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# ROCKS ON, ROCKS OFF

NO dancing means no rock 'n' roll – and any relief announced this Friday will be too late.

SA's Covid-19 restrictions on outdoor entertainment have forced the hugely popular Renmark Rocks On event to be cancelled for the first time.

The committee announced the decision this week and said the conditions, which

are unique to South Australia, made holding the festival unfeasible.

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SA Premier Steven Marshall is widely tipped to roll back dancing restrictions at a media conference this Friday, but the change will arrive too late for Renmark Rocks On organisers.

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Singling Maggle Produce's Sue Heward, with a copy of the latest SA Farmer magazine, which now offers a new digital option (SAFarmer.com.au). PHOTO: Delndre Graham

## SA Farmer in print...and now online

IT'S a whopping Murray Pioneer today – 100 pages in fact – and a big day for Taylor Group Media's quarterly SA Farmer magazine, which now has a digital option.

Inserted free inside today's Pioneer, the 52-page SA Farmer magazine provides extensive coverage of agricultural news, plus stories of primary producers throughout regional South Australia.

Today's topics include Monash-based dried fruit business owner Sue Heward,

pictured above reading the latest SA Farmer.

In addition, the new SA Farmer website has been officially launched, bringing stories about primary producers, small businesses and independent farmers, plus the latest agricultural news, developments and challenges. And all available at your fingertips.

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"Almondco already supports hundreds of jobs in the region and the new 27,000-bin warehouse will create another 25 jobs during construction and ongoing," Mr Whetstone said.

“This expansion will further provide a boost for local employment and open up new export opportunities due to higher processing capacity.

“This is good news for the local economy and local jobs and I am proud to be a part of a government which is backing South Australia’s

regions.”

Almondco managing director Brenton Woolston said utilising the new warehouse would increase the site's processing capability to 50,000 tonnes per year – compared to 29,500 in 2021 – by 2025.

"Almondco is proud of its history and is pro-actively planning and executing its growth strategies to meet increased tonnage from its contracted grower members across the Australian almond growing regions," Mr Woolston said.

“The ongoing support from the state government is pivotal in optimising sustainable returns to our growers.”

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, David Basham, said the warehouse would complement the recently installed processing facility, high-capacity optical sorting line, and wastewater plant.

“Almondco is a proudly South Australian company that is delivering high-quality almond products right across the world and this expansion will be a significant boost for not only for the Riverland



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left), and Almondco managing director Brenton Woolston, celebrate the announcement of a \$8.1m loan to construct a 10,000m2 warehouse at the Almondco headquarters.

**PHOTO: Deirdre Graham**

almond industry and community, but the state economy and local jobs,” Mr Basham said.

“The \$8.1 million loan from the state government will help

Almondco nearly double annual production over the next few years to an amazing 50,000 tonnes a year.

“The South Australian almond

industry produced 23,090 tonnes in the 2020 growing season with a gross regional product of \$223 million, with a high portion processed by Almondco.”



**Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager Glenda Malinovski (left), with journalist and special publications co-ordinator Elyse Armanini, showcasing Taylor Group Media's latest edition of *SA Farmer*, and the new SA Farmer website. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker**

# SA Farmer's new website

TODAY'S Murray Pioneer includes the Autumn 2022 edition of the popular quarterly SA Farmer magazine – and Taylor Group Media is pleased to announce the new SA Farmer website.

Now, stories about primary producers, small businesses and independent farmers, plus the latest agricultural news, developments and challenges, will all be available at your fingertips by visiting [SAFarmer.com.au](http://SAFarmer.com.au).

“With the printed SA Farmer being hugely successful, we’ve decided to go digital and expand the brand even further,” said Taylor Group Media managing director Ben Taylor.

“Now we can provide up-to-the-minute coverage of all things important to those on the land.

“This will also enable businesses to target the agricultural sector with a digital campaign, or a digital and print bundle.

“Media is changing and the SA Farmer brand is growing. Now we can offer a really powerful market-

ing solution across print and digital platforms.”



















The dedicated Taylor Group Media team of journalists across the Riverland, Mallee and Gawler/Barossa works hard to deliver a wide range of interesting stories for SA Farmer, showcasing the best in regional South Australian farming.

All the regular SA Farmer segments are now available 24/7 including horticulture and cropping, along with industry expert updates and 'weather and water'.

“We’ll be developing even more categories over future months to provide broader appeal,” Mr Taylor said.

“Regular updates on a social media site will also be forthcoming, so farmers of all persuasions are regularly reminded of and informed by this useful brand and platform.”

The brand-new website and content is accessible now by signing up to the free subscription service at [www.SAFarmer.com.au/subscriptions](http://www.SAFarmer.com.au/subscriptions)

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Renmark Rocks On has grown in popularity since first being staged in 2013, but uncertainty over Covid-19 restrictions have forced organisers to cancel this year's event, scheduled for next month. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopf

# The day the music died

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

SOUTH Australian restrictions surrounding outdoor entertainment have forced a Riverland event to be cancelled for the first time.

The Renmark Rocks On committee on Monday announced the 2022 event would be cancelled due to ongoing challenges caused by Covid-19.

A statement from the committee said current restrictions on entertainment activities – with dancing allowed in South Australia at dance studios and for wedding couples – made holding the festival unfeasible.

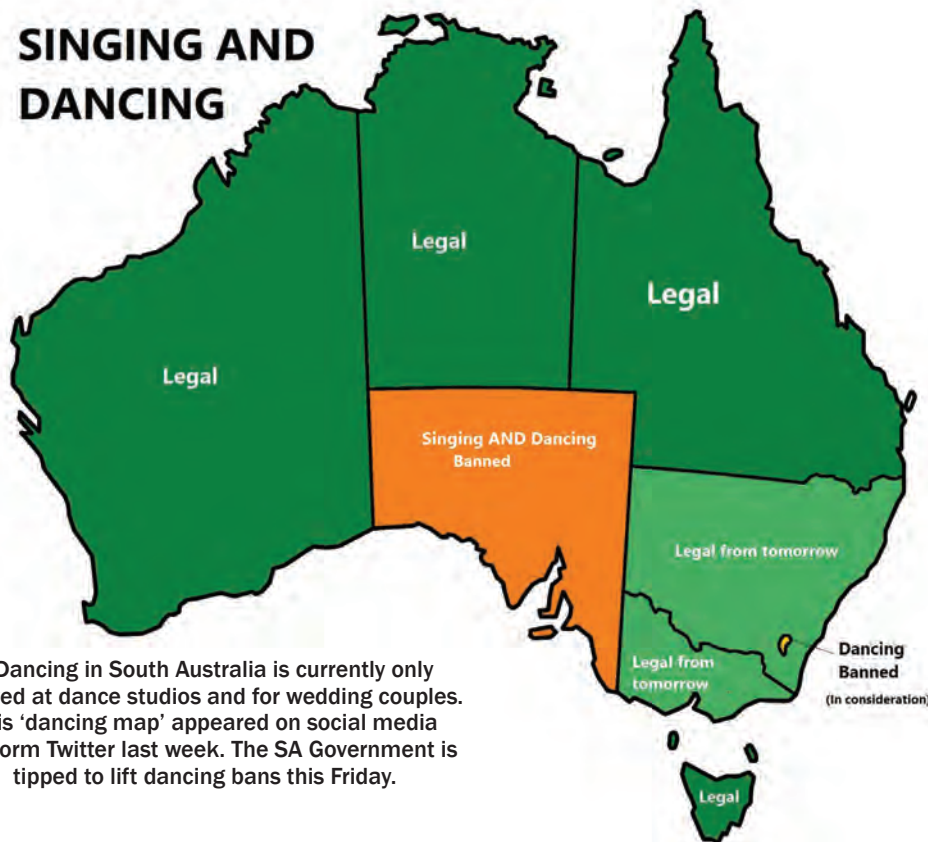
“Our number one priority has been to keep our attendees Covid safe, but... we need time to source financial sponsorships to provide the necessary funds to do an event like ours,” the statement read.

“Many arrangements have been put on hold pending confirmation of restrictions and the protocols required.

“We just snuck into the dates for 2020, and in 2021 we were able to still dance with limited numbers, but not have the markets. (However), 2022 has proven to be an unfortunate headache.

“We are extremely grateful to our small committee and helpers

## SINGING AND DANCING



●Dancing in South Australia is currently only allowed at dance studios and for wedding couples. This ‘dancing map’ appeared on social media platform Twitter last week. The SA Government is tipped to lift dancing bans this Friday.

for going above and beyond to try to get a positive and sustainable answer from the state government and the powers that be in SA Health.”

The first Renmark Rocks On was held at the Renmark Hotel, in March 2013, with 120 attendees over two nights.

The festival had also received

the Renmark Paringa Council Event of the Year award for 2022.

The Murray Pioneer understands Renmark Rocks On 2023 has been scheduled for March 16-20.



## Footy Tippers returning in season 2022

THE Murray Pioneer, Boats and Bedzzz AFL Footy Tippers competition is back – and truly bigger and better than ever in 2022.

Ahead of the launch of the 2022 AFL season, on Wednesday, March 16, the Pioneer has announced details of the prizes up for grabs this year.

First prize is a four-night houseboat holiday on Moving Waters supplied by Boats and Bedzzz – valued at \$2600.

Moving Waters is privately owned and operated, with a modern, spacious design and can accommodate up to 10 people in four bedrooms.

The large panoramic windows and large, shaded upper deck provide picturesque views of the passing landscapes whether inside or outside of the boat.

Moving Waters’ easy operation creates a comfortable and relaxing river getaway for any first-prize footy tipper.

A two-person kayak is also supplied in the holiday package.

“People love the Pioneer’s Footy Tippers competition and given everything that’s happened over the past couple of years, we’re keen to make the 2022 footy tipping season plenty of fun for our readers,” said Pioneer managing director Ben Taylor.

“We’re very fortunate to secure some great prizes this year, so I’d encourage all Pioneer readers to enter this season.

“We’ve got those great end-of-season prizes, but weekly prizes too.

“And best of all, it’s free to enter each week.”

**1st prize:** 4 night houseboat holiday on Moving Waters supplied by Boats and Bedzzz – valued at \$2600

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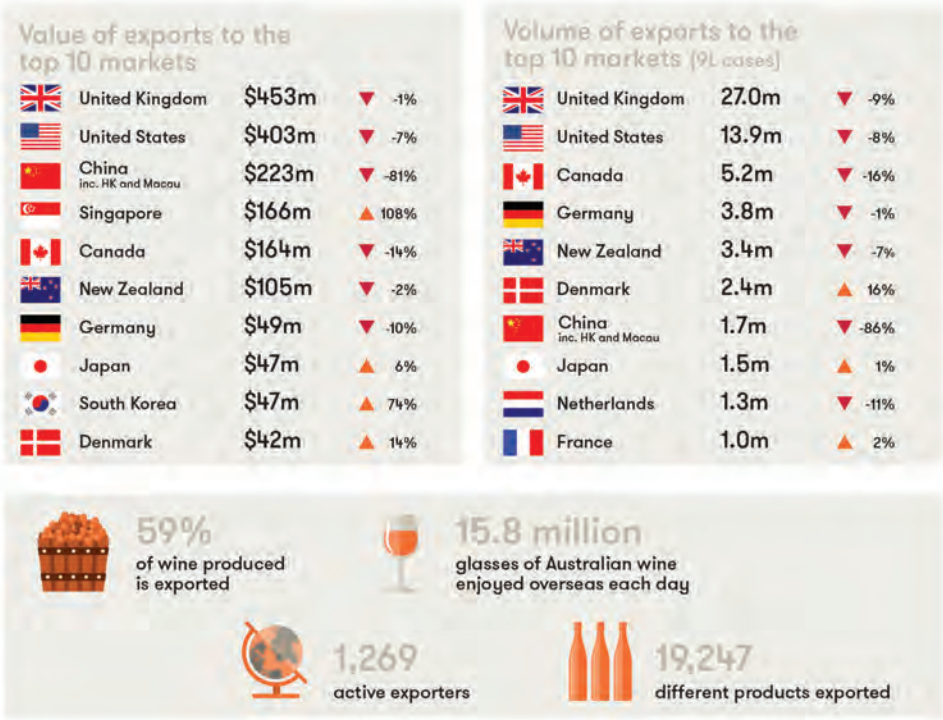


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# Aussie wine takes \$1bn hit in 2021



THE Riverland wine industry is feeling the sting of a near \$1bn drop in the value of Australian wine being sent overseas.

Figures from the latest Wine Australia Export Report – released earlier this month – showed a 30 per cent decrease in the value of exported Australian wine during 2021.

Wine Australia general manager for corporate affairs and regulation, Rachel Triggs, said wine exports to China had reduced by 97 per cent in value during the year, or nearly \$1bn.

“The pandemic is still disrupting the on-trade, the global freight crisis is continuing to cause shipping delays and increased freight costs, and while there was export growth to many destinations, it will take time to offset the loss in trade to mainland China,” she said.

“This is not something that will happen overnight, nor within a year.

“The 2021 calendar year represents the

The latest Wine Australia Export Report showed the value of exported Australian wine fell by 30 per cent in 2021 due to new tariffs introduced by China. IMAGE: supplied

first full 12-month period since very high deposit tariffs on Australian wine imported to China were imposed, and the global impact of the challenging operating environment can now be observed in full.

“Because the export figures are compared to the prior 12 months, we’ll keep seeing significant differences in the year-to-date export figures as a result of the deposit tariffs until the end of 2022.”

The report also revealed 10 per cent less 2021 vintage wine had been shipped during the year, compared to wine from the 2020 vintage during the previous 12 months.

Ms Triggs said challenges surrounding shipping costs and times were expected to continue in 2022.

“Exporters experienced both increased delay times and increased costs of containers over the past year,” Ms Triggs said.

“Australia also represents only 1 per cent of global container throughput, so we are at the mercy of bigger international players with this increased demand for freight. The crisis is not expected to be resolved before the end of 2022.

“A relatively high share of the small 2020 vintage was brought forward to ship in 2020, leaving a smaller amount left to ship in 2021.

“The 2020 vintage was the smallest vintage since 2007 and much of it was shipped in 2020 to the UK and the US in response to increased demand for Australian wine during Covid-19 and ahead of the Brexit transition

conclusion.”

However, Ms Triggs said a number of other international markets – including Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea – had increased consumption of Australian wine.

“Exports excluding mainland China increased by 7 per cent in value to \$2bn and decreased by 6 per cent in volume to 613 million litres,” she said.

“This is the first time that exports excluding mainland China have reached \$2bn for a calendar year since 2009.”

The full Wine Australia Export Report can be viewed by visiting the website ([www.wineaustralia.com/market-insights/export-report](http://www.wineaustralia.com/market-insights/export-report)).

“While there was export growth to many destinations, it will take time to offset the loss in trade to mainland China...”

- Rachel Triggs  
Wine Australia

# \$900k funding for Riverland wine programs

THE Riverland wine industry is set to benefit from more than \$900,000 of industry funding – announced this week – to deliver nearly 30 research, biosecurity and promotional programs.

Funded under the Riverland Wine Industry Fund, projects include local weather station maintenance, the implementation of an app to help improve grape quality, a dedicated region-based fruit fly co-ordinator, and funding towards the Riverland Wine and Food Festival 2022.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the Wine Industry Funds are important for local regions to deliver projects that may not otherwise happen.

“The Riverland is Australia’s largest wine growing and producing region, so it’s critical we continue to support the industry to innovate and grow,” Mr Whetstone said.

“By putting the prioritisation of the projects in the hands of those on the ground in the region, it ensures that any gaps are

addressed, enabling projects and services to be developed that provide real value to the local growers and winemakers.”

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, David Basham, said the projects would provide ongoing resources and support to the local wine and viticulture sector.

“The \$273 million Riverland wine industry is a critical part of our state economy and the \$900,000 of industry funds will help deliver new projects which

will drive growth and create jobs,” Mr Basham said.

“South Australia is without doubt the country’s ‘wine state’ and projects like this will only further enhance this reputation.

“The funding provides the capacity to innovate, the ability to adopt best industry practice and the resources required to respond positively to the demands of the modern market.

“Riverland Wine will distribute the funding which will cover areas such as regional promotion,

improved grape and wine production and policy issues that are impacting the health and state of their industry.

“The projects or initiatives to benefit from the fund have been identified as a high priority by Riverland’s wine makers and wine-growers.”

For further information on the Riverland Wine Industry Fund, visit the website ([http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/food\\_and\\_wine/wine/wine\\_industry\\_funds](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/food_and_wine/wine/wine_industry_funds)).

## Catch Up With Tim

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24**

Sunlands Service Centre, Ramco - 10.30am - 11.30am  
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Mount Mary Hotel - 2pm - 3pm  
Wunkar Tavern - 6pm - 7pm

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25**

Purnong Riverfront (near east ferry point) - 11am - 12pm  
Swan Reach General Store and Post Office - 12.30pm - 1.30pm  
Cambrai Store - 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
Sedan Hotel - 3.45pm - 4.40pm

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**TIM WHETSTONE MP**

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Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone says nearly 30 local research, biosecurity and promotional programs will be supported by the Wine Industry Fund.



# Sole traders, family businesses feeling Covid pressure... Shutdowns still hurting

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

MANY Riverland businesses are feeling the struggles of the current Covid-19 pandemic, having to shut their doors due to Covid infections or the protocol surrounding close contacts.

Loxton-based Riverland Sheds was closed for a week recently, with staff exposed to a positive Covid case, forcing the business owners and three of their employees into isolation.

Riverland Sheds owner Mel Sharrad said it was disappointing to have to close the business.

“In the first three days, we had three clients we were going to do roller doors for and a fence, so that was four clients and we had to say, ‘Sorry, can’t,’” she said.

“It would be around \$30,000 for the week that you haven’t got coming in because you haven’t done the job, maybe more.

“But, you are still paying the wages.”

Mrs Sharrad said she was left with just one staff member, who was away when the others were exposed to the close contact.

“You can’t do sheds with one person,” she said.

Mrs Sharrad said she was fearful of more downtime to the business in the future if staff members test positive or become close contacts again.



Riverland Sheds’ Mel Sharrad in front of the local, family business, which was forced to close its doors for a week due to a positive Covid case. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

“We just don’t want to have to do this again,” she said.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and

events manager Sonya Altschwager praised local businesses for complying with Covid-19 regulations and doing their best to keep

doors open.

“We understand a lot of them are sole traders, so they are going to be potentially hit more than others

who have higher staffing levels, who they can rotate through,” she said.

“Sole traders and family businesses are what make up

most of our business community.

“We have to do what we’ve got to do.”

**P18 Covid school problems**

## Footy club’s shed talks not set in concrete

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOCAL councillors have raised concerns about recently-aired suggestions surrounding new infrastructure for a Loxton sporting club.

At Friday’s Loxton Waikerie council meeting, elected member Kym Webber said he heard a recent ABC Riverland interview with a Loxton Football Club representative, who stated council would build a new shed when the

Loxton Sports Club was demolished.

“What’s going on?” Cr Webber told the chamber.

“The way (the representative) verbalised it, it was that it was going to happen and we were supporting it.

“It’s just disappointing, that’s all.”

Fellow councillor Clive Matthews said it was “frustrating” to hear suggestions about decisions yet to be made.

“I heard the same interview and as

an elected member... there was no mistaking what (was) said,” he said.

“It was that, ‘Council is installing a 27m x 9m shed that will have roller doors each side’.

“It’s very frustrating when you hear that.

“It hasn’t even come to council and you’re hearing about it, whether it’s true or not.”

Council CEO David Beaton refuted

any suggestion the new shed was confirmed.

“It can never be true until the council decides,” he said.

“All of it has to come to the council.”

In August last year, Loxton Football Club members voted to relocate their clubrooms to the mezzanine facility, within the multi-million dollar Precinct.

The decision meant the current clubrooms would be demolished.



Loxton Waikerie councillor Clive Matthews



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## EDITORIAL

## THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

### Footloose fallout for Rocks On

DESPITE the results of a poll released this week, the SA government made the right decision to reopen its borders on November 23.

The Renmark Rocks On committee might well ponder that date and wonder what went wrong... but more on that later.

Of the 602 South Australians surveyed, 51 per cent disagreed with the reopening decision, while just 42 per cent agreed.

An interesting follow-up question to that 51 per cent might have been, “If not November 23, then when?”.

Whether or not the government was adequately prepared for the opening is a separate, but not unrelated question.

But in at least aspiring to move back toward pre-Covid normalcy, even slightly, Premier Steven Marshall was headed in the right direction. And it is again worth remembering that whether by design or accident, or a combination of both, South Australia has done vastly better through the Covid-19 pandemic than Queensland, NSW and Victoria, with less lockdown days in particular.

However, that would be cold comfort at the moment for Renmark Rocks On organisers, who seemingly had little choice but to cancel their 2022 event, scheduled for next month.

South Australia’s ongoing – and patently ridiculous – dancing ban meant the committee was unable to guarantee to the hundreds of visitors that they could in fact dance. And dancing is a major part of the festival, which has grown rapidly since it was first staged by a bunch of enthusiastic locals in 2013.

Restrictions are being lifted incrementally in South Australia, and an announcement on the dancing ban is tipped to happen as soon as Friday, when the government’s latest Covid-19 update is staged.

Our real-life Footloose experience could be over.

But the Rocks On committee and all those looking forward to the March weekend will have to wait another year – and it didn’t need to be this way.

If we accept the shaky premise that dancing in nightclubs is somehow a high-risk Covid-19 activity, it must be noted that the Renmark Rocks On experience is something quite different.

Rock and roll dancing, with a designated partner, in a much more open environment, would be more “Covid safe” than a cramped, dark nightclub dancefloor.

An organiser told The Murray Pioneer this week that Renmark Rocks On 2022 was to be an alcohol-free event – another major difference to the nightclub scenario.

Perhaps most frustratingly, if the ban is lifted this Friday, the event could have been staged after all. However, as pointed out, organising such an event is a major undertaking that cannot be switched off and on at a whim, or the latest SA Health guidelines in this case.

It also takes time to undo plans, so the cancellation call had to be made early enough for visitors in particular to cancel bookings etc.

It has been estimated that the event brings half a million dollars to the region.

As of today, South Australia is the only state with a dancing ban. It is impossible to quantify what material benefit, if any, this ban has achieved, but likewise it is impossible to argue that it has achieved nothing.

“It would have been much worse without a dancing ban.”

In 2019, those exculpatory words could only have come from a Hollywood film. They are today’s reality in a post-Covid existence.



‘Snow’ Halls, World War I veteran, killed in the bombing of Darwin, February 19, 1942:

Commemorative events last week were held in recognition of the fall of Singapore and the tragic chain of events that followed 80 years ago. In early February that year, the invading Japanese army unexpectedly swept down the Malay Peninsula. By the 15th, the British allied forces in Singapore, including many Australians, surrendered. Great suffering and the deaths of many soldiers followed in the infamous Changi Prison, the devastating activities of the Burma Railway, and Hell-fire pass. On the 12th, the makeshift hospital ship, the Vyner Brooke, had steamed out of Singapore carrying many wounded soldiers, some civilians and 65 Australian army nurses. On the 14th, the ship was sunk, bombed by enemy aircraft. Many passengers made it to shore, but of necessity soon surrendered. On Radji Beach, 22 Australian nurses remained but were marched into the sea and shot from behind. One survived to tell the devastating story. On the 19th, the Japanese bombed Darwin, killing some 250 civilians and military personnel. One was civilian post office telegraphist ‘Snow’ Halls. Many other raids followed. The dark days of February 1942 saw many casualties: soldiers, nurses, and civilians. Lest we forget.

PHOTO: PA Magarey

ED: Telegraphist Halls, with bombs falling, remained at his post to dispatch an urgent Morse code message to Adelaide, advising that Darwin was under attack. He sent the message just before the bomb that killed him exploded on the post office. He was Peter Magarey’s grandfather.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Westpac decision was the right one

WELL done to Renmark Paringa councillors on their decision recently.

A 5/2 vote to remove the former Westpac Bank building is a good result for Renmark.

It will now enable the site to be cleared and the river front to be opened up.

This will enhance the river front even more.

Renmark has one of the best frontages along the Murray and this will make it even better.

ROGER EDMONDS  
Renmark

### Accommodation and eateries on avenue

I HAVE seen the Renmark Club’s plans for the Westpac building, and I support the club’s plans.

They have put a lot of effort and thought into them.

It does not look obtrusive to the river front – but I still think the Westpac building space should go back to lawn.

Wouldn’t it be better to look at a development like that from the river bank, rather than from the river? Essentially, you wouldn’t have to get into a boat to look at it.

So, knock over the building because that extra lawn will be valuable. You can’t get enough lawn space for events like the Dinghy Derby and having that space could bring in other events too.

Thinking more broadly, I believe the council should go to the owner of the shops along Murray Avenue, opposite Westpac and the club. It should ask the owner whether some sort of joint project is possible, or whether that land could be sold.

Because my idea is that from the National Bank down to Renmark Avenue corner, buildings get demolished, to provide shops and eateries, plus accommodation above, to access the river view.

Carparking could go behind that.

So, the order would be: river, club, road, eateries, accommodation and carparking.

Accommodation could be

two or three storeys high, but no more.

A suggestion could be to close Murray Avenue to traffic on Friday and/or Saturday nights, so eateries could serve meals on the street, with the inclusion of bands or similar entertainment, to enhance this hub and atmosphere.

I think that makes a lot more sense than developing the existing Westpac site, as we still get the development, but we also get the extra open space on the river front.

CRAIG LEUDERS  
Renmark

### Wow, council – we can only wonder why

I AM mostly satisfied with our elected members and the performance of the Renmark Paringa Council.

However, we can only wonder why our councillors chose to backflip their earlier decision to encourage developers to create an exciting opportunity for Renmark at 180 Murray Avenue.

What a time-wasting outcome this has been for developers and council staff.

As the mayor indicated in his responses on ABC Radio, one reason was no “wow factor” in the development options being considered, and yet, how can this be when no fully developed proposals were presented to council?

We may never know what could have been possible, what a reported \$30m investment in the site could have achieved for the community, the region, and the state.

I have no doubt that if developed carefully to preserve our history and the natural character of the river, the wow factor would have been the experience that visitors would have had on the site.

Most of the ingredients of “wow” are already in place when looking out over such a magnificent bend in the river.

Council’s decision to stop the process appears to have been based on slight community opposition to any form of development and a return to lawn, and yet as a member of the community I never heard a whisper

of opposition until two Renmark residents stated their views on the front page of The Murray Pioneer.

Was this the reason for the backflip or what was it?

I believe we elect councillors to lead and make courageous, well-informed decisions on our behalf, despite some opposition.

Failure to complete a process when it – council – held the power to approve an exciting development, or reject a proposal that didn’t deliver the “wow” is a leadership failure.

I look forward to our councillors telling us why they voted against the opportunity, and how that will align with the leadership skills they hope to bring to council at the next local government election later this year.

TONY SHARLEY  
Paringa

### Develop Renmark’s Westpac building

I AM writing in disgust at the very thought of wanting to remove the former Westpac building in Renmark, just to gain 32 metres of river front.

I believe this is short sightedness, extreme vandalism and sabotage.

Renmark already has an expansive river front to view and enjoy its beauty.

I believe the future of this building should be decided by prominent Renmark business leaders, and others, who could determine an attractive and positive future for this building.

This building is a significant and positive part of Renmark’s heritage and never should be removed, unless it has serious structural problems.

I don’t think there would be town or municipality in the whole country that wouldn’t love to be given the opportunity to develop this lovely building to a successful and profitable enterprise.

Renmark is a beautiful town with huge commercial potential to develop this building for tourists and locals to enjoy.

Having been a builder for more than 52 years, I can appreciate the serious amount of work and dedication that went into this building.

JULIAN NICKOLAI  
Loxton

### Plans didn’t meet the challenge

HOW disappointing it was to see our local member attacking Renmark Paringa Council on the front page of last week’s Murray Pioneer (‘What a waste’, 16/2/22).

While I am not a spokesperson for the Renmark Paringa Council, I can clearly state that council did survey the community, listen to residents, set criteria for submissions which would be innovative and progressive (perhaps like The Cube or Lot 14) and did have contact with previous councillors (and former mayor Rod Thomas) about the previous council’s intent.

We did discuss at length what was put before us on multiple occasions and most importantly we did factor in the significant planning that council has undertaken, as outlined by our CEO in the Pioneer on January 26, 2022 (‘A vision for Renmark’s commercial precinct and river front’).

We were supported through this process by external professionals, engaged by council.

On balance – and this is what this is about – the decision was to not proceed with the information presented to us.

It is not just about the money, despite Mark Yates’ statements that “any growth and development we can get in a small regional town, council should be supporting it...”.

It’s about balancing economic development with how all of our community can enjoy our magnificent river front – one of the best if not the best along the entire Murray.

There is and will continue to be significant opportunities for further development of our area and some of these are already evolving.

Renmark Paringa’s future is bright and we need to acknowledge that there is an incredible amount of ongoing work behind the scenes to shape our future.

But in this case, from my perspective at least, on balance what was submitted did not match the challenge offered to the proponents.

PETER HUNTER  
Renmark



## “What a time-wasting outcome this has been for developers and council staff...”

- TONY SHARLEY



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## Roadside vegetation being destroyed

WE live on Mindarie Road, Pyap West, and late last year we observed two actions which resulted in the cutting down/removal of native roadside vegetation.

The first event was the cutting down of Mallee trees underneath a 66kV transmission line.

While there is a requirement to maintain sufficient clearance underneath power lines, for most of the length of Mindarie Road the minimum clearance met the power line regulations.

Our concern was that trimming the trees actually increased the fuel load and hence the fire risk, besides leaving the trimmings in an untidy state.

We contacted Murray Zircon, who are responsible for maintaining the transmission line, expressing our concern.

They replied, saying that they would tidy up the cut branches. In January this year we re-contacted them asking when the work was going to be done.

No reply. We are still waiting.

The second event occurred when the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) graded Mindarie Road, as it does from time to time.

Along sections of the road the grader operator extended the formed road about one to two



metres either side.

This involved uprooting small trees and bushes, including some roadside markers.

Along its length, Mindarie Road is sufficiently wide to allow the unhindered passage of farmers' machinery.

The reason for this clearance

was not obvious.

Expressing our disappointment, we emailed a councillor, who contacted us say that the matter would be followed up.

Having not heard from DCLW, we contacted the councillor again who replied that an officer would contact us.

So far we have heard nothing. It dismays us that roadside vegetation seems to be considered a nuisance rather than an asset to be managed and maintained for the habitat it provides.

**TONY and JUDY MEISSNER**  
Mindarie Road, Pyap West

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**TEXT LINE**

So a few people aren't happy about the council's decision regarding the Westpac Bank ('What a waste', *Murray Pioneer*, 16/2/22). The council's decision was based on ratepayers' thoughts. Perhaps utilising buildings across the road might be a good idea. What about the Ozone? From what I hear the Westpac was coming down regardless of those who had an interest in the site. "Pay paradise to put up a parking lot."

**RED T**  
Renmark

Tim Whetstone showing some leadership by asking Renmark people if more dead space is really the best outcome from that bit of river-front land. He's right, other councils would have voted to develop it and create a few more jobs. Well said, Tim.

**CHRIS**  
Renmark

I disagree with the two key stakeholders mentioned in *The Murray Pioneer* last week. We should open up the river front and encourage investors and developers to rebuild on the opposite side of Murray Avenue. One-way traffic or no traffic on Murray Avenue would also help to make our beautiful river front even better. We do not need buildings on the actual river front.

**BILL**  
Renmark

Sorry Tim, but the locals have spoken clearly about the Westpac Bank site. Thankfully, this time it's about our beautiful river front and not money. Well done, Renmark Paringa Council.

**LINDA**  
Renmark

Tim's done it again, put his foot in it. Leave the Westpac site to the councillors to decide. Lost another

vote here, Tim.

**KYM**  
Lyrup

It must be near election time, because I haven't heard boo from Tim about economic development in the Riverland for about four years now. He has the audacity to have a crack at locally elected members doing what their ratepayers want and yet he, I believe, only looks after the North Terrace powerbrokers, votes how he's told to, to maintain pre-selection and get re-elected.

**DAVE**  
Renmark

What is it with politicians, and development and economic opportunities at any cost? Surely Tim knows the line from the song Big Yellow Taxi? "They paved paradise put up a parking lot..." As a former Renmarkian, the council in my view have got this one right.

**MK**  
Berri

As a general rule, older people won't want a development on the Westpac site. Younger, more progressive people will. Which ones are going to be around in 10, 20 or 30 years' time?

**BOB**  
Barmera

Interesting how even you, the Pioneer, put those councillors who voted against developing on the Westpac bank site in red – showing the readers that you think it was wrong? And dedicating three pages to it? And it's nothing to do with Tim Whetstone, by the way. It was the correct decision, and should have been bulldozed years ago. It's only 84 years old, not 840 years old. It will be a lovely lawned area for all to enjoy and perhaps even hire the area out for marquee weddings and events

etc. No other Riverland council has as many buildings on their river front as Renmark does. There's no way the Renmark Club could run another facility next door. Well done. Renmark Paringa Council. I look forward to seeing the area opened up for us all to enjoy.

**MEL**  
Renmark

In response to the text from Rosalind of Renmark (16/2/21) regarding wake boat damage, I know you only used Lake Bonney as an example, but I don't think shifting the problem is the solution.

**KATHY**  
Barmera

Bloke worried about vaccine mandate with a cigarette in his mouth ('Local grower joins Canberra convoy', *Murray Pioneer*, 16/2/21)?

**DAVID**  
Loxton

It seems strange, doesn't it, that George Simos is so very concerned about the possible damage to his health that a Covid-19 jab might cause, yet is unconcerned by the real danger of lung cancer caused by his smoking habit?

**BARRY H**  
Barmera

I was glad to read that people like George are willing to fight for what they believe in. I have been double-jabbed, but I won't get the booster unless I absolutely have to.

**HL**  
Loxton

Steven Marshall flagged last week that a fourth jab will be required. Would it be quicker to install an intravenous point in people for constant feed? When will someone discover that the "vaccine" is at best a symptom reducer? Roll on, Covax19.

**MJD**  
Sunlands

Can *The Murray Pioneer* please give some reporting space to what is happening with Covid numbers in this area? It's almost like the pandemic doesn't exist in this area. Or is it just being "smoothed over" or "covered over" for the sake of tourism? We, as residents, have a right to know what is going on.

**CONCERNED**  
Renmark

Nice article showing the services provided in our little town, Paringa (*Pioneer*, 16/2/22). Pity it did not include a fully functioning supermarket and post office as well.

**DARRIN**  
Paringa

CFS captain Shaun Arnold is dead right when he states that trucks are big and cumbersome and anything can go wrong. I add that they are noisy, intimidating, getting bigger, dangerous and a downright nuisance to regular everyday recreational road users.

**GARY**  
Waikerie

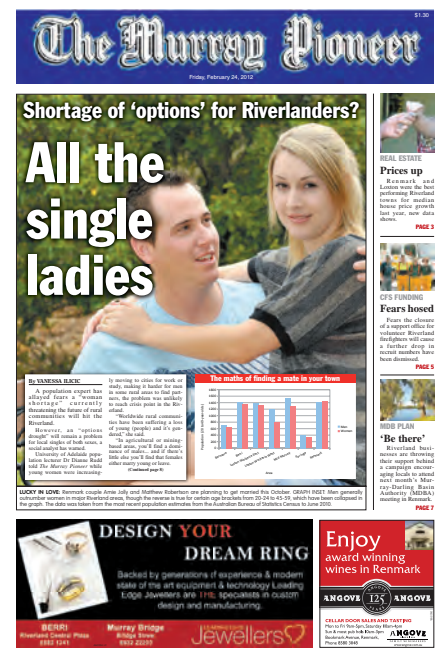
I don't think sitting in Colin Jennings Park in Berri and trying to bust people driving to work and going a few kilometres over 60km/h at 6am is the best use of local police resources. Also, is that an accident hot spot? Why don't they get focus on trying to get the reckless drivers out there? There are plenty.

**ROB**  
Berri

Ralf Nobile for Berri Barmera mayor.

**BRIAN**  
Glossop

## Looking back... 10 years ago February 24, 2012



**SHORTAGE OF 'OPTIONS' FOR RIVERLANDERS? ALL THE SINGLE LADIES:** A population expert has allayed fears a “woman shortage” currently threatening the future of rural communities will hit the Riverland. However, an “options drought” will remain a problem for local singles of both sexes, a social analyst has warned.

**20 years ago February 22, 2002**



**'POWER OF ONE' POPULAR:** Nearly 90% of Riverlanders surveyed have supported a proposal to buy electricity in bulk in an attempt to secure cheaper prices next year. Power prices are predicted to surge from January 1 next year, when South Australians enter the national electricity market. The Central Irrigation Trust has surveyed its 3200 customers, including growers and households on irrigation water, to gauge support for the bulk power proposal.

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A concept design for the re-developed Hotel Renmark bistro area. Construction on the project is set to begin on Monday. IMAGE: supplied



# Hotel’s new look, new name

By **HUGH SCHUITMAKER**  
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A NEW-look restaurant and increased accommodation options at the community-owned Renmark Hotel – soon to be known as the Hotel Renmark – are part of a long-term development estimated to be worth over \$10m.

The Renmark Hotel has announced renovations of the Nanya would begin on Monday, as part of long-term upgrades to the premises.

Renmark Hotel general manager Darren Baker said both formal and casual dining would be offered at the new bistro.

“The big works in the Nanya start on Monday,” Mr Baker said.

“We’ll give the inside a complete facelift, and the deck outside will go as well. We’re going to build a two-storey deck outside, and our aim is to become a one-hatted restaurant (through the Australian Good Food Guide).

“You have to meet a criteria, and we think we can get that. That’s our goal.

“That will be there Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.”

Mr Baker said it was necessary for the hotel – which will revert to its original name during the process – to cater for a range of dining and accommodation preferences.

“We thought it was time, when we’re moving into a new stage of revitalising the hotel, to rebrand,” he said.

“If we don’t make change, then it just stays the same.

“Tourism is booming, and there is a shortage of accommodation in the Riverland.”

Mr Baker said views of the River Murray would be highlighted as part of the redevelopment.

“About eight carparks will be removed, and the reason for that is because they are on hotel land,” he said.

“The footpath will be re-directed around, and that allows for uninterrupted views of the river.

“The carparks on the other side of the road will stay.”

It is understood the entire construction project will cost between \$13m and \$16m.

Mr Baker said the group accommodation – located in the former Galaxy Room building and funded through a \$1m grant under the federal government’s the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development



Program – would also generate benefits for other local businesses.

“Work on the group stays has been happening since November, and that’s really progressing well,” he said.

“It’s probably at 70 per cent completion, and we’re hoping it will be ready in May.

“That can host community groups that are visiting the region, and the more heads on pillows is better for the community.

“They all travel here, buy a coffee and eat somewhere else, and that’s exactly what the town needs.”

**“If we don’t make change, then it just stays the same...”**

- Darren Baker

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# Vietnam export access good news for growers

RIVERLAND stone fruit growers are set to benefit from successful negotiations to sell fruit into a new international market.

The federal government recently announced exporters of peaches and nectarines would be granted market access into Vietnam.

Summerfruit SA chairman Jason Size, speaking to the Advertiser, said the decision was crucial to supporting growers through current economic challenges.

“This gives us the extra advantage of moving fruit to a market that is not domestic,” Mr Size said. “Vietnam looks like it’s going to be a really good option for growers who currently export.”

Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud told the Advertiser there was high demand for fresh fruit among a “growing middle class” in Vietnam.



Long-time Renmark resident Margaret Duggin

# River-front plan nothing new, says town stalwart

# ‘I heard that 65 years ago’

PAUL MITCHELL

MARGARET Duggin says keeping Renmark’s river front open – free from buildings – was an aspiration 65 years ago.

Debate is raging about a recent decision to demolish the former Westpac building on Murray Avenue to open up extra river frontage within the town’s traditional retail zone.

Those against the plan want the site developed, while certain others backing the demolition have pointed to a council motion from 22 years ago that ostensibly favoured extra river frontage.

However, Mrs Duggin says that objective pre-dates the 2000 council vote, and in fact goes way back to 1957.

Mrs Duggin worked at the Renmark Council office from 1956 to 1962 and said town clerk Jim Lewis had clear views on the subject, specifically the building at 180 Murray Avenue.

“It was after the 1956 flood of course, and they were doing rehabilitation work (along the river front),” she said.

“The first thing he said – only to us in the office, I don’t think it went to council – was that it was a pity that building hadn’t fallen into the river.

“He said, ‘Why didn’t the council have the brains to push it into the river to reclaim some of the river bank?’

“He said it should never have been put there in the first place – and that was 1957.

“So, Rod Thomas (former mayor) was talking about 22 years ago, but Jim Lewis was saying this 65 years ago.”

While some may disagree with Mr Lewis’s view, nobody can dispute Mrs Duggin’s recollections.

“I’m actually the only person still alive who worked for the Renmark council in the 1956 flood,” she said.

“And I’ve got a pretty good memory.”

Mrs Duggin also backs the recent decision to demolish the building.

“I’ve been all around the world and if you go somewhere where there’s a sea or a river and that’s what you want to look at,” she said.

“You don’t want to be upstairs. You stay in a motel unit to sleep, you’re not sitting there looking out at this scenery.

“Where they should put a motel is across the road, where all those damned old decrepit-looking buildings have been since 1956.”

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# ‘We bought it to demolish it’



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# Doctor influx brings some good health to Riverland

**JOSH BRINE**

A NEW crop of more than 15 doctors have started working in the region's local health network, following the launch of a new medical training pathway last month.

The influx of junior doctors includes medical interns and registered medical officers (RMOs) who are part of the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network's (RMCLHN) new Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence (RACE).

RMCLHN executive director of clinical innovation Professor Paul Worley said the interns began in January, while RMOs started in early February.

"We have five interns based in Berri, Barmera and Renmark, and we have the RMOs in Berri, Loxton, Murray Bridge and Mannum," he said.

"It is so encouraging to have seen the enthusiasm with which the junior

doctors have taken up our positions.

"We have already attracted a number of doctors who have (brought) additional skills to our region.

"For instance, three of our trainees have public health qualifications, so we're in a position now to establish a public health unit within the LHN."

Intern Dr Kyle Selga, who grew up in Renmark, said the opportunity to undergo his training in the region was attractive to him.

"It's a new program in the country, and I like living in the country as well," he said.

"It was a lifestyle choice, and you also get more supervision one-on-one with a consultant instead of running around with a team of about 20 in Adelaide."

Dr Selga said the five-year contracts offered through RACE, as opposed to the typical one-year or six-month contracts for junior doctors, was also a "selling point".



Doctors Kyle Selga (left), Joshua Buchecker, Sinead Turner, Jerida Burgess and Steve Behan with the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network's executive director of clinical innovation, Professor Paul Worley and medical education officer Sharon Frahn. PHOTO: supplied

"Having a five-year contract instead of having to renew it and chase after a job every year makes it easier to plan for the future as well," he said.

Prof Worley said the success of the program, which gives junior doctors experience in hospital and general practice settings, reflected "the quality of the doctors and the health services in the region".

"These junior doctors are seeking the very best supervision in their training and they're recognising that they can get that excellent train-

ing here in the Riverland," he said.

"Once you've lived in our region for five years, I think you'll be convinced to stay here for your career.

Prof Worley said the RMCLHN would look to expand the program and recruit more doctors for its 2023 intake.

"Also next year we will be working with the two GP colleagues to ensure these doctors have access to training in all the wonderful general practices in our region," he said.

"The key outcome is that



Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence (RACE) intern Dr Kyle Selga at the Riverland General Hospital. PHOTO: Josh Brine

we have a region where – both in our general practices and our hospitals – we are training the workforce we need and no longer having to rely on a locum workforce.

"Some of the junior doctors had already been work-

ing as students in the region.

"That's the aim of the program – that you come here as a student and you don't have to leave."

**PAGE 14** New paramedics

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# Call to recognise local volunteers

VOLUNTEER organisations and community groups in the Riverland and Mallee are encouraged to nominate volunteers for outstanding service in the 2022 Premier’s Certificate of Recognition.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the certificates are an opportunity to recognise outstanding volunteers.

“The operation of many local organisations would not be possible without the passion, dedication and commitment of our volunteers,” Mr Whetstone said. “The Premier’s Certificate of Recognition program has seen many worthy volunteers receive recognition across the region in recent years, to acknowledge volunteers who make outstanding commitments and contributions to the community.”

“I encourage local organisations and community groups to nominate an individual or group of volunteers to receive this prestigious award, who have significantly contributed to our community or demonstrated leadership or promoted volunteering in the community.”

Mr Whetstone said Chaffey has many valued volunteers who make “an enormous contribution to our region”.

“It’s important we recognise those who put the needs of others before their own,” he said.

“There is no dollar value that can be put on the value of the contribution they make to our community.

“It’s just a small way to say thank you to our volunteers in the Riverland for their outstanding service.”

To nominate, or to learn more about the 2022 Premier’s Certificate of Recognition, visit the Department of Human Services ([dhs.sa.gov.au](https://dhs.sa.gov.au)) or contact the DHS team on 1300 014 712 or at [ofv@sa.gov.au](mailto:ofv@sa.gov.au) for further information or assistance.



The Waikerie Lions Club will be moved on from its river-front location. INSET: Loxton Waikerie councillors Kym Webber (top) and Deb Thiele.

# ‘End of lease is end of lease’

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A WAIKERIE service club’s lease of a prominent river-front building will cease as planned next month – despite some protestations.

In December, Loxton Waikerie council agreed to evoke the Waikerie Lions Club’s lease of the old Bond store with a view to seek expressions of interest of the site for commercial development, preferably with a tourism and hospitality focus.

However, at this month’s meeting, councillors quashed the Lions Club’s recent request to

store its food van and barbecue trailer in the premises until the building is occupied.

“If end of lease is end of lease, I believe everything should be removed from the site,” Loxton Waikerie councillor Kym Webber told the chamber.

Councillor Deb Thiele said it was wrong to assume the building would be vacant and “doing nothing”.

“We’ve had no ability to do anything about (the building) because the Lions have been there,” she said.

Councillor Clive Matthews said he “completely agreed” with Cr Thiele.

“As long as there is stuff in that shed, we can’t move forward with anything, as far as I am concerned,” he said.

“End of lease is end of lease.

“There are other sheds and other community groups that have vans that don’t live in sheds. “We are trying to accommodate them, but this has gone on and I think it should be completely empty.”

In December, council agreed to offer the Lions club vacant shedding (the former Apex shed) at Penaluna Drive with use of the common room and toilets under a shared facility lease/license.

Council also agreed to consid-

er installing a second roller door into the shed and assist Lions in relocating.

In December, Waikerie Lions Club president Pam Stendara told the Murray Pioneer that the vacant shedding at Penaluna Drive was “not big enough”.

However, Cr Thiele said there were other options to consider.

“I am sure there are a few sheds around Waikerie,” she said.

“I know in other situations, they work within their community to find where sheds for non-for-profit and community organisations are and shedding is found.”

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# Human remains found in Loxton



Human remains were discovered by Loxton Waikerie council workers at a site at Habel's Landing last week. It has since been determined to be an Aboriginal burial site. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

## STEPHANIE THOMPSON

HUMAN remains were discovered by local council workers at a location near Loxton last week.

A SAPOL spokesperson said the remains were deemed to be of Aboriginal heritage.

"A bone was found by coun-

cil workers undertaking works at Habel's Landing on Wednesday, February 16," the spokesperson said.

"It has been determined to be an Aboriginal burial site and the Aboriginal Heritage Branch, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division,

Department of the Premier and Cabinet have been advised."

Loxton Waikerie council staff were clearing the site for new roads and infrastructure at the houseboat mooring site, located about 3km from the Loxton township.

Council CEO David Beaton

said relevant authorities, including the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation, were notified.

"We'll observe whatever it is we need to do to make sure it's handled well, out of respect," Mr Beaton said.

# Kindergarten renos mean kids have more room for activities

## STEPHANIE THOMPSON

WORKS to a local kindergarten are on track to be finished by next term.

The Loxton Preschool Centre is undergoing major renovations to include a reception area, along with new group spaces and an office.

Berri portfolio early childhood leader Mandy James said the project was in the pipeline for a "long time".

"The instigator of it was to improve secu-

rity at the site for both children and staff," she said.

"The new building is providing a reception area, so that when anybody comes into the centre, they are separate from coming into the main room where all the children are."

Mrs James said new rooms for group work would be beneficial for children.

"We run lots of small group work for literacy, numeracy and story work and we run out of space where to go with a group," she said.

"There is a room that will be another breakout room that can take a group of children to work in.

"Then behind the reception area, there is a new office for the staff, which means the old office has been converted into another breakout room to work with groups of children."

"It will be really good."

Mrs James said the project was mostly self-funded, with support from a state government grant.



In front of the new works to the Loxton Preschool Centre were students Jai Abbotts, 3, and Ayvah Spanos and Kieren Field, both 4, with Berri portfolio early childhood leader Mandy James. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

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# Chaffey Nats candidate catches up with Barnaby

CHAFFEY candidate Damien Buijs says he brought up local issues while meeting Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce in Adelaide last weekend. Mr Buijs attended the SA National Party's campaign launch, where the party's national leader, Mr Joyce, was the star attraction. Mr Buijs thanked "those from the Riverland who made the effort to attend the launch", which was opened by SA National Party presi-

dent and MacKillop candidate Jonathan Pietzsch. Mr Buijs said he was determined to support initiatives such as the Flinders Rural Medical School and the Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence in order to provide local state-of-the-art training for upcoming medical professionals. "What we are seeing is medical students travelling to the city for their studies, getting offered jobs in the city,

and then staying there," he said. "This is where the staffing problem for rural health care providers is starting, and we need to nip the problem in the bud before it begins by training local medical professionals here in the Riverland and ensuring there is a job waiting for them once they graduate. "As it is easier to keep a local, local, than it is to pull out medical professionals from the city."

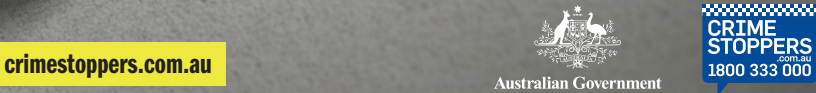


Chaffey candidate Damien Buijs with leader of The National Party, Barnaby Joyce, in Adelaide last weekend. PHOTO: supplied

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## Flows, boats damage retaining wall

MID Murray Council has closed off access to the retaining wall near the Morgan Boat ramp. CEO Ben Scales said the area was closed about two weeks ago for safety reasons. He said high river flows and damage from boats had caused erosion of the retaining

wall, which was designed to protect the river bank. "Council is considering its options at present and looking at how to repair the issue," Mr Scales said.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Crime Stoppers takes aim at illicit guns

CRIME Stoppers SA is putting its support behind a national effort to reduce the number of illegal firearms in the community by asking Riverlanders to share what they know about illegal guns and safely surrender any they may have, without penalty. Crime Stoppers is partnering with SA Police to raise awareness about this important community safety campaign, which builds on the success of a national firearms amnesty promotion last year that led to more than 11,000 guns surrendered or seized. Crime Stoppers SA CEO, Nigel Smart, said with an estimated 260,000 unregistered guns across the nation, all South Australians should think about how they would feel if they stayed silent about an illegal gun which was then used to harm or kill someone. "South Australia is certainly not immune from the devastating impacts that come with having illegal firearms in the hands of criminals," Mr Smart said. "We have seen the tragic loss of life and severe injuries that occur when people turn a blind eye and allow illegal firearms to remain in the community. "The demand for illegal firearms is driven by organised crime groups right through to low-level individual criminals, who want and use firearms to protect their interests, threaten and intimidate and commit violent acts. "If you suspect that someone has an illegal gun, share what you know with Crime Stoppers before it is too late. Report safely without the need to say who you are, get



involved, or put yourself at risk of harm." During the three-month campaign, a range of community engagement and promotional events in regional and metropolitan communities across South Australia will encourage people to share what they know about illegal guns, and to safely surrender any they may have in their possession. To share information about an unregistered or illegal gun, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a tip online (crimestopperssa.com.au). Being caught with an unregistered or illegal firearm outside of amnesty conditions could result in a significant fine, imprisonment and a criminal record. More information about how and where to surrender unwanted, unregistered and illegal firearms can be found here: <https://crimestoppers.com.au/illegalguns/>



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# 'Disappointment' at new fruit fly detection

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RIVERLANDERS have been advised to monitor backyard trees for fruit fly larvae, after a new local detection extended quarantine measures.

Fruit fly restriction dates in Renmark West and Pike River were last week extended until May 6, after the detection of larvae on a residential property in Renmark.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the pest continued to pose risks for local growers.

"Fruit fly is one of the world's worst plant pests and causes havoc for our fruit and vegetable growers and billion-dollar horticulture industry," Mr Whetstone said.

"This is another detection in a backyard, and we are urging people to exercise hygiene, remove all fruit and make sure any fallen fruit is picked up.

"The extension of the outbreak is disappointing as our growers have worked hard to help eradicate fruit fly outbreaks.

"While we have a great success rate in eradicating fruit fly, we want to keep it that way and we need everyone to do the right thing."



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (right) and Riverland-based Legislative Council Member Nicola Centofanti participating in the release of sterile fruit flies, to combat local outbreaks of the pest, last year.

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Fruit fly outbreaks in Berri, Monash and Cooltong were previously declared over in December.

PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response, Nick Secomb, said control methods – including the release of sterile fruit flies – would continue in the Renmark West and Pike River zones.

"Summer months typically see an increase in fruit fly detections due to the warmer weather," Mr Secomb said.

"The Riverland eradication program currently under way will now be extended to address this

detection, including sterile fly releases.

"If you live near the detection site, you may also be visited by our fruit fly officers in orange overalls to check your fruit for signs of fruit fly.

"Special arrangements for the movement of commercial produce will continue, and now we are approaching citrus season, unfortunately the 6 May end-date will impact citrus growers in the affected area."

Riverlanders who detect any fruit fly larvae in backyards are urged to contact the Fruit Fly hotline on 1300 666 010.



The use of the new AgPick Orchard app – in development by AgPick Technology and Berri-based Ingy's Citrus – is expected to increase worker productivity and efficiency on local horticultural properties. PHOTO: supplied

## Technology to monitor pickers and save time

RIVERLAND growers are set to benefit from the development of new technology aimed at allowing workers on fruit orchards to operate more autonomously.

AgPick Technology, in collaboration with Berri-based Ingy's Citrus, have recently developed the AgPick Orchard app, aimed at increasing productivity and ensuring fruit traceability for horticultural properties.

Ingy's Citrus director Michael Ingerson expected utilising the technology would save his business 15 hours each week in manual data collection.

"We're generally on the forefront with technology," Mr Ingerson said.

"If we can identify an automated way to save time and create efficiencies, we're all for it."

AgPick Technology chief

executive officer, Henrietta Child, said the app would help growers meet requirements of the incoming Horticultural Award.

"The technology will work with pickers' own equipment, it will not be reliant on supervisors and there will be no badge or bin scanning in the orchard," Ms Child said.

"It's a 'hands-off' solution yet provides information about who picked a bin and where they picked it.

"With pickers registered in the system, the app uses GPS locating to enable monitoring and reporting of pickers' progress with little or no supervision.

"The new app is very light on data use and will run on most phones with GPS functionality. Training is minimal as the app does it all for us."

Ms Child said the technology would also be beneficial

for other Riverland horticultural industries.

"Ingy's Citrus approached us with some concepts for an automated picking solution and asked us to make it happen," she said. "We're excited to be working with such a forward-thinking and dynamic operation.

"Any fresh produce operation which harvests by hand can use it, and implementation can be very straightforward.

"But it has particular relevance to tree crops and environments where pickers may be working with less supervision."

Further information regarding AgPick Orchard, and becoming a tester for the technology, can be obtained by contacting AgPick Technology on 7127 1095, or by email (info@agpick.com).

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# New paramedics for Renmark and Berri

NEW graduate paramedics are hitting the road in the Riverland, strengthening local emergency care.

Across South Australia, 14 have been employed, including one each in Renmark and Berri, and all were welcomed through the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS)'s Graduated Paramedic Pathway (GPP).

The 14 graduates are the second group to complete the pathway, bringing the total number of GPP recruits to 32. The pathway gives experienced and qualified ambulance officers the opportunity to gain tertiary paramedicine qualifications and begin their paramedic career.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade said the new recruits hit the road earlier this month and are in addition to SAAS's annual recruitment of intern paramedics, which has doubled in 2022 and will be maintained at that higher level again in 2023.

"Our 14 new recruits are undertaking Diploma level courses delivered by Central Queensland University,

whilst at the same time working for SAAS and gaining valuable experience on the road under the guided support of paramedic mentors," Mr Wade said.

SA Ambulance Service's Robert Tolson said the pathway had been "very successful" to date, attracting candidates from a range of backgrounds, including some who have previously been volunteers for SAAS.

"The introduction of a pathway for our ambulance officers to become qualified paramedics gives them the option to study and gain valuable skills and paramedic experience, whilst on the job," said Mr Tolson.

"Paramedicine is a very highly regarded profession and it is absolutely fantastic that we have been able to offer those who already have a passion for healthcare the opportunity to be our paramedics of the future and stay in regional communities.

"We are delighted to welcome our new recruits to SAAS."



Twelve of SA's 14 new graduate paramedics. Two have been stationed in the Riverland. PHOTO: supplied



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## Local clinics to administer Novavax

NOVAVAX Covid-19 vaccines are beginning to be rolled out through Riverland general practices and pharmacies, with the jab becoming available in South Australia from this week.

Renmark and Berri medical clinics have both announced they will offer the jabs, while pharmacies in Berri, Loxton and Waikerie are listed as Novavax clinics on the federal government's vaccine clinic finder.

Premier Steven Marshall said about 40 GPs and pharmacies, plus three state government-run clinics, would distribute the vaccine across the state.

"It is important for South Australians to take every

opportunity to receive a Covid-19 vaccine which is why we continue to provide access to Covid-19 vaccines across our state, utilising supplies provided by the Commonwealth Government," he said.

"This is another opportunity for South Australians who are yet to be vaccinated to protect themselves, their family, their work colleagues and the broader community – and is another weapon in our arsenal in the fight against Covid-19."

SA's chief public health officer Professor Nicola Spurrier said the arrival of Novavax meant South Australians have even more choice when it comes to get-

ting vaccinated.

"It is important that South Australians are comfortable with the vaccine they receive," she said.

"It is wonderful that they can now choose between a number of different vaccines including mRNA vaccines Pfizer and Moderna and now the protein vaccine Novavax.

"Novavax is available for people aged 18 and over, so if this is the vaccine of your choice, please make an appointment as soon as they become available."

Novavax vaccinations will be administered in two doses, at least 21 days apart.

To find a Novavax clinic, visit covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/.

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- Professor Nicola Spurrier



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## More than 100 cases in Renmark Paringa

MORE than half of the region's current Covid-19 cases are located in one council area.

The latest figures from SA Health showed Renmark Paringa Council had the most active Covid-19 cases in the Riverland with 115.

As of yesterday, Berri Barmera Council had 44 current active cases, with 19 also present in Loxton Waikerie. The local region labelled as "Unincorporated SA", which includes the Gerard area, had 10 cases.

Berri Barmera have recorded the most confirmed positive cases with 446, with a total of 358 being recorded in Renmark Paringa, 353 in Loxton Waikerie and 93 in the "Unincorporated SA" local district.

Further information regarding current Covid-19 case numbers in the Riverland can be found by visiting the SA Health website (www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/home/dashboard/heatmap).

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At the site where Loxton's Tasting Australia event will be held in April were District Council of Loxton Waikerie economic development advisor Ella Winnall, RDAMR AFTD project manager Julie Bates, Duncan Welgemoed, Mark Best, Destination Riverland general manager Ben Patten.



Africola owner and chef Duncan Welgemoed, Singing Magpie Produce owner Sue Heward and Marque restaurant owner and chef Mark Best. Both Duncan and Mark will lead the menu for Loxton's Tasting Australia event in April, and toured Sue's fig plantation during their recent produce tour. PHOTOS: supplied

# Top chefs praise Riverland produce

TWO top chefs have praised the Riverland, its growers and its produce ahead of a special dinner in April.

Adelaide-based Duncan Welgemoed and Sydney's Mark Best visited the region recently as part of a four-day food and wine discovery mission to inspire a Tasting Australia feast to be held in Loxton.

Mr Welgemoed described the Riverland's produce as "world class".

"After having this visit, I honestly can't believe there's not more Riverland produce on our Australian menus," he said.

"I want to have some influence in not only bringing this produce to more Australian menus, but also supporting producers to learn how to make this happen themselves too – because the food and wine

deserve to be there."

Over four days, the culinary experts explored venues from farms to wineries and eateries, meeting with local producers, chefs and retailers to learn about and sample the Riverland's finest.

During their stay, the chefs visited 23 businesses, and tasted 100-plus different food and beverage products.

Butchers, bakers, winemakers, fishers, growers and more all featured on the itinerary, with products ranging from a seedless lemon to figs, almonds, capers, and native foods, including river mint.

The chefs also used their time to exchange ideas and mentor chefs and business owners, sharing their culinary skills with Riverland's food and wine sector.

Mr Best said he enjoyed learning about the Riverland's produce,



Mark and Duncan taste fresh Riverland almonds direct from the Almond Board of Australia's ACE (Almond Centre of Excellence) orchard in Loxton. Providing the almonds on the day were the ABA's marketing officer Lou Martin and ABA's industry development officer John Fielke.

people and diversity.

"The Riverland visit has changed any preconceived ideas we had about the area," he said.

"The Riverland has passionate growers and all of the natural resources it needs to become a world-class destination, plus it has the physical assets of the river, the light and the history that make it so unique."

The Riverland Chef Tour

was a collaboration between Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, Destination Riverland and regional businesses.

The Agri Food and Tourism Development program is funded by the Australian Government under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program.

Both chefs will now create a unique banquet of local food for the local event.

Diners will be treated to an exquisite feast, matched with Riverland wines, on the banks of the Murray River at Loxton during Let the Good Times Flow: A Feast of the Riverland on Saturday, April 30.

For more information, or to book tickets, visit the website ([tastingaustralia.com.au](https://tastingaustralia.com.au)).

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## Local women's day breakfast coming up

LOCAL women are invited to a special breakfast next month.

The Rotary Club of Loxton will host its annual International Women's Day Breakfast at the Loxton Hotel, with all invited.

This year's guest speaker is criminologist Pippa Pech (pictured), who is a criminologist, investigator, emergency management planner, incident management specialist, project manager, IT enthusiast and "spreadsheet lover".

The breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 6, from 8.30am, with a full breakfast from 8.45am.

Tickets are \$25 and available via the website (<https://bit.ly/32WmLQ0>).

Tickets are also available at the Loxton Rotary Opportunity Shop.

## Berri Uniting Church to host World Day of Prayer event

THE Berri Uniting Church will host the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 4, from 10am.

Each year different churches take turns to host the service.

"Robyn Raeder is guest speaker this year and the theme is based on God's word to us, 'I know the plans I have for you'," a spokesperson said.

"All are welcome and morning tea will follow."

The spokesperson said churches all around the world will share the same theme.

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# Breaking ground on new interconnector

CONSTRUCTION has started on new energy infrastructure, set to run through the Riverland, that is expected to save local homes \$100 per year on power.

Premier Steven Marshall and deputy premier Dan van Holst Pellekaan last week attended the commencement of construction for the power interconnector between South Australia and New South Wales – known as project EnergyConnect – in Robertstown, north of Eudunda.

ElectraNet interim chief executive, Rainer Korte, said the first transmission poles for the interconnector had now been installed.

“Project EnergyConnect is a key project of national significance that will help improve the affordability, reliability and security of electricity supply for South Australians and strengthen the national electricity market,” Mr Korte said.

“Once completed and energised, Project EnergyConnect will deliver an expected annual bill saving of around \$100 for a typical South Australian residential power customer, while larger customers can expect greater savings, depending on their power use.

“Its route passes through high-quality renewable ener-



gy zones, facilitating the transition of more renewable energy into the national electricity market.

“In South Australia, the new interconnector will enable more wind, solar and battery projects to connect to the network.”

Mr Marshall said when completed, the project would attract “billions of dollars” worth of renewable energy investments into the state.

“Project EnergyConnect is exactly the type of major economic investment that South Australia needs if we are to continue to lead the nation for economic growth and continue to grow job opportunities now and into the future,” Mr Marshall said.

“Project EnergyConnect will be a freeway for renewable energy produced in South Australia and exported to New South Wales, reducing electricity prices and fuelling economic growth in both states.

“Importantly, it will strengthen the power grid, so we can securely add more renewable energy.”

Mr Korte said construction of the interconnector was expected to create more than 200 jobs for regional areas, plus an extra 250 estimated ongoing positions.

“Job opportunities during construction include civil workers, riggers, lines workers and related support teams,” he said.

“To deliver the South Australian component of the project there will be about 600,000 hours of labour required during the two-year construction period.

“Construction in South Australia will use 15,000 cubic metres of concrete and over 11,500 tonnes of steel.

“There will be about 380 new transmission towers built and 2500 kilometres of new conductor installed in South Australia.”

It is understood construction work in South Australia is expected to be completed in late 2023.

Further information regarding Project EnergyConnect is available by visiting the website (<http://www.projectenergyconnect.com.au/>).



South Australian deputy premier Dan van Holst Pellekaan (left), Premier Steven Marshall, and ElectraNet interim chief executive, Rainer Korte, attended the start of construction for Project EnergyConnect, in Robertstown, last week. PHOTO: supplied

**“To deliver the South Australian component of the project there will be about 600,000 hours of labour required during the two-year construction period...”**

**- Rainer Korte**  
ElectraNet interim chief executive

## Briefing for interested EnergyConnect contractors

RIVERLAND businesses interested in becoming involved with a major upcoming energy infrastructure project have been encouraged to attend a local information session tomorrow.

Downer Utilities Australia – which was awarded the design and construction contract for Project EnergyConnect – will hold an industry briefing regarding the project at the

Renmark Club tomorrow from 4.30pm.

A Downer Utilities Australia spokesperson said the session would provide information surrounding “the tendering process, work packages, and how to get involved in the project”.

Registrations for the event can be made by visiting the website ([aus.typeform.com/to/16GjKqAm](http://aus.typeform.com/to/16GjKqAm)).



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# Boarding school parents call for changes to Covid contact rules... ‘Unworkable and unfair’

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“UNFAIR” and “unworkable” Covid-19 close contact rules for boarding school students are forcing some Riverland parents to make snap six-hour return trips to Adelaide – and could ultimately impact their children’s learning and mental health.

Under an SA Health policy, boarding school students are effectively regarded as household members of any Covid-19-positive boarders, meaning affected students are sent home or immediately isolated in their rooms as close contacts.

Parents of boarders believe the requirements discriminate against their children, as “day students” are subjected to less restrictions, including in some cases Covid-19 testing, despite having the same risk of catching or passing on the virus.

After being contacted by parents in his electorate during the first few weeks of the new school year, Barker MP Tony Pasin has written to SA Education Minister John Gardner, backing private school calls for changes to the close contact definition for boarders.

Loxton mother Michelle Pannell says her family has already been affected by the rules and predicts further impacts unless the current system is scrapped.

“We feel that if changes are not implemented to remove restrictions and allow boarding schools to operate properly it will have adverse effects on students of all levels but particularly those doing year 12 or year 12 subjects,” she said.

“Further to this, it is causing a large amount of stress and anxiety and is a genuine concern in regards to mental health.”

The SA Health rules have led to a nightmare start to the 2022 school year for Renmark mum Merridy Crook, who has already made four return trips to Adelaide to collect her Covid-free daughter.

“My personal issue... is that the school doesn’t want students there



**SCHOOL DAZE:** Two Riverland parents of boarding school students have joined the chorus of concern about “unworkable” Covid-19 close contact rules.

who are unwell to stay within the boarding house,” she said.

“Pre-Covid, students would be managed as they would at home: see the doctor, get treated and rest in their rooms.

“I have driven to Adelaide four times in less than three weeks for minor illnesses, not Covid-related. I have told the boarding home staff that I cannot keep doing this, it is ridiculous.

“But they keep saying SA Health have suggested that all unwell students go home.

“The reality is children get sick often with minor illnesses.”

Mr Pasin told Mr Gardner that directions governing boarding school students in South Australia were “unworkable” and could affect their learning.

“As there is no requirement on schools to provide a hybrid model of online and face-to-face learning, families of boarders are concerned that their children are missing out on the educational opportunities of

their classmates,” Mr Pasin said.

“Along with the vast distances some families will have to travel to collect children who will then be required to isolate in their home, there is a real and disproportionate risk that some children will spend nearly as much time in isolation as at school.”

Ms Pannell also said movement restrictions on boarders at her daughter’s school – beyond the school’s boundaries – were illogical.

“My confusion is why boarding school students are prohibited from areas outside the school for social and sporting purposes and tested three times a week when day students can travel in and out of the school grounds daily, socialise and attend sporting events anywhere, and are not tested, unless enforced by their parents,” she said.

“It simply doesn’t make sense, as the day students could easily spread Covid to boarders.

“This is not something I am

questioning boarding schools about, as they are doing a great job, but our health minister and politicians.”

Ms Crook’s daughter is also subjected to some outside-school restrictions specific to boarders, plus a RAT three times a week.

“While I don’t mind the three RATs per week as a surveillance of the (students), it makes no sense when they are sitting in classes next to day students who are not being tested and are free to do as they please outside of school hours,” she said.

“They need to test all students and teachers, not just the boarders.

“I feel that if a student tests positive, instead of isolating the students in the cohort, they should just increase surveillance on (these) students and let them carry on with their schooling.”

Ms Crook said a fellow Riverland boarding mum reported her child returned a positive RAT last week and – if confirmed Covid

positive – likely caught the virus from a day student in class.

“Hence why all students need to be tested, not just the boarders,” she said.

SA Health advice states that: “All boarders within a cohorting group will be considered ‘household contacts’ of a positive case in the boarding house.”

Ms Pannell questioned why South Australia has different rules to interstate.

“Why (do) our rules for boarding houses vary from other states, despite Covid being a worldwide pandemic?” she said.

“My frustration is what detriment this will have on students in the future in regards to lost opportunities and year 12s or those studying year 12 subjects in regards to general disruptions; that it possibly will continue to effect boarding school students and boarding houses unless the rules change; (and) that the stress on students, staff and parents is detrimental to mental health.”



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Boating enthusiasts from SA, Victoria, NSW and Queensland joined together for the fourth annual Ol' Skool Ski Boat Run on Saturday, cruising 32km from Renmark to the Woolshed Brewery. PHOTOS: Pete Crisp

# Water market reform one step closer

ENSURING the water trading market operates fairly for Riverland growers and irrigators was the goal of new recommendations recently presented to a federal minister.

Murray-Darling Basin states recently supported advice from water markets principal advisor Daryl Quinlivan – provided to Minister for Water Keith Pitt – regarding potential reforms of the temporary allocation market.

Mr Pitt said the recommendations would support the development of policies that minimised the potential for manipulation of the water market.

“A mandatory code of conduct for water market participants, measures to improve transparency of water market information, and changes to ensure a level playing field for all entitlement holders are some of the recommendations presented within the initial advice,” Mr Pitt said.

“Importantly, there’s a commitment to improve regulation to better protect against potential market manipulation and maintain confidence in the system.

“This is an important step in delivering water markets that operate more effectively and efficiently and don’t burden users with unnecessary costs.”

Mr Pitt said engagement with a water resource advisory group – including South Australian representative, and Renmark Irrigation Trust general manager, Rosalie Auricht – was integral

“State Governments have been and continue to be well engaged in the development of the advice,” he said.

“Water markets give farmers a critical tool which enables them to manage their business enterprises.

“This advice is a down payment on the roadmap that the principal adviser will deliver in June 2022.

“I look forward to receiving the final advice on how cost effective, practical reforms can be implemented to improve water markets for all users.”

The preliminary advice given to Mr Pitt in December can be viewed by visiting the website ([www.awe.gov.au/water/policy/markets/reform/december-advice](http://www.awe.gov.au/water/policy/markets/reform/december-advice)).

# Boats cruising it Ol Skool

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OVER 70 boats cruised 32km up the River Murray for the fourth annual Ol' Skool Ski Boat Run on Saturday.

The turn-out of local and interstate boating enthusiasts was a big increase on the 47 seen last year, largely due to eased Covid-19 restrictions.

Ol' Skool Ski Boat Run creator, Darren Collins, said it was “a nice run up” from the Renmark Club to Woolshed Brewery, with one highlight in particular.

“We got a group of emus that we had to stop for on the way back,” he said.

“They were swimming across the river, which was a great thing to see. That was definitely a highlight for everyone.”

Bar-Cycle Originals, a major sponsor of the event, created trophies for the first time this year, with plans to continue the trophy presentations next year.

Nine trophies were presented,



More than 70 boats made the journey from Renmark to the Woolshed Brewery.

including standard categories like show and shine, best rear mount, best outboard, and best original boat, plus fun categories like loudest boat, fast and furious, and best themed.

“We had a group of about eight lads roll up, with their girlfriends, all dressed up in watermelon outfits with flags and bows,” Mr Collins laughed.

“We had some pirate-themed guys as well, so a lot of people dressed up.

“We already have some ideas for next year’s trophies; that’s all under way now.”

A community raffle raised \$900, which was donated to the Renmark Children’s Centre on Monday.

“I’m not here to make money,

I’m just here to have fun and raise some money for local organisations,” Mr Collins said.

Mr Collins, together with the Ol' Skool Ski Boat social club, organises five boat runs a year, with the next run in Murray Bridge on March 26-27.

Next year’s Ol Skool Ski Boat Run will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

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Deborah Brennan will perform A Case of You: The Music of Joni Mitchell at Barmera’s Bonney Theatre next month. PHOTO: supplied

## The music of Joni Mitchell at Barmera

A CASE of You: The Music of Joni Mitchell is a love letter to one of the most inspiring singer-songwriters of the Woodstock era.

Now in its sixth year of touring, the show is coming to the Bonney Theatre next month and creator, musician and performer Deborah Brennan can’t help but think it’s fitting that lyrics composed over 50 years ago still hold as much relevance today as they did back then: You don’t know what you’ve got ’til it’s gone.

“Against the backdrop of a post-pandemic world, Brennan connects the musi-

cal dots from Joni Mitchell’s formidable body of work – which echoed the zeitgeist of the turbulent 1970s – and crafts them into a memorable soundtrack of her own life wrapped in a contemporary story of free-spirited travel, love and reflection,” a spokesperson said.

Delivered in a different context, classic songs such as A Case of You, Big Yellow Taxi, and Both Sides Now take on an altogether different resonance and have a sassy modernity which will appeal to both old fans and new listeners alike.

“Together with Brennan’s

engaging narrative set to Joni Mitchell’s simultaneously sad and inspiring lyrics, undoubtedly this fresh approach brings a new tone to Joni’s raw, honest and emotive lyrics taking it right into the heart of today’s audience.”

A Case of You: The Music of Joni Mitchell will be performed at the Bonney Theatre, Barmera, on Saturday, March 5, from 8pm.

For bookings visit <https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/a-case-of-you-the-music-of-joni-mitchell-af2022>



RAIN MOTH EXHIBIT: Sharon Powardy, Kerry Eldredge and Kathy Turner attended the recent exhibition opening at the Rain Moth Gallery in Waikerie. The current exhibition running throughout February and March features images and portraits by member of the Waikerie Photography Club. PHOTO: supplied



PROBUS GUEST: John Gladigau, pictured with a scene from the Shine Christmas production, was guest speaker at the Ladies Probus Club of Loxton’s first meeting for 2022. He spoke about the background to Little Town Productions Little Town, Kick Off Your Boots and Shine. PHOTO: supplied

## Lions Club’s bazaar back this weekend

A LOCAL monthly event will resume this weekend, after the first scheduled one of the year was cancelled due to Covid-19 precautions.

The Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar will be held at in the W E Wood hall at Renmark Oval this Saturday, from 8am to 12 noon.

Many quality goods will be available for sale, with a large amount of goods to choose from as a result of the Christmas and New

Year break.

The January bazaar was called off as a “duty of care” to club members and public attendees due to a rise in local Covid-19 case numbers.

Upcoming dates for the fundraising bazaars, held on the last Saturday of the month:

- ☐ February 26
- ☐ March 30
- ☐ April 28

YOUNG GUNS: Youth members of the Renmark Table Tennis Association during a recent Come and Try session held at the club. PHOTO: supplied



## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

Every Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm, and Saturday from 9.30am to 3.30pm, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery, on Barwell Ave, is open for sales. Inquiries: Ruth 0428 899 506.

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

Riverland Brass Monday nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All welcome.

### MONTHLY

The Riverland Philatelic Society - Stamp Club - meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 10am at the Berri Library. All Welcome

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

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

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Charity For All Bingo this week at the Loxton Club is for Loxton RSL Bowling Club. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and raffles available. All welcome.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The first Cancer Care Group get together for 2022 will be held from

10am at the Viewpoint Café, in Waikerie. Please join us for coffee and a chat.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Loxton Legacy Widows next meeting at

the Loxton RSL Hall. Morning tea is at 10.30am and then join in for gossip and games.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Chaffey Rose Club members meet at BBQ area in Jarrett Memorial Gardens at 10am for Shrove Tuesday pancakes and a cuppa. Garden ramble to follow. RSVP Dale ASAP 0420 383 948.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - MONDAY, MARCH 14**

Riverland Miracle Tent. Adelaide Cup Weekend. Loxton Community Theatre. Free entry. Love offerings collected. Guest speakers. Food available. Facebook or [www.riverlandmiracletent.org.au](http://www.riverlandmiracletent.org.au) for session times.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Berri Church of Christ outdoor March market and car boot sale. 1025 Old Sturt Highway, 8.30am - 12noon. Contact Trish for bookings on 0409 900 380.



# Actor Emma Beech goes back to Barmera in The Photo Box...



The Beech kids in 1984.



"A family Christmas."



Emma Beech being held by her mother, Betty.



Emma Beech with her father, John.

## Keeping it all in the family

**PAUL MITCHELL**

FROM being the face of SA Health's early Covid-19 campaign, to playing an IGA supermarket shopper, and back to her Barmera roots.

Acclaimed actor Emma Beech's latest role is a major departure from those two uncredited, but high-profile TV/social media spots, but is deeply personal, funny and close to her heart.

Beech – born and bred in the lakeside town – wrote and acts solo in *The Photo Box*, which had its genesis in a clean-up of the Beech family home in Barmera, and the trove of photographs subsequently divided up between John and Betty's nine children.

Beech was performing in the State Theatre's 2019 production of *Jasper Jones* when she took possession of the photographs. She decided to open the box at a performance art night in Adelaide, sharing her candid, unscripted reactions with an audience.

Among the usual "embarrassing hilarity" of hairdos and frocks was a shot of her mother, taken aged 40, holding baby Emma, born eight years after the last of her siblings.

Beech was around the same age when she saw the photo, and the mother of five-year-old triplets herself. Suddenly struck by the unexpected parallels, the idea of *The Photo Box* sprung to life.

"The brief of the show is, 'What stories do each photo tell, and what stories would all those people in the photo tell?'" Beech says from Adelaide, during a break in pre-show preparations.

"I thought it could be fun – and a bit of a Barmera expose."

To be staged at the Adelaide



Emma Beech goes through some of the photographs that sparked the creation of her new stage show, *The Photo Box*, which will be performed in Adelaide early next month. PHOTO: Sam Roberts



Emma Beech was the face of SA Health's early Covid-19 campaign.

Festival Centre early next month, the "direct address performance" has a simple, but engaging premise.

After introducing the concept – then her family and friends – to the partially lit audience, Beech, 42, will turn her attention to the photographs.

"I talk through each of them," she says.

"And sometimes I do a little scene on stage where I'm playing everyone in the scene.

"Like, there's a scene in the hardware store, in Barmera, where (my brother) Pete is talking to a customer.

"I'm the customer, then I'm Pete. So I just slip in and out of being those two people, then I slip back into being me.

"It's like I'm hosting a dinner.

"I do a whole Christmas story, about one of the big Beech family Christmases.

"We had one particularly bad Christmas and I tell the story of that one. It's brilliant.

"Then pretty soon I slip out and in and talk direct to the audience again."

Beech's life journey will also feature in *The Photo Box*.

"I do my family half the time, then I've got my 20s when I went a bit rogue, then back into my childhood," she said. "Because I tell so many different stories it needs to have a light touch."

Promotion for *The Photo Box* says the 90-minute show is about a town "where everyone knows you and a girl left to make her own mistakes and grow herself up".

"Family, choices, memory and myth-making, and how the baby of a big Catholic brood became devoted to the search for unsentimental truths."

*The Photo Box* is at the Space Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre, from Thursday, March 3, to Monday, March 7.

For tickets visit: [www.adelaidefestival.com.au](http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au)

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50 years of Chigros memories and stories



John Chigros, Greg Roberts, Janice Wright and Andy Chigros.  
PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

REACHING a milestone anniversary of 50 years in business is no small feat, and one Renmark business owner has many loyal customers and memories to show for it.

Chigros Motors is a family-owned business with a solid local reputation. It was started in 1972 by John Chigros, together with his father Andy, mother Joan, and then-wife Diane.

Originally a repairs workshop located on Ral Ral Avenue, the business moved to its current location on the corner of Renmark Avenue in 1990, taking the place of the old Golden Fleece service station.

At the time, the business was expanded to include a car lot on Kay Avenue, Berri.

This lasted about a decade before Mr Chigros decided the time and energy was better focused solely on the Renmark location.

Mr Chigros said he was simply taking it “day by day”.

“It’s great being able to be here for 50 years, especially in the current circumstances,” he said.

“(In the early days) people followed us as motor mechanics, panel beaters and spray painters, with a wrecking yard. Then we added the used cars.”

Mr Chigros said the secret to being successful throughout the years was making sure he offered what customers needed.

“First, we had our trades, but we had to have the initiative to follow what was in demand at the time as far as used cars and the wrecking yard was concerned,” he said.

The last 50 years have not come without trials and tribulations, including surviving a fuel shortage in 1979, the costs associated with the rise in inflation, and the recession in the late 1980s.

“(During the fuel shortage) the cities panicked and people sold their six-cylinder and V8 cars, but in the country we kept buying them and were able to get the larger cars a lot cheaper.

“You had to be on the bandwagon to follow the markets all the way through. The Commodore had just come out, so we were buying six-month old cars... it was quite an era.”

Chigros Motors survived through many changes in the industry.

“Some you saw coming, and some you didn’t,” Mr Chigros said.

“When we had the huge inflation, you’d sell a car and the next one we bought was dearer again, so the cashflow was hard during that time.

“It was pretty difficult. Cars were

“ When we had the huge inflation, you’d sell a car and the next one we bought was dearer again, so the cashflow was hard during that time...”

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selling okay, but we had to try to keep the cashflow invested into the stock.”

Mr Chigros said he had few regrets or things he wished he did differently.

“There are businesses that have done a lot more than I’ve done, but you have to have courage to go that far,” he said.

“I was offered a lot of dealerships, like Toyota, Ford, Hyundai and Suzuki, but I declined because there are good and bad models.

“We’ve just stuck to reliable models so we don’t have warranty work, and people come back. That has really paid off.”

After 50 years, Mr Chigros still enjoys the customer service side of the business.

“I still enjoy selling vehicles, and the good times where the customer is excited buying the car as well,” he said.

“We get people from all over Australia, which is why it’s good to sell reliable vehicles.”

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Never one to shy away from a good story, one of Mr Chigros’ favourite memories involves his father, the Queen’s visit to Renmark and a royal car breakdown.

“In 1954, Dad was a mechanic and the Queen had a European car, which was known to be the most unreliable, and it broke down,” Mr Chigros said.

“Dad was the one to repair it. He had a group of detectives around him while he

was repairing it.

“I was in hospital getting my appendix out. Everyone lined up for the Queen’s hospital visit... it probably didn’t mean much to me at the time, I was six, but the Queen came along and shook my hand and said hello.”

Andy Chigros said the Queen never paid the bill.

Mr Chigros said one of his car-related highlights over the past 50 years was

driving a newly purchased armoured vehicle, a “scout car”, down Adelaide’s Grand Junction Road.

The small, tank-like vehicle was delivered to the Riverland by a freight company, restored by Mr Chigros and remained in the Chigros yard for a period of time, attracting the attention of local police.

“In the restoration, we added a fake gun but it must have looked too real

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because the police came to check it twice," Mr Chigros said.

"One of the guys actually got in to check it, even though we explained it was just a piece of old pipe."

The restored vehicle was purchased by Riverlander Raelene Trimper, who later donated it to the Waikerie RSL War Museum, where it remains today.

These days, when he's not selling cars to the Riverland community and beyond,

most of Mr Chigros' hands-on work is dedicated to building and restoring boats.

He is heavily involved in the Riverland Dinghy Derby, with 41 years of experience, trophies and a feature in an international Red Bull campaign in 2014 to show for it.

"They came roaring in with their cameras and fancy lighting," he said.

"It got Renmark and the Dinghy Derby on the world scene."



## 16 years at Chigros Motors

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

GREG Roberts (pictured) has been an employee at Chigros Motors for 16 years.

Now the main man running the workshop, Mr Roberts said he has enjoyed the past 16 years at Chigros, largely due to being part of a good team.

"John leaves me to run the workshop as I see fit, which is good," Mr Roberts said.

"With Rex (Chigros detailer), I get along with him really well. We look a bit alike, and some people ask us if we're brothers when they come in here... and we tell them that we are.

"The longest I ever worked at a place before here was eight and a half years. Mechanics don't tend to stay long in places they don't like."

Mr Roberts, who has worked on cars

since he was 15, said he still enjoys working on cars and helping customers.

"Just the satisfaction of fixing (the cars) when they've got a problem, and being able to diagnose it and sort it out to get them back on the road," he said.

"I like the interaction with the local customers and being able to help them – explaining to people who don't know what I'm doing in layman's terms so they've got an actual idea of what they're paying for.

"I've got customers that I've had for years, since before I started here, and they've followed me."

With seven years to go until retiring age, Mr Roberts said he hopes to work for as long as he can, "body allowing".

"Above everything else, I still enjoy getting up in the morning and coming to work," he said.

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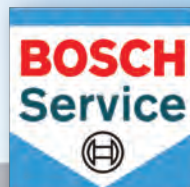
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Storytowns' founding director Jarrod Pickford (left) with Rain Moth Gallery chairperson Karen Richardson who is featured in a podcast about Waikerie. PHOTO: Christine Webster



## Riverland town to star in tourism podcast

STORIES about Waikerie and its art scene will feature in a podcast to promote the area to tourists.

The podcast will be produced by geo-located podcasts company Storytowns, which works with local councils, government, and tourism organisations to promote regional and rural towns.

Storytowns' founding director Jarrod Pickford visited key tourism sites around Waikerie last week and also met with some of the town's local identities to gather material.

On Monday, Mr Pickford visited Waikerie's Silo Art site and spoke to Waikerie author and artist Liz Frankel, who co-ordinated and obtained funding for the silo art project in 2017.

He also interviewed Waikerie fisherman Marty Burnell about Murray cod, along with Neville Beelitz, the creator of Waikerie's latest batch of bins made in the shape of oranges.

"Most locals might see the bins, but not actually see the story behind it, so I was able to speak to Neville," Mr Pickford said.

"Apparently these bins have been here for many years, they had fibreglass ones beforehand."

Waikerie historian Meredith Arnold spoke to Mr Pickford about the history behind the Dr Cecil Lucius Strangman Chinese testimonial banner displayed at the Waikerie Visitor Information Centre.

Mr Pickford said the podcast will feature Mrs Arnold

telling him the story behind the banner, as they look at it through a magnifying glass.

Waikerie-born former Adelaide Crows premiership player and radio presenter Mark Ricciuto will narrate the podcast, which will be launched on March 13 when the River Fringe festival begins in the region.

The River Fringe is being presented by Loxton Waikerie council.

Rain Moth Gallery chairperson Karen Richardson said the Waikerie-centric podcast would benefit the whole community by promoting the area to tourists.

"It will highlight a lot of hidden secrets we have in our town that locals are unaware of too," she said.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



Waikerie Santa's Cave committee secretary Jan Centofanti says new committee members are required to ensure the iconic Waikerie Christmas feature continues. PHOTO: Christine Webster

## WANTED: Santa's little helpers in Waikerie

### CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE future of Waikerie's iconic Santa's Cave hinges on the formation of a new committee at its AGM on Monday.

For more than 20 years, volunteers have decorated the Waikerie Institute with magical scenes as part of the town's annual Christmas celebrations.

However, Waikerie Santa's Cave committee secretary, Jan Centofanti, said four committee members – including herself – who have been involved for the past eight years or so will step down.

The other members stepping down are the committee's president, Lizzie Platten, and committee members Sue Schmitke and Sandi Davis.

"We have all spent some time on Santa's Cave and we think it is time for new people to come in," Ms Centofanti said.

"Half of the committee members still want to stay on."

Ms Centofanti said the four committee members remained keen to volunteer, but others would be required

to ensure the Christmas display can continue.

"It would be a shame to see it fold," she said.

Ms Centofanti said it would also be preferable to have some younger people on the committee.

"Some new ideas would be excellent," she said.

The committee's role involves planning and setting up Santa's Cave and accessing funding for the annual event.

"We have applied for funding in the past," Ms Centofanti said.

"The committee's job is to set up the cave and work out the themes they are going to have for their displays."

The main preparatory work occurs from October to January, while the other months are spent on planning and attending meetings as required.

Ms Centofanti said being on the Waikerie Santa's Cave committee had been a rewarding experience.

"It is probably one of the best jobs you can have, because everybody who comes into the cave is happy," she said.

"When you see the chil-

dren's faces light up, when they see Santa, it is brilliant."

Ms Centofanti said Santa's Cave at Waikerie had become a popular tourist attraction.

The acquisition of a Covid-friendly chair, funded by Loxton Waikerie Council, last year, enabled Santa Claus to return to his Waikerie home after restrictions in 2020 forced his visits to be cancelled.

Ms Centofanti said numbers were back to normal last Christmas.

She said tourists from all over Australia come to see Waikerie's Santa's Cave and many are regulars who are amazed by the displays.

"Their mouths just drop open and they can't believe how we set it up every year differently," Ms Centofanti said.

The AGM will be held at the Waikerie Community Meeting room, near the Waikerie Men's Shed, on Monday, February 28, at 7pm.

For more information about becoming involved with Waikerie's Santa's Cave, contact Jan Centofanti on 0429 432 226.



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6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Four Corners; 11:00 Countdown To War; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 National Press Club Address; 1:40 Media Watch; 2:00 Shetland; 3:00 ABC News Afternoons; 4:00 Think Tank; 4:55 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One; 5:30 Hard Quiz  
6:00 The Drum  
7:00 ABC News  
7:30 7.30  
8:00 Hard Quiz  
8:30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL  
9:00 Starstruck  
9:25 QI  
9:55 Adam Hills  
10:35 ABC Late News  
10:50 The Business  
11:10 Killing Eve  
11:55 Shetland



5:05 Little Princess; 5:15 Hoot Hoot Gol; 5:20 Children's Program; 5:50 Peppa Pig; 5:55 Circle Square  
6:05 Octonauts  
6:20 Bluey  
6:25 Peter Rabbit  
6:40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures  
7:00 Dino Dana  
7:15 Odd Squad  
7:30 Anh's Brush With Fame  
8:00 Art Works  
8:30 Richard Leplastrier - Framing The View  
9:20 The Romantics And Us  
10:20 Doctor Who  
11:25 Chicken People  
12:45 Community  
1:05 Parks and Recreation  
1:30 ABC News Update  
1:35 ABC TV Plus Resume 7.30pm



6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 The Tenth Circle; 2:00 Autopsy USA; 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 SAS Australia  
8:45 The Front Bar  
9:45 Ambulance  
10:45 The Latest: Seven News  
11:15 Autopsy USA  
12:15 Scandal  
1:15 Travel Oz  
2:00 Home Shopping  
4:00 NBC Today  
5:00 Seven Early News  
5:30 Sunrise



6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 My Way; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News  
6:00 Nine News  
7:00 A Current Affair  
7:30 Married At First Sight  
9:00 Under Investigation  
10:00 Nine News Late  
10:30 Forensics  
11:40 Grand Hotel  
12:30 Tipping Point  
1:20 Explore  
1:30 Tv Shop -Home Shopping  
2:30 Global Shop  
3:00 Tv Shop -Home Shopping  
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory  
4:30 A Current Affair



6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Judge Judy; 7:30 The Bold & The Beautiful Encore; 8:00 Studio 10; 12:00 Dr Phil; 1:00 To Be Advised; 2:00 Entertainment Tonight; 2:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 3:00 Judge Judy; 3:30 Left Off The Map; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First  
6:30 The Project  
7:30 Ambulance Australia  
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10:30 This Is Us  
11:30 The Project Encore  
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1:30 Home Shopping  
4:30 CBS Mornings



5:00 France 24 Feature; 5:15 NHK World English News; 5:30 Deutsche Welle English News; 6:00 France 24 English News First Edition; 6:30 Al Jazeera News; 7:30 Italian News; 8:10 Filipino News; 8:40 French News; 09:30 Greek News; 10:30 German News; 11:00 Spanish News; 11:30 Turkish News; 12:00 Arabic News F24; 12:30 ABC America; 1:00 PBS Newshour; 2:00 Insight; 3:00 The World's Most Extraordinary Homes; 4:10 The World's Greatest Palaces; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers  
6:00 Mastermind Series 4  
6:30 SBS World News  
7:35 Tony Robinson  
8:30 Concorde  
9:30 Hidden Assets  
10:30 SBS World News Late

THURSDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Back Roads; 10:30 Nigella At My Table; 11:00 Dementia And Us; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Hard Quiz; 1:30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL; 2:00 Shetland; 3:00 ABC News Afternoons; 4:00 Think Tank; 5:00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One; 5:30 Hard Quiz  
6:00 The Drum  
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8:30 Q+A  
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6:00 Nine News  
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6:30 The Project  
7:30 First Dates Australia  
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6:00 Mastermind Series 4  
6:30 SBS World News  
7:35 Scenic Coastal Walks With Kate Humble  
8:30 The Long Call

FRIDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Q+A; 11:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Griff's Great Kiwi Road Trip; 1:55 Les Miserables; 3:00 ABC News Afternoons; 4:00 Think Tank; 5:00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One; 5:30 Hard Quiz  
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6:00 Seven News  
7:00 Better Homes And Gardens  
8:30 2012  
11:40 TBA  
1:10 Scandal  
2:00 Home Shopping  
4:00 Million Dollar Minute  
5:00 NBC Today

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Just For The Summer 2020; 1:50 Talking Honey -Relationship Specials; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News  
6:00 Nine News  
7:00 A Current Affair  
7:30 David Attenborough's Green Planet  
8:40 The Bourne Legacy 2012  
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6:30 The Project  
7:30 The Graham Norton Show  
9:30 Just For Laughs  
10:00 Georgie Carroll The Gloves Are Off  
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12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert  
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6:00 Mastermind Series 4  
6:30 SBS World News  
7:30 The Lakes With Simon Reeve  
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SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 rage; 11:00 rage Guest Programmer; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Van Der Valk; 2:00 Employable Me Australia; 3:00 Outback Ringer; 3:40 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces; 4:30 Landline; 5:00 Basketball: WNBL: Round 12 - Southside Flyers v Bendigo Spirit  
7:00 ABC News  
7:30 Death In Paradise  
8:30 All Creatures Great And Small  
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9:15 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
10:00 Penn And Teller  
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11:45 Archer  
12:05 Dead Pixels  
12:30 The Young Offenders  
1:00 David Attenborough's Conquest Of The Skies  
1:55 ABC News Update  
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6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend; 12:00 Seven's Horse Racing; 5:00 A Little More SA  
6:00 Seven News  
7:00 Border Security - Australia's Front Line  
7:30 Raiders Of The Lost Ark  
10:00 Con Air  
12:25 Why Does Love?  
2:30 TBA  
4:00 Get Clever  
5:00 My Greek Odyssey

6:00 Easy Eats; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Today Extra -Saturday; 12:00 Destination Wa; 12:30 Delish; 1:00 My Way; 1:30 The Pink Panther 2 2009; 3:20 David Attenborough's Green Planet; 4:30 The Garden Gurus; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Getaway  
6:00 Nine News Saturday  
7:00 A Current Affair  
7:30 Space Invaders  
8:30 Muriel's Wedding  
2:00 Tv Shop -Home Shopping  
4:30 Global Shop  
5:00 Tv Shop -Home Shopping  
5:30 Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron

6:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 6:30 Leading The Way With Dr. Michael Youssef; 7:00 Escape Fishing With ET; 7:30 Left Off The Map; 8:00 My Market Kitchen; 8:30 Pooches At Play; 9:00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 9:30 Studio 10: Saturday; 12:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures; 1:00 Left Off The Map; 1:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 2:00 My Market Kitchen; 2:30 Destination Dessert; 3:00 What's Up Down Under; 3:30 Farm to Fork; 4:00 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 4:30 Roads Less Travelled; 5:00 10 News First  
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6:30 SBS World News  
7:30 Great British Railway Journeys  
8:00 Eurovision  
10:40 Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman

SUNDAY

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6:00 Antiques Roadshow  
7:00 ABC News Sunday  
7:40 Grand Designs New Zealand  
8:30 Troppo  
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6:00 Seven News  
7:00 Dancing With The Stars  
8:45 Crime Investigation Australia  
10:15 Born To Kill?  
11:15 Death Row  
12:15 The Proposal  
1:15 Travel Oz  
2:00 TBA  
3:30 Million Dollar Minute  
4:00 NBC Today  
5:00 Seven Early News  
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Easy Eats; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Drive Tv; 10:30 The Xtreme Collxtion; 11:00 Women's Footy; 12:00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures; 12:30 Ultimate Rush; 1:00 World's Greatest Natural Icons; 2:00 Serengeti; 3:00 Space Invaders; 4:00 Bondi Vet; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Hello Sa  
6:00 Nine News Sunday  
7:00 Married At First Sight  
8:40 60 Minutes  
9:40 Nine News Late  
10:10 Australian Crime Stories  
11:20 The First 48  
12:10 Shallow Grave  
1:00 Drive Tv  
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping  
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory  
4:30 Take Two  
5:00 Nine News Early Edition

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Hillsong; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Joel Osteen; 8:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 9:00 Left off the Map; 9:30 Studio 10: Sunday; 12:00 Australian Survivor Encore; 1:30 My Market Kitchen; 2:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 2:30 Australia By Design; 3:00 Destination Dessert; 3:30 Roads Less Travelled; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 5:00 10 News First  
6:30 The Sunday Project  
7:30 Australian Survivor  
9:00 Joker  
11:25 The Sunday Project Encore  
12:30 Home Shopping  
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 France 24 Feature; 5:15 NHK World English News; 5:30 Deutsche Welle English News; 6:00 France 24 English News First Edition; 6:30 Al Jazeera News; 7:30 Italian News; 8:10 Filipino News; 8:40 French News; 09:30 Greek News; 10:30 German News; 11:00 Spanish News; 11:30 Turkish News; 12:00 Arabic News F24; 12:30 Australian Superbikes Phillip Island; 1:30 ABC America; 4:00 Mountain Bike National Championships; 5:05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo; 5:35 Nazi Megastructures - Russian War Series  
6:30 SBS World News  
7:30 Treasures Of Arabia  
8:30 Atilla's Forbidden Tomb  
10:05 Every Family Has A Secret  
11:10 Mary Beard's Shock Of The Nude

MONDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Landline; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Death In Paradise; 2:00 Shetland; 3:00 ABC News Afternoons; 4:00 Escape From The City; 5:00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One; 5:30 Hard Quiz  
6:00 The Drum  
7:00 ABC News  
7:30 7.30  
8:00 Australian Story  
8:30 Four Corners  
9:20 Media Watch  
9:35 The Missing Children  
11:05 ABC Late News  
11:20 The Business  
11:40 Q+A  
12:45 Shetland  
1:45 The Letdown  
2:45 rage

5:05 Little Princess; 5:15 Hoot Hoot Gol; 5:20 Children's Program; 5:50 Peppa Pig; 5:55 Circle Square  
6:05 Octonauts  
6:20 Bluey  
6:25 Peter Rabbit  
6:40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures  
7:00 Dino Dana  
7:15 Odd Squad  
7:30 The Planets  
8:30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces  
9:20 Grand Designs  
10:10 Doctor Who  
11:15 Adam Hills  
12:00 QI  
12:30 Escape From The City  
1:30 Community  
1:50 Parks and Recreation  
2:10 ABC News Update

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 The Preacher's Sin; 2:00 What The Killer Did Next; 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 SAS Australia  
9:00 The Amazing Race  
11:00 The Latest: Seven News  
11:30 The Resident  
12:30 Hooked On The Look  
1:30 Harry's Practice  
2:00 TBA  
4:00 NBC Today  
5:00 Seven Early News  
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:45 Talking Honey - Princess Diana; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News  
6:00 Nine News  
7:00 A Current Affair  
7:30 Married At First Sight  
9:00 La Brea  
10:00 Nine News Late  
10:30 Botched  
11:20 Bluff City Law  
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1:00 Hello Sa  
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping  
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory  
4:30 A Current Affair  
5:00 Nine News Early Edition  
5:30 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Judge Judy; 7:30 The Bold & The Beautiful Encore; 8:00 Studio 10; 12:00 Dr Phil; 1:00 Australian Survivor Encore; 2:30 Entertainment Tonight; 3:00 Judge Judy; 3:30 Left Off The Map; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First  
6:30 The Project  
7:30 Australian Survivor  
8:30 Would I Lie To You? Australia  
9:40 FBI  
11:30 The Project Encore  
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert  
1:30 Home Shopping  
4:30 CBS Mornings

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6:00 Mastermind  
6:30 SBS World News  
7:35 Heritage Rescue  
8:30 Royal History's Myths And Secrets  
9:30 Great House Revival

TUESDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Foreign Correspondent; 10:30 Rosie Batty's One Plus One; 11:00 Grand Designs New Zealand; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 All Creatures Great And Small; 2:00 Shetland; 3:00 ABC News Afternoons; 4:00 Escape From The City; 5:00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One; 5:30 Hard Quiz  
6:00 The Drum  
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7:15 Odd Squad  
7:30 Spicks And Specks  
8:00 Would I Lie To You?  
8:30 Adam Hills  
9:15 Gavin And Stacey  
6:25 Peter Rabbit  
9:45 Schitt's Creek  
10:10 Doctor Who  
11:20 Starstruck  
11:45 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
12:30 Plebs  
12:55 Community  
1:15 Parks and Recreation

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Maid Of Honor; 2:00 The Real Manhunter; 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 SAS Australia  
9:00 The Rookie  
11:00 The Latest: Seven News  
11:30 Magnum Force  
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4:00 NBC Today  
5:00 Seven Early News  
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6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 Getaway; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News  
6:00 Nine News  
7:00 A Current Affair  
7:30 Married At First Sight  
9:00 The Hundred With Andy Lee  
10:00 Nine News Late  
10:30 True Story With Hamish & Andy  
11:00 Mr Mayor  
11:25 The Village  
12:10 Tipping Point  
1:05 Delish  
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping  
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6:00 Mastermind  
6:30 SBS World News  
7:30 Who Do You Think You Are?  
8:30 Insight



# Word search

## How many words can you find?

ABILITY  
ABOVE  
ALWAYS  
ANCHOR  
AWOKE  
BARGAIN  
BEGAN  
BEGIN  
CANOE

CAUSED  
CHOOSES  
COMFORTABLY  
EAGER  
EARLY  
ENEMY  
FIREMAN  
FRANCE  
GRASP

HUMAN  
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MANAGER  
MILES  
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### Last Week's Solution

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Crossword

ACROSS  
3. Cobbler  
8. Ask to come  
9. Embellished  
11. Irregular  
14. Water jug  
17. Garments  
19. Rage  
20. Portico  
22. Tried  
24. Strikes with the beak  
26. Produce  
28. Winter melon  
31. Cart  
32. Large bird  
34. Loom  
36. Hearing organs  
38. Make a speech  
41. One who bats first  
42. Strict  
43. Scraps

DOWN  
1. Passport endorsement  
2. Baking chamber  
3. Wading bird  
4. Recluse  
5. Elates with joy  
6. On the sheltered side  
7. Go in  
10. Town in Western Australia  
12. Seize with the teeth  
13. City in Japan  
15. Broader

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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## February 2022 Horoscopes: week 4

### ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

This should end up being a good week for you, so long as you are prepared to rise to the challenge. Don't let yourself be held back by people who have less courage than you do. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Venus will help to give your love-life the boost it needs right now. A friend will put you in touch with a new admirer.

### TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Do your best to recharge your batteries. You have been doing more than your fair share recently and need to take a few days off. **Romance.** If you keep on changing your mind your partner will not know what to make of the situation. This decision affects both of you and you must stick to whatever you decide.

### GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A strange dream later in the week will warn you off a course of action which will prove disastrous if you persist with it. Avoid making a rash decision until you are certain that you are doing the right thing. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Neptune will help your powers of intuition.

### CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A positive aspect to Jupiter could bring some good luck just when you need it most. Don't be afraid to stick your neck out if the potential gain is high enough: this will be a good week for taking sensible risks. **Romance.** A person whom you have just met may not really be in tune with the way you think.

### LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

Don't turn down a surprise offer, even if it is not quite what you had in mind. You need a change. **Romance.** A new friend may turn out to have a lot more depth than you first thought. A long conversation later in the week will help you to understand each other a little better.

### VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A challenging aspect to Mercury early in the week could lead to problems with communication. Make sure that you double-check any "facts" you are given: they may not be as reliable as you have been lead to believe. **Romance.** A new friend has qualities which may not be obvious at first. Don't let a bad first impression put you off.

### LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Don't spend time with co-workers you don't really like. No matter how pleasant you are to the people around you there will always be some who don't appreciate your charms. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Neptune will help your powers of intuition. Trust to your gut feelings about an important issue.

### SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Your colleagues at work will rally round you to support you. A recent disagreement will create tensions but most people will be on your side. **Romance.** A friend who knows your partner well will be able to give you some worthwhile advice. You will be surprised when you hear what they have to say.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

An invitation will be worth taking up even if you don't know the person concerned very well. You need the chance to do something different for a change. **Romance.** A passing glance from a person whom you hardly know will cheer you up for the whole week. This person has been thinking about you a lot.

### CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A career move which seems to make sense may actually take you in the wrong direction. Don't grab the first opportunity which comes to you, however tempting it may seem. **Romance.** You will be in a very playful mood at the moment. Be careful not to do anything which might be misinterpreted!

### AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

An acquaintance may have less sense of humour than you expect. Think carefully before you make a joke which could hurt their feelings. **Romance.** Don't get jealous just because your partner is spending a lot of time with someone else. This won't lead anywhere and isn't anything to worry about.

### PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A positive aspect to Uranus later in the week will get your creative juices flowing! You need a few good ideas to get you out of a recent fix. Follow up everything which looks as though it might work. **Romance.** You may find it a little difficult to communicate with your partner at the moment.

## SUDOKU No.365

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

6 1 2 5 7 9 8 3 4  
3 5 4 6 2 8 1 7 9  
9 8 7 1 4 3 5 6 2  
4 7 1 2 6 5 3 9 8  
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Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box.

Level of Difficulty:

Easy

Solution No. 364

3 1 7 2 6  
8 5 7 3  
2 6 7 3  
8 7 6  
7 5 4  
4 7 8 5  
9 1  
2 6 7 3 4

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## Mid-Murray’s \$167k firefighting boost

THE Mid-Murray Council has received \$167,250 from the federal government to improve firefighting infrastructure and water-access points across the district.

The money has been allocated through the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the 2019-20 bushfire event highlighted the urgent need for water access points and supply.

Mr Pasin said the funding would provide a fire tank within the scar area and a supplementary water source access point at a separate location.

He said the money would also be used to upgrade a community facility and include a toilet amenity refurbishment.

Mr Pasin said the project would provide “an essential water source provision” for future firefighting requirements, while raising community resilience and engagement through the provision of essential infrastructure for the ongoing development and sustainability of the immediate region.

The program’s overall funding has been boosted to \$390 million to further support communities around Australia to recover from the 2019-20 bushfires.

“As part of the \$2.1 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund, the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program is backing projects which the affected communities have said will best support their ongoing recovery,” he said.

“The grants will fund a broad range of recovery and resilience projects, from social and community wellbeing right through to projects that support local jobs, small businesses and infrastructure.”

AS we come to close the month of February in a week, the Riverland looks forward to the beautiful season of autumn, when it’s a little cooler for outdoor activities like sport and gardening.

The Waikerie Cancer Group advise that its first get together for 2022 will be held this Friday at 10am. The venue will be the popular Viewpoint Café at 12905 Sturt Highway, and you are welcome to join the group for a cuppa and a chat. This group’s motto is “to provide a supportive, caring environment for those people with cancer, and their relatives and friends”.

Waikerie Santa’s Cave committee welcomes all interested residents to the forthcoming annual general meeting on Monday, February 28, at the community meeting room near the Men’s Shed at 7pm. This will be an important meeting for the community as some of those who are on the committee have indicated they will be retiring after several years. We thank them for their dedication and commitment over that time. It’s almost 30 years since this award-winning feature began, so come along and give the support the committee needs.

The Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group will take late bookings for its dinner at the Waikerie Community Club on Wednesday, March 2. Bookings will be taken until this Friday, February 25, so if you were planning to come don’t delay your booking or you will miss out. Phone Jenny (0407 641 932) or Gwen (0408 609 304).

Congratulations to Caudo Vineyard and

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its cellar door, celebrating 10 years with patrons. We give thanks to Caudo’s for its commitment to our region and the success it has brought to us. One of its highlights is the annual True Grit weekend, which will be held this year on May 14-15. It’s early notice, but planning starts early for the teams. True Grit is a military-inspired obstacle challenge, and teams need to be fully fit to take part.

I regularly give you advance notices of events to come because people usually like to know in advance so they can put it in their diary or calendar. The Rotary Club of Waikerie kicks off its new year with a Fringe Festival-themed market and the opening of River Fringe, including a free ‘Fringe on Tour’ show for the community. A long weekend twilight market will be held on Sunday, March 13, 1pm to 6pm. People are invited to celebrate the opening of River Fringe 2022 at the market from 4pm. Features include face painting and entertainment, with the chance to relax with a beer, wine and bubbles at the market. Food vans, Arrosto hot/cold drip coffee, doughnuts and much more will be available. For site bookings or queries go to the website (www.waikeriemarkets.com). Sorry,

no car boot and collectables at this market. Also, note that the top part of Leonard Norman Drive will be closed, but vehicles can enter the markets via Rowe Street and take the ferry slip road or park around the Waikerie Oval.

Excitement is in the air as the film crew and all their team have arrived in our region to film the Run Rabbit Run movie. This will be an opportunity to showcase our region, especially the River Murray, wetlands, landscape, cliffs and so much more. We welcome them to our region.

Congratulations to Josh Schiller and Bernie Conlon who were awarded with life membership at the West Adelaide Football Club.

Waikerie RSL welcomes bingo enthusiasts to its Thompson Street clubrooms on Thursday evenings to join in and have some fun. Do you enjoy jazz music? The Waikerie RSL members invite you to an afternoon of jazz on Sunday, March 20 from 2pm. That’s another date for the diary.

Sunday, March 6 is Clean Up Australia Day. Many groups get together regularly while out walking to do this, and we thank them, but we need more. Think about how you and a few friends can look after a small area. It gives you a great feeling of satisfaction when you get together and make a difference.

Thought for the week:  
It’s not the events in our lives that are wholly significant, but more importantly how we deal with these events, that makes us who we are.

- Sara Henderson

## Malinauskas promises 100 more doctors, including 10 country specialists

A 100-strong team of doctors will be recruited by a Malinauskas Labor government if it wins the State Election.

“Labor can make this invest-

ment in SA’s public health system because it is scrapping Steven Marshall’s \$662 million inner-city basketball stadium and instead investing the money

in health,” a Labor spokesperson said. “The investment will include extra doctors to treat mental health patients, and will relieve the enormous pressure on

overworked, stressed doctors currently working in hospitals.”

This investment includes 10 new specialists for country communities at a cost of \$10 million.

# the quarantine quiz

- During which century did Blackbeard become famous for seafaring?
- What sport is the Keirin event associated with?
- By what name was Duke William of Normandy commonly known as?
- What is the chemical symbol for magnesium on the periodic table?
- Which planet takes around 3 Earth months to orbit the Sun?
- What is the tallest building in the USA?
- What part of a bird of prey is known as a talon?
- What is the name of the famous fountain visited by three women in the 1954 film ‘Three Coins in a Fountain’?
- On which Hawaiian Island did the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbour occur?
- How many days and nights is the Hanukkah festival observed for?
- What song was released by Ariana Grande, Miley Cyrus and Lana Del Rey in 2019 for the Charlie's Angels movie?
- What is a metronome?
- In Greek mythology, who is the Goddess of the Dawn?
- Which animal has the longest gestation period of all mammals?
- Who presents The Late Late Show in America?
- What type of metal has the lowest melting point?
- What is the most western country belonging to Europe?
- Who directed the horror film Alien?
- What type of animal is a Cotswold lion?
- In winter sports, Nordic combined consists of what two events?

**BONUS QUESTION:** In what year (of the 21st Century) was the first penalty shoot-out in an FA Cup final? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 35

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# LOOKING BACK AT 130 YEARS



The six entrants in the Loxton Mardi Gras Queen competition, photographed at the Loxton Hotel before judging on Friday. They are, from left, Miss Sadie Flavel (sponsored by the Lions Club), Miss Christine Overall (Rotary), Miss Liz Schubert (Tennis Club), Miss Judy Zerna, who was deputizing for the last year's winner, Miss Janice Hall (Basketball), Miss Helen Russell (Apex) and Miss Jenny Dowley (National Trust).



**TOP: PELICAN PROTECTION:** Mardi Gras Princess, Lisa Clifford, dressed in period costume and sheltered under the beak of the Jubilee 150 pelican that went to the opening procession for the J150 in Adelaide last year and was also in last year's Mardi Gras procession.

**LEFT:** Tyler Patterson, 6, Barb Foote, Jaren Patterson, 4, Marika Falting, Karli Falting, 6, and Rhianna Falting, 4, all of Loxton, at the Mardi Gras on Saturday.



Enjoying the Loxton Mardi Gras over the weekend were ebony (left), 6, Svenna, Jack 4, and Somer Oldroy, 2, all of Loxton.



A soap box derby in East Terrace, Loxton, on Saturday morning was a popular section of the Loxton Mardi Gras. Some of the young competitors are pictured prior to the running of one of the junior races.



Loxton High School students in the What a Knockout competition at the Loxton Mardi Gras are, from left, Greg Coombs, Michelle Westbrook and Andrew Wurst.



Mardi Gras Princesses Patricia Hondow, 9 (left) and Julie McInnes, 11, after receiving their sashes Saturday evening.



A very radiant, Miss Riverland 1972, Miss Joy Schwarz, of Berri, photographed after the crowning ceremony at the Berri Hotel on Friday night.



**TOP: CLOWNING AROUND:** At the Loxton Mardi Gras parade were Gary and Max Halupka, Rohan Miegel and Samuel Skewes.

**LEFT:** Loxton High School students lead the parade of the floats at Saturday's Mardi Gras.



# Libs promise tax relief for trainees and apprentices

RIVERLAND trainees, apprentices and small businesses could benefit from a re-elected Liberal state government, with the promise of removing payroll tax for two years to help back businesses and create local jobs.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said small businesses are the backbone of the Riverland economy and would benefit from the commitment.

“This is a really important announcement for regional areas particularly the Riverland and Mallee where apprentices are crucial,” Mr Whetstone said.

“This policy will address some of the barriers faced by regional employers who need apprentices and trainees.

“These small businesses can invest the money they have been allocating on payroll tax to employ more staff and put these important dollars back into the business.

“It will also go towards creating more apprenticeships and help to address the skill shortage in regional areas.

“Many of our small businesses are family-owned and their liveli-

hoods depend on running a successful business and we want to support them by cutting taxable payrolls for apprentice and trainees.”

Removing the payroll tax for trainees and apprentices would save employers an estimated \$18.2 million, and would ensure South Australia has the skills needed to accelerate the economy and jobs growth, according to the Liberal government.

“My government has unashamedly adapted a pro-jobs, pro-growth, pro-economy agenda and all South Australians are starting to feel the benefits of a thriving, vibrant state,” Premier Steven Marshall said.

“In the past four years huge numbers of business owners and employers throughout South Australia have taken on new apprentices – many for the first time.”

The tax cuts would be an expansion of a current temporary relief scheme, initially introduced during 2020 to assist the financial impacts caused by Covid-19.

The State Election will be held on Saturday, March 19.

OPINION

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## My heart goes out to Jenny

WHILE reading Jenny Winter’s story my heart went out to her (‘This helper needs a little help’, Murray Pioneer, 9/2/22).

Firstly, for having the guts to tell her story and the many years of helping people and animals, especially cats.

What a beautiful soul. The world is full of people wanting power, money, greed and material things.

But the world needs more people like Jenny Winter.

Unfortunately, I cannot provide a home for you, Bindi the dog, and your other “fur babies”, but I could donate some cat food.

I’m hoping somebody with a heart can supply a home. You deserve it.

MARTINA ROBERTS  
Loxton

## All I’m saying is ‘do your research’

THANK you for providing your readers with a balanced opportunity and freedom to express views of public interest.

This is a policy absent from mainstream media in Adelaide I have experienced.

Also thanks to those locals who have thanked me

in the street, by phone, email and the waterhole. Your support is appreciated.

Readers may recall I follow Dr Malone and his now 17,000 colleagues who are part of a formal alliance that has been raising concerns about the lack of usual long-term testing (five to 10 years) before vaccines are approved by the FDA and TDA.

These are overridden to fast track the products to market with emergency approval because of the panic by authorities.

They have expressed concerns that many possible side effects from these vaccines may not be known for years ahead. Some side effects are already evident and, we now know the jabs do not prevent you getting the virus or passing it on, whether vaxxed or unvaxxed.

Dr Malone’s colleagues have said the young should not be vaccinated, as the risks of side effects outweigh the benefits and, there is no recovery as damage will be permanent.

They have also expressed concerns about some long-term “off patent” – or cheap – drugs that have been used with high success, with additives, for early response treatment. They have been banned from use by our GPs by health authorities. Really?

Parents, please do your research, ask your doctor for a guarantee the vaccines are safe. It has been reported the big pharma drug companies have been given indemnities against prosecution for failure of these experimental vaccines, but you should check this out yourself.

The amount of misinformation and propaganda being presented globally by the mainstream media, health bureaucrats, politicians and related interested parties has millions of people so scared it has been diagnosed as “mass formation psychosis”.

The fear of infection from Covid-19 has become so intense that some medical experts consider the mental health damage is more severe than the virus.

Australians have been bombarded with workplace mandates, lockdowns, lockouts, masks, QR codes, vax certificates and isolation demands to the extent we are told about 95 per cent of us are now fully vaxxed. This includes a significant number who have taken the jab against their will for various reasons.

In the USA the most recent data I have seen indicates about one-third of the population (100 million plus) have resisted taking the vaccines. There have been huge public demonstrations across the States. Litigation is rife, but publicity is censored.

Here, we are now

told boosters will be required for more protection against the latest Omicron strain and likely for more future strains.

Medical opinions indicate the Omicron variant may be no more severe than the common cold, however, more short-term jabs are predicted. I wish I had more drug company shares.

The unvaxxed, including many police, health professionals, CEOs and other members of the public who refuse to be part of the continuous jab experimentation are being treated as second-class citizens. They are admonished, abused and threatened with denial of medical treatment purely because of this mass formation psychosis caused by threats from our government authorities, mainstream media, unconstitutional bigots and some blokes in the pub.

The fear of infection from a virus that most global reliable medical specialists now regard as not as dangerous to most people as claimed by the scaremongers (99.8 per cent survival rate, less than a flu season?) has seen Scandinavian nations and the UK virtually abandon all the lockdowns and restrictions to freedoms as the other health threats have increased to unseen prior levels.

Data released by three USA military health professional whistleblowers in the past weeks has revealed a devastating explosion of side effects from the mandated vaccinations given to the military personnel. Investigations have commenced.

I am not providing medical advice as I have no qualifications to do so.

But people need to check out for themselves the risks involved as these have been expressed by highly credentialed medical professionals globally and posted on websites, if not already shut down.

Consider using free search engines like DuckDuckGo to secure your privacy.

A.G. LING  
Loxton

## Biggest killer in Australia

EVERY 10 minutes an Australian suffers a heart attack.

Sadly, many do not survive, with 48 Australians dying every single day from heart disease – someone’s family member, wife, husband, or special friend that means the world to them.

Given that heart disease is our biggest killer, it would be impossible for all Australian communities to not be impacted in some way. The simple fact is that there is still so much for us to learn about heart disease

and research saves lives.

Heart Research Australia aims to reduce the devastating impact heart disease has on families and the community by supporting world-class and emerging researchers to conduct ground-breaking research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

That’s why this February we invited all Australians to get involved with REDFEB, heart health awareness month, to raise much-needed funds for ground-breaking research into heart disease.

Getting involved has been as simple as wearing red and donating to Heart Research Australia during the month of February.

For more information or to donate, please visit [www.heartresearch.com.au](http://www.heartresearch.com.au).

On behalf of the thousands of Australians impacted by heart disease every year, thank you for your support.

NICCI DENT  
CEO

Heart Research Australia

## Bangka Island Massacre marked

LAST Wednesday, February 16, 2022 marked the 80th anniversary of the Bangka Island Massacre.

On the morning of February 16, 1942, 22 Australian nurses, survivors of the sunken merchant ship SS Vyner Brooke, were marched into the surf by Japanese soldiers off Bangka Island, east of Sumatra.

The massacre represented one of the darkest chapters of World War II.

Sister Vivian Bullwinkel, born in Kapunda, was the sole survivor of the massacre.

After being shot, Sister Bullwinkel feigned death lying in the shallow blood-stained water until the Japanese troops had left.

Following her recapture Bullwinkel spent three and a half years as a prisoner of war before returning home to Australia at the war’s conclusion.

After leaving the Army in 1947, Sister Bullwinkel continued in a number of senior nursing roles and was awarded many honours, including the Florence Nightingale Medal.

She was also made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE).

On this 80th anniversary of the Bangka Island Massacre, I wish to remember all the women of the Australian Army Nursing Service – in particular Sister Bullwinkel and her courageous colleagues murdered at Bangka.

We remember their devotion to their patients and to their country.

TONY PASIN  
Member for Barker



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## PANCAKE NIGHT

will be held at the  
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William Street, Loxton on  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**  
**from 6pm onwards**

### ALL WELCOME

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

**Due to COVID restrictions & limited numbers,  
please book your place by phoning  
Louise Burgess on 0437 278 617**

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## RENMARK NETBALL CLUB 2022 Trials

Seniors B & C Grades	JUNIORS
<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>starting</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>7pm-8pm</b> Renmark Netball Courts	<b>Wednesdays</b> <b>starting</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 11U 4pm-5pm 13U 5pm-6pm 15U 6pm-7pm 17U 7pm-8pm Renmark Netball Courts

**All trials and trainings will be on Tuesdays nights for seniors and Wednesday nights for juniors.  
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We are still looking for coaches for  
A Grade, B Grade and Under 6's  
through to Under 12's.

**Please email your expression of interest  
to [renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com)  
BY 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022**

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## 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 G: Delegation of Power to  
Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road  
Events to:

- 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.
- Hereby make an order –

- 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 to eastern side of the Barmera Football Club	10:00am Saturday 5 March 2022	8:00pm Saturday 5 March 2022

- 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](mailto:bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au)

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## CELLAR DOOR CLEARANCE SALE

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**11am - 4pm**

**0427 194 705**   
**77 Battams Rd, Moorook**  
**[mundooridgewines.com.au](http://mundooridgewines.com.au)**

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## Governing Council

Invites all parents and community members to attend the

### Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 23 March 2022**  
**6.30pm**  
**Berri Town Hall**

*(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](mailto:dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au)**

Nominations forms are available at the **Administration**  
building or via: **[dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au)**

**Amy Goodman** | Governing Council Chairperson  
**Emily Griggs** | Principal

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Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

Address 12 Stadium Drive, Berri SA 5343 | Phone (08) 8580 8200 | Email [dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au)



## COMMUNITY AND CHARITIES DONATION PROGRAM

In addition to direct employment opportunities, Select Harvests  
continues to play an important role in our ongoing efforts to  
improve our rural and regional communities.

We invite applications from local charities, community groups,  
education or sporting clubs to apply for a minor financial grant.

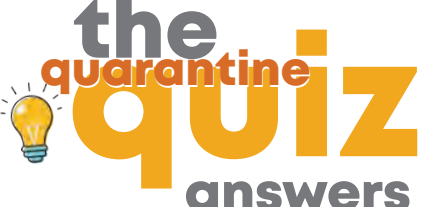
**Further details can be obtained by emailing your interest to:**  
**[Communitygrants@selectharvests.com.au](mailto:Communitygrants@selectharvests.com.au)**

Applications close Friday, April 22, 2022 and will be assessed by an  
in-house committee, with successful applicants notified via email.

Select Harvests Limited reserves the  
right to determine eligibility to these  
grants and preference will be given  
to organisations servicing the local  
community.




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## the quarantine quiz answers

- 18th Century
- Cycling
- William the Conqueror
- Mg
- Mercury
- One World Trade Centre
- Claw
- The Trevi Fountain
- Oahu
- 8 days 8 nights
- Don't Call Me Angel
- A device that produces a steady beat to aid musicians
- Eos
- Elephant
- James Corden
- Mercury
- Iceland
- Ridley Scott
- Sheep
- Ski jumping and cross country ski-ing

**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): There are 15 sports (disciplines) in the Winter Olympics?**

## The Renmark Paringa Homes for the Aged Inc.

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EXPRESSIONS  
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Please apply in writing to the Secretary,  
PO Box 903, Renmark 5341  
Email [homage85@bigpond.com](mailto:homage85@bigpond.com)  
Telephone 85866744  
By March 10th 2022

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## LUSC AGM

23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 @ 7PM


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### ALL WELCOME

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FOR ALL GRADES

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LOXTONUNITEDSC56@GMAIL.COM

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## LOXTON AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Loxton Club, Woolshed Bar

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**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](mailto: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.

**LINDA WILTSHIRE**  
Secretary

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## Women in Leadership



### BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Loxton

**Saturday 6th March**  
**8.30am - 10.30am**  
Loxton Hotel

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
Criminologist  
*Pippa Pech*


THEME  
"Here's to strong women: may we know them, be them, raise them."

 Full breakfast served from 8.45am  
Cost - \$25/head  
Raffle on the day - proceeds to Rural Aid

On-line registration and payment through Eventbrite  
<https://bit.ly/32WmLQ0>  
(\*International Women's Day breakfast\* Loxton)  
by **Wednesday 2nd March 2022**  
Limited ticket sales at the Rotary Op Shop during normal trading hours

**Rotary**  
Club of Loxton

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## Diesel Mechanic

Alvanos Earthmoving is a local company operating in Civil Construction.

**The role**

- Perform repairs, maintenance and inspections on Heavy Civil Construction equipment, trucks & trailers
- Accurately identify, diagnose and repair faults
- Onsite servicing and breakdowns
- Compile all paper work and documents accurately

**Skills and experience:**

- Trade qualified or equal with prior experience Current Drivers Licence
- Own tools and transport
- Team Player who will adhere to and promote the Company's Purpose & Values
- Great attention detail
- Ability to work unsupervised and follow instructions
- Strong organisational skills
- Available to work overtime when required
- A positive and motivated attitude!

**Application/cover letter should be sent to:**  
[cat3@riverland.net.au](mailto:cat3@riverland.net.au)  
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Applications closing 15/3/2022

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## SERVICE ADVISOR

### AUTOMOTIVE

#### FULL – TIME

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- Manage our customers experience from booking, greeting, sales opportunities and explanation of work performed.
- Preparing estimates and contacting the customer for authorisation.
- Liaise with customers and Service Technicians to ensure a smooth and professional process.
- Manage service bookings, workflow and workload.
- Your roll is to exceed the customers expectations at all times and in turn create a customer for life.

**Do you Possess:**

- Excellent customer service skills
- Previous experience in a similar role
- Strong interpersonal, communication and organisational skills
- A good mechanical aptitude & sound computer skills
- Sound knowledge of the automotive industry
- Friendly, motivated and positive personality with a can do attitude
- A current drivers licence

**If this sounds like you then please APPLY NOW!!**

Please submit your cover letter and resume to: [admin@flightmotors.com.au](mailto:admin@flightmotors.com.au)

**Applications close Friday, March 11 COB**

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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

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## POSITION VACANT

### RIVERLAND BOTTLE DEPOT

#### BERRI

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- Must have forklift licence
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## RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUST

### SUPPLY OFFICER

**Part-time – Monday to Friday**  
**9am-2:30pm**

The Renmark Irrigation Trust has a long and proud history of underpinning the wealth and wellbeing of the Renmark area by providing irrigation water and drainage services. The Trust is also committed to restoring local floodplains and is the first irrigation entity in Australia to receive the Alliance for Water Stewardship Platinum Certification.

The Trust is seeking an enthusiastic and flexible Supply Officer who demonstrates good customer service and enjoys interacting with others. You will enjoy undertaking purchasing and inventory functions, including managing the Trust's Work Depot store. An ability to maintain detailed records and work with related digital business systems is essential.

Further information, including a Position Description, may be obtained by emailing: [jobs@rit.org.au](mailto:jobs@rit.org.au)

Applications close on Tuesday 15 March 2022

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# The Bunyip

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## Sports journalist

The *Bunyip* newspaper in Gawler has an exciting, full-time opportunity for a sports-minded person, who is a keen writer, to join its busy regional newsroom in the position of sports journalist.

The ideal candidate for the position should have a broad knowledge of all popular summer and winter sports in the Barossa, Light & Gawler and Adelaide Plains regions, be familiar with sporting terms and expressions, and have a real passion for sports writing.

They will also demonstrate an ability to write stories outside of the sports round, including general community news and hard news.

To succeed in this position, you need to work accurately, and quickly under pressure – both independently, and as part of a team – to weekly deadlines.

Responsibilities include compiling and formatting sports results, match report writing, feature writing, and co-ordinating *The Bunyip's* team of contributors and weekend photographers.

Reporting to the editor, the successful applicant will be required to do some out-of-hours and weekend work, and be willing to attend matches and functions, representing *The Bunyip*, where necessary.

Previous newspaper experience will be highly regarded, as will local contacts. You should have InDesign skills, and an ability to understand, compile and format sporting results quickly and accurately.  
A current driver's licence is required.

Written applications are invited, addressed to:  
Editor, The Bunyip  
PO Box 160 Gawler SA 5118  
or email: [editor@bunyippress.com.au](mailto:editor@bunyippress.com.au)  
For enquiries, call the Editor on 8522 1233.

Applications should include a resume, cover letter (no more than one page), and examples of written work.  
All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

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## Administration & Accounting Officer

### 30 to 38 hours per week flexible

Century Orchards invites applications for the above position available for immediate start.

Century Orchards is an Almond property consisting of 700 ha Almonds and is situated approximately 7 km from Loxton.

**The successful applicant will have experience of:**

- MYOB
- Data Entry
- Payroll
- Book Keeping
- Good Verbal Communication

**Applications close 9th of March 2022**

*Century Orchards is "An Equal Opportunity Employer."*

**Applications to: CEO**  
[brendan@centuryorchards.com.au](mailto:brendan@centuryorchards.com.au)  
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**Applications close Friday, March 11 COB**

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## TAYLOR GROUP MEDIA ADVERTISING SALES CONSULTANT

**Permanent Part Time Position**

The Murray Pioneer newspaper currently has a position open for an enthusiastic, results-oriented sales person to be part of our advertising sales team.

You will be a part of a motivated advertising sales team, selling into a number of newspaper titles and specialised publications as well as digital sales, covering various locations in the Riverland. We have offices in Renmark, Loxton and Waikerie.

You will be responsible for the sale of advertising space to casual and contract clients. Excellent organisational and communication skills are vital to developing and maintaining good client relationships. Flexibility with work hours would be considered for the right applicant. Sales experience highly regarded.

A current driver's licence is essential.

**If you pride yourself on exceptional customer service  
and enjoy working in a fast-paced and supportive  
environment, then I would like to hear from you.**

**Written applications will be treated in the strictest  
confidence and should be addressed to:**

Advertising Manager  
PO Box 832, Renmark SA 5341

**Or email: [glenda.malinovski@murraypioneer.com.au](mailto:glenda.malinovski@murraypioneer.com.au)**

**Murray Pioneer**

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## Quality Controller (Casual-Seasonal Position)

Costa is Australia's leading grower, packer and marketer of premium quality fresh fruit and vegetables. We nurture our people, cultivate our growing sites and invest in ongoing research and development.

All of the products we grow, and sell are fresh, nutritious, unprocessed and grown on our very own farms or those of our partner growers.

On the land, in distribution centers, and out on the roads – Costa people work hard to bring the freshest produce to tables across Australia. But joining our team is about more than just hard work. It's about picking a meaningful, sustainable job that's good for you, and for Australia.

Costa has an exciting and challenging opportunity for a Quality Controller to join its operations at the Renmark Packing Shed, Chowilla Street Renmark for the upcoming 2022 Citrus season.

This is an entry level position as a quality controller, although you will be a key team member in production at the Renmark Packing Shed. You will be trained in our quality control testing and routine monitoring of our production process

If you are looking for a career in Quality or just have a great eye for detail. We would like to hear from you! We are looking for someone who has the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment with a great can-do attitude.

**This challenging and varied role will suit a self-motivated individual, with:**

- Good written and verbal communication skills, problem solving ability
- Attention to detail, and the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines
- Must be able to show initiative and able to handle new tasks
- Strong organisational skills
- Attention to detail, and the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines

**Competencies/Character Qualities/Values:**

- Determination – acting decisively and with a sense of urgency
- Passion – challenging the status quo and acting with energy and enthusiasm
- Accountability – focusing on outcomes and delivering on commitments
- Sincerity – acting boldly in an open, honest, and responsible manner
- Respect – treating others as we expect to be treated in attitude, communication, and personal safety

Submit your application by going to <https://costagroup.currentjobs.co/Job> by the **18th March 2022**, then keep an eye on your emails (including your junk/spam folder).

**DETERMINATION • PASSION • ACCOUNTABILITY • SINCERITY • RESPECT**

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### APPRENTICE CHEF

An opportunity exists for someone who has an interest in becoming a trade qualified Chef. Key responsibilities will include, cooking, preparing and serving food, adhere to health code standards, ensure kitchen, food preparation and food storage areas are clean and properly sanitised at all times and provide consistent and high-quality customer service. Full time or part time hours will be considered. To be successful you must be willing to undertake Certificate III or higher in Commercial Cookery or currently studying, be available to work weekends, public holidays and after hours, have the ability to work under pressure and maintain quality in high volume services.

### TRAINEE AMBASSADOR AND BEVERAGE ATTENDANTS

Opportunities exist for candidates that want to learn on the job and develop a career in the Hospitality Industry. As a Trainee you will be required to commit to a 24-month traineeship, completing Certificate III in Hospitality. Key responsibilities will include managing food and beverage services, sales of products and merchandise, general housekeeping, managing bookings, conducting tours and tastings and providing support to the wider team as required. Work experience is not required, only a passion for the industry, as the successful candidate will be provided with support from the team to help them succeed.

To apply, please submit your resume to [hr.admin@bickfords.net](mailto:hr.admin@bickfords.net) or by apply directly to the Visitor Centre, Corner of Renmark Avenue and Twenty Third Street, before Sunday 27 February 2022.

**Everyone at the Bickford's Group of companies strive  
to deliver upon the corporate values of integrity,  
empowerment, collaboration, pride and accountability.**

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## EXPORT DOCUMENTS ADMINISTRATOR

Costa is Australia's leading grower, packer and marketer of premium quality fresh fruit and vegetables. We nurture our people, cultivate our growing sites and invest in ongoing research and development. All of the products we grow, and sell are fresh, nutritious, unprocessed and grown on our very own farms or those of our partner growers. On the land, in distribution centers, and out on the roads – Costa people work hard to bring the freshest produce to tables across Australia. But joining our team is about more than just hard work. It's about picking a meaningful, sustainable job that's good for you, and for Australia. Due to continued export growth in the business, Costa is looking for one (1) Export Documents Administrator to join our team, commencing in March 2022. This role is responsible for the coordination of the end-to-end export documentation processes for the category. A key component of this role is maintaining strong relationships and delivering exceptional customer service to our partners and key stakeholders.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Support Costa's culture of care for People, Product and our Community
- Daily creation of export documents for export shipments
- Maintain compliance with destination country export document requirements
- Liaise with sheds and freight forwarders in relation to container loading and distribution
- Liaise with customs and other relevant parties
- Liaise with customers directly as required to provide assistance with customer enquiries and take appropriate action to provide solutions
- Customer invoicing and debtor recording
- Coding and checking invoices from accounts payable
- Working with management to continually develop and improve current reporting processes to meet the needs of the business
- General assistance and administration support for Renmark office

Key Attributes and Experience:

- Minimum of 3+ years' experience in a similar role
- FMCG and/or fresh produce industry background advantageous
- Exposure to customs, DOA and export documentation preparation
- Strong understanding of the workings of an international supply chain
- Intermediate-advanced level in Microsoft Excel and Word
- BSM (or equivalent export documents program) exposure
- SAP experience desirable (but not essential)
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Strong attention to detail and ability to prioritise effectively

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Papou Con, Nan Jacque and Auntie Grace are filled with much love and excitement on the birth of our beautiful first granddaughter and niece.

Thankyou Ann-Marie and Andrew. xx

90th BIRTHDAY

**SPANOS,** Panagiota 'Pat'.

Happy special 90th birthday to our dear Mum and Yia Yia.

Hope you have enjoyed your small celebration with family and friends, thank you for everything you have done for us all.

Much love ❤ today and always.

Peter, George, Loula, Helen and families.  
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DEATHS

**BOLT,** Melva Myrtle.

Passed away peacefully in hospital on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Aged 60 years.

Loving daughter of Harold John and Melva Myrtle Bolt (both deceased).

Loved sister of Robert and Bill Bolt.

Will be sadly missed and always in our hearts.

Melva's funeral was held on Monday, February 21, 2022.



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**CAMPBELL,** Lemorna Rosemary 'Lea'.

Passed February 12, 2022.

Aged 75 years.

Beloved daughter of the late Donald and Mona Campbell of Berri, and sister to Bruce and family in WA.

We will always miss you.

Rest in peace.

**CLAXTON,** David Norman.

29/3/1926 – 13/2/2022

Passed away painlessly and peacefully on Sunday.

Aged 95 years.

Loved and loving husband of the late Joan.

Dearly loved dad and father-in-law of Anne-Marie and Hans, Graeme and Maxine.

Adored gramps of Miranda, Dustin, Casey, Roxanne and Chris, Rachel, Kerri-Lee and Liam.

Great-grandfather of Leilla, Eveana and Scarlett.

Wrapped in your love! Your memory is forever treasured in our hearts.



DEATHS

**KRUGER,** William Bruce 'Bill'.

15/8/1966 – 19/2/2022

Passed away, aged 55 years.

Surrounded by his family, he fought very hard to stay with us.

Now at peace.

Loved son of Warren and Jenny.

Brother of Michael and Joanne.

Brother-in-law of Susan.

Uncle of Stephen, Kieran, Toby and Marley.

Always in our hearts.  
xoxo

**MARSHALL,** Allan John.

Passed away peacefully after a short illness at the Flinders Medical Centre on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

Aged 66 years.

Loved son of Sid and Kath.

Loved brother of Margaret, Christine, Dianne (all deceased) and Elaine.

Uncle and great-uncle of Rohan, Janine, Hayley and Dane; Ngarie, Jason, Annie, Eliza and Georgia.

Loved and remembered always.

Allan's funeral will be conducted privately.



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IN MEMORIAM

**COLLINSON,** Shirley 'Shirl'.

Much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Sharron (deceased) and Neville.

Nan to Josh and Ben, Kylie and Todd.

Great-nanna to Taylah and Sahira.

Sadly missed, but not forgotten.

**SCHUBERT,** Jane Elizabeth Louise.

47 years ago, our world changed in a heartbeat, leaving immense heartache.

Loving memories we have that are vivid and treasured.

You are with us forever.

Love Wendy and David. xox

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**AGM** - Waikerie Hospital Guild. To be held at the Waikerie Hotel at 2pm on Friday, March 4. Change of venue due to ongoing Covid restrictions. All welcome.



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## GARAGE SALES

**BERRI** - 7 Merritt Avenue, enter via rear laneway parallel to Kunoth Street. Saturday, February 26, from 7am. Furniture, electrical, outdoor goods and homewares.

**LOXTON** - Combined garage sales. 20 Second Street and 13 Wodonga Avenue. Saturday, February 26, 7.30am - 2pm. Something for everyone. Various furniture, animal pens and products, disability goods - chairs, walkers, crutches, bathroom accessories. Combustion heater, gas heater, evaporative air-conditioner, clothes, bric-a-brac priced to sell. Lots of giveaways too.

**LOXTON** North - 249 Edwards Road, Friday, February 25, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th, 10am - 4pm. Plant sale. Large selection of outdoor and shadehouse plants. Orders now taken for new season bare-rooted stone fruit and deciduous ornamental trees for June/July arrival. Phone 85841205.

**LOXTON** - Peter Jackson Crescent off McIntosh Street, next to bowling club. Saturday, February 26, 8am - 2pm. Assorted household goods, desks, TV cabinets, large outdoor umbrella, TVs, lawn bowls, small new bathtub, assorted travelling cases, plus lots more.

**LOXTON** - 7 Thiele Avenue. Saturday, February 26, 8am - 4pm, Sunday, February 27, 8am - 2pm. No early birds. Reasonable offers considered, no deliveries, EFTPOS available. Toys, plants, furniture, white goods, china, bric-a-brac, Crows memorabilia, household goods and good junk.

**RENMARK** - 3 Dridan Avenue, Saturday, February 26 and Sunday 27, 10am - 3pm.

We need your help to find a cure



## Riverland

# CHURCH

## NOTICES



**Lutheran Church**  
of Australia

### BERRI | BARMERA

**Sunday, February 27**

Berri 9am  
Barmera 11am  
Pastor Dean Mills

All Welcome  
Phone 8582 1853

### LOXTON

**Transfiguration**

**Sunday, February 27**

St Peter's	8.30am 10.30am
Concordia	10am HC da Costa
Myrla	8.30am HC da Costa New Residence
Bookpurnong	9am Lay reading
Rest Home	Wed, Mar 2 10.30am HC

**Lutheran Ministry Centre**  
**Phone 8584 5522**  
Pastor Darrin Kohrt  
(Concordia and outlying)  
Pastor Jason Sander  
(St Peter's)

### RENMARK | PARINGA

**Sunday, February 27**

Renmark 9am  
Paringa 10.30am

**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 2**

Renmark 7.30pm

All Welcome  
Pastor Roland Adams  
Phone 0460 300 492

### WAIKERIE

**Sunday, February 27**

Waikerie 10am  
Lowbank 8.45am  
Ramco 8.45am

All Welcome  
Phone 8541 2689

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## Catholic Church

### Mass Times

**Our Lady of the River**  
**Catholic Parish**

### WEEKS 1, 3 & 5

**Saturday**  
Renmark 6.30pm  
Morgan 6.00pm

**Sunday**

Berri 9.00am  
Loxton 11.00am  
Waikerie 11.00am  
Barmera 6.00pm

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### WEEKS 2 & 4

**Saturday**  
Berri 6.30pm  
Waikerie 6.00pm

**Sunday**

Renmark 9.00am  
Morgan 9.00am  
Barmera 11.00am  
Loxton 6.00pm

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### UNITING CHURCH

### BERRI / BARMERA

Berri, Denny Street  
Barmera, Nookamka Tce  
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### LOXTON

**Sunday, February 27**

10am HC  
Darryl Knowing

**Contact**  
**Rev Linda Forsyth**  
**0401 815 488**

### RENMARK

10am  
Renmark Ave  
8.30am  
Renmark West

**Kay Sando**  
**Phone 0401 815 488**

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**Anglican Church**  
Riverland

**Saturday, February 26**

5pm - Berri  
St Alban's

**Sunday, February 27**

9am - Barmera  
St Edmund's

9am - Loxton  
The Resurrection

9am - Renmark  
St Augustine's

11am - Waikerie  
St James

**Contact:**  
**Fr. David Patterson**  
**8586 3288**

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**Sunday, February 27**  
10am

Loxton Senior  
Citizen Hall  
25 Tobruk Terrace

Ps Red Elliott  
0439 507 098

Ps Sheryl Giles  
0423 884 002

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**Seventh-day**  
**Adventist Church**

*Riverland*  
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Bible Study 10-11am  
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All Welcome  
**Pastor Andy Krause**  
**Ph: 0418 617 582**

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## Volunteers Notice Board

### FREE SERVICE

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### Loxton Show Society

Conveners needed for the 2022 show for the following sections:

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Amateur Winemaking  
& Brewing, Scarecrows  
and Vintage Machinery,  
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Please call  
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### 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.

### Meals on Wheels

There's a volunteer in all of us! Meals on Wheels have a variety of Volunteering opportunities in kitchen, delivery and administration, at a number of locations across the Riverland. If you have some time to put to good use, please contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles your volunteering tastebuds!

### The purpose of the Wheelchair Access Vehicle

is to strengthen people's capacity to participate in community life, maintain or regain independence. Volunteers are required to pick up and transport clients in accordance with the daily schedule. Please call Deb 1800 334 882 or dmuller@redcross.org.au for more information

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Olivewood (Renmark Branch National Trust) is looking for volunteers to help with reception duties, gardening, cleaning and dusting. Thursday to Monday, hours to suit between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm  
Email [olivewood.renmark@gmail.com](mailto:olivewood.renmark@gmail.com)  
or phone Olivewood 8586 6175



# Murray Pioneer

## JOURNALIST

### MATERNITY LEAVE CONTRACT

The Murray Pioneer is seeking a journalist to join its newsroom, based in Loxton.

This position is 12-month contract to cover maternity leave and will be on a permanent part-time basis, with approximately 19 hours per week.

The successful applicant will ideally have journalism experience, and have strong writing and interpersonal skills.

They will be self-motivated, community-focused and comfortable meeting strict deadlines.

A driver's licence is required.

Please forward your resume and cover letter to:

**Paul Mitchell**

**Group Editor**

**PO Box 832, Renmark SA 5341**

**or email: [editor@murraypioneer.com.au](mailto:editor@murraypioneer.com.au)**



## WHS BUSINESS PARTNER (Full Time Position)

### About the Role

We have an opportunity for an experienced WHS Business Partner to join a supportive team within the Riverland South Australia. Reporting to the Divisional HR and WHS Manager, this role is responsible for providing WHS generalist advice and support to Costa' Riverland Operations across all farms and packshed operations with a key focus on in-the-field and packshed safety, employee engagement and the Return-to-Work Process. This role is focused on supporting day-to-day safety requirements, proactively building relationships and engaging with key stakeholders in the regions; empowering leaders to be better safety leaders. In addition, close partnership with Costa leadership resources to drive the Costa's WHS culture, strategies and systems for continuous health and safety improvement will be paramount.

### About You

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 5 years' experience in a WHS management role, solid understanding of WHS legislative and risk management knowledge, experience in FMCG or manufacturing environments, development of and delivery of specific training modules and hands on approach to working with small teams. The ideal candidate will also be able to demonstrate an ability to engage at all levels of the organisation.

### About Costa

Costa is Australia's leading grower, packer and marketer of premium quality fresh fruit and vegetables. From this market leading position, we work incredibly hard to keep improving the quality of our produce and the service we deliver to our consumers.

With over 60 farms across Australia, our produce categories include:

- Berries (Blueberries, Raspberries, Blackberries & Strawberries)
- Mushrooms
- Tomatoes
- Avocados
- Bananas
- Grapes
- Citrus (Oranges, Lemons, Mandarins, Tangelos, Limes & Grapefruit)

Our produce is supplied to all major Australian supermarket chains, as well as independent grocers and a range of food industry stakeholders. We also export to Asia, North America and Europe.

Costa is committed to sustainable agriculture. Not only is it a key strategy for maximising our profitability, it's also crucial to ensuring that our country's natural resources are utilised in both an environmentally responsible and efficient manner. By taking this approach, Costa grows products which are healthy, safe and of the highest quality, while at the same time protecting and improving the natural environment.

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## Human Resources Manager

Based at our Riverland winery and reporting to the Executive Manager, this is a pivotal role within the Company, contributing to the achievement of our people and culture strategic objectives.

**Key responsibilities of this role include:**

- Day to day management of the full suite of operational HR functions.
- Assisting and supporting Managers with HR activities.
- Leading a team of effective and dedicated team players.
- Ensuring HR activities across the Company are aligned to desired outcomes and strategic objectives.

**The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and experience:**

- Five+ years’ experience in similar management role is essential.
- Tertiary qualification in Human Resources Management or equivalent is desirable.
- High level of emotional intelligence.
- Sound understating of industrial regulations.
- Require only broad direction and supervision to achieve position expectations.
- Capability of performing complex and innovative work.
- Have a deep understanding of the short, medium and long term divisional (and Company) drivers for which you are responsible.
- Be able to rapidly respond to changing requirements and external influences.
- Be able to alternate between long-term strategic thinking and the rapid execution of operational targets.
- Be resourceful with the ability to track and present meaningful and accurate data/reports and implement corrective actions and improvements.
- Possess strong negotiation skills.
- Have well-developed policy, procedure and system development skills.
- Possess excellent communication, exceptional time management, planning and organisational skills.
- Be proficient in the use of MS applications.

## Human Resources Coordinator

Based at our Riverland winery and reporting to the Human Resources Manager, this position works as part of the HR team in partnering with our managers to ensure our most important asset, our people, are recruited, onboarded, trained, and inspired in a manner that contributes to positive personal and organisational outcomes.

**Key responsibilities of this role include:**

- Recruitment, selection and onboarding.
- Provide a high-level administrative support to the HR Manager.
- Maintaining employee records and systems.
- Amending and creating a variety of documents, advertisements and announcements.
- Assisting managers with employee matters.
- Coordinating employee events and training.
- Facilitating Return to Work SA claims.
- Providing support to employees and department managers in HR processes.

**The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and experience:**

- 3+ years’ experience in an administrative role.
- Experience working in Human Resources field is preferred.
- Experience working in a fast-paced office environment is preferred.
- Qualification in Human Resources is desirable.
- Strong administrative skills and proficiency in MS Office suite of products.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Positive attitude and solutions focussed.
- Strong relationship building skills.
- Confidentiality and discretion.
- Strong communication skills.

## 2022 Vintage Vacancies

We are seeking to fill Vintage vacancies for a late Feb start concluding in April/May with the opportunity for ongoing employment in some roles. To increase your chance of gaining employment we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.

### Cellar Hands

Cellar Hands perform various tasks that contribute to the production and dispatch of wine. This position will suit you if you enjoy working in a team along with being outdoors and physically active. Experience in general cellar activities will be highly regarded although not essential. You will possess basic literacy and numeracy skills. A current forklift will be considered an advantage.

### Harvest and Tractor Operators

Vineyard Operators are responsible for performing safe vineyard operations including tractor and tote bin driving, observing and mechanical harvesting activities. This position will suit you if you enjoy working in a team along with being physically active outdoors. Experience in harvesting operations and/or general tractor experience is preferred.

### Truck Drivers - HC and MC

Truck Drivers are responsible for the safe cartage of grapes and grape juice within the Riverland region. This position will suit Truck Drivers looking to work consistent hours close to home. Grain carters are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be willing to undertake shift work and possible weekend work. A current HC or MC drivers’ licence and experience driving a semi-trailer is essential.

**Successful candidates will share the values of our Company;**  
**Accountability, Teamwork, Continuous Improvement, Integrity and Respect.**

**To apply** please email your resume and covering letter, detailing your interest and addressing the key criteria of the position to [hr@kewines.com.au](mailto:hr@kewines.com.au) or apply via our website (click on the ‘Careers’ tab).

For all enquiries contact the Human Resources Manager on 08 8583 0500.

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**The successful applicant will**

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- Pay attention to detail and have the ability to organise their busy day.
- Possess good mechanical fitting principles & auto electrics.
- Work on the front counter an answer phone calls at times.

Whilst a mechanical qualification is desired a strong mechanical background is acceptable. A good knowledge and passion for the 4x4 industry together with drive and determination to succeed is advantageous.

Up to date covid19 immunisation is required.

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# Rural health training program coming to Berri

AN innovative program will be established in the Riverland to improve access to health services and provide training opportunities for health students.

Barker MP Tony Pasin announced on Monday Flinders University would receive \$1.94 million from the federal government to establish a new model of person-centred, multidisciplinary health training placements for the Riverland and Mallee Coorong (RMC) region.

Mr Pasin said Flinders University would work closely with RMC Local Health Network and Aboriginal Medical Services to provide 18 students each year the opportunity to partake in 4-6 week training placements, equating to 360 weeks of placements in local communities over the next two years.

“Additionally, Flinders will employ several local academic and administrative staff to work in the region, attracting and retaining the health workforce,” Mr Pasin said.

Mr Pasin said the project would extend the Flinders’ existing rural health training activities into new, more remote settings, plus provide a greater range of health professions.

Flinders will hold recruitment activities in schools to create career pathways for young health professionals.

The project works with local health services to create more placements for students from Flinders, University of South Australia, University of Adelaide, and TAFE SA.

“Flinders will extend collaborations with the local Aboriginal Medical Service, Moorundi, and multiple community and non-government health services providers,” Mr Pasin said.

Students from indigenous and rural backgrounds will be given priority by Flinders University.

A house will be purchased by Flinders University for student accommodation in Berri, to actively encourage students to stay in the region and add to the overall rural experience.

## Regional students eligible for tertiary payments

RIVERLAND students may be eligible for up to \$5000 to assist with relocation costs while undertaking tertiary study this year.

To help school leavers moving from regional areas to study at a VET, university, or higher education provider, Services Australia offer the Tertiary Access Payment.

The Riverland is considered an outer regional or remote area, meaning students enrolled in full-time study can apply for \$3000 during the first semester and \$2000 during the second semester.

Eligible students can only receive the payments once, and only in their first year of study.

To be eligible, students must:

- ☐ Study a certificate IV or above
- ☐ Study at least 75 per cent of a full-time load over an academic year
- ☐ Start their study immediately following the completion of year 12, or equivalent
- ☐ Be aged 22 or younger the day they start their tertiary course
- ☐ Have parents or guardians with a combined parental income limit under \$250,000

Regional and remote students may also be eligible for other support payments such as Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, rent assistance, fares allowance, student start-up loans and relocation scholarships.

For more information, or to start the Tertiary Access Payment application process, visit the Services Australia website ([www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/tertiary-access-payment](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/tertiary-access-payment)).



# Tigers on top of super league

THE 2021/22 Super League cricket title belongs to Loxton after it defeated Parilla last Sunday in the grand final, thanks largely to an outstanding performance from Jake Albrecht.

The competition saw nine teams from the Mallee and Riverland regions face each other once and Loxton established itself as the favourite from the outset.

The Tigers won seven of their eight minor round games, comfortably qualifying in first place ahead of Parilla in second with six wins.

Away from home, Parilla won the toss and elected to bat, with Shilo Dabinett and Dylan Kerber opening up.

Both posted starts before eventually being dismissed, with Kerber bowled by Brian Lynch and Dabinett out caught to Josh Norman.

These two quick wickets brought Riley Kerber and Lewis Young to the crease, with the former departing quickly for just eight runs.

Young stood tall with a collapse threatening after three quick wickets and began compiling runs, but wickets tumbling at the other end did not help his side's cause.

Jake Albrecht ripped through the Mallee side's bottom order to dismiss Parilla for the modest total of 128, with Young finishing not out on 52 runs.

Ben Hoffmann and Brian Lynch were also impressive with the ball, both picking up two wickets at a very low economy rate.

Tyler Hobby and Jake Albrecht began Loxton's chase and it was a slow start for the home side, with just seven runs coming from the first six overs.

After starring with bat in hand, Young trapped Hobby LBW, dismissing the Loxton opener for 10 and bringing Will Gutsche to the crease.

Gutsche and Albrecht began to go to work and started to chip away at Parilla's total, with Loxton making it to the drinks break without losing another wicket.

Following the interval, the Tigers accelerated, with both batsmen looking settled at the crease.

Gutsche fell for a well-made 38 but by then, the damage was done and the Tigers were in the driver's seat, just 27 runs away from victory with plenty of overs in the bank.

The home side passed Parilla's total in the 36th over, with Albrecht finishing on 70 not out to go with his five-wicket haul in a man-of-the-match performance.

## RESULTS

Loxton 2/130 (J. Albrecht 70no, W. Gutsche 38, T. Hobby 10, R. Kerber 1/32, L. Young 1/35) d Parilla 128 (L. Young 52no, P. Gorman 17, S. Dabinett 14, D. Kerber 12, J. Albrecht 5/44, B. Lynch 2/11, B. Hoffmann 2/23, J. Norman 1/20).



Loxton Cricket Club's title winning team. Back row: - (from left) Reece Hogan, Jake Albrecht, Michael Gutsche, Josh Norman, Brian Lynch, Jake Durdin, Ben Hoffmann. Front Row - (from left) William Gutsche, Josh Deren, Travis O'Shaughnessy, Tyler Hobby. PHOTO: Facebook



Jake Albrecht put in a man-of-the-match performance in the Tigers' win, picking up five wickets and compiling an unbeaten 70 with the bat. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Berri bests Loxton on the final ball

A SINGLE on the last ball of the match secured victory for Berri against Loxton in last weekend's round of Riverland A grade cricket.

Batting first, Loxton struggled to post a sizeable total, with a number of batsmen getting away to a start but failing to go on with the innings and post a big score.

Tyler Hobby top-scored with 22 and Wayne Scadden did the damage with the ball, taking three wickets for just 14 runs.

Wayne Scadden and his son, Nathan, opened the batting for Berri, with Wayne falling early for just two runs, bringing Brad Rosenzweig to the crease.

The Berri skipper was dismissed just after drinks, leaving the job up to Nathan Scadden, who eventually parted with a score of 47 on the board.

Brad Oakley entered the fray at number seven and looked

likely to win the game off of his own bat, before being run out by Daniel Zdanowicz in the dying moments.

Tailender Luke Cotter came out halfway through the final over, with Berri still requiring three runs for victory.

The opening bowler hit his first ball for two, relieving some pressure, before snagging a single off of the last ball to secure the points.

Elsewhere, Renmark North trounced Waikerie Ramco in a dominant display with both bat and ball.

Stand-in skipper Tarque Williamson won the toss and elected to bat, with the Bluetongues going on to post a mammoth total of 229, losing just five wickets along the way.

Ben Files opened the batting and registered a well-compiled 44, but it was Drew Mills that stole the show.

After posting a century earlier in the season, Mills has been searching for form lately and he found some last Saturday, finishing with an unbeaten 104.

Mills cleared the rope seven times in a powerful display of batting that saw Renmark North set an imposing task for Waikerie Ramco.

The onslaught continued with the ball as the Bluetongues dismissed Waikerie Ramco for just 20 runs, with no batsman able to post a score in double digits.

After setting up the Renmark North batting innings, Ben Files went to work with the ball, taking five wickets for just five runs in a devastating spell.

## RESULTS

**A grade**  
Berri 7/124 (N. Scadden 47, B. Oakley 23, B. Rosenzweig 17, J. Fielke 15, J. Albrecht 2/22, L. Zdanowicz 2/25, B. Hoffmann 1/19, J. Durdin

1/30) d Loxton 8/123 (T. Hobby 22, B. Hoffmann 20, J. Durdin 16, L. Zdanowicz 16, R. Hogan 12, T. Toll 11no, T. O'Shaughnessy 10, W. Scadden 3/14, B. Oakley 1/10, B. Rosenzweig 1/18, C. Smith 1/19).  
Renmark North 5/229 (D. Mills 104no, B. Files 44, T. van Dyck 34, F. Sampson 14, S. Bradbrook 10, A. Williams 2/41, A. Werner 2/49, N. Andrew 1/46) d Waikerie Ramco 20 (B. Files 5/5, T. McBride 2/2, Z. Gallo 1/2, B. Grant 1/6).

**B grade**  
Wunkar 6/98 (H. Campbell 27, K. Smith 21no, L. Harder 13, J. Smedley 3/24, B. Lennon 2/17, D. Aston 1/13) d Renmark North 94 (J. Wood 20, B. Henderson 20, D. Hill 15, B. Lennon 12, L. Harder 3/19, K. Evans 2/1, L. Evans 2/20, L. Pontt 2/23).  
Monash 5/132 (K. Gillespie 58no, M. Smith 28, J. Roberts 15no, J. Hennessy 2/22, P. Burnett 2/24, A. Peltz 1/32) d Berri 124 (J. Hennessy 50, P. Burnett 38, S. Andrenacci 19, B. Fridd 3/13, J. Roberts 3/13, K. Gillespie 2/21, R. Williams 1/18, P. Elliot 1/27).  
Brown's Well d Kings Punjab XI (forfeit).  
Waikerie Gold vs Gerard (details not provided).



Drew Mills posted his second century of the season in Renmark North's comfortable win against Waikerie Ramco.



Berri's Nathan Scadden top-scored in his side's narrow victory over Loxton last weekend. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

## RIVERLAND SPORTS ROUND-UP:

# Darts streak ends for RC Ones

MONASH Wanderers became the first team to defeat RC Ones this season in last week's round of Riverland darts.

Heading into round 10, RC Ones had firmly established itself as the competition's top side, not dropping a single match in the first nine rounds.

The match went down to the wire, with the teams game at the end deciding which team would come out on top.

Wanderers held on to claim a 6-5 victory, thanks largely to the efforts of Darcy Crane, who pulled off a maximum 180.

Elsewhere, Double Jacks asserted its dominance and defeated Expendables comfortably, running out 10-1 victors.

## RESULTS

Double Jacks 10 (C. Wagner 140, 123 x 2, 100, A. Hargreaves 121, 100 x 5, L. Platten 100 x 2) d Expendables 1 (D. Higgs 125, 117, G. Norman 100 x 3, A. Barnes 100 x 2).  
Monash Wanderers 6 (D. Crane 180, 100 x 8, W. Bonham 140, 139, 100 x 5, C. Martin 140, 111, 100 x 4, D. Martin 100) d RC Ones 5 (L. Rasheed 180, 140, 125 x 2, 100, N. Flack 180, 125, 100 x 6, T. Stoneham 156, 125, 120, 100, W. Schwartzkopff 120, 100 x 4).

# Women's eightball finalists confirmed

LYRUP Club Odd Bunch emerged victorious from the Riverland women's eightball preliminary final on Monday, February 14.

Odd Bunch regained the form that saw them make the finals to defeat Waikerie Club, with the score finishing 8-2.

The win set up a tantalising clash between Odd Bunch and Monash Club DV8s, with the results to be published in next week's Murray Pioneer.

# Bambrick's back in business

CLINT Bambrick returned to the road to take out last week's Riverland Cycling Club Monash criterium short-course road race.

Bambrick was first past the post, followed by Lee Stevens who has been in a rich vein of form in recent weeks.

The B grade competition was hotly contested until Holly Ransom picked up the pace.

She broke from the pack with just a few laps to go and never looked pack, riding on to a convincing victory in a dominant display of power and determination.

Stephen Battye took out the C grade event, but Riverland cycling was not done for the week.

Sunday saw rivals become teammates as the Lyrup teams race took place in gorgeous conditions.

The duo of Lee Rasheed and Wayne Champion took out first place, ahead of Lee Stevens and Ruth Strout in second.

Ian Thomas, Peter Weston and Angelo Ylia combined to form a team of three, but their seven-minute advantage was not enough to see them pip the others to the post.

## RESULTS

**Wednesday, February 16**

Monash criterium short course: A grade - 1st C. Bambrick, 2nd L. Stevens. B grade - 1st H. Ransom, 2nd S. Hardwick, 3rd L. Rasheed, 4th M. Gray, 5th W. Champion. C grade - 1st S. Battye, 2nd A. Ylia, 3rd R. Strout.

**Sunday, February 20**

Lyrup teams race: 1st L. Rasheed/W. Champion (three individual laps, one team lap), 2nd L. Stevens/R. Strout (three individual laps, one team lap), 3rd I. Thomas/P. Weston/A. Ylia (two individual laps, one team lap and seven-minute advantage).



# Riverland’s junior soccer players impress in Berri

A TEAM made up of some of the Riverland’s best under 14 soccer stars played a pre-season friendly against an under 16 girls team from the National Training Centre (NTC) last Saturday.

The match was held in Berri with the Riverland side, coached by local player Marty Barber, losing 2-0.

The NTC is a full-time football training program that aims to help players progress through the Football Australia development model and move on to higher honours.

The team that Barber’s side came up against plies its trade in the Women’s NPL reserves league and he was impressed with the quality on show from both outfits.

“We came up against a strong technical team. The girls moved the ball really well and played their positions brilliantly,” Barber said of the opposition.

“This was a learning experience for our Riverland team but

as a coach I could not be more proud of my team’s efforts.

“As the game went on, we settled and started to understand the way they were playing.

“After going 1-0 down we responded well and played a fantastic second half, making lots of opportunities to score.

“I could not be happier with the way the players went about it. They were positive, worked hard, took on feedback and played some great soccer.”

The travelling NTC side was coached by a familiar face in Cristiano dos Santos.

The former Adelaide United forward has plenty of admirers in the Riverland after coaching a number of the region’s players in tournaments overseas in his role as FSA regional program director.

The NTC is considering making the friendly an annual event and even invited local youngsters Matilda Mitchell, Macy Bourton and Mikayla Rayner to train with the side on Sunday.



A combined Riverland under 14s side took on the NTC under 16 girls in a pre-season friendly last Saturday under the guidance of local coach Marty Barber. PHOTOS: Tessie Mitchell



Dimitri Hronopoulos in action for the Riverland side that went on to lose the game 2-0, but not without showing plenty of promise.

# ABCDE FC returns to form in Riverland futsal

ABCDE FC has returned to form in the Riverland futsal men’s competition, defeating Young God FC by a comfortable margin last Sunday.

The top side tasted defeat in the first round following the Christmas break a fortnight ago, but redeemed itself last week with a 16-goal win.

Tom Pipinis scored seven goals in the win, with Marty Barber chipping in with four of his own.

Elsewhere, The Other Mob and That’s Cooked made it two wins from two matches following the restart, taking care of Owens and The Gang and The Wannabes respectively.

Chicks ‘n’ Kicks continued to dominate the women’s division, defeating The Devil’s Avocado by 10 goals.

Purple Reign returned to competition in the mixed division, though the side was defeated by Tastes Like Chicken.

Tastes Like Chicken dominated the contest, with Tony Mitchell finding the back of the net eight times throughout the fixture.

Pimms Parade narrowly defeated The Odd Mob, while It just Got Messi defeated

Banana Slugs to round out the results in the mixed division.

**RESULTS MEN**

**The Other Mob 9 d Owens and The Gang 3.**  
Goals: The Other Mob – P. Cooper 4, T. Yoshitomo 2, J. Skilton 2, T. McCart. Owens and the Gang – J. Botten 2, K. Lowe.  
Best: The Other Mob – T. Yoshitomo, T. McCart. Owens and the Gang – J. Botten, K. Lowe.

**ABCDE FC 18 d Young God FC 2.**  
Goals: ABCDE FC – T. Pipinis 7, M. Barber 4, R. Verrall 3, K. Barber Jr 2, J. Pintilie 2. Young God FC – J. Coombe, L. Hau.  
Best: ABCDE FC – K. Barber Sr, J. Pintilie. Young God FC – A. Perry, J. Coombe.

**That’s Cooked 9 d The Wannabes 5.**  
Goals: That’s Cooked – C. Ebert 3, T. Mitchell 3, C. Mitchell 2, R. Mitchell. The Wannabes – L. MacKinnon 2, P. Johal 2, M. Singh.  
Best: That’s Cooked – C. Mitchell, T. Mitchell. The Wannabes – L. MacKinnon, J. Sandhu.

**WOMEN**

**Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 12 d The Devil’s Avocado 2.**  
Goals: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – L. Quinn 4, P. Tieste 3, P. Drakopoulos 3, R. Hronopoulos 2. Devil’s Avocado – R. Payne, A. Threadgold.  
Best: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – P. Drakopoulos, P. Tieste. Devil’s Avocado – D. Ebert, R. Payne.

**Banana Slugs 10 d BHC 5.**  
Goals: Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell 4, G. Skilton 2, A. Perry 2, J. Mitchell, K. Skilton. BHC – J. Lewis 3, N.

Milne, K. Jury.  
Best: Banana Slugs – A. Perry, G. Skilton. BHC – J. Lewis, K. Jury.

**MIXED**

**Pimms Parade 7 d The Odd Mob 6.**  
Goals: Pimms Parade – B. Guppy 3, P. Drakopoulos 2, C. Cassell, T. Shrapel. The Odd Mob – T. McCart 2, R. Payne 2, T. Yoshitomo, M. Lockwood.  
Best: Pimms Parade – B. Guppy, J. Papametis. The Odd Mob – R. Payne, T. Yoshitomo.

**It Just Got Messi 8 d Banana Slugs 3.**  
Goals: It Just Got Messi – R. Verrall 4, M. Barber 2, J. Perram, R. Hronopoulos. Banana Slugs – G. Skilton, J. Coombe, P. Cooper.  
Best: It Just Got Messi – R. Hronopoulos, E. Flavel. Banana Slugs – P. Cooper, P. Johal.

**Tastes Like Chicken 17 d Purple Reign 3.**  
Goals: Tastes Like Chicken – T. Mitchell 8, M. Mitchell 3, Mitchell Rayner 2, Mikayla Rayner 2, J. Mitchell, C. Mitchell. Purple Reign – A. Garoufalis 2, A. Halupka.  
Best: Tastes Like Chicken – C. Mitchell, T. Mitchell. Purple Reign – A. Shapley, J. Bourton.

**UNDER 16**

**Malcolm 10 d Tigers 2.**  
Goals: Malcolm – F. Vallelonga 4, R. Verrall 3, C. Battams 3. Tigers – S. Martin, D. Vrakking.  
Best: Malcolm – R. Verrall, F. Vallelonga. Tigers – J. Perram, S. Martin.

**Fake Madrid 3 d Pique Blinders 2.**  
Goals: Fake Madrid – A. Son 2, K. Kahlon. Pique Blinders – J. Tsonis 2.  
Best: Fake Madrid – A. Son, K. Kahlon. Pique Blinders – J. Tsonis, N. Boucher.

**Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets d Nerds FC (forfeit).**

**UNDER 14**

**Indoor Ballers 5 d McChicken Nuggets 1.**  
Goals: Indoor Ballers – B. Tsakarellos 2, M-A. Perre 2, R. Thiele Butterworth. McChicken Nuggets – M. Bourton.  
Best: Indoor Ballers – J. Perram, B. Tsakarellos. McChicken Nuggets – M. Bourton, M Mitchell.

**Hatrick Swayze 14 d The Red Devils 3.**  
Goals: Hatrick Swayze – M. Cawse 4, C. Vallelonga 4, B. Pankhurst 2, D. Hronopoulos, O. Muller, J. Krendl, OG. The Red Devils – N. Meimetis 2, L. Ivanovic.  
Best: Hatrick Swayze – M. Cawse, D. Hronopoulos. The Red Devils – L. Ivanovic, B. Lock.

**UNDER 12**

**Blue Brothers 14 d Wild Fire 2.**  
Goals: Blue Brothers – J. Hunter 4, J. Ingerson 4, K. Ogle 3, E. Vincent 2, J. Garoufalis. Wild Fire – B. Walkley, J. Peltz.  
Best: Blue Brothers – J. Hunter, J. Garoufalis. Wild Fire – K. Krendl, J. Peltz.

**Block it Like it’s Hot 23 d The Black Cats 4.**  
Goals: Block it Like it’s Hot – R. Kipkosgei 6, Z. Hronopoulos 6, N. Meimetis 5, A. Lelasi 4, N. Vallelonga 2. The Black Cats – S. Williams, B. Perram, L. Perram, Own goal (BILIH).  
Best: Block it Like it’s Hot – R. Kipkosgei, N. Meimetis. The Black Cats – D. Eleveld, S. Williams.

**UNDER 12 GIRLS**

**Tomato Pugs 5 d The Rebels 4.**  
Goals: Tomato Pugs – C. Formby 3, K. Bertram, C. Williams. The Rebels – A. Kondoprias, R. Wishart, G. Kaur, C. Camilleri.  
Best: Tomato Pugs – C. Formby, S. Angeleski. The Rebels – E. Rothe, R. Wishart.

# Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club’s next step: AGM

PAUL MITCHELL

THE Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club will take the next step in its revival by holding its annual general meeting early next month.

The club staged what was billed as its final ever meeting at the historic Halidon racecourse last September, but a groundswell of support has led to plans for the 100-plus year meeting to continue.

The club’s AGM will be held at the Halidon racecourse, 45 minutes south-west of Loxton, on Sunday, March 6, at 10am.

“We had about 35 at our last meeting, and that was just to say how we’re going to restructure the committee,” said club spokesperson Greg Griffiths.

“I think we’ve got enough to fill positions, but we just want people to

show a bit of support.”

Mr Griffiths said the club was planning to again host its September meeting and that it was currently flushed with hands-on helpers.

“Our last meeting was sold out and we’ve got more helpers than we’ve ever had,” he said.

The club has indicated it does not support a Racing SA idea to hold future meetings at Murray Bridge.

## RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

**BERRI**

**Wednesday, February 16**  
Stableford: AM. Crease 41, S. May 37, C. Berry 36 (cb), S. Wade 36, P. Mudge 36, K. Traeger 36, R. Burn 36, B. Rosenthal 35 (cb), E. Wade 35, I. McHugh 35, C. McKinlay 35.  
Birdies L. Eatts 6th, S. May 1st, S. Knight 13th.

**Saturday, February 19**  
Stableford: P. Jury 41, I. McHugh 39, R. Burn 38, P. Jealous 37, C. Smith 37, M. Clifford 37, M. Bayliss 37, T. Jolly 36, S. Ormsby 36, P. Martin 36, T. McHugh 36, AM Crease 36, C. Berry 35, J. Skinner 35, C. Hyde 35.  
Birdies B. Frahn 1st, T. Jolly 13th.

**Sunday, February 20**  
Stableford: T. Jolly 44, K. Wyman 40, G. Tognon 37, B. Eckermann 36, B. Rosenthal 34.

**LOXTON**

**Wednesday, February 16**  
**Men**  
Stableford: M. Boon 43, D. Tyler 40, P. Frahn 39, M. Rumball 38, B. Skinner 35, K. Wagnitz 35, B. Frahn 35, T. Arndt 35, B. Yeomans 34.

NTP: 2nd T. Arndt (886cm), 12th M. Taylor (492cm), 15th J. Henwood (641cm).

**Women**  
Stroke: M. Tyler 70/80 (-3), J. Fogden 76/102 (+3), S. Gore 76/102 (+3), S. Pannell 76/92 (+3).  
NTP: 15th M. Tyler (679cm).

**Saturday, February 19**  
**Men**  
Stableford: A grade – S. Alexander 41, L. Kruger 39, J. Nelson 36, M. Sorensen 36, B. Whitelaw 36, S. Palat 36, P. Morris 35, A. Lindner 35, D. Tyler 35. B grade – J. Sandland 43, B. Semmler 40, C. Maczkowiack 36, P. Rohrlach 34, T. Broughton 34, L. Gray 34, S. Semmler 34, T. Pannell 33, G. MacInnes 33.  
NTP: 2nd S. Semmler (210cm), 5th L. Kruger (268cm), 12th B. Semmler (95cm), 15th A. Pfeiler (135cm).  
Birdies: 2nd – R. Koch, S. Palat. 12th – J. Walker. 5th – L. Kruger.  
Eagles: 10th – J. Bentley.

**Women**  
Stableford: J. Patching 36, J. Sawade 34.  
NTP: 15th J. Sawade (528cm).





Riverland Softball's under 14 girls team made it to the preliminary final in last weekend's Junior State Championships. Back row: (from left) Michelle Hayes (team manager), Jade Pech (assistant coach), Sophie Sampson, Riley Broad, Lazara Wade, Lauren Bowers, Kelsey Goldspink, Tanielle Polst, Lily Banks and Marianne Smith (scorer). Front row: Peighton Batchelor, Bethany Broad, Bree McAllister, Kayley Swart, Marley Fridd, Melissa Bristow (coach) and Kiana Robinson. PHOTOS: supplied

# Juniors taste state finals

RIVERLAND softball's future appears to be in good hands after the region's junior stars put in an impressive showing at the State Junior Championships last weekend.

The carnival saw the Riverland send 24 players across two teams as well as Ebonee Pech and Michelle Morris who teamed up with the Hills under 18 team for the weekend.

The Riverland under 16 boys side only had one other team in its age group, meaning progression to the grand final was guaranteed from the outset, but the boys still impressed.

They were pitted against a number of under 14 boys teams and were able to win four of their six fixtures, before losing by just three runs in the grand final.

The under 14 girls team representing the Riverland bowed out in the preliminary final after winning two of its four minor round games.

Riverland Softball Association president Monica Haaja praised the efforts of both sides, in particular the sportsmanship of the boys team when up against the younger sides.

"We were all very proud of the way the boys all conducted themselves while playing against boys that were half the size of them," Ms Haaja said.

Grand finalists in the under 16s division, the Riverland softball boys team won four of its six games across the competition. Back row: (from left) Vikkie Taylor (scorer), Kale Karpany (coach), Zy Heindrich, Jaxon Fridd, Tarkyn Morris, Wyatt Nuske, Hayden Clarke, Noah Paull and Cara Venning (assistant coach). Middle: Ajax Western-Schapel, Evan McAllister, Patrick Butler and Kane Liddell. Front: Darcy Venning.



"They encouraged the younger players and also gave them pointers on where to stand and when to run.

"It was awesome to watch these young men being so kind and gentle while also having fun playing, and taking it seriously when they played the other under 16 team.

"The girls really meshed well together, having only had a couple of trainings as a team.

"Their skills and confidence grew with each game and they didn't drop their heads, with the older ones in the team taking charge and helping the younger players.

"As for stand-out performers... I honestly couldn't pick one if I tried, as they are all stand-outs as far as I'm concerned, and the coaches would probably say the same thing."

## RESULTS

### RIVERLAND UNDER 16 BOYS

#### Saturday

V CDSA U16 5-4 win; V Hills U14 6-5 win; V CDSA U14 15-2 win; V GDSA U14 11-5 win.

#### Sunday

V CDSA U16 1-2 loss; V CDSA U16 GRAND FINAL 4-7 loss.

### RIVERLAND UNDER 14 GIRLS

#### Saturday

V CDSA 7-4 win; V Port Adelaide 5-10 Loss; v Hills 2-10 loss;

#### Sunday

V GDSA 7-6 win; PRELIM FINAL v Hills 11-2 loss (Hills went on to win the Grand Final).



Resistance came from Berri Blue in the form of Jason McGregor, but his seven strike-outs and safe hit were unable to keep his side in the contest. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Berri Red victory sets up grand final Friday

BERRI Red will face Renmark Angels in the Riverland baseball grand final series starting this Friday, after it defeated cross-town rivals Berri Blue in last week's qualifying final.

Jesse Stemberger was the star of the show, with his form with the bat allowing Red to open up an early lead, but it was his pitching that really stood out.

He managed to hold Berri Blue to just one run for the entire match, with his 11 strike-outs a highlight for the victorious side.

His opposite number Jason McGregor was also in strong form, throwing seven strike-outs for the match, but it was not enough as Berri Red cruised to victory.

Renmark Angels head into the grand final having not played in two weeks, with its first-place finish affording it a week off.

The grand final will be played in the form of a three-match series, with all games set to be nine innings long, unless game mercy comes into effect, as it did in last Friday's qualifying final.

## RESULTS

### Berri Red 11 d Berri Blue 1

Safe hits: Red – J. Stemberger, A. Rogers. Blue – J. McGregor.

Strike-outs: Red – J. Stemberger 11. Blue – J. McGregor 7.



Jesse Stemberger was unstoppable in last week's qualifying final, with his 11 strike-outs a key to Berri Red's victory.

# Loxton springs a Friday night pre-finals tennis upset on Cobby

LOXTON sprung a pre-finals upset, beating reigning premiers and hot premiership favourites Cobdogla 10-5 in last Friday night's round of Riverland division one senior tennis.

Loxton won the final three doubles rubbers to clinch victory, after its women enjoyed a particularly successful night. Tasmin Smith and Nadia Kruger both won their singles and doubles rubbers, while Ainslie Graetz won her only set, a doubles with Kruger.

Cobdogla will be strengthened by the return of three players for the finals, Sam Butterworth, Sophie Nettle and Will Swinstead.

Berri beat Renmark in the other division one match, after edging clear in the singles rubbers.

Wins to Max Jericho, Paul

Reid, Maria Tzanavaras and Kirsty Barnett paved the way for the 9-6 win.

## RESULTS

### DIVISION ONE

#### Berri 9-72 d Renmark 6-56.

Doubles (round 1): E. Day/M. Jericho lost to D. Strongman/W. Hill 1-6; P. Cresp/P. Reid lost to D. Schumann/J. Pick 2-6; M. Tzanavaras/K. Barnett d H. Poulish/E. Reid 6-4; Day/Cresp lost to Strongman/Schumann 3-6; Jericho/P. Reid d D. Bright/H. Beavis 6-4; M. Tzanavaras/Barnett d Poulish/E. Reid 6-2.

Singles: Day lost to Strongman 4-6; Jericho d Will 7-6; Cresp lost to Schumann 3-6; P. Reid d Beavis 6-0; Tzanavaras d Poulish 6-0; Barnett d E. Reid 6-1.

Doubles (round 2): Day/Cresp lost to Strongman/Hill 4-6; Jericho/Tzanavaras d Bright/Poulish 6-1; P. Reid/Barnett d Beavis/E. Reid 6-2.

**Loxton 10-71 d Cobdogla 5-57.**

Doubles (round 1): A. Waters/P. Smith d H. Carter/Shane Nettle 6-3; J. Lane/J.

Loxton lost to C. Battams/N. Battams 3-6; A. Biggins/N. Kruger d H. Drogemuller/L. Nettle 7-6; Waters/P. Smith d Carter/C. Battams 6-3; Lane/Loxton lost to Shane Nettle/N. Battams 2-6; T. Smith/Kruger d Drogemuller/L. Nettle 6-3.

Singles: Waters d Carter 6-3; P. Smith lost to C. Battams 1-6; Lane lost to Shane Nettle 3-6; Loxton lost to N. Battams 1-6; T. Smith d Drogemuller 6-0; Kruger d L. Nettle 6-2.

Doubles (round 2): Waters/Loxton d Carter/N. Battams 6-3; P. Smith/T. Smith d C. Battams/Drogemuller 6-2; Lane/Kruger d Shane Nettle/L. Nettle 6-2.

**Points:** Cobdogla 22, Loxton 16, Berri 14, Renmark 2.

### DIVISION TWO

#### Berri Red 12-82 d Loxton 3-59.

Berri Blue v Cobdogla (scores not supplied).

**Points:** Cobdogla 16, Berri Red 14, Barmera 14, Berri Blue 8, Loxton 0.

### DIVISION THREE

#### Barmera 6-48 d Cobdogla 4-40.

Loxton Bashers 5-40 d Loxton Smashers 5-36.

Paringa 9-55 d Renmark 1-19.

**Points:** Paringa 24, Loxton Bashers 14, Barmera 14, Moorook 13, Cobdogla 10, Loxton Smashers 6, Renmark 1.

### JUNIORS

#### Green 2

Renmark Diamonds 5-32 d Loxton Saville 3-30.

Berri 7-43 d Cobdogla 1-18.

#### Green 3

Barmera Tigers 6-39 d Loxton Tomljanovic 1-24.

Barmera Bulldogs 5-31 d Renmark Kookaburras 1-23.

#### Green 4A

Berri 5-27 d Waikerie Slammers 3-29.

Renmark Gliders 4-32 d Cobdogla Eagles 3-32.

Waikerie Barty Party 7-47 d Loxton Stosur 1-17.

#### Orange 1

Renmark Koalas 5-30 d Waikerie Wild Ones 1-20.

Berri 8-39 d Loxton Popyrin 0-8.

Cobdogla 6-32 d Barmera 2-16.

#### Orange 2

Renmark Wombats 7-42 d Cobdogla Kites 0-12.

Loxton Hewitt 5-23 d Loxton Bolt 3-26.

#### Green 4B

Barmera Magpies 6-32 d Loxton Kyrgios 2-23.

Barmera Giants 6-38 d Cobdogla Falcons 1-23.

#### Yellow 1

Renmark Sharks 6-41 d Loxton Barty 2-32.

Cobdogla 7-45 d Berri 1-17.

#### Yellow 2

Renmark Taipans 5-35 d Berri 3-31.

Loxton DeMinaur 5-31 d Cobdogla 3-35.

#### Green 1 Pirates

Renmark Joeys 4-36 d Barmera 4-32.

Cobdogla 5-38 d Loxton Millman 3-33.

#### Green 1 Opals

Barmera 4-36 d Berri 4-32.

Waikerie 8-48 d Loxton Molik 0-13.



# Record entries for Gift meeting

THIS Saturday’s 21st Nippy’s Loxton Gift Carnival is set to be the biggest in the event’s history.

A record 350 nominations have been received from 170 athletes, who will converge from across South Australia and Victoria to compete for almost \$20,000 in prizemoney.

Staged by the South Australian Athletic League (SAAL), the Loxton meeting ranks inside the nation’s top 10 richest athletics carnivals.

“It is one of the highlights of the South Australian Athletic League season,” an SAAL spokesperson said.

For the first time, female sprinters will race for the same prizemoney as the men in the 120m feature.

“The 120m Women’s Loxton Gift has attracted a sensational line-up,” the spokesperson said.

The field includes three Women’s Bay Sheffield winners in Layla Kinnane, Helena



Action from last year’s Nippy’s Loxton Gift Carnival. This year’s event will feature equal prizemoney for the men and women’s Gift final.  
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Schwerdt, Jordan McMillan, plus a Women’s Stawell Gift winner, Hayley Orman.

Last year’s Women’s Loxton Gift winner Mikayla Round and recent Women’s Camden Classic winner Tayla Phillis are also among entries.

McMillan created history in 2018 by becoming the youngest ever winner of the state’s most famous footrace, taking out the Women’s Bay Sheffield as a 14-year-old.

“Three years later and Jordan continues to improve,” the spokesperson said.

“She will compete at Loxton after recording the fastest time for a woman over 100m in South Australia this season and she will be the backmarker of the \$6000 race.”

In the Men’s Nippy Loxton Gift, 38 men will do battle to take home the prestigious sash.

Previous winners Jacob Aston, Sebastian Baird, Corey Baker and Brad Schutz are entered, along with this month’s Ballarat Gift winner Duncan Cameron and exciting youngster Michael Moschou.

Heats and semi-finals will be conducted, plus 15 finals.

Riverland football and netball relays will again be a feature of the program, along with a local Little Athletics display.

The first race kicks off at 4pm and the final race on the card, the Men’s Nippy’s Loxton Gift final, will be held at 10pm.

Top Adelaide-based racecaller Terry McAuliffe will be on hand to call all the action. Entry is free for all spectators.

# Lakers leave it late against the Supercats

BARMERA emerged on top in a tight contest in last week’s round of Riverland division one women’s basketball, edging out Loxton by two points.

The Supercats held a slender advantage heading into the final quarter, but it was not enough as Barmera was able to win it in the dying moments.

Tahlia Dillon scored her team’s last eight points of the match, taking over in the final five minutes and getting to the line on multiple occasions.

She finished the match with 27 points, nine of which came from the charity stripe.

Elise Foulds topped the scoring charts for Loxton, with her 20 points keeping the game close down the stretch.

Berri defeated Waikerie in the other fixture, despite an influential performance from Hannah Lehmann.

Her 19-point effort was not enough to get the Warriors over the line, with four Berri players contributing double-digit scores in the victory.

The men’s division saw Loxton run out comfortable winners over Barmera and Waikerie take the chocolates against Berri.

Waikerie’s Jack Parfitt continued his strong run of form, leading all comers in the scoring department with his 23 points.

Waikerie’s defence proved too difficult for Berri to overcome, with the Blazers restricted to just 42 points for the match.

**MEN**

DIVISION ONE				
Loxton	20	40	54	71
Barmera	19	23	31	44
Points: Details not supplied.				
Waikerie	20	34	46	65
Berri	4	21	36	42
Points: Waikerie – J. Parfitt 23, S. Smyth 11, K. Ling 10, B. Fridd 9, K. Hahn 6, L. Exton 4, D. Leuders 2. Berri – Harrison Campbell 12, R. Tieste 10, Heath Campbell 7, J. Szalbot 5, O. Hunyadi 4, R. Kunoth 4.				
DIVISION TWO				
Supercats	35	d	Waikerie Black	33; Allstars 47
Loxton	34;	Berri	65	d Barmera 32; Tigers 48
Waikerie White 31.				
DIVISION THREE				
Supercats	25	d	Berri Red	7; Berri 33
d Chaffey				



Soren Warnett’s 18 points helped lead Loxton to victory over Berri in last week’s round of under 14 boys division one basketball.  
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21; Loxton 51				
d Waikerie White 31; Barmera 34				
d Waikerie Black 25; Blazers 42				
d Steamers 31; Warriors 41				
d Renmark 30.				
DIVISION FOUR				
Loxton	42	d	Supercats	27; Berri 28
d Barmera 15.				
WOMEN				
DIVISION ONE				
Barmera	12	27	44	64
Loxton	15	27	46	62
Points: Barmera – T. Dillon 27, C. Wutke 11, A. Wutke 10, T. Hill 8, K. Stavrou 6, L. Hill 2. Loxton – E. Foulds 20, M. Hogan 15, A. Modlinski 13, B. Hahn 8, T. Tickle 4, S. Edwards 2.				
Berri	14	29	42	57
Waikerie	12	27	40	49
Points: Berri – B. Gates 15, L. Gregoric 12, C. Foulds, E. Eleftheriadis 10, C. Gates, E. Westley 4, A. Westley 2. Waikerie – H. Lehmann 19, A. Curtis 10, Y. Liu, T. Fridd 5, S. Hyde, S. Campbell 4, C. Turner 2.				
DIVISION TWO/THREE				

Supercats 39				
d Loxton 26; Berri 33				
d Tigers 18; Catsstars 23				
drew Barmera 23; Renmark 50				
d Allstars 21; Waikerie 13				
d Wildcats 11.				
DIVISION FOUR				
Loxton	35	d	Supercats	13; Berri 21
d Waikerie 18; Renmark 40				
d Barmera 33.				
BOYS				
Under 18 (div 1):				
Renmark 47				
d Barmera 32; Waikerie 36				
d Loxton 34.				
Under 18 (div 2):				
Berri 48				
d Supercats 31; Loxton 36				
drew Waikerie 36; Renmark 40				
d Barmera 33.				
Under 16 (div 1):				
Loxton 53				
d Waikerie 28; Barmera 51				
d Berri 37.				
Under 16 (div 2):				
Renmark 53				
d Waikerie 27; Loxton 56				
d Barmera 27; Tigers 31				
d Supercats 25.				
Under 14 (div 1):				
Loxton 29				
d Berri 25; Renmark 56				
d Barmera 12.				
Under 14 (div 2):				

Waikerie 44				
d Barmera 26; Lakers 59				
d Loxton 12.				
Under 12 (div 1):				
Berri 38				
d Barmera 28; Loxton 35				
d Waikerie 23.				
Under 12 (div 2):				
Supercats 24				
d Barmera 8; Loxton 9				
drew Waikerie 9.				
GIRLS				
Under 18:				
Renmark 48				
d Barmera 11; Berri 41				
d Waikerie 21.				
Under 16:				
Loxton 41				
d Renmark 31; Waikerie 33				
d Berri 17.				
Under 14 (div 1):				
Supercats 36				
d Steamers 25; Loxton 49				
d Berri 23; Barmera 51				
d Waikerie 15.				
Under 14 (div 2):				
Loxton 29				
d Barmera 12; Waikerie 18				
d Supercats 16.				
Under 12 (div 1):				
Berri 29				
d Loxton 16; Waikerie 30				
d Barmera 20				
Under 12 (div 2):				
Supercats 28				
d Barmera 2; Waikerie 16				
d Loxton 15.				



# It's go-time for the footy girls

**BEN LENNON**

THE wait is over for the Riverland's aspiring female footballers, with the inaugural under 15 girls competition set to kick off next Monday.

Each RFL club has entered a team and all are ready to go, with a member of each side gathering at the Barmera-Monash Football Club to launch the season last Thursday afternoon.

Fresh from a day at school, the kids donned the tribal colours they will be throwing on each Monday night for the next six weeks and joined each other in a brief kick and a catch.

Many of the players in attendance had never met before, but all had plenty in common.

When asked which footballers they look up to, a chorus of "Erin Phillips" and "Chelsea Randall" rang out from the girls.

All of them want to play in the midfield, so they can get first hands on the ball and control the game.

Above all else, each player in attendance was beaming with excitement, stating they are keen to get out there and test themselves against the girls from the other Riverland clubs.

"To play against other Riverland teams is pretty cool," said Barmera Monash's Jessie Priest.

"I team managed Barmera last year and that was good, but I just wanted to be out there."

The competition is set to be ground-breaking off the field as well as on it, with a num-

ber of coaches stepping into the game for the first time.

One of these is Waikerie coach Sarah Schiller, who by her own admission says she has "not a lot" of experience in footy.

"Not much, apart from taking Waikerie Primary School's football teams to competitions up in Berri," Schiller said.

"I've taken the boys and assisted them while we had a coach and I've taken the girls to the Crows Cup and we won that in Berri which was nice.

"Most of the girls in this team are the girls that I took to the Westies Cup and the Crows Cup so they've played together already."

Schiller is an experienced hockey player and coach, but her motivation to try her hand at another code went far beyond just having an interest in footy.

The competition offers the girls a chance to play in a competition affiliated with the RFL without boys, something that Schiller is excited about.

"I just want to see the girls out there doing it and succeeding for themselves and not always having to be in a mixed team," she said.

"They actually can stand on their own two feet and have the skills and ability to be a strong group of girls by themselves.

"Often in the mixed teams they get pushed to the side a bit if they're not as strong as the boys so it gives them a chance to develop their own skills."

With the competition running outside of the regular RFL season, the participating teams have the chance to garner plenty of



Charlie Blanck, Lana Jaeschke, Amy Shapley, Jessie Priest, Molly Petersen and Celia Collins are all raring to go for next week's inaugural round of RFL under 15 girls fixtures. PHOTO: Nick Dillon

supporters each Monday night.

Waikerie Football Club has played a vital role in ensuring the team is ready to go and Schiller is grateful for the support received from the Magpies.

"The Waikerie Footy Club has been incredibly supportive. I've had them ringing me all the time, making sure I'm all right and that the girls have everything they need," she said.

"They've been amazing and it's a credit to how they conduct themselves as a club.

"The senior women's team has been talking about not training on the Monday of the first game and coming to have a look at the under 15s game in Berri, so they're really

excited about it.

"Having it on the Monday night is a brilliant idea and getting them playing the game rather than just doing skills and drills, is going to help numbers grow even more.

"I like the idea that everyone's encouraged to fill in for other teams so hopefully it's going to help build some relationships that way.

"I'm hoping it leads to senior football someday for these girls."

All girls tipped predictably stated their own team to do the best in the inaugural season, except for 11-year-old Charlie Blanck of Berri Football Club, who dropped a bombshell by tipping Waikerie to be the strongest side.

# Loxton on the lookout for Tiger cubs

**BEN LENNON**

YOUNG girls in the Riverland have a while without a clear-cut pathway into senior women's football.

The new under 15 girls competition is set to change that, with players now able to compete against members of the same sex and age group in an organised format.

Adrian Hogg has just one year of coaching under his belt, but jumped at the opportunity to get involved when he realised the "exciting" new transitional environment the competition is set to provide.

"Last year was my first year of coaching but I've been involved with the Catters, the combined Loxton and Loxton North senior women's side," Hogg said.

"I've been involved with them since their inception and my wife has played. But, we found that there wasn't really a pathway for the girls to get to the seniors.

"Coming through with the junior boys' side and into the seniors, it wasn't a clean-cut process, but this will fine tune that pathway and hopefully give those girls some companionship along the way.

"That was the main reason I got involved.

"The girls are still welcome to go through



Just under a week until the new under 15 girls competition kicks off, Loxton and Loxton North are both still keen to welcome new players to the club. PHOTO Nick Dillon

the juniors with the boys but now the ones that didn't feel as comfortable with that mix can be in a league of their own."

Despite the opportunity on offer, Loxton and Loxton North are both struggling for numbers in the early days of the competition.

Hogg says while the clubs are working well together, more players are required.

"Everyone's getting along committee-wise but we only have about six players between the two clubs, so player-wise it's not great,"

he said.

"It's essential for women's footy that it gets utilised properly. The girls that are there are loving it. They're learning a lot and they're always coming back and being positive."

The allure of other sports is just one thing Hogg believes is providing a barrier to participation, but by running the competition so early in the year on Monday night's, there is no overlap with the major winter sports.

Hogg also wanted to ease the thoughts of anyone who might think that football is too rough of a sport for girls of such a young age.

"I think there's a bit of a misconception of how rough the sport is," he said.

"I think it's only as rough as you make it and you don't need to be in a position where you're going to be hurt.

"It would be a good opportunity to have a go at a new sport, in a carnival-type atmosphere where there's no pressure to perform.

"There's no points, there's no gold medals, it's just a great opportunity to come out and have some fun and have a taste of the sport and see if it's for you.

"Even if it's just for one night, it's enough to say 'at least I've had a go at that'."

Both clubs will still field teams, with player sharing from the other RFL clubs a viable option to ensure that the show goes on.

Hogg stressed, though, that even coming out to a single training could be a good opportunity and will help aid the development of the girls that already want to play.

For any further details about getting involved in the Loxton Football Club's under 15s side, please contact Adrian Hogg on 0429 873 389.

# Junior Swans get the RFL tick of approval

**BEN LENNON**

PARINGA'S plan to field two junior sides this winter was approved by the RFL last week, without objections from any RFL A grade clubs.

News of the push for a junior team first emerged earlier this year, with Paringa Football Club presi-

dent Kevin Eckermann leading the charge.

Now the club has been granted its wish, and young kids in Paringa will be able to don the red and white to compete against RFL clubs for the first time.

Paringa has entered an under 11s team and an under 9s team in the Friday night junior competi-

tion and the coaches of these teams have been confirmed.

Daniel Giles will take control of the under 9s team, while current Paringa player Chris Gardner has put his hand up to take on the under 11s coaching role.

The club is holding a family day this Saturday and Mr Eckermann is looking forward to seeing as many

fresh faces as possible.

"The objective is to entice girls and boys that wish to play Aussie rules in the under 9 and under 11 age groups, as well as Auskickers, to come out for a kick around on Saturday morning," Mr Eckermann said.

"We want to make sure that everyone who wants to play footy gets

the opportunity to do so.

"We will be working with Renmark Rovers where possible to ensure everyone in our area gets a game."

Paringa's family day kicks off at 10am this Saturday, with a free sausage sizzle and drink available to all in attendance.





Janice Trezise’s Renmark four was victorious against Nathan Cronin’s Waikerie team in last week’s preview of the Bowls Riverland division one semi-final. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Bowls finals beckon for Riverland’s best

BARMERA has broken its division one finals drought after defeating The Lawns in the final round of the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants regular season.

The fourth-placed Pelicans will take on Loxton RSL in a do-or-die semi-final fixture this Saturday, with first-placed Waikerie lining up against Renmark for a spot in the grand final in the other match.

Renmark will fancy its chances after it defeated Waikerie by nine shots last week, though Waikerie managed to hold on to top spot by just five points in the overall standings.

Berri was the best of the rest, finishing the season with 239 points in fifth place, 71 points ahead of the next best side, Loxton.

Division two also saw Waikerie finish on top of the ladder, with Monash locked in as the main challengers in second.

The treble was completed via the division three standings that showed Waikerie in first as well, after losing just two games for the entire season.

Waikerie Regents and Barmera finished first and second in the fourth division, both comfortably ahead of The Lawns Red in third.

The finals series is set to be played over three days, starting this weekend with the

first two rounds locked in for Saturday and Sunday.

The grand final will be played the following weekend on Saturday, March 5, with venues yet to be confirmed.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Loxton RSL 61 d Loxton 55.

C. Kernich 15 lost to D. Schliebs 23; J. Bodnar 23 d R. Coombs 17; S. Roberts 23 d B. Schubert 15.

Barmera 84 d The Lawns 38.

J. Morena 45 d N. Skinner 5; R. Reynolds 26 lost to C. Topperwien 21; C. Karantonis 23 d M. Inglis 12.

The Lawns Red 57 d Berri 54.

S. Ivanovic 24 d K. Treloar 15; P. Lawton 17 d D. Badran 14; S. Leesue 16 lost to D. Treloar 25.

Renmark 59 d Waikerie 52.

S. Blee 26 d W. Collins 13; B. Dopson 13 lost to A. Fulwood 21; M. Rice 20 d G. Johns 18.

	W	L	Agg	Points
Waikerie	12	5	165	302
Renmark	12	5	125	297
Loxton RSL	11	6	105	283
Barmera	11	6	83	275
Berri	9	8	69	239
Loxton	6	11	-97	168
The Lawns Red	6	11	-71	164
The Lawns	1	16	-379	40

DIVISION TWO

Lyrup 68 d Barmera 51.

S. Munro 13 lost to P. Thompson 25; L. Recchia 25 d D. Button 14; J. Wrigley 30 d D. Mills 12.

Loxton RSL 73 d Renmark 50.

S. Charles 36 d B. Knight 15; E. Eagle 17 lost to M. Howe 21; J. Smith 20 d R. Andt 14.

**Waikerie 80 d Berri 50.**

M. Morete 23 d W. Couzens 18; R. Davies 20 lost to L. Knight 23; D. Thompson 37 d J. Cresp 9.

**The Lawns 63 d Moorook 41.**

K. Smith 26 d C. Battams 7; K. Knight 25 d A. Wachtel 12; K. Schopp 12 lost to C. Pantic 22.

**Monash 60 d Loxton 58.**

M. Wood 19 lost to P. Kimber 20; S. Elsdon 17 d H. Appleton 14; S. Voigt 24 drew with T. Thurston 24.

	W	L	Agg	Points
Waikerie	14	4	259	345
Monash	13	4	196	329
Lyrup	10	6	222	286
Berri	10	8	104	265
Barmera	9	7	69	261
Loxton	8	8	127	244
The Lawns	7	9	-155	207
Renmark	6	11	-64	179
Moorook	5	12	-317	151
Loxton RSL	2	15	-441	73

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Renmark 56 d Loxton White 52.

J. Thompson 16 lost to K. Brandsma 22; R. Warren 20 d B. Arnold 13; T. Matulick 20 d D. Proud 17.

	W	L	Agg	Points
Waikerie	14	2	378	371
Barmera	13	5	277	331
Loxton Red	12	5	120	324
Loxton White	12	6	73	298
Renmark	8	9	-101	218
Berri Blue	8	10	-48	210
Lyrup	6	11	-143	172
Monash	6	12	-148	168
The Lawns	4	13	-162	132
Berri Red	4	14	-246	116

DIVISION FOUR

Waikerie Regents 52 d Renmark 20.

L. Burnett 26 d T. Lennard 8; S. Shiers 26 d B. Warren 12.

The Lawns Red 39 d Barmera 29.

C. Haar 15 drew with K. Brown 15; L. Pinyon 24 d T. Daelman 14.

Loxton 41 d Moorook 37.

N. Milich 16 lost to L. Tschirpig 23; M. Thurston 25 d M. Smith 14.

	W	L	Agg	Points
Waikerie Regents	15	2	206	363
Barmera	13	4	166	321
The Lawns Red	11	6	-9	266
Waikerie Hornets	8	10	11	195
Renmark	7	10	-110	183
Loxton	7	10	-64	181
Moorook	5	12	-94	139
The Lawns	2	14	-106	80

## The push for the midweek triples podium

ALTHOUGH the top two are out of reach, a third-place finish remains a possibility for a number of clubs in the Bowls Riverland midweek triples competition.

The Lawns Red remains on top, still 48 points ahead of Barmera in second position, but current third-place holders Renmark Gold has five competitors snapping at its heels.

Just five points behind Gold sits Berri Blue, with Renmark Green a further five points behind in fifth position.

Berri Blue and Renmark Green both possess more wins than Renmark Gold, but two draws to the third-place side sees it hold a slender points advantage.

Sixth-placed Loxton White did its chances no harm last Wednesday, defeating Renmark Gold by 21 shots.

Lyrup’s loss to Loxton Blue means it needs a lot to go its way in the next fortnight if it is to be any chance of cracking the top three, with the side now 23 points away form third.

Elsewhere, Monash and The Lawns picked up rare wins, leaving Barmera Pelicans languishing at the foot of the ladder.

RESULTS

The Lawns Red 94 d Berri Red 65.

R. Lawton 23 d J. Cresp 14; R. Stoeckel 29 d L. Knight 20; S. Ivanovic 25 d J. Centofanti 12; P. Lawton 17 lost to R. Correll 19.

Barmera 101 d Berri blue 50.

J. Morena 15 lost to K. Carpenter 19; K. Carter 36 d G. Elleway 7; D. Button 19 d K. Stokes 12; D. Mills 31 d A. Kesturjak 12.

Renmarke Green 95 d Waikerie 80.

M. Rice 29 d R. Pickett 22; J. Thompson 13 lost to M. Morete 26; B. Lockett 22 d N. Harcombe 13; B. Quatrebornes 31 d B. Oliver 19.

The Lawns 106 d Loxton Red 54.

R. Ashworth 33 d T. Thurston 14; K. Knight 23 d G. Cockshell 13; K. Schopp 31 d G. Schulz 7; M. Hudson 19 lost to P. Kimber 20.

Monash 114 d Barmera Pelicans 67.

R. Jury 29 d I. Lloyde 24; W. Pahl 29 d H. Robinson 12; P. Grocke 29 d P. Thompson 14; W. Barnett 27 d B. Tambllyn 17.

Loxton White 82 d Renmark Gold 61.

D. Kimber 19 d D. Leedle 16; D. Schliebs 30 d M. Howe 11; R. Coombs 17 lost to B. Dopson 19; W. Harrison 16 d B. Cropper 15.

Loxton Blue 82 d Lyrup 68.

P. Vaughan 24 d G. Milich 16; T. Allister 12 lost to C. Gamble 22; H. Appleton 25 d R. Bedson 14; T. Wurst 21 d J. Bodnar 16.

Points: The Lawns Red 399; Barmera 351; Renmark Gold 278; Berri Blue 273; Renmark Green 268; Loxton White 257; Lyrup 255; Waikerie 249; Loxton Red 218; Loxton Blue 209; Berri Red 202; The Lawns 131; Monash 125; Barmera Pelicans 117.

## All to play for in Wednesday pennants

A BLOCKBUSTER fixture will determine which team finishes in the top four in this week’s round of Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants.

Waikerie currently holds fourth position on the table, five points clear of Monash in fifth, but that could all change as the two do battle today.

Just one round remains in the competition, making this an unofficial elimination final fixture.

Both sides managed a win last week, with Monash defeating Berri away from home and Waikerie besting Renmark by six shots.

Last time they met it was Waikerie that came out on top, with an emphatic 34-shot win in round 11.

Two months have passed since then and Monash has hit form, setting up a mouth-watering clash.

The Lawns confirmed it would finish the regular season

in top spot, its win over Lyrup leaving it 50 points clear of Barmera in second place.

The wooden spoon is also yet to be decided, with Berri, Loxton and Lyrup all tied on six wins for the season, though Berri holds a slender points advantage.

First place in the second division is set to come down to the wire, with the two Berri sides in contention.

Berri Blue holds first position with 271 points, followed closely by Berri Red on 264.

Berri Red has a fairly straightforward task on paper, needing to beat Loxton RSL to stay in contention, while Blue will face off against Barmera in a tricky final-round fixture.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Waikerie 59 d Renmark 53.

M. Morley 22 d J. Cooper 10; C. Davies 21 d S. Schulz 20; J. Morley 16 lost to L. Hoffmann 23.

Barmera 62 d Loxton 43.

K. Mellon 16 lost to D. Vaughan 22;

G. Burns 20 d L. Kimber 12; C. Shugg 26 d B. Mattner 9.

Monash 61 d Berri 53.

J. Barnett 17 lost to K. Treloar 21; R. Potts 25 d K. Tanner 14; S. Elsdon 19 d J. Price 18.

The Lawns 63 d Lyrup 55.

M. Spano 19 lost to R. Smith 26; J. Knight 17 d B. Howe 16; C. Topperwien 27 d S. Lloyd 13.

Points: The Lawns 287; Barmera 237; Renmark 222; Waikerie 216; Monash 211; Berri 169; Loxton 164; Lyrup 158.

DIVISION TWO

Loxton 45 d Moorook 35.

J. Hall 34 d H. Smith 17; N. Milich 11 lost to L. Tschirpig 18.

Berri Blue 55 d Berri Red 32.

B. Schulz 16 lost to D. Jungfer; J. Lyons 39 d M. Miller 8.

Renmark 64 d Barmera 16.

C. Vriends 33 d M. Szabo 10; B. Warren 31 d C. Pickering 6.

Waikerie 37 d The Lawns Red 31.

L. Burnett 19 d E. Kennedy 13; S. Short 18 drew with V. Crouch 18.

Loxton RSL 43 d The Lawns 39.

J. Smith 18 lost to L. Pinyon 22; H. Dreschler 25 d C. Haar 17.

Points: Berri Blue 271; Berri Red 264; The Lawns 216; Moorook 195; Barmera 193; Loxton 174; Renmark 169; The Lawns Red 153; Loxton RSL 144; Waikerie 141.



# Locals taste success at Renmark Open

THE results are in and the Renmark Open, hosted by the Vitor Renmark Swimming Club a fortnight ago, saw a number of Riverlanders win high honours.

Loxton and Renmark saw great success, picking up 23 medals each, including seven gold for Renmark and 10 for Loxton.

Berri produced two bronze medallists, bringing the overall medal tally for the Riverland up to 48 for the entire weekend.

Loxton Swimming Club finished the highest of the three Riverland participants, with a score of 417 tournament points, but it was Marion Swimming Club that came out on top overall.

A whopping 60 swimmers from Marion ensured its victory, with the club finishing on 1362 points, over 700 clear of Clovercrest in second.

Immanuel finished third overall for the day, its competitors claiming 592 points in total.

Vitor Renmark Swimming Club finished with 324 points and Berri Swimming Club managed 129.

Two Riverlanders made it into

the top five individual scores, with Loxton's Jordan White earning 79 points and Hugh Riedel of Renmark just behind him with 77.

**RESULTS**

**Riverland club medals**

Berri Swimming Club – 2 Medals – Bronze x2; Loxton Swimming Club - 23 Medals - Gold x 10, Silver x 8, Bronze x 5; Vitor Renmark Swimming Club - 23 Medals - Gold x 7, Silver x 9, Bronze x6.

**Individual Medallists**

Berri Swimming Club: B. Menadue – Bronze x 1 B. Lambert - Bronze x1. Loxton Swimming Club: B. White - Bronze x 1, J. White - Gold x 7, Silver x 1, M. Long - Gold x 2, Silver x 1, Bronze x 1, S. White - Silver x 1, Bronze x 1, T. Hale - Bronze x 1, T. Hucks - Silver x 3, Z. Raynes - Gold x 1, Silver x 2, Bronze x 1. Vitor Renmark Swimming Club: E. Hoffmann - Silver x 1, Bronze x 3, H. Riedel - Gold x 5, Silver x3, P. Savcic - Silver x 1, Bronze x 2 S. Hoffmann - Bronze x 1, S. Lyons - Gold x 2, Silver x 4, D. Oar - Bronze x1.

**Riverland top three individual medalists:**

First – J. White (Loxton) - 8 Medals - Gold x 7, Silver x 1. Second – H. Riedel (Vitor Renmark) - 8 Medals - Gold x 5, Silver x 3. Third – S. Lyons (Vitor Renmark) - 6 Medals - Gold x 2, Silver x 4.

**Team Scores:**

Loxton Swimming Club - 417 points; Vitor Renmark Swimming Club - 324 points; Berri Swimming Club - 129 points.



Some of Vitor Renmark Swimming Club's competitors after the recently held Renmark Open. PHOTO: supplied



Vitor Renmark's Hugh Riedel was one of the Riverland's standout performers, picking up eight medals across the day.

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# GO-TIME

THE wait is over for the Riverland’s aspiring female footballers, with the inaugural under 15 girls competition set to kick off next Monday.

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It was all smiles at the RFL under 15 girls season launch in Barmera last week, with players from across the Riverland excited to have a kick. Waikerie’s Celia Collins (foreground) is pictured with Molly Petersen (Renmark), Jessie Priest (Barmera-Monash), Amy Shapley (Loxton), Lana Jaeschke (Loxton North) and Charlie Blanck (Berri). PHOTO: Nick Dillon



## Tigers on top

THE 2021/22 Super League cricket title belongs to Loxton after it defeated Parilla last Sunday in the grand final, thanks largely to an outstanding performance from Jake Albrecht.

The competition saw nine teams from the Mallee and Riverland regions face each other once and Loxton established itself as the favourite from the outset.

The Tigers won seven of their eight minor round games, comfortably qualifying in first place ahead of Parilla in second with six wins.

The final saw a number of experienced Loxton campaigners step up, including skipper Ben Hoffmann and Brian Lynch.

Jake Albrecht was undoubtedly man-of-the-match though, with a five-wicket haul to go along with his unbeaten 70 with the bat.

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