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**Seth's  
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tattoos**

Emerging Riverland tattoo artist Seth Mancini, pictured inking a KFC bucket on the arm of Renmark woman Melissa Irwin, excelled at the prestigious Inked Lifestyle Expo in Melbourne recently. **PAGE 8 STORY**

## MAYORS CALL TO DUPLICATE HIGHWAY

A DUAL lane along the entire Sturt Highway, linking the Riverland to Adelaide, should take priority over talks of bypassing Renmark, local mayors believe.

Amid the latest claims that Paringa Bridge's days are numbered, the three mayors have united behind the idea of pushing to duplicate the Sturt Highway stretch to improve safety.

Renmark Paringa's Peter Hunter said health services and tourism would also benefit.

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## Road's reopening a boost for battling wine industry

# BUNCH OF BENEFITS

THE reopening of Bookpurnong Road – earlier than many predicted – is a timely shot in the arm for the Riverland's under-siege wine industry, local industry experts say.

Avoiding the lengthy Loxton-Berri detour will translate to significant cost savings for growers, harvesters and transport operations already facing a challenging vintage due in

part to oversupply issues.

This month's reconnection of Bookpurnong Road, including to heavy vehicles, comes as vintage hits full swing, amid an overdue

burst of hot weather, and has been hailed as a godsend by a Loxton North-based Wishart Contractors, plus a local industry body.

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# Mayors rally behind dual-lane highway

THE Riverland’s three mayors have united behind the idea of duplicating the Sturt Highway from Adelaide to the region, joining a federal politician in calling for a dual-lane road to improve safety.

Mayors Peter Hunter (Renmark Paringa), Trevor Norton (Loxton Waikerie) and Ella Winnall (Berri Barmera) all said they wanted to see a dual-lane highway prioritised after Barker MP Tony Pasin recently urged the state and federal governments to pursue the project.

Mr Hunter said it was important to get all stakeholders “in sync”

By **JOSH BRINE**  
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that duplicating the Sturt Highway would be the “big priority”.

“We have about four to five people die each year on the Sturt Highway, and we have hundreds of crashes on the Sturt Highway each year,” he said.

“I think our priority ought to be the safety of people coming to the Riverland or going to Adelaide, our health services and tourists.

“If we want to encourage tourism to the Riverland, then we have

to allow visitors to get here quickly.

“There are so many advantages with that and I think we need to all be in sync and telling the same story.”

Mr Norton agreed duplication of the highway from Adelaide to the Riverland was the “top priority”, but also called for betterment of Bookpurnong Road to withstand future flooding.

“We need to see the Federal Government’s plan for what that highway’s going to look like so that we can review and support it,” he said.

“Bookpurnong Road needs to be

bettered, and the State Government are working on that, but we can’t let them off the hook in terms of putting it back so it can withstand a 2022 flood again or worse.”

Ms Winnall said duplicating the Sturt Highway would ensure travel between the Berri Barmera district and the city was “safer and easier”.

“Like many Riverlanders, I travel up and down the Sturt Highway a lot – and we all know how many near misses there are,” she said.

“Every time the news breaks of another accident on the Sturt Highway I have a flurry of calls from Mum to check it’s not me.

“Just the other week I was first

on the scene to a major accident outside Truro involving a truck and two cars.

“These incidents are far too common. So much of that would be prevented if it were dual-lane.

“The new overtaking lanes going in at the moment are getting us closer, but there’s no doubt in my mind that it needs to be fully duplicated for all road users’ safety.”

In a statement Mr Pasin said the full duplication of the Sturt and Dukes highways from Adelaide to the Victorian border was “the number one infrastructure priority in Barker”.

## Planning needed for 96-year-old bridge

**JOSH BRINE**

THE Paringa Bridge is “not a long-term option for high-productivity vehicles” and planning for the future of the Sturt Highway as a heavy vehicle route is required, according to a local politician.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said crossing the 96-year-old bridge posed an “issue along the Sturt Highway” for heavy vehicles.

Mr Pasin recently met with federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton and Riverland mayors at the site of a controversial proposed crossing at Spring Cart Gully, north of Lyrup.

“An alternative crossing at Spring Cart Gully is not a new proposal – it’s been discussed for very a long time, but we need to get serious about whether this is the correct solution for the issues that exist with the



Barker MP Tony Pasin (left), Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton looking over Spring Cart Gully during Mr Dutton’s recent Riverland visit. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Paringa Bridge,” he said.

“This is a conversation that the Riverland community and the local councils need to have.

“What I’m calling for is this corridor to be properly planned out for the future.

“We need to fully understand the social and economic impacts of all proposals.

“I’ve been calling on the State Government to investigate duplication of the Sturt Highway to allow for high productivity vehicles that are capable of carrying up to 30 per cent more freight, leading to less trucks on our roads.

“This investigation would obviously need to consider the options for an appropriate river crossing and Spring Cart Gully is one of the options available.”

However, Mr Hunter said options other than Spring Cart Gully also needed to be considered.

“At some point in time they are going to need to deal with the bridge, but going over Spring Cart Gully is (going to cost) billions of dollars,” he said.

“You’re exceptionally high, and have a long way to go across for the sake of a very small amount of time saved.

“If we come to the point the Paringa Bridge needs to be replaced, then there are opportunities to put one alongside it at a fraction of the cost (of a Spring Cart Gully crossing).

“We’ve got to sit down and look at the other options.”

Mr Hunter suggested an upgraded Wentworth Road could be used as a heavy vehicle route.

“Renmark Paringa, with the agreement and support of the other councils, has

upgraded Government Road to a massive degree,” he said.

“That’s part of the link. There’s the potential there, without anywhere near the cost we’re talking at Spring Cart Gully, to improve that road to the border...

“Wentworth has already indicated that they wish to seal their side of it.

“If we could get heavy transport going that route... everyone’s a winner.”

Mr Norton said local councils needed to review Federal Government planning for the Sturt Highway as a heavy vehicle route before supporting any proposals.

“Let’s have a look at a plan if there is one,” he said.

“If there’s not, let’s make sure we create a plan that deals with heavy vehicle movement through the Riverland.”

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# 'Recovery' party draws big crowd

A FREE event aimed at highlighting the Riverland's recovery from the 2022-23 Murray River flood has been described as a resounding success by a local mayor.

More than 1000 people attended the SAFM Riverland Garden Party, hosted by Rebecca Morse and Mark Sodestrom ('Bec and Soda'), at the Renmark football oval on Monday.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said the twilight event allowed Riverlanders to celebrate the end of the recent flood.

"It was exceptional that SAFM's Bec and Soda showed river communities how much they care by offering such a professional outdoor experience at no cost to locals," Mr Hunter said.

"We really appreciate the Fringe performers giving up their one-night break to travel to Renmark and provide entertainment.

"(It was) a great example of South Australians supporting others in need."

The event featured a performance from well-known comedian and TV host Tom Gleeson, plus Dave Thornton, Ivan Aristeguieta, Marcus Birdman, Frankie McNair, Luke Benson, Laser Kiwi and Harley Breen.

Renmark North Cricket Club committee member Ben Lennon said teammates – who cooked a barbecue on the night – were eager to support the event.

"The boys on the barbecue had a ball supplying the locals with snags



**Hard Quiz and Taskmaster host, comedian Tom Gleeson (left), who headlined Monday night's event, with Renmark Rowing Club captain Thomas Sullivan. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker**

and refreshments throughout the evening," Mr Lennon said.

"It ended up being a pretty successful night on the tongs and we're very grateful to SAFM for putting on the event for such a worthy cause."

The event was backed by substantial corporate support, with Lion Nathan's contribution acknowledged during a crowd address.



**The visiting performers and crew during a Blanchetown pitstop.**



**SAFM duo Bec and Soda on stage during the free Riverland Garden Party event, held at the Renmark football oval on Monday night. PHOTO: supplied**



**The event, which was part of the Fringe, drew a crowd of more than 1000 people. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell**

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FLOOD EVENT

Gurra Road remains closed after initial inspections revealed “significant damage” from the recent Murray River flood event. PHOTO: supplied

# Gurra Road work to start this week?

A RIVERLAND council says works to repair an important local road are expected to be finished by the end of the week.

Gurra Road, which links Lyrup to Bookpurnong Road, remains closed due to damage sustained while it was submerged during the flood event.

A Renmark Paringa spokesperson said

initial assessments of the road had revealed “significant damage”.

“Works are currently under way... and are expected to be completed in the next week or so,” the spokesperson said, via a Facebook post.

“Once these works are completed, contractors will commence the road rehabilitation to Martin Road and Gurra Road.

“There are significant repairs required on these roads which will take a considerable effort from local contractors.

“We realise that the water has receded and (the) community would like access to roads and other infrastructure, but public safety is still our main priority and we will not reopen them until it is safe to do so.”

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# Council’s flood bill \$5.3m and counting

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A RIVERLAND council is optimistic the State Government will reimburse “a large proportion” of its budget that needed to be spent during the Murray River flood event.

Preparation and recovery works associated with the flood have so far cost Renmark Paringa nearly \$5.4m, more than a third of council’s entire \$15m budget for 2022/23.

However, Renmark Paringa director of corporate and community services Tim Pfeiffer expected council to be compensated for the majority of costs associated with flood recovery.

“To date Renmark Paringa Council has spent \$5.372 million on undertaking its successful flood preparation works,” Mr Pfeiffer said.

“A large proportion of the expenditure to date either has been or will be covered by the South Australian Government.”

Works before the flood included the remediation of local levee bank networks, plus the installation of DefenCell sandbags at the Renmark riverfront and numerous industrial-sized pumps around the town.



Renmark Paringa Council’s flood preparedness works included the installation of DefenCell sandbags along the Renmark riverfront. PHOTO: supplied

FLOOD EVENT

The repair of road surfaces damaged by flooding, including at Lock 5 Road, has been undertaken since water levels began receding.

# Councillor slams fellow councillor’s meeting plan

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOXTON Waikerie councillor’s proposal to reduce the number of council meetings in Waikerie from six to three per year has been labelled “opportunistic, parochial (and) divisive” by a fellow councillor.

Loxton-based Cr Sonya Altschwager’s notion of motion was lost at the council’s January meeting, voted down 6-3.

However, it still drew the ire of a fellow councillor, Waikerie-based Kent Andrew, who missed the January meeting, but spoke against Cr Altschwager’s motion at last week’s meeting.

Cr Altschwager previously said the change would create “greater equity” for elected members, as councillors who live more than 50km from Loxton – the council’s “principal office”



● Cr Kent Andrew



● Cr Sonya Altschwager

– receive an annual allowance, unlike those who live within 50km of Loxton.

The travel remuneration starts at \$454 per annum (30km to 50km from principal office), then increases to \$775 (50km-75km), \$1162 (75km-100km) and \$1649 (100km or more).

Currently meetings are held between Loxton and Waikerie on a rotational basis.

Cr Andrew last week spoke passionately against Cr Altschwager’s lost motion, also describing it as “not in the interest of a cohesive new council”.

During the meeting Cr Andrew was cautioned by Mayor Trevor Norton over the criticisms, with Mr Norton mentioning the elected members’ code of conduct.

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# Bookpurnong Road's reconnection brings... A bunch of benefits

ALEXANDRA BULL and PAUL MITCHELL

THE reopening of Bookpurnong Road – earlier than many predicted – is a timely shot in the arm for the Riverland's under-siege wine industry, local industry experts say.

Avoiding the lengthy Loxton-Berri detour will translate to significant cost savings for growers, harvesters and transport operations already facing a challenging vintage due in part to chronic oversupply issues for red wine varieties.

This month's reconnection of Bookpurnong Road, including to heavy vehicles, comes as vintage hits full swing, amid an overdue burst of hot weather, and has been hailed as a god-send by a Riverland grape cartage business, plus a local industry body.

Max Wishart, managing director of Loxton North-based Wishart Contractors, said his trucks faced an extra 45 minutes on the road had the detour remained in place, adding up to \$40 of fuel costs per trip.

"There's going to be a lot of transport traffic on that road," he said.

"We will probably be doing (between) four to eight loads a day over to Berri and return to Loxton, so it's very important.

"Some of the freight is time sensitive, so instead of that load being taken over to the Berri winery, which from Loxton takes 20 minutes, it would take an hour or more.

"So then you need two or three extra trucks on the job instead of one."

Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe said while the shorter route represent-



Loxton North-based Wishart Contractors managing director Max Wishart believes the unexpectedly early reconnection of Bookpurnong Road, including to heavy vehicles, is "very important" ahead of the 2023 vintage. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

ed a "significant saving" for those involved in the chain, it presented additional benefits for growers.

"It also means that grape growers can harvest their crops in a timelier fashion," she said.

"It's important for growers to be able to harvest their grapes when it best suits for optimum maturity, and to ensure no winery

price penalty for not delivering within specification.

"This includes baume, colour and acidity."

Mr Wishart said like many others across the region, his employees who live in Berri, Renmark and Monash had been negatively impacted by the detour, which was in place from December 1 until February 11.

Meanwhile this week's heat wave is

unlikely to accelerate the 2023 vintage, Ms Rowe said.

"The burst of hot weather will result in the grape vines shutting down, which means grapes won't ripen any faster," she said.

"They ripen most effectively with warm sunny weather.

"(In addition) the hot weather may lead to sunburnt grapes and hence lower quality."

## Trucks back on Bookpurnong, Kingston roads

BOOKPURNONG Road and Kingston Road reopened to heavy vehicles – greater than 4.5 tonnes – last Friday.

Following recent successful reopenings to light vehicles six days earlier, further pavement and bridge testing confirmed both roads could safely accommodate heavy vehicle traffic.

A Department for Transport and Infrastructure spokesperson said the reopenings would allow the freight and trucking industry to more easily transport important supplies to communities across the region, without having to use detour routes.

Overmass/oversize vehicles and mobile cranes that have access on RAVnet mapping service are also permitted to use these roads from tomorrow.

"Road users are asked to continue to stay off the road shoulder on both roads as they may be soft under traffic and have been washed away in places," the department said.

"Traffic cones are in place to cordon off

the shoulder in areas of concern."

The Department will continue to inspect both Bookpurnong Road and Kingston Road for any defects and failures, warning that additional restrictions at short notice may be required if substantial defects occur.

"Road users are reminded to comply with all road signage and always drive to the conditions, with some speed restrictions in place," the department said.

"Please continue to be mindful of other motorists and staff on site, with work commencing... to trim and remove of unstable trees along the road."



**Traffic cones are in place to cordon off the shoulder in areas of concern...**

- SA Department for Transport

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## EDITORIAL

## THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

### Upgrade unlikely anytime soon?

THE importance of Bookpurnong Road was brought into sharp focus in recent months.

The disconnection of that main, direct conduit linking Loxton and Berri – or the south side of the river to the north side of the river – caused all sorts of inconveniences and expensive detours.

Like the flood itself, it was something of a looming havoc on the horizon. We knew it was coming, but were helpless to prevent it.

Instead, most Loxton-Berri commuters simply girded their loins and resigned themselves to spending a whole lot more time getting to and from work, and other non-negotiable travel commitments.

By comparison, those regularly doing the Renmark-Loxton trip endured only minor inconveniences – an extra six or seven minutes added to their trip, one way.

But most who travelled the Stanitski Road detour would surely be breathing a sigh of relief now that Bookpurnong Road has reopened.

As mentioned above, it’s faster and shorter, but also at busy times, Stanitski Road felt like an accident waiting to happen. Impatient drivers and trucks that barely fitted on their side of the road made for occasional hair-raising moments, best combatted by defensive driving.

And – as outlined in today’s Murray Pioneer – the business community is also grateful to have the road restored, cutting additional costs associated with those longer, more expensive trips.

Stoked by our two local lower house members, Barker MP Tony Pasin and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, plus some local government elected members, talk has naturally turned to ensuring this effective separation of the Riverland never happens again.

Floodwaters may return later, rather than sooner, but even if spared a similar high river for another 47 years, locals want the stretch of Bookpurnong Road from the Berri Bridge to Bookpurnong Hill elevated and open at all times.

Riverland council representatives took their chance to press this home to Premier Peter Malinauskas during one of his numerous Riverland visits, but anyone expecting significant works on Bookpurnong Road anytime soon may be disappointed.

Importantly, and thankfully in the short term, the road surface has held up remarkably well to its inundation.

Much better than visiting Department for Infrastructure and Transport officials had expected, in fact.

Soon after the road was blocked, The Murray Pioneer heard several gloomy predictions of the road being out until late 2023, including some coming from sources claiming insight or inside knowledge.

However, motorists were allowed back on Bookpurnong Road soon after the surface was clear of water. Heavy vehicles were also given the green light significantly earlier than most predicted, and likewise the 110km/h speed limit restored.

Essentially, Bookpurnong Road is back to normal, save for a few patch-up jobs.

Reading between the lines of State Government language around the road and its surface, it seems funding required to ‘lift’ Bookpurnong Road and prevent future flooding events will need to come from the Federal Government.

That particular tier of government is dealing with the fallout from plenty of other natural disasters, meaning spending a motsoa on a road that has virtually returned to its pre-flood operating level – located in a blue-ribbon Liberal electorate – could hold little appeal.



**The Clarion’s office at the Loxton Historical Village with the Village Minstrels in the background, about 1980:** Clarion means ‘clear’, so Loxton’s first newspaper lived up to its name by bringing clear news accounts from the Loxton district for the local community. This newspaper ran for three years, from July 1925 until October 1928, produced by Ben Watson in a primitive wood and corrugated iron shed like this. It was published by Jack Irving and The Murray Pioneer, the long-running Renmark-based newspaper. The Great Depression brought hard economic times for the local community and The Clarion, although a creditable little newspaper, could not remain viable. In closing, it was incorporated into The Pioneer which then, for the next 28 years, published Loxton’s local news. In June 1956, well-known local Len Chinner and friends began the Loxton Community Newsletter to again have locals bring local news for local readers. Four years later, in April 1960, the successful Newsletter was bought by The Pioneer which then for the next 60 years produced the award-winning Loxton News. Since 2020, the local news is again reported only by The Pioneer. The Village Clarion Museum, established in 1974, houses printing machinery from the Loxton News. PHOTO: LHV

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 99.9 per cent agree

IN response to Jim West’s letter (‘Climate change claims delusional’, Murray Pioneer 8/2/23), the reason I said Jim West should toss out his climate change denier handbook is that his comments clearly come from the words of the discredited Professor Ian Plimer.

A regular claim by Prof Plimer is that we have been unable to prove our CO2 emissions are at fault regarding climate change.

The AAP FactCheck article “Geologist misleads with climate change ‘proof’” claim by Lachlan Coady (1/11/22) gives a detailed answer that refutes Prof Plimer’s claim that we have been unable prove our CO2 emissions are at fault regarding climate change.

Prof Plimer stated: “I don’t have opinions. I have facts. They are repeatable and validated.” Fact #1: No one has ever proven that human emissions of carbon dioxide drive global warming.

For more than two decades I have been asking scientists for this proof.”

The verdict of the fact check is that Mr Plimer’s claim is meaningless, misleading, has been presented incorrectly and out of context.

That is because proof does not exist in science, but experts say the evidence puts the theory beyond any reasonable doubt.

“Proof only occurs in pure mathematics.”

Professor Steven Sherwood, a research team leader at UNSW’s Climate Change Research Centre, said: “We do not ‘prove’ anything in science, we cannot even prove the sun will come up tomorrow.

“We also do not ‘prove’ things in court – we only demand that guilt be demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt.

“We know beyond any reasonable doubt that CO2 is driving the warming we are seeing.

“When it comes to human-caused climate change, there are multiple lines of evidence that human activity is driving current climate change.

“We know beyond any reasonable doubt that CO2 is driving the warming we are seeing because:

1) We can measure the impact of CO2 on the planetary energy balance.

2) We know from the laws of physics that this leads to warming.

3) We observe the expected warming.

“The increase in observed global average temperature is only possible with observed increase in CO2 concentrations due to human activity,” he told AAP FactCheck.

This is one example where letters to The Murray Pioneer show the authors have been fed half-truths and misrepresentations.

This isn’t the forum to argue technical and scientific points, but it’s been shown that over 99.9 per cent of world class climate scientists agree that human activity is the main driver of climate change.

ALF RAPISARDA  
Elwood, Victoria

### Media scared of truth on Aboriginals

ABOUT 40 years ago I was Aboriginal.

It was up in Alice Springs and a government official had put me down as Aboriginal because of how I looked and the company I kept.

Nowadays the government has learned to ask if you are Aboriginal, but generally the government still prefers not to talk.

Like this recent event where the government is happy that a Facebook page (Action for Alice) got taken down that was talking about the violence in Alice Springs.

I still know people in Alice and one tells me that last year there was one weekend with a couple of hundred break-ins.

That’s why the government doesn’t like to talk about it: it’s bad, it’s negative, and people will be offended.

And all that other bullcrap that lets the world corrode, including the silence that lets

corruption grow.

If you don’t let people talk, you end up with things like Brexit. People in the UK have an entirely different conversation than in the UK media.

The same thing is happening here. The Aussie media would rather say all things Aboriginal are wonderful than be real.

The media would rather talk about wonderful things like Aboriginal days, Aboriginal pride, Aboriginal voices to parliament and Aboriginal creativity, and ignore all the bad stuff.

There’s no votes in bad news.

And the media is too scared of being called racist to try and find the truth.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER  
Morgan

### Stop fossil fuels

OVER the last few years many countries across the world, including Australia, have experienced one or more unprecedented and devastating fires, floods, droughts, heat waves and winds.

Many people are asking when will this all end?

In my opinion there is a clear path to bringing our climatic conditions back to something resembling normal, and that is to stop burning fossil fuels to create energy.

This is a prime factor driving climate change.

BRIAN MEASDAY  
Myrtle Bank, SA

### Labor achieving ‘very little’ on Basin

I WAS reminded again recently of Labor’s hollow divisive promises of the 2022 election, and their inability to provide clarity and transparency for Basin communities.

I attended a South Australian Parliamentary Budget Estimates Committee and asked representatives from the South Australian Department of Water and Environment questions on, what probably sounds like two polar-opposite issues: flooding and environmental water recovery under the Basin Plan.

Regarding flooding, I

expressed my gratitude for the hard work of the departmental staff but raised questions about river height data predictions and the recently signed Murray Mouth dredging contract.

However, I was disappointed with the answers I received regarding progress made on water efficiency projects.

The Basin Plan includes environmental water recovery targets to be delivered against by July 1, 2024, only 17 months away. This isn’t long given the impact to stakeholders of the pathways ahead – including large scale water buy-backs that can hurt regional communities.

I support water efficiency projects as a way to achieve these targets and improve irrigators’ productivity and climate resilience, and the economic benefits that arise from these projects.

Progress on these projects appears to have stalled since Labor, in SA and Australia, came into power. Both claimed that it was only Labor who could deliver the environmental water promised under the Basin Plan.

This is despite the South Australian Water Minister, Susan Close, appointing a Commissioner for the River Murray at a cost of \$2m over four years.

When department officials were asked what progress had been made on new water efficiency projects since March 2022, the response was “very little”.

They were unable to confirm a single project that had been approved since that date.

So, almost one year on and “very little” has been achieved – despite voters being told that only Labor could save the Murray in time.

This is a stark contrast to the 12 months prior to the election when over 22 gigalitres of environmental water was approved. While there was a way to go to reaching the full water recovery targets, we had a plan, and basin communities knew what it was.

Basin communities are now in the dark on what actions – if any – the South Australian and Australian governments will







# Local black spots ignored, says Pasin

THE Riverland and Mallee’s mobile phone black spots have been ignored in the latest round of Federal Government “target funding”.

Mobile infrastructure will be deployed in 54 locations across Australia, as part of the \$40m announcement, and Barker’s complete omission from the list has angered local federal MP, Tony Pasin, who described it as “a huge blow”.

“Looking through the list of 54 target locations, it strikes me that many of these locations appear to be in marginal or Labor-held seats,” Mr Pasin said.

“This is incredibly disappointing for the hundreds of locations across Barker that are struggling with mobile coverage.”

Mr Pasin said when in power the Coalition had made “great headway” in addressing mobile black spots, delivering more than 1270 new mobile base stations across Australia, including 30 in Barker over its three terms in government.

“Last time Labor was in government they invested zero dollars and delivered zero new mobile phone towers for Barker and in



Barker MP Tony Pasin is disappointed that his electorate, which takes in the Riverland, has been ignored in the latest round of a Federal Government mobile phone black spot funding program. PHOTO: supplied

2023 it appears nothing has changed,” Mr Pasin said.

“A functional mobile phone service is no longer a luxury it is a necessary business tool and in the case of regional communities it is

also a key piece of safety equipment.

“Communities across Barker deserve access to mobile phone service just as much as those living in Labor or marginal seats.”



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EYES ON THE FRIES: Melissa Irwin receiving her KFC bucket tattoo from first-year apprentice, and promising tattoo artist Seth Mancini. Melissa said she would celebrate her new ink with a trip to the fast food giant on her way home to Renmark. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

# Seth’s ink-redible tattoos

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

SETH Mancini has been drawing for as long as he can remember.

Now the first-year apprentice tattooist at The Tattoo Presinkt, in Barmera, has landed himself a second spot in the apprentice competition at the prestigious Inked Lifestyle Expo in Melbourne.

“The Inked Lifestyle Expo is one of those tattoo expos where artists from pretty much around Australia come to one space, then clients can come and get tattooed,” Seth said.

“I didn’t actually go to tattoo at this expo. I just went for the competition that they were hosting, which was the apprentice games, and it was pretty cool.

“It was against nine people... and a lot of those artists have been tattooing as long as I have, so it gave me a lot of confidence coming out of it.”

Seth is now 10 months into his apprenticeship and enjoys aspects of tattooing.

“I love creating pieces of artwork that people carry around with them,” he said.

“I feel like you can do so much in tattooing that you can’t even do on paper...

“Everyone comes into tattoos with a different mindset. “Some people come in with a love of art...

“I always let whoever tattoos me to do whatever they want, because I know they are good at what they do, and I just want their work on me.

“Some people come in with a bit more of a meaningful thing they want to share, or hold onto in a more permanent way, (for example) someone in their life who’s passed away...

“Other people just want to remember a moment for the rest of their life.”

Others have purely fun topics, including a client last week, Melissa Irwin, who

requested a KFC bucket be tattooed on her arm as a tribute to her favourite fast food.

“They can generally get a tattoo from me, as long as it is nothing too big, or in a place that is too hard to tattoo,” Seth said.

“I love it when people come in with an idea and I turn it into something for them by drawing it up.”

The Inked Lifestyle Expo also gave Seth a chance to meet some of his tattoo idols.

“That was amazing,” Seth said.

“A couple of them would be Harrison Daniel and Jace Holden, who are awesome people.”

Seth is now looking towards honing his skills, and maybe entering more competitions.

Seth’s performance at the expo had some flow-on effects, including one organiser promising him a prize pack, and the Numb Skulled brand giving him some of its product.

# Rate relief for Paisley residents

ALEXANDRA BULL

A SIX-month council rate remission will be provided to Paisley Island and Paisley Creek Estate ratepayers after their properties were inundated due to the River Murray flood.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton said until the water goes down in the Paisley area, near Blanchetown, council will not know how much it can help the residents with the clean-up.

“There is a fair chance no one is going to be living there for this whole period; they won’t have access to their properties, they definitely won’t be able to live in them and the last thing they need is having to pay rates on properties they can’t use,” he said.

“It’s a complete rate relief, and if you look at the Rate Financial Hardship Relief Policy, sometimes it’s just not collecting any rates or charging any interest, but my understanding is that we won’t be charging them any rates at all.”

The initial rate remission will be six months, with Mr Norton saying council would assess the situation once the water is out of Paisley Island and Paisley Creek Estate.

“It’s basically to not have to put them through the process of having to apply for



rate relief,” he said.

“Six months down the track before it expires we will have hopefully had a really good look at the situation and see what we can do to help them in the short term and also help them in the long term and maybe extend it.”

Flood-affected properties will also not have their values amended for the current 2022-23 financial year, as advised by the Office of Valuer General.

“What generally would happen if someone’s house is flooded, the value would drop and therefore you have to recalculate the rates and once everything is all good again, you have to revalue it again,” Mr Norton said.

“So, the Valuer General said ‘we are not going to touch the value of any of these properties during this period’.”

While the Paisley area has been identified for rate relief, other affected ratepayers are advised to apply for a similar arrangement via the council website.





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# Historical Village to reopen its doors

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Loxton Historical Village is set to reopen on Thursday, March 16, after it was forced to close in December due to the River Murray flood.

While a reopening date of March 4 was initially floated, a Loxton Historical Village committee member advised more time was needed to reinstate displays, and give the vil-

lage a general tidy-up.

The village has been closed for over two months, but has escaped any damage after levee banks were extended in preparation for the flood event.

“The village itself is fine, there is no damage at all,” said Loxton Waikerie council director commercial and community services, Andrew Waters.

“There has been some damage to the septic tank (at) the public toilets which adjoin to the village, but the village will be able to reopen with some portable and disabled toilets within the village.”

The extended levee bank will also be removed from around the village, with the existing levee bank staying in place.

“SA Power Networks have been there to

assess the power and they have given the all clear for power to be turned back on,” Mr Waters said.

“We just need an electrician to go there and do a certificate of currency which will happen... this week.

“Apart from that, they (the village) are planning to open in a few weeks and everything will be back to normal soon hopefully.”

## \$8.5m regional arts boost

SUPPORTING “sustainable cultural development” in Riverland communities is the aim of new funding for a regional arts body.

Country Arts SA earlier this month announced the Regional Arts Fund would receive an extra \$8.5m in funding – over four years – under the ‘Revive: a place for every story, a story for every place’ plan.

Country Arts SA chief executive Anthony Peluso said the boost would ensure “the future of arts and culture in regional South Australia”.

“The National Cultural Policy is aimed to empower the arts, entertainment and cultural sectors for the benefit of artists, communities and every one of us,” said Mr Peluso.



Barmera's Ann Berriman (foreground) was among 513 people who took part in the Marilyn Jetty Swim at Brighton earlier this month. The annual event raised \$240,000 for cancer research. PHOTOS: supplied

FUN, “fantabulous” and 500-strong – Ann Berriman had three reasons behind dressing as Marilyn Munroe and jumping into the Brighton Beach water early on a Sunday morning recently.

The Barmera woman took part in the 10th Marilyn Jetty Swim, dressed as the legendary blonde bombshell and motivated by multiple factors.

A breast cancer survivor, Ms Berriman wanted to help raise money for cancer research, and increase awareness of the disease “and the fact it can happen to anyone, myself included”.

Plus one more thing.

“To embrace life fully,” she said.

“Sometimes even stepping outside of your comfort zone can be extraordinarily fun. Life is way too short not to seize the day and enjoy it.”

The 513 participants, including around 40 men, certainly achieved that goal, with the Marilyns swimming or doggy paddling their way around Brighton Jetty to raise money for the SA Cancer Council-supported initiative.

“It was an amazing and fun experience,” Ms Berriman said.



monds and bling.

“It was a spectacle to behold.

“Then it was into the water we romped, with our trusty swim rings around our middles.

“There was a lot of squealing and merriment as we ran into the sea, getting acclimating to the temperature of the water.

“Then off we headed in a sea of white and blue, 400 metres around the jetty and back to the shore.”

Ms Berriman was joined by people from all walks of life and varying swimming abilities.

“By no means did you have to be a good swimmer,” she said.

“One, we had our floaties, and two, there were numerous hunky life guards around to save any drowning or floundering Marilyns.”

This year’s event raised \$240,000, taking the total amount raised in the past 10 years to over \$1.06m.

It was started by Adelaide woman Sarah Tinney and around 50 Marilyns.

“As they say, from little things big things grow,” Ms Berriman said.

“And yes, I’ll be back next year.”

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# Opposition to buybacks ‘misguided’ says Close

ANY opposition to water buybacks is “misguided” and no evidence exists to show they harm river communities, the SA Water Minister claimed yesterday.

In a vigorous attack on the SA Liberals ahead of a meeting of Murray-Darling Basin states this Friday, Susan Close called for unity over water buybacks, which the State Opposition says take irrigated land out of production.

Dr Close said the SA Liberals’ opposition to buybacks, led by Riverland-based upper house leader Nicola Centofanti, risked delivery of the 450 gigalitres of additional flows promised to SA under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

In her media release, Dr Close said NSW and Victoria continually fail to meet water savings targets and that “according to the SA Liberals’ logic, a foreign company is allowed to buy water to make a profit, but the Commonwealth shouldn’t be allowed to purchase water from willing sellers to protect the sustainability of the Basin”.

Dr Close said there was “no evidence of voluntary buybacks harming river communities”, quoting the Murray-Darling Basin Commission report that stated:

“Buyback did not cause a mass exodus of people from farming or irrigation — most buyback agreements related to partial sales of entitlements only. The vast majority of those who sold entitlements retained water delivery rights.”

Dr Close said the SA Liberals needed to support South Australia “getting its fair share”.

“I’m not sure why Nicola Centofanti thinks it’s her job to defend interstate governments, but her advocacy for them is undermining our capacity to get the water we were promised,” Dr Close said.



Nicola Centofanti



Susan Close

However, Dr Centofanti, the Opposition spokesperson for water and the River Murray, said Dr Close’s comments show the minister “clearly does not understand the water market”.

“And (Dr Close) does not appreciate the difference between an individual or company purchasing water, which remains in the consumptive pool, versus the government purchasing water and removing it from the consumptive pool,” Dr Centofanti said.

“She also clearly does not appreciate the angst of our regional communities.

“None of this is surprising to hear from a city-centric minister who has literally spent more time overseas than in the Basin and who has outsourced her responsibilities to an inner-Sydney-based ‘River Murray Commissioner’.

“Our concerns are around the lazy approach of large-scale, mass buybacks, when there are other options still on the table.

“For example, we know that water efficiency projects have been successful in recovering environmental water and making irrigators more efficient, but we’ve seen next to no effort in this space since state and federal Labor took office.”

- PAUL MITCHELL

## Local Liberals targeting water minister

SA Water Minister, Susan Close, has again been targeted by the State Opposition, for both her performance during the flood, and a new Murray-Darling Basin Authority report.

Earlier this month, the SA Liberals renewed their attack on Dr Close for being overseas during the River Murray flood’s local peak, while last week her Riverland-based shadow, Nicola Centofanti, noted some wording in the latest Basin Plan Report Card.

“(It shows) that there has been ‘minor movement’ in the past six months and that meeting the June 30, 2024 deadline to recover 450

gigalitres is now ‘highly unlikely,” Dr Centofanti said.

“After almost 12 months, no efficiency measure projects and not a single gigalitre has been secured by Susan Close, who instead has been focused on international trips and holidays.”

Dr Centofanti said the former SA Liberal government had contracted 23 gigalitres in efficiency projects during the final 12 months of its term.

In addition, in parliament earlier this month, Dr Centofanti’s Liberal colleague, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, also went on wide-ranging attack against the deputy premier, and stat-

ed he was “disappointed” that she took leave during “the worst natural disaster in the state’s history”.

However, the State Government dismissed the criticisms from the Riverland pair, including the “lazy Susan” jibe directed at the minister.

“The State Government is getting on with the job of helping River Murray communities recover from the biggest flooding event since 1956,” a government spokesperson said. “Instead of supporting the recovery effort, our political opponents are focused on inventing silly names and spreading inaccurate information which just reflects poorly on them.”

## Riverland’s weekend drink-driving quartet

IT was a bad weekend for drink-driving across the Riverland, with four drivers busted between Friday and Sunday.

The positive readings ranged from 0.09 per cent to 0.125 per cent.

It started on Friday, when police reported a 29-year-old man from Berri, who was driving on the Old Sturt Highway when stopped him for a random driver test.

He returned a positive result of 0.125 and had his licence immediate suspended for six months.

Later that day police stopped a woman driving in Lawrie Terrace, Waikerie.

The 31-year-old underw-ent a breath test, recorded a positive reading of 0.121 and also had her licence suspended for six months.

On Saturday, police reported a 36-year-old Renmark man, who was driving on Renmark Avenue when patrols stopped him for a random driver test.

His positive reading was 0.09 and he too had his licence suspended for six months.

Finally on Sunday police reported a 39-year-old Loxton woman, who blew 0.110 after being randomly stopped while driving along McIntosh Street.

She also lost her licence for six months.

In addition, two locals were reported for driving unlicensed.

On Sunday police reported a 27-year-old Berri man allegedly seen driving on Maddern Street and Worman Street, Berri, while his licence was suspended.

On the same day, police stopped a 25-year-old Berri man, who was driving on Worman Street, for a random breath test. Police found that he was suspended from driving.

All six offenders were summonsed to appear in court at a later date.



Citrus SA chairman – and Waikerie citrus grower – Mark Doecke says packers holding back a payment amount to growers as a risk management mechanism can be a fair system. PHOTO: Christine Webster

# Support for ‘\$100 held’ citrus system

PAUL MITCHELL

THE practice of citrus packers withholding money from growers as a risk management tool during poor seasons has been termed a “fair system” by a prominent Riverland industry figure.

As an example, under one packer’s payment plan – which is not used by all operators – the packer pays growers the agreed amount per tonne, minus a flat figure of \$100.

This \$100 can ultimately be returned to growers once the fruit is sold, or be kept by the packer in the event of costly delivery/selling problems, such as fruit quality or transport issues.

The Murray Pioneer understands the system has its local fans and critics, however Citrus SA chairman – and Waikerie citrus grower – Mark Doecke says overall it is “the fairest way of doing it”.

“It can be better for (the packer’s) business to take that bit of money early, rather than have a container full of fruit arrive in poor condition where the shed wears it, and it’s potentially not their fault,” Mr Doecke said.

“They’ve said to growers, ‘Okay, you’re going to get \$500 a tonne, but we’re keeping \$100 just in case we have trouble. And if we don’t have trouble, we’ll pay that at a later date’.

“Last season (2022) every packing shed here and in Mildura had trouble with fruit outturn but prices in Mildura were \$200

a tonne less than the packing sheds here, because they built that risk factor into their prices.”

However, Mr Doecke said the system could potentially disadvantage growers providing high-quality fruit when their citrus is mixed in with lesser-quality fruit.

“So, the packer gets that \$100 per tonne from those growing good fruit as well,” he said.

The Pioneer understands the other concern with the system is that the withheld amount is a flat figure, rather than a percentage of the price paid per tonne.

However, Mr Doecke said those growing lower-quality fruit were most likely to be affected.

He said while difficult growing conditions, including an unusually cold 2021 spring and mild 2021-22 summer, had made life difficult for some Riverland growers, packers had also faced several other challenges, including longer-than-usual shipping routes impacting fruit quality.

In better news for the industry, Mr Doecke said the outlook for the looming navel season was positive.

“Demand is good,” he said.

“It’s the old story: if you’ve got good quality fruit you have the best chance of a good return.”

Mr Doecke said the valencia season is now ending, with mandarins starting in March, ahead of navels in late April onwards.

## Waste station vouchers for flood recovery

RIVERLANDERS have been invited to register for a program aimed at supporting the disposal of items damaged in the recent flood event.

Local property owners with flood-affected material and debris are set to receive five free vouchers for Riverland waste transfer stations, under a program announced yesterday and jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments.

SA Premier Peter Malinauskas said the initiative would help local government to extend transfer station opening hours, put on more staff, and to cover the costs of recycling and landfill.

“The clean-up effort will gather momentum once the waters have fully receded and roads become more accessible to heavy vehicles to come in and assist flood-affected residents, property owners and businesses,” Mr Malinauskas said.

“I ask people in affected communities to please remain patient because we have a long way to go, and



a lot of recovery work to do now as we move on with the clean-up phase.

“More than \$120m in joint funding has been provided so far to support community recovery and represents the largest amount spent on a single disaster event in South Australia.”

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Senator Murray Watt said “through some of the worst flooding South Australia has ever seen, the people of the River Murray region have shown tremendous grit and resilience”.

“We understand that recovery continues long after the flood waters recede, and we will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Malinauskas Government in rolling out support for as long as communities need,” Mr Watt said.

Ute and trailer-sized drop-offs with any flood-damaged building material – including wood, metal, masonry,

carpet, e-waste and furniture – will be accepted, however any asbestos material will be refused.

Locals are also advised “anyone handling items like carpet, insulation and gyprock needs to be very careful and use proper protective equipment”.

Riverlanders can phone 1800 302 787 to register for the program.

### Riverland transfer stations:

- Blanchetown Transfer Station 3814 Murraylands Road, Blanchetown Saturday 2pm–5pm
- Cadell Transfer Station 524 Mackintosh Road, Cadell Sunday 2pm–4.30pm
- Morgan Transfer Station 157 Murraylands Road, Morgan Sunday 10am–1pm
- Swan Reach Transfer Station 2695 Hunter Road, Swan Reach Saturday 1.30pm–4.30pm
- Berri Barmera: Riverland Resource Recovery Facility 92 Hoskin Road, Berri Monday-Friday 8am–4pm, Saturday 8am–12 noon
- Loxton Waste Transfer Station 360 Mackey Road, Loxton Saturday 9am–12pm, Sunday 1pm–4pm
- Waikerie Waste Transfer Station 264 Maggea Road, Waikerie Saturday 1pm–4pm, Sunday 1pm–4pm



# Out-of-towners ‘disadvantaged’

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A SALISBURY couple planning to retire to their flood-hit Blanchetown holiday shack are frustrated at the lack of State Government financial support.

Judy and Danny Smith’s two-storey shack was extensively damaged in the River Murray flood, however they are ineligible for stamp duty relief – of up to \$48,830 – on the purchase of a new home because they are temporary residents.

Mrs Smith said she and her husband, along with other holiday home owners who have had their properties damaged by flood, had invested in the town as well.

“I am not going to take anything away from per-

manent people who live at Blanchetown (because) they deserve everything they can get their hands on,” she said.

“(But) it is not like it is a place we have rented out to somebody.

“We have put our money in the town and we are without the property at the moment.”

Mrs Smith said the couple still pay rates on the property and are now concerned about the cost of rebuilding.

However, an SA Government spokesperson said the assistance on offer to owners of properties damaged by the River Murray flood was appropriately targeted to provide support to those in the community that need it most.

He said this included

appropriate support if a person’s principal place of residence had been impacted by the flood waters.

The spokesperson said the assistance enabled displaced residents to access emergency accommodation and to return to their home at the earliest opportunity.

He said holiday home and shack owners who were not permanent residents in the structure impacted by the flood could take advantage of free structural and waste disposal needs assessments, once roads and waters allowed access to heavy vehicles.

The spokesperson said it was important to note these assessments were needed before large scale clean-ups could start in the coming weeks.

Salisbury couple Danny and Judy Smith pictured in 2021 celebrating the purchase of their Blanchetown holiday shack, where they plan to retire. PHOTOS: supplied



The Smiths’ shack was inundated when the River Murray flood level peaked at Blanchetown on January 5 reaching a flow of about 190GL a day.

A section of the levee bank along the riverfront near the bottom of the Waikerie football oval has been removed and the riverfront boat ramp is expected to reopen this week. PHOTO: Christine Webster



## Waikerie riverfront boat ramp to reopen

THE Waikerie riverfront boat ramp is expected to be back in operation this week after an inspection by council staff.

Loxton Waikerie council infrastructure services director Greg Perry said a section of the levee near the bottom of the Waikerie football oval had been removed by contractors.

“Hopefully the flood bank will dry out to enable light vehicles to access the boat ramp,” he said.

Mr Perry said it appeared to be in good condition.

“We need to ensure it hasn’t been undermined on the edges,” he said.

“Where the concrete is in the water you can’t usually see it, but we are pretty confident it will be okay.”

Mr Perry said the Loxton Waikerie council flood recovery committee – which meets fortnightly – was responsible for deciding which sections of the levee bank would be removed.

– CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Loxton Waikerie’s road reminder

LOXTON Waikerie council is reminding the community of the importance of adhering to road closures in place across the district.

Council said qualified engineers would assess the road damage on River Drive in Paisley and River Terrace on Kingston-On-Murray to assess structural integrity and damage from water seepage.

The council said roads that appeared free from water and damage could still be compromised at their base.



The section of River Drive at Paisley that has been damaged by the flood. PHOTO: supplied

## National nod for Mick’s cafe

AN Adelaide metropolitan café run by a well-known former Riverland man and his family has been recognised at national level.

Situated in Kensington, the High Street Café, operated by former Barmera man Mick Beech, was awarded a bronze medal in the Best Coffee Shop section at the recent National 2022 Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS National Awards for Excellence, held in Brisbane.

“Considering we are only just two years old it’s a real credit to our hard-working staff and our lovely customers who come in each day and support the café,” Mr Beech said.

Businesses across the restaurant, café and catering sector that had previously won awards in their respective categories at a state and territory level were formally recognised at the event.

## Mid Murray Council calls for flood patience

MID Murray Council, state agencies, and service providers are requesting patience across the district as flood waters recede and roads dry out.

In its Recovery Response Operational Schedule issued on Friday the council said while it understood the eagerness of people wanting to return to their properties, recovery across the area was expected to be an extensive process.

The council said it was continuing to implement its open-

ing process methodology based on the Department for Infrastructure and Transport’s process.

It said infrastructure condition assessments were ongoing and, where possible, cleaning of debris from roads had commenced.

The council said in cases of limited damage and following a period of two weeks to dry out, light (less than 3 tonne) vehicles may be permitted to access roads at a reduced speed.

“If damage is evident, closures are likely to remain, until the extent of road degradation can be investigated and remediation strategies conducted,” the latest update said.

The council said it would ensure essential road access was assessed as a priority.

It said access and remediation of public open space, public conveniences and marine facilities would follow once the road process had been completed.

## Morgan Ferry reopens

MORGAN Ferry reopened to light vehicles – under 3 tonnes – last Friday.

Use of this ferry will be initially restricted to light vehicles, emergency vehicles and local school buses due to weight requirements imposed by the Mid Murray Council on the connecting roads.

The council says it will continue to monitor the connecting ferry roads and their condition, aiming to raise the weight limit as soon as it is safe to do so.

Marine Services staff have been car-

rying out regular inspections along the river of ferries and equipment, such as cables, anchor points and ramps, with the remaining ferries now on standby to reopen once the connecting roads can be safely reopened to traffic.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport says it is continuing to prioritise necessary repairs to State Government-managed access roads as the water further recedes and is working closely with local councils to ensure locally managed ferry roads can be re-opened as soon as possible.



# Hotel redevelopment comes right on time

THE timing of redevelopments to the historic Hotel Renmark could hardly be better.

Eighteen months ago structural engineers were engaged to evaluate damage and plan remediation to ensure the integrity of the hotel building.

Thanks to a sizeable investment – up to \$500,000 – much of the remediation has been completed, however an unexpected, thankfully harmless event on Thursday night underlined the importance of the commitment.

“Unfortunately an area of capping on the overhanging soffit that had not been identified at risk broke loose and fell onto the street,” said Hotel Renmark general manager, Darren Baker.

“Staff at Hotel Renmark responded by blocking off the carparks and walkway to the public.”

Measuring approximately 35cm across and weighing about 7kg, the capping fell harmlessly to the ground, however the Para Street parallel carparks immediately fronting the Main Bar remain blocked off.

“The board and management would like the public to know that we are working to keep the 126-year-old building safe,” Mr Baker said.

“And we are continuing our exciting redevelopments to ensure the hotel remains operational for another 126 years.”



The capping that fell from the Hotel Renmark last Thursday night.



Primary Industries and Regional Development Minister Clare Scriven (right) discussing mobile signal strength with Telstra’s regional general manager for South Australia Michael Patterson. PHOTO: supplied

## Riverland towns get mobile signal boost

RIVERLANDERS now have access to subsidised installation of mobile signal boosting devices to help improve mobile connectivity in the region.

The Mobile Network Extension Devices Pilot Program, a joint initiative of the State Government and Telstra, provides a subsidy for the installation of Telstra GO Repeaters.

From today, residents and business owners living in the Renmark Paringa, Berri Barmera, Loxton Waikerie and Mid Murray districts have been made eligible for the program.

SA Primary Industries and Regional Development Minister Clare Scriven said connectivity was “vital for people living and working in our regions”.

“I am very pleased that the Malinauskas Government has been able to work with Telstra to expand the Mobile Network Extension Devices

Pilot Program to make it easier for more regional South Australians living and working in the Riverland,” she said.

“As the Riverland recovers from the recent devastating floods, this subsidy means more locals will have access to a signal boost while at home or work.”

The Telstra GO Repeaters can be installed at a home or business to help improve mobile reception by amplifying the network signal a mobile device receives.

They are also be able to help people connect to the Telstra Mobile Network from further away than normally possible, or in areas where the signal may struggle to penetrate.

Participants in the program will need to purchase the device, either outright or through a payment plan.

Telstra’s regional general manager for South Australia Michael Patterson said

mobile coverage was impacted by factors including the type of device being used, distance from a tower, hills and terrain, tall trees or built infrastructure.

“Sometimes it is not possible for a variety of technical, financial or community reasons to construct a new base station but using an external aerial and a phone booster at individual locations is a great way to improve coverage,” he said.

“Long term, Telstra will continue to seek to improve mobile connectivity for people living and travelling in River Murray communities, but this initiative will help deliver new and improved connectivity for residents, and we commend the State Government for expanding this program.”

The pilot program is open until June 30, 2023.

For more information, visit [pir.sa.gov.au/mobile-extension](http://pir.sa.gov.au/mobile-extension).

**“ This initiative will help deliver new and improved connectivity for residents, and we commend the State Government for expanding this program... ”**  
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## AGRI SERVICES





Brenda Pfitzner has enjoyed a “successful” start to the school year as the new Loxton North School principal. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

# Open arms welcome new school principal

ELYSE ARMANINI

A NEW principal at a Loxton school has been welcomed with “open arms” by students, families and staff members. Brenda Pfitzner spent 13 years as deputy principal at Renmark Primary School – a role she “absolutely loved” – before stepping into the role as principal at Loxton North School this year.

“I’m very proud of the excellence in teaching and improvement in student achievement we led (at Renmark Primary),” she said.

“For the past two years, I have been involved in a program offered through the Department for Education called Future Leaders, which provided me with valuable insight, learning and preparation so that I would be ready to step into a principal role.

“Although leaving the families and students and staff at Renmark was difficult to do because I knew, and cared, about each and every student striving for their absolute best and working hard through the challenges, it was time to try my hat as principal.

“Saying yes to venture over the other side of the river has been a great decision – from the minute I stepped on site I have loved everything about Loxton North School. The facilities, the staff, and especially the children.”

Preparing for the rest of 2023 as principal, Mrs Pfitzner said she was looking

forward to a “balanced year of learning and fun”.

“It is important to maintain and strengthen a highly supportive environment where staff provide excellence in teaching and learning programmes, and where students can strive to be their absolute best,” she said.

“It is also vitally important to remember we care for young children who need to belong to a nurturing and fun-filled environment in order to support their social and emotional needs.

“In terms of my leadership, I will ensure a clear strategic vision is upheld, with a cycle of continuous review so that the school is able to function efficiently and effectively, and everyone remains safe and supported.

“We have already celebrated a successful first few weeks, with all primary classes enjoying a lesson in the pool, followed by an icy pole, and I’m sure our SRC committee will plan for more celebratory activities in the coming terms.”

Mrs Pfitzner said she “cannot thank the families, students and staff enough for their warm and friendly welcome”.

“I have played ‘chasey’ before school, sang songs in occasional care, danced in the pre-school and read books in the library,” she said.

“I have even enjoyed a splash with some children in the pool.”

## Riverland wine, spirits in Fringe showcase

RIVERLAND wine and spirits will take centre stage in Adelaide throughout the annual Fringe Festival, with the State Government aiming to support local businesses and jobs.

For the first time, Brand SA has teamed with Gluttony to promote local food and beverage, including the “biggest ever selection of Riverland wine and gin” to help support flood-affected businesses.

Riverland suppliers including Ricca Terra, 23rd Street Distillery, Delinquente and Unico Zelo will have their wines and gins stocked at Gluttony’s The Local Bar.

SA Trade and Investment Minister Nick Champion

said Fringe venues were a “perfect match to show off what local businesses can achieve”.

“This new partnership brings with it more opportunities to showcase our state to interstate and international audiences while supporting hundreds of local jobs,” he said.

“We’re proud to shine a spotlight on our talented River Murray suppliers impacted by the floods.”

The venue is expected to host 500,000 visitors over the month-long festival.

Ricca Terra owner Ashley Ratcliff described having local wines at Gluttony as “a great opportunity” for Riverland producers.

“Riverland wines are sold

all over the world in some pretty amazing places, so this is a great way of showcasing our wines here in SA,” he said.

“For me, anything that creates more awareness for the Riverland wine region is a positive thing to be involved in.

“It plants the seed in people’s minds they can buy our wines to support us, whether that be on the website, or through their local bottle shop or retailer.”

For more information on local businesses you can support through Brand SA’s ongoing ‘Spend Your Support’ campaign, visit [www.spendyoursupport.sa.gov.au](http://www.spendyoursupport.sa.gov.au).

Thank you to the businesses who purchased a heart for National Wear Red Day.

The Murray Pioneer will be donating 100% of the profits raised by this feature to Heart Research Australia.



## Women are suffering

HEART awareness month, or REDFEB, is a time to increase your awareness of the under-diagnosis and under-treatment of heart disease in women.

Heart disease is the top cause of death in Australia, killing someone every 30 minutes, with 42 per cent of deaths due to a heart attack.

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

Research conducted by the University of Sydney recently found women admitted to Australian hospitals with serious heart attacks were half as likely as men to receive proper treatment.

Women were also found to die at twice the rate of men six months after discharge.

“We’ve found over recent years that women are doing worse after their heart attacks, they’re more likely to have another heart attack, and more likely to die or have heart failure than men within the five years following their heart attack,” said cardiologist Dr Monique Watts, a heart failure cardiologist and specialist in women’s heart disease.

Dr Watts believes an issue surrounding heart disease is a focus on male-specific symptoms and risk factors.

“Most medical research is conducted in studies of men, and therefore clinical guidelines, symptom checklists and treatments are tailored to men,” she explained.

“It means women are diagnosed



“For me, anything that creates more awareness for the Riverland wine region is a positive thing to be involved in...”

- Ashley Ratcliff, Ricca Terra owner

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## worse heart disease outcomes than men

with heart disease seven to 10 years later than men, and are less likely to be referred for heart tests or heart surgery.

“We know that smoking, high cholesterol, being over-weight and a sedentary lifestyle are all risk factors discovered from research on men. What isn’t well publicised are the very clear and specific risk factors for women.

“Early menopause, inflammatory conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, and complications during pregnancy – such as pre-eclampsia, hypertension, and gestational diabetes – are all important risk factors for women. Even smoking confers a much higher risk of heart disease for women than it does in men.”

This REDFEB, Heart Research Australia



● Heart Research Australia CEO Nicci Dent

is imploring women to be more active in seeking help when experiencing heart problems rather than neglecting them.

“Time is critical when it comes to heart

disease and a huge issue with women is the delay to treatment,” said Heart Research Australia CEO Nicci Dent.

“Women go to hospital later after symptoms start, which reduces the window of opportunity for effective treatment and increases the risk of complications and damage to their heart.

“There are many things that contribute to this. One big problem is the myth that women aren’t at risk. Traditionally heart disease has been viewed as a bloke’s disease, but globally heart disease is the number one killer of women.”

Women tend to develop symptoms of heart disease at a much later stage of the illness compared to men, and the symptoms are often more vague or ‘non-specific’

ic’, which add to a delay in diagnosis and receiving time-critical care.

“Many women don’t experience the crushing chest pain that is a classic symptom of a heart attack in men,” Ms Dent said.

“Some feel extremely tired or short of breath. Other atypical symptoms include nausea and abdominal, neck, and shoulder pain.”

For earlier identification of cardiovascular disease and more timely and appropriate medical intervention it is advised women over 45 – or over 35 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – have a heart health check, and discuss their obstetric history if they have had children, with their current GP.





# Exhibit on German WWII internees

THE experiences of German World War II Internees from Persia (Iran) who were detained at Loveday and Tatura, Victoria, will be told during a one-day symposium on March 4.

‘German WWII Internees from Persia and their Fate in Australia’ has been organised by Western Sydney University’s Adjunct Professor and curator of Persian arts, Dr Pedram Khosronejad.

Berri Barmera Council and The Loveday Internment Camp Committee are hosting the event, to be officially opened by Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall.

The forum will hear from Helga Girschik, 87, the sole female German internee survivor from Persia of those captured in 1941 and brought to the Tatura Internment camp.

The children of German civilian prisoners will also share their history. Their fathers were taken into custody in Persia, shipped to Australia and incarcerated in internment camps at Loveday and Tatura.

An exhibition investigating the role of tangible heritage in the life and resettlement of German civil internees, plus prisoners of war from Persia, will also be on display in the Barmera Soldiers’ Memorial Hall, on Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5.

The display will feature family photo albums, personal diaries, letters and arts from the internment camps.

The symposium’s keynote speaker will be Flinders University Professor Peter Monteath, who will examine the historical perspectives of the internment of Germans in Australia.

The National Museum of Australia’s senior curator, Canberra-based Libby Stewart, will also make a presentation.



A paper linocut of the inside of Camp 10 at the Loveday Internment Camp by internee Carl von Brandenstein. It will feature in the exhibition at the Barmera Soliders’ Memorial Hall on March 4-5. PHOTO: Wulff Collection

Loveday Internment Camp Committee curator Rosemary Gower, who has spent the past four decades researching the history of the Loveday Internment Camp (LIC) near Barmera, will also speak.

Ms Gower is devoted to educating local schools, the Riverland community, and domestic and international tourists about the LIC and has volunteered her time to this cause.

The free symposium will run from 9am until 4.30pm and morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea will be provided.

People attending are welcome to join the speakers for dinner at their own cost at the Barmera Club from 6pm.

The exhibition will open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, March 4, and Sunday, March 5.

Refer to the program for more information about the speakers.

To book for the symposium and dinner, which are two separate event bookings, visit the website (berribarmera.sa.gov.au).



World War II German internees from Persia at the Number 10 Loveday Internment Camp. PHOTO: Australian War Memorial



A dinner was held on the Berri Riverside Holiday Park Cruise boat in May 2021 in honour of the Japanese Ambassador’s visit to Loveday. Pictured are: Ann Hunt (left), of Barmera, former Berri Barmera mayor Peter Hunt, Madame Kaoru Yamagami, Pat Scott of Berri, Berri Barmera councillor (now deputy mayor) Trevor Scott, Japanese Ambassador Shingo Yamagami, Riverland historian Rosemary Gower and the Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne Junji Shimada. PHOTO: Loveday Internment Camp Committee

## Four decades dedicated to preserving Loveday’s history

FORMER Berri Barmera councillor Rosemary Gower has spent many years promoting the Riverland as a tourist destination, being involved in a wide range of major festivals and events, taking coach tours, and preserving local history.

The 76-year-old Riverland historian and freelance journalist has researched the history of the Loveday Internment Camp (LIC) off and on for nearly 40 years.

Rosemary was the catalyst in organising the German WWII Internees from Persia and their Fate in Australia symposium at the Bonney Theatre in Barmera on Saturday, March 4.

The event is being presented by Western Sydney University with support from Berri Barmera Council and the Loveday Internment Camp committee.

Rosemary will be one of the speakers.

Keynote speaker Professor Peter Monteath from the Flinders University, will be joined by Professor Pedram Krosronejad from the Western Sydney University, and descendants of German civilian prisoners from Persia.

TWO of the speakers visited the former camp site with Ms Gower when she was the official tour guide at the Cobdogla Irrigation & Steam Museum.

She jokingly says the significance of being born the day ‘Peace was Declared’ in Europe, on May 8, 1945, was probably the reason she has a fascination for war history.

Her father, Bill Shueard, was serving in the Pacific in the RAAF when she was born.

Rosemary’s research on Loveday has enabled her to meet many “very interesting people over the years”, and one of the highlights was setting up the display on Loveday at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre.

Another exciting event was the launch of the DVD, which contained live footage taken at the camp during the war.

It is the only live-recorded history of the Australian internment/POWs camps in the country.

The patron of the Loveday Internment Camp, Major General Peter Phillips, officiated.

He served several terms as National RSL president and met Rosemary when he and his wife visited Loveday to see where his father served as an army dentist.

OVER the years, Rosemary has taken many overseas academics, archaeologists, anthologists, historians, descendants of Japanese, Italian and German internees, former guards and prisoners, and film crews for tours of the camp sites.

Her tour includes the wood camp at Woolnook, upstream from Renmark.

She regularly takes coach tours and family groups out to the former camp site and has addressed schools and groups.

Her most distinguished guests were the Japanese Ambassador Shingo Yamagami and his wife Madame Yamagami, along with their official party, when they visited the region as guests of the Berri Barmera Council to tour the

former camp site in May 2021.

The Consul-General of Japan Junji Shimada, who is based in Melbourne, also took part in the visit and his office and Rosemary have continued to communicate.

High-profile former RSL national president, the late Bruce Ruxton, also flew in to launch an exhibition of photographs taken at Loveday when the collection Rosemary put together was on display at the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum.

Over the years, Rosemary has interviewed former staff members and internees who were at the camp and she is currently writing a book on the LIC relating the many interesting stories she has recorded.

She enjoys sharing her knowledge about the fascinating World War II history of Loveday with the younger generation. Her passion has been to preserve this important part of local history.

A SESSION featuring the speakers involved with the March 4 symposium will be held for primary school students in the Berri Barmera district on Monday, March 6, from 9.30am.

Secondary school history students from across the Riverland have also been invited to attend an afternoon session later that day, starting at 1pm.

For more information about the school information day contact Rosemary at rosemary.gower@bigpond.com or by phone on 0428 887 034.

## Event Program

9.00	Registration, tea & coffee
10.00 - 11.00	<b>Morning Session-1</b> (Chair Pedram Khosronejad) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome to Country</li><li>Opening message</li><li>The Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella Winnall</li><li>Welcome, structure of the symposium, and a short history of project</li></ul> Pedram Khosronejad (Western Sydney University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The History of the Loveday Internment Camp</li></ul> Rosemary Gower <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Keynote speaker- The Internment of Germans in Australia: Historical Perspectives</li></ul> Prof. Peter Monteath (Flinders University)
11.00 - 11.15	<b>Morning Tea Break</b>
11.15 - 12.30	<b>Morning Session-2</b> (Chair Pedram Khosronejad) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Internment from Iran as A Child</li></ul> Helga Griffin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>My Unforgettable Journey to Australia</li></ul> Ingrid Stephen <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>From Zwickau to Melbourne</li></ul> Doris Frank <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Q&amp;A (morning session)</li></ul>
12.30 - 1.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1.30 - 2.30	<b>Afternoon Session-1</b> Chair Pedram Khosronejad <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>My Early Childhood (recording)</li></ul> Roswitha Wulff <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Life and Legacy of Doctor H. E. Wulff</li></ul> John Wulff <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bremen to Launceston with a Few Detours</li></ul> Anneliese Kropf <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Q&amp;A (recording)</li></ul>
2.30 - 2.45	<b>Afternoon Tea Break</b>
2.45 - 4.30	<b>Afternoon Session-2</b> Chair Pedram Khosronejad <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>German Internees in Australia: a collection story (recording)</li></ul> Libby Stewart, (Senior Curator, National Museum of Australia, Canberra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Our project's Story</li></ul> Pedram Khosronejad <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Concluding remarks</li></ul> Rosemary Gower, Pedram Khosronejad, Prof. Peter Monteath - Loveday Internment Committee
6.00	<b>Informal Dinner at Barmera Club</b>

### German WWII Internees from Persia and their Fate in Australia

#### Symposium & Exhibition

**Saturday 4th March 2023**  
**Bonney Theatre, Barwell Ave, Barmera**

Convenor of Symposium and Curator of Exhibition  
Prof. Pedram Khosronejad  
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The exhibition investigates the role of tangible heritage (family photo albums, personal diaries, letters, and arts of the camp) in the life and resettlement of German civil internees and prisoners of war from Persia (Iran).

The Loveday Internment Camp collection from the Barmera District War Memorial Community Centre will also be on display. Entry is free and the exhibition will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 4 March and Sunday 5 March.

To book for the symposium and dinner visit  
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# Agriculture experts at Paringa's doorstep

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

ON the border side of Paringa, just off the Sturt Highway, sits a prominent agricultural business filled with passionate team members.

Hoods Agrimotive owner Norm Hood has been in the agricultural industry for 54 years, and is committed to servicing his customers the only way he knows how.

"My first boss when I started – and I respected him like another father to me, he was that good – he said to me on the day I officially started, 'Norm, anyone can sell new machines, but very few can back them with support and parts,'" Mr Hood said.

"I personally treat all of my customers as friends, because they're not just a number in the computer. When I'm out travelling on the road, I couldn't name a customer that wouldn't invite me in for morning tea and a sit down.

"It's a one-on-one, personalised relationship that I have set up."

Hoods Agrimotive shifted to Paringa in 1982, after some time in Renmark, and the change did wonders for the business.

"No other business is only three metres off the main Sturt Highway," Mr Hood said.

"We found it was too difficult with big machinery in Renmark, because of having to cross the river when most of the machinery goes out here anyway.

"I wanted to change, I wanted to get better exposure and this property became available. I thought, 'You can't get any closer to the Sturt Highway', plus there is no dealership with a view like the one we have out the back here, especially when it was under flood.

"It gave us better exposure to more people, and to everyone who drives a car up and down that road from anywhere in Australia, and we are able to do a lot more with our parts and services being in Paringa.

"Paringa was a change I made because I felt it was just so much better for the business. Paringa, like the rest of the Riverland, is home to a wonderfully friendly community."

Hoods Agrimotive is "very visual" to visitors to the region, situated on the side of the Sturt Highway for all to see as they enter Paringa.

The business services a wide range of customers, covering a

350km radius, all in the name of living by Mr Hood's philosophy of backing up his initial service.

"We've got customers who want us to go that far and we actually supply parts over the broader Australia," he said.

"We have customers in Western Australia, many

throughout New South Wales and Queensland, plus many down and around Melbourne...

"They come to us, number one, because they know of my experience – and that's all practical, hands-on, dirt-under-your-fingernails experience, and we carry large stocks of parts.

"We're not the biggest, and we're not the prettiest, but we carry over 50,000 individual part numbers here.

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# More than meets the eye across the river

AS the gateway to the rest of the Riverland, Paringa is often seen through the windows of a vehicle as people drive on past.

But there is more to Paringa than meets the eye, and residents would tell you there are hidden gems across the town.

### PARINGA BRIDGE

A lot of us drive across the iconic Paringa Bridge regularly, but do you know the history of the big, red structure? Forming part of the Sturt Highway,

the bridge is integral in carrying traffic – including road trains and B-doubles, among many other vehicles – across the River Murray between Renmark and Paringa.

One of only four suspension bridges still spanning the River Murray, the Paringa Bridge opened in 1927 and will celebrate its centenary in just four years' time.

The bridge is of particular structural significance thanks to its advanced engineering which allows a section of

the bridge to be raised, allowing larger river traffic, such as houseboats, to pass underneath.

A pedestrian walkway – once catering to rail traffic – sits in the middle of the bridge, permitting trail walkers passage.

### BERT DIX MEMORIAL PARK

Overlooking the River Murray, Bert Dix Memorial Park provides a unique vantage point of the Paringa Bridge.

While the park, located along Lock 5 Road, was hit hard during the flooding event – almost completely disappearing

under the high river – it is back to being a great place to take a leisurely stroll or enjoy a sit down at one of the park benches.

Lock 5 Road – which was recently reopened to traffic after river flooding caused its closure for some time – leads to a popular, yet sometimes dangerous, sandbar. Along the road you also pass its namesake, Lock 5, which was inundated with water during the 2022/23 flood event.

### SILo ART

As an official part of the Australian Silo Art Trail, the Paringa silos are a great photo opportunity, and if you are lucky to be passing through at night you can see them in a new light.

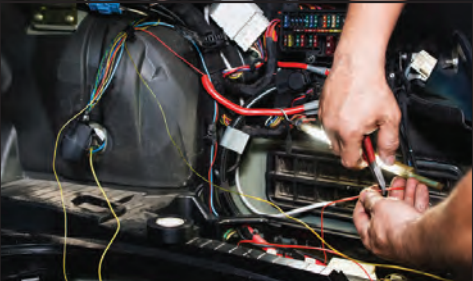
Four distinct images take pride of place on the front and back of the two silos, with local characters selected to act as silhouettes and the story of the region told through iconic images.

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

### COMMUNITY MUSEUM

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


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**PARINGA****SHOPPING**

Exciting things are happening in Paringa, for residents and visitors alike, with the grocery store under new ownership and transformed into an IGA.

It will boast different stock, competitive prices, fresh fruit and vegetables, and overall more to choose from when it reopens, but with the same friendly faces behind the counter.

Just next door, you will find a friendly face behind the counter and personalised service at the Paringa Post Office.

Across the highway, Cammies Antiques is a reputable antique and vintage store, and popular tourist attraction, with a vast range of furniture, china, books, clothing, jams, soaps, and much more.

A couple of notable eateries are also available on the main stretch of Murtho Road.

**THE BLACK STUMP**

Paringa is also home to an eye-catching 600-year-old tree stump which attracts visitors and photo opportunities every day.

The Black Stump is the largest of 11 known black stumps in the country. The impressive sight was part of a red gum root system, weighs approximately 8 tonnes, and spans 8 metres in diameter.

The journey of the Black Stump is detailed on the information board at the front of the display.

Accompanying the stump, metal fish and native animals are available for purchase as a little reminder of your time in Paringa.

**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Among the popular tourist attractions, there are a number of businesses with a strong customer service focus ready to help locals – and visitors – with their needs.

Whether you need agricultural machinery or parts with service provided by a team with years of expertise, accommodation recommendations for visiting friends and family, an interior facelift for your house with new cabinetry and wardrobes, software development and IT services, plus many more, Paringa has you covered.

**Exciting things happening in Paringa****ELYSE ARMANINI**

A MAJOR business in Paringa is now under new ownership and will sport a new name when it officially opens on March 1.

The Paringa grocery store is being transformed into an IGA Local Grocer by the SA Supermart group, which is successfully running stores in metropolitan and country communities across the state.

“We deliver what we promise,” an SA Supermart spokesperson said.

“Our ethos is we love operating in our local communities and our communities love us back.

“We strongly believe that we are managing the store for our community and will do everything we can to be involved in the local community.

“Some of the locals we have spoken to have told us that crossing the river for supermarket shopping is problematic, so we knew we had to update, expand and modernise the store to assist Paringa residents to avoid having to cross the river.”

The store has installed brand new fridges and freezers to stock a range of fruit



Paringa IGA Local Grocer new manager Jayraj Kanabar and employees Kristine Austin and Elaine Gregurke are looking forward to the transformed Paringa store officially opening next week.

PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

and vegetables, fresh meat, cold drinks, cold meats, milk, dairy and all your frozen food needs.

“We have fully transformed the store with all new shelving that will enable us to stock thousands of different varieties of groceries and non-perishable items at competitive prices,” the spokesperson said.

“If these thousands of products are not what you are looking for and you would like to see something else added to the range, see our friendly team and we will endeavour

to stock it for you.”

The popular single-serve ice cream and ice block freezer will still be available for those who like to pop in for a sweet treat on a sweltering day, plus the lottery system will be up and running, ready to go.

SA Supermart took over the store in October last year, and the transformation work began in mid-January. It is expected to be completed by the end of February.

“Early on, we were just planning to renovate the floor, while continuing to trade, but

slowly and steadily we realised that we needed to completely transform the store to enable us to deliver to the community the best IGA local grocer experience,” said Paringa IGA’s new manager Jayraj Kanabar.

The store will officially open on Wednesday, March 1, will be open seven days a week, and the opening hours will remain the same:

**Weekdays** – 6.30am to 7pm

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Riverland Optical’s behavioural optometrist Henry Tsui, plus staff members Lisa Nugent and Shayle Reid, invite Riverlanders to see them in their new space on Renmark Avenue.

PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

## See Riverland Optical team in a new space

THE team at Riverland Optical Renmark have a new home and the upgraded space allows for more services for Riverlanders.

The business has moved to 18 Renmark Avenue, into a bigger space, and officially reopened last week.

Behavioural optometrist Henry Tsui needed more space for optometry so when the chance to move came, it was an easy decision to make.

“The staff and I are feeling good about the move around the corner – it’s roomier, brighter and not as crowded as our last premises,” he said.

“I have always wanted more space and rooms for my optometry, so when this shop became available, we made the move.

“It was all at short notice. We weren’t planning to move but we couldn’t let it pass us by.”

The team are able to provide extra services to clients now that they have moved into the new building.

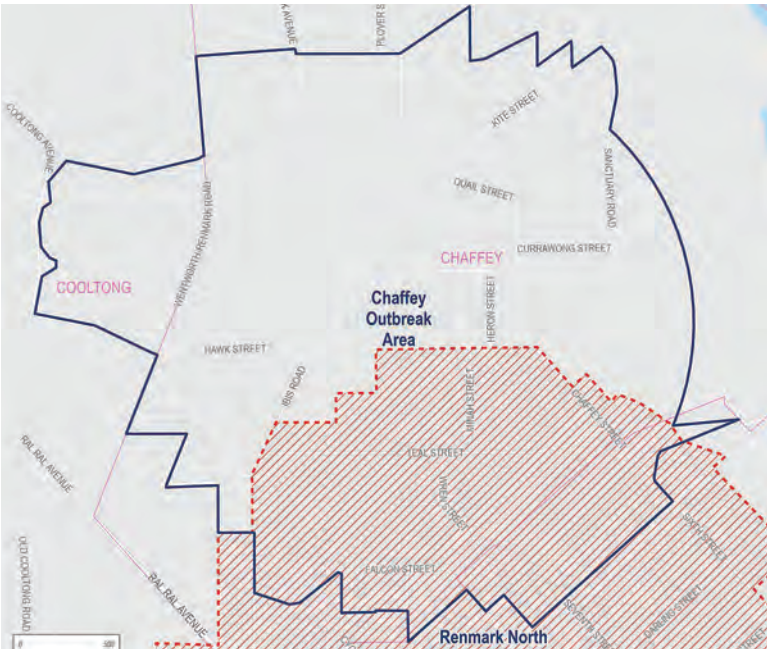
“We have dedicated rooms for various services, such as a pre-testing room to conduct visual field and OCT tests,” Mr Tsui said.

“We have a specific room for behavioural optometry which includes things like vision training for kids and adults.

“We also added new equipment to treat dry eye, which can be a problem here in the Riverland because it’s a drier climate and people get irritated in the dusty environment.”

Vision and eye health assessments, plus visual field and OCT tests, can be booked online via the Riverland Optical website ([riverlandoptical.com.au](http://riverlandoptical.com.au)), or phone the friendly team today (08 8586 4936).

## Chaffey outbreak region’s 28th



●The detection of male fruit flies on a commercial property in Chaffey has led to the Riverland’s 28th current outbreak of the pest.

IMAGE: supplied

RIVERLAND growers are being urged to participate in a fruit fly baiting program after the region’s 28th current outbreak was declared.

PIRSA last Friday declared a new fruit fly outbreak at Chaffey after male specimens were found in a trap on a commercial property.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said it was crucial local growers registered for PIRSA’s self-baiting program.

“Commercial Riverland growers in red outbreak areas are eligible to be part of the fruit fly self-baiting program and will be supplied with free fruit fly bait and lures to use on their properties,” Mr Size said.

“Wine grape growers in red outbreak areas are also being offered Entrust to mix with their sulphur sprays.

“I urge growers to check their eligibility and sign up for the self-baiting program that is available to them, don’t leave it up to others to do the right thing – you have to.”

PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response Nick Secomb said an increased number of outbreaks were expected during warmer conditions.

“If your block or house is in the Chaffey red outbreak area, please keep your fruit and vegetables on your property and don’t share, sell or give them away,” Mr Secomb said.

“By identifying fruit fly

in the Riverland and implementing our eradication processes quickly we maximise our chance to eradicate this pest.”

Meanwhile, the detection of fruit fly in traps has extended the boundary of the existing Barmera outbreak area to now include some properties on either side of Thiele Road, Swinstead Road and Bassham Road.

Primary producers impacted by current fruit fly outbreaks are encouraged to contact the free Family and Business (FaB) support program by visiting the website ([pir.sa.gov.au/fabs](http://pir.sa.gov.au/fabs)).

Further information regarding Riverland fruit fly outbreaks is available by visiting the website (<https://www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au/>).

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FRINGE ART OPENING: The official opening of local artist Jarrod Loxton's *Feathers: Taking Flight* exhibition was held at Loxton's Heritage Park on Friday night. Mr Loxton used spray cans to create all the displayed artworks, mainly of native birds. Around 120 people attended the event, which is part of the 2023 Fringe Festival. MAIN PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

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# Loxton High School taking to the Mardi Gras stage

SOME of Loxton High's most talented musicians will take to the main stage this Saturday after the Loxton Mardi Gras parade.

Loxton High School arts and entrepreneurial learning co-ordinator Hayley Ramsay said students had been busy preparing for the big day.

"Some of our talented musicians will be performing on the main stage after the parade," she said.

"We have William Heuzenroeder, who will be singing and playing guitar, and a very talented band made up of some of our senior music students.

"Many of these students performed at the Loxton High School Cabaret Evening last year, to rave reviews, and are very excited to be on stage again."

Ms Ramsay said students had been "very motivated", often rehearsing during lunchtime in preparation for the performance.

"They are the ultimate professionals and had plenty of material ready to go when the opportunity presented itself," she said.

"Music teacher, Owen Selby, has been incredibly impressed by the talent at Loxton High School, and I am always proud when our students take on the challenge of performing in the community.

"Loxton High School is proud to be participating in another Loxton Mardi Gras; we love being in the community and giving our students the chance to shine."

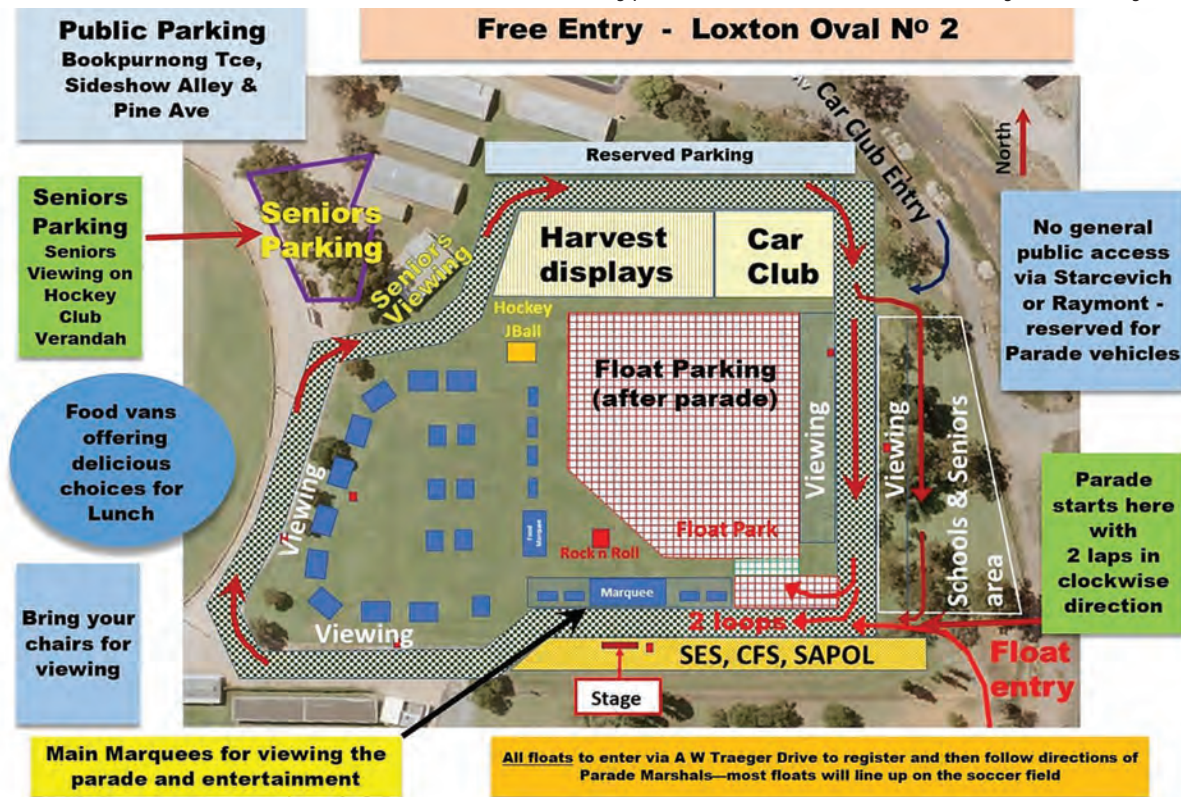
Year 11 student Lucy Raynes said she has been "really busy" rehearsing during the past couple of weeks.

"We've been having band meetings and checking in on each other as well to make sure we all know what we're doing and feel prepared," she said.

"I am looking forward to getting to enjoy the Mardi Gras, and feeling part of something; it's been a while since my band has performed, so I think we're all really looking forward to it.

"We're hoping to get people humming along to some good '70s and '80s songs."

— ALEXANDRA BULL



●The map for Saturday's Loxton Mardi Gras.  
PHOTO: supplied

# Gearing up for Mardi Gras

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Loxton Mardi Gras is gearing up for its annual celebrations, when the iconic institution returns this Saturday, February 25.

Loxton's oval no. 2 will host one of the region's most popular events, with Loxton Mardi Gras publicity and events co-ordinator Chris Sheahan saying "everything is falling into place" ahead of the big event.

"It's going to be a great time," he said.

"We've got a great mixture of food and market stalls for people, and I am personally not going to eat breakfast until I get there.

"There will be entertainment; the River Rock Rockers are doing a demonstration of their rock 'n' roll dancing, the SES are going to be demonstrating a simulated water rescue and the Loxton Hockey Club is doing a demo of a new thing called 'J-Ball' which is like mini hockey for kids.

"We just want to make a great experience for everyone."

Other attractions on the day include crowd favourite Patsy the Clydesdale, the Adelaide City Pipe Band, roaming clowns, and the Loxton Historical Village's 1956 flood display.

"The Loxton High School band is also bringing a breath of youth into the whole show, so I am looking forward to seeing how

that goes," Mr Sheahan said.

"We have got a more integrated plan this year; the main marquee is opposite the stage where people can congregate. It's by far the best viewing for the parade and it's close to the food and market stalls.

"There are a number of marquee tents for people to eat their food, so it's all happening in that community area and we are just excited to see how it all goes.

"We have put a lot of thought into this over the past year and we think it's going to work quiet well."

The Loxton Mardi Gras committee is still

looking for more volunteers for setting up and packing up, plus parade marshalling. Volunteer inquiries should be directed to Glenda Cass (email glenda.cass@gmail.com or phone 0457 147 594).

EFTPOS and ATM facilities will be available on the day, with Mardi Gras goers encouraged to bring their own chairs for the day.

The Loxton Mardi Gras kicks off this Saturday from 9am at the Loxton oval no. 2, with the festivities wrapping up by 3pm before the appreciation service on Sunday, February 26 at East Terrace from 8.30am.

## Student shortage forces Greek School's closure

A BERRI language school has made the tough decision to cancel classes this year following a decrease in student numbers.

The Berri Greek Orthodox Community's (BGOC) Greek School held afternoon sessions for children to learn to read and write in Greek.

Alternative avenues were considered earlier this month to allow the classes to still be run in 2023, including changing the classes from Thursdays to Monday nights, however enrolment numbers remained low, after just seven students were enrolled in classes last year.

A meeting was held on Thursday, February 9 to determine whether classes would continue in 2023, but BGOC made the call last week to cancel Greek School for this year.

"We have exhausted avenues to change things around to make it more workable for everyone but we still found that our enrolment numbers weren't up there," BGOC said in a statement on Facebook.

"To this end we would like to thank the teachers past and present in their support, commitment and efforts in the Greek School education of our children. To the parents, a thank you for your continued interest, support and commitment in encouraging your children in their cultural education and attendance at Greek School."

"We will be looking at opportunities that might present themselves in the new year and beyond to the re-commencement of Greek School. Something that we anticipate will be a positive goal."



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He said the chemical is carefully measured out of the cylinder using scales.

“You pressurise it with dry nitrogen and it is like a beer barrel,” he said.

Mr Ryan previously worked for a company based in Finley, in the NSW Riverina, that provided this type of service.

He said when the owner of that business passed away, he decided to take over provision of this service, the only one of its kind in Australia.

Mr Ryan said his method of weed and organism control is far more effective than the manual methods irrigators traditionally use.

“You can mechanically remove weeds, but you can only do it for a certain num-



Aquatic Weed Control Australia uses an amphibious motorbike to access irrigation channels and dams as part of the weed removal process. PHOTOS: supplied



Owner of Aquatic Weed Control Australia, Andrew Ryan, uses a residue-free method to remove weeds, algae, and bio-organisms from dams, channels and other irrigation infrastructure.

ber of times within irrigation channels,” he said.

“If the channel is meant to be running at two-metres deep and you keep digging it out at 2.5-metres deep, you will lose water in evaporation and seepage.”

Mr Ryan said his technique conserves water and the weeds simply break down.

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# Tech brings better local stroke care

STROKE treatment is being delivered up to 30 minutes faster in the Riverland, thanks to an innovative telehealth platform delivering faster diagnosis times at a local hospital.

The SA Telestroke service is using cloud-based platform Zeus to gather information about rural and regional patients, with the Riverland General Hospital (RGH) becoming the first regional hospital in SA to link brain imaging to the platform last week.

State Health Minister

Chris Picton said “regional epicentres” would benefit from the “new life-saving technology”.

“Every minute counts with a stroke, and the faster we can deliver treatment, the better, to help save lives,” he said.

More than 440 SA Telestroke Service calls have been made using the Zeus platform since it was introduced in 2022, slashing unnecessary hospital-to-hospital transfers by 72 per cent.

The expansion of infor-

mation available using Zeus comes after the recent opening of a dedicated stroke prevention clinic at the RGH.

SA Health Rural Support Service executive director Debbie Martin said the first year of using Zeus had already led to better outcomes for patients who have experienced stroke.

“We are confident that patient outcomes will continue to improve, particularly with eight regional hospitals directly linking CT scans to Zeus over the next 12 months,” she said.



Murray Pioneer readers can drop off their 2023 weekly AFL tips with the friendly team at Viewpoint Café, in Waikerie. Pictured are Nipun, Jamie-Lee, Kara and Waleed. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

## Viewpoint Café on board for AFL footy tippers

IN great news for local AFL fans, Waikerie’s wildly popular Viewpoint Café is officially aboard the 2023 Murray Pioneer AFL Footy Tipping Competition bandwagon.

Viewpoint Café will be the Riverland West’s drop-off point this year, providing a convenient and friendly spot to lodge your weekly AFL tips.

In addition, Viewpoint Café – situated on the Sturt Highway – is also providing \$20 vouchers for weekly winners, across 20 rounds of the season.

“With Viewpoint coming on board, we’ve now got the most weekly voucher prizes in our competition’s history,” said Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager, Glenda Malinowski.

“That’s important because in addition to the end-of-year prizes, people can pick up some great vouchers to local businesses – like Viewpoint Café – by having a good week of tipping, or just by being in the competition, via our random prize draws.

“It helps keep everyone interested all through the season, including people who aren’t right up the top of the overall leader board.”

The Murray Pioneer Footy Tipping

Competition returns in March, with a trip to the Barossa on the line for this year’s competitors.

First prize is two nights’ accommodation in a Superior King Suite and breakfast for two at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort.

The winner will also be able to nominate a second couple to accompany them, with a second package of two nights’ accommodation and breakfast for two included.

A bottle of Barossa wine in each room upon arrival will start the getaway off right, followed by a three-course dinner for four in The Cellar Kitchen regional restaurant on site at Novotel Barossa.

The total prize package is valued at over \$2500.

Second prize is a \$1000 voucher to spend at Berri Betta Electrical, and third is a \$500 prize pack from Caudo Vineyard.

Keep your eyes peeled for the competition coupons – and full details – in The Pioneer on Wednesday, March 1, and Wednesday, March 8 to get your tips in and enter the competition before the AFL season begins.

The AFL 2023 season is set to start on March 16, when Richmond take on Carlton in a Thursday night blockbuster at the MCG.



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# All welcome to SES open day

**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

THE “special capabilities” of a Riverland emergency services crew will be on show for locals next week.

The Loxton SES unit will on Tuesday hold an open day event as part of its regular recruitment drive.

SES south region commander Leanne Schmidt said the event would also mark the end of emergency management procedures relating to the recent flood.

“It’s the first time we’ve had an open day like this at Loxton,” Ms Schmidt said.

“Certainly Covid-19, the River Murray flooding and other impacts over the past few years have made it difficult to get everybody together.

“It’s an exciting opportunity.

“We’ve had the incident management team based out

of Loxton since last year, so it’s been a hive of activity.

“It’s been about six months of activity from when we thought it was going to be a high flow event as opposed to a flood, then it turned out to be so much more.”

Ms Schmidt said the Loxton unit’s equipment, vehicles and members of the Dog Operations Unit would be showcased for attendees.

“We want to give people the opportunity to see the full range of activities we do,” she said.

“That includes responding to floods, sandbagging and responding to storm events, but there’s also the marine responses along the river.

“There’s only two hubs for search dogs across the state. One is in metropolitan Adelaide, and the other is in the Riverland at Loxton.

“That’s quite a special capability we have that is



SES volunteers Kerren and Roberto (right), with SES mascot Paddy the Platypus and Dog Operations Unit canine Biscuit. PHOTO: supplied

being used more and more. We also have drones that assist us with searches.”

Ms Schmidt said attracting new volunteers was also a goal for the open day.

“The Loxton facility is a relatively new facility, and they’re very well equipped,”

she said.

“From a response perspective they’re equipped with vehicles, a brand-new truck, a boat, and the demonstration area has proven to be an excellent facility to run a large-scale event from.

“It’s a really good oppor-

tunity for the community to step in and volunteer.

“While it was a very successful response to the flood from our perspective, and the local crews have been amazing, we really do need more volunteers.”

The Loxton SES open day

will be held at 22 Armstrong Avenue, Loxton, on Tuesday, February 28, from 6pm.

Further information regarding volunteering for the SES is available by visiting the website ([www.ses.sa.gov.au/home/volunteer/](http://www.ses.sa.gov.au/home/volunteer/)).



Almondco managing director Brenton Woolston (right) presenting a \$5000 donation for the planned Renmark Patient Transfer Facility to RFDS Riverland Support Group president Alan Eckermann. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

## Almondco backs new RFDS facility

A NEW facility for the transfer of Riverland medical patients, which could be built by June, has been supported by one of Renmark’s largest businesses.

Almondco last Thursday donated \$5000 towards the Royal Flying Doctors Service’s (RFDS) planned Renmark Patient Transfer Facility, to be located at the Renmark Airport.

RFDS Riverland Support Group committee member Bronwyn Cant said the facility could be operational before the end of 2023.

“We’re expecting work to commence at the airport sometime in the next month or two,” Ms Cant said.

“Central Operations have indicated it’s supposed to be finished by June, but we think with (materials) shortages and the difficulty of getting labour... that we probably will go beyond that.”

Almondco managing director Brenton Woolston said ensuring the facility was built would benefit all Riverlanders.

“It’s providing an absolutely crucial service to the Riverland community, so it needs to be supported,” Mr Woolston said.

“Almondco is pleased to support the initiative of having a patient transfer station at the Renmark Airport to boost an already great service.

“A high percentage of Riverland families have had to use the service, so it’s very important we continue to support the RFDS in this area.”

Ms Cant said the majority of funding for the new facility would be raised within the Riverland.

“Fundraising is going really well and the community support is truly amazing,” she said.

“We’ve had large donations come in from individuals, organisations and companies that have never dealt with the RFDS before, but have responded to the public appeal.”

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

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**NIPPY'S GIFT:** At the Nippy's Gift carnival in Loxton on Saturday night were Noah, 8, Isla, 10, Jade and Mali Walkington, 6, all of Loxton. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Tyler Oxlade, Jordan Jachmann (both of Loxton), Alice Gladigau, of Adelaide, and baby Riley Oxlade, 6 months, enjoyed the Nippy's Gift action in Loxton on Saturday night.

**RAIN MOTH:** Wayne Schiller, Neville Schiller, Trevor Mackereth and Terry Byrne at the Rain Moth Gallery, in Waikerie, for the recent launch of Rick Darling's book, *Bush to Buckingham Palace*. PHOTOS: supplied



Elise Byrne and Nancy Schiller attended the opening of Renee Bell's exhibition recently held at the Rain Moth Gallery. The exhibition continues till the end of March.



**VOCATIONAL AWARDS:** SA Liberal Legislative Council Member and upper house leader Nicola Centofanti with Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall at the Rotary Club of Berri's Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards held at the Berri Hotel recently. PHOTO: supplied



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone at the recent Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards with 2022 Trainee of the Year award winner Cameron Dixon. PHOTOS: supplied



Tim Whetstone and 2022 Apprentice of the Year winner Hugo Kregar, at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards, presented at the Berri Hotel recently.

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

**WEEKLY**  
Guided tours of **The Pines Historic House** are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903).  
**WEEKLY**  
**Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery** in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506).  
**WEEKLY**  
**Palms Bingo Club** hold a bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available from the bar.  
**WEEKLY**  
Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at **Renmark Lutheran Church**, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer (8595 1560).  
**WEEKLY**  
Line dancing at the **Monash Club** every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.  
**WEEKLY**  
**Berri Senior Citizens** welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising.  
**WEEKLY**  
The **Barmera Community Men's Shed** is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to

12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are welcome. Not open on public holidays.  
**WEEKLY**  
The **Loxton Legacy Widow Group** meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall.  
**WEEKLY**  
**Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters** meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.  
**WEEKLY**  
The **SACWA Loxton District Branch** meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft.  
**WEEKLY**  
**Riverland Woodworkers** at the old Renmark High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun (0400 253 572).  
**WEEKLY**  
**Riverland Concert Brass Band.** Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians welcome.  
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Meet, Greet & Eat at **Loxcare Community Hub**, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584 6954.  
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The **Berri Community Men's Shed** is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114.  
**WEEKLY**  
Social badminton is played at the **Barmera Recreation Centre** every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).  
**WEEKLY**  
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**Waikerie and Districts Cancer Support Group** meeting at the Waikerie RSL, Thompson Street, 10am to 11.30am.  
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**Renmark Lions Club** fundraising bazaar, 8am to 12 noon, at the Renmark No.2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains, EFTPOS available, barbecue and hot doughnuts. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
**Riverland Stamp Club** meeting at Berri Library, 10am.  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
**Loxton Legacy Widow Group** meeting at 10.30am in the Loxton RSL Hall. Morning tea available. All welcome.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
**Waikerie Ladies Probuss Club** meeting. Guest speaker Desiree May will talk about Zonta.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 7**  
**Zonta International Women's Day** dinner, 6pm at Berri Hotel. Guest speaker is Julie Ahrens. Tickets cost \$45, contact Jenny (0429 357 599).





McKay Business Services' Alisha Wilson presenting Foxtale Hire Management Services/Foxtale Houseboats manager Jodie Reynolds with the Best Tourism Business award at the 2022 RWCC Business awards night. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick



Murray Pioneer managing director Ben Taylor (left), RWCC chairperson Angela Lukacs, Business SA director of corporate membership Nicola Martin and Bank SA's customer service specialist Tania Schutz.

# The best of Riverland West's business

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

CHOOSING winners was a difficult task for judges of the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce's (RWCC) 2022 Business Awards, announced at a presentation dinner last week.

About 50 people attended the awards evening, held at the Waikerie Bowling Club on Friday night.

RWCC chairperson Angela Lukacs said about 30 nominations were received for the awards, which consisted of five categories.

"There were some high quality entries and in some categories, there were only one or two points between them," she said.

"It is all about recognising the effort our business community puts in to connecting with the local community to do the best that they can do."

Guest speakers were Business SA's corporate director Nicola Martin,

Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager Glenda Malinovski and Bank SA's customer service specialist Tania Schutz.

Mrs Lukacs said Ms Martin was impressed by the quality of nominations for the awards.

She also said the Waikerie Bowling Club volunteers "did an outstanding effort" preparing the meals and tending the bar.

"The food was fantastic," Mrs Lukacs

Ms Lukacs said the awards brought the community together to reflect on the past year and to celebrate the winners.

"It was great to see so many different people communicating and connecting with each other and enjoying the night," she said.

The event featured live music by local band The Chasers.

Ms Lukacs said the past year had been difficult for

Riverland West businesses, which had been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the flood.

"It has been tough," she said, "but the awards help them realise that they are still doing a great job."

## Winners of the RWCC 2022 Business Awards

☐ Soul Essence-Therapy & Life Coaching winner of the Waikerie Hire Best Service Business award

☐ Rollbusch Quality Meats winner of the SA Kleemann Best Retail Business award

☐ RSL Waikerie sub-branch winner of the Hansen Electric Best Community Organisation award

☐ Hansen Electric winner of the Waikerie Real Estate Best Trade Business award

☐ Foxtale Houseboats winner of the McKay Business Services-Conveyancers Best Tourism Business award



Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club's Maxine Morley with Jeff Knispel, guest speaker at the club's most recent meeting.

PHOTO: supplied

## Nippy's boss on hand at Waikerie Probus Club

SINCE Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club's first meeting for the year was close to Australia Day, members started the year with an engaging Australia Day quiz, followed by a special Australian morning tea.

After morning tea, Nippy's manager Jeff Knispel explained how Nippy's has evolved from a family fruit block at Moorook, to fruit juice sales, then a major business employing, approximately 200 people full time and more during vintage.

Trial and error, perseverance, determination, innovation and fortunate timing have all played a part in the company's success. Nippy's has a purpose-built factory at Regency Park, a \$6m ultra-high temperature treatment plant at Moorook, the Waikerie packing shed and its own refrigerated vehicles.

It produces and markets a wide range of refrigerated, high-quality, long-life flavoured milk and juice products, plus ginger beer, for both Australian and overseas markets.

Jeff invited members to view the full range of products after the talk and explained how the Waikerie packing shed shop is now open full time and doing great business.

He travels between the three businesses. Jeff's son, Ben, is joint manager, while his daughter is their engineering consultant.

At the February 28 meeting, Desiree May will speak about the international organisation Zonta, which aims to advance the status of women and help them achieve their full potential.

After morning tea, Karen Richardson will conduct a drawing session. Materials, apart from clipboards to lean on, will be provided. To be held at the Waikerie Bowling Club from 10am, the session should be fun and rewarding.

Probus is an affordable, non-profit world-wide organisation with a focus on friendship, fellowship and fun. Waikerie's Probus ladies invite and welcome retired or semi-retired women from the age of 55 and up to call in to see what the club has to offer.

Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month, featuring a range of activities, speakers and plenty of opportunities to socialise.

More info is available from Chris (0428 412 495) or Maxine (0402 008 752).

## "Snippets"

by Loxton Garden Club

The Loxton Garden Club hold monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month. The first meeting for 2023 will be 26th February 2023. Meeting will be held at The Loxton Club – Woolshed Room at 2pm. For further information contact Jacque Schulz 0402 158 759 or Ian Cass 0428 876 220. Email: loxtongardenclub@gmail.com

### Don't Grow These Vegetables Next to Each Other

Some plants compete for nutrients or space, or they attract damaging insects or fungus. Here are some incompatible plant combinations. A garden is like a community. Some members of that community live quietly next to each other, and others demand their own space. Some will even rob valuable nutrients from nearby neighbours. Make sure your companion plants happily coexist. Here are a few plants that don't play well with others.

#### Asparagus and Garlic

These two incompatible plants share the same need for nutrients in the soil, and asparagus is a real quitter if it can't get everything it needs. Your best bet is to give asparagus its own bed with no competition. But if you must give it a friend, try parsley or dill.

#### Celery and Carrots

We often pair them on a vegetable platter, but these plants should avoid each other in the garden. Both need water and shade and seek a taller leafed-out companion like beans to keep the soil moist. Use thyme as a companion to celery, which will smother weeds and moisten the soil.

#### Eggplant and Fennel

Eggplant is a member of the nightshade family, and fennel produces a chemical that slows nightshade growth. Instead, choose bush beans as eggplant's companion. Eggplant loves the nitrogen that the bush beans add to the soil. And the bush bean repels the Colorado potato beetle, which has a taste for eggplant.

#### Cucumber and Rosemary

The cucumber can take on the flavours, so keep rosemary, basil and sage away until blending them into a delicious salad in the kitchen.

#### Lettuce and Garlic

Poor garlic hinders many plants, including producing chemicals that wilts lettuce in place. Keep lettuce away from garlic's cousins, too — onion, leeks and chives. Instead, plant lettuce next to that power pair of carrots and radishes. The shallow roots of quick-growing lettuce won't disturb the root crops.

#### Parsnips and Carrots

These two root crops like the same growing conditions, but both are susceptible to the carrot root fly. So, it's best to give them their own space, far from each other. Both plants would rather line up with radishes, as the little round radish grows quickly.

#### Pumpkins and Summer Squash

Pumpkins are aggressive garden plants. They can choke out summer squash such as zucchini that competes for water and space. Pumpkins will also cross-pollinate with other squash varieties, affecting your harvest. Pumpkins like to sprawl and snake up corn's thick stalk. The two vegetables are harvested at different times, so they won't compete for precious water in the late summer.

### Quote of the month

'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow' – Audrey Hepburn

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Mr Taylor (left), Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager Glenda Malinovski, and Renmark Paringa Network's Nadine Chapman and Clint Lewan at the RWCC business awards presentation dinner on Friday.



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Director, writer and actor of *Roadkill*, Alexander Whitrow, with producer (and his dad) James Whitrow at the Chaffey Theatre on Friday night. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham

## Roadkill's emotional showing at Chaffey Theatre premiere

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

THE writer, director and actor of independent movie *Roadkill* was "flooded with emotion" at the Riverland premiere of his film.

Locals turned out to see some of their favourite Riverland locations on the Chaffey Theatre big screen at the showing of the thriller on Friday night.

"A crowd has seen it before and told me that they liked it, but it is always a new feeling and new nervousness when a new crowd is seeing it," Alexander Whitrow said after the event.

"The fact that everyone in the home town seemed to really enjoy it is thrilling to me. It makes it feel really special.

"It's a big ask, making a thriller, because you never know if you're going to get it right, and it took us a few times to do that."

In the end *Roadkill* took Mr Whitrow and his team four years to film.

"It was a very, very stressful shoot (as) anything that could have gone wrong went wrong," he said.

"I think the most fun we all had was always between the words 'action' and 'cut'.

"That was when all the creativity was flowing. We could just forget about the stress of making the movie, just have fun and play."

Mr Whitrow said he was pleased with how the Riverland footage came up on the big screen.

"It is such a beautiful spot in the world, and I really hope I did it justice," Mr Whitrow said.

"I tried my best to make it look as amazing as it is, so hopefully the rest of the world will get a chance to see how amazing it is as well."

*Roadkill* follows the story of an outback thief who gets caught up in a murder investigation and while set in the Riverland, it touches on a current real-life trauma.

"We went through a few musicians



Alexander Whitrow signs posters after the screening of his movie *Roadkill* at the Chaffey Theatre on Friday night.

and we couldn't find someone that had the sound that we wanted," Mr Whitrow explained.

"So we reached out to people online, through people we knew, and we ended up finding this guy through social media. His name is Yurii Radko, and he is based out of the Ukraine.

"He did a lot of his composing and recording from the bomb shelter near his house during the war, so there is an element of intensity in his work I think that was very present while he was creating it."

Now that the Riverland showing is over, Mr Whitrow is working on getting his movie to reach as many people as possible.

"The aim is to get it in some more cinemas around the country within the next month or two," he said.

"After that we are going to push for DVD and streaming services fairly quickly.

"I just want to thank all the people of the Riverland that made this film possible and especially to (local) Kate Strachan."

## Chaffey to host Grammy-winning choir

A THREE-time Grammy-winning gospel choir will perform at the Chaffey Theatre next week.

Soweto Gospel Choir will bring songs of power and inspiration through its all-new Hope concert in South Australian regions before performing four shows at the Adelaide Fringe.

The critically acclaimed show celebrates music of protest and freedom, via South African songs

and renditions of protest music of the civil rights movement, including works by artists such as James Brown, Sam Cooke, Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin.

"Hope is a special show for all of us in the Soweto Gospel Choir," said choir master Shimmy Jiyane.

"These are the songs that we grew up on; that inspired us and that keep inspiring us. Hope showcases how

the power of song and the power of performance can inspire and soundtrack real change."

Hope will be performed at the Chaffey Theatre on Wednesday, March 1, from 7.30pm.

Tickets are available for purchase by visiting the Country Arts SA website ([countryarts.org.au/events/soweto-gospel-choir-hope/venue/chaffey-theatre/](http://countryarts.org.au/events/soweto-gospel-choir-hope/venue/chaffey-theatre/)).

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

	<div><div>ABC1</div><div>6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Four Corners; 10:45 Q+A; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 National Press Club Address; 1:35 Media Watch; 1:55 Short Cuts To Glory; 2:30 Back Roads; 3:00 Gardening Australia; 4:00 Antiques Roadshow; 5:00 Australian Story; 5:30 Hard Quiz 6:00 The Drum 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 8:00 Hard Quiz 8:30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering 9:00 QI 9:35 Spicks And Specks 10:20 Would I Lie To You? 10:50 ABC Late News 11:05 The Business 11:20 Frayed 12:10 The Leunig Fragments</div></div>	<div><div>ABC2</div><div>5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Bud-di; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Do, Re &amp; Mi;5:35 Do, Re &amp; Mi; 5:50 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach 6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington 6:20 Bluey 6:25 Peter Rabbit 6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 6:50 Shaun The Sheep 7:00 Spicks And Speck 7:30 Death In Paradise 8:30 Banana 9:00 Cucumber 9:45 Killing Eve 10:30 Veneno 11:35 Booksmart 1:15 ABC News Update 1:20 ABC TV Plus Programs Re-sume At 7.00pm</div></div>	<div><div>7</div><div>6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Escaping The Madhouse; 2:00 Surveillance Oz; 2:30 Border Security; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Home And Away 7:30 Code 1 8:30 The Front Bar 9:30 Kitchen Nightmares Australia 10:40 The Latest 11:10 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera 12:10 Filthy Rich 1:10 Travel Oz 2:00 TBA 4:00 NBC Today 5:00 Seven Early News 5:30 Sunrise</div></div>	<div><div>9</div><div>6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 My Way; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News 6:00 Nine News 7:00 A Current Affair 8:30 Married At First Sight 9:00 Under Investigation 10:00 Nine News Late 10:30 See No Evil 11:20 Ordinary Joe 12:10 Tipping Point 1:00 Living On The Coast 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory 4:30 A Current Affair 5:00 Nine News Early Edition 5:30 Today</div></div>	<div><div>WIN</div><div>6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold &amp; The Beautiful Encore; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 Australian Survivor Encore; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 The Bold &amp; The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First 6:30 The Project 7:30 The Dog House Australia 8:40 Fire Country 9:40 Bull 11:30 The Project Encore 12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1:30 Home Shopping 4:30 CBS Mornings</div></div>	<div><div>SBS</div><div>5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 Peer To Peer; 9:35 Home Of The Year; 10:05 Confucious Was A Foodie; 11:00 Bridges That Built London; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 PBS NewsHour; 2:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 2:05 Insight; 3:05 Mastermind; 3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:10 Britain's Most Historic Towns; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 Wildlife ER 8:35 My Grandparents' War 9:30 Bloodlands 10:35 SBS World News Late 11:05 Cargo 12:00 Witch Hunt</div></div>
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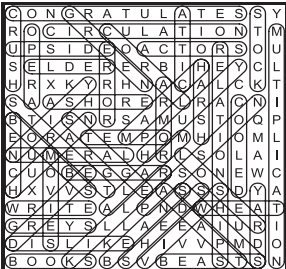
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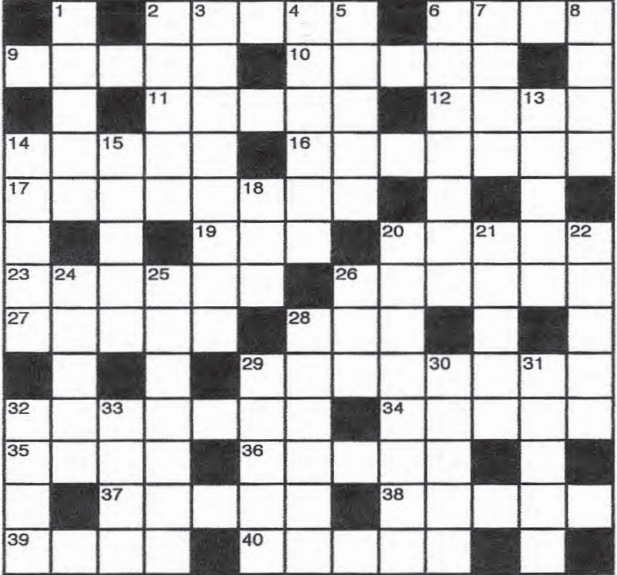
Last Week's Solution



Crossword

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2. Legislate  
6. Froth  
9. Deposit  
10. Bay window  
11. Utilise again  
12. Small brook  
14. Spirited horse  
16. Vapid  
17. Town in Victoria  
19. Compass point (Init.)  
20. Swell  
23. Entry  
26. Medicinal tea  
27. Bellows  
28. Distant  
29. Felt contrition  
32. Colonist  
34. Chores  
35. Leg joint  
36. Relatives  
37. Little  
38. Debility  
39. Carry  
40. Untidy

DOWN  
1. Slogan  
2. White heron  
3. Unnecessary  
4. Mathematical term  
5. Fashion  
6. Continuing stories  
7. Shear  
8. Gentle  
13. Goods sunk at sea  
14. Weapon  
15. Heath genus



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



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## February 2022 Horoscopes: week 4

**ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)**  
Time spent thinking about the future will not help you to deal with a more pressing problem. You need to take things one step at a time and not try to do everything at once. **Romance.** A friend whom you have not seen for some time could shortly be coming back into your life. A chance meeting will get the ball rolling.

**TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)**  
A challenging aspect to Pluto around the middle of the week could bring some secrets out of the closet. Do your best to deal honestly with these issues rather than trying to cover them up even further. **Romance.** A long chat with your partner will help you to resolve a recent problem. Don't get into an argument until you are sure that you have all the facts.

**GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)**  
This is a bad time for making long-term plans because your mood will be shifting too much. When you are finally clear about what is really important to you, you can start to move forwards. **Romance.** A chance remark from your partner will give you a sense of where things are going next in your relationship.

**CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)**  
A positive aspect to Jupiter will help to give your confidence a boost. A risky move will pay off, even though you may be tempted to stick to a safer option. **Romance.** Your partner may be hiding something from you. Don't assume that this is something bad, however! A long discussion later in the week will bring everything out into the open.

**LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)**  
Don't spend energy thinking about what to do next – just jump in and do it! You may be in a rather impractical mood at the moment. **Romance.** You may lose your temper because of an incident that has frustrated you. Do your best to keep calm: the issue may be more complicated than you realise.

**VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)**  
A discussion with your boss must not be allowed to get out of hand. You have a number of grievances at the moment, but must do your best not to get into an argument, especially one involving money. **Romance.** Your emotional needs will be very strong at the moment. Be careful that practical concerns don't take up too much of your time.

**LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)**  
A positive aspect to Uranus will help to get your creative juices flowing over the next few days. An idea which comes to you in an unusual place will be worth following up on. **Romance.** Don't wait until your partner has made all the decisions. You need to take the initiative and make your feelings known before it is too late.

**SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)**  
This week it is especially important that you work in a team. At times you may have to do things which you don't want to do in order to make everything run smoothly. **Romance.** A slight disruption to your plans could cause you to lose heart for a while. Another get-together with the same person later in the week will be much more successful.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)**  
A burst of will-power is all you need to finally break a bad habit. Do your best not to slip back into your old ways! **Romance.** An acquaintance whom you hardly know may be much more interested in you than you realise. This person thinks about you a lot and would like to have a more romantic relationship.

**CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)**  
A positive aspect to Mercury later in the week will help you to communicate your feelings clearly to the people around you. Don't take "no" for an answer: you have some good ideas and must push through until your colleagues accept them. **Romance.** Time spent alone with your partner will help you to understand each other a little better.

**AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)**  
You might find it easier to fit in with other people's ideas if you are able to "put yourself in their shoes" for a while. Don't be afraid to ask a few searching questions. **Romance.** Your partner may find your excess energy a little overwhelming at times. A meeting at the beginning of the week will go extremely well, so long as you manage to relax.

**PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)**  
An improvement in your confidence will come when you need it most. A recent set-back may have dented your self-esteem to the point where you are not sure whether you are doing the right thing or not. This week you will have a chance to really prove yourself. **Romance.** A dream which you have later in the week will help you to understand your feelings towards your partner.

SUDOKU No.416

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

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

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Solution No. 415

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# Crows converge on Waikerie Lutheran School

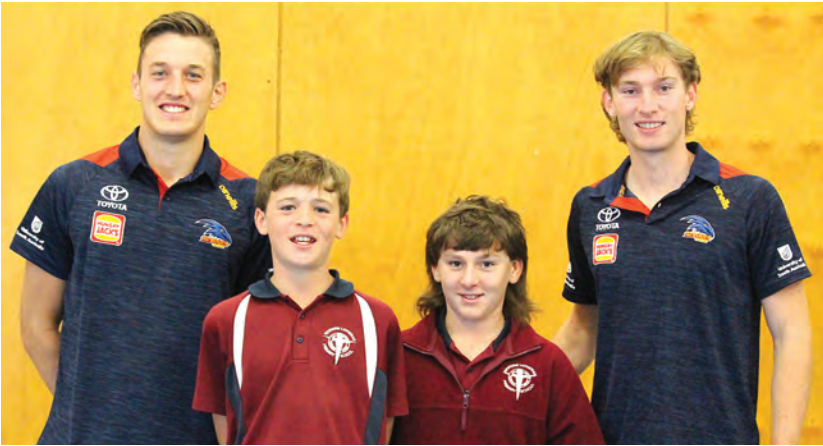
THE Adelaide Crows visited students at the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School recently to chat with students about Aussie rules.

They also provided some tips to those interested in becoming involved with football.

The visit was part of the club's recent visit to the Riverland, aimed at boosting local spirits after the recent flood event.



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School principal Tania Fragnito (left) with Lachlan Gollant and Max Michalanney.



Adelaide Crows players Lachlan Gollant (left) and Max Michalanney with Waikerie Lutheran Primary School students Max and Johnny. PHOTOS: supplied

ONLY one week until summer is over and we welcome the beautiful season of autumn. Where did that time go? As the extreme heat subsides we will be able to enjoy time in the garden, preparing for the months ahead.

Many residents are now enjoying their spare time catching the popular, plentiful, and tasty river yabbies. However, each day we are seeing river levels dropping and we are seeing the damage done to our river frontages, especially those shack owners, over the past months.

Waikerie Hospital Ladies Guild committee members recently welcomed members of local church communities who have supported them over the years (with fetes and fundraising), plus Waikerie Districts Historical Society members, to an afternoon tea. It was in appreciation of their support and assistance with their celebration of a 100 years of the Waikerie Hospital Ladies Guild.

Thanks to the Loxton Waikerie council for the updated and excellent renovations to the community toilets in McCoy Street. These improvements will be welcomed by

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visitors and locals, especially when events such as Santa's Cave are held at the Waikerie Memorial Institute.

Waikerie has a very beautiful building, our Institute. It would be good for our community if it could be used more regularly with local events. Recently we were reminiscing of years gone by when our Arts Council brought international events such as the Trinidad Cavaliers, and so many more. This was at a time when members of the group billeted the artists in their homes. It brought back special memories.

The Waikerie Institute will host comedy entertainment from the SA Fringe Festival next Monday, February 27, from 6pm.

Tasmanian Jane New will entertain with her comedy story, Old Woman In A Hurry.

All roads lead to the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club on Saturday, April 1, to welcome back the popular Tom Curtain and his Katherine Outback Experience team, including Chris Matthews and Melissa Fraser. Tom's Nothing's Gonna Stop us Tour supports Dolly's Dream, an anti-bullying charity. It will be 90 minutes of live music with his special guests. In addition, the Katherine Outback Experience shows real horse training and working dog demonstrations, including plenty of hands-on fun for the youngsters. Tom is passionate about bringing his show to towns and communities that often miss out on these events. Tom is a Dolly's Dream ambassador and uses his show to spread the anti-bullying message.

Earlier that day (April 1) the Waikerie Football Club will launch its 2023 season, then during the afternoon the Magpies will contest the Jason Lehmann Memorial Cup against Strathalbyn.

The Waikerie community extends sincere sympathy and support to Kath

Watkins and her loved ones upon the recent passing of her husband Ron, a much-admired and respected friend and mate to many.

Have you called in at the Rain Moth Gallery recently? The exhibition of artist Renee Bell is on display for a few weeks and is not to be missed.

The Waikerie Bowling Club was the venue for the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Awards Night last Friday. Congratulations to award winners: Waikerie RSL sub-branch, Soul Essence-Therapy & Life Coaching, Rollbusch Quality Meats, Hansen Electric, and Foxtale Hire Management Services/Foxtale Houseboats. Further congratulations to Foxtale's Jodie Reynolds, who has been nominated for the HenderCare Community Champion in The Advertiser and Sunday Mail Woman of the Year Awards 2023. We wish her well.

Thought for the week: "I don't think of all the misery, but of all the beauty that still remains."

- Anne Frank



# the quiz



1. Guy Fawkes night in England is celebrated during which month of the year?  
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2. According to the Bible, which part of Goliath's body did David cut off?  
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3. During which year did a man last walk on the moon?  
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4. Which country won the 2013 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup?  
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5. What part of the body does the term 'Five o'clock shadow' traditionally refer to?  
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6. Who was elected US President in November 2012?  
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7. Who wrote the 1925 novel 'The Great Gatsby'?  
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8. Dr Tom Parry Jones, who died in January 2013, developed and marketed which 'road safety' device in 1967?  
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9. The first inauguration of which US President took place aboard a plane?  
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10. Bonham's, Christies, Forbes and Fellows are what type of business?  
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11. The adrenal glands are situated above which organs in the human body?  
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12. Eosophobia is the irrational fear of which part of the day?  
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13. In astronomy, Pulsar, Binary, Dwarf and Red Giant are all types of what?  
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14. Former football player Eusebio, who died in January 2014, played for which national team?  
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15. In November 1990, Mary Robinson defeated Brian Lenihan to become the first female President of which country?  
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16. Which vegetable represented the green team on the UK television series 'Ready Steady Cook'?  
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17. How many dresses are in the title of a 2008 film starring Katherine Heigl?  
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18. The 1999 autobiography 'Still Me' is by which late US actor?  
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19. General Benedict Arnold switched allegiance to the British side during which war?  
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20. 'Thou shall not steal' is which number in the list of the Ten Commandments?  
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Answers on page 32

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# QUIZ MASTER

TOM TRIFONOFF

**BONUS QUESTION:** In which field was the sixth Nobel Prize established? Answer in next week's Quiz.



# Prostate cancer nurse to support Riverlanders

LOCAL men impacted by prostate cancer will receive more specialised support, with a dedicated prostate cancer specialist nurse being introduced to the region.

Michelle Bissell, who recently joined the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) Specialist Nursing Service, will be primarily based out of Murray Bridge, but will serve the entire Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) by undertaking regular regional site visits.

Ms Bissell said she was “thrilled” to have the opportunity to “make a difference in the lives of men in our community”.

“Every man diagnosed with prostate cancer needs to know that they have access to support, particularly with making treatment decisions that are

right for them,” she said.

“I’m looking forward to being the local go-to-person that can provide them with the information to help them make informed decisions, navigate the health systems, and be supported every step of the way.”

PCFA CEO Anne Savage said the service would strengthen awareness and action on prostate cancer in the region.

“Fewer than one in three men in the local region detect prostate cancer at its earliest stage, when the disease can be more effectively treated,” she said.

“We know that many men... may have difficulty with accessing services due to the distance to treatment, which is why the provision of specialised services and support especially for this regional community is so important.

“Michelle will play a key role in helping to strengthen community education and supporting men and their loved ones from the point of diagnosis throughout their treatment, helping men navigate difficult treatment decisions and access the services they need.”

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (LHN) CEO Wayne Champion said Ms Bissell’s support would help “hundreds of men across the region”.

“There’s no doubt that Michelle’s work will improve and save lives...” he said.

“For men across the Riverland, it’s a timely reminder to act early if you notice any changes downstairs.

“If in doubt, get it checked out.”

To book an appointment with Ms Bissell, phone PCFA on 1800 220 099 or visit the website ([www.pcfa.org.au](http://www.pcfa.org.au)).



The Riverland Mallee and Coorong’s new prostate cancer specialist nurse Michelle Bissell. PHOTO: supplied

## Ladies Probus Club of Loxton meeting:

LADIES Probus Club of Loxton members met at the Loxton Club in December 2022 for their Christmas break-up, with partners and friends also in attendance.

Guest speaker was Daphne Dack, who talked about Christmas in England.

Two members joined, transferring from other Probus clubs: Dianne Vanderheyden and Jan Sheehan.

Members presented a play written and narrated by Barbara Prior called The Christmas Wonkey Donkeys.

The Christmas Wonkey Donkeys also performed on two previous Christmas occasions for Loxton Retirement Village residents and the Loxton Senior Citizens Club.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Loxton Club from 10am.



New members Dianne Vanderheyden (left) and Jan Sheehan (right), with Sandy Sheahan. PHOTOS: supplied



Genevieve Lehmann (Joseph), Marleen Jaynes (Mary) and narrator Barbara Prior, were part of the Christmas Wonkey Donkeys performance. Barbara also wrote it.



Beverly Latham-Stephens, Pam Siddall, Raelene Reichstein, Barbara Prior, Suzanne Coombs, Maureen Heinrich, Marleen Jaynes, Genevieve Lehmann, Gloria Pluckhahn, Jenny Kruschel, Beth Graham and Julie Hill at the Ladies Probus Club of Loxton’s 2022 Christmas break-up.




HELLO HARRY: After Tara Swanbury-Pfeiler asked local artist Jarrod Loxton to “whip up a bit of a sign” for her children Olivia and Mitchell to hold at the upcoming Harry Styles concert, the family was presented with these. “I think he went above and beyond,” Tara said. “Thank you so much, Jarrod.” PHOTO: Facebook

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### DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

#### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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

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


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

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

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David Beaton  
Chief Executive Officer

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

Closed for event preparations, the Parade and subsequent events

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

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

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David Beaton  
Chief Executive Officer

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### 2023/24 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 2023/24 budget year.

Community Support Funding Application forms are available at Loxton and Waikerie offices and on Council's website and needs to be read in conjunction with the Community Assistance Guidelines

**Closing date for applications is 5.00pm  
Friday 17 March 2023.**

**David Beaton**  
Chief Executive Officer

LZ14689


### Expression of Interest

Renmark Senior Citizen’s Building  
(85 Ral Ral Ave)

The lease for the Renmark Senior Citizen’s Building is up for renewal and Renmark Paringa Council are inviting community groups to submit an expression of interest in leasing the building.

The successful applicant will act as the head lessee and will be responsible for managing the facility along with the other user groups.

Submissions should clearly state the details of the group applying, the times they require use of the facility, what they intend to use the facility for and why they have a need for the facility.



The successful group will be required to enter into a new lease in accordance with Council's standard lease arrangements.

Interested persons are invited to submit an expres- sion of interest by no later than  
5:00pm on Wednesday 15 March 2023:-


**Renmark Paringa Council**  
**EOI Senior Citz Building**  
**PO Box 730**  
**Renmark SA 5341**

or by email to - council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au  
or by hand to - 61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark

For further inquiries please contact  
Council’s Property Officer on **(08) 8580 3000.**

**Tony Siviour**  
Chief Executive Officer

RZ12022



### ROAD CLOSURE ORDER

Carp Frenzy, Barmera

The Berri Barmera Council exercise power delegated to it by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act and through the Instrument of General Approval, part 1, Clause F: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events to:

- a) Declare the SA Carp Frenzy to be held on Dean Drive, Barmera, as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.
- b) Hereby make an order –

- 1) To close the Road specified in the Schedule (below) to traffic including bicycles and scooters, excluding motorised wheelchairs, as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Act


#### THE SCHEDULE

Location	From	To
Dean Drive, Barmera, between Whitmore Avenue and Barmera Football Club	10am Saturday 4 March 2023	8pm Saturday 4 March 2023

- 2) Exempt persons in these areas when they are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au

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### LOXTON AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Loxton Club, Woolshed Bar

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**Commencing at 7.30pm**

All executive and management committee positions declared vacant and nomination for any position may be forwarded to The Secretary, PO Box 187, Loxton SA 5333, or email to info@loxtonshow.org.au or may be nominated from the floor of the meeting.

All members, potential members and all others interested are cordially invited to this important meeting.

The agenda will be available at the meeting.

**ROSALYN KAMBOURIS**  
Secretary

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**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER**  
**(from last week):** The European country that reached the quarter finals of the 1990 soccer World Cup without winning a match was the Republic of Ireland.

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### Governing Council

Invites all parents and community members to attend the

## Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 22 March, 2023**  
**6.30pm**  
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**Berri Regional Secondary College**

(Brief meeting following AGM for elected members)

Joining the Governing Council will give you the opportunity to work alongside other passionate parents, staff and students to assist in setting the future direction for our site. For more information, feel free to contact us at **8580 8200** or **dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au**

Nomination forms are available at the **Administration** building or via: **dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au**

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DEATHS



**BARTSCH**, Maureen Edna.

Passed away peacefully in the Loxton hospital on Sunday, February 19, 2023.

Aged 83 years.  
Loved wife of Toby (deceased).

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Craig, Diane (deceased) and Greg, Darren and Helen.

Much-loved nanna of Courtney, Gillian, Zac, Matthew, Natasha, Lachlan and Emily.

Much-loved great-nanna of Hudson.

A loving, caring lady at peace.

**DUGGIN**, Robert.

Died on February 18, 2023.

Loved husband of Jennifer.  
Loved father of John and Colleen, Catherine and Kym.  
Loved grandpa of Susan and Josh, Claire and Matt, Jenna and Navarro, and Katelyn.  
Loved great-grandpa of Luca.

Thanking the staff of Renmark hospital and Dr Bartel.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

**DUGGIN**, Rob.

Beloved father of Catherine and father-in-law of Kym.  
Cherished Grumpy Gramps to Jenna and Katelyn, Jenna's husband Navarro, and great-grumpy-gramps to their son Luca.

You have always been the rock in our family, and we are all adrift without you, especially Mum.

Thank you for being my invincible dad, Jenna's Hoki-Pontas and Katelyn's Butch.

Always loved; never forgotten.

DEATHS

**JONES**, Robert Brian.

Jonesy.  
Late of Coober Pedy, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2023.

Aged 75 years.  
Forever special to Dawn.

Much-loved father of Traci Lee, Jason, Sam, Tegan, Desrey, Max, and father-in-law to their partners.  
Loved brother of Lynette and Sandra.  
Treasured brother-in-law, cousin and uncle to respective families.  
Adored poppa and pompie to Jesse-Lee, Thomas, Ilyth, Dale, Sienna, Imogen, Eva, Myah, Mason and Bubba Robbie.  
A lovable great-pompie.

We would like to invite friends and family to celebrate Jonesy's life on March 4th, at 1pm, at the Italian Club, Coober Pedy.

Forever in our hearts.

**McCANN**, Frank.

Passed away February 11, 2023.  
Your suffering is over.

Rest in peace.

Your friend, Rosemary.

**MULLER**, Patricia Mary.

Passed away peacefully, with family present, at the Barmera hospital on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Aged 88 years.

Loving wife of Kevin.  
Loved mother of John (deceased), Paul and Kay, Kevin and Karen, Julie and Ron, Susan and Steve, Andrew and Sandy.  
Cherished grandma and great-grandma.  
Loved sister of Joan (deceased), Anne and Tony.

No longer in my life to share, But in my heart always there.

DEATHS

**MULLER**, Tricia 'Pat'.

Love is not measured by the years you live, But by the love you gave and the things that you did.

Love always from your sister, Anne, and brother, Tony.

**OLSEN**, Necia Glenda (nee Briese).

Passed away peacefully on February 4, 2023.

Loving sister to Valerie.  
Sister-in-law to Chris (deceased).  
Auntie to Theresa, Jeremy and Phillip.

Rest in peace.

**PLEW**, Shirley.

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Aged 96 years.

Loved wife of Errol (deceased).  
Loving mother of Robert, Shirley, Jeffery, Heather (deceased) and Jen.  
Loved nan and great-nan.

Will be dearly missed.

**TRASY**, Michael.

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

Aged 87 years.

Loved husband of Margaret (deceased).  
Loving father of Michael and Cathy, Tom, Eddie and Erica, Meg and Chris, Les and Amanda.  
Loved poppa of Michael, Georgina, Matthew, Alana, James, Jazma, Elijah, David, Jessamine, Magenta (deceased), and their partners.

Reunited with his loving wife, Margaret.

DEATHS



**SCHILLING**, Robert Anthony.

Passed away peacefully at Flinders Medical Centre on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Aged 73 years.

Loved son of Jean and Ron (deceased).  
Father of Saul (deceased).  
Brother and brother-in-law of Annette and John (deceased), Nigel and Liz.  
Uncle of Melanie, Matthew, Heath, Gemma, and their partners, and Damon.  
Great-uncle of nine.

Finally at peace after continuing illness.

Thanks to Estia Health for their care over many years, and to Michelle for visiting.

A private cremation will be held.

Rest in peace.



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**WATKINS**, Ron.

Dearly loved brother-in-law and uncle of Tom, Judy, Marlow, Beck, Chloe and Brody.

Will be sadly missed. Forever in our hearts.

FUNERALS

**BARTSCH**, Maureen Edna.

The relatives and friends of the late Maureen Bartsch are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Loxton RSL Bowling Club, Tobruk Terrace, Loxton on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 12 noon. At the conclusion of the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

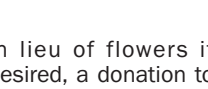
In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Loxton Hospital Complex would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.



**ALTSCHWAGER**  
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**DUGGIN**.


The relatives and friends of Robert Duggin are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 1pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.



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



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**MULLER**.

The family and friends of Pat Muller are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 2pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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




**Riverland**  
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**PLEW**.

The relatives and friends of the late Shirley Plew are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the graveside in the Upper Murray Garden of Memory, 131 McKenzie Road, Barmera on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 11am.




**Riverland**  
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Berri and Renmark  
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Member AFDA

**TRASY**.

The relatives and friends of the late Michael Trasy are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark ON THIS DAY Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 11am.

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



**Riverland**  
FUNERALS

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IN MEMORIAM

**DOWLING**, Arthur Gilbert 'Gil'.

19/11/1933 – 20/2/2017

6 years have passed, love, since you left us, but never gone.  
In our hearts, you are still with us, Gilly.  
Love Beth and all the family.

**GILL**, Chad.

Fondly remembered by the Yates family.

**SCHUBERT**, Jane.

Tragically taken on February 28, 1975. We miss you, Jane.

Love Wendy and David.

**SCHUBERT**, Margaret.

Passed on February 15, 2011.

Always thought of with a smile. Such good memories.

Love Wendy and David.

**SPEIGHT**, Bob.

Passed away on February 22, 2016.

7 years today. Missing you today, tomorrow, and always.

IN MEMORIAM



**STOCKER - THIELE**.

9/3/1986 – 21/2/2015

It's been eight long, heart-breaking years since we said goodbye.

Luke, of all the special gifts in my life, to have you as my son was the greatest gift of all.

I will hold you close within my heart and there you will remain to walk with me throughout my life until I see you again.

It's said that time's a healer, I'm not sure this is true.  
There's not a day that goes by, Luke, that I don't shed a tear for you.

I miss your voice, I miss your smile. I miss your hugs, I miss your everything.

Love you now and forever. My shining star, your forever Mum.

Our lives change from day to day, year to year, but our love and memories of you shall never fade.

Luke, you left behind a light that will shine in our hearts forever.

It keeps bright by the love we share for you and all the memories we made will stay in our hearts forever.

Loved forever. Mum, Dad, Kane and Indee.

Love and miss you, Dad. Ethan and Kelsey.

We love and miss you, Uncle Luke. Riley, Chace, Lila and Bruno.

**YATES**, Peter.

2/7/1947 – 21/2/2013

Can't believe it's been 10 years.

Lovingly remembered by Bronte, Roger, and families.



**THE SALVATION ARMY**

Please help people in need. We're all in this together.

DONATE 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) by credit card salvationarmy.org.au

RETURN THANKS

**WESTBROOK**, Robert Glen.

Marlene, Tania, Michelle, Stephen, and families wish to sincerely thank everyone for their love and support, prayers, cards and kind messages of sympathy on the passing of Robert.

Your support during this difficult time was very much appreciated.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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FOR SALE



**AIRCONDITIONERS**  
- Heller 2-in-1 evaporative cooler and heater. Purchased January 11, 2023. No longer required, airconditioner repaired. Two available. Cost \$249 each, selling \$190 each. One has never been used. Loxton. Phone 0408808690.



**ALUMINIUM** bow ladders, 2 year guarantee, 3 leg picking ladders, Pinyon Engineering. Phone 85866057.

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

**BOAT** - 420 Stacer Pro-line and trailer. New 25hp electric start Yamaha. Bimini, depth sounder, carpet floor. \$8000. Renmark. Phone 0412412626.

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

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

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

**COLOMBARD** 30 tonne, disease free. Plus shiraz 80 tonne. Phone 0417882378.

FOR SALE



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

**FREEZER** - chest freezer, Hisense, 145L, good condition. \$160 ono. Phone 85254096, Wasleys.

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

**GEMMASTER** faceting machine \$3500. GemMaster combination unit \$450. VJ slicing machine \$350. Phone 0427558434.

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

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



**PRICE DROP**

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

**MERITS** Explorer S941 mobility scooter/gopher, silver/black. Top of the range with new batteries. Can carry 159kg. Digital LCD dashboard display. Has coil shock suspension with good ground clearance. Includes lockable rear-mounted container, battery charger and safety pack. Can deliver. \$3990. Phone 0438253986.

FOR SALE

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

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



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

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

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

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

TRACTORS AND MACHINERY

**FRUIT** grader, four sizes, adjustable sizing, variable speed motor, ten brusher motor, feeder elevator and bin stand. \$1200 ono. Phone 0428412209.

WORK WANTED

**CONVEYANCER** Cynthia James-Martin. Phone 0419801655.

WANTED TO BUY

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

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

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

**VARIOUS** - Collector looking for any old wartime memorabilia. Pre WW1 to post Vietnam era. Old uniforms, hats, helmets, ordnance, bayonets, swords, knives, badges, medals, patches, army, navy, airforce items, war diaries, photos, trench art. Also, nursing spc button day, police, fireman related badges, uniforms etc. Old footy stuff, SANFL and country, single items, collections. Estate lots. Fair prices paid. Phone Lisa 0418391084.

WANTED

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

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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



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

GARAGE SALES

**LOXTON** - 25 Hilbig Street. Friday, February 24 from 8am - 11am. Clearing sale of deceased estate. Electrical items, household furniture and 50's retro.

**LOXTON** North - 249 Edwards Road. Open Friday, February 24, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th, 10am - 4pm. Plants. Orders now being taken for bare-rooted deciduous ornamental trees and stone fruit trees. Bales of straw, \$5 each. Phone 85841205.

MOTOR VEHICLE



**DODGE** Ram 1500 Limited, 2021. Auto 4X4 MY22, only 18,825kms. 4.5 tonne towing capacity, 5.7L HEMI V8. This car is 'as new' with leather seats and multiple extras. Best in its class. \$116CPD. \$149,500. Phone 0438250777.

**FORD** XR8 AU11, build date 9/2001. Blue printed hand-built Tickford V8 5ltr motor, 220kw. Momo leather enhancements, Tickford 17" wheels, red in colour, paint very good. One owner since 2002. Been shedded for past 4 years. HNRYS8, \$29,000. Phone 0407201233.

**HOLDEN** VE HSV1 Calais, 2007, titanium. Gen4, 6 litre V8 auto. 139,750km. Registration XMH-003, \$20,000 ono. Phone 0439038123.

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

**HONDA** Accord, 1994, silver. Last of the classic sport models. One owner since new, 4 cylinder, 5-speed manual, central locking, immaculate interior, new exhaust system. 341,000kms. Registration VPG-710. Registered until May, 2023. \$3000 ono. Phone 0409958413.

Riverland CHURCH NOTICES

**Lutheran Church** of Australia  
**BERRI | BARMERA**  
**Sunday, February 26**  
Barmera 11am  
Berri 9am  
Pastor S Trautwein  
All Welcome  
Phone 0493021960

**LOXTON**  
**Ash Wednesday February 22**  
St Peter's 7pm  
**Sunday, February 26**  
St Peter's 8.30am HC  
10am HC  
Concordia 10am HC  
da Costa  
Myrla & New Residence 8.30am HC  
(New Res) da Costa  
Bookpurnong 9am  
Lay Reading  
Riverview Rest Home Wed, Mar 1  
10.30am HC  
*Unfortunately, until further notice only residents can attend - no visitors*

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

**RENMARK | PARINGA**  
**Ash Wednesday, February 22**  
Renmark 7pm  
**Sunday, February 26**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
Renmark 9am HC  
Paringa 10.30am HC  
Nursing Home 2pm  
All Welcome  
Pastor Roland Adams  
Phone 0460 300 492

**WAIKERIE**  
**Sunday, February 26**  
Lowbank 8.45am  
Ramco 8.45am  
Waikerie 10am  
All Welcome  
Phone 8541 2689

**Church of Christ BERRI**  
1025 Old Sturt Highway  
**Sunday, February 26 10am**  
All Welcome  
**Phone 0419 783 779**  
berrichurchofchrist.org.au

**One Voice CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday, February 26 10am**  
Loxton Senior Citizen Hall  
25 Tobruk Terrace  
**Ps Red Elliott 0439 507 096**  
**Ps Sheryl Giles 0423 884 002**

**FULL GOSPEL CHURCHES OF AUSTRALIA**

**UNITING CHURCH BERRI / BARMERA**  
**Sunday, February 26**  
Sundays at 10am  
Berri, Denny Street  
Barmera, Nookamka Tce  
berribarmerauca.org.au  
**LOXTON**  
**Sunday, February 26**  
10am  
Aub Mattner  
**Contact**  
**Rev Linda Forsyth 0401 815 488**  
**RENMARK**  
**Sunday, February 26**  
8.30am  
Renmark West 10am  
Renmark Avenue  
**Kay Sando**  
**Phone 0401 815 488**

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

**Anglican Church Riverland**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**5pm - Berri St Alban's**  
**Sunday, February 26**  
**9am - Loxton The Resurrection**  
**9am - Barmera St Edmund's**  
**9am - Renmark St Augustine's**  
**11am - Waikerie St James**  
**Contact:**  
**Fr. David Patterson 8586 3288**

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

Volunteers Notice Board FREE SERVICE

**Looking for Volunteers?**  
The Murray Pioneer, can help.  
Email or fax the name of your organisation, the type of volunteer needed and contact details to: [ads@murraypioneer.com.au](mailto:ads@murraypioneer.com.au)  
**Fax: 8586 4333**  
and we will print your request  
**Free of Charge!**

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

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

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

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

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

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





## PUBLIC NOTICES

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U3A Riverland Inc.

Members are advised that the Annual General meeting will be held on **Thursday March 2nd 2023 at 10am** in the clubrooms Strawbridge Street Berri.

All management committee positions are declared vacant annually although some current members have indicated they will renominate.

Nominations will be received before and on the day.

A copy of the Agenda and nomination form is available from Secretary Cheri Gray. Contact details: email [kevcheri@bigpond.com](mailto:kevcheri@bigpond.com).

A demonstration on the use of the Defibrillator will be included.

**MARIAN WOODBERRY**  
U3A Riverland President

BZ12033

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**Applications close: 28 February 2023**

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**JOB VACANCY**

S and D Constructions is a shed building contractor servicing SA based in Renmark. We are currently seeking another team member for all aspects of shed construction, including:

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- Footing construction
- Using hand & power tools
- Operating scissor & boom lifts
- Rigging & cladding

Minimum car License required.  
Full time and possible traineeship for suitable applicant.

**Apply to: [sndconstructions@bigpond.com](mailto:sndconstructions@bigpond.com)**

BZ12031

**Schedule 1 – Notice of request for collection of goods**  
(Section 5 of Act)

Notice is given that Cho Yiu Laine of 330 Bookmark Ave, Renmark West, 5341, SA is in possession of the following goods: all the unfixed goods in garage, two cars in backyard, metal sheeting in backyard.

That Jason Timo Laine or such other person as may be the owner of the above goods, is requested to collect goods within 42 days of the date of this notice.

That the goods are available for collection at 330 Bookmark Ave, Renmark West, 5341, SA at the following times, or between the following hours: 12th March, 2023, 9am-13:00.

That if the goods are not collected by the due date, the bailee may, after three months, proceed to sell or dispose of the goods in accordance with the Unclaimed Goods Act 1987.

**Dated the 18th day of February, 2023.**

BZ12030



PHONE: (08) 85 823 110  
[WWW.RIVERLANDRESPITE.ORG.AU](http://WWW.RIVERLANDRESPITE.ORG.AU)

**Casual Disability Support Worker**  
**Several Positions Available**

Riverland Respite & Recreation Service Inc. are seeking interested applicants for the position of Casual Disability Support Worker.

This position involves one to one support and care at the Respite House, on the Recreation Program and in the Community for Children and Adults with and with a Disability.

Please email application letter and resume to [admin@riverlandrespite.org.au](mailto:admin@riverlandrespite.org.au)  
Applications close on February 10th 2023

Previous Applicants Need Not Apply.

**Applications and resumes to**  
**[admin@riverlandrespite.org.au](mailto:admin@riverlandrespite.org.au)**

BZ12173

**Full Time or Part Time**  
**Local MC / HC Driver**

Based in Loxton you will be responsible for the pick up of produce

Throughout the Riverland 5-6 days a week including Saturday mornings

**Also available**

3 Days a week doing Loxton to Adelaide return Supermarket Run

Extra work is available if wanted up to 5 days a week with Adelaide Market / Depot runs

**Forklift Licence essential or willing to obtain**

**To apply email resumes to**  
**[operations@sizetrans.com.au](mailto:operations@sizetrans.com.au)**  
**Or deliver to Sizetrans Express**  
**104 Trenerry Ave Loxton**

**Enquiries to Operations**  
**8584 6264 or 0417 103 991**

BZ12172

**We're Hiring!****TRAINEE CLERICAL PROCESSING**

**Are you looking for a unique training and employment opportunity?**

Applications are invited for a full-time trainee vacancy in the Berri based Chaffey Electorate Office of Tim Whetstone MP, Member for Chaffey.

Duties of the 12-month position include greeting members of the public, mail-outs, filing, word-processing, photocopying, answering the phone and general administrative tasks.

Administrative TAFE study will be included in the traineeship.

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

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

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



BZ12144

**WAIKERIE LUTHERAN**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

WZ10507

**Business Manager**

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School is seeking a visionary Business Manager who is an astute leader with an entrepreneurial mindset. This position is a key member of the Leadership Team.

The Business Manager will:

- Commit to the School vision, mission and values underpinning the implementation of a Christian-based education to students in the School community as a fundamental, and essential criteria.
- Hold academic qualifications in keeping with the level of responsibility, preferably including business or accounting qualifications.
- Possess an entrepreneurial mindset.
- Be a visionary who can strategise and accommodate current and future needs and opportunities.
- Be an astute leader with finance and business operations acumen, with an in-depth understanding of the financial, business and marketing needs of schools.

**Email [principal@wlps.sa.edu.au](mailto:principal@wlps.sa.edu.au) to request a job description.**

Applications consisting of a CV, and statement (maximum four pages) that addresses the job description, as well as the names and contact details of three referees are to be emailed to [principal@wlps.sa.edu.au](mailto:principal@wlps.sa.edu.au) by **5 pm, 17 March 2023.**

**Celebrating 100 years of Moorook Primary School**  
**Saturday 25th March 2023 at Moorook Primary School**

**FROM 3pm**

- ☑ Afternoon Tea
- ☑ 100th Cake Cutting
- ☑ Memorabilia Display
- ☑ Food Vans for evening
- ☑ BYO Alcohol

**PLEASE RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES BY 18TH MARCH**  
**CONTACT BRIGIT: 0400 356 166**

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**Registered Nurse – Casual**

Cadell Training Centre  
SA Prison Health  
Cadell  
Job Ref: 823185

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**2023 Mid-Year**  
SA Dental

Various  
Job Ref: 823310

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# WE ARE HIRING



## FOOD, BAR & GAMING ATTENDANT

Currently searching for reliable, hard working and keen individuals to start ASAP!

Experience preferred but not essential.

Successful applicants will be on a 7 day roster with minimum 15hrs a week with the opportunity of more hours.

Must be over 18, hold current RSA.

Available Weekends, Public Holidays.

### POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Be energetic, driven, have a can-do attitude, and passionate about providing good customer service.
- Ensuring high standards of cleanliness, safety & compliance, as well as cash handling protocols.
- Hospitality Industry Experience preferred but not essential.
- Must hold Current RSA Certificate (over 18years)
- Be flexible & available to work over a 7 day rotating roster especially NIGHTS, WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS.

**TO APPLY:**

Please send Resume and Cover Letter to [asstmanager@waikeriehotel.com](mailto:asstmanager@waikeriehotel.com)

WZ10503



## WAIKERIE HOTEL MOTEL LTD.

### BOTTLESHOP MANAGER POSITION VACANCY

We are currently seeking a passionate and driven Bottleshop Manager to join our team at The WAIKERIE HOTEL.

We are looking for a customer experienced focused individual with strong product knowledge and proven skill regarding stock management control, also playing a critical role in maintaining store presentation as well directing, rostering, and managing staff.

#### Key responsibilities include:

- Making decisions on the selection of stock and organisation of ordering, cost controlling and waste management of products
- Building and maintaining strong stakeholder, client, and supplier relationships
- Financial performance of the business with a focus on driving a sales performance culture.
- Maximising presentation and merchandising of products and other initiatives
- Effective stock management control and weekly promotions.
- To lead by example and ensure all Hotel procedures are adhered to.
- Manage time through effective planning to maintain a high level of productivity.

#### About you:

- Customer and Team focused.
- Communicating clear direction, strategy, goals, and expectations, developing an inclusive, positive team environment.
- An ability to guide, develop and inspire your team through change.
- Flexibility to work rotational rosters, public holidays, and weekends.
- Experience as a Team Leader/Supervisor in a previous drive-through Bottle Shop role preferred.
- Working knowledge or various computer software programs (MS Office, POS)
- RSA
- Understanding of H&L advantageous
- Forklift Licence an advantage

This vacancy represents an excellent opportunity to work for the Waikerie Hotel and is committed to the long-term success of its employees. A competitive salary is on offer reflecting the skills, experience, and importance of this appointment. A range of other benefits as well as future opportunities for further growth within the Hotel.

We thank you and appreciate your time taken to apply, only successful applicants will be contacted.

**TO APPLY:**

Please send Resume and Cover Letter to [manager@waikeriehotel.com](mailto:manager@waikeriehotel.com)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1ST MARCH 2023**

FREEMAN FARMING Almonds  
28<sup>th</sup> St RENMARK

## PERMANENT ORCHARD HAND

A Fulltime or part time employee is required for 226 acres of established almonds.

Well above award rates with penalty rates on offer for a person experienced in tractor work, almond harvesting, spraying, servicing and maintenance of machinery and general orchard work. Additional skills in mechanics and welding would be advantageous. An applicant wishing to take part or full responsibility for irrigation would be considered favourably.

An opportunity to learn advanced growing techniques with limited spraying, no use of insecticides or pesticides, detailed cover cropping for reduced dust and other benefits.

Our machinery units all have efficient air conditioned cabs, except for the ATV's, used for maintenance of the permanent Nelson Rotator sprinkler system.

We are preferably looking for someone prepared to contribute ideas to a highly motivated and innovative team. Longer term permanent employees all qualify for an additional harvest bonus and company vehicles with a fuel allowance

Written applications with references  
closing 2nd March 2023 to  
[pj.freeman@bigpond.com](mailto:pj.freeman@bigpond.com)

Further Information contact  
Peter Freeman on 0418422684

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## District Council of Loxton Waikerie GARDENER/CARETAKER - LOXTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Request for Quotes are invited for the contract position of Gardener/Caretaker of the Loxton Retirement Village. The contract position is for a period of three years to commence from the 1st may 2023.

The Loxton Retirement Village comprises of 4 Courts with a total of 108 Independent Living Units, with extensive lawn and garden areas and a Community Centre.

The role of the gardener/caretaker is divided into two parts.  
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Part B: Assistance to residents with minor maintenance and repairs to units.

Copies of the request for quote document and specifications can be obtained from the Council Office East Terrace Loxton or by phoning the office on 8584 8000. Alternatively this information can be accessed from our website at [www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au](http://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au)

Respondents may quote for Part A or Part B or both.

Further information regarding the contract is available from Eve Will on 8584 8060 or 0439 631 664

Sealed returns are to be marked – “Request for Quote – Caretaker/Gardener - Loxton Retirement Village” and addressed to Mrs Eve Will Administration Officer – Loxton Retirement Village , District Council of Loxton Waikerie, PO Box 409, LOXTON, 5333 can be posted to this address, submitted online via Council's email [address.council@lwdc.sa.gov.au](mailto:address.council@lwdc.sa.gov.au), or handed in at the Council Office located on Bookpurnong Road, Loxton .

Requests for Quotes close with the undersigned on Friday 17th March 2023 at 5.00 pm.

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David Beaton  
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# Riverland teams reign supreme

A HAT-TRICK of wins for Riverland cricket sides headlined last week's round of RivaMallee Plumbing Superleague action.

The Riverland A grade sides made the journey to the Mallee to take on their Pinnaroo and Border Cricket Association rivals and each returned with the points.

Renmark North posted a sizeable total of 186 for the loss of eight wickets, which was headlined by 66 runs from skipper Tarque Williamson.

The Bluetongue captain got off the mark with consecutive boundaries and helped accelerate the visiting side's innings after Colin Packer and Blake Henderson laid a solid foundation before drinks.

Randall Watson looked dangerous early before falling to Toni Bharker, however Murrayville was unable to put together a winning total despite impressive knocks from Cooper Wisneske and

Hayden Beckmann.

A Jake Albrecht half-century helped fire Loxton to victory over Parrakie, with the top-order batsman helped handily by captain Ben Hoffmann's 42, while Parrakie batsman Will Werner compiled 56 runs in the loss.

Berri chased down a modest total of 125 set by Pinnaroo at Pinnaroo, with the side aided by a number of regulars from the Berri Colts team.

Colts skipper Reece Lehmann filled in for the club's A grade side and topped the scoring charts with his unbeaten 55, while Archie Peltz and Aaron Nobile did plenty of damage with the ball, picking up four wickets between them.

Former Riverland Cricketer of the Year and Berri captain Brad Rosenzweig continued his strong season with bat and ball, posting 40no and picking up two wickets for his side.

Monash and Brown's Well claimed victories in the



Renmark North batsman Blake Henderson (centre) returned to his hometown of Murrayville last weekend, as the Bluetongues stormed to victory in the RivaMallee Plumbing Superleague clash. PHOTO: Lesley Wisneske

Riverland B grade, while Berri set Loxton a target of 153 on the first day of the under 16s preliminary final.

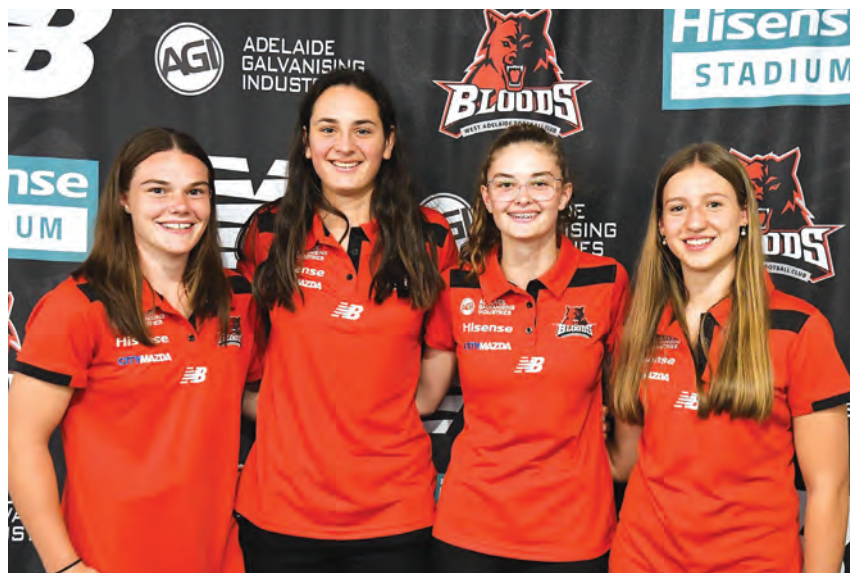
## RESULTS RIVAMALLEE PLUMBING SUPERLEAGUE

Renmark North 8/186 (T. Williamson 66, C. Packer 40, B. Henderson 18, D. Ivanovic 18) d Murrayville 157 (Z. Gallo 3/25, L. Foley 2/27, D. Ivanovic 2/32, C. Packer 1/17, T. Bharker 1/30).  
Loxton 2/141 d Parrakie 140 (details not provided).  
Berri 1/129 (R. Lehmann 55no, B.

Rosenzweig 40no, N. Scadden 25) d Pinnaroo 9/125 (A. Peltz 2/10, A. Nobile 2/11, B. Rosenzweig 2/21, W. Scadden 2/26, R. Lehmann 1/8).

## B GRADE

Brown's Well 7/123 (D. Ireland 38, M. Hampel 34, C. Patterson 14) d Waikerie Ramco 9/122 (L. Patterson 2/9, A. Cunah 2/18, D. Ireland 2/25, M. Hampel 1/18, P. Elliott 1/19).  
Monash 7/56 (M. Smith 19, K. Gillespie 14, D. Hill 4/17, M. Cartwright 3/25) d Renmark North 53 (D. Aston 19, B. Williams 2/5, J. Roberts 2/6, K. Gillespie 2/9, G. Potts 1/9, R. Williams 1/10, B. Fridd 1/10).  
Loxton vs Gerard (details not provided).



Riverlanders Sarah Campbell (left), Georgie Pater, Amy Shapley and Molly Petersen have been named in the 2023 West Adelaide Football Club women's squad. PHOTO: supplied

## Westies to blood young Riverlanders

A QUARTET of Riverland footballers have been named as part of the 2023 West Adelaide senior women's set-up, with the Bloods looking to improve on last year's wooden spoon finish.

Sarah Campbell, of Waikerie, and Renmark duo Georgie Pater and Molly Petersen have all been included in this year's squad, as has Berri's RWFL premiership player Amy Shapley.

Pater featured heavily in last weekend's season

opener for the league side, with the Bloods recording a 14-point win over Glenelg at home.

She was named in the best players for the Bloods after accumulating 10 disposals, four more than her game average last campaign.

Petersen played alongside former Renmark Rovers captain Astrid Powell in the development league side, while Campbell and Shapley are yet to taste action this season.



Former Barmera-Monash coach Barrie Barbary (front row, fourth from right) with his premiership-winning 1989 side.

## Barmera-Monash mourns flag-coach and ex-SANFL star



Former Barmera-Monash coach Barrie Barbary (right), with team runner Graham Gilgen, during the 1989 RFL grand final.

THE Barmera-Monash Football Club is mourning the death of its 1989 premiership coach, former SANFL champion Barrie Barbary, who died last week.

Barbary coached the Roos for just one season, taking the club to a memorable 23-point grand final victory against favourites Loxton at Berri Oval.

He took the reins at Barmera-Monash from Barry 'Buff' Tyrrell, who famously led the

Roos to five successive premierships (1983-87), but also played in the 1989 flag.

However, Barbary left his own mark on Barmera-Monash, quickly earning the respect of all within the club and extending the club's golden era by one extra year.

He previously played 149 league games with North Adelaide, 66 for Woodville, and 19 for South Australia, between 1957 and 1970.

Barbary won the Magarey Medal in 1960, playing for the Roosters, and in 1963 was named best on ground in South Australia's famous victory over 'the big V' at the MCG, playing on the wing.

A teammate of Barbary's that day was the late Riverland legend, Neil Kerley, who set the tone at the first bounce, by crashing into Victorian opponent and 1962 Brownlow Medallist, Alistair Lord.

## Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group

WOW, what can we say! Sometimes words are inadequate, but this time it is a special thank you to those Adelaide Crows supporters who attended the recent community dinner at the Waikerie Community Club. To share the night with the players who were in attendance was such a good experience and we appreciated the chance to get to know them. We will watch with interest as their careers unfold with the Adelaide Football Club. We appreciate the interest that chairman John Olsen AO and CEO Tim Silvers show to all the SA and interstate supporter groups. We have one of the best, Sam Jacobs, as engagement executive – the connection link to the group. We acknowledge and give thanks to the staff at the Waikerie Community Club, and it was a surprise to see TV camera men and staff doing the weather crosses from Waikerie. But it was certainly okay with us, as all of SA shared the night as well.

Plans are in hand for our members' day at the Cobdogla Club on Sunday, February 26 at 11.30am, with a BBQ lunch provided (membership is \$25). This will be an informative day, with discussions about plans for the year including a getaway weekend (March 25-26) to see Adelaide play Hawthorn. Other proposals are a screening day in Loxton on Sunday, April 23, a day trip to Adelaide Oval to see Crows vs St Kilda on Sunday, May 14, and a bingo night at Barmera RSL on Tuesday, April 18. The members' day is your opportunity to win tickets to the home and away season at Adelaide Oval. To assist with catering we ask that you RSVP Jenny by February 21.

Have you taken part in our Irish tipping before? If you have, you'll know we tip for the whole year before round 1. Entry is \$10 and forms will be available on members' day. Alternatively, catch up with a committee member.

Thanks to Rory Sloane for the dedication and commitment he has given as Crows captain for the past seasons. Now we welcome, congratulate and extend our best wishes to his replacement, Jordan Dawson.

As we look forward to the season 2023, it's 'go Crows'.

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Renmark Rovers (left), Loxton North, Loxton, Brown's Well, Berri and Barmera-Monash all lined up in the football clubs relay at Saturday night's Nippy's Loxton Gift. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



# Nippy's Loxton Gift an Australian 'standout'

SATURDAY night saw the return of the Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival, with the appearance of local runners among the highlights.

South Australian Athletic League (SAAL) president Kym Steer said it was "a pleasure" to visit the Riverland, praising the community for supporting the carnival.

"Especially after all the hard times the Riverland has been through with the floods, it has been absolutely awesome to come up and support the community by running fantastic athletics meet," he said.

"We are just so impressed. It was a brilliantly run carnival, the tracks were prepared magnificently and it's equal to the best carnivals in the state."

Before a big crowd, races were called by seasoned thoroughbred and athletics race-caller Terry McAuliffe, who never missed a beat throughout the entire twilight/night program.

Renmark athletes River Dowling and Angelo Otero both put on a fine display in front of their home crowd, with River taking out the under 14 boys 70m final and Angelo winning the under 18 boys 300m final.

"River has run it off scratch, which is a sensational effort," Mr Steer said.

"And Angelo, who has just run his PB the other day, was pumped... to do well for his community."

The usual crowd favourite, the local sporting clubs' relays, was again a hit.

In a thrilling finish, Barmera-Monash Football Club won the men's relay by the barest of margins from the Loxton Football Club, while the Berri Netball Club dominated the women's relay.

"In the boys relay there was just a hair's breadth between them, so that was great," Mr

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Steer said.

"But just seeing a community of people who are resilient, who keep coming back, and were out there having fun and supporting the community, was just gold for me."

SAAL race handicapper Paul Young lauded the "top quality" of both gift finals.

"I go all over Australia watching professional running and in terms of sheer quality in the girls final, we had an absolute battle on our hands," he said.

"Four of the girls in the final had been in the final of the Bay Sheffield earlier this season and they carried that form here."

"What I liked about that was they waited for this race, as they really wanted to win Loxton."

"The men's gift was much the same. The runners are in top shape and all at the peak of their powers."

"In terms of across Australia, the Loxton Gift is a standout. Outside of maybe Stawell or the Bay Sheffield, you are not going to match it anywhere else."

Mr Steer said the league was "absolutely keen to get back up here next year".

"We are absolutely rapt with the Loxton Waikerie council," he said.

"They have given magnificent support and (with) all those wonderful sponsors, we will be back with bells on."

Organisers also acknowledged the ongoing support of the naming sponsor, with Nippy's joint general manager Jeff Knispel in attendance at this year's event.



Barmera-Monash Football Club (left) and Berri Netball Club took home the spoils in the local sporting club relay events.



The men's relay final came down to the wire, with Barmera-Monash edging ahead of Loxton at the finish line. PHOTO: Tony Pasin



Athletes and spectators from across SA and beyond packed into Loxton Oval on Saturday as the Nippy's Loxton Gift returned for 2023.

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# Richards wins it for Mum and Dad

**BEN LENNON and ALEXANDRA BULL**

YEARS of heartache and tragedy “inspired” an Adelaide runner to a memorable win in the 2023 Nippy’s Loxton Gift men’s 120m final on Saturday night.

Last year’s fourth-placegetter Brett Richards stormed to victory in the heats before blitzing the final, in the rapid time of 12.32 seconds, comfortably ahead of Jack Doney in second and Jesse Cordoma in third.

The 28-year-old has done it tough in recent years, with the Adelaide High School graduate losing both of his parents in the past five years.

The win is the latest triumph in an impressive career that saw the speedster named SAAL Athlete of the Year in 2016, but Richards believes Saturday night’s victory holds a special place in his highlight reel.

“To be honest this is probably up there,” he said.

“I’ve won the Bay (Sheffield) 70m before as well, but with losing Mum and Dad, that was a huge inspiration.

“I’m emotional because it’s been a huge five years for life. Losing Mum and Dad was tough and this one’s definitely for them. It’s been a huge battle.”

Richards is a veteran of

the event, having competed in Loxton a number of times across his career.

He heralded the competition on show and event organisers for putting on a “fantastic meet”.

“I’ve been in the sport for quite a while, so I’m surprised my legs are still ticking over really,” he said.

“But, I’ve always loved this meet and you literally can’t fault the competition here.”

Meanwhile, teenage sensation Amelie Burge saw off strong competition in the women’s 120m final to be crowned champion in front of the packed crowd.

After placing second in her semi-final, Burge managed to edge ahead of Ellie Whittingham and Kayla Lemm at the finish line in the final, with the latter two unable to be separated in a dead heat.

The 16-year-old Burge fought past Liana Channon early in the race before hitting the front and managing to maintain the lead until the end, running an impressive 13.89.

“This is my fourth Loxton event, but I definitely haven’t run that fast before,” Burge said.

“I was just happy to be in the final so yeah, I’m pretty happy with how it went.

“The atmosphere up here is so good and all the locals



Camden runner Hayden Rothe took out Athlete of the Meet honours after a string of impressive performances across multiple events.

come out and get involved, so it’s always a good meet.”

The 2022 women’s 120m winner, Olivia Hastings, had her talents on full display again this year, this time taking out the 70m title, while David Palmer won the men’s 70m event, finishing just 0.02 seconds ahead of Michael Moschou.

Camden runner Hayden Rothe was named Athlete of the Meet after another strong showing in what has been an



Nippy’s joint managing director Jeff Knipsel with the podium finishers of the men’s final: Jack Doney (left), Brett Richards (winner) and Jesse Cordoma. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



A tie for second saw Kayla Lemm (left) and Ellie Whittingham join winner Amelie Burge on the podium for the women’s final.

impressive season to date.

A versatile athlete, Rothe managed to find himself in three finals on Saturday

night across three different distances.

He finished fifth over 300m and third in the 70m

sprint, before narrowly missing out on a podium place in the final of the 120m, finishing fourth overall.

# Local lads light up the Nippy’s Gift

**BEN LENNON**

A PAIR of Renmark teenagers stormed to victory at last Saturday’s Nippy’s Loxton Gift carnival, putting on a show for the local crowd.

Angelo Otero, 17, and River Dowling, 13, shone in their respective races, picking up a sash each, with Otero also managing a podium finish.

Dowling, who donned the red guernsey as the race’s only scratch runner, went into his under 14 70m contest as the favourite, something his mum Wendy said he has become accustomed to in recent times.

“He’s already run in 10 Gifts this year and it’s his second sash so far. He’s pretty confident going in and he’s always wearing that red guernsey,” she said.

River trains under the tutelage of local coach Arsh Singh and will head to both state and national championships in coming months.

The Gift presented a rare opportunity for the youngster to race in front of some familiar faces.

“In any Gift River just goes by himself and I take him down there, but in this Gift his family was all there, so I think that was a bit special because he had them involved. He hasn’t had that before,” Wendy said.

“It was probably the first time that we haven’t really had to travel.

“We’re doing five-hour round trips and River’s races are generally under 10 seconds, so you watch that and then you go home.”

Otero also relished the opportunity to run in front of the locals and credited the crowd for spurring him on during his pursuit of the finish line.

“When I was on the starter’s line for the 120m, Terry McAuliffe got to me and gave me a full introduction and told the crowd to get behind the Renmark boy, so there was a bit more pressure there,” he said.

“But, it was great to have the extra support, especially when I was coming down the straight where the grandstand was.

“When I crossed the line there was a tent to my right, and the amount of people that got up and clapped me, it was pretty special.

“Especially at the end of the race when I didn’t have much left in me, I just wanted to win for the home crowd and it’s always good to have that extra support.”

Otero started the day with a bang, placing third in the under 18s 120m final, before a delay due to issues with the timing equipment threw a spanner in

the works for his under 18 300m event.

“I warmed down after the 120m and I was getting ready to warm up for the 300m, but they announced the delay so I wasn’t sure what to do,” he said.

“I had a quick bite to eat and had a heap of water and then the next minute they announced they were getting ready for the 300m.

“I shouldn’t have had what I did. It was a full peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a hot cross bun with butter in it, so it wasn’t the greatest before the race. It did give me that hit of energy though.

“I went into the race with a game plan. There was a guy around 8m in front of me so I wanted to get on his tail as quick as possible, preferably before the bend, which I did.

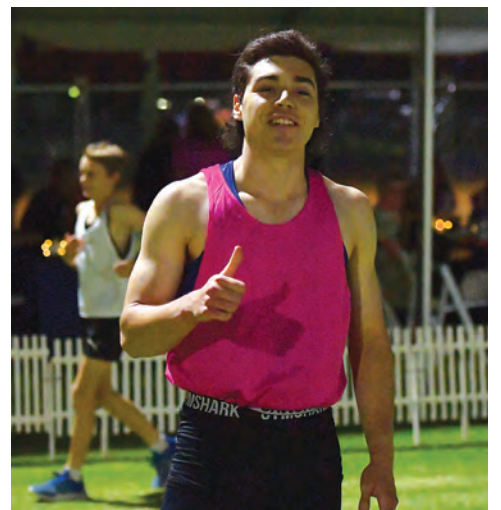
“I could hear Luke Rigby, who’s a great runner. He was coming right behind me and I was going to try and kick off of the bend, but because I heard him coming I went a bit earlier than I usually would.

“With about 30m to go I didn’t have much left but I just went as hard as I could.”

Like Dowling, Otero now has his eyes on a greater prize, with the teenager eyeing off the Stawell Gift in April after a hot start to 2023.



Local runners Angelo Otero (above) and River Dowling (below) won the under 18 300m and under 14 70m races respectively at last Saturday’s Nippy’s Loxton Gift.



Otero finished third in the under 18 120m final before going on to win the 300m under 18 event.

## NIPPY’S LOXTON GIFT 2023 HONOUR ROLL

**120m men:** Brett Richards (12.32)  
**120m women:** Amelie Burge (13.89)  
**120m under 18 boys:** James Withnall (12.64)  
**120m under 18 girls:** Georgie Fielder (14.77)  
**70m women:** Olivia Hastings (8.34)  
**70m men:** David Palmer (7.75)  
**70m under 14:** River Dowling (8.72)  
**300m men:** Ryan Atkins (32.80)  
**300m women:** Sarah Manning (39.48)  
**300m under 18 girls:** Tigerlily Kovacic (40.33)  
**300m under 18 boys:** Angelo Otero (33.69)  
**1000m men:** James Grant (2:27)  
**50m sprint skins invitation:** Michael Moschou (no time listed).  
**300m women over 30:** Lisa Boyce (38.27)  
**300m men over 35:** Ross Nitschke (37.130)  
**1000m women over 35:** Mercedes Tierney (2:30)





Renmark High made it back-to-back titles at Monday night's Riverland Interschool Swimming Carnival at the Renmark pool. PHOTOS: supplied

Victorious Renmark High students Jenna Lambert (left) and Bailey White with Berri Regional Secondary College principal Clint Ridgway.



# Renmark goes back-to-back

ALEXANDRA BULL

REMARK High School has gone back-to-back, taking out the 2023 Interschool Swimming Carnival in Renmark on Monday night.

With last year's event cancelled due to Covid-19, Renmark backed up its 2021 winning display to take home four out of the 10 pennants on offer for the evening.

Renmark won the U13 girls' pennant and U20 girls' pennant, along with the U14 girls' pennant and U16 boys' pennant to finish-up overall winners.

Loxton High School took home second place, with Berri Regional Secondary College finishing in third and Waikerie fourth.

"It was good to keep hold of the shield at

Renmark," Remark High sports co-ordinator Aaron Camplin said.

"It's a team event, so the Renmark High School team put a great effort in...the students all committed to their races.

"A credit to the Renmark Vitor Swimming Club with their program at the moment.

"Lots of kids are getting involved in that, obviously coming to school and making our team very strong and naturally lifting up the other students as well.

"There were lots of personal bests throughout the night as well which was pleasing.

"Everyone put in their best effort."

Approximately 200 students competed across the night, with Loxton High

School winning the Most Improved Shield.

"There was a great overall atmosphere from all the students involved from all four schools," Mr Camplin said.

"You can tell late in the night it was getting quite loud when the relays were finishing up.

"The pool is obviously a great facility so it's a big credit to the Renmark Swimming Pool.

"Peter Safralidis and Berri were the hosts for the night and they did a great job, along with the volunteers.

"There were lots of scorers helping out as well as stroke judges."

Full results from the Interschool Swimming Carnival will appear in next week's edition of The Murray Pioneer.

# Softball celebrates Indigenous Round

RIVERLAND softballers donned special edition uniforms when the association celebrated its annual Indigenous Round at Glassey Park last week.

MVP awards were dished out to those judged best afield in each match, with the winners receiving a ball decorated by local artist Shane Karpany.

Loxton ran out comfortable winners in the A grade, thanks largely to a Patty Fournaros-Carney masterclass.

Her four-bagger helped the side to a strong lead, with the team eventually running out 10-3 victors over Cobdogla.

Cobdogla reversed the result in the B grade, with a Janiqua Cook home run helping her side to a 10-run win.

The hit helped earn Cook MVP honours, while Jade Pech and Jo Hansen added

three-baggers.

Kiana Robinson was named MVP in Renmark's four-run victory over Berri in the C grade competition.

### RESULTS

#### A GRADE

Loxton 10 d Cobdogla 3.

Best: Loxton - P. Fournaros-Carney, J. Hansen, H. Symens. Cobdogla - Y. Gower, D. Fitzpatrick, J. Peltz.

MVP - P. Fournaros-Carney

#### B GRADE

Cobdogla 21 d Loxton 11.

Best: Cobdogla - J. Cook, V. Wade, E. Pech. Loxton - B. Michalski, J. Hucks, E. Hogg

MVP - J. Cook

#### C GRADE

Renmark 14 d Berri 10.

Best: Renmark - K. Robinson, C. Moxham, K. Moxham. Berri - M. Fridd, E. Muscara, K. Goldspink.

MVP - K. Robinson



Riverland softball celebrated its annual indigenous round last week, with the Loxton C grade side getting dressed up for the occasion. PHOTO: supplied



Riverland Pirates batter Steven Goldspink is tagged out at third base by Renmark's Jayden Perry. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Pirates plunder surprise win

RIVERLAND Pirates claimed just their second win of the Riverland baseball season last week, taking down Renmark across four innings.

The young side capitalised on early mistakes from last year's grand finalists to take a 1-0 advantage into the second innings.

Both teams managed a run in the second, before a strong performance from the Pirates in the third innings set up a memorable win.

They produced three runs, assisted largely by pitching errors from Renmark, after holding the Angels scoreless in the innings.

Steven Goldspink was in fine form on the mound, picking up eight strikeouts in the win.

The Angels fought back hard before time ran out, with the three runs scored by the second-placed side in the fifth innings not counting towards the total.

Meanwhile, reigning champions Berri Red trounced clubmates Berri Blue in a one-sided affair.

Impressive work with the bat from Jesse

Stemberger helped Red to an early advantage, with the side producing five runs in the first innings.

The match finished 14-0, with just Jessie Frazer's pitching helping to keep Blue scoreless for the duration of the contest.

Just one regular season round remains, with the competition to celebrate its Indigenous Round this week.

### RESULTS

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Berri Red	5	2	-	7	14
Berri Blue	-	-	-	-	0
Safe hits: Berri Red - J. Stemberger 1t 1d, A. Rogers 2d, Jamie Frazer 2s, A. Arnold, Jessie Frazer, P. Reid, T. Halupka 1s.					
Strikeouts: Berri Red - Jamie Frazer 6, P. Reid 2. Berri Blue - L. Peltz 5.					
Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Pirates	1	1	3	-	5
Renmark	-	1	-	-	1
Safe hits: Pirates - S. Goldspink 1d, R. Halupka, G. Letton 1s. Renmark - N. Koumbarakos 2d 1s, G. O'Brien, J. Perry 1s.					
Strikeouts: Pirates S. Goldspink 8. Renmark - C. Lawton 6, T. Golding 5.					



# Saturday's best survive



John Jungfer and his Berri teammates will take on Waikerie this weekend for a spot in the grand final.

## Fantastic four finals bound in division one

JUST four teams remain in the hunt for the Saturday division one pennant premiership, as bowlers from across the region prepare for finals action.

Berri, Waikerie, Barmera and Renmark will duke it out over the next two weekends to determine which club will be crowned the 2022/23 champion, with the semi-finals to take place this Saturday at Berri.

Berri and Waikerie will go head-to-head on Saturday for a spot in the grand final, with the loser to take on the winner of the second semi-final between Barmera and Renmark in a preliminary final on Sunday.

The hosts will go into the opening finals contest as favourites, having held down top spot on the table for most of the season.

Berri holds the advantage in head-to-head competition with Waikerie this season, with the minor premiers winning three of the four contests between the two.

Waikerie started the season with a bang, beating Berri in round one to kick off a five-match winning streak and the side remains capable of pulling off an upset despite some patchy form in the middle of the season.

Meanwhile, Barmera will head into its match with Renmark expecting a win, with the Pelicans winning six more matches than their opponents throughout the minor rounds.

The Lakesiders have won all three meetings between the two so far this year and will be looking to add to that on the weekend to keep their season alive.

THE season has ended for two Bowls Riverland Saturday pennant division one sides, while four remain in the hunt for the premiership.

The Lawns and Loxton will not take to the greens again in season 2022/23, after falling short of Renmark in fourth spot at the conclusion of last weekend's round of action.

Loxton finished the season with just three wins and was comfortably defeated by Barmera last Saturday.

The Lawns suffered the same fate, going down to home side Waikerie by 26 shots.

Andy Fulwood's rink was dominant for the winners, running out 27-10 victors over Peter Lawton's four to help secure second spot for Waikerie under the dome.

Berri finished the season in first place and ended the home-and-away campaign on a high, defeating fourth-placed Renmark by 13 shots at Berri.

Meanwhile, Berri's win over clubmates Berri Red secured the side first place in division two.

Waikerie hung on to finish second despite a final-round loss at the hands of Barmera, with the Pelicans narrowly missing out on finals action after finishing in fifth spot.

### RESULTS

#### DIVISION ONE

**Barmera 77 d Loxton 40.**  
R. Reynolds 22 d G. Schulz 15; C. Karantonis 30 d J. Vaughan 9; J. Morena 25 d R. Coombs 16.

**Berri 62 d Renmark 49.**  
D. Treloar 17 lost to M. Rice 22; M. Kaufer 17 d B. Dopson 14; A. Hill 28 d K. Schulz 13.

**Waikerie 69 d The Lawns 43.**  
G. Johns 20 d R. Lawton 19; W. Collins 22 d S. Leesue 14; A. Fulwood 27 d P. Lawton 10.

#### DIVISION TWO

**Loxton 71 d Monash 43.**  
T. Thurston 19 d M. Kruger 15; H. Appleton 38 d M. Wood 8; W. Harrison



Andy Hill skippered his rink to victory last weekend as Berri finished the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants division one season on top of the ladder. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

14 lost to I. Potts 20.  
**Loxton RSL 71 d Lyrup 43.**  
C. Inglis 21 d P. Drewett 15; S. Roberts 23 d J. Wrigley 13; G. Huppatt 27 d S. Munro 15.  
**Barmera 58 d Waikerie 41.**  
W. Uppington 19 d D. Thompson 12; D. Mills 19 d R. Davies 12; C. Camble 20 d D. Morley 17.  
**Berri 61 d Berri Red 40.**  
J. Cresp 17 d B. Knight 10; K. Carpenter 24 d L. Knight 16; B. Hollis 20 d J. Centofanti 14.  
**The Lawns Red 67 d The Lawns 52.**  
B. Haby 28 d M. Spano 8; C. Topperwien 21 d C. Patty 19; K. Knight 18 lost to R. Ashworth 25.

**Points:** Berri 312; Waikerie 276; Loxton RSL 273.27; Monash 250.18; Barmera 215.45; The Lawns 196.81; Loxton 181; Renmark 172.18; The Lawns Red 167; Lyrup 163.27; Berri Red 64.

#### DIVISION THREE

**Waikerie 94 d Moorook 43.**  
D. Trandafil 19 d A. Wachtel 16; W. Burris 47 d M. Couzner 15; C. Davies 28 d C. Pantic 12.

**Barmera 62 d Loxton RSL 56.**  
I. Lloyd 25 d J. Smith 17; H. Robinson 28 d A. Patterson 15; T. Brown 9 lost to H. Dreschler 24.

**Monash 71 d Loxton Red 65.**

#### DIVISION ONE

##### BERRI

##### WAIKERIE

##### BARMERA

##### RENMARK

##### THE LAWNS

##### LOXTON

#### W L D AGG P

**16 2 0 375 409**

**12 5 1 138 320**

**11 7 0 82 276**

**5 12 1 -120 151**

**4 12 2 -222 136**

**3 13 2 -253 112**

C. Traeger 12 lost to R. Lee 32; G. Chamberlain 37 d M. Schutz 11; J. John 22 drew with K. Maynard 22.

**Berri 65 d Berri Blue 57.**

K. Tanner 19 d M. Binding 10; J. Bradford 28 d P. Ledsham 19; B. Bland 18 lost to D. Irwin 28.

**Loxton White 75 d Renmark 45.**

B. Arnold 27 d M. Walker 17; F. Armfield 20 lost to J. Thompson 21; K. Brandsma 28 d C. Vriends 7.

**Lyrup 62 d The Lawns 60.**

D. Hill 9 lost to P. Brown 25; P. Denton 30 d K. Tschirpig 14; T. Slaytor 23 d L. Pinyon 21.

**Points:** Waikerie 399; Berri 341; Barmera 328; Loxton Red 298; Monash 242; Renmark 238; Loxton

White 214; Loxton RSL 196; Moorook 192; The Lawns 175; Lyrup 93; Berri Blue 90.

#### DIVISION FOUR

**Waikerie Hornets 56 d Barmera 32.**

M. Morley 22 d T. Daelman 13; S. Moritz 34 d K. Brown 19.

**Waikerie Regents 50 d The Lawns 31.**

J. Mortimer 34 d C. Haar 11; G. van der Myle 16 lost to V. Crouch 20.

**Monash 40 d Loxton 39.**

R. Wright 21 d D. Vaughan 20; T. Swanbury 19 drew with N. Milich 19.

**Points:** Waikerie Regents 303; Monash 255; Waikerie Hornets 224; Barmera 174; Moorook 118.92; The Lawns 112.28; Loxton 63.42.

## Finals time for bowls Wednesday pennants

FOLLOWING 18 rounds of action, just four teams remain in the hunt for the Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants crown.

Waikerie enters the finals series as minor premiers after finishing just two points ahead of Barmera in the overall standings.

The two sides finished equal in the wins column, with Waikerie edging ahead of the Pelicans on aggregate after a 22-shot win over Loxton last week.

A home semi-final awaits Waikerie, with a spot in the grand final on offer for the winner of its clash with Barmera today.

Monash and Berri secured the remaining two finals spots and will meet this morning in a do-or-die contest.

The winner will go through to play the loser of Waikerie versus Barmera at Loxton RSL on Friday, while it's curtains for the loser.

For The Lawns, Loxton,

Renmark and Lyrup, the season has come to an end, with the former missing out on a top-four spot despite a final-round victory over third-placed Monash.

Lyrup finished the season with an undesirable 1-17 record, while Loxton and Renmark finished in sixth and seventh respectively after spending most of the season in the lower-middle part of the table.

Clubmates Berri Blue and Berri Red will do battle today for a grand final berth in division two, while The Lawns will take on Moorook to earn a spot in the preliminary final.

### RESULTS

#### DIVISION ONE

**Barmera 70 d Renmark 39.**  
K. Mellon 27 d J. Cooper 9; C. Shugg 11 lost to S. Schulz 20; J. Gartner 32 d C. Eagle 10.

**The Lawns 60 d Monash 55.**  
M. Spano 18 lost to R. Potts 21; S. Machell 21 d J. John 18; J. Knight 21 d S. Elsdon 16.

**Berri 82 d Lyrup 34.**  
R. Butt 25 d B. Howe 10; K. Treloar 33 d R. Smith 12; C.



Clare Eichenberger's Berri side remains alive in Wednesday pennant action after finishing fourth ahead of The Lawns.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Eichenberger 24 d R. Adams 12.  
**Waikerie 67 d Loxton 45.**  
C. Davies 24 d M. Schutz 12; J. Strauss 20 drew with B. Mattner 20; J. Morley 23 d D. Vaughan 13.  
**Points:** Waikerie 375; Barmera 373; Monash 272; Berri 263; The Lawns 239; Loxton 181;

#### DIVISION TWO

**Barmera 44 d Waikerie 41.**  
M. Wade 20 lost to L. Burnett 25; K. Brown 24 d N. DellaZoppa 16.  
**Berri Blue 45 d The Lawns 35.**  
K. Tanner 24 d C. Haar 12; M. Miller 21 lost to L. Pinyon 23.

**Loxton RSL 53 d Berri Red 31.**  
J. Smith 27 d L. Blades 14; H. Dreschler 26 d J. Bradford 17.

**Loxton 45 d Moorook 33.**  
M. Tygh 17 lost to H. Smith 22; N. Milich 28 d L. Tschirpig 11.

**Renmark 42 d The Lawns Red 30.**

B. Warren 25 d E. Kennedy 9; B. Cornelius 17 lost to R. Christie 21.  
**Points:** Berri Blue 349; Berri Red 318; The Lawns 295; Moorook 286; Loxton 235; The Lawns Red 193; Loxton RSL 176; Waikerie 150; Barmera 110; Renmark 48.

## Barmera triples champs

THE Bowls Riverland midweek triples title was sewn up last week, when Barmera bested Renmark Green by 10 shots away from home.

The Lakesiders went into the clash with top spot all but locked in for the season, and they put the championship beyond doubt with a strong display against the Renmark side.

Just one game remains in the season, with the top side still yet to lose, dropping points just once in a draw against Loxton White in round six.

The team will look to close out its unbeaten campaign against Lyrup today.

The Lawns Red will finish the season in second place, losing just twice so far, while Monash will end the season at the foot of the table with just one win heading into today's final round.

### RESULTS

**Loxton White 100 d Lyrup 87.**  
W. Harrison 29 d P. Denton 20; P. Vaughan 19 lost to G. Milich 30; T. Thurston 25 d P. Drewett 23; H. Appleton 27 d G. Elleway 14.

**Barmera 88 d Renmark Green 78.**

A. Gapco 13 lost to B. Knight 28; W. Barnett 21 lost to T. Matulick 23; P. Ashton 22 d B. Lockett 13; C. Healey 32 d M. Rice 14.

**The Lawns Red 81 d Loxton Blue 78.**

S. Ivanovic 15 lost to D. Schliebs 21; M. Inglis 16 lost to D. Kimber 19; D. Ludas 29 d R. Beswick 16; R. Lawton 21 lost to P. Kimber 22.

**Waikerie 87 d Berri Blue 69.**

R. Mortimer 24 d K. Carpenter 14; G. Lloyd 28 d J. Cresp 16; W. Burris 7 lost to J. Jungfer 28; D. Morley 28 d N. Jenke 11.

**Loxton Red 106 d The Lawns 52.**

R. Coombs 20 d K. Tschirpig 13; G. Schulz 31 d B. Haby 16; T. Inglis 25 d R. Ashworth 11; N. Thiele 30 d K. Knight 12.

**Renmark Gold 86 d Barmera Pelicans 57.**

P. Amos 31 d T. Brown 8; B. Dopson 16 lost to H. Robinson 17; B. Cropper 22 d I. Lloyd 19; D. Leedle 17 d T. Daelman 13.

**Loxton RSL 93 d Monash 58.**

W. Schulz 24 d P. Raams 9; D. Drabsch 17 lost to R. Jury 19; B. Manuel 33 d B. John 19; G. Huppatt 19 d M. Voigt 11.

**Points:** Barmera 467; The Lawns Red 415.4; Loxton Red 332; Renmark Gold 299; Waikerie 278; Renmark Green 275; Loxton White 259; Berri Blue 239.6; Lyrup 235.3; Berri Red 225.6; Loxton Blue 224; Loxton RSL 217; Barmera Pelicans 150; The Lawns 99; Monash 65.





Campbell Marks makes a layup during his Barmera side's clash with Berri. Marks finished the contest with 14 points as the Lakers ran out 19-point victors. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Jasper Hoffmann topped the scoring charts for Berri, pouring in 13 points in his side's loss to Barmera.

# Renmark Steamers leave it late

A LATE Tegan Moldovan shot helped Renmark secure a share of the spoils in last week's round of division one women's basketball.

Coming up against Barmera's second string side, the Steamers were looking to atone for the previous week's loss against Berri.

But, the side found itself trailing away from home at the end of the first term, with the division two Lakers out in front by five points.

Hallie Hodgson starred for the home side, pouring in 15 points throughout the contest as Barmera maintained its lead heading into the final quarter.

Three consecutive buckets to Della Haynes cut the deficit to four for the Steamers, with the game remaining within touching distance for the rest of the quarter.

Moldovan, who was yet to trouble the scorers to this point, then nailed a three-pointer with just seconds remaining to tie the game and earn the Steamers a draw.

Meanwhile, Waikerie saw off a late surge from Berri to claim its eighth win of the season, thanks largely to 14 points from veteran Hannah Lehmann.

In the men's top division, Barmera comfortably took care of Berri at Berri on Thursday night, with a number of Lakers able to fill up the box score.

Campbell Marks led the way with 14, while Jasper Hoffmann put up 13 points for Berri in the loss.

Jasper Hutchinson's 19 points helped Loxton to victory over Waikerie, with the Warriors still searching for their second win of the campaign.

The Supercats now sit on top of the table after drawing level with Renmark on wins, with the former possessing a slightly higher percentage at the conclusion of round 13.

## RESULTS

### MEN

Division one				
Barmera	27	46	61	80
Berri	21	35	50	61
Points: Barmera – C. Marks 14, K. Stokes 12, D. Millard, A. Hodgson 11, L. Warnett 9, B. Hembling, F. Dillon 8, R. Haigh 7. Berri – J. Hoffmann 13, Heath Campbell 11, O. Hunyadi, J. Szalbot 10, Harrison Campbell 9, R. Kunoth 5, W. Frankel 2, L. Dack 1.				
Loxton	11	31	45	74



Waikerie	9	14	26	40
Points: Loxton – J. Hutchinson 19, J. Drake 17, J. Will 14, B. Tregaele, C. Lange 8, C. Wright 6, K. Serafin 2. Waikerie – K. Ling 14, L. Exton 13, K. Hahn 7, D. Leuders 4, J. Twigden 2.				
Division two				
Barmera	50	d	Waikerie	45; Loxton 64 d Berri 33.
Division three				
Rovers	61	d	Steamers	14; Barmera 61 d Waikerie Black 27; Supercats 67 d Renmark 34; Loxton 72 d Chaffey 31; Blazers 35 d Warriors 19; Wildcats 55 d Tigers 36; Allstars 36 d Paringa 30.
Division four				
Berri	40	d	Blazers	30; Barmera 29 d Lakers 27.
Under 18 (div one)				
Loxton	57	d	Berri	28; Renmark 40 d Barmera 34.
Under 18 (div two)				
Supercats	31	d	Loxton	27; Renmark 55 d Waikerie 33.
Under 16 (div one)				
Loxton	53	d	Barmera	30; Renmark 42 d Waikerie 19.
Under 16 (div two)				
Loxton	49	d	Waikerie	29; Supercats 62 d Lakers 35; Berri 25 d Barmera 19; Blazers 32 d Renmark 30.
Under 14 (div one)				
Barmera	105	d	Waikerie	11; Renmark 70 d Berri 17.
Under 14 (div two)				
Loxton	43	d	Supercats	35; Renmark 28 d Barmera 23.
Under 12 (div one)				
Loxton	33	d	Renmark	18; Barmera 47 d Waikerie 17.
Under 12 (div two)				
Lakers	16	d	Barmera	15; Supercats 26 d Loxton 12.
WOMEN				
Division one/two				
Waikerie	19	31	33	41
Berri	12	19	29	38

Points: Waikerie – H. Lehmann 14, Y. Liu 7, T. Fridd 6, S. Campbell, L. Hahn, S. Hyde 4, C. Turner 2. Berri – B. Gates 13, E. Westley 8, D. Eleftheriadis 7, E. Cameron, A. Westley 4, L. Westley, M. O'Leary-Fletcher 1.				
Barmera	D2	12	20	31
	36			
Renmark	7	15	21	36
Points: Barmera D2 – H. Hodgson 15, C. Doupis 9, K. Tsorotiotis 6, B. Pietrolaj 4, E. Reichstein 2. Renmark – L. Haynes 15, D. Haynes 10, M. Petersen 6, T. Moldovan 3, M. Haynes 2.				
Division three				
Wildcats	25	d	Supercats	13; Catstars 48 d Loxton 30; Allstars 34 d Tigers 19; Berri 43 d Renmark 33; Barmera 71 d Waikerie 14.
Division four				
Berri	35	d	Blazers	13; Renmark 52 d Steamers 21; Waikerie 31 d Supercats 30; Barmera 34 d Loxton 17.
Under 18				
Barmera	39	d	Waikerie	24; Berri 52 d Loxton 17.
Under 16 (div one)				
Barmera	46	d	Renmark	16; Loxton 41 d Berri 23.
Under 16 (div two)				
Loxton	28	d	Renmark	15; Waikerie 40 d Supercats 8.
Under 14 (div one)				
Berri	45	d	Barmera	30.
Under 14 (div two)				
Loxton	28	d	Waikerie	11; Renmark 37 d Lakers 2; Supercats 29 d Barmera 10.
Under 12 (div one)				
Loxton	29	d	Renmark	8; Berri 16 drew with Waikerie 16.
Under 12 (div two)				
Supercats	12	d	Waikerie	8; Loxton 41 d Lakers 5; Berri 10 d Barmera 8.

Berri struggled to contain the Lakers from downtown, with Dillon Millard nailing a three during his 11-point outing.

## RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

### BERRI

**Wednesday, February 15**  
Stableford: R. Knight 37, J. Bowers 35, S. Wade 34, G. Tognon 34, A. Rogers 34, W. Hocevar 33, J. Skinner 33, P. Mudge 33, L. Berry 33, K. Wyman 33.  
**Saturday, February 18**  
Stableford: B. Frahn 39, P. Wood 38, S. Wade 38, AM. Crease 36, M. Heuzenroeder 35, B. Eckermann 35, R. Day 35, R. Knight 35, B. Tinker 35, J. Curren 35, M. Bayliss 34.  
**Sunday, February 19**  
Stableford: D. Ramsay 41, K. Traeger 38, M. Jennings 35, AM. Crease 35, I. McHugh 34, R. Day 33.

### LOXTON

**Wednesday, February 15**  
**Men**  
Stableford: A. Hume 42 (+2), M. Lewan (Barmera) 40, S. Smart (Barmera) 37, C. Foreman 37.  
**Women**  
Stroke: S. Grein (nett) 76, J. Fogden 78, J. Sawade 80.  
**Saturday, February 18**  
**Men**  
Stableford: A grade – M. Pannell 40, J. Goldsworthy 40, R. Koch 39, R. Paige 39. B grade – S. McKenzie 39, G. MacInnes 36, G. Ling 35, P. Hopper 35.  
**Women**  
Stableford: S. Pendle 42, J. Bullock 37, M. Thomson 36.

## WOMEN'S EIGHTBALL

### RESULTS

BBC Cue-Ts 8 d Lyrup Lion Cubs 7.  
Lyrup Club 12 d Lyrup Blue 3.  
Renmark Roses 10 d Bonnie Pelicans 5.

## RIFLE CLUB RESULTS

### RESULTS

**Thursday, February 16 – Hamlee Fruits Trophy round two**  
50m shoot: N. Lloyd 99.7, 100.8 (1) 200; M. Cresp 100.9, 100.1 (0) 200; B. Lacey 98.4, 97.6 (0) 195; R. Ward 93.2, 95.3 (0) 188.

# Heat hampers a weekend of local tennis

EXTREME heat on Friday afternoon caused the cancellation of all Riverland Lawn Tennis Association senior fixtures.

In the absence of the adults, the juniors took centre stage on Saturday morning, with all matches able to go ahead.

### SENIORS

**Division one:** no games played due to extreme heat.  
**Division two:** no games played due to extreme heat.  
**Division three:** no games played due to extreme heat.

### JUNIORS

### GREEN 1

Loxton Millman 5-42 d Berri Topspinners 3-36; Renmark Owls 5-34 d Renmark Joeys 3-35.

### GREEN 2

Berri 5-35 d Cobdogla Kites 3-30; Barmera Bombers 4-27 d Cobdogla Falcons 3-30; Waikerie Slammers 5-32 d Barmera Blues 3-33.

### GREEN 3

Barmera Lions 6-51 d Berri 0-22; Renmark Kookaburras 5-32 d Loxton Hewitt 3-31; Waikerie 4-37 d Barmera Tigers 4-26.

### GREEN 4

Waikerie 7-40 d Berri 1-16; Loxton Deminaur 8-47 d

Cobdogla Hawks 0-11; Renmark Diamonds 7-40 d Loxton Stosur 0-12.

### ORANGE 1

Berri 6-35 d Renmark Koalas 1-18; Loxton Popyrin 4-32 d Cobdogla Harriers 1-16; Loxton Saville 5-29 d Barmera 3-21.

### ORANGE 2

Cobdogla 4-20 d Barmera 3-18; Renmark Possums 3-29 d Loxton Tomljanovic 3-20.

### YELLOW

Barmera Power 6-42 d Cobdogla 2-35; Loxton Barty 5-38 d Loxton Kyrgios 3-29; Barmera Crows 8-48 d Berri 8-6.





State Government representatives and industry professionals joined forces to raise money for flood relief last weekend in a charity soccer match at Coopers Stadium. PHOTOS: Facebook

# Funds flow in for flood relief charity match

A CHARITY soccer match between the State Government and Pick a Local! Pick SA! representatives has seen hundreds of thousands of dollars donated in the name of flood relief.

The match, held last Sunday at Coopers Stadium as a curtain raiser for Adelaide United's A-League clash with Western Sydney Wanderers, raised in excess of \$150,000 for the Rural Business Support Relief Fund.

Prior to the match, Minister for Primary industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven announced that the SA Labor Government would match dona-

tions dollar-for-dollar up to the \$100,000 mark.

"I'm pleased to be able to announce our State Government will match the funds raised this weekend for our incredibly resilient primary producers, who have faced extreme challenges from the recent flood events," Ms Scriven said.

"It takes a partnership with industry and government to ensure we are listening and advocating for our producers and regional communities, particularly during challenging times, and I thank Rural Business Solutions, SA Produce Market, and Adelaide United for

coming together for this great cause."

That \$100,000 amount has been reached and continues to climb, with funds set to help rural businesses and families affected by the flood.

CEO of Rural Business Support Brett Smith said the funds will help farming families, with over 500 farms known to be affected by the recent natural disaster.

"We are already seeing an increase in requests for support from farmers who have been impacted by the flood and are doing it tough," Mr Smith said.

"We're humbled by the incred-



Riverland-based SA Liberal upper house leader Nicola Centofanti looking comfortable on the ball during the match.

ible partnership between the SA Produce Market, Adelaide United, Foodland and the State Government in enabling us to kick-start the RBS Natural Disaster Support Fund."



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Brett Richards capped off his dominant display at the Nippy's Loxton Gift by taking home the 120 men's final.  
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# GIFT WRAPPED

SATURDAY night saw the return of the Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival, with the appearance of local runners among the highlights.

South Australian Athletic League (SAAL) president Kym Steer said it was "a pleasure" to visit the Riverland, praising the community for supporting

the carnival. "Especially after all the hard times the Riverland has been through with the floods, it has been absolutely awesome to come up and support the community by running a fantastic athletics meet," he said. "We are just so impressed. It was a brilliantly run carnival."



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