerie Lutheran Primary School principal, Adam Borgas, began his new role at the Crossways Lutheran School in Ceduna this week. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Local principal takes a Ceduna sabbatical

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE Lutheran Primary School has farewelled its principal of 10 years Adam Borgas, who has sought a sabbatical period on the Eyre Peninsula.

Mr Borgas began his new posting last week as a wellbeing teacher at the Crossways Lutheran School in Ceduna.

He said he was looking forward to pursuing his interests in community development and wellbe-

"It will be a bit of an elongated "Ir will be a bit of an elongated" Mr Borgas said. sabbatical really," Mr Borgas said.

"It will be a chance to step back from the pressure of the accountability of running a school and to be able to refresh, re-energise, and have an opportunity to focus on an area I am really passionate about."

Mr Borgas said he was looking forward to gaining hands-on experience in indigenous education at the school.

He said Crossways Lutheran School has about 145 students and three quarters of them have an indigenous background.

"If I am going to have an opinion or have a judgement on how we are able to assist our indigenous brothers or sisters in Australia, I have to probably roll my sleeves up and get stuck into it," Mr Borgas said.

Mr Borgas was born in Clare, in SA's Mid North, and lived in the Adelaide Hills and Blackwood before moving to Waikerie, where he attended the school he eventually became principal of.

His father was the principal of Waikerie Lutheran Primary School from 1985 to 1990.

Mr Borgas followed his dad's footsteps into a career in education and, eventually, also into the role of Waikerie Lutheran Primary School principal.

"I have fond memories of Dad being a principal," he said. "But back then there wasn't so much paperwork – he was in the classroom for about three days a week."

Mr Borgas also attended Waikerie Lutheran Primary School until year 5, when his father took up a role at a school in Mount Barker for about 12 years.

Mr Borgas decided to pursue a career in education after one of his secondary school teachers encouraged him to enter the profession.

"The teacher said, 'You are a bit of a cheeky customer at school, I reckon you would know most of the tricks the kids get up to in a school setting, which would make you an exceptional teacher'," he

Mr Borgas believes his life so far in education has been part of God's plan.

"The further life goes on, the more I see God's hand in the things that I do," he said. "It is not necessarily my plan."

Mr Borgas's wife Nedia and three children will remain in Waikerie this year, while Mr Borgas undertakes his sabbatical year in his new role in Ceduna.

He said at this stage it was better for him to make the adjustment to a new town first before relocating the rest of his family.

Mr Borgas said after his year in Ceduna, his family could relocate with him or he may return to Waikerie and pursue other interests in community roles in local government or other schools.

"It is just leaving it up to what God what wants me to do," he said, "and continuing to listen to

\$1m to DV services to curb coercive control

NEW state government programs will help Riverlanders experiencing domestic violence to break free of abusive relationships.

The Women's Safety Service SA (WSSSA) and the Legal Services Commission (LSC) have been allocated \$1m to better support victims of domestic violence, with a specific focus on those who experience coercive control.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said tackling the "insidious scourge of domestic, family and sexual violence" was a state government priority.

"Any form of domestic violence is unacceptable, and I welcome any program that will help local victims assert control and break free of coercive control here in the Riverland," he said.

'Sadly, there are still many in our region

call 1800 RESPECT."

SA Attorney-General Josh Teague said coercive control could often "fly under the radar".

"Coercive control is an especially insidious form of abuse where a perpetrator seeks to take control over aspects of their victim's life - such as controlling their finances, or trying to isolate them from friends or family," he said.

"These new programs will help those experiencing coercive control and will raise community awareness contributing to reducing the incidence of such abuse."

WSSSA chief executive officer Maria Hagias welcomed the government's funding to "support women and children experiencing DFV (domestic and family violence)".

"These are programs that can help link victims of domestic violence to the supports they need," she said, "while enabling them to







LABOUR AVAILABILITY STILL MAJOR **CONCERN**

Citrus SA is increasingly concerned about labour availability in horticultural industries.

The FairWork Commission's recent ruling regarding piece work and minimum wages is still at the forefront of the committee's con-

Our lobbying against this ruling is continuing and we have provided federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin with more information about our opposition to it.

In summary we call on the Commission to: ☐ Delay implementation of this draft deter-

☐ Review the draft ruling with a view to amending the draft ruling to ensure that there are no unintended consequential impacts on an already stressed industry.

The new ruling will not address the unscrupulous employer.

The new ruling rewards the slower worker and removes incentive to increase productivity.

The new ruling discriminates against people who are happy just having a go.

The new ruling imposes unrealistic administrative effort on an already stressed industry. You can find our most recent correspond-

ence at www.citrussa.com.au

AUSTRALIAN AG VISA FACING HURDLES

The Federal Government's Australian Agriculture Visa may help ease the labour shortage but is facing some hurdles, mainly due to the influence of the Australian Workers

Global online horticultural publication Fresh Plaza reported on January 14 that "plans for Cambodian farm visa may be delayed by Australian unions and government".

"Cambodia's hopes of sending workers to Australian farms are upset as Canberra drags its heels on a decision, while unions claim foreign labour is not needed," the article stated.

Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke says of particular concern in the article were comments from unions saying Australian workers are missing

Barker MP Tony Pasin provided the following response:

"The Federal Government is continuing bilateral negotiations with a number of countries in relation to the Australian Agriculture Visa. This is a new and unique visa program, and each country needs to go through their own domestic processes which takes time.

'What has caused delays in the negotiations is the interference by the Australian Workers Union who I understand has been engaging concurrently with these countries to discourage signing up to the scheme on the basis of worker exploitation by Australian farmers.

"It's a disappointing slap in the face for Aussie farmers who are experiencing worker shortages over and above normal levels due to the pandemic."

You can read the Fresh Plaza article in full at (www.freshplaza.com).

HELPING CONTRACTORS BRING IN LABOUR

Growers may be able to help their contractors bring people by sponsoring workers.

Further information on how to do so is available at the website (www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

This information applies to employers who want to start sponsoring a worker or wish to take over an existing sponsorship. It provides a general overview of the process. The specific requirements, process and documents you need to provide depends on the visa option you choose. You will need to show you cannot find workers within Australia to fill the vacancies and the occupation you want must be on the list of eligible skilled occupations. Please consult the website for further information. Citrus SA can also provide contact details for registered migration agents. Please email contact@ citrussa.com.au to request these details.

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Through consultation with SA Health, PIRSA can advise that food production and distribution businesses and other critical agricultural services are able to order Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) through the Department of Health and Wellbeing if unable to obtain the tests through commercial avenues. Businesses that have exhausted commercially available channels to obtain RATs can download the SA Health RAT Procurement Form and email the completed form to (HealthPSCMSCOCustomerService@ sa.gov.au).

PLANNING FOR NEXT GROWER INFO DAY - GEOSPATIAL MAPPING OF COMMODITIES

Citrus SA is investigating the possibility of bringing in a guest speaker to talk on geospatial mapping of citrus plantings – a similar concept to that undertaken by Vine Health Australia of vineyard plantings in SA.

The Australian Tree Crop Map already uses satellite technology, land-use information and 'citizen science' data to map the location and extent of not only commercial mango orchards but also avocado and macadamia orchards across the country. Citrus SA will keep you post-

ed on any developments and upcoming grower information days.

FRUIT FLY UPDATE

The Pike River and Renmark West fruit fly outbreak areas have been extended until March 13, 2022 after fruit fly was detected recently.

Monash, Berri and Cooltong outbreak areas have ended, but growers and producers may continue to be impacted by the Pike River and Renmark West outbreaks and are now partly or wholly in a yellow suspension area. Movement restrictions remain for the Pike River and Renmark West red 1.5km outbreak and yellow 15km suspension areas.

All host material must be treated and certified before leaving the outbreak area unless alternative approval from PIRSA has been provided – contact Market Access for more details and check the fruit fly outbreak map to confirm what restrictions apply to you.

PIRSA is continuing to manage the movement of fruit, and follow its current eradication program in the area, in response to the new detection, including sterile fruit fly (SIT) release.

Keep up to date by visiting (https://fruitfly. sa.gov.au).

FEBRUARY PRODUCTION NOTES

It is important to assess the crop set and fruit size of each orchard, to determine what crop production strategies to apply. Some timely reminders include:

Pruning/hedging/skirting

☐ Continue hand pruning and de-suckering of re-growth.

Hedge where required to control tree height and maximise sunlight penetration but be aware that hedging patches may leave areas susceptible to sunburn and later, frost damage.

Foliar nutrient spray and fertigation

☐ Potassium sprays to increase fruit size. ☐ Monitor each patch for crop load and sizeadapt irrigation/fertigation strategy accordingly.

Pesticide sprays

☐ Critical timing for brown citrus rust mite, citrus butterfly, mealy bug, red and cottony cushion scale, FRW, citrus leaf miner and twospotted mite.

Irrigation

☐ Increase irrigation and continue monitoring soil moisture probes. Weed control

☐ Knockdown herbicides or residual herbi-

cides as required. Fruit thinning

lacksquare Hand thinning to help improve size is recommended. Assess crop load prior to thinning.

Crop estimates

☐ Frame counts and fruit size measurements in conjunction with packer.

Leaf samples

☐ Take leaf samples for nutrient analysis.

Loxton Historical Village co-ordinator Julie Noble says funding from History SA will be used to create a dedicated curator room at the village.

Historical Village curator room upgrades funded

By **ELYSE ARMANINI**



A RIVERLAND museum will undergo upgrades and furnishing improvements thanks to a cash grant from History SA.

The Loxton Historical Village was successful in its application for \$9023 to create a dedicated curator room.

The upgrades, to be made to the current staff kitchen, will be completed by local contractors and suppliers to provide a workable space for current curator, Roselyn Sincock, and enable short term storage and sorting of donated items.

Historical Village co-ordinator, Julie Noble, said the working conditions for Ms Sincock, and future curators, would be greatly improved.

"It means we'll have a dedicated space with air conditioning for our curator," Ms Noble said.

"At the moment she's working in cramped, hot – or very cold – conditions in our storeroom when she's needing to collate and sort things that we've got on site."

Some of the grant money will also go towards a laptop to help continue to collate items and information in a digital system.

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The Monash Playground at

Loss of a Monash and South Aussie legend

THE Monash community has fondly farewelled local businessman and wellknown identity Grant Telfer, who passed away unexpectedly on December 14, aged

The founder of Grant Sheds, Mr Telfer was a 'gadgeneer' who put a natural aptitude for engineering to use throughout his life, creating everything from a successful shedmanufacturing business to tricycles, boats and electric scooters, and one of the nation's most beloved playgrounds for both children and adults.

Mr Telfer's daughter, Alison Halupka, explained her father's ability to make things was evident from a young age.

"As a child he created a canoe out of corrugated iron, in his teens he made his own welder from tractor parts, and in his 20s he designed and built a metal-framed shed for the Renmark Gliding Club that sparked the business idea of Grant Engineering," she

Now named Grant Sheds, the business introduced the concept of metal-framed sheds to the local farming community and beyond, and will this year celebrate 70 years of operation.

But it wasn't just in business that Mr Telfer applied his skill for invention. To many in the local community he is best known as the creator of the former - and famous - Monash playground.

Ms Halupka said the project began shortly after her father semi-retired in the late 1970s. Over the next two decades, Mr Telfer designed and built a total of 180 playground items, ranging from flying foxes and rotary cones to a variety of slippery dips, seesaws and even a basic roller-coaster.

Ultimately, Mr Telfer's hobby resulted in a five-acre area of public land covered with playground equipment that was open seven days a week and was free to enter.

At the height of its fame, it was estimated the playground attracted up to 300,000 visitors each year, Ms Halupka said.

"And he never sought permission to put it there," she said. "Can you imagine that

Mr Telfer made nothing from the venture other than a few hundred dollars each year from coin donations.

Giving people the opportunity to try out so many variations of play equipment and to work out how they worked, that gave Dad his greatest pleasure," Ms Halupka said.

"He won a number of local, state tourism and Australia Day awards for his Monash playground but he certainly never built it for the accolades."

After more than two decades of operation, the Monash playground closed in 1992 and was dismantled due to the challenge of obtaining insurance.

"Many people ask if Dad was upset by the closure," Ms Halupka said.

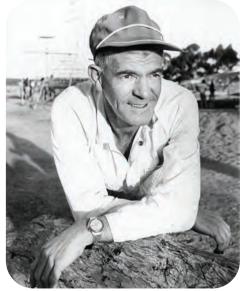
"Being philosophical by nature, he said he was saddened, but understood that everything has its day.'

ASIDE from his love of engineering, Mr Telfer cut a familiar figure about town riding a pushbike while barefoot and wearing white overalls.

Ms Halupka explained her father rode almost everywhere, including trips to Adelaide, Mildura or Pinnaroo, and even Canberra a couple of times. Meanwhile, his



Grant Telfer with one of his Gopher scooters.



Grant Telfer pictured in the 1970s with the old Monash Playground (Grant Park) in the background. PHOTOS: supplied

familiar attire of white overalls and no shoes simply came down to comfort.

A "gadgeneer", businessman, husband, and father of four, Mr Telfer has been remembered as a unique individual, brimming with ideas and the ability to make them a reality.

"I was about 12 when a friend's father pointed out to me that my dad was 'a bit different'," Ms Halupka reflected.

"It was said with a slightly derogatory tone, and it was the first time I'd thought about it.

"I quickly realised that my friends' fathers didn't ride a bike, wear overalls and bare feet, or build a massive free playground for the locals.

"But I didn't care if he was 'different," instead I was mighty proud of him."

A major project that Grant undertook for his own personal pleasure was the building of a 70-foot (21-metre) ocean-going, aluminium catamaran.

In a purpose-built shed at his Monash factory, and over a period of 10 years, the giant boat 'Orient' was constructed and fitted out.

ANOTHER project Mr Telfer undertook, not widely known, was making hand-propelled tricycles for disabled children.

Working with a charity group, Technical Aids for the Disabled (T.A.D), Mr Telfer designed a stable tricycle that could be used by children unable to use their legs, so they could enjoy the relative freedom of racing around with other able-bodied children.

Given Mr Telfer had an engineering factory, he made these up in small batches of about 10 at a time and sold them at cost to families who wanted one.

In time, this also led to Mr Telfer designing the first three-wheeled Gopher electric scooter. Others were available at this time



but were often unstable for outdoor use and unreliable. Mr Telfer was the first in Australia to design and make an outdoor model of electric scooter and he trademarked the "Gopher" brand name.

In time this became a generic term for all three-wheeled and four-wheeled electric scooters used by people with walking difficulties.

Mr Telfer was also the first to advertise these products broadly and directly to the end consumer via advertisements in local and state newspapers and magazines, and to have a broad network of distributors Australia wide.

At its peak, Grant Engineering was selling up to 100 Gopher scooters per month.

Over time however, similar products began to be imported from overseas, tariffs on those imported models were dropped and it became increasingly difficult to compete with the low prices. In 2000, the decision was made to stop production and another Aussie-made product was lost.

The Gopher name has continued though, as it is still used by consumers and sellers alike as a generic term.

The Monash community is organising a statue at the current Monash Adventure Park to honour Mr Telfer, with more information available on the 'Monash SA, Come Say Hello' Facebook page.

Donations can be made by:

- 1. Online Secure My Cause website Enter this URL in your browser https://bit.ly/3408TEk
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 3. Cheque – Make out to Monash & Lone Gum
- Community and post to PO Box 29, Monash SA 5342. For information about the statue email ali@grantsheds.com.au or phone 0417 872 233.







Riverside townhouse living selling fast

ELYSE ARMANINI

EXCITING developments are happening at Riverside Estate Renmark, with four new townhouses under construction and selling fast.

Just three of the townhouses remain available, with the opportunity to be part of the design process.

Through consultation with a G.J. Gardner Homes specialist, buyers can choose paint colours, tiles, or add in extras to add a personal touch to the design of the home.

Basic features of the townhouses include two bedrooms, one bathroom, single-car garage, built-in robes, split-system air conditioning, and fencing, paving and landscap-

Townhouses provide an economical offering, starting at \$135,000, while maintaining the design standards of other homes at Riverside Estate.

"Our townhouses appeal to those who also value the village benefits of community support, security, maintenance and access to Riverside facilities," G.J Gardner Homes Renmark owner Sam Pearce said.

"Townhouses suit active retiree individuals or couples, or those who wish to sell their house and downsize and retain part of their funds for lifestyle."

If a stand-alone home is preferred, Home 30 – currently under construction and for sale - is a specially designed house at the end of a cul-de-sac, surrounded by gardens.

With three bedrooms, two bathrooms, double garage and open plan entertaining areas, Home 30 is perfect for those who still want a suburban-style home in the Estate.

Recently arrived resident Carmen Walker

said it was hard to describe how "peaceful and serene" living at Riverside Estate can

"As one of the newer residents and a single person on my own, the overwhelming sense of security is amazing," Ms Walker

"It's the little things that make the world of difference between living in a suburban home to living at Riverside."

Resident Maureen Williams has lived in Riverside Estate since 2015 and has seen many positive changes to the residential community.

"It has been exciting to see the progress that has occurred since moving in here, and the current explosion of buildings taking place," she said.

"There is no better time than now to make the lifestyle change by moving into Riverside Estate.

"As residents, we have the choice of joining the wonderful social environment organised by the social committee, or not being involved if that is their choice.

"Although you come through the gates as a stranger, before long you become part of the very welcoming extended family of residents.

Home 29, built by G.J. Gardner Homes and "move in ready", will be available to view in an open home event on Saturday, February 12 from 10am to 2pm.

Plans are under way to start construction on three more homes within the Estate, with designs and more information available by contacting Riverside via email: lifestyle@ riversideestaterenmark.com.au or freecall 1800 031 588.







FOR SALE - 30 Murray Dyer Avenue, Renmark \$355,000 BRAND NEW HOME, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION! A 2





Highway reseal a win for locals, mayor says

JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL council has welcomed the state government's decision to upgrade a key local road in the next financial year.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone last week announced that the Old Sturt Highway, which runs from Berri to Barmera through Glossop, had been scheduled for resurfacing works.

"My recent discussions with local road users and other stakeholders confirmed concerns about the need for maintenance on the Old Sturt Highway," he said.

"I contacted the minister respon-

sible, Corey Wingard, who advised that resurfacing works are scheduled to commence in 2022/2023 financial year, which is good news for those who regularly use the highway."

Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt (pictured) said resurfacing was a "great start" to improving the road.

"That's been on the community's mind and on council's mind for a number of years," he said.

"It's going to be of real benefit to our community and road users between Berri and Barmera." Mr Whetstone said the upgrade was part of the state government's work addressing a \$750m "backlog of road maintenance works" left by the previous government.

"The Marshall Liberal Government is improving road safety across the state with the delivery of \$373 million in vital road maintenance and upgrade works," he said.

"Safety is paramount on our roads, and it is critical that as a state, we ensure our roads are in the best possible condition."

A reseal of the Old Sturt Highway in its entirety was also

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone at the Old Sturt Highway between Berri and Barmera, which is set to be resealed in the 2022/2023 financial year. PHOTO: supplied

recommended by the RAA as part of its Riverland Regional Road Assessment in June 2018, due to

"significant corrugations, heavy polishing, rutting and undulations" along the road.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN WEBBER



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WELCOME to February and welcome to some of the changes in the Covid-19 restrictions that many businesses have endured over the past weeks, especially restaurants and hotels. If we continue with good practice there will be more changes and it will be better for everyone.

Australia Day being midweek saw acknowledgements of the day and events continuing into the weekend. Congratulations to Val Fewster being a recipient of the Order of Australia (OAM), for her commitment throughout her career in midwifery and childcare, and continuing to volunteer with many organizations within our region and beyond since her retirement. Well done Val.

Locally residents of Warrawee enjoyed sharing together a morning tea outdoors under the trees to acknowledge and celebrate Australia Day.

As always the Waikerie Australia Day committee held another most successful evening at the community oval. Unfortunately, with extra Covid-19 restrictions, less residents were able to attend. However, there were adequate areas to view the spectacular fireworks, which have always been a feature of the night.

The Waikerie Neighbourhood Watch group has advised me that the next meeting, due on Monday, February 14, at the Senior Citizens Hall has been cancelled for that day due to Covid-19 restrictions. The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 9.

Thank you to Dr Daniel Pellegrini and Dr Kai Wan who have been with the Waikerie Medical Centre giving support and service to patients in the community. They have both recently moved on, and we now welcome students Adam and Patrick to our community for 2022.

A reminder to all interested in our River Murray that this Friday, February 4, you are welcome to the Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery at 6pm for the Fringe Festival event, Murray Moments (with a taste of wine and cheese). This is presented by the Waikerie Photography Group. If you can't be there on Friday evening spend some time at the Rain Moth when you can in the coming weeks.

As we continue into the River Fringe Festival it will be an entertaining time for all at the Kingston-On-Murray Historical Institute when the Riverland Cabaret opens on March 18 and 19 for a 7pm performance, then on Sunday, March 20 for a 2pm performance. Cost is \$27 per person. Come and join in the fun, relax and enjoy the music and the entertainment.

Our thoughts are with the Wells family upon the passing of David. We are especially thinking of his wife Shirley and their loved ones. David was a much-admired and dedicated man, who was a tireless volunteer and environmentalist in our region. He was a valued inaugural member of the Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group.

We acknowledge the recent passing of Peter Harrison, sympathy to his partner Ellen, and his sister Pat Brandon and their loved ones.

The community of Morgan shares the loss of popular resident and former school bus driver Stan Abrey. I am sure that families whose children travelled daily on his bus were grateful to him for all those years' service.

Congratulations to Norma Modistach who celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends on Sunday. Norma, like so many of our senior residents, has given voluntary service to their community for many years and continue to do so.

To all Adelaide Crows supporters here is another diary date. On Wednesday March 2 we welcome you to the Waikerie Community Club for our 2022 members and supporters dinner. Special guests are Adelaide Football Club chairman John Olsen, CEO Tim Silvers and engagement executive Sam Jacobs. We welcome former members to join us that night and we welcome all supporters. Contact Jenny (0407 641 932) or Gwen (0408 609 304) or a committee member asap if you are not on the email mailing list of the Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group.

Now, here's the highlight of the week, or even of the year. The Mini Roo Statuette finally has a home. We are appreciative of the Waikerie Community Club in accepting our offer to have the statuette on display. Friday night it all came together with Mark Ricciuto, his family, members of the Roo Committee, his co-announcer at Triple M, Chris Dittmar,

and Joel Sheehan, chairman of the Waikerie Community Club. If you want to see something really special check out the foyer of the Waikerie Community Club. Thanks to Bob Utber for the initiative in those earlier years, Rivergraphics for the brilliant mural, Peter Reid for the timber work and Ken Martin for

the bronze statuette. It's there now for all to see.

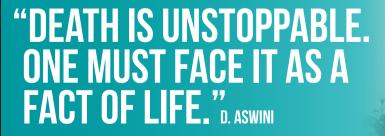
Thought for the week:

"Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg







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What a dreary world it would be without our top songwriters

THE following is the list of winners of the 2022 Tamworth Songwriters Association awards.

We congratulate them all and – as the TSA motto "first the song" says – we know that without the songwriters there would be no songs, and what a dreary world it would be.

Novice Songwriting (Gary Koehler Commemorative Award): Our Land – Andrew Ryan; Youth Songwriting (John P Toomey Commemorative Award): Miss You – Felicity Dowd; Lyrics Only Writer Award: The Heart You Break The Hardest – Susan Muranty; Gospel / Spiritual Song Award: Lean on Me – Tony Smith; Bluegrass Song Award: Always Kiss Her Goodnight – Justin Landers.

Country Blues Song Award: *Ocean Fever* – **Geoff Williams**;

Comedy / Novelty Song – Geoff **Mack** Commemorative Award: Welcome To Australia - Terry Bennetts; Country Rock Song Award: Sixteen Wishes - Lily Grace & Bella Mackenzie; Alt-Country Song Award: Redemption Is Real – Susan Dorahy; Country Ballad - John & Judy Martin Commemorative Award: Fairytale -Wendy Wood; Bush Ballad of the Year - Bev Daniel Commemorative Award: The Things I Left Behind -Peter Simpson; Traditional Song of the Year – **Eric Watson** Commemorative Award: Pilgrimage – **Kevin Sullivan**; TSA New Songwriter of the Year: Make It Slow - Emily Hatton; Local Heroes of the Year - Johnny Ashcroft Commemorative Award: Youngie **Lindsay Waddington & Allan** Caswell; TSA Country Song of the Year: Sixteen Wishes - Lily Grace & Bella MacKenzie.

The TSA **Tex Morton** Service Award was presented to **Bob Kirchner**, and the 2022 Songmaker acknowledgement went to **Peter Denahy**.

Last column, I only slipped in the piece regarding **Troy Cassar-Daley** being the Golden Guitar winner in the category of (new released) APRA Top Selling Album for 2021 with *The World Today*. So, here are the others.

Adam Harvey was second-highest sales with his album, Songs From Highway One, next came The Wolfe Brothers album Kids On Cassette, Darlinghurst receiving the fourth-highest sales, with their self-titled album, Darlinghurst, and Andrew Swift's album The Art Of Letting Go came in fifth highest.

Troy will be presented with his award during the 2022 Golden Guitar Awards concert and presentation night at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre on Wednesday, April 20.

Awards tickets can be purchased at tcmf.com.au, along with tickets for some of the other events.

The Australian Recording Industry Association, (ARIA) has also released its top-selling charts for calendar year 2021, with **Keith Urban** taking top spot for the second year running with his 2020 release *The Speed Of Now Part I*.

ROBYN MCINTOSH



MY KIND OF COUNTRY

Coming in second is **Troy Cassar-Daley** with *The World Today*, third on the list is **Morgan Evans**' *Things That We Drink To. The Very Best Of Slim Dusty* is at number four.

Adam Harvey's Songs From Highway One is at number five, Keith Urban also has sixth place with Ripcord, and the latest release for Slim Dusty, Gone Fishin', is at seven.

Rounding out the top 10 are John Williamson with His Favourite
Collection, The Wolfe Brothers' Kids
On Cassette at and Shannon
Noll's Raw at eight, nine and 10
respectively.

Troy's album, as the highest-selling new release for 2021, automatically wins the Golden Guitar for Top Selling Album of the Year in the Country Music Awards of Australia.

Despite no official festival being held at Tamworth last month, many artists and fans were already there, so they made the most of it via "Covid-safe concerts" being held around the area.

A few went ahead with their planned shows with **Darren Coggan** presented his **John Denver** Tribute Show at the Capitol Theatre, and **Tracy Coster** launching her *Southerly Change* album at the Oasis Hotel.

Don't forget that the Official Guide to the 50th Tamworth Country Music is still available, including the bonus 17-track CD, *T For Tamworth*. It can be ordered at tcmf.com.au for \$10 plus postage.

What fantastic news in the 2022 Australia Day Order of Australia honours for country music fans.

John Schumann, best known for his 1984 APRA Song of the Year, Golden Guitar-winning song, *I Was Only 19*, has become a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

John, possibly best known for that song and as leader of the popular band **Redgum**, has been acknowledged for significant service to the veteran community, to music, and to the general community.

Redgum also earned the 1984 Top Selling Album Golden Guitar for their album, titled *I Was Only 19*.

Meanwhile a lady very dear to **Bill** and my hearts, Bundaberg entertainer **Evelyn Bury**, is being recognised with an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her services to country music.

Evelyn is the proud owner of the 1988 Female Vocalist Golden Guitar, which she earned for her recording of *Stronger Than I Look*, recorded with Selection Records. She is someone who I really enjoy catching up with either at Tamworth, via a phone call, and on Facebook. (Even though I may find more people involved in our industry who have been honoured when I go through the list, for now I say congratulations to both John and Evelyn.)

RENMARK PARINGA'S **BEST: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone** (left), with Renmark **Paringa Council Citizen** of the Year, Lorna Taylor, and Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson, following Renmark's Australia Day ceremony, at the Renmark Club, last week. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker





Riverland Rocks On committee members (from left) Lyn Leuders, Julie Hill, Bob Hodgson, Reg Lehmann, Kaye Lehmann and Craig Leuders, enjoyed the Australia Day breakfast before accepting the Renmark Paringa Council Event of the Year award.



Laurence (left), and Humphrey Howie, with John and Hazel Chapel, and guest speaker Ian Tolley, celebrated Australia Day at the Renmark Club, last week.



At the Renmark Club for Australia Day were Mercy Strongman (back, left), and Emma Gillespie, with Carmelita King (front, left), Sandra Dinic, and Gelie Gultan.

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Celebrating Australia Day at the Renmark Club were Shirley Haines (left), Lorna Edwards. and Sharyn Robinson all of Renmark.



Neil Martinson (centre), with Renmark Paringa's new Australian citizens, and their families, at the Renmark Club, on Australia Day.



Nate (left), of Barmera. and Kaylan, 11, of Loxton, showing off their catches at a fishing clinic held at Lake **Bonney last** weekend. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

At the Berri Australia Day ceremony were Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Regional Secondary College wellbeing leader Donna Safralidis, Berri **Barmera Young** Citizen of the Year Cameron Dixon and deputy mayor Ella Winnall. PHOTO: Josh Brine





AUSTRALIA DAY CUPPA: Residents of Peter Jackson Court, of the Loxton Retirement Village, enjoying a 'cuppa' on the morning of Australia Day, back (from left): Gloria Pluckhahn, Laurel Ziersch, Norma Ray, Elloise Burns and Barbara Jones. Middle: Ulla-Maija Battams, Ruth Dansie and Yae Schoenhenzel. Front: Kath Nolan and Audrey Tregoning. PHOTO: supplied



At the Waikerie Australia Day Community Church Service last week were Pat Harden (left) and Jan Pearson, both of Waikerie, Colleen Andrew, of Ramco, Wendy Pfeiler, Susie Schober, and Cheryl Angove, all of Waikerie. PHOTO: Christine Webster

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.

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.

Every Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm, and Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am, 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.

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Chaffey Rose Club members meet at Renmark Visitor's Centre 10 a.m. for Winkie/Berri Garden Ramble and lunch. Bring rose blooms. RSVP Dale 0420 383 948.

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.

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.



PLEASE WEAR A MASK. Patrons are required to wear a mask when entering the Chaffey Theatre and during performances, as directed by the SA Government. Exemptions apply to for patrons under the age of 12 or for medical reasons.

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Riverland ready for Renmark **Club Dash** 4 Cash



The Renmark Club is offering free entry and prime viewing for the Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash this Friday. PHOTO: Facebook

BEN LENNON

THE Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash is back, with high-octane racing returning to the Murray River this Friday.

Renmark Club manager Lyn Wilksch is as excited as anyone to see the event go ahead in 2022 and is pleased to offer free entry to those who want to watch on from the deck.

"I love it, it's a great night," she said.

"Just watching the boats, it's actually a real buzz and it's awesome for tourists as well.

"It's such a fun event and there's nowhere else that does

With the Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash taking place out the front of the Renmark Club, the deck overlooking the river provides the perfect vantage point for watching the races.

Restrictions mean that the club will have limited seating, with standing and drinking prohibited, but Lyn assures that there is still plenty of fun to be

"We have to go 50 per cent inside and 50 per cent outside," she said.

"People can come in here for free and we'll be doing a dinner setting, as well as viewing from the decking.'

The 2022 edition of the

Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash brings with it new technology, something that both Lyn and the Dinghy Club are excited about.

"For the first time ever, we'll be having a live feed through our TVs of the races inside the club," she revealed.

"We've taken it to the next level this year and made sure we can have the live feed through, so that's a brand-new aspect of

The Renmark Club has been a long-time partner of the dinghy club and the relationship is still going strong.

Lyn expressed her admiration of the Dinghy Club and hopes that, once Covid passes, it can

regain some of the momentum it had built up.

"I think they've done an awesome job, they've been going for over 40 years and each year the event grows," she said.

"It was going so well and then Covid happened, so they've had to re-think how they do things, just like we have."

Covid's impact has been felt by many local businesses and the Renmark Club is no differ-

With restrictions changing regularly, Lyn and her team have had to improvise and adapt in order to keep the doors open.

Just two days after the Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash, the club will also host the presentation dinner of the Dinghy Derby.

The dinner will be strictly booking only, but Lyn is happy that events like these can go ahead at all given the current predicament.

"The derby is usually pretty big, we're normally really packed with that," she said. "We've only got so many seats so we're going to be very strict with bookings.

"Let's hope we can build it up to what it was and if the weather's great, it's a good family night just sitting out there as well.

"It's a whole new world now that we've got to try and deal with but it's good that we can try and put on these events."

Let's hope we can build it up to what it was and if the weather's great, it's a good family night just sitting out there as well...

- Lyn Wilksch



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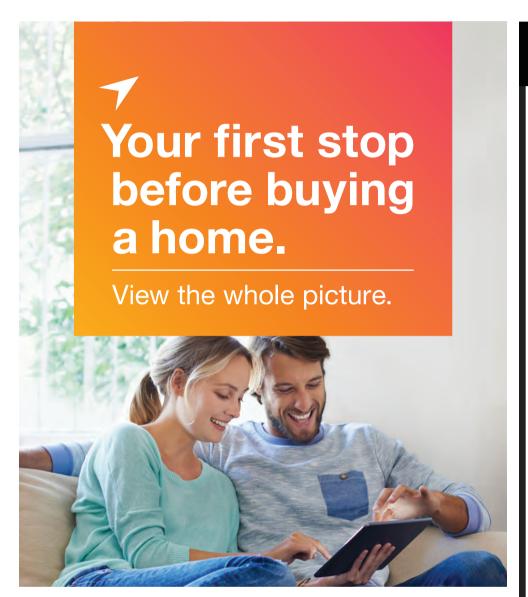
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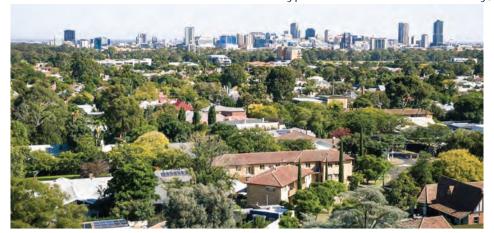
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Increase in loan commitments showing market strength

FIGURES from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) show activity has increased across the board with growth in lending recorded for first home buyers, investors and owner occupiers, according to the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA).

The figures show the value of new loan commitments for housing rose 6.3 per cent to \$31.4bn in November 2021. seasonally adjusted, following three months of falls.

REIA president Hayden Groves said the ABS figures show the value of new loan commitments for owner-occupier housing rebounded 7.6 per cent in November.

"Average loan sizes reached new highs in all states and territories except Western Australia while activity in the investor market was also strong," Mr Groves said.

"The average loan size for owneroccupier dwellings - which includes construction and new and existing dwellings - rose to an all-time high of \$596,000.

"This indicates that housing affordability in some regions could still be a key issue facing Australians, however, the number of new loan commitments to owner-occupier first home buyers

to investors rose 3.8 per cent, reaching a new all-time high of \$10.1bn," he said.

past 13 months and accounted for around one-third of the value of new housing loan commitments in Novem-

market proving once more the resilience of Australia's private property markets as Australia and the world rides the current wave of Omicron.

'It is our hope that 2022 should see first home buyers, owner occupiers and

Vertical village wins top award

THE world-first U City tower in the Adelaide CBD has taken top honours at Australia's most prestigious property awards.

Designed by Woods Bagot for Uniting Communities, U City won the 'InfraBuild Award for Best Mixed Use Development' at the Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett **Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards last** month.

Completed in 2019, the 20-storey vertical village brings together retirement living, specialist short and long stay disability apartments, function centre, commercial, retail and hospitality outlets, and social services suites. It is recognised as one of Australia's 'greenest' buildings and has achieved six-star Green Star Design and As Built Ratings.

Property Council of Australia chief executive. Ken Morrison, said this was a particularly important year for the awards to recognise the people, projects and pioneering innovation in Australian property development.

"After an incredibly challenging year, it has been an absolute pleasure to come together to celebrate the outstanding achievements in our industry," Mr Morrison said.

"U City's pioneering vision for integrated and inclusive community infrastructure has been exceptionally executed and will no doubt inspire the way community services are accommodated around the world."

Property Council of Australia SA executive director, Daniel Gannon, said the inclusive, mixeduse vertical village brings together residential, social, commercial and community services to the heart of the city.

"U City is a showpiece

Adelaide's U City tower was named Best Mixed Use Development' at the Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards last month. PHOTO: supplied John Drillis, commended for how our industry is advancing inclusivity and the vision of Uniting diversity through pioneer-Communities and Woods ing design and innova-Bagot in creating the tion," Mr Gannon said. world-first vertical village.

"It tells a compelling story about the way communities can, and should, be created with accessibility and sustainability at the forefront, and with facilities allowing people of all ages and abilities to flourish."

RLB has partnered with the Property Council to present the awards program for the past 39

RLB managing director,

"This development showcases tremendous design innovation and inclusivity to deliver purpose-built community infrastructure for today, and the future," Mr Drillis said.

"It encapsulates what we can achieve as an industry - as a community – when we celebrate diversity and design with inclusivity.'

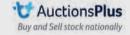
rose slightly at 1.9 per cent in November 2021." Mr Groves said investor loans now equated for a third of all loans. The value of new loan commitments "Investor lending has grown for the

'Investors are back in force in the

a more stable market in line with an expected increase in stock levels for investors alike."

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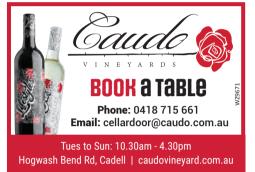














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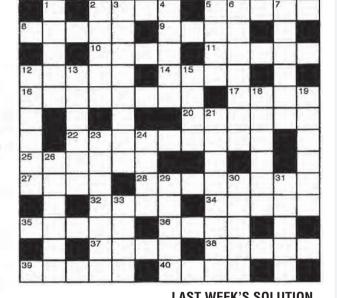
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February 2022 Horoscopes: week 1

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Try to find a balance between the needs of different members of your family. Unfortunately you haven't got enough time to please everybody! **Romance**. Something which your partner does may make you jealous. Time spent with other people will strengthen your relationship rather than weakening it. Make sure that you take each other's needs seriously,

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

An animal who knows you well will sense that there are tensions lying just beneath the surface. He or she will be able to help you, given the chance. **Romance**. You will be very sensitive to changes in your partner's emotional state. If you need to criticise, do so at the right time or not at all.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

An argument at work may start to have an effect on your home life. Get things in perspective, and try not to worry about something which is very unlikely to happen in practice. Romance. Recent changes to your lifestyle will ultimately be for the good. It may take a while to adjust, however. A long discussion with your partner later in the week will pay off.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Take a risk in order to get what you want out of life! This week you won't get what you need unless you stop being so conservative. A bold move will pay off if you are prepared to take it. Romance. Make sure that you stand your ground if your partner tries to control you with a show of emotion.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A friend who is inflexible and unhelpful may be angry with you. You need to sit down and spend time working things out with this person. Do your best to get to the bottom of things. Romance. A surprisingly friendly meeting later in the week will help to put your relationship with a close friend onto a much firmer footing.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A new idea will open up opportunities which may seem daunting at first. Events may not go quite the way you expect, but don't give up. In a few days you will be able to relax. Romance. Your enthusiasm will be appreciated by your partner. A favourable aspect to Venus later in the week will bring you closer together.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

A mistake later in the week could create chaos if you don't correct it in time. Be especially careful adding up numbers. Romance. Your partner might not seem to be in a very romantic mood at the moment. A trip away from home later in the week will help to put them in a better mood.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A dream which involves a friend will help you to understand your true feelings towards this person. There may be some tension between you which has not been properly resolved. Romance. A meeting with a person whom you have seen several times before may end up becoming more intimate than you expect.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A difficult aspect to Pluto may bring some deep-seated secrets out of the closet over the next few weeks. It may be a bit traumatic at first, but you will be glad that you manage to sort everything out in the end. Romance. Your feelings will be especially intense at the moment. Calm down, before you say the wrong thing!

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

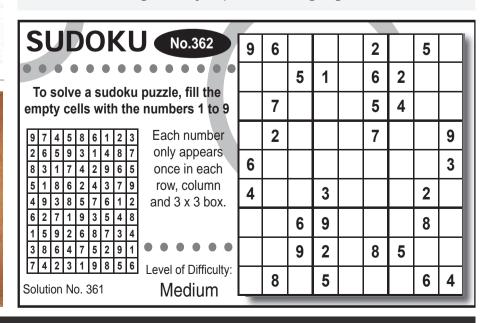
A powerful aspect to Mars later in the week could make you a little tense at times. A meeting with friends will help you to calm down, but you also need to resolve any issues which have not been properly addressed. Romance. Your relationship with your partner will be in good shape at the moment. Don't forget to thank them for an unexpected favour.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Don't depend on an acquaintance whom you have only just met. This person may not be as predictable as you hope, and could let you down. Romance. Your love-life will shortly be on the way up after a recent disappointment. If you are patient for just a little bit longer you will get what you have been looking for.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

Don't put too much time worrying about other people's problems. You have needs of your own which you should focus on first. A friend who asks for help may not be as helpless as they seem. Romance. A misunderstanding at the beginning of the week could lead to a major let-down. You will be glad that your partner is so forgiving!





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VANDALS IN OUR MIDST.

To the Editor.

Sir-Near the Chaffey Irrigation camp stood, some weeks ago, one of the noblest specimens of the Red Gum I ever had the good fortune to see, and on my trips to the gypsum field I never passed without gazing in silent admiration at the noble proportions of the grand old tree, not one limb which was broken or missing. Now some heathen with the soul of a stone has hewn down what would have been a thing of beauty and a joy for ever to all lovers of beauty who had to travel by the flats to the new settlement. Is there no one in authority at Chaffey with the smallest particle of the artistic or aesthetic in his anathomy that can put an end to such barbarous doing?

ARBOR.

CONSCIENTIOUS TOWN RANGER.

Like the Fire Brigade the Renmark Town ranger is always ready for duty. On Friday night, with his dress suit on, he was proceeding to the Renmark Rowing Club's ball when he caught sight of a straying cow. He ran it into the pound and then hurried away to the dance.

Mr. J. Higgins, sr., was unable to be at Kulcurna for the shearing this year, as he has been very seriously indisposed, though now much improved in health. Mrs. Higgins has been at Kulcurna while Miss (Nurse) Bessie Higgins looked after her father at his home at Clarendon.

Another old Cal Lal resident who has lately been under the doctor's care is Mr. W. M. Thomson, who was threatened for a time with the loss of his eyesight and other complications. He has been allowed to visit his Noola property, where shearing starts this week but is under strict orders to do no work and to take great care of

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. Katekar of Renmark will regret to learn of the death at the hospital on Tuesday, of their infant daughter Margaret. The funeral took place on Wednesday and was largely at-tended. The Rev. F. L. Rooney conducted the burial service.

BLOCK E. IRRIGATION.

Main Channel Breaks.

TROUBLE NOT SERIOUS.

Three breakaways have occurred to the main Block E. feed channel since the irrigation began last week. None of them, however, have been of a serious character and practically no damage resulted. The breaks happened near Mr. E. Pitt's home-The breaks stead. On one occasion the bulk-head carried away. The Engineer (Mr. D. Kidd) was standing by on Tuesday and discovered a fairly large hole in the channel. The trouble,

however, was remedied in time.
Mr. W. R. Woodham (the chairman of the Irrigation Trust) stated on Tuesday that with new channels it was inevitable that some mishaps should be experienced. So far the operations had been attended with good fortune and No. 1 pump was able to continue working that after-noon. They had anticipated trouble with the subsidiaries but there were holding out exceptionally well and no breaks had been reported. "We are taking every precaution," added Mr. Woodham, "to run small quantities of water through the small channels so that they will become strengthened."

Signalling a Breakdown.

The frequent breakdowns experienced at No. 2 pumping station cause settlers in that area a good deal of inconvenience. There were two mishaps to the plant last week. Trust meeting on Monday Mr. F. L. McDougall made the novel suggestion that in future any breakdown should be signalled by the blowing of a distinctive whistle at the station. He thought that three sharp blasts should be given when the pumps were put out of action and one long blast when the trouble was remedied. Mr. E. C. Gibbons thought the

musical effects should be considered when the whistles were sounded.

LONG-WINDED DEPARTMENT

Several of the Block E. soldier settlers are complaining of the slowness experienced in the settling up of their accounts by the department respon-One digger has an account of £106 outstanding, portion of which has been owing since June last. "I have written to Adelaide on innumerable occasions, filled in forms and done no end of interviewing the local authorities" states this settler, "but still the money has not reached me. A week ago the department wired stating that the account had received the necessary approval and that a cheque was being My hopes of getting the cash, however, have not been realized, and the only thing the wire did was to cause me to make several unprofitable trips into the town to see if the letter was at the post office. The position in my case is extremely serious and if it had not been that the local business houses stood me credit for the necessities of life I should have had to walk off the block. it is I am being dunned and find it very difficult to obtain more credit. The planting of my block is also being held up because I have not the money to pay for the planting."

RIVER MURRAY LOCKS.

Progress in South Australia.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ENGINEER IN CHARGE.

Mr. Robert C. Cutting, the engincharge of the construction in in in South lock Australia, paid a visit to Ren-mark during the week. Mr. Cutting was brought out from America about eight years ago to supervise the locking of the river between Blanchetown and Wentworth. Operations began at Blanchetown in 1914 and since then Mr. Cutting has made his head quarters in that place. When in-terviewed by a "Murray Pioneer" reporter on Tuesday Mr. Cutting stated that at Blanchetown all the permanent work on the lock and weirs was now completed, and the staff was waiting for the river to subside so that the coffer dam could be removed.

Work at No. 3 lock, near Overland Corner, had already commenced. Mr. R. J. Dumas, the resident enginees, was in quarters there, and temporary buildings were being erected. The cable way was being built and some material for the lock had arrived, while other material, including that to be used for the coffer dam, was on order. Progress at No. 3 would be speeded up when the river became lower. Regarding the No. 9 lock at Kulnine, Mr. Cutting said that it was hoped to make a start with Regarding the No. the permanent works there very shortly. Already a considerable quantity of steel and other material was there in readiness. At No. 5 near Renmark, it would be some little time before work was begun.

Abnormally high rivers, industrial troubles and a shortage of materials brought about by the war have been the chief factors in delaying the construction work. "There has been a record of high rivers since 1915," said Mr. Cutting, "and only in 1919 was a low river experienced in the past six years. One strike held up work for eight months and another of a shorter duration caused further The third difficulty—that of delay. a shortage of materials-has been with us ever since operations began at Blanchetown. Some material or-dered during the war has not arrived yet!"

At Blanchetown about 220 men are engaged, including those employed on the floating pumps. An immense quantity of stone is required in the building of the locks. This was obtained at Mannum and thousands of tons have been quarried there and sent up in barges to the job. from the Mannum quarries is being shipped to the Lake Victoria storage works, a distance of over 300 miles by water. No other stone of a suitable nature has been located nearer the works than at Mannum. of the granite variety and is quarried and placed on board the barges by machinery. Four thousand tons of stone for concrete cement work have been delivered at the site of No. 3 lock.

Mr. Cutting was accompanied to Renmark by Mr. Hugh Angwin, the assistant engineer at Blanchetown. He visited the site of No. 9 and No. 5 locks before returning to Blanchetown.

A TRIP TO THE RACES.

Halidon's First Registered Meeting

BY WALTER OGILVY.

Halidon is on the Paringa-Tailem Bend railway line, and on Saturday last (September the third) the first registered horse race meeting was held there.

But one does not always attend these little outback race meetings just to see the horse racing. is much more to be noticed than that. It is interesting to see how much land has been brought under cultivation by the outback farmer, what kind of stock he is rearing, what implements he favours, how the country is looking, what sort of country it is

and how it is watered.

Halidon and the surrounding district is rich in soil, but in parts the white drift sand prevails, and on these only stunted mallee grows. There are many sub-artesian bores and the water from them is real good.

One is struck by the splendid type of women met with at the farms. We were a bit bushed and so called at many places enquiring direction. "Follow that track there" said one fine-faced, resourceful-looking woman. "My man is at the races. Follow his car tracks and you'll be right." Such a beautiful baby was tucked under her arm! "Halidon" said another with clever eyes and cultured voice, "is not far off. All the men are at the races to-day." She too had a great baby, tucked motherwise under her arm.

And then, late at night, a middleaged woman came to our knock at the farm house door. "Yes that was our road, she knew it well, had often ridden it." Her husband was not at home, but she was alright with her children. "Afraid? What of? Being alone? O! no." There was nothing to be afraid of out there. Her nearest neighbour was about four miles away, but that was nothing. "Goodnight," and she was going to sleep. One rather wondered at these brave women, quite alone, and fear-Probably the best of women, and certainly preferable to many of the society dames who would probably look-down on them.

The steeple was won by old Wyreema, a good sort of brown gelding, aged and a bit worn, but in safe hands. Huja galloped away with the Novice. A clean striding colt this, to probably improve. Scribet, a beautiful mare, of good height and fine conformation, with nice expressive eyes, won the Cup softly. Huja spreadeagled the opposition in the Trials and Shooting Iron, a fine old gelding by Pistol (from Mr. Robert Robertson's good mare Valkyrie) won the last race. He was ridden with care and finished well balanced, but The Flying Handicap was slowly. won by the breedy-looking Sir Anton gelding Anton Mac.

Coming home, the high powered car swung us along, through pasture lands, through dark scrub lands, past darkened farm house windows where the lone woman's friend, the watch dog barked defiance at us; dropping down, steadily into the great Murray Valley, and at last a sound-thousands of frogs calling, calling, calling. So we came home, whilst overhead, amongst the stars, a thin yellow curve, like a polished bullock's horn,

hung a new moon.

THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

WEATHER

Well, as expected we have had the usual uncomfortable hot

It is during these hot days that we must keep the water up to our gardens.

Watering in the mornings is definitely the best time as it avoids damage and disease and sets your plants up to cope with the heat of the day.

Deep watering also sees our plants coping better.

Roses in particular do better with deep watering weekly, rather than light sprinkles daily.

It is also a better time for us to be outside in our gardens, but don't forget your hat, gloves and sunscreen.

Also, don't forget the beneficial insects and bird life in your garden, as they too need access to water. Shallow saucers are great for this.

HEAT-LOVING PLANTS

While it might be a little late to plant these, there are a number of plants that do well in the heat, however they will need watering.

You might like to place them on your wish list for planting later. Aussie greats include kangaroo paws, which are flowering

brilliantly now and liriope, which make great mass plantings and borders.

Dianellas are a very hardy plant, with deep blue flowers, while correas, callistemon and banksias, are also good value, but there are many others.

A good source is to look around your neighbourhood to see what is doing well.

Baku?

cognac?

While not native, agapanthus are really up there for their hardiness and continual blooms. These come in so many sizes and shades. There are the common blues, as well as white and a variety of shades and combina-

These are definitely a sharing plant as friends will have spare when they divide theirs. I feel that sharing plants and cuttings is the role of a true gardener.



Agapanthus

Aloes are another family of plants that do well in our hot, dry climate and there are many succulents that thrive, adding structure and interesting foliage to our plots. There are too many to mention here, but your local nursery will have some interest-

These are also great sharing

SUMMER SALADS

Most Australians enjoy a fresh, healthy salad, and what is better than growing your own?

It's not too late to get a few



Always Red

plants in, however they will need water and even a little shade on those extreme days.

At the moment if you have planted tomatoes you are busy picking and sharing them.

Lettuce are the best-known salad ingredient and can be grown in pots or the garden.

The loose-leaf varieties allow you to harvest a few leaves at a time, leaving the plant to continue growing for your next salad.

Both these basic salad ingredients need regular fertilizing.

I recommend a liquid feed weekly, weakly.

Seedlings of cucumber, sweet corn, melon and salad herbs can still be planted.

INDOOR PLANTS

These need some TLC. Keep them moist and away from direct heat

They will benefit from a weak solution of Seasol or something similar as well as a liquid ferti-

There is nothing better than seeing you indoor plants thriving.

They also help purify the air and just admiring their greenery makes you feel cooler.

Cymbidium orchids are in their main growing season, so need regular watering and fertilizing until the cooler months. There are many specific fertilizers avail-

While not specifically an indoor plant, they can come inside when flowering later in the year and impart their joy.

BULBS

Some of the easiest plants to grow are bulbs as they come with their own supply of food to get them started.

Garden catalogues are already arriving in the mail and garden centres will have a selection of bulbs to buy.

While most of us think of all the spring-flowering bulbs, there are a number that flower in autumn. Two are nerine and lycoris. The nerines don't mind baking in the sun and are also great for picking.

Look out for them, or find a friend who will share.

You can also buy or order many of your spring-flowering bulbs now.



Nerine

Until next time stay safe and well, cover up in the sun, and wear your mask when out and about.

Best of all, enjoy your garden.



Waikerie Uniting Church Pastor Darian Jones delivering his Australia Day message at the Waikerie Australia Day Community Church Service. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Waikerie church community celebrates Australia Day

A CONGREGATION of 20 people took part in the annual Waikerie community church service to mark Australia Day.

The service was meant to have been held outside, but due to the heat and small turnout it was relocated indoors to the Waikerie Football Club.

The Waikerie Uniting Church organised this year's event and the church's pastor, Darian Jones, said it was important for Christians to celebrate Australia Day. He said it was a Waikerie tradition to have a community church event.

"The landing of The First Fleet, whilst there is political and historical contention, was marked by a church service," he said.



- Which Italian automobile manufacturer gained majority control of U.S. automobile manufacturer Chrysler in 2011?
- Where did the pineapple plant originate?
- What type of dog is 'Handsome Dan', the mascot of Yale University?
- 10. According to Fair Works Australia, how long do you have to work to get Long Service Leave?
- 11. Named after the mallow flower, mauve is a shade of what?
- 12. Nephelococcygia is the practice of doing what?
- 13. In the harbour of which city was the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior sunk in 1985?

- 14. Who commanded the Confederate Armies during the American Civil War?
- 15. Famed as a member of the Rat Pack, who died on Christmas day 1995?
- 16. What height is a regulation NBA basket?
- 17. Which Chinese dynasty lasted from 1368 to 1644?
- 18. What was the third country to get the atomic bomb?
- 19. What did Temujin change his name to?
- 20. Spain ceded Florida to Britain in exchange for which territory?

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BONUS

Which famous rock group were once called The High Numbers? Answer in next week's Quiz.

On what continent would you find the city of

What is the difference between brandy and

Pink Ladies and Granny Smiths are types of what

What sporting event has a strict dress code of all

When one is "envious", they are said to be what

In what city is the NFL Hall of Fame located?

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Loxton Waikerie libraries set to celebrate Library Lovers' Day

LOXTON Waikerie libraries are celebrating Library Lovers' Day.

This year's theme is 'show the love' so if you love a good book, like getting lost in an adventure or just enjoy visiting the helpful staff, drop into either the Loxton or Waikerie library on Monday, February 14, and you will be offered a chocolate for loving your local library.

The Premier's Reading Challenge has just commenced so it's time to encourage your children to read more, experience amazing adventures and learn about the world. Children are required to read

12 books which can include e-books and audio books. Registration forms are available from your child's school or download one from www.premiersreadingchallenge. sa.edu.au.

Visit your library and start reading now. The Challenge is open to all school-aged children and concludes in September.

The Loxton Library is looking forward to resuming children's programs for 2022, with Storytime happening each Wednesday at 10.30am during school terms. The first one will be held on Wednesday, February

scientists to participate in The Little Bang Discovery Club, a science-based program for children aged between three and five. The program runs over four weeks and will be held on Thursdays at 10.30am, beginning on Thursday, March 3.

The library is also seeking budding young

The library has several book groups that are looking to expand their membership. Please contact the Loxton Library on 8584 8051 for further information on any of these programs, or to register your interest.

The Waikerie Library is recommencing Maths Fun for Under 5s on Friday, February 18. This four-week program is for children aged between three and five and is designed to give them a head start in math. The play-based program is a fun and interactive way for children

Phone the Waikerie Library to register (8541 0720).



Council survey on table tennis project

LOXTON Waikerie residents are being invited to provide feedback on a new project by the local council.

The local council is running an online survey to gauge public opinion for a project to install public playable artworks in the form of table tennis tables.

As part of the project, funded by the federal government's Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program, the tables would be decorated by local artists to create "unique points of interest" in both towns.

The survey (www.surveymonkey.com/r/ GS7HYRL) allows locals to have their say on their preferred installation locations.

BOOK REVI



LOXTON WAIKERIE LIBRARIES' TOP 10 READS:

Bert: The Entertaining Life of Australia's Favourite Star by Graeme Blundell

Once Burnt, Twice Shy by Karly Lane

Over My Dead Boy by Jeffrey Archer

The Devil's Sea by Clive and Dirk Cussler

Road to Rosalee by Mandy Magro

The Horsewoman by James Patterson and Mike Lupica

The Midnight Lock by Jeffrey Deaver

Unforgiven by Sarah Barrie

Something to Hide by Elizabeth George

Anything Could Happen



TITLE:

Apples Never Fall

AUTHOR:

Liane Moriarty

BOOK REVIEW BY:

Kim Schiller

Set in affluent Sydney suburbia, this story centres on the Delaney family - Joy and Stan, a couple of newly retired boomers who are left struggling with the next chapter of their lives following the sale of their prestigious tennis coaching academy.

Tennis has been the beating heart of their relationship, through their own illustrious careers in the early days, and then coaching some of the most talented up and coming stars, including their own four children who all had the potential to play centre court at Wimbledon, yet all failed to reach the lofty heights Joy and Stan dreamed for them.

Disappointingly, they also have not given Joy the grandchildren she so desperately vearns for and without the welcome distraction of young children to keep them occupied, the couple are feeling somewhat lost in the monotony of retirement.

That is until a mysterious young woman, Savannah, lands at their doorstep barefoot and bleeding and with nowhere else to go. Grateful for the company and enjoying Savannah's expertise and enthusiasm for cooking, Joy and Stan offer her a temporary roof over her head albeit at the caution of their adult children.

Amy, Troy, Logan, and Brooke are suspicious of their parents' new house guest and question the sincerity of her story and the honourability of her intentions.

After a six-week stay, a strong bond with Joy is formed, but after an all-in family confrontation with Savannah secrets are unravelled, and she leaves them with some unsettling revelations

Months later, on Valentine's



FEBRUARY

LIANE MORIARTY

Day, Joy Delaney mysteriously disappears. She sends a garbled text message to her children indicating that she's going offgrid for a while, something so very out of character for her.

The children are reluctant to report her missing for fear that their father will be considered the prime suspect in her disappearance, especially given that he has been sporting scratches on his face recently.

Married for over 50 years, Joy and Stan seem like the perfect couple but underneath the surface there is unspoken resentments and disappointments that have curdled over time.

Their adult children exude high levels of dysfunction and carry an intense sibling rivalry derived from childhood ambitions for each of them to be the next big thing in tennis. The siblings are also at odds as to their father's innocence, with two of them suspecting his involvement in their mother's disappearance and suspected foul play and others feeling that the strange young woman, Savannah may be involved.

A fractured family, caught in a web of secrets, lies and betrayals, Moriarty serves up the drama and deftly unpeels the layers of each family member in her unravelling of this mystery. With precision she makes us question "Why do we hurt those that we love the most?"

Best-selling Australian author Liane Moriarty delivers again with her latest tale of domestic suspense interwoven in a layered family drama that will be a great summer read.

RIVERLAND-DINGHY-CLUB

DAY-4TH-FEBRUARY-2022 **Renmark Riverfront**

Gates Open at 4pm | Two Lane Sprint Course Racing

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

An approved COVID Management Plan from SA Health is required. Adjustments to the plan bay be required closer to the event due to the changing nature of the pandemic and current restrictions in place Spectator Numbers are capped with pre ticket sales available now on Eventbrite.

Pre ticketed events are the only option available to Clubs to host events that require additional infrastructure to be in place. Riverland Dinghy Club has made a concerned effort to keep the prices to a minimum cost. We are fortunate to have been supported by the Renmark Paringa Council Event Funding Sponsorship to assist with olding the event and that has assisted in keeping the costs down.

The lawn area will be temporarily fenced, spectators will be required to sign in and present the 'green tick' and pre purchased tickets, (or sign in manually) at the entrance gate. Food and drink vendors, toilets, hand sanitising stations will be available

THIS IS A PET FREE EVENT

Renmark Club car park and surrounding lawn area towards the river pontoons will also be fenced with access only available to Competitors and Club Volunteers

Please ensure you bring your own blankets and chairs and seat yourself and/or your group socially distanced (1.5 metres apart). COVID Marshals will be available to assist you and advise you on how to comply with the required regulations. Food and drink vendors will have clearly marked places to queue for service as will toilets facilities. Please observe the PA announcement on the night regarding COVID Safe Measures. Face masks are to be worn at all times throughout the event unless seated eating and drinking. Do not attend if exposed to COVID hotspot or close contact of a case.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Scott Jenke - President Riverland Dinghy Club on behalf of the Committee.

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Applications close: 10am Monday 28 February

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An Efficient, Genuine & Caring Secretary with an Understanding of & Empathy for the Elderly - who choose to live independently.

Renmark Paringa Independent Living exists to enable local Renmark Paringa Residents to have low cost, quality housing designed to suit their needs. Currently, we have 102 individual units, supporting over 120 people with their accommodation.

We have a 25hour position with a mix of fixed and flexible work times - to best support our residents.

Written applications, with two referees, as per the Job & Person Specification will close at 5pm on Friday, 25th February, 2022.

Information: Peter Hunter via email in the first instance: rpilposition22@gmail.com

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Drivers Licence
- Reliable, punctual, and well presented
- Experienced with customer contact
- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances & security checks
- Excellent communication & problem-solving skills

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PART TIME

- Strong computer literacy
- Honest, accountable & able to work in a diverse team
- **Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccinations**

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

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- Experience with bookkeeping and project management software
- Demonstrate touch typing competency
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EXPRESSX are seeking to engage an experienced administration support officer commencing at three days per week and as required, with the prospect for ongoing full-time employment. This role may include engagement outside of standard business hours.

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COMMERCIAL CLEANERS RIVERLAND

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Drivers Licence
- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances
- Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Proven experience in the cleaning industry
- Reliable, punctual, and well presented
- Willing to undertake training when and where required
- Prepared to work in COVID-19 managed facilities
- Able to provide or undertake a Medical and Eyesight Certificate

EXPRESSX are looking to engage hard working, reliable, well presented, professional cleaners on a casual basis, with the opportunity for ongoing permanent employment. Excellent remuneration is on offer with a base day rate of \$32.14 per hour plus any applicable award penalties, and is negotiable based on skills, qualifications, and experience.

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If you meet with the essential criteria and possess the right attitude and application, then we want to hear from you!

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Computer Operator

Costa is Australia's leading grower, packer and marketer of premium quality fresh fruit and vegetables. We nurture our people, cultivate our growing sites and invest in ongoing research and development. All of the products we grow, and sell are fresh, nutritious, unprocessed and grown on our very own farms or those of our partner growers. On the land, in distribution centers, and out on the roads - Costa people work hard to bring the freshest produce to tables across Australia. But joining our team is about more than just hard work. It's about picking a meaningful, sustainable job that's good for you, and for Australia. Due to continued growth in the business, Costa is looking for a Full-Time Computer Operator to join our team.

We are seeking a person to be responsible for the running of the computer that sorts $% \left(x\right) =\left(x\right) +\left(x\right$ the quality of citrus fruit which involves monitoring fruit quality and filling orders as per market requirements on the production line. This role is situated at the Renmark Packing Shed, Chowilla Street Renmark SA, that operates for approximately 9 months of the year from April to December. Reporting to the Packing Shed Manager you will be responsible for running the Compac Computer machine

This challenging and varied role will suit a self-motivated individual, with:

- Good communication and relationship building skills with people from diverse cultures
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to supervise staff
- Good computer skills.
- Flexibility to adapt to changing priorities.
 Strong focus and commitment to Occupational Health and Safety,
- Food Safety and Quality is a key requirement.
- Must perform well in an extremely busy environment
- Experienced in various computer programs
- Responsible team player with excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Self-motivation, flexibility, and commitment
- Effective and efficient problem-solving skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Strong attention to detail and ability to prioritise effectively

Key Responsibilities include:

- Set up and maintaining fruit variety programs
- Set up Compac computer to sort out fruit defects as per market requirements
- Monitor the speed of the line and adjust as required
- Control fruit flow on conveyors and adjust as required Adjusting the quality parameters as required
- Compac (or similar) experience would be an advantage
- Communicate with Compac technicians as required Commitment to Health and Safety
- Risk assessments and Standard Work Procedures to be maintained

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Passport/ Safe Load Pass?

Are you committed to the

Safety of yourself and others?

If you are interested in joining our great team please forward your resume to

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SECURITY AGENTS RIVERLAND

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Security Agent Licence
- South Australian Drivers Licence
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Current Responsible Service Alcohol Certification (RSA)
- Reliable, punctual, and well presented
- Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccinations
- **Excellent communication skills**
- Culturally competent
- Demonstrable industry experience

EXPRESSX Security provide excellent working conditions, attractive remuneration with a base day rate of \$33.55 per hour plus any applicable award penalties, and is negotiable based on skills, qualifications, and experience. We are seeking professional, reliable, and well-presented personnel to undertake guarding, crowd control, event security and patrol services.

We provide excellent internal and external training programmes, along with organisational development opportunities. EXPRESSX is a diverse and developing organisation providing service and solution throughout South Australia

Looking to enter the Security Industry and would like further information? Get in contact with our team.

If you meet with the essential criteria or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact us on the details provided below.

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IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE WORKER

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The Trust is seeking an enthusiastic and flexible Irrigation Maintenance Worker. This position is a full-time position. You will enjoy maintaining and managing the day to day water delivery and drainage system infrastructure in Renmark.

Further information, including a Position Description, may be obtained by emailing: iobs@rit.org.au

Applications close on Friday 18 February 2022

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stainless steel fabrication.

Fabrication Welder

Welding experience, specifically in MIG

Drivers license and reliable transport. Reliable, punctual, honest and

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desirable

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1 at the Loxton Depot and 1 at the Waikerie Depot

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- Identified Small Plant operations
- Identified experience in the use of heavy machinery operations
- Heavy Rigid (HR) drivers' licence or willingness to obtain HR licence
- National Police Clearance

Key responsibilities for these positions are listed in the Job and Person Specification which can be obtained on Council's website www.lwdc.sa.gov.au or by contacting the Human Resources Officer on 8541 0700. If you believe you have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to fulfil the requirements of this position we look forward to reading them in your application.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Applicants must submit a resume' and cover letter addressing the Job and Person Specification and Depot location. All applications must be submitted online via Council's email address council@lwdc.sa.gov.au

Further enquiries regarding these positions may be obtained by contacting either

Simon Bullock, the Coordinator of Infrastructure Services - Loxton Depot on 0409 582 421

James Thomas, the Coordinator of Infrastructure Services - Waikerie Depot on 0488 547 754

Applications will be received up to 12 noon on Monday 7 February 2022. Interviews will be held in Loxton & Waikerie soon after the closing date.

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Are you a highly organised team player, selfmotivated, always meet deadlines, have a passion for exceptional customer service and prepared to work nights and weekends when required? Sound interesting?

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Applications close 18 February 2022





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BIRTH

GRIEGER.

Tyson, Janine and Esther Grieger were overjoyed to welcome Ruth Rubina Grieger into the world on Monday, January 17, 2022. Special thanks to Dr. Ken Wanguhu and Loxton Hospital Complex staff for their support and care.

21st **BIRTHDAY**

KAYE, Benjamin.

Our gorgeous Ben, wishing you all the happiness in the world for your 21st birthday on February 1st and always. We love you.

Mum, Dad, Matty, Sam, Brooke, Nala and all your family.

96th **BIRTHDAY**

PONTT, Dawn (née Drogemuller)

Happy 96th birthday to the 'Mayoress of Pyap'.

> Love from all your fans.



MODISTACH, Norma.

Big thankyou to everyone for the beautiful cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls and texts received on the occasion of my 90th birthday.

It was a very special time thanks to the support of my family.

I feel very privileged and grateful to have reached this

milestone. Norma.

ALL SIZES

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Allan (deceased) and Margaret.

Cherished uncle of Karen and Peter, Kym and Jodie.

Great-uncle to Brianna, Jaiden,

No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts always there.

DEATHS

AXON, 'AJ'.

You fought so hard to be strong, hide your pain, and to be happy, but I could see in your face you were suffering.

Sadly it was too much, and you passed away suddenly.

I will miss our big hugs we had.

Never to be forgotten. Love, 'Skinny'.

BINDER, Alec Reginald

Passed away peacefully on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Aged 82 years.

Loved husband of Beth.

Loved father and father-in-law of Brenton and Fiona, Gavin and Kylie. Deanne and Ben.

> Loved pop of 8 grandkids.

Loved pop-pop of 9 great-grandkids.

You will be missed.

Alec's private family funeral was held on Tuesday,

February 1, 2022 as per his wishes.

Riverland 32 **FUNERALS**

Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

BINDER, Alec.

Passed away on January 24, 2022.

Aged 82 years.

Loved brother-in-law of Helen and Fred.

Dear uncle of Karen. Paul and Vicky.

A true gentleman who will be missed by us all.



BINDER, Alec.

Much-loved brother and brother-in-law of

Regan and Harrison.

DEATHS

BOOTH, Don.

Loved husband of Judi (nee Leak) (deceased).

> Dad of Tammy, 'Don' of Greg and Stephanie.

Loved son-in-law of Rita and Jim Leak (deceased).

Lots of memories - Colin (deceased), Rosemary, fond uncle of Alison and Nick.

Aged 77 years. Gone to be with Judi.

BURZACOTT, Garrick 'Garry'

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

Aged 97 years.

Loved brother of Bruce, Moira, Jeff, Leo, Norton, Dione (all deceased). Lois and Annette

Always in our hearts.

CRISP, Scott James 'Scotty

Passed away peacefully at Lyell McEwin Hospital on January 27, 2022.

Aged 54 years.

Loved son of Sam and Kaylene.

Cherished brother and brother-in-law of Craig and Beate.

Safe in Jehovah's memory.

As per Scott's wishes, he will be privately cremated.

A memorial for Scott will be held over Zoom on Saturday, February 5, 2022

Zoom meeting ID: 982 209 7576

at 2pm.

Password: 1914



ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

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DEATHS

HOFFMANN, Audrey **WOOLSTON,** Lorraine. Dellis 'Dell'

20/9/1934 -29/1/2022

Slipped away at Pioneer Haven.

Wife of Victor (deceased).

Mother and mother-in-law to Wayne and Chris, Michael (deceased), Kym and Shirley (deceased).

Robin and Heather. Grandmother and great-grandmother.

Sister to Royce, Stanley and Melva (deceased).

At peace.

JACKA, Richard

Passed away peacefully at home in Loxton with family by his side on January 31, 2022.

Aged 93 years.

Loved husband of Kay (deceased).

Loved father and father-in-law of Neil, Andrew, Linda and Jason.

Cherished grandpa and great-grandpa.

Reunited with Kay.

Dick's family thank all persons who were involved with his care.

WOOLSTON, Lorraine (nee Furniss).

Passed away peacefully on

January 27, 2022. Aged 78 years.

Dearly loved wife of Darryl.

Loving mother of Andrew (deceased), Brenton and Jane.

Cherished nan of Nathan. Josh and Georgia, Liam and Issac.

Great-nan to Winnie.

A treasured friend to many

A life well lived, A rest well deserved.

Heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Fullarton Lutheran Home for your care and support.

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DEATHS

27/1/2022

We have sadly lost a dear friend.

Always in our hearts and memories.

All our love to Darryl, Brenton and Jane and family, and Elaine and family.

> From Brian and Wendy.

WOOLSTON, Lorraine.

To Darryl, Brenton and Jane, Elaine, all extended family.

With thoughts of much care and sympathy at this very sad time with the loss of Lorraine.

May the memories of all the good times we shared never fade.

Love from the Raeder family.

WOOLSTON, Lorraine.

Long-time friend of Joan and John, and family.

Treasured memories.

Love to Darryl, Brenton, Jane and family.

FUNERALS

BURZACOTT.

The relatives and friends of the late Garry Burzacott are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the graveside in the Upper Murray Garden of Memory 131 McKenzie Road, Barmera on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Legacy in Garry's memory would be appreciated.

Donations may be made at the service.

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FUNERALS

HOFFMANN, Audrey Dellis 'Dell'

Family and friends of the late 'Dell' Hoffmann are respectfully invited to participate in her funeral service commencing at 10.30am on Friday, February 4, in the Waikerie Lutheran Church, followed by a committal in the Waikerie and District's Cemetery.

Covid-19 restrictions will apply.

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JACKA, Richard Harcourt 'Dick'.

Relatives and friends are advised that Dick's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety at the Loxton Lawn Cemetery on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, a donation to the SA Ambulance Service would be appreciated.

Envelopes will be available at the service.



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WOOLSTON.

The relatives and friends of the late Lorraine Woolston are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Parkinson's SA in Lorraine's memory Donations may be made at the service.

Riverland ** **FUNERALS**

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IN MEMORIAM

AWEGE, Ronald 'Ron'. 1944 - 5/2/2020

It's been two years gone passed.

Still think of you all the time. Beloved wife, Laurel

and family. AWEGE, Ronald 'Ron'.

1944 - 5/2/2020 It's been two years

gone passed. Still think of you all the time.

Love you. From Betty, Jason, Marcus and Chloe.



JOHN, Beth. 7/2/2019

Precious memories still remain close to our hearts.

"In God's Care."

Allen, Jenny, Brenton, Carol and Suzy. xx

LEE, Robert 'Dixie'. 25/9/1948 -3/2/2021

of Sue. With an aching heart, I whisper low. I miss you Bob,

Loving husband

And love you so. LEE, Robert 'Dixie'.

25/9/1948 -3/2/2021

Much-loved

son of Joan. Memories of a darling son, Fill every single day.

And though the

heartache lessens,

It will never go away.

IN MEMORIAM



PETCH, Maxine.

7/2/2014.

Loving wife, mother

Sadly missed, forever remembered.

Tom, Alison and family; Clinton, Lisa Dylan and Cooper; Tim, Carolyn, Ebony and Charlie; Ben, Crystal, Jack and Layne.

RETURN THANKS

FRANKEL, Kelvin 'Kel'.

Barb, Craig, Kingsley, Clint, Heath and families would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers, phone calls, prayers, messages, and the love and support received on the passing of our beloved husband,

father and pa. Special thanks to the dedicated and caring nurses and staff at the Loxton Hospital, Dr Searle, the Loxton Uniting Church and Altschwager Family

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SUBARU Liberty RX25 Sports, 2002. All- wheel drive. Excellent condition. Registration WTD271. 8 months \$8250, registration remaining. Phone 0417882378.

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AGM - Palm's Bingo Will be held Club. on March 1. at the Monash Club at 12pm. Anyone interested in filling committee positions please come along as all positions are vacant.

DRIVER -Seeking driver to take me to Adelaide for appointments when needed. Have good car. Will pay. Located Loxton. Phone 0457079974.

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Sunday, February 6

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(St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA

Sunday, February 6

Renmark 9am

Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome

Pastor Roland Adams

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WAIKERIE

Sunday, February 6

Waikerie 10am

Lowbank 8.45am

Ramco 8.45am

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Catholic

Church

Mass Times

Our Lady

of the River

Catholic Parish

Saturday

Renmark 6.30pm

Morgan 6.00pm

Sunday

Berri 9.00am

Loxton 11.00am

Waikerie II.00am

Barmera 6.00pm

VEEKS 2 & 4

Saturday

Waikerie 6.00pm

Sunday

Renmark 9.00am

Morgan 9.00am

Barmera II.00am

Loxton 6.00pm

8.30am HC

10.30am HC

10am HC

8.30am HC

Wed, Feb 9

10.30am HC

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Barmera 9am Pastor Dean Mills All Welcome

St Peter's

Concordia

Rest Home

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Sunday, February 6 10am Aub Mattner

Contact **Rev Linda Forsyth** 0401 815 488

RENMARK

10am Renmark Ave 8.30am HC Renmark West

Rev Linda Forsyth Phone 0401 815 488



5pm - Monash

St Oswald's

Sunday, February 6 9am - Barmera

St Edmund's I I am - Loxton The Resurrection

9am - Renmark St Augustine's 9am - Waikerie St James

Contact: Fr. David Patterson 8586 3288

One Voice Sunday, February 6

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District Council of **Loxton Waikerie**

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

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WATER TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS **RENMARK**

Friday 4 February 2022

Notice is given that pursuant to Section 26 of the Harbors and Navigation Act 1993, Department for Infrastructure and Transport has granted an Aquatic Activity Licence to the Riverland Dinghy Club to conduct dinghy racing on an area of the River Murray at Renmark as follows:

On the Renmark Riverfront commencing from a point 100 metres downstream from the PS Industry to 100 metres upstream of the Renmark Club Marina between the hours of 8.00 am and 11.30 pm on Friday 4 February 2022.

An access corridor with a maximum speed of 4 knots will be maintained on the eastern side of the river for the length of the licensed area and for the duration of the licence to allow the passage of normal river traffic between events.

For safety reasons, vessels, and persons other than those participating in the events are prohibited from entering the above area of water between 8.00 am and 11.30 pm on Friday 4 February 2022.

Riverland Dinghy Club Inc

PETER MANGELSDORF'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2022**

Peter Mangelsdorf is seeking expressions of interest from Individuals, Business Groups and / or Organisations to take full ownership, operate and promote, in conjunction with the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee, the event known as "Christmas Wonderland"

This much loved, privately owned, awarded and admired event is seeking relocation in Loxton and a new operator to continue the 37year history of its creator, Peter Mangelsdorf. All of Peter's existing displays and accessories will be provided to the new operators of the event.

The new operator will be allocated a seat on the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee. The Loxton Lights Committee is a community operated group responsible for the premier Christmas Light events that have occurred across Loxton for more than 30 years.

Peter Mangelsdorf will provide support together with any requested technical input to the new operator during this initial hand over phase.

The new operator will be required to commence operations for the 2022 Christmas Lights Season and beyond. The event is to remain in Loxton, in its entirety

Expressions of interest are to be in writing to: Peter Mangelsdorf

C/- secretary@loxtonlights.com

Phone: 0402 792928

Expressions of Interest in writing close 28/2/22

Environment **Protection Authority**

The EPA has received notification of actual or potential groundwater contamination under section 83A of the Environment Protection Act 1993 at the following

Notification No: 62596-01

Address: Lot 221 Para Street, RENMARK Potentially Contaminating Activity: Railway operations

A copy of the above notification can be obtained from the EPA upon request to the Public Register administrator at epa.publicregister@sa.gov.au Please note that a prescribed fee may apply for accessing public register information. Please quote the EPA notification number when making your request.

For more information contact:

Environment Protection Authority Ph (08) 82042004 or Freecall for non metro: 1800 623 445 Email: epainfo@epa.sa.gov.au www.epa.sa.gov.au



South Australia

2022/23 Community Support Funding Applications are **NOW OPEN**

The opportunity exists for individuals, clubs and members of the community to lodge "Community Support Funding Applications" for consideration by Council as it prepares for the 2022/23 budget

Community Support Funding Application forms are available on Council's website and offices in Loxton and Waikerie. Closing date for applications is 5.00pm Friday 18 February 2022.

David Beaton Chief Executive Officer



PRESIDENT SHEREE CHAPPEL, WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival to be held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 6pm at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers.

A copy of the AGM Agenda is available on the Rose Festival website www.renmarkroses.com or by emailing Secretary, John Chappel john@stoneypinch.com.au

For further info please contact John Chappel 0407 010 363.



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Tuesday April 12th 2022 from 6.30pm **The Loxton Club**

Guest Presenter: DR. KERRY HALUPKA

Award categories:

- Pride of Workmanship: **Individual Award**
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Employers, customers, clients and individuals are invited to nominate worthy recipients for the

Nomination forms are available from:

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- The Secretary. jandrmills@bigpond.com or
- Phone Bert Haslam 0421319929

Nominations close: 12 Noon Friday 4th March 2022



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In conjunction with farmclearingsales

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CONTACT

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Tim 'troubled' by SA regional road deaths

CHAFFEY MP Tim Whetstone says it is "troubling" to know that regional road users account for most lives lost on SA roads, with the state government recently revealing a new road safety strategy.

South Australia's Road Safety Strategy to 2031 sets a significant reduction in the number of serious injuries and lives lost on the state's roads over the next decade.

"As a country MP, it is troubling that regional road users account for most lives lost on our roads," Mr Whetstone said.

"So, an important part of the plan is to focus on regional and remote areas and reducing the number of lives lost and serious injuries.

"The government is focused on striving to reduce the number from the current three-year average of 96 per year to fewer



Tim Whetstone

than 43 per year and reduce serious injuries by more than 30 per cent by 2031.

"We're giving our regions safer and more reliable roads and making record investment to improve safety and support primary producers to get their goods to market.

"Every life lost is one too many improved road safety is vital to us all, as individuals and as a community."

Other focus areas of the strategy include:

☐ Safer road user behaviour

☐ Increasing the use and purchase of safer vehicles

☐ Safer design, construction and maintenance of road infrastructure

☐ Developing a culture of road safety in

☐ Reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in road crashes

☐ Greater focus on road users aged 70+

☐ Reducing the over-representation of regional or remote young drivers and riders in road crashes.

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For the full width of the River Murray at Ren mark from a point 100 metres downstream of the PS Industry mooring to 100 metres upstream of Dead Wood Entrance. Ral Ral Creek from Dead Wood to above Nelbuck Creek and all of Kylies Creek, Bullyong Creek, Nelbuck Creek, Cut Off Creek and Plumbers Creek - River Murray from 100 metres downstream of Kylies Creek to 100 metres upstream of Nelbuck

An access corridor with a maximum speed of 4 knots will be maintained on the Eastern side of the licensed area in the mainstream of the river to allow nonparticipating vessels passage through the area between events.

For safety reasons, vessels and persons other than those participating in the events are prohibited from entering the above area of water between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm on Sunday 6 February 2022.

Riverland Dinghy Club Inc

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Cheryl's Australia Day military service recognition

ELYSE ARMANINI

AN ex-Riverlander was recently honoured with a military award for her service and achievements as peacekeeping commander in the Middle East.

Cheryl Pearce AM, originally of Loxton, was presented with the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) as part of the annual Australia Day Honours.

The CSC decoration was awarded for her outstanding service and achievement in her role as the United Nations Peacekeeping Force commander in Cyprus from 2019 to 2021.

The comments about Ms Pearce's Australia Day Honour described her "inspirational leadership" as force commander ensured the operational success of the multinational task force in providing security to the people of Cyprus.

"It's always an honour and a real privilege to be selected to serve with the United Nations, and to represent your country and serve under the UN flag is something that many members of the Australian Federal Police and military get to do," Ms Pearce

"We've had a commitment in Cyprus since 1964, so I'm adding on to a long line of Australians who have served in Cyprus."

Her award honour was kept tightly under wraps until the Australia Day Honours List was



Covid-19 has stopped us each time, and work stopped me a couple of weeks ago.

"It was a chance to do a late Christmas and come together as a family. Getting the award was nice to share with the family over the weekend as well.'

Ms Pearce retired as Major General from the Australian Army in August 2021 and immediately commenced her current role as deputy commissioner for the Australian Border Force Ports and Enforcement.

"It has been very busy (at work), otherwise I would have come across and spent a week in the Riverland and had a little more relaxation," she said.



Ex-Major General Cheryl Pearce was presented with a Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) award, for her role as UN Peacekeeping Force commander in Cyprus from 2019 to 2021, on Australia Day. PHOTO: supplied



released, and Ms Pearce said she

told her family the night before

to "look out for it in the morn-

ing".
"Everyone was in many differ-

ent locations and it was lovely to

have conversations with them on

the chance to make the trip from

Canberra to South Australia, Ms

Pearce and her partner Paul were

"We had a few drinks to cel-

ebrate (the award) with my South

"I got back to Australia last

Australian family," she said.

January and we've made three

attempts to get across to SA but

finally able to spend the past

weekend in the Riverland with

After waiting for a year to get

the phone," she said.



THE GOLDEN ARCHES: New signage was installed at McDonald's Renmark yesterday, after the original was destroyed in a hailstorm that struck the town last November. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

Riverland runs riot at **Country Championships**

BEN LENNON

THE RIVERLAND women's basketball team made it back-to-back A grade titles at the SA Country Basketball Championships in Adelaide last weekend.

After a stunning victory in 2021, the girls backed it up, putting in an impressive team performance this year that saw them crowned champions.

The team worked its way into the tournament after losing two early games and was aided by the inclusion of former Australian representative Nicole Seekamp.

Coach Les Lange was thrilled to have Seekamp in the side, but noted it wasn't her on-court performance that proved the most valuable part of her inclusion.

"Her role was purely to help the players,"

"We had Sienna Lehmann who is 14 and Tahlia Dillon who is very young as well. "Nicole herself played more of a mentor-

ing role for those girls.

"All the other girls would've had as much court time as her and she took that role on beautifully.

"Nicole was acknowledged by State Country Basketball for giving her time to come and play in the championships, considering she lives eight hours away.

"She's the only person that's ever represented Australia that has offered to come back and play State Country.

"She didn't come back to help the Riverland, she came back to help State Country Basketball and she was excellent."

The side was a mixture of new faces and young talent, with six players featuring who were part of last year's triumph.

Sienna Lehmann and Dillon were two of those new faces and both proved vital additions to the line-up.

"Sienna was playing within herself and



Sienna Lehmann walked away with the finals MVP award at just 14 years old after an impressive showing in the grand final.

didn't play 'freely' to begin with," Lange

"I sat her down and explained to her that she's playing against competition that wouldn't be as strong as what she came up against in Darwin in the Under 16 National Championships.

"I told her she has to let herself go and enjoy it and from then on she just started playing freely.

"Sienna had a sensational game in the grand final, but you could've picked any one of our girls and I would've been happy with them getting the MVP award, that's how even the team was.

"Tahlia Dillon was my biggest surprise. "I thought she grew so much throughout

Riverland women's A-grade basketball team (back, from left): Coach Les Lange, Hannah Lehmann, Sienna Lehmann, Mackella Hogan, Nicole Seekamp and Anita Hunter. Front: Elise Foulds, Shenae Rucioch, Ashlee Wutke, Tahlia Dillon and Ellee Eleftheriadis. PHOTOS: Facebook



Experienced campaigners Hannah Lehmann and Nicole Seekamp played important roles, mentoring the young players throughout the carnival.

the tournament and really ran the floor and got a lot of rebounds."

The Riverland men's team also enjoyed a fruitful tournament under the tutelage of an unfamiliar face, with Mildura-based coach Dave Curran taking on the lead role.

The men fell just short of a spot in the grand final, but Lange detailed how impressed he was by their performance under Curran.

"He came in and took on a team of guys that he's never seen play before," Lange said. With the aid of Matt Sullivan as his assistant and Andy Hansen as his team manager, after the first game the improvement form these guys was unbelievable.

"I'd love to see what they'd be like if he trained them for three months.

"Dave called me on the way home and said he was impressed with the guys and how much they listened and worked hard.

"To me, that's how I take the Country Championships.

"It's not about winning, it's about gelling the guys together and showing how much character they've got.'

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

LOXTON

Wednesday, January 26

Stableford: A grade - B. Paige 39, B. Chapman 37, T. Shortt 36, J. Hume 36, A. Lindner 35, B. Whitelaw 35, T. Sawade 34, L. Kruger 34, T. Smith 33. B grade – A. Ling 43, S. Koch 37, J. Goldsworthy 35, P. Richardson 34, L. Gray 33, P. Frahn 33, T. Schubert 33, D. Pfeiler 32, D. Johns 32, P. Hopper 32. NTP - 2nd 364cm J. Goldsworthy, 5th 381cm L. Kruger, 12th 281cm J. Scopacasa, 15th 1300cm J. Goldsworthy. Birdies – 2nd A. Ling, 5th J. Hume. Women's Stableford: S. Pannell 36, C. Arndt 32, S. Green 32, J. Cooney 32. NTP - 5th 530cm S.

Thursday, January 27

Mixed multi-tee stableford: A. Hume 35.

Saturday, January 29

Men's stroke: A grade – P. Morris 69, M. Warman 69. A. Lodge 70, C. Foreman 71, D. Tyler 72, B. Yeomans 73, G. Blythman 74. B grade - A. Hucks 69, B. Albrecht 70, T. Schubert 71, L. Gray 72, S. Patching 72, C. Voumard 72, B. Whitelaw 73, J. Reynolds 73. NTP - 5th 182cm S. Harris, 12th 836cm J. Walker, 15th 335cm D. Tyler, Birdies - 2nd P. Morris, S.

Women's Stroke: M. Tyler 75, K. Henwood 75, S. Pannell 76, J. Sawade 76. NTP - 15th 370cm J.

BERRI

Wednesday, January 26

Stableford: S. Wade 38, P. Martin 37, D. Shawyer, M. Jennings 37, P. Mudge 36, M. Wilksch 36, W. Adams 35, W. Thiele 35, R. Knight 35, D. Dawson 35. C. Berry 34, L. Berry 34. Birdies - 13th P. Martin, 16th S. Wade, 6th D. Dawson.

Saturday, January 29

Stableford: C. Smith 38, G. Branson 37, P. Mudge 37, W. Thiele 37, C. Berry 36, R. Keightley 36, A. Thurmer 36, G. Tognon 35, B. Rosenthal 33, R. Sully 33, P. Wood 33, M. Wilksch 33, L. Campbell 33, R.

Sunday, January 30

Stableford: T. Jolly 41, D. Shawyer 40, P. Efthimiou 38, E. Gregoric 37, B. Rosenthal 35. Birdies - 16th



Some of Country SA's best junior basketballers will play in the Riverland Junior Basktball Carnival this weekend, PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Junior hoopers headed for the Riverland

BASKETBALL is back for 2022 with the Riverland Junior Basketball Carnival to return next weekend.

Teams from across South Australia will make the journey to the Riverland for the weekend, with games to be held at stadiums in Waikerie, Renmark, Berri, Barmera

The competition will see 85 teams compete for glory across 22 grades, spanning from under 12 to under 18 boys and girls.

The carnival is in its 10th year and this edition will see 14 Riverland teams take to

As well as South Australian competitors, a number of teams from Mildura will make the trip across the border in search of victory.

Tip-off is set for 8am on both days, with play continuing until 10.30pm on Saturday and 6pm on Sunday.

Phillip Morris took out the Loxton Golf Club A grade competition last Saturday. PHOTO: supplied

Mini Roo finds a home in Waikerie

A MINI statue to honour Waikerieborn former Adelaide Crows premiership player and Brownlow medallist, Mark Ricciuto, has taken pride of place at the Waikerie Community Club.

The statuette was officially unveiled by Ricciuto and his Triple M Adelaide breakfast show offsider Chris Dittmar on Friday night in front of about 40 friends, family and community representatives.

Waikerie Adelaide Crows supporter, and Roo committee member, Gwen Webber's comprehensive collection of newspaper articles about the premiership player is also on display.

Roo committee spokeswoman, Linda McKay, said Bob Utbur, the grandfather of Geelong footballer and former Adelaide Crows player, Patrick Dangerfield, came up with idea of creating a life-size bronze statue of Ricciuto.

Mr Utbur, who is from Mildura, had the chance to spend some time in Waikerie after his car broke down.

"After a walk around Waikerie, whilst his car was being repaired, Bob said he was surprised our town had nothing to highlight, what he called, 'Waikerie's biggest export, Mark Ricciuto'," Ms McKay told the gathering.

Ms McKay said Mr Utbur believed Ricciuto was more significant than the oranges Waikerie sends overseas and suggested a life-sized model be created as a tourist attraction and to honour his achievements.

"We thought this could be our chance to do something for our small town, a drawcard of sorts," she said.

The project for a life-size Roo began in 2014, after a Roo committee was established under the auspices of the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce.

Ms McKay said the project was not just about Ricciuto, but about promoting Waikerie and the Riverland.

The Adelaide Football Club provided \$5000 for a bronze "maquette", a model for a larger piece of sculpture, which the Mini Roo is also known as.

South Australian sculptor Ken Martin, well-known for the Makybe Diva statue in Port Lincoln, made a plasticine version of Mark kicking a footy and then cast this version in

Ms McKay said the maquette now



has an estimated value of \$20,000.

She said a life-size version of Roo had a price tag of \$150,000 and efforts to raise these funds had been unsuccessful.

"It was a lot of money," she said.

Ms McKay said for the past few years "Mini Roo" has been without a permanent home and has "floated from venue to venue", until the Waikerie Club accepted an offer to house it.

She said the Roo committee was excited to see the statuette permanently under cover in the Waikerie Club's front foyer on a plinth for locals and tourists to enjoy.

Ricciuto, who received the keys to Waikerie in 1998 after the Adelaide Crows won two premierships in a row, was humbled to have his mini statue housed at the Waikerie Club.

"It is a bit funny for me standing up here getting a little statue - I think I nearly got banned for life here one night," Ricciuto joked.

"I think it is a good little statue actually. It is always a weird feeling when you are having things made about yourself or said about yourself."

Ricciuto said he was happy to support anything that helped his home

He also pledged to contribute towards a life-size statue of himself, if the state government allocated money. This followed a commitment from Mr Utbur to find \$50,000 towards the pro-

"If Bob can get another \$50,000 surely the government can contribute \$50,000 and I can chuck in the rest if we want to get to \$150,000," he said.

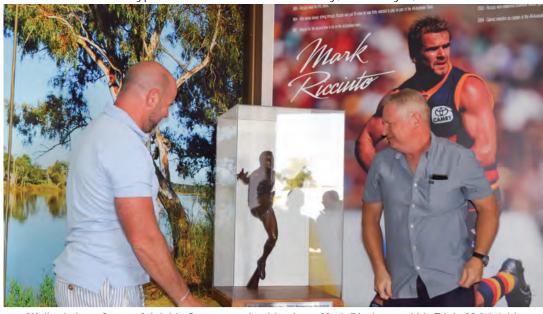
Ricciuto said he hoped "Mini Roo" would help bring more clientele into the club and more tourists off the Sturt Highway into Waikerie's town centre.

He also believes a life-sized Roo could become a drawcard for the town.

Ricciuto told The Murray Pioneer the River Murray was in his blood and he loved Waikerie.

"Our fruit property backed onto the river and we had the best backyard in Australia, really, as a kid," he said.

"You could fish, yabby, swim and water ski, so every opportunity I have, I still come back to the river."



Waikerie-born former Adelaide Crows premiership player Mark Ricciuto and his Triple M Adelaide breakfast show offsider Chris Dittmar at the unveiling of the Mini Roo on Friday. PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Waikerieborn former Adelaide Crows premiership player Mark Ricciuto (left) with his mum, Carol, of Waikerie, and fellow Triple M Adelaide breakfast show presenter, Chris Dittmar.



Mark Ricciuto's uncle, Ian Light, of Waikerie, with some newspaper clippings on the Mini Roo project.



Some of the memorabilia on Mark Ricciuto collected by Adelaide Crows supporter and Roo committee member Gwen Webber over the years. The collection was also on display at the Roo maquette unveiling.

Strongman strength not enough, as Berri triumphs



Sam Butterworth hits a volley in Cobdogla's win over Loxton in division one tennis action last Friday night. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

BERRI continued its solid form over Hayden Carter. with a big win over Renmark in Riverland division one tennis, played last Friday night.

Renmark won two of the first six doubles sets contested, but the contest was ended in the singles, with Berri winning five of the six

David Strongman was in particularly good form for Renmark, figuring in all three winning sets, including singles.

In the other division one match, Cobdogla scored routine 10-5 win over Loxton.

A couple of 6-0 results saw Loxton rack up only 10 games less than Cobdogla during the

Three of the four men's singles matches were decided by tie-breakers, with just one falling Loxton's way, Justin Lane's win

Sophie Nettle was in good form for Cobdogla at top women's single, beating Tasmin Smith 6-2.

RESULTS

Division one Cobdogla 10-75 d Loxton 5-65.

Doubles (round 1): S. Butterworth/C. Battams d P. Smith/J. Graetz 6-2; W. Swinstead/H. Carter d J. Lane/J. Loxton 6-2; Sophie Nettle/Lucy Nettle d T. Smith/N. Kruger 6-3. Doubles (round 2): Butterworth/C. Battams d P. Smith/Lane 7-6; Swinstead/N. Battams d Graetz/Loxton 6-4; Sophie Nettle/H. Drogemuller lost to Kruger/A. Biggins 3-6.

Singles: Butterworth d P. Smith 6-1; Carter lost to Lane 6-7, Swinstead d Graetz 7-6; N. Battams d Loxton 7-6, S. Nettle d T. Smith 6-2; H. Drogemuller lost to Biggins 0-6.

Doubles (round 3): Butterworth/Carter d P. Smith/J. Loxton 6-2: C. Battams/S. Nettle lost to Lane/T. Smith 0-6; N. Battams/L. Nettle lost to Graetz/Biggins 3-6.

Berri 12-78 d Renmark 3-44

Doubles (round 1): E. Day/M. Jericho lost to D. Strongman/D. Schumann 4-6; P. Cresp/P. Reid d D. Bright/J. Bright 6-3; M. Tsanavaras/G. Tsanavaras d H. Poulish/E.

Doubles (round 2): Day/Jericho lost to Strongman/Schumann 1-6: Cresp/P. Reid d D. Bright/H. Beavis 6-4; M. Tsanavaras/G. Tsanavaras d Poulish/E. Reid 6-0. Singles: Day lost to Strongman 1-6; M. Jericho d J. Bright 6-1, Cresp d D. Bright 6-2, P. Reid d Beavis 6-2: K. Tsanavaras d Poulish 6-3: K. Barnett d F. Reid 6-2. Doubles (round 3): E. Day/M. Jericho d Strongman/J. Bright 6-4, P. Reid/M. Tsanavaras 6-1; S. McPherson/K. Barnett d Beavis/E. Reid 6-3.

Division two

Cobdogla 12-79 d Loxton 3-50. Remainder of scores not received.

Division three

Loxton Smashers 8-56 d Renmark 2-35. Remainder of scores not received.

JUNIORS

Orange 1

Barmera 6-32 d Loxton Popyrin 1-11. Remainder of scores not received.

Top bowls spot changes hands

WAIKERIE has taken full advantage of a Renmark slip-up, with its win over The Lawns catapulting the side into first place in the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants competition.

The Lawns came into the clash as heavy underdogs but managed to put up a fight, going down by just 24 shots.

Renmark's loss came at the hands of a resurgent Barmera which bounced back after last week's disappointing result.

Barmera edged past Renmark by three shots, 61-58, with skippers Chris Karantonis (Barmera) and Steve Blee (Renmark) the last on the green. Karantonis and his Barmera team picked up a shot on the final end to seal victory for their club.

Loxton RSL defeated Berri in a tight affair to keep the heat on the top two, with the race for the finals now in full swing.

Berri will need to turn things around next week if it wants to stay in the hunt, 36 points behind fourth-ranked Barmera.

The second division saw a cracking game played between Monash and Renmark, with the former running out one-shot winners.

The win sees Monash remain comfortably in second place, while Waikerie remains the team to beat, two wins clear at the top of the table.

The upset of the weekend came in the third division when ninth-placed The Lawns took down second-placed Barmera, running out 10-shot victors.

RESULTS DIVISION ONE

Loxton 53 d The Lawns Red 48.

D. Schliebs 19 d P. Lawton 17; R. Coombs 14 lost to S. Leesue 21; N. Thiele 20 d S. Ivanovic 10.

Loxton RSL 70 d Berri 65.

J. Wright 16 lost to K. Treloar 29; J. Bodnar 24 lost to D. Treloar 26; S. Roberts 30 d D. Badran 10. **Barmera 61 d Renmark 58.**

R. Reynolds 13 lost to B. Dopson 27; C. Karantonis 26 d S. Blee 14; J. Morena 22 d M. Rice 17.

Waikerie 68 d The Lawns 44.

W. Collins 16 d B. Lewan 15; A. Fulwood 20 d N. Skinner 19; G. Frahm 32 d D. Wilson 10.

	W	L	Agg	Pts
Waikerie	10	4	142	251
Renmark	10	4	119	249
Loxton RSL	9	5	100	232
Barmera	9	5	24	225
Berri	7	7	58	189
Loxton	6	8	-88	158
The Lawns Red	5	9	-32	138
The Lawns	0	14	-323	14

DIVISION TWO

Waikerie 75 d Lyrup 48.

M. Morete 19 d G. Milich 17; R. Davies 22 d L. Recchia 20; D. Thompson 34 d J. Wrigley 11.

Berri 83 d The Lawns 47.

L. Knight 29 d K. Knight 20; J. Cresp 23 d K. Smith 13; W. Couzens 31 d K. Schopp 14.

Monash 66 d Renmark 65.

S. Elsdon 17 lost to R. Andt 28; S. Voigt 25 d M. Howe 15; M. Wood 24 d B. Knight 22. Loxton 79 d Loxton RSL 43.

P. Kimber 20 d P. Smith 15; H. Appleton 29 d S. Charles 15; T. Thurston 30 d E. Eagle 13.

Barmera 85 d Moorook 46.

D. Mills 22 d A. Wachtel 18; D. Button 33 d C. Pantic 11; P. Thompson 30 d C. Battams 46.

Waikerie Monash* Lyrup** Loxton** Berri Barmera** The Lawns** Moorook*	W 13 11 8 7 8 7 5	L 2 3 5 6 7 6 8 9	Agg 277 193 203 115 52 26 -165 -206	Pts 319 282 236 213 213 209 155 149
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Renmark*	4	10	-80	127
Loxton RSL*	1	13	-415	47

DIVISION THREE

The Lawns 63 d Barmera 53.

R. Ashworth 20 d R. Slater 16; K. Tschirpig 26 d I. Lloyde 17; M. Hudson 17 lost to P. Symens 20.

Waikerie 67 d Berri Red 49.

B. Hill 20 d K. Tanner 17; G. Hall 21 d B. Harrington 15; W. Burris 26 d J. Price 17.

Monash 70 d Renmark 60.

R. Jury 22 d J. Thompson 17; P. Grocke 27 d R. Schulz 21; J. John 21 lost to T. Matulick 22.

Loxton White 81 d Berri Blue 45.

J. Vaughan 24 d L. Blades 22; B. Arnold 25 d B. Bland 11; K. Brandsma 32 d D. Piltz 12.

Loxton Red d Lyrup (forfeit).

	VV	L	Agg	Pts	
Waikerie*	12	2	323	309	
Barmera	11	4	218	279	
Loxton White	11	4	37	268	
Loxton Red	10	5	75	262	
Renmark*	6	8	-120	262	
Berri Blue	6	9	-84	157	
Lyrup*	5	9	-32	150	
Monash	5	10	-135	140	
The Lawns*	4	10	-98	128	
Berri Red	3	12	-184	91	

DIVISION FOUR

Waikerie Regents 51 d The Lawns Red 22.

L. Burnett 24 d C. Haar 6; S. Schiers 27 d L. Pinyon 16

Barmera 38 d Renmark 26.

K. Brown 17 d B. Warren 13; T. Daelman 21 d T. Wurst

Waikerie Hornets 50 d Moorook 25.

B. Nicholls 27 d M. Smith 13; E. Loughhead 23 d L.

Tschirpig 25.
Loxton 46 d The Lawns 36.

N. Milich 27 d N. Dunstan 16; D. Vaughan 19 lost to

	W	L	Agg	Pts
Waikerie Regents	12	2	152	291
Barmera	11	3	103	272
The Lawns Red	8	6	-36	199
Waikerie Hornets	7	8	25	169
Renmark	6	8	-64	159
Moorook	5	9	-35	137
Loxton	5	9	-89	133
The Lawns	2	11	-56	80



Renmark division four player Sandra Tindale in action in last Saturday's round of Riverland Bowls. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Loxton leads the pack

LOXTON distinguished itself as premiership favourites after defeating Renmark North in last Saturday's round of Riverland A grade cricket.

The Tigers travelled for the first time in a fortnight after playing two games at home under lights and managed to restrict the Bluetongues to just 117 off their 40 overs

Despite only taking five wickets, the Tigers' bowling attack was disciplined and effective, only allowing the hosts to score at less than three an over.

The visitors made light work of the modest total, with skipper Ben Hoffmann leading the way with 49 and opener Jake Albrecht scoring 37.

Tarque Williamson was a star for Renmark North, recording an unbeaten 45 with the bat and taking a wicket with the ball.

Elsewhere, Berri travelled to Waikerie and recorded a dominant victory.

Batting first, Berri posted a score just shy of 200, with Brad Rosenzweig falling just short of a century, eventually dismissed for 90 runs.

Waikerie Ramco managed just 52 in reply as Berri bowler Wayne Scadden took the home side apart, his five-wicket haul coming at the expense of just 15 runs.

In the B grade, Matty Leigh continued his impressive form from the T20 competition, this time doing damage with bat in hand.

His unbeaten 55 led Wunkar to a win over Berri, but it wasn't the highest score

n the division.

That honour went to James Patterson of Brown's Well, with his 97 runs helping his side to a convincing win against Gerard.

Renmark North joined Wunkar and Brown's Well on the winners list after an impressive away win against Waikerie Gold, highlighted by Tom Bannister's 48 not out.

RESULTS

A grade

Loxton 4/118 (B. Hoffmann 49, J. Albrecht 37, J. Deren 13no, T. Williamson 1/12, Z. Gallo 1/17, S. Bradbrook 1/17, B. Grant 1/27) d Renmark North 5/117 (T. Williamson 45no, B. Files 20, D. Harding 19no, L. Jackson 10, J. Durdin 2/10, B. Hoffmann 2/18, J. Norman 1/34).

Berri 8/196 (B. Rosenzweig 90, E. Penaluna 27, T. Jolly 18, N. Scadden 16,) d Waikerie Ramco 52 (W. Scadden 5/15, C. Cassell 2/0, T. Jolly 2/4, B. Rosenzweig 1/20).

B grade

Wunkar 5/140 (M. Leigh 55no, K. Smith 19, T. Eagle 18, L. Pontt 13no, C. Smith 2/18, B. Oakley 2/34) d Berri 9/136 (J. Hennessy 23, P. Burnett 21, R. Kubsch 17no, J. Fielke 16, R. Lehmann 16, K. Smith 4/9, L. Pontt 2/25, B. Falting 1/35). Renmark North 7/162 (T. Bannister 48no, J. Wood 33, B. Henderson 20, J. Smedley 19, D. Hill 17, H. Fridd 2/19, C. Gale 2/23, A. Bevan 1/20, R. Carter 1/22) d Waikerie Gold 133 (A. Bevan 51, H. Fridd 19no, R. Carter 16, K. Matthews 14, D. Fridd 10, B. Williss 4/41, B. Lennon 2/22, D. Aston 2/33, J. Smedley 1/15).

Brown's Well 3/153 (J. Patterson 97, B. Hampel 36, L. Patterson 10no) d Gerard 152 (T. Abdulla 56, R. Hooker 25, G. Abdulla Jr 23, M. Abdulla 19no, L. Patterson 4/22, J. Patterson 3/20, B. Hampel 2/23, A. Cunnah 1/9).

Monash d Kings Punjab XI via forfeit.



PAIRS WINNERS: Waikerie Bowling Club hosted the Marschall First National mixed pairs tournament last week in steamy conditions. The event was held on Australia Day with 16 teams taking part. Waikerie Bowling Club president Roger Davies (left) is pictured with the winners, Christos Karantonis and Ching Gamble. PHOTO: supplied

Wild weekend in store as dinghy racing returns

BEN LENNON

A BLOCKBUSTER weekend is in store as the Riverland Dinghy Club season begins for 2022.

Friday night's Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash kicks off the year for the Dinghy Club and is followed by the Dinghy Derby two days later, making for an all-action weekend.

Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke is keen to get the season under way, but admits it has been a struggle.

"It's been such a slog to actually get everything in place," he said.

"We've had to go through and do all the event management planning

"It's disappointing that we're all still in some pretty severe pandemic restrictions

"We pride ourselves on putting on the best free events and it's tough as a club to have to sit here and charge \$10 for admission.

"But, we have to put all the fencing up and keep people safe, so we totally understand it.

"In the end, it's shaping up well and everything's getting organised, but it's coming down to the wire."

Despite the restrictions, it looks set to be one of the biggest weekends the Dinghy Club has seen in some time, with a near record number of competitors lining up across both days.

"We've had 99 boats nominated for the Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash and 111 boats for the Dinghy Derby," Mr Jenke said.

"Our record is around 121 boats for the Dinghy Derby and we aren't able to have the Western Australian contingent here this year, so with them we would've exceeded record numbers."

The dynamic duo of Scott and Zac Pogorecki will be back to defend their title this season and this weekend presents the opportunity for a perfect start.

Mr Jenke believes that although they will be tough to beat, the Derby is anyone's race

The new season means that a number of competitors will move throughout the different classes, making for some exciting action.

"A few years ago we had new people in the area who had to start in a lower class, but we're now seeing all of those people feed into the top classes," Mr Jenke said.

"At the same time, we had people battle it out in the standard class last season and they've all come back saying they want to get



Scott and Zac Pogorecki are back and looking to defend their crown as the 2022 Riverland Dinghy Club season kicks off this weekend. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

number one in the Derby before they move up.

"In the top class, you can't throw anyone out of contention.

"Last year it was super competitive, with the Mad Hueys boat and the Renmark Auto Service team it's pretty much tossing a coin...

The Renmark Club Dash 4 Cash traditionally kicks the season off with a bang and Mr Jenke is looking forward to another actionpacked event.

"It's just such an exciting spectacle," he said.

"You watch the young blokes come through and they're pretty happy to get a clean run around the course and as you move through the classes the intensity just builds up.

When any of the top three classes compete out there in the finals, when it comes down to four boats, it's pretty huge.

"It's such a good opener for what's going to happen on Sunday."

With a number of hoops to jump restriction wise and the difficulty of running of the event in general, Mr Jenke knows the importance of the team around him.

"A big shout-out goes to our committee, they're our unsung volunteers," Mr Jenke said.

"It involves about 100 volunteers to get these events over the line on the day so a special mention should go to all of those people.

"It's a massive effort and the competitors know how much goes on behind the scenes.

"Sponsors have stood by us through the last couple of years and it's been pretty tough.

"Not one of them failed to step up to the plate so a huge amount of thanks goes to them for making it

"Hopefully we go through an uneventful but an eventful weekend, if you know what I mean."

Dinghy Club construction continues

ACTION on the water is just one thing on the Riverland Dinghy Club's 2022 agenda, with construction on its new headquarters already under way.

The opening date of the new facilities is still uncertain but the club is making great strides, with doors set to be attached in the

Club president Scott Jenke is excited to have somewhere that the Dinghy Club has somewhere to call home and noted how important it will be moving forward.

"When it's done, what it will give us is a media room, a function room and somewhere that people can come and get all their information," Mr Jenke said.

"It's going to be really special for existing and past members.

"At the last working bee, we welcomed back one of our founding members who has come out of the woodwork and decided to start volunteering again.

"He was there working alongside the newest members of the committee and the club and helping put the shed up.

"It's such a good community spirit up here that once you're in boat racing you're never going to get out of it totally."

Long-standing committee member and current Dinghy Club secretary Sue Jenke

shared Mr Jenke's excitement and was happy to have local businesses on board.

"Local suppliers and contractors will be used extensively throughout the project," Mrs Jenke said.

"Steve Charnstrom from SnD Constructions came to our rescue and stepped up to commence the building in early January.

"We can't thank him enough for assisting the Dinghy Club.

"Community support from the Dinghy Club's volunteers, sponsors, stakeholders and competitors throughout the project will assist greatly in reducing costs.

The club has started to gather memorabilia, with some historical artefacts ready to go on display once construction is completed

"One of the most important aspects of the building will be to have a venue to proudly honour our founding members," Mrs Jenke

"Perhaps one of the most interesting articles to go on display is a race boat from the 1981 outright winners of the Dinghy Derby, proudly donated to the Dinghy Club by Rob Howie and John Modlinski.

"David Dix, Peter Richardson, Bob Speight and Anton Webb worked under the umbrella of the Renmark Aquatic Club to



Construction of the Riverland Dinghy Club's new headquarters began in January this year. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

hold the first event in April '81.

"They borrowed radios from the Army and had very limited resources and equipment available.

"The current committee and members hope that they and their family members are very proud of where the Dinghy Club is today."

- BEN LENNON

DV8s win vital women's eightball clash

ROUND 13 of Riverland women's eightball saw two heavyweights duke it out for second position, with Monash Club DV8s emerging victorious against Waikerie Club.

The 8-7 win saw the two teams switch positions in the table, with DV8s now in second spot thanks to their superior percentage.

Lyrup Club Odd Bunch remains the team to beat, with its win against Barmera Hotel Cue-Ts securing a spot in the top two come the end of the season.

Barmera Pelicans and Lyrup Club played out a close match, with the former taking the points and solidifying its hold on fourth position.

RESULTS

Lyrup Club Odd Bunch 12 (C. Knight, T. Knight) d Barmera Hotel Cue-Ts 3 (D. Stocker, A. Threadgold). Barmera Hotel Unpredictables 10 (S. Bini, K. McAvaney) d Lyrup Lion Cubs 5 (S. Jansen, N. Angouras). Monash Club DV8s 8 (G. Beech, S. Garrett) d Waikerie Club 7 (J. Rohde, T. Rice). Barmera Pelicans 8 (S. Verco, G. Lally) d Lyrup Club 7 (C. Munro, J. Campbell).

Wayne headlines darts win

AN undermanned RC Ones was able to hold off a determined Expendables in last week's round of Riverland darts.

Wayne Schwartzkopff managed to hit two maximum 180s for RC Ones and teammate Neil Flack threw a single 180.

Double Jacks was unfortunately forced to forfeit its match against Monash Wanderers due

to circumstances outside of the team's control, meaning only one match was played last week.

RESULTS

RC Ones 8 (W, Schwartzkopff 180 x 2, 140, 100 x 2, N. Flack 180, 140 x 2, 130, 118, 100 x 8, T. Stoneham 140, 125, 100 x 4) d Expendables 3 (G. Norman 135, 121, 101, 100 x 2, D. Higgs 123, S. Lockwood 105. A. Barnes 100 x 3). Monash Wanderers d Double Jacks (forfeit).

Table tennis returns in 2022

AFTER hosting two come and try days in January, the Renmark Table Tennis Association is back for 2022, with competition starting next month.

Each Wednesday night from February 9 until March 2, a round robin tournament will take place from 7.30pm, with prizes on offer.

Participants of all

ages and abilities are encouraged to come and have a go, whether for just one week or for all four.

The tournament will be held at the Tucker Show Hall and is free to enter, though registration is required.

To register or for more information, contact Dennis Robinson on 0427 971 523.

Pitch perfect night for local charity

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland Baseball Association held its annual charity round last Friday night, with proceeds donated to the Berri Men's Shed.

Association president Steven Goldspink labelled the night a success, with \$1300 raised to go towards the local

"We've done it for the last five years or so for different charities," Mr Goldspink

"On the night, the chosen charity comes down and they throw the first pitch.

"All the players donate five dollars each and then we have a heap of raffles and that sort of thing, just trying to raise as much money as we can.

'With all the stuff with Covid, people have been separated from friends and family and the Men's Shed targets mental health in older men, so that was the reasoning behind selecting them.

"We managed to raise a good amount of money for them to put towards new machinery and things like that."

One of the highlights of the night was

the 'Sheepoo' raffle, which Mr Goldspink noted is always a hit.

"You buy a square and the square that gets the most poo in it by the end of the night wins the coin," Mr Goldspink

"A massive thanks goes to Vicki and David Taylor for bringing down Lilly the

"That competition was a big part of the money that was raised."

The night saw a number of Riverland families show their support, with kids included in the action thanks to the annual base running competition.

"It was good to see, especially the really little ones getting out and amongst it and not just sitting on the sidelines watching everything happen," Mr Goldspink

Riverland baseball clubs took turns in helping out behind the canteen, with all proceeds from food and drinks sold going to the Men's Shed.

"The people from the Berri Men's Shed are at their premises on Monday and Thursday morning if anyone else wants to get involved," Mr Goldspink said.



Berri Men's Shed president Peter Bourn threw the first pitch in Friday night's round of Riverland baseball. **PHOTOS: Grant** Schwartzkopff

Hunter Halupka was one of many children enjoying the base running competition last week.



Berri impressive round of Riverland baseball

BOTH Berri sides found their way onto the winner's list in last week's round of Riverland baseball.

The two games were close, with just one run the difference in each encounter, but the Berri sides were able to claim the points in dramatic fashion.

Berri Red took on Renmark in a lowscoring affair, with just three runs scored for the entire match.

The Angels were on the board first with a run in the first inning, but runs in the third and sixth innings were enough to see Berri Red take the win.

Both Pitchers were on top with Jesse Stemberger particularly impressive, recording 12 strike-outs for the match.

Errors in the field for Renmark allowed Berri Red to take the lead in the dying moments, securing a one-run win.

The scoreboard saw more action in the fixture between Berri Blue and Riverland Pirates, but the winning margin was the

Both teams got off to a flyer, with seven

Berri Red

pitcher Jesse

Stemberger produced an

incredible

last week

performance

in Riverland

with his 12

Renmark.

Schwartzkopff

runs scored between them in the first inning, Pirates with four and Berri Blue

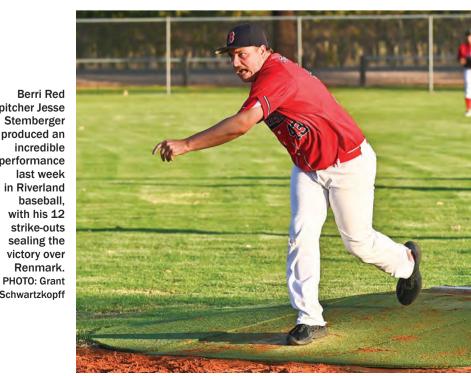
Pirates entered the final inning with a one-run lead but couldn't hold on, with Berri Blue snagging two runs in the fourth to secure the points.

The win came despite the best efforts of Jamie Frazer, who recorded four strike-outs for Pirates to go along with his two safe

RESULTS

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
Berri Red	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Renmark Angels	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Safe hits: Berri Red - A. Petherick, T. Halupka, J.							
Stemberger. Renmark Angels – L. McDonald, N.							
Koumbarakos.							

Innings Riverland Pirates Safe hits: Berri Blue L. Kambouris, K. Taylor, W. Cox. Riverland Pirates - Jamie Frazer 2, N. Kuhn, J.



Jo Gregory impressed despite Cobdogla's three-run loss to Loxton last week. **PHOTO: Grant** Schwartzkopff

Softball success for Loxton

COBDOGLA and Loxton took centre stage last week in round 12 of Riverland softball.

The two sides have kept a consistent crop of players together in recent years, so this week's match was full of familiar faces.

The game started with a bang as Cobby came out swinging, despite some excellent pitching from Evan McAllister who managed to bag five strike-outs during the

Loxton worked its way back into the contest but was made to work for its runs thanks largely to some great catching from Jade Pech and Bron Smith.

Eventually, Loxton pulled away thanks to four-baggers from Noah Paull and Evan McAllister and went on to win the match

In the C grade, the Renmark junior side came agonisingly close to victory, going down by a single run to the experienced Loxton Green.

A double-play from Vanessa Wade helped Cobdogla's junior team earn itself a draw against Berri, while a double RBI from Monica Haaja sealed victory for Cobdogla Blue against Loxton Blue.

The seniors match between Berri and Berri Red will be played tonight after both sides struggled for numbers last weekend and agreed to postpone the fixture.

One of the highlight's of the day's play was the sportsmanship on show from some of the senior members of the competition.

A number of C grade juniors have filled

in for the senior sides and Association secretary Monica Haaja commended the pitchers on their behaviour.

The Association is grateful this season to the many senior pitchers that have reduced their pitching speed to the number of junior fill-in players in the senior sides," she said.

"Each pitcher is showing themselves as a role model to the younger players and these kids are the future of our association.

"I hope this carries us forward for many years to come.

"It's these senior players, many of them of masters age, that are keeping these kids in the game and giving them a pleasant experience of playing in a higher grade."

RESULTS SENIORS

Loxton 8 d Cobby 5

Best players: Loxton – N. Paull, E. McAllister, C. Johnson. Cobdogla – C. Smith, J. Gregory, B. Smith.

C GRADE

Loxton Green 11 d Renmark 10

Best players: Loxton Green - J. Hansen, A. Crouch, B. Paull. Renmark - M. Gittos, M. Kearney, M.

Berri 11 drew with Cobdogla 11

Best players: Berri - B. Cooper, M. Bristow, A. Sampson. Cobdogla - M. Nagy, L. Bowers, D.

Cobdogla Blue 21 d Loxton Blue 7

Best players: Cobdogla Blue - M. Haaja, G. Dyer, V. Cook, Loxton Blue - L. Johnson, B. Geraghty, O.

BEN LENNON

RIVERLAND rower Alex Hill has been rewarded for his 2021 Olympic triumph with an Order of Australia Medal.

Hill was part of the coxless four team that rowed their way to victory at the Olympics mid-last year.

The Berri-born champion was one of 24 Olympians recognised on Australia Day for their efforts in Tokyo.

"Obviously it's an amazing honour and I'm super grateful for it," Hill said of the award.

"It's pretty sweet to get it on Australia Day, that's for sure."

Hill is no stranger to success, with the 28-year-old amassing an impressive amount of individual and team accolades in his career so far.

An OAM is different to many of those awards in that it isn't awarded at the conclu-

sion of a race, nor is it something Hill has specifically pursued.

"It's something that happens in the peripherals I suppose," he said.

"These amazing things come along because we've got such an incredible team around us that help us do what we do.

"They were all super excited when they heard the news and everyone is just very supportive and happy for me, that's for sure."

After a frantic 2021, Hill took some time off towards the end of the year to spend time with his family.

Now, Hill again finds himself in the thick of the action, with selection trials for the World Championships just around the corner and training ramping up.

"I've been doing my training in the single scull," he said.

"I've just come back from a regatta in Penrith and I've got a few more regattas

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Riverland-born Alex Hill has added an Order of Australia Medal to his already extensive collection of awards after receiving the honour on Australia Day. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

coming up in Sydney

"Basically after that, selection trials is the big one for us in the middle of March.

"I'm pretty flat out now with training and that sort of stuff and it's going to be a pretty

big couple of months."

If all goes to plan at the selection trials, Hill will again be rowing for his country, this time at the World Championships in Czech Republic.











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The Riverland A grade women's basketball team secured back-to-back titles at the 2022 SA Country Championships in Adelaide last weekend. PHOTO: Facebook

Back-to-back champs

BEN LENNON

THE RIVERLAND women's basketball team made it back-to-back A grade titles at the SA Country Basketball Championships

in Adelaide last weekend.

After a stunning victory in 2021, the girls backed it up, putting in an impressive team performance this year that saw them crowned champions.

The team worked its way into the tournament after losing two early games and was aided by the inclusion of former Australian representative Nicole Seekamp.

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OAM awarded to Olympian Hill

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