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Flying the flag:

our OAM Val

TIRELESS Berri community health worker Val Fewster was today awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) as part of the nation's Australia Day honours.

"You don't do things in the community, or in your life, to get recognition," she said.

"You do it because you love it, and you do it for your community."

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Berri woman Val Fewster was today honoured in the annual Australia Day Honours List, earning a Medal of the Order of Australia. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

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# A Riverland show of faith for Tonga

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A NUMBER of international workers staying in the Riverland were able to support each other last week during a difficult time for their home country.

The Tonga Friendly Islands Community of South Australia organisation last Friday held a religious service – at the Victorious Church in Paringa – for locally based Tongan seasonal workers, after the country was tragically impacted by a volcanic eruption on January 15.

Pacific Island Council SA president Tukini Tavui said the gathering provided an opportunity to ease ongoing worries about family and friends in Tonga.

“For us, being here was very emotional,” Mr Tavui said.

“The spiritual leader who spoke would have appreciated the supporters who turned up.

“(They are) thinking about the issues back home, so for them this would be a huge boost to their morale.”

Renmark-based fruit picker Sione Ma’u said emotional support had been necessary for Tongan workers staying in the Riverland.

“We always look out for each other and we always look after

each other, no matter what,” Mr Ma’u said.

“Even when something like the volcano and the tsunami happens, this pulls us together and we feel more supported.

“A lot of the boys have families back home, and they haven’t contacted them. It’s really hard for them, but we stay together, help and support each other.

“That makes it easier, and helps us get through it... when we were singing together it felt like the burden on our shoulders was lifted.”

Mr Ma’u said he felt stronger connections with the wider community following the service.

“People were here to support us, even though we’re from a different country and culture,” he said.

“These days it’s hard to find people like that.”

Three people lost their lives in the eruption and resulting tsunami, with 84 per cent of the Tongan population estimated to have been affected by the event.

Mr Tavui said the service highlighted the positivity of the Tongan community’s spiritual beliefs during challenging times.

“It was about faith and trusting in the middle of a storm,” Mr Tavui said.



Pacific Island Council SA president Tukini Tavui (left), with reverend Anthony Kumitau (right) and Hulita Paula, at a religious service held for Tongan workers in the Riverland, after Tonga was impacted by a volcanic eruption earlier this month. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker. BELOW: The service was held at the Victorious Church in Paringa.



“When you’re going through the most difficult terrains of life, hope and faith in God can never die.

“We feel the emotions, and we go through the hurt, stress and anxiety, but we go through that and hold onto hope.”

Riverlanders seeking to support victims of the emergency are encouraged to visit a GoFundMe page established by the Tonga Friendly Islands Community of South Australia (<https://bit.ly/3KCaNvT>).

“People were here to support us, even though we’re from a different country and culture...”

- Sione Ma’u  
Renmark-based Tongan seasonal worker

## Riverland to host one-off sports event

THE Riverland is set to host a one-off SA sporting event later this year.

Pre-planning between the organisations involved is well advanced and The Murray Pioneer understands the fixture is expected to get the official green light over the coming week, with details to be announced soon after.

## Bruno Bay correction:

A DETAIL about Australia Day celebrations, published in last week’s Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The Bruno Bay Firework Spectacular event at Cobdogla will not occur this year.

## ‘Concerning’ Old Sturt Highway to be resurfaced

A KEY freight and commuter road between Berri and Glossop is set to be upgraded in the next financial year, following complaints from local residents and council.

The Old Sturt Highway will undergo resurfacing works in 2022/23 to repair the road’s uneven surface.

“After receiving concerns from several constituents regarding the surface of the Old Sturt Highway, I contacted the



















Minister for Transport (Corey Wingard)...” said Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone in a Facebook post.

“Thanks to the government for listening to the Chaffey community.”

Complaints about the road were also put forward by Berri Barmera councillors at a meeting in May 2021, attended by staff from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone at the Old Sturt Highway in front of Berri Estates. The highway is set to be resurfaced in the next financial year. PHOTO: Facebook

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# Riverland environmental site receives \$1.5m in Healthy Rivers Program funding...



Barker MP Tony Pasin (second from right) on Saturday awarded a \$1.5m Healthy Rivers Program grant to Calperum Station. He is pictured with federal Minister for Water Keith Pitt (left), Calperum Station senior ecologist Peter Cale, ranger Jeremy Sumner, general manager Julie Robertson, and educational ecologist Caitlin Polack. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

## Ca\$h for Calperum

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

PROMOTING River Murray sustainability, creating new jobs and boosting local businesses is the goal of a local environmental site's project that has received more than \$1m in funding.

Barker MP Tony Pasin – accompanied by federal Minister for Water Keith Pitt and Riverland-based Legislative Council Member Nicola Centofanti – on Saturday announced \$1.5m in funding for Calperum Station, to restore ecological function to the Riverland Ramsar site.

Neilly Group director Jason Neilly – who will work in partnership with Australian Landscape Trust on the project – said the funding would see the construction of infrastructure to support tourism and ecological activities.

"The project involves two pieces of infrastructure along Ral Ral Creek," Mr Neilly said.

"It will aid about 900m of bank remediation, and revegetation, of those banks, (and) improve access for environmental and tourism purposes to Hunchee Island.

"When the high waters come through we can't get to it at the moment.

"It's focused on the environmental benefits of sediment control, and restoring habitat

to a Ramsar wetland."

Mr Neilly said Riverland contractors and indigenous environmental experts would be key to the project's success.

"It means a permanent position will be (created) locally, and we're estimating about 900 volunteer hours will be involved," he said. "Two to four traditional owners will be helping on the project... and it will also involve two or three local contractors during construction."

Mr Pasin said the program would lead to environmental, and economic, benefits for the wider community.

"Renmark and the broader Riverland will benefit significantly from this grant, which will strengthen our local businesses, employment, recreational and tourism offerings while improving the health of our rivers and waterways," Mr Pasin said.

"This grant will provide over \$1.5 million in funding to Calperum Station, allowing locals to care for their local stretch of the river.

"This project will stabilise streambanks and improve river connectivity in the Riverland Ramsar-listed wetland."

Mr Pitt said the project – run through the Healthy Rivers Program – would deliver a "practical, on-ground" solution to increasing



Mr Cale (centre), showing previous water levels to Mr Pitt (left), Mr Pasin, Ms Robertson, and Riverland-based Liberal MLC Nicola Centofanti.

River Murray sustainability.

"Healthy Rivers projects bring people and organisations together to work on practical, on-ground projects that protect the Murray-Darling Basin," Mr Pitt said.

"The Healthy Rivers Program forms a key part of the Australian Government's Murray-Darling Communities Investment Package, which is putting communities back at the heart of the Basin Plan."

Further information regarding successful Healthy Rivers Program projects can be found by visiting the website ([www.awe.gov.au/water/policy/mdb/programs/basin-wide/healthy-rivers-program](http://www.awe.gov.au/water/policy/mdb/programs/basin-wide/healthy-rivers-program)).

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# Local aged care providers battling to keep Covid out

JOSH BRINE

RAPID tests, vaccinations and protective equipment are among the tools Riverland aged care providers say will help keep residents safe during the new phase of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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“All staff and all visitors to the facility are also screened on entry each time they come in,” she said.

“All of our staff are double-vaccinated and a lot of them have had their third booster shot and the rest will have to have that by the end of the month.

“We will be having a third vaccination clinic for our residents here as well, so all those who wish to do so will have had three shots...

“Our lifestyle activities are still continuing, but we try and do more Covid-friendly things, or if there is something that gets passed from one resident to another it would be wiped down.”

Calvary regional CEO for South Australia and Northern Territory, Sharon Kendall, said staff at the organisation’s St Catherine’s Retirement Community in Berri were wearing PPE in line with SA Health guidelines, alongside other procedures put in place to reduce exposure.

“The health and wellbeing of our residents and staff is our number one priority and we are taking numerous

measures during this challenging time to keep people safe...” she said.

“Staff are completing regular surveillance testing using rapid antigen tests and are also having their meal breaks alone to limit exposure.

“Our residents are social distancing during meals and activities, and are only leaving the home if they need to attend medical appointments.

“To help reduce the risk of infection, there is currently a limit of one nominated and vaccinated visitor per resident across all Calvary homes nationwide, including Calvary St Catherine’s.”

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion said staff at aged care facilities were undertaking rapid antigen tests (RATs) every 48 hours, with “selected visitors” and residents returning from outings also being tested.

“On top of that, aged care



At the Lutheran Riverview Rest Home in full personal protective equipment recently were CEO Nicolle Jachmann (left) and personal carer attendant Molly Napolitano (right) with resident Pauline Atkins. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

residences are health facilities in a sense, so they’ve got nurses monitoring for symptoms full time,” he said.

Mr Champion said, in the event of an exposure, local aged care homes would be able to quarantine residents in the facility.

“If you think about when a normal cold and flu season goes through the community, we don’t want influenza transmitting from one resident to another,” he said.

“It’s not something that’s new to us in the aged care facility and in fact it’s not something that’s new to any aged care facility.”

Ms Jachmann said RATs, to be supplied by the federal government, would allow Riverview to test staff and visitors – with the facility generally allowing two visitors per resident per day.

“It will be a welcome relief when we receive those as we’ll be able to screen people before they come in a little bit more accurately than just a temperature and wellbeing check,” she said.

Ms Jachmann said the facility had received “very positive feedback” from residents and their families.

“The residents here (say) they feel safe,” she said.

“Throughout the pandemic whenever we have had to tighten things up a bit because of what’s happening in the community, residents and families have generally told us that they are actually grateful that we are protecting the residents as best we can.”

SAY HELLO TO APRIL: The Loxton Mardi Gras will go ahead in April, following the recent cancellation of the February date. PHOTO: supplied



## New date set for Loxton Mardi Gras

AFTER postponing its February event due to Covid, a long-standing community festival will now go ahead with a new date in April.

The Loxton Mardi Gras announced it will celebrate 65 years with its family festival on Saturday, April 9.

Loxton Mardi Gras publicity and events co-ordinator Chris Sheahan said following on from the success of last year, the parade will be held at the Loxton number two oval.

“Features of this location include Covid-safe plans, secure family lawn areas to view the parade and presentations, bands, food and market stalls,” he said.

This year’s theme is ‘celebrate’, with the event focused on promoting personal and community development amongst ambassadors, from 11 years to seniors.

Money raised from the program and event



goes towards worthy community projects.

“Entry is free, and of course there will be SA Health QR codes and contact tracing registers at the entry points,” Mr Sheahan said.

The Loxton Mardi Gras will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 9am to 2pm.

The traditional appreciation service, dedicated to war settlers in this area, will be held at the rotunda in Loxton’s East Terrace on Sunday, April 10, from at 8.30am.

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# War vet shrugs off Covid

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

NOT too many people can say they've lived through World War II and now survived Covid-19.

But, Loxton icon Howard Hendrick can, after being released from isolation after contracting the virus earlier this month.

The World War II veteran – who has 99th birthday coming up later this year – said his symptoms were mild.

"I just felt a bit off colour – I didn't have a headache, I just felt unwell," he said.

"For my age, I think I got out of it very lightly with hardly any ill-effects."

Mr Hendrick said he started the week by receiving his Covid-19 booster shot on the Tuesday, then received a visit from a friend on the Wednesday afternoon.

"We always have a cup of tea," he said.

"When he came to me, he had his mask on, but as soon as we got inside, he took his off and I had mine off anyway.

"We sat around for roughly half an hour."

Mr Hendrick then caught up with friends in the following days and had a blood transfusion.

"It was after that on Friday that I just felt a bit off colour – Saturday more so and Sunday as well," he said.

"I blamed my vax injection and possibly the transfusion.

"I always go to church every Sunday. It is rather fortunate that it was one of my worst days.

"I felt very lethargic, so I thought, 'I better not go to mass tonight'."

On the Monday morning, Mr Hendrick got a call from the friend he enjoyed a cup of tea with the Wednesday before.

"He said, 'I've just been notified that I'm positive for Covid, so you better get tested as well,'" he said.

"So naturally I went in straight away and within 24 hours they told me I was positive."

After reaching out to his contacts, Mr Hendrick said he was relieved that no one else has tested positive.

Those who know Mr Hendrick are aware of his busy social calendar, with numerous



Loxton World War II veteran Howard Hendrick has been released from isolation after contracting Covid-19 earlier this month. Thankfully, at 98 years young, Mr Hendrick suffered very few symptoms and is back enjoying his regular active lifestyle. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

coffee groups and engagements routinely planned each week.

"I was in isolation and that was probably the worst part," he said.

"I was told all the things I wasn't allowed to do.

"Normally I am out and about a lot (but) for a fortnight I never used the car."

However, Mr Hendrick said he was able to keep occupied in his large garden.

"I did things I've never done before," he said.

"I didn't realise that a little baby filter was in each pop-up sprinkler... so I have cleaned all the filters and now my lawn looks better."

Mr Hendrick said he filled out a questionnaire from SA Health



daily to detail his symptoms – or in his case, his lack of.

"I've suffered very little ill-effects," he said.

"The whole time I have been more tired than usual.

"I hardly ever have a rest in the afternoon. But, I was so

exhausted by mid-afternoon, I'd have a rest."

Three weeks on from contracting Covid-19, Mr Hendrick said he feels "very well" now.

"You could say I'm 85 to 90 per cent back to normal," he said. "I still have this tiredness lingering on in the afternoons."

Mr Hendrick, who has never had a drop of alcohol or touched a cigarette, is still highly independent and drove himself to Adelaide to spend Christmas with his family last month.

"I am so fortunate that I am at my age and still walking around, driving a car," he said.

"If I had to give up my independence, that would hurt."

Mr Howard thanked locals for their well wishes and support.

**“ For my age, I think I got out of it very lightly with hardly any ill-effects... ”**

- Howard Hendrick, 98

## Fruit Fly Update

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

## Thinking Oz Day? Think about Val

THE sole uniting factor about Australia Day is the irrefutable fact it divides us.

Each year the same argument rages, pitting change-the-date advocates against those who believe it should remain on January 26.

Surveys show majority support for retaining the status quo, but the tide is slowly turning, and given the rate of cultural change over the past decade, only a fool would stake their reputation on it staying put for the next 10 years.

Unfortunately, the Australian of the Year award has become similarly divisive and extremely political, nudged further along that path in 2021 by Grace Tame.

Last year, even our national broadcaster landed itself in hot water, publishing an online story with the headline “Australia Day/ Invasion Day 2021 events guide”.

At the time of writing, the 2022 winner was yet to be named, but a glance at the state winners – and therefore national nominees – suggests at least a 50/50 chance the latest Australian of the Year will again court controversy and champion a political agenda of one type or another.

First awarded in 1960, the Australian of the Year award has been around long enough to shed the oddness inherent in its title. We barely bat an eyelid about crowning one of our 26 million residents the best Australian among us.

Some will argue it helps shine a precious light on the recipient’s particular cause (or causes), and/or achievements. Others will say the major award has been hijacked by activists and used as another propaganda tool.

But regardless of your personal view on Australia Day, and the Australian of the Year, the efforts of people like Berri woman Val Fewster should never be lost among such discussion.

Mrs Fewster was today awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to community health and a look through her list of community contributions confirms that on this occasion, the decision-makers have got it right.

Much of Mrs Fewster’s work has been in health, again confirming that it often takes a special person to work in that field. Take a moment to read her story in today’s Pioneer, and if you see her around the place, say thanks – even though she would never ask for it, nor expect it.

## Cancel the Covid cancellations

THE Covid-19 cancellations just keep racking up and in today’s paper we learn of two more (page 22) – neither of them necessarily major, but both important to the people concerned.

In addition, the Loxton Mardi Gras was postponed recently, but today we learn that a new date, in April, has been pencilled in.

For the past two years, organisers of all public events have been walking a Covid-19 tightrope, balancing the desire to stage their event with government-enforced restrictions, and the noble goal of keeping people safe.

But surely 2022 must surely see a turning of the tide and an easing of restrictions on public events. If things fail to return to something resembling normal, the ‘living with the virus’ line will have been exposed as nothing more than an empty platitude, fed to the masses by bureaucrats making up stuff as they go along.



**Loxton’s ANZ Bank (formerly the Bank of Adelaide) under construction, East Terrace, 1911:** Loxton’s first Institute building is on the left. Both buildings were later extended to the footpath – the Institute in 1912 and the bank in 1966. At that time, the bank’s new shopfront replaced the original front entrance and created space for new offices. The first bank building was a primitive corrugated-iron cottage that housed the bank and the bank manager, James Sadleir. James, a man of vision and compassion, had come to Loxton in 1908 to establish the bank. He rapidly became one of Loxton’s leading pioneers. He often met visitors at the paddle-steamer wharf or railway station volunteering to show them the good potential of the farming district. Instrumental in establishing several community infrastructures including the dog-proof fence, he advocated locking the River Murray for irrigation. The 1911 bank-building comprised a banking chamber, manager’s room, strong-room, six living rooms, a cellar, sleep-out, washhouse and stable. This bank-house remains today behind the front offices of 1966. The closure of the ANZ Branch in Loxton in January this year brought the end of Loxton’s first bank that had served the community so well for 114 years. PHOTO: LHC

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Open, transparent council information?

AAH, Mr Fuller, you never fail to disappoint (‘Flawed comments from ex-councillor’, Murray Pioneer, 12/1/22).

It’s the same old rhetoric, and everyone that disagrees with you is “uninformed and misguided”.

Full disclosure. Within a month of being elected we had our first clash and I can only assume it was because I didn’t embrace your plans for the Barmera VIC, though I didn’t refuse them either.

I did then – as I did many times – ring the CEO to inform him of what I believed was your temper tantrum, and was invited to put in a complaint.

I declined then and many times after.

I arranged a meeting between us face to face at The Lakes, after which you took the step of emailing the CEO and mayor to inform them things were being worked out. That lasted a week.

After many attempts by the mayor and CEO to calm things down, they both came to me and offered to help me with a complaint. Then poor Stephen accepted.

I absolutely agree I have to carry a portion of the blame.

I would not allow anyone to walk on me, then or now. It’s also against government policy.

So whose face do we put to that \$10,000 complain?

I was sitting behind you when Bruce Lander as the newly elected ICAC Commissioner, told you he believed the Barmera VIC was not beyond scrutiny of the public, and I recall you argued with him.

Barmera Central receives money from Berri Barmera Council for tourism works, such as bookings for various events and accommodations. Therefore every member of the district, including me, has the right to ask council for a detailed acquittal of how that money is allocated.

If it is used for wages, has it been entered as funding received into general revenue, and if so, why?

Is the council paying staff for running events Barmera Central

owns or controls, such as the markets?

Why do you compare the Berri Barmera Council and the publicly owned and run VIC in Berri to the privately owned and operated VIC in Barmera?

On many occasions I had to suffer what I believed to be attempts to discredit me when I made a point of stating the public consultation policy of the council allows for a town hall meeting, and called for it to be used.

If you are all for open and transparent governance, why that response (as I interpreted it)? Was it because I said it? I most certainly was not uninformed, I had the policy on the table in front of me.

If you truly do believe the council is wrong, do something about it.

Why is North Lake in confidence? Why can’t everyone know what is happening to their town, including the people of Berri and the whole district? If you truly believe in open and transparent governance, give the ratepayers an open, detailed acquittal of the council and its funding Barmera Central gets.

I don’t think that is too much to ask.

STEPHEN LYNCH  
Loveday

### ANZ treating Loxton with contempt

STEPHANIE Thompson’s article, “ANZ withdraws its Loxton connection” (Murray Pioneer, 12/1/22) appears to be little more than a press release from the ANZ Bank attempting to justify the totally unnecessary closure of its Loxton branch.

It remains a mystery as to why opinions were not sought from any of the folks being abandoned by the heartless bank to provide a more balanced account (pardon the pun) of the disturbing event.

If “changes in banking habits and digital banking options” are supposed to be a valid reason for shutting up shop, then, the ANZ would be closing down all of its remaining branches.

One would have thought that the paper could have asked Ms

Jahour a few pertinent questions, such as:

Has the Loxton office been trading at a loss in recent times?

Why has the ANZ been closing 10 times as many branches as the National Australia and Westpac, two of its major competitors?

Why has the bank embarked on its insane self-destruction by progressively dismantling its once-impressive branch network?

It would come as no surprise to learn that some customers who prefer personal banking are strolling next door and opening an account with Bank SA, a division of Westpac, which is a sworn enemy of the ANZ, instead of being forced to travel, at their own expense, to Berri or faraway Waikerie.

Apparently, the CEO of the ANZ could not give a damn about losing business.

The Murray Pioneer should not have gone so soft on an institution which is quite happy to treat its major assets – staff and clients – as well as the town of Loxton, with such utter contempt.

ALAN BELL  
Meribah

### An ode to poor old Lake Bonney

POOR old Bonney, she’s been treated like a dunny,  
With raw effluent, drainage and stormwater poured into her tummy.  
Over the years she’s had he ups and downs,  
Blocked off and suffocated by bureaucratic clowns.  
All of her creatures did gasp and cough,  
As she turned into a salty broth,  
Wiping out many turtles and all Murray cod,  
Because bureaucrats decided they wanted to play God.  
The Save the Lake group convinced them to treat the bank down,  
Yet Barmera’s high flyers still wore a frown.  
The old girl recovered to her former glory,  
But it seems this was not the

end of the story.

With Joe on the march, giving his misinformed remarks,  
If the lake could talk and the detractors would walk.  
Old Bonney, if left, she’ll see us out.  
And be a Mecca forever, without a doubt.

JOHN BANNEAR  
Former member  
Save the Lake group  
Barmera

### Helping us to help out others

THROUGH your newspaper I wish to thank the people of the Riverland for their kind donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, furniture, white goods and electrical appliances which allow us to provide these items at reduced prices to those in the region who are struggling.

Your generosity is most appreciated and especially when we need to assist those in dire need to set up new households.

Remember to only donate goods of a quality that you yourself would purchase from a second-hand outlet. Many people are cleaning out their homes this time of year and our volunteers are working hard to distribute donated goods to our op shops, third party missions and other recycling venues.

We have had a successful 2021 with the opening of our Loxcare Community Hub as well as the launch of the beautiful community-driven mural on our buildings and we thank all those involved.

We also wish to thank the Department of Human Services for the funding for the mural and also the wonderful Berri Lions Club for a grant to equip our hub with some much-needed equipment to run our “meet, greet and eat” mornings, IT courses and other activities to enhance and improve the lives of people in the Riverland.

Many within our community were assisted with emergency relief and our schools, hospital and aged care facilities benefited from extra help for those in need from Loxcare.

In 2022 we hope to continue



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to support our community and to improve our facilities to keep our volunteers/customers/clients safe and well when visiting our premises.

It is indeed a great blessing to be part of this wonderful region and we welcome those who wish to join our volunteer family and help our community on a regular basis. Our wish is for all Riverland community members to be safe, happy and healthy in 2022.

**BEV SCARFE**  
Loxcare co-ordinator

**Check Labor’s health spending record**

THOSE of us who live in regional communities across our State know that talk is cheap.

Labor’s recent announcement pledging \$52.7m for the Limestone Coast and \$33m for the Upper Spencer Gulf health systems might seem like a reasonable one, but let’s take a good look at their history on health, particularly in our regions.

In 2008, Labor tried to downgrade, even close, dozens of hospitals in country South Australia.

In December 2017, Labor closed the Repatriation General Hospital, which provided care for older patients and veterans, many of whom stemmed from our regions, despite former premier Mike Rann’s pledge it would “never, ever be closed by a Labor government”.

Between 2014 and 2018 Labor spent a mere \$14m in total on regional health infrastructure (\$3.5m per year).

In comparison, the Marshall Liberal Government has already delivered for health in our regions and has spent more than \$70m in its first three years.

We have completed the upgrade to the Murray Bridge Emergency Department, as well as significant upgrades at a number of regional hospitals across the state. We’re also upgrading our suburban hospitals, including significant improvements



to Flinders Medical Centre, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Modbury Hospital, Lyell McEwin and revitalisation of the Repat site.

This investment takes pressure off our major hospitals which in turn benefits country patients that may require transfer to a metropolitan hospital.

We’re also building the new Women’s and Children’s Hospital to provide holistic, world-class healthcare and facilities for babies, children, young people, women and their families. This commitment is in addition to upgrades to the existing hospital site.

Going forward, we have committed more than \$200m to regional health infrastructure projects, this is more than double Labor’s recent commitment.

Projects such as the Mount Barker Hospital emergency department upgrade, the Whyalla Hospital A&E department rede-

velopment, the new Strathalbyn ambulance station and a new Barossa hospital.

Actions speak louder than words.

**NICOLA CENTOFANTI MLC**  
Liberal Member  
Legislative Council  
Winkie

**Take your Australia Day opportunity**

A WONDERFUL part of Australia Day for me is taking the opportunity to see friends, family and be amongst the great communities that surround us.

It’s always refreshing to have this time off by enjoying it with people and outside in our God-given nature.

It has become even more special since the pandemic because we haven’t been able to enjoy as much time together as a community as of late.

A day like today is a great

excuse to go out of our way to meet those we haven’t seen for a while or get to know new people who are all around us.

So let’s make the most of it today. Don’t be shy in meeting people, especially those you don’t know. Be safe, of course, but give them a wave and say g’day. Let’s be kind to our fellow Australian neighbour who is as blessed to be in this country as much as you and I are.

It helps remind each of us that we are a key part of helping our country thrive.

What are you going to do this Australia Day?

For me, I’m going to town ceremonies around the Riverland to greet and get to know more people so that I know more about the communities all around me.

Happy Australia Day, everyone.

**DAMIEN BUIJS**  
Nationals candidate for Chaffey

**TEXT LINE**

**0448 629 186**

I’ve just read your article about concerned parents not having their voices heard regarding vaccinating their children (‘Parents’ voices missing from kids vaccine debate’, *Murray Pioneer*, 19/1/22). I’m visiting the Riverland from Victoria, but I grew up here and I just want to say well done on publishing this article. Hardly anyone else is publishing parents’ concerns. My husband and I are double vaxxed but we have questions and concerns about vaccinating our children. So thank you for this article and letting our voices be heard.

**LAUREN**  
Victoria

No, we will not have our two eligible school-aged children vaccinated. The vaccination is a trial and we do not feel there’s enough information about how it may affect them in the future. Also how many jabs do we want them to have in their life? Starting at the ages of five and eight may mean a life of them.

**TAYLOR**  
Renmark

I refer to the article headed,

‘Riverland C-19 cases reach 450’ in last week’s *Murray Pioneer*. I would appreciate town numbers instead of council numbers in this instance. I am sure I would not be alone in this request. Come on, Loxton is 74.5km away from Waikerie. “Loxton Waikerie 194 cases” tells us an invalid number. What is it? 50/50, 60/40? I would like factual numbers in my town.

**ANNETTE**  
Loxton

ED: Thanks for the text, Annette. We would love to publish individual town numbers, but SA Health only compiles and distributes the data in individual council districts.

The western side of Renmark is turning into a suburb of unregistered, barking dogs. Can’t sleep.

**STEVE**  
Renmark

Regarding Trevor Norton’s column about Crown land (‘Ownership, development and control of our local river fronts,’ *Murray Pioneer*, 19/1/22), the District Council of Loxton Waikerie took away from the Loxton people the use of some

of our river front. Yes, it was closed off for the caravan park to add value to its sale in the future. So tell me, as a local we can’t use it, we get less area to use, and we pay the rates. I think there was a submission put earlier about that land for us to say what should happen to it. It all went quiet for 18 months and now look at it. You have upset many a local.

**MN**  
Loxton

I appreciate democracy includes freedom of speech, but don’t perceive why Di of Loxton (Text Line, 19/1/22) states that “only Waikerie people would oppose” etc. I was not aware that Waikerians are different to other people who care and are concerned with what happens in their town. Having been born in Waikerie, and as a ratepayer of many years I feel it is my right to at least have an opinion.

**PB**  
Waikerie

Is it coincidental that corellas trash the trees and lawns, then move onto another area, only to return when our lawnmowing contractors

mow the grass and take the tree debris with them? Sounds like some Adelaide tourists are visiting our river front, dumping rubbish, not taking it with them, and then coming back. Does this make our corellas feral?

**GARY**  
Waikerie

Demolish the old bank building (‘Accruing interest’, *Pioneer*, 19/1/22). Create public open space.

**GRAHAM McNAUGHTON**  
Renmark

A group of us went past the old Westpac bank by houseboat the other day. We all agree: how could anyone not see merit in bowling the building over and improving further the river-front vista?

**DAVID**  
Loxton

I take some of your points on board, Joe Gropler (‘Lake Bonney needs to be fixed’, *Pioneer*, 19/6/22), but I can’t see where you’ve actually refuted John Beech’s salinity readings, which was the whole point of his letter?

**ROB**  
Berri

**Looking back... 10 years ago January 27, 2012**



**DANGER ZONE:** A local boat operator says damaged navigation markers present a “dangerous” situation for river travellers near the South Australian border. Renmark man Richard Fewster told The Murray Pioneer he noticed a handful of markers below Lock 7 were in poor condition during his return from a recent trip downstream from Wentworth, New South Wales. Mr Fewster said the markers, along with navigation beacons, helped boat operators void unsafe sections of river.

**20 years ago January 25, 2002**



**EPA CLEAN UP ORDER:** The Environmental Protection Agency has issued an order against the Berri Barmera Council over a leak at its Berri effluent ponds. The order, which was issued on December 21, alleges the town’s disposal ponds are leaking and “causing surrounding land to become waterlogged and salinised and incapable of supporting plant life”.

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

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# SAPOL call for water safety

RIVERLANDERS are being reminded to stay safe in and on the water during today’s public holiday.

Additional SAPOL Water Operations Units will patrol the Murray River as part of Operation Riversafe, which commenced on January 1, to ensure the safety of all water users.

Officers will ensure vessels are not being operated under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and checking that water craft are operating safely.

SAPOL urged members of the public to remember the following safety advice:

- ❑ Stop, look and plan. Make sure your capabilities match the

environment and make sure you let a relative or friend know your plans.

- ❑ Life jackets are vital – they buy you time and increase your chance of survival in the case of an emergency. Make sure you are wearing the right one.
- ❑ Do not consume alcohol or drugs if you are going to be in and around waterways. A blood alcohol limit of 0.05 applies for vessel operators, observers and skiers.
- ❑ If in doubt about the rules, the South Australian recreational boating safety handbook is published by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and is available online.



Berri woman Val Fewster today received an OAM in recognition of her work for community health in the Riverland. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



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# Flying the flag: our OAM Val

ELYSE ARMANINI

A RIVERLANDER was today publicly recognised for her community service efforts, as part of the Australia Day 2022 Honours.

Berri woman Val Fewster was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to community health.

Mrs Fewster, 72, said she was feeling “quite excited” about receiving the honour, but remained humble in her excitement.

“You don’t do things in the community, or in your life, to get recognition,” she said. “You do it because you love it, and you do it for your community.”

As a prominent member of the Riverland community, Mrs Fewster spent years working as a registered nurse in community district nursing, and as a nurse and midwife with Child and Family Health Services (1985 to 2014).

She has had a long-standing connection with the Women’s and Children’s Hospital in Adelaide, as the Riverland chairperson of the state council representative since 2014, the president of the Berri Friends of the

Women’s and Children’s Hospital Auxiliary multiple times over 12 years, volunteer of the auxiliary since 1995, and life member since last year.

“I have (also) been a counsellor for the Australian Breastfeeding Association for 42 years,” Mrs Fewster said. “I guess I started one of the first Australian Breastfeeding community support groups at Berri and I have supported them in many different roles over the years.”

Her community engagement continued as a member, or volunteer, of various local health organisations, including:

- ❑ Riverland Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES) chair since 2012
- ❑ Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network volunteer educator since 2015
- ❑ Meals on Wheels volunteer for seven years
- ❑ Riverland Regional Hospital volunteer for six years

“I’ve loved working in the community,” Mrs Fewster said. “I was a child and maternity health minister for

30 years and also did some community nursing before that. I loved it.

“Okay, it was work, but I worked with families, mothers and babies, education, and I did 20 years of working with Aboriginal families in the community.

“So, not only was community part of my working life, I have always done a lot of volunteering in the community.”

Mrs Fewster said growing up with parents who volunteered and spent time in their community helped foster her love of working with and within the community.

“I was the eldest of seven and grew up in a family where, even back in those years, my parents were supportive in the community,” she said. “Community has always been part of my life in a big way.”

Mrs Fewster thanked her family for their continuing support throughout her working life and volunteering.

“I couldn’t have done anything without my family and their support,” she said.

“The support of my husband, John, and my sons and their families.”

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# Road to be widened, but when?

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE widening of a Riverland freight route has been deemed “necessary”, but will be prioritised against other statewide projects before it gets the green light.

Loxton Waikerie council recently wrote to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to complain about the width of the state road following feedback from road users.

“If people want to try and get off the road because a road train is coming, there is quite a drop off from the bitumen to the side of the road,” Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton said.

“The road hasn’t generally been widened, like it has through Moorook and things like that.”

Stanitzki Road, located between Loxton North and Yamba, is an approved road train route.

A DIT spokesperson said it acknowledged the “the relatively narrow lane width on Stanitzki Road”.

“The department’s road maintenance contractor will continue to undertake repairs to the edges as they occur,” the spokesperson said. “Widening of Stanitzki Road has been assessed and is considered necessary.

“Widening works will be compared against other state-wide priorities for future investment.”



Stanitzki Road, located between Loxton North and Yamba, will be widened following a complaint from Loxton Waikerie council. However, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport said it would first be compared against other statewide priorities for future investment.

PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Speaking at Loxton Waikerie council’s December meeting, councillor Terry Wheeldon said sections of the road were “honestly scary”.

“It is narrow and it’s got a big drop-off in lots of places,” Cr Wheeldon said.

“And you do not want to meet a B-double coming the other way, particularly if you are

coming from the Mildura side.”

Barker MP Tony Pasin said locals have “consistently” raised concerns with him about the condition of Stanitzki Road.

“As this is a state government road, I took those concerns to the State Minister, Corey Wingard, in March last year,” he said.

“Disappointingly, some six months later, I

received a response advising that the department was satisfied with the condition of the road and as such, it was not identified for future major resurfacing works.

“Like the local council, I will continue to campaign to see the condition of Stanitzki Road improved.”

**PAGE 17** Highway barrier backlash

**“ You do not want to meet a B-double coming the other way, particularly if you are coming from the Mildura side... ”**  
- Loxton Waikerie councillor Terry Wheeldon

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## Regional liveability top priority for SA councils

IMPROVED liveability in regional South Australia is being put forward as the top priority for local government candidates in the lead up to the 2022 state election.

The Local Government Association's (LGA) election platform, Local Voices for a Resilient South Australia, was released on Monday.

The platform highlights what the incoming state government can do to support councils to implement local solutions to address housing shortages, provide essential medical staff, and improve digital connectivity.

LGA president Angela Evans said fixing liveability challenges was urgent, to see economic and social prosperity across the state.

"These issues have been bubbling away for some time and are having a major impact on businesses and communities," Ms Evans said.



"South Australia is well placed to take advantage of changes associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, including the attractiveness of regional living and the lower costs and risks our state can present for business and investment."

The LGA is calling on the state government to work with councils to develop a roadmap for increasing regional housing supply, with better incentives for regional developments and alternative funding models for housing.

The LGA's state election platform is available at ([www.localvoices.lga.sa.gov.au](http://www.localvoices.lga.sa.gov.au)).

PAGE 12 Renmark Paringa CEO

# Get kids jabbed for school, expert says

JOSH BRINE

THERE is "no doubt" Covid-19 vaccinations for five to 11-year-olds are beneficial for both the children and the community, according to an expert from the region's local health network.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network executive director of clinical innovation, Professor Paul Worley, who sits on the state's clinical advisory group for the Covid-19 vaccination strategy, urged parents and caregivers to vaccinate children as schools prepare to reopen from next week.

"There's no doubt, looking at the worldwide evidence, that vaccinating children between five and 11 is beneficial for the children themselves, their families, the workplaces family members are part of and, in particular, for schools," he said.

"If it is possible for parents to get their children... one dose of the vaccine prior to returning to school, that will certainly be beneficial for children, families and the teachers at the schools."

"The more our children are vaccinated, the less disrupted schools will be from outbreaks of Covid-19, and that can only be a good thing."

Prof Worley said he disagreed with the notion that Covid-19 vaccines were more dangerous for young children than the disease itself.

"All the evidence we have from around the world is that the impact of getting a Covid-19 infection on a child between five and 11 is far more severe than the side effects of the vaccine..." he said.

"There are children between five and 11 who have died from Covid-19."

"Also, around one in 3000 children who are infected with Covid-19 will develop paediatric multisystem



Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network executive director of clinical innovation, Professor Paul Worley, says there is 'no doubt' children should receive a Covid-19 vaccine before returning to school next week. PHOTO: Twitter

inflammatory syndrome... two to six weeks following the infection, and that has a median age of nine years.

"The severity of that can range from mild to life threatening and can include severe heart disease. Most children require hospitalisation."

"For me, that's enough reason on its own to be immunising your children to help protect them from such a condition."

"In addition, there are the direct benefits (of vaccination) to the children, which are worthwhile themselves, and there are the indirect benefits to close contacts and the community."

Prof Worley said although the Covid-19 vaccine, like any vaccine, can cause side effects for "a very small number of children", there was "no comparison" to the potential complications caused by the disease itself.

"Those side effects (from vaccination) tend to be very transient, but very uncomfortable and disconcerting for the people involved," he said.

"The (health) impact of Covid-19 can be life threatening."

"That's my concern - that we are comparing something that is certainly disconcert-

ing and frustrating with something that can be life threatening."

"To me there is no comparison between the two."

Prof Worley said the idea Covid-19 vaccines were experimental due to their provisional approval from the Therapeutic Goods Administration was "a misconception".

"Vaccines are always provisionally recognised in the first instance, and the evidence that we have from the numbers of vaccinations in children between five and 11, particularly from the US, is far greater than the evidence that would usually accompany the provisional registration of a vaccine," he said.

About one-third of children aged five to 11 in South Australia have received one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine since becoming eligible for the vaccine on January 10.

"On behalf of the health system, thank you to all the kids and parents who are getting vaccinated and are helping our society, our schools and our health services to be able to get back to a Covid-normal," Prof Worley said.

PAGE 24 Local's Covid-19 vaccine viewpoint



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# A vision for Renmark’s commercial precinct and river front

I WRITE this viewpoint as an alternative view to David Crouch’s comments (Murray Pioneer, 19/1/22) that “Council, at the present time, haven’t got a bigger-picture vision of what the river front will look like, so then it comes back to the Westpac site as a thing in isolation”.

In May 2017 Council endorsed the Renmark Urban Design Framework (UDF), a document aimed at shaping how the Renmark town centre, including the river front, will evolve over the next 15 years.

The UDF was developed with extensive community input including workshops with approximately 80 businesses, two pop-up engagement events, as well as “make my place” workshops.

The resultant UDF has an overarching vision for the Renmark town centre of “make Renmark the place to relax and enjoy the

By  
**TONY SIVIOUR**  
Chief executive officer  
Renmark Paringa Council



Riverland lifestyle, bringing life and activity to the town centre, and reviving its economy, through a series of transformational projects”.

These interrelated transformational projects aim to, amongst other things, activate the water’s edge and surrounding precinct, remove heavy transport from the town centre to increase walkability, improve streetscapes as well as reduce shop vacancies and ensure a mix of successful shops and businesses.

Since 2017 Council has been busily implementing a series of transformational projects aimed at achieving the UDF’s overarching

vision, which includes:

- Developing Government Road as a strategic freight route, that allows heavy transport to bypass the town centre. This project is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2022 and is supported by an allocation of nearly \$5m from the federal government.

- Delivery of the Taylor Riverfront Precinct (TRP), which is designed to attract people to the Harry Clarke waterplay area, river deck and landscaped gardens. The TRP delivery was supported by almost \$2m in state and federal funding and has since won three awards for best regional main street, regional achievement in landscape architecture as well as the Planning Institute of SA award for a great place. While the full economic impact cannot be attributed to the TRP project alone, it is interesting to note that in excess of 20 vacant shops have been filled in

the Renmark commercial precinct since January 2019, during a global pandemic.

The other beauty of this project was through the UDF consultation the vision of a waterplay area was suggested by local resident Kate Yates following her trip to visit the Parque de le Reserva in Lima, South America.

- The redesign of the Ral Ral, Renmark and Murray Avenue intersection (currently under way), and the redesign of the streetscape of Murray Avenue (also under way), with the incorporation of wayfinding elements, to make these areas more walkable and to reenergise the town centre. We look forward to sharing these plans with the community in the very near future to seek your feedback.

- The formalisation of additional car parking on Fifteenth Street (currently under way).

- The release of an expres-

sion of interest to seek a potential innovative long-term use of the former Westpac site (currently under way). The UDF identified that the site could potentially be used to house a new visitor information centre and incorporate hospitality options. Given that this site has been a bank since 1937, it would be remiss of council to not explore all options, particularly when the extensively-consulted and council-endorsed UDF supports a concept to breathe economic life into this central business district of Renmark.

The Renmark Urban Design Framework is available on council’s website. I encourage all members of the community to view it, to form your own view as to whether council has an overarching vision for the Renmark commercial precinct and river front.



The inaugural Cordola Rocks the River festival has been awarded Mid Murray Council’s community event of the year.

## Morgan’s new music festival set to be honoured at Australia Day celebration

MORGAN’s inaugural Cordola Rocks the River festival has won Mid Murray Council’s community event of the year award.

The festival on October 30, 2021, was a sell-out and attracted more than 300 visitors to the Cordola Camping and Recreation grounds.

Organisers are already planning next year’s event.

Mid Murray Council said local artists and musicians affected by reduced performance opportunities due to the Covid-19 pandemic were given the opportunity to shine at the new event.

Funds were also raised from the festival to send two performers to the Tamworth Country Music Academy.

Blanchetown dirt go-kart star, Hayden Mason, is the winner of the 2022 Mid Murray Council Youth Achievement Award.

Hayden was behind the wheel of his first kart at the age of three and competed as a junior with the Blanchetown Kart Club, winning many major titles and blue ribbon events.

Last year, he won the SA Junior Light Champion for the second consecutive year.



Dirt kart racer Hayden Mason, of Blanchetown, will be presented the Mid Murray Council Youth Achievement Award today. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Hayden is also a three-time grand final player with the Mannum Roos Football Club and trains with the Mannum CFS Cadets.

Mannum CFS volunteer, Barry Burdett, has been named Mid Murray Council Citizen of the Year for 2022.

Mr Burdett has served with the fire service for 48 years and is a volunteer with

bushfire recovery organisation, Blazeaid.

He is also a long-standing member and office bearer with the Lions Club of Mannum.

The winners will be presented with their awards at Mid Murray Council’s Australia Day celebration, Breakfast in the Park, at Mary Anne Reserve in Mannum today.

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## SA booster shot eligibility expanded

MORE Riverlanders are now able to get a booster shot of a Covid-19 vaccine, with those who received their second dose more than three months ago now eligible.

The state government announced last Wednesday that the interval between the second dose and booster would be reduced to three months instead of four.

Premier Steven Marshall said about 60 per cent of eligible South Australians had received a booster dose, and urged those who recently became eligible to do the same.

"This next step in our Omicron response plan increases the number of South Australians eligible for their booster by about 25 per cent and will maximise our booster coverage, arming even more South Australians against the new variant by providing even better protection for the entire community," he said.

"The more South Australians get boosted, the sooner we can look to reduce restrictions and get back to a more normal life."

SA's chief public health officer Professor Nicola Spurrier said increasing the number of South Australians who have received their third dose would reduce case numbers, hospitalisations and deaths.

"We know that the third dose provides a far better level of protection against the Omicron variant so reducing the interval required to get this dose will give people the best protection possible even sooner," she said.

"South Australians who have had their second dose three months ago should make an appointment for their booster today."

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Local artist Jarrod Loxton began working on a new mural on the former ANZ building in East Terrace, Loxton, last week after being commissioned by the building's owner. INSET: The mural's progress yesterday. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

## Bank on a new look for Loxton building

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A NEWLY-empty building in Loxton's main street began receiving a splash of colour last week.

Loxton artist Jarrod Loxton was commissioned by the building's local owners to transform the former ANZ branch into a work of art in a bid to enhance the prominent, yet empty venue.

Mr Loxton said he was

approached by the building's owners, who wish to remain anonymous.

"They are absolutely passionate and I couldn't say no," he said.

Mr Loxton said he came up with the design, working closely with the building's owners, working to the theme 'where the Mallee meets the river'.

The local artist is no stranger

to large-scale murals, having painted the side of the Moorook store with a river scene in 2006.

However, Mr Loxton said the latest mural had some added pressure.

"I wasn't nervous about doing it, but I was nervous about it being in my hometown," he said.

Mr Loxton is self-taught, working with mainly brush and some aerosol paint for the mural,

and said he was enjoying using his holiday time to complete the piece.

"Some people go fishing, whereas I paint," he said.

The Murray Pioneer understands the building is yet to be leased, following ANZ's departure earlier this month.

Mr Loxton said he expects to be finished by the end of the week.

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# Small business a big deal for election hopeful

SMALL businesses – including Riverland growers – and their employees have been the biggest losers from the Covid-19 pandemic, says a single-issue SA election candidate who spent three days in the region last week.

Independent upper house hopeful Colin Shearing says public sector employees have felt none of the pain experienced by small business operators and their workers over the past two years.

“I find it a bit farcical that these rules are coming out of the public sector, telling the private sector what it can or can’t do,” said Mr Shearing, who has over 50 years’ experience in the SA retail industry.

“They say, ‘We’re going to change the rules and you’ve got to throw your food out, cancel your events or whatever, and lose money’.

“But they’re okay, because they’re not going to lose money.

“It’s totally abhorrent, and that’s why I keep saying we need a voice.”

Adelaide-based Mr Shearing says small business should have a spot on the state government’s powerful Transition



Committee, which includes Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, chief public health officer Professor Nicola Spurrier, among others.

“To me, that’s a no-brainer,” he said.

“We need consistency in messaging about the rules for small business, so why wouldn’t we have small business engaged in the Transition Committee?”

Mr Shearing says the state’s small business operators deserve better treatment from the SA government, whether Liberal or Labor, and believes the creation of a dedicated small business minister should be the first step.

“We have 143,000 small businesses across the state, employing over half a million people, so I’m surprised we don’t have a small business minister,” he said.

“Some other states do...”

Mr Shearing is a former CEO of the SA Independent Retailers group, which has long advocated for non-corporate supermarkets and wholesale distributors,

such as Foodland, IGA, Foodworks and Independent Grocers.

The fifth-generation business operator’s Riverland trip including “walk-arounds” in the main streets of Loxton, Renmark and Berri, plus meetings with Renmark Paringa Business Network’s Clint Lewan, Renmark Paringa Council representatives, Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton, and Koch’s Foodland owner Grenfell Koch.

Mr Shearing is running as an independent, but will appear on the Legislative Council slip above a running mate, as unendorsed group independents.

“We’re there to fight for small business, but also for the people who work for these businesses,” he said.

“That’s why I’ve been in the Riverland, because we need to get feedback from regions.”

Mr Shearing, 65, said he considered Riverland fruit growers to be small business operators.

“As far as I’m concerned, all the growers and producers here are small businesses,” he said. “We need to recognise that in SA.”

The State Election will be held on March 19.



Legislative Council candidate Colin Shearing, whose business card reads, “Defend local business – it’s everyone’s business”, in the Riverland last week. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

“ I find it farcical these rules are coming out of the public sector, telling the private sector what it can or can’t do...

## A deeper dive on Riverland councils’ river-front developments

LAST week this column endeavoured to explain councils’ “care and control” of Crown lands and in particular those parcels attached to the river.

This week is a deeper dive (sorry, couldn’t help that) at just what has or can result under that regime.

Much effort and funds have been expended enhancing town river frontages and this will remain a primary focus of each of the three Riverland councils.

In the most part, it is money and time well spent for the benefit of ratepayers in each district – and for outcomes generated by the visitor economy.



Renmark, Berri and Barmera water frontages continue to develop at a steady pace, privately and publicly funded.

As a willing participant for more than the past decade in the “care and control” of the river frontages in Loxton and Waikerie and those smaller towns in-between and surrounding, it is those to which I am more familiar.

Development of the Waikerie

river front, like most others, harks back to the establishment of the town and was further stimulated by the sale of the town caravan park almost 20 years ago.

Part of the conditions of sale demanded by the community during public consultation was for the proceeds of the sale to be quarantined and invested on the Waikerie river front.

This occurred and these proceeds were often leveraged with grant funding to achieve more.

Difficult consultation stalled some proposals recently, but with this in the rear-view mirror, over \$3m has been spent in this term of council alone. Another \$5m is

planned, including stormwater management and the new Waikerie hub.

Loxton is about to enter a similar phase and plans generated over 15 years ago will be revisited and – with public input – updated for current and future needs and wants.

The Murray River Queen is said to be on the way to a new mooring in town limits and no doubt development will be required to accommodate her.

The Loxton Holiday Park is also slated for sale and dependent on public consultation may well provide a “Waikerie-like stimulus” for the Loxton river front.

The smaller towns have not been forgotten during my time in coun-

cil, with Moorook the recipient of a major bank stabilisation project for example.

This involved removing an old truck tyre and cement bank built in the 1960s and replacing it with a more natural river edge.

It and others have received improved boating facilities, toilets, shelters and playgrounds, and this will continue.

The Murray River is why the Riverland exists and as custodians we must continue to foster it.

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

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Police and emergency services at the scene of the two car crash at Waikerie last week.  
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## Fine after rear-end collision in Waikerie

THE driver of a Ford utility has been fined by police after colliding with the rear of another vehicle at Waikerie.

Police and emergency services were called to the Sturt Highway at about 4.48pm last Wednesday



after reports of the incident.  
The driver of the ute, a

32-year-old Glossop man and his female passenger suffered minor injuries and were taken to hospital for treatment.

The male driver of the other car suffered minor injuries.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Candle the culprit in \$25k Berri house fire

LOCALS have been urged to avoid leaving burning candles unattended after a fire was started at a Riverland home last week.

Berri MFS crews responded to reports of a structure fire at a home on Muscat Street, in Berri, around 12.25am on Friday, January 21.

The fire was quickly extinguished and the home was ventilated of all smoke.

It is understood the blaze caused an esti-

mated \$25,000 damage to the property.

Berri MFS station officer Mark Wenman said the fire was started by a candle left burning in the home's bathroom.

"Crews arrived to a smoke-logged house with a bathroom involved in a fire," Mr Wenman said. "A smoke alarm woke the occupant up and alerted them to the fire.

"Never leave burning candles, or insect coils, unattended at home."



This photograph of the Paringa Art Silo that features on the Australian Silo Art Trail 2022 calendar. A \$5000 donation from calendar proceeds will help with landscaping at the local site. PHOTO: Annette Green

## Silo's calendar-funded clean-up

LANDSCAPING around the colourful Paringa silo will soon look \$5000 better.

A photograph of the local attraction is part of a 2022 calendar, and all 14 silos featured will benefit from an Australian Silo Art Trail donation.

"The inaugural 2021 calendar was a great success, raising over \$60,000 and we are delighted to see the amount increase to over \$5000 that will be donated to each of the 14 communities we featured this year," said Damian Modra, a "regional tourism ambassador" who helped start a Facebook page in September 2018 to support the trail.

A total of \$71,876 will be donated back from the 2022 calendar and the local \$5000

share will be put to good use at Paringa, according to Paringa Art Silo Committee chairman, Les Webb.

"The funds received will go towards landscaping around the silos," he said.

Mr Modra's co-ambassador, Annette Green, said planning and designing the calendar took "a lot of co-ordinating".

"Not only do we need to source great photos, we also needed to meet all copyright laws and artist moral rights by seeking approval from the artists and silo owners to use their creative art work for our calendar," she said.

"Permission was granted on the proviso that we would donate 50 per cent of the profits from the sale of the calendar directly to the

towns that will be featured."

The Australian Silo Art Trail was created to catalogue the silos and provide a simple map of the silo art locations nationally.

Mr Modra said the private Australian Silo Art Trail Facebook Group now has over 110,000 members.

"The group has a wide variety of members, ranging from people that are travelling around the country following the trail, to people that are planning their next bucket list trip, and many more who are armchair travellers and appreciate the mega art murals," he said.

For more information visit the dedicated silo website ([www.australiansiloarttrail.com](http://www.australiansiloarttrail.com)).

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CRASH SCENE: Local emergency services crews attended a car accident at the intersection of Ontario Street and Tapalin Street, in Renmark, on Monday.

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# Highway barrier backlash

Riverlanders have responded in force online criticising state government works installing more than 100 safety barriers along the Sturt Highway. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

## JOSH BRINE

RIVERLAND residents have expressed their frustrations with the state government's decision to install more than 100 safety barriers along the Sturt Highway between Truro and Paringa.

Earlier this month, The Murray Pioneer reported the Department of Infrastructure and Transport had begun works on more than 25km of barriers as part of an \$87.5m upgrade of the Sturt Highway, joint-funded by the federal and state governments.

Pioneer readers responded in force on Facebook, criticising the state government's decision to install safety barriers.

"I've seen the majority of these barriers now and very, very few are along an area of road needing them," said Jacque Zagotsis.

"It would surely be safer for a car to run or roll off the road down a very slight incline into scrub than hit one of these.

"Maybe someone in their office with a flick of the pen created jobs to look good.

"(An) unnecessary waste of taxpayer funds which would have been better spent continuing the dual-lane Sturt Highway toward the Riverland."

Brett Schiller called on the government to "build some overtaking lanes and fix the condition of the roads first".

"These barriers are not needed in so many areas where they have been placed..." he said.

"A massive waste of money."

Neil Munday said he believed the barriers were "more dangerous than the road they cover".

"Governments wasting money under the guise of safety but no consultation," he said.

"We want better highways not patch-ups and add-ons."

As part of the upgrade, four new overtaking lanes – three heading towards the Riverland and one heading away – will be constructed between Truro and Barmera.

Opposition infrastructure spokesperson Tom Koutsantonis said the government's upgrade plan had "let the people down".



● The Murray Pioneer, 12/1/22

"There's an old saying in infrastructure that there are two options: you can put an ambulance at the bottom of a hill or you can actually fix the problem at the top of the hill," he said.

"What the government is doing here is simply spin.

"They're putting in safety barriers but not actually dealing with the cause of the problems, which is a lack of overtaking lanes and the quality of the road.

"Regional South Australians were promised a massive influx of infrastructure and maintenance spending and it hasn't happened.

"The local MP (Tim Whetstone) has let the people down and the Minister (for Infrastructure Corey Wingard) and the Premier (Steven Marshall) have let down the people who use the Sturt Highway."

Mr Koutsantonis (pictured) said the government was "pork-barrelling" and called for "needs-based funding".

"What happens in every election is you see people pork-barrelling in the marginal seats and the seats that are either safe Labor or safe Liberal get forgotten and this is a classic example," he said.

"The votes are taken for granted for people living along the Sturt Highway, so nothing gets done other than a few safety barriers – rather than actually fixing what should be fixed."



A new masterplan for the Loxton river front is set to be developed by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

# Outdated river-front plan to get a refresh

A GROUP of locals will begin working on an updated masterplan for the Loxton river front, aiming to make it more user friendly and attractive for locals and tourists.

At Friday's Loxton Waikerie council meeting, elected members instigated a working group to develop a new masterplan for the river-front area.

The group will be chaired by deputy mayor Trevor Norton, along with councillors Sonya Altschwager, Jody Flavel, Deb Thiele, Michael Vowles and Terry Wheeldon, with the addition of local community members.

Cr Norton said the current plan was developed in 2006, while the new plan will be presented to coun-

cil for public consultation before being adopted.

"The current plan is 15 years old and while it has provided some good direction, things have changed," he said.

"Potential sale of the Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park and the proposed arrival of the Murray River Queen this year will also bring change that needs to be planned for.

"A new plan will also open up opportunity to apply for grants and to allocate future council resources."

Cr Norton, who has previously convened the riverfront advisory group during the past council term, said he welcomed the opportunity to formalise the future use and manage-



Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton will chair a working group to update the Loxton river front masterplan. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

ment of the area.

"Going to formal public consultation will allow for more input from the community," he said, "and hopefully more ideas."

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# River Murray travel ‘surging’ during Covid

RESTRICTIONS on travel due to Covid-19 saw “surging” demand for local River Murray tourism sites during the past 12 months.

SA Water saw a total of 6981 dinghies, kayaks and houseboats pass through its network of locks and weirs along the River Murray in 2021.

SA Water senior manager of River Murray operations, Garry Fyfe, said this marked an increase of 1200 lockages compared to the previous year.

“Of our nine locks stationed along the River Murray, Lock Six at Murtho can claim the mantle of the most visited site for last year, with the 728 vessels recorded for the calendar year surging well past the 400 lockages recorded in 2020,” Mr Fyfe said.

“Our interstate locks in Victoria and New South Wales also returned to numbers seen before the onset of Covid-19, following the reduced traffic from the year before, and we expect these numbers to grow even further next year with the anticipated growth in travellers from across the border.”

Mr Fyfe said restrictions on international and interstate travel had resulted in increased tourism for the Riverland.

“We know the impacts of Covid-19 have provided its challenges for keen boaties

	2021 Lockages
Lock 1	640
Lock 2	578
Lock 3	550
Lock 4	717
Lock 5	545
Lock 6	728
Lock 7	312
Lock 8	121
Lock 9	277
Goolwa Barrage	2513

travelling around South Australia and from the other river states, but as these gradually eased in 2021, we saw our lockage numbers significantly increase,” he said.

“Our team of lockies believe this is likely due to a resurgence in local holiday makers, as both domestic and international border closures led to more South Australians pack-



SA Water locks and weirs along the River Murray saw 1200 more visitors in 2021 compared to 2020. PHOTO: supplied

ing the boat and visiting the Murray instead. “We’re proud of our dedicated team who work every day to assist boaties on their

river travels and explain the rich history of the Murray, and we thank everyone for continuing to visit our locks in a safe way.”

# River model upgrades aiming to make every drop count

IMPROVING the transparency of water resource management for Riverland irrigators is

the aim of a new funding initiative. The federal government last week announced \$66m

in funding to upgrade the 24 Murray-Darling Basin software models, used to simulate the flow and behav-

iour of water along the river system.

Minister for Water Keith Pitt said the initiative would include the development of a public-facing portal aimed at providing better information to Riverland irrigators.

“Our river models are already world-leading, but they’re currently being used independently of each other and require significant manual intervention to provide a whole-of-Basin view,” Mr Pitt said.

“This upgrade will improve how the water models talk to each other, which will allow for more sophisticated and accurate future scenario planning across the Basin.

“Once upgraded, we will have improved capability to explore a range of future scenarios, for example, droughts, high rainfall events and bushfires, and what this will mean for

inflows and river connectivity.

“For environmental water holders, the modelling upgrade will help inform their longer-term strategies to get the best outcomes for floodplain and wetland health, and therefore bird and fish populations.” Minister for Emergency Management, Bridget McKenzie, said the upgraded models would promote increased transparency surrounding water resources.

“For the broader community, having more accurate and transparent models will help generate confidence that water users are adhering to the rules and are only taking the water they’re entitled to,” Ms McKenzie said.

“Greater transparency around the modelling inputs will give context to the potential risks to water availability under different

climatic conditions and help policy makers develop plans to mitigate these risks.”

Mr Pitt said the upgrades would result in an improved capability to study potential future droughts, high-rainfall events and bushfires.

“These models are vital tools that river operators, irrigators and environmental water holders rely on,” he said.

“If we want to see a healthy river system that supports agriculture and communities, we have to keep getting better and more efficient in how we use our water, and this modelling upgrade will contribute to that effort.”

Further information regarding the initiative – and Murray-Darling Basin models – can be found by visiting the website ([www.mdba.gov.au/basin-plan/monitoring-evaluation/river-modelling](http://www.mdba.gov.au/basin-plan/monitoring-evaluation/river-modelling)).



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# Speedbumps in council’s Government Road upgrade

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE latest stage of a Riverland council’s planned upgrades to a key transport road are expected to be completed next month.

Work to upgrade a section of Renmark’s Government Road is currently under way, as part of Renmark Paringa Council’s Strategic Freight Route Upgrade initiative.

Renmark Paringa CEO Tony Siviour said work had been disrupted by Covid-19’s impacts on supplies and contractor availability.

“Works on stage 3 are scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2022, with the final stage 4 to be completed by the end of 2022,” Mr Siviour said.

“This is, however, contingent on road sealing contractor availability and the impacts of Covid-19.”

The council had previously received \$3.8m in funding for the upgrades, under the federal government’s Special Local Roads Program.

Mr Siviour said when completed, the project would support the safe transportation of heavy freight vehicles through the district.

“Stages 3 and 4 stretch from Cucumunga Street to the Ral Ral Avenue intersection,” he said.

“As with all stages of Government Road the aim is to create a strategic freight route through realigning and increasing the pavement width from seven to nine metres.

“(This will) increase site distance (and) provide a new seal to the entire road, providing a safer passage for our heavy transport,



Renmark Paringa Council is undertaking works to upgrade Government Road, creating a passage around the town centre for heavy transport vehicles. PHOTO: supplied

as well as all users of Government Road.

“This project was borne out of the vision of council’s Urban Design Framework, which aims to remove heavy transport from the town centre by creating a bypass strategic freight route.

“Council has been fortunate to have received close to \$5m in funding for the project from the Australian Government.”

“Works on stage 3 are scheduled to be completed by the end of February...”

- Tony Siviour



Renmark Paringa Council last week fenced-off a section of the Renmark river front, after high water levels had damaged the paving. PHOTO: Facebook

## Renmark river front hit by high water

DAMAGE caused by recent high water levels has forced a local council to undertake maintenance on a river-front area.

Renmark Paringa

Council last week fenced-off a section of its river-front walkway – between the Renmark Club and Visitor Information Centre – due to high water under-

mining the paving.

A post on council’s Facebook page advised the area would remain fenced until the walkway was reinstated.

## Hospital’s Covid-19 capacity high, despite low demand

CAPACITY for Covid-19 patients at the Riverland General Hospital could be expanded to up to 20 beds if required, despite low hospitalisation numbers locally.

Currently the hospital is operating with 12 single-bed rooms which can be used to isolate acutely unwell Covid-19 patients, including four negative pressure rooms, though demand for the beds remains low.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion said the conversion of rooms to single-bed rooms during the hospital’s most recent redevelopment allowed them to be turned into Covid-19 isolation rooms as required.

“We’ve created some isolation space using those single-bed rooms adjacent to the nega-

By JOSH BRINE

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tive pressure rooms,” he said.

“At the moment we have a grand total of 12 rooms able to care for Covid-positive patients.”

Mr Champion said the hospital had a “relatively steady turnover” of Covid-19 cases, with “no more than about two patients” at the hospital at any given time.

“We have lots of capacity currently, and in fact we have a next step lined up ready to go to expand... to another eight beds,” he said.

“So, we have 20 beds of capacity available for Covid-19 if needed, and a demand for only two to four beds depending on if there’s a crossover when someone is leaving and someone is arriving.

“We are providing access to Covid-19 specific treatments – a drug called Sotrovimab and another called Ronapreve which have been developed specifically for Covid-19 – for the very small number of people in the community who might need it because of the risk of them going on to deteriorate after they’re exposed to Covid-19.”

Mr Champion said, based on current projections, a scenario where the hospital would be used exclusively for Covid-positive patients was “very unlikely”.

“Even if it were to occur there are some services that would not be Covid-related that would continue in the Riverland General Hospital,” he said.

Mr Champion said staff were managing the risk of Covid-19 transmission by designating areas of the hospital as red, orange and green zones based on the area’s risk.



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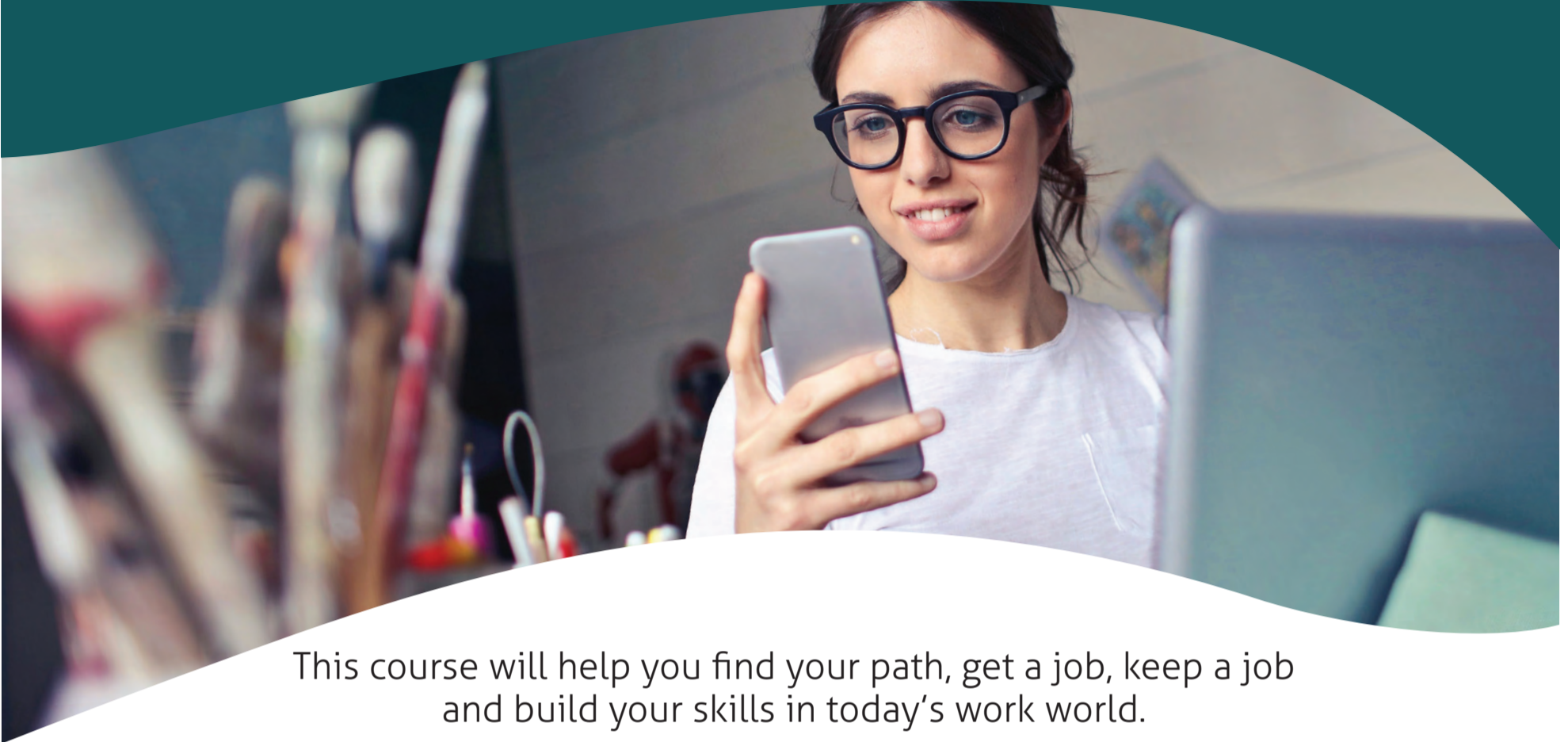
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# Vocational awards night postponed



A LOCAL annual awards night will be held six weeks later than planned due to Covid-19 restrictions. Capacity limits at the Berri Hotel forced the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards, hosted by the Rotary Club of Berri, to be postponed from Friday, February 11 to Friday, March 25.

The awards recognise and celebrate the region’s apprentices and trainees in a range of industries. In a statement, the secretary of the Rotary Club of Berri, Bruce Richardson, said the decision to postpone the event “did not come lightly”.

“The uncertainty with the spread of Covid in the community at this time and more importantly the health of our finalists, supporters, sponsors, employers, training organisations and organising committee is paramount in our thinking in making this change.”

## Covid cancels community fundraising bazaar

A REGULAR community event in Renmark has been cancelled due to the local rise in Covid-19 cases. The Lions Club of Renmark’s fundraising bazaar, scheduled for this Saturday, will not go ahead as a “duty of care” to club members and public attendees.

Renmark Lions thanked community members for their “continuing support” of the monthly bazaars and intend to continue holding the event throughout 2022. The next fundraising bazaar, held in the W E Wood hall at Renmark Oval, is planned for Saturday, February 26 from 8am to 12 noon. The club is not accepting donations of any goods.

## Funding for fruit fly partnership continues

CONTINUING to work with Riverland growers and horticultural groups to minimise the risk of fruit fly is the goal of an ongoing industry partnership. The National Fruit Fly Council (NFFC) last week announced it had secured funding from Hort Innovation for phase 4 of a project to strategically co-ordinate fruit fly management across Australia until 2026.

NFFC manager Stuart Burgess said the program would prioritise research and development activities to meet fruit fly management requirements. “Phase 4 will continue to build on a considerable body of work in recent years, which has increased national engagement and identified priorities to strengthen the national fruit fly system and Australia’s trade position,” Mr Burgess said. Hort Innovation head of research and development, Byron De Kock, said the

initiative would encourage “communication and co-operation between governments, industries, researchers, and communities to progress strategically important national fruit fly issues”. “There is real value in having industry and government stakeholders in one room to address fruit fly issues at a national level,” Mr De Kock said. Phase 3 of the partnership saw the National Fruit Fly Strategy 2020-2025 produced, and the National Fruit Fly Symposium held in 2021.



**CHEERS TO A NEW GREEN:** Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone (back, left) at the Moorook Bowling Club recently, with Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor and Kingston-On-Murray resident Trevor Norton (front, second from left) and club members toasting a \$20,800 state government grant that will allow for the installation of a new green, irrigation system and pump. The total project is expected to cost around \$50,000, with remaining costs to be covered by a council loan and the club’s own funds. PHOTO: supplied



**Renmark Hotel general manager Darren Baker (left), showed upgrade works currently happening at the hotel to federal Minister for Water Keith Pitt, and Barker MP Tony Pasin last weekend. PHOTO: supplied**

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

- WEEKLY**  
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 11.30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery, on Barwell Ave, is open for sales. Inquiries: Ruth 0428 899 506.
- WEEKLY**  
Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer 8595 1560.
- WEEKLY**  
Social badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm. Racquets are available and all welcome. We also play Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. For more information contact Judy 8588 8000.
- 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.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**  
Loxton Charity For All Bingo is for Loxton Mardi Gras Ambassador Kiera Fielding. Supper and raffles available and eyes down 7pm. Everyone welcome.
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**  
Renmark Lions Club ‘Fundraising Bazaar’ 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W E Wood Hall has been cancelled due to the current Covid-19 outbreak in our local area. This has been done as a duty of care to our members and the public who attend. More details on our Facebook page. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.
- 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.



**U3A DAY:** Riverland U3A members Janet Greenhalgh, Christine Boyd and Anne Menzel’s at the recent U3A registration day, choosing the activities in which they would like to participate in 2022. PHOTOS: supplied



**Riverland U3A past president Brent Morrell discussing the options to new member Ashraf Uddin Ahmed.**

# Catholic schools ready to welcome students back

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

CATHOLIC schools in the Riverland will start the school year as safe as possible, as staff and students prepare to start term one next week.

Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie director, Nichii Mardon, said Catholic schools in the Riverland – including students and their families – were well placed heading into the 2022 school year.

“We are absolutely committed to following the advice that the government provides and we’re planning really diligently to follow that advice,” Ms Mardon said.

“But the focus is absolutely on the strong welcome into the community and a strong focus on learning for the students.”

With St Francis of Assisi College Renmark opening its doors to year 7 and 8 students only this year, Ms Mardon said it was a “relief” that the new school could go ahead with face-to-face learning from next Wednesday, February 2.

“It’s terrific that the students will all have the opportunity to be in (the school) and for them to have face-to-face teaching,” she said.

“We’re being a bit creative in how the parents can share in the celebrations.

“That’s not only with the students starting secondary school, (because) it’s really historic that we’ve got Catholic secondary education for the first time in the region.”

Ms Mardon reported little Riverland

parental feedback regarding the state government’s back-to-school plan.

“I think people (have been) waiting to know what the final plan is going to be,” she said.

“Schools are giving advice to families regarding what they’re doing. Families are going about their business and doing what they need to do to support and enable a strong, safe start for students.”

Ms Mardon said parents should “make contact with schools” if they are feeling concerned about the back-to-school plan.

“The assurance we can have is that schools are going to be well provided with what they need to do,” Ms Mardon said.

“We will be following, very diligently, all of the safety measures.

“But families are the ones that know their children best, and they will make decisions for their children and schools will be supportive in that.

“The school will be able to respond, answer any individual questions and outline how the first two weeks will unfold if there is any uncertainty around that.”



● Nichii Mardon

## RATs for kids and teachers

THE latest details in the back-to-school plan were announced by the state government on Friday.

Under the plan, it is “strongly recommended” that teachers and children in early learning centres and preschools undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Premier Steven Marshall said the recommendation was based on advice given by chief medical officer Professor Paul Kelly, and did not extend to “students and staff outside the early learning environment”.

Further details to the plan also included a new close contact classification, a “classroom contact”, to help manage isolation requirements for students and teachers.

A classroom contact will

not have to quarantine at home, however if a student tests positive, teachers will receive seven free rapid antigen tests.

They must return a negative RAT result every morning for a week after being identified as a close contact, and be asymptomatic, to return to the classroom.

Parents of students will be notified of a positive case and asked to monitor their child for symptoms, as asymptomatic students will be allowed to return to the classroom.

Students in year 3 to 6 will be encouraged to wear masks, while students in year 7 to 12 are required to.

The latest details of the school plan came under fire from state opposition education spokesperson, Blair Boyer, who said it was “confusing” and “muddled” for parents, teachers and students.

“This shambolic plan for a return to school is the



direct result of a failure by the Marshall Liberal government to properly prepare,” Mr Boyer said.

“For weeks, the opposition has been calling for the government to invest in a significant stockpile of RATs and make them free and accessible including for students and teachers.

“If they had acted swiftly, they would have those RATs available for all schools to give parents, students and teachers the confidence they need at the start of a new school year.”

## A little less Riverland in SA tourism showcase

THE Riverland will be largely absent from an hour-long TV program spruiking South Australian tourism, set to air nationally tomorrow night.

A little more SA with Cosi and Friends, produced by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) in partnership with Network Seven, will air statewide on Channel 7 and nationally on 7plus at 7pm tomorrow.

While Riverland operators and experiences will be absent from the show, it will include AFL star Charlie Dixon discussing his love of holidaying on the Murray River.

The program will feature experiences in Adelaide, the Eyre

Peninsula, Fleurieu Peninsula, Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island.

SATC chief executive Rodney Harrex said the special was designed to “re-inspire travellers to see South Australia”.

“There’s no doubt the Omicron outbreak has created havoc for many industries across the nation, and tourism is no different, with restrictions to protect public health and the drop in people’s confidence and appetite to travel,” he said.

“South Australian tourism operators have shown they are ready to respond, and they continue to offer incredible products and experiences where travellers can feel safe, feel confident in booking ahead and

know they will enjoy a world-class experience.

“We saw last year that South Australians travelled regional SA in record numbers – we know the support is there.

“We’re calling on locals as well as interstate to get behind our industry, remember how much they love our city, the regions, and our upcoming festival season – and plan a trip, book ahead and check out all of the new and incredible offerings in SA, where travellers can get ‘a little more’ out of their holiday.”

Ten South Australian holidays will also be given away to viewers during the program.

## Local businesses broken into

AN iPad and alcohol were among items stolen from two separate Riverland businesses on the same night last week.

A business on Hawdon Street, in Barmera, was broken into sometime between 9.45pm on Wednesday, January 19, and 6.45am on Thursday, January 20, with alcohol and cash stolen from the premises.

Then, between 11pm and 10am on the same night, thieves forcibly entered into a business on the Sturt Highway, at Monash, where a cash register, cash and an iPad were stolen. Riverlanders with information relating to either break-

in are asked to contact Crime Stoppers – anonymously – by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au/).

Further advice regarding business security can be found by visiting the SAPOL website (www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/crime-prevention-and-security/safety-and-security-tips).



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# Covid delays annual SACE merit ceremony

AN event celebrating the academic achievements of high school students from the class of 2021 has been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions in South Australia.

The SACE Board made the “difficult decision” to delay the 2022 Merit Ceremony, scheduled to take place at Government House on

February 10-11, until later in the year.

SACE Board chief executive Professor Martin Westwell acknowledged the news would come as a disappointment for students and their families.

“This was such a hard decision to make, particularly because the

students from the class of 2021 have already faced disruptions due to Covid throughout their SACE journey,” he said.

“We wanted to make the event happen as they already had to remain resilient so many times and we didn’t want to add another example to the list.

“However, after careful consideration we felt that postponing the event was the best way to keep students, their families and school community leaders safe.

“With the levels of Covid within the community at this time and with the staggered return to face-to-face teaching within schools,

this was the right decision to make.

“I know it doesn’t make the decision any less disappointing for students though.”

Subject merits are awarded to students who received an overall subject grade of A+ and demonstrated exceptional achievement in the subject.

Well-known Loxton resident and retired businessman ALAN LING has provided the following opinion piece on COVID-19 VACCINES. Tell us your views by emailing: [editor@murraypioneer.com.au](mailto:editor@murraypioneer.com.au)

## Covid-19 vaccines: What’s really happened over the past two years

NOW retired after a working lifetime of financial analysis and investment services, dealing with global fund managers – including the introduction of globalisation – I have time to check out public interest issues that arise my suspicions, to determine fact from fiction.

Following the leak of the Covid-19 virus from Wuhan in China, a global pandemic was announced via the World Health Organisation about two years ago.

Urgent action was undertaken by several “big pharma” companies to rush the development of vaccines to reduce the threat of global spread killing people.

Global warnings were issued through “big media”, raising the fears of death among the global population from the virus.

Governments and their health authorities undertook took the responsibilities to protect their citizens from this unknown virus of mystery origins with three global-approved experimental vaccines.

A global scare campaign evolved and the vaccines were hastily fast tracked for global immunisation. The



usual 10-year test periods were abandoned, so rushed testing was permitted by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). These vaccines were given “emergency use” approval.

Our Therapeutic Drug Authority (TDA) specified these experimental vaccines were the only ones permitted for use in Australia.

Other cheap, off-patent treatments used successfully by frontline doctors as initial first-response medication were banned in all western countries by public health administrations. Very strange. Why?

Doctors were threatened with de-registration if using the old safe treatments (including some used for five decades globally), or debating or criticising the banning publicly.

This applied to medicos, chiros, physios, ambos etc. This was for drugs that worked.

The promotion of accept-

ance of the vaccines has been relentless for two years now.

The unvaccinated have been demonised by big media, including newspapers, TV and radio, and pressured by governments to get vaxxed or lose freedoms.

“Big social media” (BSM) and mainstream media (MSM), global and local, has cancelled any challenges to these actions. We are under a global form of censorship.

The daily reports/indoctrination by state politicians and health rulers have now become termed by some global health practitioners and scientists, who have noticed emerging mental health problems, as “mass progression hypnosis”, or brainwashing with fear.

These recognised health specialists have also been demonised, threatened and barred for speaking out and MSM continues to censor and cancel debate. These specialists are forced to use organisational private media avenues to reach a limited public audience.

Most people are too busy to search out these sources over the internet and are frustrated by BSM bans.



Vaccination risks have been documented recently by a Canadian group. PHOTO: ([www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org](http://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org)).

Now let’s get to some facts you won’t see in MSM, and that you may find hard to access.

❑ All three experimental Covid-19 vaccines permitted by governments for use have failed to stop you getting the virus after about two years of global jabs.

❑ The vaccinated are now becoming re-infected with the flu and are the major spreaders. The vaccinated can still die but usually have various underlying medical conditions.

❑ Repeated jabs have now shown to weaken our natural immunity and the WHO issued a global warning about these risks on January 14, 2022. It has been identified as similar to loss of immunity from repeated jabs of antibiotics.

❑ The unvaccinated without underlying medical conditions have lower mortality rates and most develop higher natural immunity. Why are they being victimised by big government and

big MSM?

❑ The unvaccinated are a minority group (38 per cent in USA and 10 per cent in Australia). How can they be classed as super spreaders?

❑ Time has proven the vaxxed get re-infected the most and are the highest super spreaders. Now there’s a problem: Do we isolate them all or just victimise the unvaxxed to get the jab, then “we are all in this together”?

❑ I have read claims that big government and big pharma executives, top health officials, and corporate executives have not been jabbed with experimental mRNA vaccines. They should be asked for proof. Vax passports for all?

❑ The CEO of Pfizer, Albert Bourla, has acknowledged the original flu strain was expected to protect us after one jab. Oops, months later it’s two jabs, six months apart. Oops, maybe four months apart, as it is not working efficiently and there is now a variant. Israel has

commenced four jabs and mortality rates are escalating for the vaxxed.

❑ Recently I watched a discussion in a forum from the Global Covid Summit with eminent medical scientists, including doctors Robert Malone, Geert Vanden Bossche and Vladimir Zelenko, reviewing current global experiences managing the Wuhan flu. The most alarming view from Dr Zelenko was his claim the rushed mRNA vaccine release has caused more harm than good. Among other things he claimed vaccinating kids was 100 times more dangerous than leaving them unvaccinated.

❑ I have also previously heard these concerns from doctors Malone, Mike Yeardon, Paul Anderson and Peter McCullough in separate presentations from uncensored internet sites.

❑ The most concerning podcast I saw last week was from an alliance of over 500 Canadian Health Practitioners and Scientists ([www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org](http://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org)).

They have researched in detail, documented and exposed the failures of the development and approval of the rushed mRNA experimental vaccines by the three big pharma companies and expressed high risks for the vaxxed.

All the information and research used in this letter can be backed up with documented evidence from me, accessible by request to me, via The Murray Pioneer.

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# Riverland West growers race to rescue vintage

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WINE grape growers north-west of Waikerie are frantically trying to rescue their crops ahead of vintage after “tornado-like” winds hit their vineyards during a severe thunderstorm earlier this month.

Oxford Landing Estate’s Qualco vineyard manager and regional viticulturist, Glynn Muster, said the storm was expected to cost his company at least \$100,000 prior to vintage.

The wine grape harvest across the region is expected to start in the next few days.

Mr Muster said up to 60 rows of vines were blown over at Oxford Landing Estate’s Qualco vineyard and 30mm of rain fell in the area on January 12.

He said the wind must have ripped through parts of Qualco like a tornado, as a few other neighbouring vineyards were also affected.

“The thunderstorms were very localised, it was like playing a game of Russian Roulette looking at the radar and thinking, ‘Has it hit the vineyard or not?’,” he said last week.

“Some people were lucky and others not so lucky.”

Mr Muster said it was crucial for all the vines to be picked up off the ground as quickly as possible to prevent grapes from botrytis damage.

“We have six or seven people working with tractors



Dozens of native trees were blown over on Oxford Landing Estate’s Qualco vineyard.

and purpose-built machinery to pick up trellises, and put in new trellises and new droppers,” Mr Muster said.

“They have been working eight to 10 hours a day and we will probably work through to Australia Day.”

Mr Muster said staff were praying for no more rain in the area this week while vines laden with fruit were still on the ground, as this would increase the risk of grapes developing bunch rot.

“If we can lift the trellis up and ensure the bunches, and canopies are above ground and get plenty of air flow and dry out, we will be fine,” he said.

Mr Muster said it was the worst part of the wine-grape growing season for vine trellises to be blown over.

“It was a bit strange,” he said. “The front path of the vineyard was not affected at all, but there was a strip

of about half a kilometre of vines that were blown down.”

Mr Muster said dozens of gum trees were also blown over, with about 40 to 60 landing on vines.

He said growers in Sunlands and Ramco also experienced hail during a thunderstorm on January 11.

Mr Muster said the Riverland vintage overall still looked promising for growers who were unaffected by severe thunderstorms and hail in November and two weeks ago.

“If you missed all that, I think we are shaping up for a pretty healthy vintage,” he said.

Mr Muster said the mild summer temperatures were ideal conditions for producing wine grapes.

“Crop levels look solid, quality so far looks pretty good,” he said.



Oxford Landing Estate’s Qualco vineyard manager and regional viticulturist, Glynn Muster, inspecting botrytis-affected wine grapes due to the storm earlier this month.

PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Oxford Landing Estate’s Qualco vineyard hands Karen Roberts (left), Mathew Channon and Michael Dubrich have been pulling up fallen vine trellises laden with grapes since the storm two weeks ago.



About half a kilometre area of vines at Oxford Landing Estate’s Qualco vineyard were blown over in tornado-like winds during the January 12 storm.



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# Grants for local school, PS Industry

TWO Riverland community organisations are among 19 recipients statewide recently awarded a share of \$70,000 in grants to help fund critical projects.

The Friends of the PS Industry group and the Riverland Special School were both successful in the RAA Regional Safety Grants application process to improve community safety and wellbeing.

Friends of the PS Industry will receive \$2050 to purchase a defibrillator.

The volunteer-run community group help to maintain and keep the Renmark-moored Industry in working order.

Berri-based Riverland Special School will receive \$2785 to purchase enhanced



first-aid equipment.

This year's round of grants was boosted by an additional \$20,000, resulting in four extra organisations receiving grants compared to last year.

RAA Insurance chief executive Tom Griffiths said more than 55 applications were received from regional community

groups for the annual grants.

"It can be really difficult for small communities in country areas to raise money for important projects, which is why RAA's Regional Safety Grants are so important," Mr Griffiths said.

"We increased our allocation for these grants in recognition of the important role hard working regional community groups play in making their local areas safer during the pandemic.

"Fundraising for these important projects can be difficult for small regional communities, and RAA's Regional Safety Grants play an important part in providing much needed funds."

# Cash up for grabs for country shows

FUNDING applications for the Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days program open this Friday, with almost \$8 million up for grabs.

"Agricultural shows and field days generate over \$1 billion in sales for small businesses every year," Barker MP Tony Pasin said.

Applications for support under this second round of funding open this Friday and close on Thursday, February 17.

Grants from \$10,000 to \$70,000 will be available for eligible show societies and field day organisations to help cover significant financial losses over the past two consecutive years due to events being cancelled because of Covid-19.

TODAY is Australia Day, when we give thanks to be living in this wonderful country of ours, and are grateful to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during those tragic years of war so that we can be free. My dear dad was born on Australia Day in 1907 and was 64 years old when he died on September 26, 1971.

Activities will be held in all regions, city and country in the coming days as we acknowledge and celebrate Australia Day. Many restrictions will continue due to Covid-19. This is something we will get through, with patience and understanding, as the months roll on. Our thoughts are with those in our communities who have been infected and we trust are improving with care.

This week the volunteers and community members who participated in the Christmas Tree Trail are dismantling and taking down the beautiful display that has been a feature of Christmas in Waikerie again. We give thanks to those who have contributed to the success of this event. If you have enjoyed seeing the Christmas trees you are most welcome to participate at Christmas this year. It is a community project and more trees are most welcome. There were many comments of how delightful the solar lights added to the effect of the display this year.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN WEBBER



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This week the passengers on the Murray Princess have visited Waikerie, which is always a popular part of the vessel's River Murray cruise. This time they have arrived by coach and, after the day's excursion, will head back in time for their evening dinner on the Princess. The river cruise is such a relaxing and enjoyable event particularly at this time of the year with spectacular sunsets in the evenings.

Have you seen the details of the Reeling in the Junior Anglers initiative? This exciting program teach young ones the basic tackle to use when fishing, knot tying, conservation, stewardship, casting, and of course safety. This event will be held near the Lake Bonney jetty, Barmera, this Saturday, January 29, from 9am. Registrations close today. For further details visit the website (www.reelinginjunioranglers.com).

Don't miss this opportunity to give your young ones the experience and safety tips about fishing.

The Waikerie Photography Club welcome you to the opening of its Fringe Festival event, Murray Moments (with a taste of wine and cheese) on Friday, February 4, at 6pm. The event presents images captured of moments in time, featuring people and places. Paul White, who we have welcomed back to Waikerie, will open the exhibition at the Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery Arts Centre. The Fringe is in your "hood". Come an enjoy with friends. Waikerie is proud of its Rain Moth Gallery and we welcome all visitors to the exhibitions regularly there. The art gift shop is a special addition to the gallery and the handcrafted art is of the highest quality, so call in and have a chat to the volunteers.

Here is a diary date for Waikerie community: Monday, February 7, 2022. For those residents interested in the continuation of the Waikerie Santa's Cave event, please attend this AGM as your support is important. The meeting will be held at 7pm at the community meeting rooms near the Waikerie Men's Shed. This award-winning event has been giving pleasure and delight for almost 30 years. It is one of South Australia's best Christmas events and we want

it to continue. We are grateful to those dedicated members of our community who have taken the role for many years and now they need support. As a member of the original group who began this event, I can say it is so important for our community that it will be an ongoing feature. Throughout SA and beyond Waikerie is known as the town with Santa in residence every day in December.

Thanks to a couple of our residents, Bob and Maurie, who have installed the new book shelves at the Warrawee Hub Library. It has a wide selection of books to read – if only we had time!

If rock 'n' roll music is what you enjoy, it's time to reserve your tickets for the rocker Jon Stevens who will be performing at the Chaffey Theatre on Thursday, May 5.

If you have the opportunity, take a walk to a nearby park or garden, or to the river with a friend, sit and chat for a while. It is great therapy and you will feel so refreshed. Have a great week.

Thought for the week:  
We have enough people who tell it like it is – now we can use a few who tell it like it can be.  
- Robert Orben

the quarantine quiz

Australia Day Edition



1. How does the second verse of "Advance Australia Fair" start?

2. In what year was QANTAS established?

3. How many gold medals did Australia win at the 2021 Olympics?

4. Who is Australia's Head of State?

5. What's the name of Australia's largest working cattle station?

6. Who was the first woman jockey to win the Melbourne Cup?

7. Which is the largest desert in Australia?

8. What island in Western Australia can you find the famous quokkas?

9. What was Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, originally called?

10. Which former Australian Prime Minister set a beer drinking world record?

11. When security guards at Parliament House in Canberra were banned from calling people 'mate', how long did the ban last?

12. What was the name of Australia's first Prime Minister?

13. Which Australian singer is most famously associated with the song "A Pub with No Beer"?

14. Which road runs from Darwin in the north to Port Augusta in the south?

15. Which Australian born actor played the speech therapist in The King's Speech?

16. Who is Australia's leading wicket taker in Test matches?

17. What were the names of Australia's mascots for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games?

18. Who was the first woman to be elected to an Australian Parliament?

19. Who starred as the title character in the 'Crocodile Dundee' series of films?

20. How many times has Australia won a gold medal in netball at the Commonwealth Games?

**BONUS QUESTION:** How many UNESCO World Heritage sites are there in Australia? Answer in next week's Quiz

Answers on page 40

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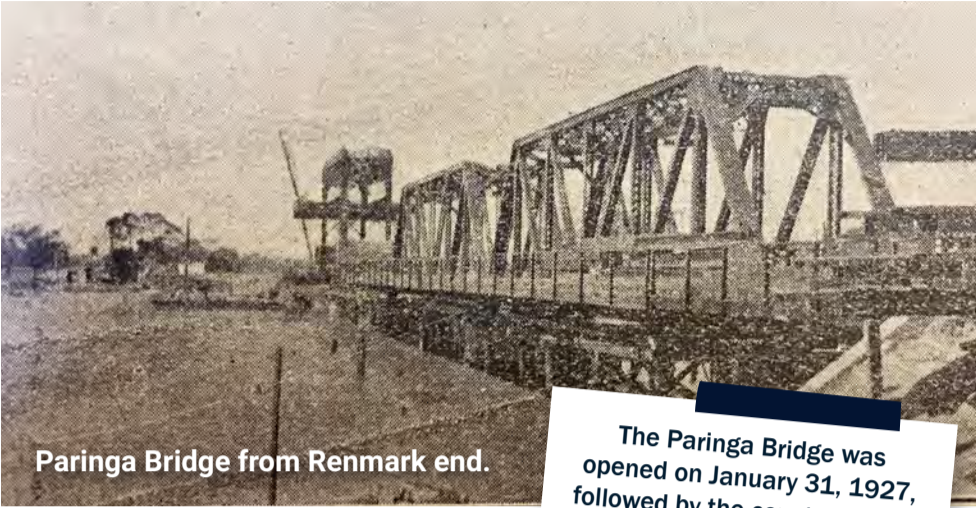
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HISTORY OF REMMARK RAILWAY AGITATION 1912-1927

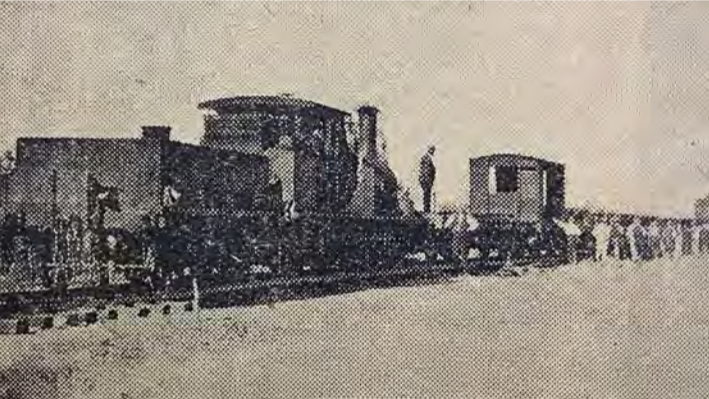


Ruby passing under Paringa Bridge.

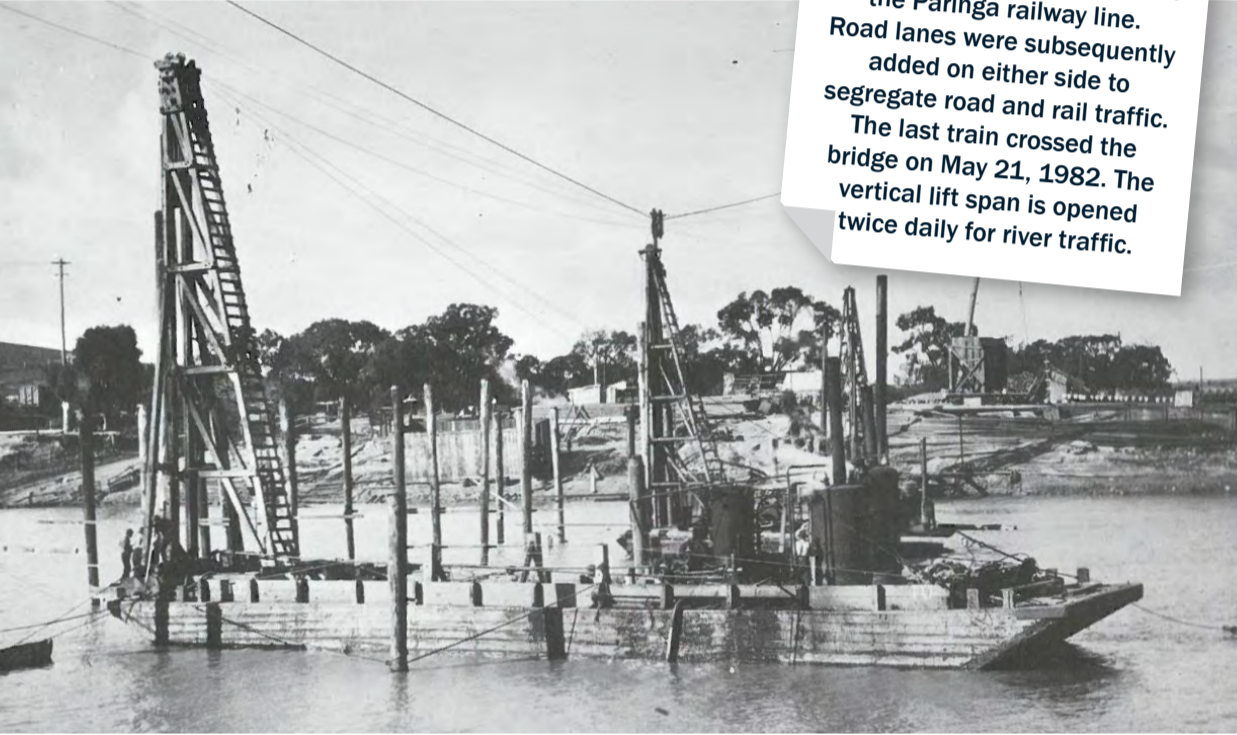


Paringa Bridge from Renmark end.

The Paringa Bridge was opened on January 31, 1927, followed by the construction of the Paringa railway line. Road lanes were subsequently added on either side to segregate road and rail traffic. The last train crossed the bridge on May 21, 1982. The vertical lift span is opened twice daily for river traffic.



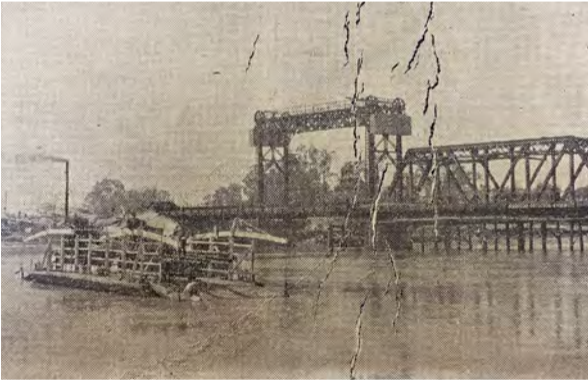
First Ballast Train at Renmark Station.



A steam-powered pile driver places piers to make a cofferdam in building the Paringa Bridge.



H.E. Sir Archibald Weigall turns first sod in Ral Ral Avenue. October 13, 1920.



Paringa Bridge and the punt.



Deep creek bridge between Paringa and Renmark.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

11 a.m.—Official train arrives at Paringa. Representatives of the Settlers in the Hundreds of Paringa and Murtho and of the Renmark District Railway Committee will meet the Official Party. The Paringa representatives will present an address to the Minister in charge. After a response the whole party, together with the children of the Paringa district schools will join the official train, which will then proceed to Renmark, breaking through the Agricultural Arch erected at the head of the bridge.

11.30 a.m.—Arrival at Renmark Station yard through the first arch. Upon the party alighting the National Anthem to be sung by massed children of the district schools, led by the Renmark Band. Mr. J. M. Smith, J.P. (Chairman Renmark Railway Committee), will ask the Minister to drive the last spike, and formally declare the line open. The Minister will do this and will be presented with an engraved spike as a memento of the occasion. He will then address the assemblage. The band will then play a selection. The Senior Member for Albert (Mr. M. McIntosh), will move and the Junior Member (Mr. F. M. McMillan), will second a vote of thanks to the Minister. This will be briefly supported by four members of the Railway Committee. Cheers will be called for the Minister and the assembled children will sing the "Song of Australia." The Minister will reply and the proceedings close with the singing of the National Anthem, led by the Band. The official guests will be conveyed to the Renmark Hotel for luncheon. The children of the district will be entertained at luncheon at the show grounds, followed by Children's Sports.

1.30 p.m.—Cars will attend at the Renmark Hotel and official guests be taken for a tour of the settlement, under the guidance of Members of the Committee. The party will attend general sports at the show grounds during the afternoon, and dine at the Hotel at 6 p.m.

At 7.30 p.m.—Public Social Gathering at the Renmark Institute. Brief speeches will be made by local representative gentlemen and responded to by three of the official guests. There will be instrumental and vocal musical items and coffee will be served at 9.15 p.m.

At 10.15 p.m. the visiting party will be conveyed to the Renmark Station yard and entrain for Adelaide.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON PARINGA RAILWAY LINE, 1913  
Workers straightening and joining rails, sleeps and driving spikes.

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Work to Start on Paringa Bridge

The first stage of a \$160,000 project to upgrade the Paringa Bridge is due to start on Monday.

The acting Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Mr. C. McInnes, said this week that the contract had been let to Tokic Constructions Pty. Ltd.

The work consists of the re-decking of the roadway portion of the lift span, repairs to bearing pedestals, repairs to deck joints and the removal and replacement of the existing bridge fencing, with a traffic barrier on the roadway portion of the bridge.

The workshop fabrication, now completed, and on-site steel work is to be undertaken by G. and L. Bolnar Pty. Ltd. as a sub-contractor to Tokic Construction.

Lights

To facilitate work on the bridge, one lane traffic flow will be enforced from Monday and controlled by temporary traffic lights for a period of up to seven weeks.

The bridge lift span will be opened each day about the times listed below and the duration of each opening operation, including lifting and lowering will be about 20 minutes.

The times are: Monday, 2.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 3.15 p.m.; Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Thursday, 2.30 p.m.; Friday, 4.15 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.

Mr. McInnes said these times could alter occasionally depending on the itinerary of the "Murray Explorer."

## GHS student lands Young Zonta award

A GLOSSOP High graduate was recently named winner of a local award for her volunteering efforts and dedication to empowering women.

Deepkiran Kaur, who graduated high school last year, was named as the Riverland Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Winner for 2021-22.

The YWPA Award program encourages young women to participate in public affairs by recognising their commitment to the volunteer sector, with evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the empowerment of women.

In her interview for the award, Deepkiran spoke about the importance of acknowledging women's voices, particularly in the digital world.

During her schooling, Deepkiran was a house captain, a member of the student representative council and a prefect.

Actively participating in debates through-

out her school years helped her develop her communication and teamwork skills, and working as a volunteer at a local primary school and in health-related workplaces helped her meet and support a variety of community members.

Deepkiran was also recently accepted to study medicine at the University of Adelaide.

Outside of school, Deepkiran is a member of the Berri Barmera Council Environment and Sustainability Committee, where she represents the youth of the district, and pursues her interests in the environment.

She will go on to represent the Riverland against candidates nominated by Zonta Clubs from South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia in the award program.

The Riverland Zonta Club thanked the other entrants in the award, Sophie Lipman, of Loxton, and Vaine Guy, of Waikerie, and congratulated Deepkiran of her suc-

cess.

# Dazz mapping Oz Day celebration

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE resident Dazz Napier, who is renowned for the Christmas decorations at his residence, has made his own wooden map of Australia with flags to celebrate Australia Day.

The map is proudly displayed in his front yard in Miller Street, illuminated by spotlights at night.

Mr Napier is a retired carpenter and joiner and helped instigate the formation of the Waikerie Men's Shed, nearly 10 years ago.

He moved to Waikerie from Alice Springs after retiring 11 years ago.

Mr Napier said due to his trade skills, creating the large wooden map, featuring Australian flags and flags of each state and territory, took him only an hour.

"It sort of followed on from Christmas," he said.

"I pulled all of the decorations down and I thought, 'What shall I do next?'"

He said making the map of Australia was a good way of celebrating Australia Day, but his activities today would be low key.

"I will probably just have a few beers," Mr Napier said.

He believes the date of Australia Day



Waikerie Men's Shed member Dazz Napier with the map he built of Australia featuring national, state and territory flags. PHOTO: Christine Webster

should continue to be on January 26, but said the Australian flag should be changed.

"The Union Jack should go," Mr

Napier said.

"I would like to see the Aboriginal Flag up in the corner."

## Australia Day church service at Waikerie

A COMMUNITY church service is being held this morning at the Waikerie Football Oval to celebrate Australia Day.

The event is organised each year by one of the local churches and today's service is being run by the Waikerie Uniting Church.

Waikerie Uniting Church pastor Darian Jones said everyone is welcome

to attend the service, which will be held outside this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Mr Jones said Australia Day was a significant event to celebrate.

"It is part of our culture and it is an important date," he said.

"Although the First Peoples were here ahead of us, nonetheless, as a

cultural community it is important to remember and understand the current benefits of where we are now."

Mr Jones said the annual Australia Day Christian Church service at Waikerie recognised "the central place of God in his care over us as a nation".

Today's service begins at 11am.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



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## A rich history of support

ENHANCED Lifestyles has a rich history of supporting individuals with a disability in the Riverland.

It is a unique service provider in the sector as it was created by people with disabilities – and is governed by its customers.

The service model ensures customers have a voice over their service delivery, with complete choice and control.

Today, its board predominantly comprises of its customers; it is one of the few member-governed disability service providers in the country.

Enhanced Lifestyles has maintained its person-centred approach for over 30 years. The Enhanced Lifestyles team works with NDIS participants and their close supports to develop a plan focused on their goals and aspirations.

### Supporting people in and out of their home

Enhanced Lifestyles provides a range of in-home and community supports to individuals living with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Its services are tailored to each individual and their lifestyle needs, maintaining a person-centred approach every step of the way.

The passionate team members at Enhanced Lifestyles assists their



customers to explore social opportunities, do what they love, and remain connected with their community.

Enhanced Lifestyles' customers receive support with household tasks, hobbies and recreational activities that are important to them.

Enhanced Lifestyles' team members can also help transition customers into their own supported independent living environment (SIL).

### Managing the challenges of day-to-day living

In addition, Enhanced Lifestyles supports people with a psychosocial disability to develop a support plan to build on their existing strengths and work

towards their goals.

Enhanced Lifestyles' qualified psychosocial recovery coaches support their customers to access the systems and resources they need, both within their current network of support and finding the new supports required for them to reach their goals.

Participant goals are Enhanced Lifestyles' passion. Enhanced Lifestyles will explore options to assist with building your capacity, resilience and decision making.

For more information about the services visit [www.enhancedlifestyles.com.au](http://www.enhancedlifestyles.com.au) or get in touch with their friendly team on (08) 8501 4010 to discuss support options available in the Riverland.

# LIFELONG Renmark resident, international horticulture expert, and OAM recipient Ian Tolley was asked to appear as an inspirational speaker at Renmark’s 2022 Australia Day celebrations today. Below is his speech:

## ‘We are all new Australians and the future is ours to choose’

WE are all migrants. Our Australian migration started more than 60,000 years ago.

During that influx, some 600 countries were created. They learned to understand where they had come from and what they had here. We are only now taking seriously the fund of knowledge our first migrants gained from the observation of our natural world as they learned to live with the good years and harsh realities.

They had the experience of living through an ice age, and we have already entered our self-induced global warming. Solutions to surviving and thriving always come from individual people who speak out and make changes.

Our new social media phenomena is already helping to alert so many people in every part of our earth. I have high hopes it will help to overturn the current inertia encapsulated in an American aphorism ‘if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it’.

I want to use this address as a platform to emphasise the duality of our species. For far too long men have taken all the leadership roles in our human development, and however necessary it might have been in our Neanderthal development period, it is now widely accepted to be wrong.

We must have inclusive roles for women in our communities and organisations. We are all new Australians and the future is ours to choose.

A SINGLE example is engineer Veena Sahajwalla, who was just named NSW 2022 Australian of the Year. I have admired her development since she migrated from her Indian home to become an Australian. Why? Because as a woman, she had no opportunity to develop her engineering talents that are now of world-wide importance.

She is an Australian inspiration with a full acknowledgement of where she came from and what she is achieving in her new Australian environment. Look up her website, observe her progress and be inspired. There are tens of thousands of inspiring migrant stories.

Martin Luther King once said “I have a

dream”. That observation is relevant to every person who sees a path of development and wants to try whatever it is that that drives and inspires one to strive for an idea, whether you are a man or a woman, and no matter in what field you aspire to.

I was asked to include an outline of my involvement in this community which I will do, and then I would like to take a minute to speak on my wife Noelle’s behalf and provide a potted history of her voluntary participation in community affairs.

I WAS born in the Renmark Hospital in July 1929. At that time Renmark was a town of some 2000 to 3000 migrants. For the first 12 years I grew up within the town environment, exploring from the age of three, when everybody knew everybody and had learned to work together.

The river was a natural attraction for me, as it has been for successive generations.

My father’s transition from his 27-year stellar role as chief engineer of the Renmark Irrigation Trust to become a citrus grower was ultimately to change his dream of me becoming a fourth-generation civil engineer and surveyor.

I completed primary school in Renmark and started at the Renmark High school while moving out of town into the irrigation area at Renmark West in the early 1940s. I graduated in what was “leaving honours” at that time. My father enrolled me in Civil Engineering and Surveying at the University of Adelaide.

In the remaining few months before I was to graduate, my father’s dream of me joining the family hierarchy of engineers disintegrated. He had started growing citrus nursery trees to plant in his new orchard and he invited me to help during one of my home visits. I was not to know after budding a number of seedlings that it lit the fuse of my enthusiasm for horticulture, that was to explode his dreams for my future in engineering.

I enjoyed my almost five years of study and did well. I came home as often as I could on weekends.



Ian and Noelle Tolley in 2016.

Just on 14 weeks before graduating I saw the same seedlings I had budded; the new vigorous plant growth was waving at me and I was transfixed. It was that moment I had an epiphany. This was what I wanted to do. Grow plants.

I HAVE been growing citrus throughout Australia, and worldwide, ever since. Seventy-five years later I am still heavily involved, researching plant growth and adaption, running masterclasses and propagation workshops throughout Southern Australia, and still calling Renmark my home.

I have to say my science-based training has been an integral part of my experiences, both here throughout Australia and in so many other countries.

It has been an honour to serve Renmark and I am proud to look back on the results, particularly having been instrumental in development of the high school, TAFE and theatre complex.

I was always deeply involved in primary and secondary school committees and it was in my role as chairman of the school council that I succeeded in getting a new high school approved, to create a centralised educational complex for all grades of learning in the centre of town.

I HAD to bypass a difficult minister of education, who had refused multiple requests from the previous school council, doing so by forming a very productive liaison with the chief architect of the Public Buildings Department. We spent many hours planning ‘our’ new high school to be.

I was the first visitor on the first day the new Minister of Education, Donald Hopgood, was elected. He was friendly, co-operative, encouraging, and urged me to continue my association with the chief architect and keep him informed. I did that and learned along the way of a proposal to build three brand new theatres in the state rural areas of the South-East, centred on Mount Gambier; the Iron Triangle centred on Whyalla; and the Riverland.

I had been keeping Mayor Lionel Sims quietly in the loop with the high school plans, and I knew I had his full support. At this time, on my suggestion he had reserved the land now covered by the high school and extended it when I asked him to include a possible theatre. We worked on an appropriate application and when it was announced we were prepared.

That is how we were able to add the theatre to our much-desired educational complex and name it after the Chaffey brothers, our founding fathers of the first irrigation colony in Australia.

It took my committee nine years to create our new high school, that is thriving and developing with the times as it should. I explain this story because I feel it is my most enduring contribution to the community.

I was chairman of the Renmark Agricultural Bureau for a decade and our average 70-member monthly attendance was a continuing state record. I took members on frequent bus trips to other outside places in Australian horticulture to broaden our experiences, and to do better here.

The Renmark Irrigation Trust’s world-wide status from International Awards in Best Practise Irrigation Management is another expression of embracing the world from what you may consider our small town of Renmark, when in fact it is, and can be for you, a wonderful base to embrace Australia as a whole and use it to assert

a role in world affairs.

I am privileged to have been awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1965, an Order of Australia OAM in 1995 and an SA life membership of the CFA in 2005.

BUT enough of me. I would like to return to the issue of women’s roles in our community.

Sixty-eight years ago, the most important life-changing event occurred when my wife Noelle decided that I could be a promising piece of clay that might be moulded into a useful human being, and we were married. I recognised I had struck gold and did my best to encourage and support her career path, both locally and worldwide.

We raised three boys who were educated at the Renmark primary and high schools. Noelle’s skills came to the fore when she accepted the role of finance management for the local branch of the thriving Mothers and Babies Association.

When we managed to get a TAFE branch in Renmark she was appointed to the formative committee to run the finance segment of its operation, until it was fully operative.

It was Noelle’s friendship with noted SA lead-glass artist Cedar Prest that led to the formation of a community group, in which we were both to play a leading role in creating the wonderful lead-glass panels that adorn the stairs on both sides of the Chaffey Theatre.

Therein contained the unfolding story of the influence the river has played in our existence here in Renmark, Australia’s first irrigation colony.

Do take the time to absorb these locally created panels on your next visit to our local theatre.

She became a roving ABC reporter for some years, leading to her being given a full-page space in the SA State Stock Journal to write on current affairs of her choosing.

SHE wrote and published In Looking Glass Land, a wonderful novel based on real events in Renmark and mother England right through to the advent of the first motor car into the settlement.

It highlights how important women’s roles were in the development of Renmark. It is still a very popular read of our past successes from a woman’s perspective.

Noelle was the driving force behind our production of a very successful book CommonSense Citrus, a compendium of what and how to propagate plants, and citrus in particular.

We wrote it together and Noelle kept my nose to the grindstone for some 10 years to ensure it was perfect and completed. Her own inclusions gave this book a unique and cogent breadth to what can be achieved if you have purpose.

Noelle was distinguished over the years for promoting women’s roles in our communities, and activities that led to an invitation to join the SA branch of Women’s Chiefs of Enterprise International (WCEI). A year later she was elected SA president and two years later elected national president, followed by a seat on the international board in France. She was later appointed roving ambassador for South East Asia.

Her award of an Order of Australia AM in 2001 was richly deserved in recognition of her community and international achievements.

Noelle’s quiet contribution to the community is a validation of not only women’s valuable roles, but immigrant’s roles as well. Her mother was, after all, a French migrant war bride post World War I. Noelle’s language skills and affinity with France later helped in her role in the international WCEI.

THESE are a few examples of our active participation in both local and international affairs, but there are many examples in our community of people who grew up in Renmark making a name for themselves and our town. Neither of us have felt constrained as locals in the town of Renmark, and my advice is to not be deterred by difficulties, and never give up.

So, what can you as new migrants, and our newest Australians, draw on from our experiences?

Learn to share your good fortune, as others will benefit from your help.

Find mentors for your passion to study in specific fields. I have been mentoring for more than three decades and gain immense satisfaction from the process of helping people develop and thrive.

Always remember, it should never be about me, but we.

# RIVERLAND WEST FISHERAMA & BOAT RAFFLE

## Saturday the 12th March, 2022

### 8am start - Ramco Point, Ramco

**\$35 per ticket OR 2 for \$60 OR 4 for \$100**

**Ticket includes entry/registration to the fisherama but entrants do not have to fish on the day to win the major prize.**



**WIN A BOAT!**

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*Largest Native caught by a junior from a boat, kayak valued at over \$500 sponsored by Woody's Variety Store.*

*Largest Native caught by a junior from the bank, swag & scooter package valued at \$310.*

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- JUNIOR AND SENIOR FISHING SECTIONS •
- EVENTS BACK AT THE CLUBROOMS •
- BREAKFAST AND CATERING AVAILABLE ON THE DAY •

**\$500 CASH DRAW on the night - must be present to win. Presentations from 6pm Saturday 12th March.**

**For more information, contact Kelly Chamberlain: chamby\_25@hotmail.com, 0409 412 815 or Craig Thiel: 0429 430 968.**



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WAIKERIE LUTHERAN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Finance Manager

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School is seeking an experienced Finance Manager to join our team to lead the financial and business administration functions of the school. The position is a member of the Leadership Team and reports directly to the Principal.

This position encompasses outcomes under the Key Result Areas of:

- Business and Financial Management
- Personnel/HR Management
- Systems and Record Management
- Risk Management and Compliance
- Property and Project Management

The successful candidate will be suitably experienced, will honour the Christian ethos and possess the ability to implement the School's values, policies, practices and objectives.

This is a permanent 0.8 position.

**Please contact Tania Fragnito, principal@wlps.sa.edu.au, to obtain a copy of the job description and essential skills and qualifications.**

Applications consisting of a CV, cover letter addressing the Key Result Areas and Essential Skills and Qualifications, as well as the names and contact details of three referees are to be emailed to [principal@wlps.sa.edu.au](mailto:principal@wlps.sa.edu.au) by **5pm, 11 February 2022**.

POSITION VACANT  
**Olive Grove Overseer (2IC)  
for 320Ha Olive Property at Karte SA**

Duties include:  
General farm activities, irrigation control and supervision of orchard staff.  
Onsite accommodation available.  
**For further information including remuneration, proposed contract and key selection criteria contact  
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or phone 08 85 845 811  
Applications close: January 31, 2022**



LOXTON AGRICULTURAL  
& HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY INC

### POSITONS VACANT 2022

#### Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Sponsorship Co-ordinator

**Job Descriptions available and remuneration offered.**

These positions are a great opportunity to support the community.

The hours are flexible with the ability to work unsupervised, using your initiative, to a timeline and work as a team.

Experience in Word, Excel & Publisher would be an advantage.

**Applications close on 14th February 2022**

**Enquiries to Linda Wiltshire 0497 147 890  
Email: [info@loxtonshow.org.au](mailto:info@loxtonshow.org.au)**

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### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Drivers Licence
- Reliable, punctual, and well presented
- Experienced with customer contact
- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances & security checks
- Excellent communication & problem-solving skills
- Strong computer literacy
- Honest, accountable & able to work in a diverse team
- Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccinations

### DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Familiar with social media advertisement & graphic design
- Experience with bookkeeping and project management software
- Demonstrate touch typing competency
- Familiar with customer relation management software

We provide excellent internal and external training programmes, along with organisational development opportunities. EXPRESSX is a diverse and developing organisation providing service and solution throughout South Australia.

EXPRESSX are seeking to engage an experienced administration support officer commencing at three days per week and as required, with the prospect for ongoing full-time employment. This role may include engagement outside of standard business hours.

**Email your expression of interest and resume to  
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or contact us via phone on  
(08) 8213 6600 during business hours**

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## COMMERCIAL CLEANERS RIVERLAND

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Drivers Licence
- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances
- Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Proven experience in the cleaning industry
- Reliable, punctual, and well presented
- Willing to undertake training when and where required
- Prepared to work in COVID-19 managed facilities
- Able to provide or undertake a Medical and Eyesight Certificate

EXPRESSX are looking to engage hard working, reliable, well presented, professional cleaners on a casual basis, with the opportunity for ongoing permanent employment. Excellent remuneration is on offer with a base day rate of \$32.14 per hour plus any applicable award penalties, and is negotiable based on skills, qualifications, and experience.

We provide excellent internal and external training programmes, along with organisational development opportunities. EXPRESSX is a diverse and developing organisation providing service and solution throughout South Australia.

If you meet with the essential criteria and possess the right attitude and application, then we want to hear from you!

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or contact us via phone on  
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SECURITY SERVICES

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## SECURITY AGENTS RIVERLAND

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Security Agent Licence
- South Australian Drivers Licence
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Current Responsible Service Alcohol Certification (RSA)
- Reliable, punctual, and well presented
- Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Excellent communication skills
- Culturally competent
- Demonstrable industry experience

EXPRESSX Security provide excellent working conditions, attractive remuneration with a base day rate of \$33.55 per hour plus any applicable award penalties, and is negotiable based on skills, qualifications, and experience. We are seeking professional, reliable, and well-presented personnel to undertake guarding, crowd control, event security and patrol services.

We provide excellent internal and external training programmes, along with organisational development opportunities. EXPRESSX is a diverse and developing organisation providing service and solution throughout South Australia.

Looking to enter the Security Industry and would like further information? Get in contact with our team.

If you meet with the essential criteria or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact us on the details provided below.

**Email your expression of interest and resume to  
[admin@expressx.com.au](mailto:admin@expressx.com.au)  
or contact us via phone on  
(08) 8213 6600 during business hours**



**ALMONDCO**  
AUSTRALIA  
**MACHINE OPERATOR**  
Full Training Provided

Almondco Australia Ltd is located in Renmark and is one of the largest almond processing and packaging facilities in Australia. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our team.

**As a Machine Operator you will:**


- Set-up and run electronic equipment and automated lines to produce product according to work order requirements
- Work efficiently to achieve production targets
- Record product details and data
- Liaise with Quality to ensure quality standards are met
- Maintain good housekeeping practices around work areas

**The successful applicant will:**

- Have an eye for detail
- Take pride in their work
- Be able to follow instructions and work well in a team environment
- Be self-motivated and have a strong work ethic
- Have a safety conscious attitude
- Have experience within a production environment
- Have a forklift license (an advantage)

This is a full-time position - shift work, predominately day / afternoon, but must be available to work nights if required. Some weekend work is required on a rotating roster.

**To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to: andream@almondco.com.au**  
**Applications close Sunday, 30 January 2022.**



**WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A**  
**prp TAX ACCOUNTANT**

PRP Group provides services in Accounting and Financial Planning, employing 23 locals and one remote employee. PRP Accounting is focussed on providing a high level of service to our clients. We are currently looking for a Tax Accountant to join our growing team in Renmark and Barmera offices. PRP Group offers a genuine career path for talented professionals who may wish to undertake further study, but equally value our staff that choose to support our qualified client facing team. In this role, the person will interact with various team members of the company, both senior and junior, supporting the team through aiding the accuracy and timeliness of information.


To be successful in your application, you will need to either have a Bachelor Degree in Commerce or Business, with an Accounting major, and have a minimum of one-two years' experience in Tax Accounting. Additionally, you should have:

- An understanding of accounting principles and standards
- An understanding of income tax and GST
- An understanding or experience in bookkeeping
- Experience in the preparation of Income tax returns, BAS and ASIC lodgements
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Familiarity with various accounting software packages including Xero, MYOB and Reckon
- High level of MYOB Experience highly desirable
- Knowledge of Microsoft software including Word, Excel and Outlook;
- Willingness to complete general administration tasks including data entry, filing, scanning etc from time to time
- Good time management skills
- Attention to detail & high aptitude & accuracy for figures
- Demonstrated professionalism, including exercising confidentiality and discretion
- Excellent personal presentation and communication skills.
- Great attitude and willingness to learn

Remuneration is dependent on experience of the applicant. Benefits of the role include:

- Great opportunity to be part of a high performing team
- Great Company culture that includes regular social events
- Flexible working arrangements

For more information, please contact Tracy Rohrlach.  
**Email:** tracy@prpgroup.com.au  
**Mobile:** 0400 175 584




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maria@venuscitrus.com.au or  
PO Box 1064, LOXTON SA 5333

Applications close 12th February 2022



**Relationships Australia**  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

*Our belief in the transformative power of relationships lies at the heart of everything we do.*

Relationships Australia South Australia (RASA) is a dynamic not-for profit community services organisation that delivers a broad range of programs and services. Our objective is to relieve the suffering, distress and helplessness of vulnerable and disadvantaged people, to enhance their physical, social and emotional wellbeing. Join our Riverland office in Berri.

**Client Services Officer**

- **Casual position available**
- **\$36.7074 per hour (casual hourly rate) + Super + Salary Packaging**
- **Located in Berri**


Client Services Officers are the face of RASA, providing appointment, reception and intake services to clients and visitors. Your work as a CSO is entirely client focused, and we are looking for you to deliver the best in client services and support at the front line. You aren't just great with people and communicating, you're also aware of the more complex needs of some of the clients you may serve. You are computer savvy and up for using technology to manage and improve processes.

The Client Services Officer will provide a client focused service and administration support for the range of services within RASA. The Client Services Officer will also provide information, referral and an intake service to best identify and meet the needs of clients and visitors to RASA sites.

**Enquiries: Any enquiries can be addressed to Nikki Tullett on 08 8582 4122.**

To submit your application, visit  
**<https://rasa.applynow.net.au/jobs/R202208>**  
Application closing date for all roles: **9:00am, Tuesday 1st February 2022**

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**FINANCIAL PLANNING | ADMIN ROLE**  
**prp CLIENT SERVICES**

Our successful applicant does not necessarily need to be experienced, or have any prior qualifications in financial planning. An interest in our industry, along with the following qualities is essential:

- Above average attention to detail
- Competent in mathematical concepts
- Great problem solving skills
- Be able to diligently follow procedures
- Driven to provide exceptional service outcomes for our clients

PRP Group provides services in Accounting and Financial Planning, employing 23 locals and 1 remote employee. PRP Wealth Management has a focus on providing exceptional advice and service to each of our clients. We provide advice in the following areas:

- Retirement Planning
- Investment & Superannuation
- Personal Risk Insurance
- Aged Care
- Centrelink
- Young Professionals

Benefits of the role include:

- Great opportunity to be part of a high performing team
- Great Company culture that includes regular social events
- Flexible working arrangements

Remuneration is dependent on experience of the applicant.

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**MAXI-TANKERS**  
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**REFUELLING OPERATOR**

We currently require an additional Refuelling Operator to join our Maxi-Tanker team in Berri immediately, with full training and uniform provided.

**Do you hold a HC or MC Licence?**  
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**Are you eligible to apply for, or already hold a Dangerous Goods Licence and an Australian Institute of Petroleum Passport/ Safe Load Pass?**  
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If you are interested in joining our great team please forward your resume to [hr.team.rfs@rfs.com.au](mailto:hr.team.rfs@rfs.com.au)



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**JMA Engineering is a locally owned and operated business specialising in stainless steel fabrication.**  
**Fabrication Welder**

JMA Engineering are seeking to employ a fabrication welder to join our team at our Stainless Steel Workshop.

Requirements:

- Welding experience, specifically in MIG & TIG welding.
- Drivers license and reliable transport.
- Reliable, punctual, honest and hardworking.
- Ability to read and work from engineering drawings.
- Understanding of WHS policies and procedures.
- Attention to detail and take pride in your work.

Trade and Welding Qualifications are desirable


Weld test required before commencement.  
Please send your applications with resume to: [mel@jmaeng.com.au](mailto:mel@jmaeng.com.au)

I can work in a multi-disciplinary team which helps me to get the best results for my clients. I am part of a supportive and caring team environment, where my colleagues are my best friends. There are many opportunities to diversify my role and continually challenge myself to improve the lives of country people and their families.

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Based in the Riverland**  
WCHN  
Riverland  
Job Ref: 783842

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Department for Correctional Services

## CAR AND/OR TRUCK LICENCE SUPPORT

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) Volunteer Unit is recruiting volunteers to provide practical support to prisoners to help them obtain their car/truck drivers licence in the Driving School Program at the Cadell Training Centre.

The volunteer will be required to attend weekly visits for approximately 3 hours.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Unit on 8440 3620 or email [dcs.volunteerunit@sa.gov.au](mailto:dcs.volunteerunit@sa.gov.au)

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CENTRAL  
IRRIGATION  
TRUST

## Financial Services Manager

Central Irrigation Trust (CIT) is a leading private water infrastructure company serving customers in the Riverland Region in South Australia including horticulture, industry, and household customers.

CIT seeks a Financial Services Manager with commercial acumen to join the business in Barmera. This role will suit accounting professionals developing their careers who have good communication and technical skills, the ability to prioritise, plan and implement outcomes, and that understand the critical role water plays in supporting its customers and the economy.

The Financial Services Manager supports the Business Manager in the effective governance and control of financial accounting, reporting, and budgeting functions, and manages CIT's day-to-day financial functions.

Key accountabilities will be Financial Administration and Billing with these areas requiring effective management, reporting, and stakeholder engagement. Additional performance areas include leadership, financial and data systems, and safety. The role works inclusively with others to assist with accounting and corporate service functions contributing to the smooth running of CIT's operations.

As the successful candidate you will have a 3+ years relevant accounting/finance experience, be tertiary qualified and have membership of a relevant professional association (or working towards). Your priority management, analytical and decision-making skills will be excellent, and you will readily demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate, collaborate and problem solve with a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders with tact and discretion. Experience in the infrastructure, utilities and/or asset investment sectors will be well regarded, and you will hold a current 'C' class motor vehicle licence.

This is an opportunity to join an essential service business for the communities it serves. CIT supports cross industry applicants and will offer a competitive remuneration package.

Applications should be received by the Business Manager, Central Irrigation Trust, PO Box 34, Barmera SA 5345 or via email to [andrew@cit.org.au](mailto:andrew@cit.org.au) no later than **5pm Friday 4th February 2022**. For enquiries, please contact Andrew Baker on (08) 8580 7100.

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District Council of  
Loxton Waikerie

## 2 X TOWN MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION, PLANT OPERATOR POSITIONS

1 at the Loxton Depot and  
1 at the Waikerie Depot

Council is seeking applications from highly motivated and enthusiastic people to join the Town Maintenance and Construction teams in Loxton and Waikerie. The full-time positions include attractive pay and work arrangements with modern plant and equipment.

- Parks and Gardens maintenance including irrigation repairs and maintenance
- Identified Small Plant operations
- Identified experience in the use of heavy machinery operations
- Heavy Rigid (HR) drivers' licence or willingness to obtain HR licence
- National Police Clearance

Key responsibilities for these positions are listed in the Job and Person Specification which can be obtained on Council's website [www.lwdc.sa.gov.au](http://www.lwdc.sa.gov.au) or by contacting the Human Resources Officer on 8541 0700. If you believe you have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to fulfil the requirements of this position we look forward to reading them in your application.

### SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Applicants must submit a resume and cover letter addressing the Job and Person Specification and Depot location. All applications must be submitted online via Council's email address [council@lwdc.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@lwdc.sa.gov.au)

Further enquiries regarding these positions may be obtained by contacting either

Simon Bullock, the Coordinator of Infrastructure Services - Loxton Depot on 0409 582 421

James Thomas, the Coordinator of Infrastructure Services - Waikerie Depot on 0488 547 754

**Applications will be received up to 12 noon on Monday 7 February 2022.** Interviews will be held in Loxton & Waikerie soon after the closing date.

*"The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is an Equal Opportunity Employer And supports a Child Safe Environment."*

David Beaton  
Chief Executive Officer

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ARTS - COMMUNITY - HEALTH

## HUB COORDINATOR

Do you have a passion for arts and creativity?

12 month contract (24 hours per week)

An exciting opportunity exists for the right person to play a central role in the delivery of our innovative community arts project in Pinnaroo in a position responsible for the day-to-day operations and project delivery of the arts and wellbeing hub.

The ideal candidate will have a passion for artistic endeavours and working with rural communities, be a great communicator and have a qualification and/or experience in or transferable to arts projects, community development or facility management.

You are urged to apply if able to address any or all the Selection Criteria (mentorship is available) - see [www.thepinnaroooproject.com.au](http://www.thepinnaroooproject.com.au) for more information.

Email applications to [tpp5304@gmail.com](mailto:tpp5304@gmail.com) by 5pm on Friday 11 February 2022.

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## Infrastructure Team Members

### Civil Services (full time)

Are you passionate about working outdoors?

Are you suitably qualified and highly motivated?

Would you like to be involved in maintaining Council's Assets, where you will undertake a wide range of construction and maintenance activities?

Do you align with our core values – accountable, honest, respectful, and unified?

### Then we have an opportunity for you!

We're looking for experienced staff with the following knowledge, skills and abilities:

- An ability to operate a grader with high degree of skill (desirable)
- An ability to operate a broad spectrum of plant and equipment
- Hold a current driver's licence together with a Heavy Rigid (HR) licence (minimum)
- To perform road maintenance duties
- Assist with stormwater drainage maintenance
- Adhere to safe work instructions of plant and machinery

If you have previous experience and knowledge of plant and machinery, general maintenance; are self-motivated and diligent, with the above attributes to making a positive impact on our community, we encourage you to apply.

Dependent on the skills and experience brought to the role, the position will attract a wage in the range of \$57,934 - \$62,419 (Grade 4 - 6 of the Local Government Employees Award).

A position description and an application guide are available on Renmark Paringa Council's website:

<https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/council/about-us/employment>

Applications should include a summary (1-2 pages) addressing the Key Result Areas within the position description.

Queries regarding this exciting opportunity can be directed to Lindy Leml, Manager People and Culture on 08 8580 3000.

**Applications close 5pm,  
Friday 4 February 2022**

Applications are to be marked 'Confidential - Infrastructure Team Member Position' and emailed to Lindy Leml: [lleml@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:lleml@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au)

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McINTOSH, Robyn.  
  
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DEATHS

**ABREY**, Stanley Rex.  
6/7/1928 – 19/1/2022  
  
Loved father of Lynette (deceased), Rodney (deceased), Timothy and Michelle, and father-in-law of Alan, Marianne, Gaynor and Mark.  
  
Proud grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather.  
  
School bus driver to many...  
  
A memorial service will be held at the Morgan Bowling Club on Friday, February 18, 2022, at 11am.  
  
Due to Covid-19 restrictions, please register with the MBC on 0428 716 561.

DEATHS

**ENDEMANN**  
Jacqueline 'Jackie'.  
Passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 13, 2022.  
  
Aged 68 years.  
Dearly loved wife of Hans.  
  
Loving mother and mother-in-law of Derek and Kathy, Kerry, Anne and Matt, and their families.  
Loved grandma of 10 grandchildren.  
  
Will be sadly missed and always in our hearts.

DEATHS

**KOUTLIS**, Theodoros.  
  
Passed away peacefully with family present, on Saturday, January 22, 2022.  
  
Aged 80 years.  
Loved husband of Maria.  
  
Loving father and father-in-law of George and Kathy, Olga and Tony, Vicky and Kevin, Chris and Amber.  
Loved papou of Marinder, Simran, George, Eleni, Mary, Darcy, Anastasia, Maria and Theo, and great-grandchild, Nikolas.  
  
Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

DEATHS

**WELLS**, David Edward.  
  
Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at the Loxton District Hospital on Thursday, January 20, 2022.  
  
Aged 86 years.  
Dearly loved husband and soulmate of Shirly.  
Cherished father of Peter and Janette, Michael and Genevieve, Sue-Anne and Ian.  
Adored pa of 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.  
  
A devoted family man and dedicated custodian of the environment.

FUNERALS

**ENDEMANN.**  
  
The relatives and friends of the late Jackie Endemann are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 11am.  
  
In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Jackie's memory would be appreciated.  
Donations may be made at the service.  
  
At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Berri Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

FUNERALS

**LACKNER.**  
  
The relatives and friends of the late Mr. Erwin Lackner are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 2pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.  
  
In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Erwin's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.  
  
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**BOSNJAK.**  
  
The relatives and friends of the late Mr. Ljubomir 'Lou' Bosnjak are respectfully informed that his funeral service will be held in the Maitland Football Club, on Friday, January 28, 2022, commencing at 12noon.  
  
At the conclusion of his service, the cortege will proceed to Maitland Cemetery.  
  
In lieu of floral tributes, envelopes will be available for donations to the Cancer Council of South Australia, PO Box 929, Unley SA 5061.

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**AXON**, Kelvin John 'Ned'.  
  
18/7/1923 – 26/1/1997  
  
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**DYER, Myra.**  
1/11/2006  
A lady truck driver like no other.

Our dad, our mum, What special parents they were. Another year has passed. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed but very dear. Our world is not the same without you. Safe in the arms of Jesus. So sadly missed. Forever in our hearts.

Love always,  
Heather, Wendy, Terry, Ali and Gloria, and their families.



**WEBBER, Sharon.**  
30/1/2021

Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Lovingly remembered, Karen, Peter, Brianna, Jaiden and Natarsha.

**RETURN THANKS**

**AXON, Allen.**

As per AJ's wishes, he will be privately cremated then laid to rest with our son Trent at the Renmark Cemetery.

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to doctor James McLeod for his exceptional care and respect during the past 5 years. He and AJ enjoyed a great rapport.

The overwhelming family support, floral tributes, cards, messages and visitors is most appreciated.

Thank you everyone. Sherrie ♥

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Barmera 9am

Pastor Dean Mills

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**LOXTON****Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 30**

St Peter's 9.30am HC

Concordia 10am

Lay reading

Myrla 9am

Lay reading

New Residence

Meribah 10.30am HC

da Costa

Bookpurnong 8.30am HC

da Costa

Rest Home Wed, Feb 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, January 30**

Renmark 9am

Paringa 10.30am

All Welcome

Pastor Roland Adams

Phone 0460 300 492

**WAIKERIE****Sunday, January 30**

Lutheran PS D'Vine Hall

Pastor Installation 2pm

only service

All Welcome

Phone 8541 2689

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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

**WEEKS 2 & 4****Saturday**

Berri 6.30pm

Waikerie 6.00pm

**Sunday**

Renmark 9.00am

Morgan 9.00am

Barmera 11.00am

Loxton 6.00pm

**Sunday, January 30**

9am - Berri

St Alban's

9am - Barmera

St Edmund's

9am - Loxton

The Resurrection

9am - Renmark

St Augustine's

11.30am - Morgan

St Peter's

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Fr. David Patterson

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**LOXTON****Sunday, January 30**

10am

Darryl Knowing

Contact  
Rev Linda Forsyth  
0401 815 488

**RENMARK****Sunday, January 30**

10am

Renmark Ave

8.30am

Renmark West

Rev Linda Forsyth  
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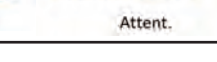
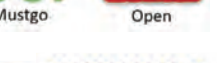
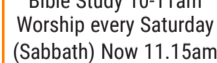
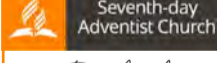
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10am

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Citizen Hall  
25 Tobruk Terrace

Ps Red Elliott  
0439 507 098

Ps Sheryl Giles  
0423 884 002



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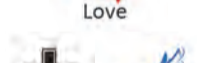
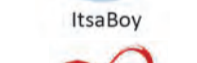
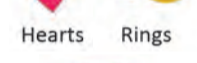
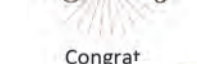
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Mid Murray Council

Blanchetown Community Health Centre  
Community Land Management Plan


Notice is hereby given that Mid Murray Council has prepared a Management Plan for its land located at 24 Egerton Street, Blanchetown known as the Blanchetown Community Health Centre.

The proposed Community Land Management Plan is available for inspection on Council's website, [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au).

Written submissions may be sent to the Chief Executive Officer no later than **5:00pm 17 February 2022**. Council will consider all submissions received. Persons making a submission should indicate whether they wish to address Council by way of a deputation.

For more information, contact Strategy, Innovation & Governance Officer Vicki Bell-Booth on 8569 0100 or email [postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au).

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RSVP by 11th February:  
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text: 0415 536 927

2022  
Riverland Rose  
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PRESIDENT SHEREE CHAPPEL,  
WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE

2022 ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING

for the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival to be held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 6pm at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers. A copy of the AGM Agenda is available on the Rose Festival website [www.renmarkroses.com](http://www.renmarkroses.com) or by emailing Secretary, John Chappel [john@stoneypinch.com.au](mailto:john@stoneypinch.com.au) For further info please contact John Chappel 0407 010 363.

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**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The first English football club to have under-soil heating installed was Everton.**

Mid Murray Council

Draft Building, Land & Structures Asset Management Plan

Mid Murray Council is inviting feedback from the community on the *Draft Building, Land & Structures Asset Management Plan*.

The community is invited to view the Plan at Council's Offices during office hours, or Council's website [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au) from **Monday 31 January 2022**.

Written submissions are invited on the Plan and must be received by post: Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238; via email: [postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au); or the feedback form on Council's website, until **12pm Friday 25 February 2022**.

Due to current COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions and in the interest of the health and wellbeing of the general public, there will be no opportunity for people to speak in support of their written submission in person, per the *Public Health Emergency: Public Access and Public Consultation (No 6)*.

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# Paringa's junior footy push

**BEN LENNON**

IN a bid to safeguard its future, RFL Independent club Paringa will field under 9 and under 11 teams against the six RFL A grade clubs in season 2022.

Swans president Kevin Eckermann is excited to be bringing junior football back to Paringa, having captained the club's first colts team in 1964.

"We think it's really important that we try and get the kids around the place that are not playing footy," he said.

"It'd be really great if we could get the kids back playing again because they're going to be the football club in the next seven to eight years.

"The first junior team back in 1960 was made up of kids from the Paringa area and I understand the demographics have changed but

there's still a lot of kids out there that aren't playing footy."

With Cobdogla pulling out of the Independent competition and Lyrup still missing despite a push to return, Mr Eckermann knows the importance of keeping Paringa going.

Establishing juniors, he believes, is the first step in doing so, but he has also thrown the door open to anybody else that would like to get involved.

"At the moment we want to make sure that the Paringa Football Club stays and that the club is there for the town of Paringa," he said.

"In the first instance we're looking for the kids but we're also keen for any parents that have been involved in footy coaching who would like to be involved again and help bring young kids

into the game.

"Paringa has always had a netball club as well so any netball girls that are interested in having a game and coaching a team (would be welcomed), especially with a view to introduce women's football next year."

The RFL is due to meet soon to confirm that the two Swans sides will be playing in the Friday night RFL junior competition, making Paringa the only Independent club to field a junior team.

Mr Eckermann hopes the club can be a pioneer in the junior football environment and that other Independent clubs follow suit sooner rather than later.

"I'm pretty sure that Independent football is going to survive and if you talk to the people that run the current clubs, they're all passionate about foot-

ball," Eckermann said.

"I know that some of those other clubs have talked about trying to get juniors again and if we could get juniors involved with all of the Independent clubs that would be ideal.

"Whether it's on the Friday night in that league or in the future if it's a Saturday with the other Independent clubs, that would be magnificent and that's what we should be aiming for.

"It's not only a progression for us but a progression for all clubs in the Riverland because if you haven't got people playing footy, you haven't got footy clubs."

The Swans ran an Auskick program last year that involved roughly 20 kids.

Mr Eckermann is looking to build on those numbers and believes that signs are promising in



the early stages.

"We have some contacts in regards to some players already as well as coaches that could be interested," he said.

"We'll be looking to get to schools and clinics that are held and push the idea that for the kids that don't have a team, there's one across the bridge.

"We're not that far from Renmark and we've got magnificent facilities, probably one of the best ovals going around and we want kids running around out there playing footy."

# Community the key for new Brown's Well president

BROWN'S Well will enter the 2022 RFL Independent season with a new man in charge, with 27-year-old James Shannon taking on the role of president.

The club held its AGM last week and Shannon cited the impact of Covid-19 as one of the reasons for putting his hand up for the job.

"I've been with the club since 2013 as a player on and off," he said.

"The Covid year showed me that without any football, you don't really catch up with your mates and see how everyone's going in the community, so last year I got a bit more involved.

"The position of president came up so I decided to put my hand up and fortunately got the job."

Brown's Well has faced testing times in the past few years, struggling for form last year and failing to put a win on the board.

Shannon is under no illusions of where the club is at and is looking forward to starting to rebuild.

"After not much happening in 2020 and last year being a poor season, the club morale was pretty low, so I thought I can try and bring it back up to where it needs to be," he said.

"I'd like to bring everyone back to the club and get some good, competitive footy happening.



New Brown's Well president James Shannon will hope to bring success back to the club, which has suffered through testing seasons since winning the 2017 RFL Independent premiership.

"I've got a young committee behind me that's quite proactive so we're all pretty keen to roll up our sleeves and get the club performing how it should be.

"We're trying to bring some new, fresh ideas like our 'Beers, burgers and banter' night on January 29, where we're teaming up with the Rotary Club to try and bring the community together."

With double-headers introduced for 2022, Shannon is hopeful of a strong year for the Independent competition, with a focus on getting as many people to the games as possible.

"Speaking to the other clubs, the double-headers are a great idea to get more people out to each game and really bring the competition together," he said.

"It'll be good to get more people through

the gate so the host club can raise a bit more money as well.

"With what's happening between the RFL and the Independents at the moment, with a bit of uncertainty, it's good to show the community that the Independents are keen to get out there and play footy.

"The biggest thing in the next few years is working with the RFL and SANFL to work out how to keep the Independent clubs going, because once they go, it will have a massive effect on the communities."

On-field, the club is looking to bring back success under the guidance of new coach Aaron Bullard.

With pre-season training already under way, Shannon believes the club is on the right track to improving on last year's effort.

"We've been busy since September last year recruiting some players and trying to have some more competitive footy," he said.

"We've still got our core group that's pulled us through the last couple of tough years but we're looking pretty good.

"Training has already started, so hopefully we should be fitter than last year and that should reduce our injury numbers as well.

"We're shaping up to be pretty competitive and by the sounds of the rest of the Independent clubs have done the same, so it should be a good year for football."

**- BEN LENNON**



**2022 ROOS COACHES:** RFL A grade club Barmora-Monash has locked in its coaches for 2022 and told supporters – via social media – over the weekend that it was "excited by the mix of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm that this group of coaches brings to the club this year". Pictured are, back (from left): Andrew Ivanovic (under 9s), Steven Sullivan (under 15s), James Ivanovic and Daniel Clarke (under 11s) and Steve Marks (under 13s). Front: Brendan Francis (women's and under 15 girls), Kane Thiele (B grade), Corey Gilgen (A grade), Craig Moore (A grade assistant) and Michael Scordo (under 18s). Absent: Sam Butterworth (under 15s). PHOTO: Facebook

# Barber's back at Berri

BERRI has again added to its senior side for the 2022 RFL season with the return of former premiership player Martin Barber.

After signing Luke Teasdale last week, the Demons have wasted no time in adding some talent around him, with Barber the latest in a string of signings for the new season.

A familiar face, Barber played 86 games for Berri before departing for Cobdogla last year.

Now, with Cobby no longer participating in the Independent competition, Barber has returned to the club where he has spent most of his career.

"It seems I just can't stay away too long," he told the club's Facebook page.

"I look forward to spending time with the boys and all the other Demon heads



Martin Barber after his match-winning performance in the 2010 RFL grand final. PHOTO: Facebook

around the club that I didn't see much of last season."

Known for being deadly in front of goal, Demon fans

will remember him for his six-goal, best on ground performance in the 2010 grand final.



# RSL, Berri continue Saturday surge

LOXTON RSL continued to wreak havoc in the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants competition, defeating The Lawns Red by 42 shots and rocketing into third place last week.

The win saw the side leapfrog Barmera, which now sits in fourth position after failing to defeat mid-table Berri, losing comfortably by 29 shots.

Renmark maintained its grip on first place, putting an end to an ordinary run of form with a mammoth 52-shot win against The Lawns.

Hot on Renmark's heels remains Waikerie with a 57-shot victory keeping the margin between first and second to just 22 points on the ladder.

Division two saw a selection of close games played out but Waikerie remains the team to beat, easily defeating Loxton

RSL by 53 shots.

Loxton Red and Loxton White played out the closest match of the round in division three, with the latter winning 57-56.

**DIVISION ONE**  
**Waikerie 93 d Loxton 36.** W. Collins 27 d R. Coombs 14; A. Fulwood 37 d D. Schliebs 11; G. Frahm 29 d B. Schubert 11.  
**Loxton RSL 88 d The Lawns Red 46.** J. Bodnar 38 d S. Leesue 18; S. Roberts 24 d S. Ivanovic 15; J. Wright 26 d P. Lawton 13.  
**Berri 73 d Barmera 44.** D. Treloar 32 d J. Morena 11; D. Badran 15 lost to R. Reynolds 20; K. Treloar 26 d C. Karantonis 13.  
**Renmark 93 d The Lawns 41.** S. Blee 38 d D. Wilson 6; B. Dopson 26 d B. Lewan 17; M. Rice 29 d N. Skinner 18.  
**Points:** Renmark 247; Waikerie 225; Loxton RSL 210; Barmera 201; Berri 185; The Lawns Red 136; Loxton 134; The Lawns 14.  
**DIVISION TWO**  
**Monash 62 d Lyrup 55.** M. Wood 20 d S. Munro 11; S. Voigt 25 d J. Wrigley 19; S. Elsdon 17 lost to L. Recchia 25.

**Waikerie 87 d Loxton RSL 34.** M. Morete 28 d S. Charles 15; D. Thompson 27 d E. Eagle 9; R. Davies 32 d P. Smith.  
**The Lawns 62 d Renmark 57.** K. Schopp 21 d B. Knight 16; K. Smith 21 lost to R. Andt 24; K. Knight 20 d M. Howe 17.  
**Barmera 59 d Berri 46.** D. Button 22 d J. Cresp 15; P. Thompson 23 d W. Couzens 12; D. Mills 14 lost to L. Knight 19.  
**Loxton 72 d Moorook 48.** P. Kimber 23 d C. Battams 14; H. Appleton 24 d A. Wachtel 16; T. Thurston 25 d C. Pantic 18.  
**Points:** Waikerie 293; Monash 258; Lyrup 236; Loxton 187; Berri 187; Barmera 183; The Lawns 155; Moorook 149; Renmark 125; Loxton RSL 47.  
**DIVISION THREE**  
**Barmera 59 d Renmark 56.** R. Slater 18 d T. Matulick 16; I. Lloyd 21 drew with J. Thompson 21; P. Symens 20 d R. Schulz 19.  
**Berri Blue 56 d The Lawns 51.** D. Piltz 19 d R. Ashworth 25; L. Blades 18 d K. Tschirpigg 16; B. Bland 19 lost to M. Hudson 20.  
**Waikerie 74 d Monash 52.** W. Burris 20 lost to C. Traeger 24; G. Hall 18 lost to J. John 21; B. Hill 36 d R. Jury 7.  
**Lyrup 74 d Berri Red 41.** D. Hill 27 d B. Harrington 13; P.

Drewett 30 d K. Tanner 11; T. Slaytor 17 drew with V. Kudra 17.  
**Loxton White 57 d Loxton Red 56.** K. Brandsma 31 d T. Harrison 11; D. Proud 10 lost to R. Lee 25; T. Altschwager 16 lost to F. Armfield 20.  
**Points:** Waikerie 283; Barmera 277; Loxton White 242; Loxton Red 236; Renmark 164; Berri Blue 157; Lyrup 150; Monash 116; The Lawns 104; Berri Red 91.  
**DIVISION FOUR**  
**Waikerie Regents 40 d Loxton 28.** J. Mortimer 25 d N. Milich 13; S. Schiers 15 drew with D. Vaughan 15.  
**The Lawns Red 44 d Renmark 37.** C. Haar 15 lost to R. Minge 23; L. Pinyon 29 d B. Warren 14.  
**Barmera 46 d Waikerie Hornets 33.** K. Brown 19 d E. Loughhead 16; T. Daelman 27 d B. Nicholls 17.  
**Moorook 28 d The Lawns 20.** G. Dahlitz 16 lost to D. VanDam 20; M. Smith 12 d N. Dunstan 0.  
**Points:** Waikerie Regents 267; Barmera 248; The Lawns Red 199; Renmark 159; Waikerie Hornets 145; Moorook 137; Loxton 11; The Lawns 78.



Berri is climbing its way up the Bowls Riverland Saturday Pennants division one ladder, powered by the recent good form of players like skipper Dave Badran (pictured). His team lost narrowly to Ron Reynolds' four last Saturday, but Berri still scored a crucial 73-44 win overall. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

## Mid-table Monash making its mark

A SHOCK win to fifth-placed Monash handed The Lawns its fourth defeat of the Bowls Riverland Wednesday Pennants season last week.

The loss was not enough to knock The Lawns out of first position but the chasing pack is now one step closer after Renmark and Waikerie both picked up wins.

Renmark's win came against Barmera, bringing the fourth-placed side's hot start to 2022 to an end, while Waikerie took care of Loxton by 39 shots.

Berri and Lyrup battled to avoid last position on the ladder, with the former coming out on top, win-

ning all three rinks and finishing 28 shots ahead.

In the second division the two Berri sides maintained their spots at the top of the ladder while Loxton RSL picked up an upset victory over The Lawns Red.

**DIVISION ONE**  
**Renmark 72 d Barmera 35.** J. Trezise 23 d C. Shugg 14; J. Jefferyes 18 d K. Mellon 11; S. Schulz 31 d G. Burns 10.  
**Monash 58 d The Lawns 51.** J. Barnett 18 lost to C. Topperwien 23; R. Potts 17 d M. Spano 15; S. Elsdon 23 d J. Knight 13.  
**Berri 68 d Lyrup 40.** K. Treloar 26 d S. Lloyd 11; K. Tanner 23 d B. Howe 14; J. Price 19 d R. Smith 15.  
**Waikerie 73 d Loxton 34.** M. Morley 22 d L. Kimber 10; C. Davies 23 d B. Mattner 13; J. Morley 28 d D. Vaughan 11.  
**Points:** The Lawns 239; Renmark 218; Waikerie 190; Barmera 189; Monash 185; Loxton 159; Berri 144; Lyrup 132.  
**DIVISION TWO**  
**Berri Red 54 d Loxton 24.** D. Jungfer 30 d N. Milich 11; M. Milier 24 d J. Hall 13.  
**Loxton RSL 41 d The Lawns Red 40.** J. Smith 23 d V. Crouch 22; H. Dreschler 18 drew with E. Kennedy 18.  
**Barmera 48 d Moorook 30.** M. Szabo 29 d L. Tschirpigg 12; C. Pickering 19 d H. Smith 18.  
**Berri Blue 46 d Waikerie 27.** J. Lyons 23 d L. Burnett 17; B. Schulz 23 d N. DellaZoppa 10.  
**The Lawns 43 d Renmark 35.** C. Haar 20 d R. Rittman 18; L. Pinyon 23 d C. Vriends 17.  
**Points:** Berri Red 240; Berri Blue 227; Moorook 193; Barmera 191; The Lawns 190; The Lawns Red 152; Loxton 150; Renmark 121; Waikerie 118; Loxton RSL 98.

## Undefeated streak ends in midweek triples competition

THE Lawns Red has finally been bested in the Bowls Riverland Midweek Triples competition, going down to Berri Blue last Wednesday.

The ladder-leaders had gone an impressive 13 games without a loss to start the season, but Berri Blue was too good, picking up wins in three of the four rinks.

The win cements Berri Blue in third place, with The Lawns Red remaining first despite the defeat.

Barmera was able to capitalise on the result and move to within just eight points of top spot, after it comfortably defeated cross-town rivals Barmera Pelicans.

Meanwhile Renmark Green took the local bragging rights, knocking off the fancied Renmark Gold in a tight affair.

**RESULTS**  
**Loxton Blue 90 d Waikerie 65.** C. Brandsma 23 d R. Pickett 14; T. Watkins 17 drew with N. Harcombe 17; H. Appleton 34 d B. Oliver 11; T. Allister 16 lost to M. Moritz 23.

**Berri Red 86 d Loxton Red 84.** R. Correll 24 d G. Schulz 14; J. Cresp 17 lost to G. Cockshell 27; J. Centofanti 13 lost to T. Wurst 26; L. Knight 32 d P. Kimber 17.  
**Renmark Green 84 d Renmark Gold 73.** B. Knight 14 lost to B. Dopson 32; J. Thompson 18 d M. Howe 14; M. Rice 27 d B. Cropper 13; B. QuatreBornes 25 d H. TerBogt 14.  
**Lyrup 94 d The Lawns 72.** L. Recchia 12 lost to G. Brown 22; G. Jenke 16 lost to K. Knight 22; C. Gamble 45 d B. Haby 5; G. Milich 21 lost to M. Hudson 23.  
**Berri Blue 88 d The Lawns Red 79.** K. Stokes 23 d R. Lawton 17; A. Kosturjak 17 lost to M. Inglis 33; G. Ellewary 26 d R. Stoeckel 16; K. Carpenter 22 d P. Lawton 13.  
**Barmera 102 d Barmera Pelicans 46.** R. Reynolds 28 d P. Symens 5; K. Carter 35 d H. Robinson 9; D. Button 24 d R. Slater 13; A. Stagg 15 lost to I. Lloyd 19.  
**Monash 86 d Loxton White 68.** B. John 30 d L. Pfeiler 7; W. Pahl 10 lost to D. Schliebs 22; P. Grocke 17 lost to R. Coombs 28; G. Chamberlain 29 d W. Harrison 11.  
**Points:** The Lawns Red 327; Barmera 319; Berri Blue 244; Renmark Gold 226; Loxton White 223; Waikerie 217; Loxton Red 210; Lyrup 199; Renmark Green 191; Berri Red 171; Loxton Blue 133; The Lawns 101; Monash 94; Barmera Pelicans 89.



Monash Club DV8s took out the Monash Club Knockout title last week in a tight affair. Pictured are team members Shelley Garrett (left), Trish Stieler, Ginny Beech, Liz Threlfall and Di Marshall. PHOTO: supplied

## DV8s deliver knockout blow

THE final of the Monash Club knockout women's eightball competition was played last week and Monash Club DV8s walked away with the chocolates.

The match was hotly contested, with the result hanging by a thread throughout the fixture, but Monash Club DV8s proved too good in the end, winning 8-4.

In the weekly competition, Lyrup Odd Bunch consolidated first position with a comfortable win over knockout winners Monash DV8s.

Second-placed Waikerie Club continued its winning run by defeating Barmera Hotel Cue-Ts.

Lyrup Club managed to stay in touch with the top four by toppling Barmera Hotel Unpredictables, while the largest win of the night went to Barmera Pelicans, defeating Lyrup Lion Cubs 14-1.

**RESULTS**  
Barmera Pelicans 14 (G. Dyer, K. Hayes) d Lyrup Lion Cubs 1 (S. Jansen, J. Nixon).  
Lyrup Club 11 (K. Michael, M. Thomas) d Barmera Hotel Unpredictables 4 (K. Flentjar, S. Bini).  
Lyrup Odd Bunch 11 (T. Knight, C. Knight) d Monash Club DV8s 4 (L. Threlfall, J. Francis).  
Waikerie Club 10 (M. Briscoe, J. Mackereth) d Barmera Hotel Cue-Ts 5 (D. Stocker, A. Kreig-Owens).

# A salute to SA country footy's goal-kicking kings

THE goal-kicking feats of SA country football's best sharpshooters have been captured in the latest book by footy historian – and former Riverlander – Peter Lines.

The book includes the top three all-time goal kickers for every SA country football league, past and present, plus profiles and goal-kicking records.

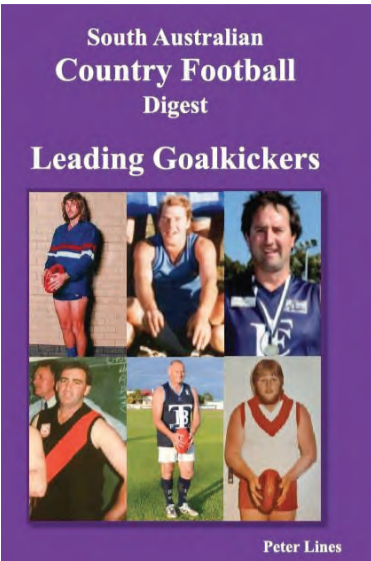
South Australian Country Football Digest – Leading Goalkickers, also includes the latest up-to-date version of the top 200 goal kickers in SA country footy. The list first appeared in Mr Lines' Facebook page in 2019 and proved so popular that membership numbers rose from 400 to 4000.

“Chris Prime is recorded as being the most prolific South Australian country goalkicker with 2060 career goals,” Mr Lines said.

“However, readers are free to decide themselves who wears the title of ‘best ever’ by assessing the goal-kicking records, facts and figures that appear in the book to make their own choice.”

As a former Riverlander, Mr Lines has ensured his former region is well represented in the book.

His knowledge of Riverland football together with his vast collection of Riverland Football Budgets has seen the Upper Murray and Riverland leagues covered from 1956-2021, Riverland Independents from 1971-2021 and



Mr Lines' book is available locally.

Mid Murray from 1981-2009.

Records from the former East Murray, Brown's Well, Loxton Brown's Well and Loxton District associations are also well-documented in the new book.

The book is on sale at newsagencies and bookstores around the state, plus at Premier Sports in Berri and Sportspower in Loxton.

Mr Lines' previous books, Encyclopedia of South Australian Country Football Clubs, South Australian Country Football Digests – Volumes 1 and 2 and The History of Football in the East Murray District can still be purchased by contacting him (email: bplines@bigpond.com or phone: 0438 819 391).



Former Riverlander Peter Lines at a market with his newest book, which highlights the best goal kickers in SA country football. PHOTOS: supplied



Ex-Loxton North star full forward Jason Keays.



Champion Waikerie forward Craig Nutchey.

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# Angels stay top of the baseball tree

RENMARK continued its impressive form in Riverland baseball with a six-run win over the Pirates last Friday night.

The top side in the competition burst out of the blocks, recording six runs in the first inning but the Pirates clawed back, registering three of their own.

Two runs in the second and third innings clinched the game for Renmark, with safe hits shared across the side in a dominant team display.

Cody Jarrett pitched well for Renmark with his three strike-outs a key part of the victory.

Elsewhere Berri Blue and Berri Red played out a local derby that

saw Berri Blue take the points.

Two safe hits to Luke Sutherland and an in-ground homer from Dudley Campbell sealed the win for Berri Blue in a decisive third inning that saw the winners pile on seven unanswered runs.

**RESULTS**

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Renmark	6	2	2	-	10
Pirates	3	1	-	-	4

Safe hits: Renmark – J. Bonner, J. Perry, G. O'Brien, P. Grenfell, N. Koumbarakos, C. Crouch. Pirates – Jamie Frazer, J. Pintilie.

Innings	1	2	3	T
Berri Blue	2	2	7	11
Berri Red	2	3	-	5

Safe hits: Berri Blue – L. Sutherland 2, W. Cox, L. Peltz, L. Kambouris, D. Campbell. Berri Red – R. Bevis 2, J. Stemberger.



Renmark playing coach Jayden Perry was a key part of the side's win against Riverland Pirates last Friday night. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

**RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS**

**BERRI**

**Wednesday, January 19**  
Stableford - B. Rosenthal 43, W. Adams 39, J. Adams 38 (cb), K. Wyman 38, P. Mudge 37, L. Campbell 36, C. Hyde 35 (cb), D. Zelfiff 35, C. Berry 34 (cb), L. Smith 34, R. Burn 34, G. Calgie 33 (cb), M. Boon 33, W. Thiele 33, R. Keightley 33. Birdies B. Rosenthal 1st, S. Wade 15th.  
**Saturday, January 22**  
Stableford- M. Heuzenroeder 39 (cb), M. Baylis 39, S. Marsden 38 (cb), D. Shawyer 38, P. Martin 37 (cb), G. Tognon 37, D. Dawson 37, J. Brand 36 (cb), C. Hyde 36, C. Berry 36, P. Mudge 35 (cb), AM Crease 35, B. Hartshorne 35, G. Branson 34.

Birdies M. Heuzenroeder 16th, P. Martin 6th, L. Campbell 16th.  
**Sunday, January 23**  
Stableford- P. Efthimiou 42, E. Dawson 41, M. Gray 38, K. Wyman 35 (cb), J. Adams 35, B. Eckermann 34 (cb), AM Crease 34, S. Wade 33.

**LOXTON**

**Monday, January 17**  
Multi-tee mixed stableford – B. Yeomans 44.  
**Wednesday, January 19**  
Men's stableford – S. Koch 44, T. Riches 39, B. Skinner 37, M. Wilksch 36, D. Peberdy 36, D. Unferdorben 35, P. Harman 35, P. Tygh 32. Birdies – T. Arndt 2nd, D. Unferdorben 15th, P. Tygh 15th. Women's stableford – D.

Harman 33, J. Cooney 31, C. Arndt 30.  
**Friday, January 21**  
Multi-tee mixed stableford – C. Voumard 39, L. Gray 39.  
**Saturday, January 22**  
A grade – J. Fisher 40, B. Chapman 38, P. Morris 38, B. Yeomans 36, D. Tyler 36, B. Paige 36, S. Palat 36. B grade – P. Anderson 39, J. Goldsworthy 38, J. Sandland 38, B. Whiteclaw 37, D. Johns 35, S. Patching 35, D. Peberdy 35. Birdies – P. Tygh 2nd, S. Palat 2nd, S. Harris 2nd, C. Wooldridge 12th, A. Sulejmani 15th. Women's Stableford – J. Bullock 37, J. Patching 33, M. Tyler 32.

## Locals shine at rainy softball titles

RIVERLAND teams enjoyed a successful tournament in Adelaide last weekend at the Softball SA State Championships.

After struggling last year, results turned around for the three Riverland teams, with the C grade men's and women's sides both making it to the grand final.

Neither side was able to come home with a title, with weather finally getting the better of the tournament and wash-

ing out the two grand finals.

The Riverland men's team was particularly hard done as it was in front when the game was called off but, due to an uneven innings, the score reverted, leaving it just shy of victory.

Among some of the Riverland's best competitors were Dudley Campbell and Kris Taylor.

Both managed to feature in the Team of the Year, with Campbell selected at first base

and Taylor at short stop.

Riverland Softball Association secretary Monica Haaja was pleased with how the weekend went, despite the complications thrown in by mother nature.

"All up it was a very good outing for the Riverland representative teams, with no major injuries to report," she said.

"All teams made it into finals contention, so it's been one of our most successful carnivals for a couple years."

# Short stay for Savilles at Australian Open

**BEN LENNON**

THE Riverland's favourite sporting couple bowed out of the Australian Open mixed doubles tennis tournament last week with Luke and Daria Saville going down in straight sets against Tim Putz and Alexa Guarachi.

The draw did the duo no favours, pitting them against one of the strongest pairings in the world in the first round, with their opponents heading into the tournament as the

number four seed.

Luke and Daria took it right up to the favourites though, with the first set decided by a tie-breaker and the second set finishing 7-5.

The pair will rue missed opportunities, converting just two of a possible 10 break point chances, compared to their clinical opponents who missed out on only three breaks for the match.

Almost more astounding was the point differential, with Luke and Daria winning



Riverland tennis star Luke Saville and wife Daria, pictured with local junior Fletcher Dillon at Cobdogla just before Christmas, bowed out of the Australian Open's mixed doubles tournament after losing in straight sets last week.

76 points for the match and their opponents winning just one more, finishing with 77.

Teamed with John-Patrick Smith, Luke also went down in the men's doubles competition on the same day, an event he managed to reach the final in just two years ago.

Daria's singles tournament was similarly short-lived, losing out to Swede Rebecca Peterson in the first round as a wildcard.

It was the pair's first major as husband and wife but despite the loss, the two were all smiles throughout the mixed doubles match.

## Cycling back with a bang in 2022

PERFECT conditions welcomed 12 keen cyclists as the Riverland Cycling Club returned last Wednesday for criterium racing.

Four races took place, with Clint Bambrick back in scintillating form, taking home the A grade victory against Lee Stevens.

The B grade saw an even field fight it out in the final sprint, with Scott Hardwick pulling ahead in the final moments to clinch the win.

Wayne Champion won well in the C grade, meaning that a jump in divisions is on the cards next time out.

Newcomer Janelle Stevens has been training hard and it paid dividends in the D grade meet as she claimed victory after a frantic sprint to the finish.



Clint Bambrick edged out Lee Stevens in the return of Riverland Cycling Club's criterium racing last weekend. PHOTO: supplied

**RESULTS**

A grade – 1st C. Bambrick, 2nd L. Stevens. B grade – 1st S. Hardwick, 2nd L. Rasheed, 3rd M. Gray, 4th H. Ranson. C grade – 1st W. Champion, 2nd K. Pietrolaj, 3rd S. Battye. D grade – 1st J. Stevens, 2nd R. Strout, 3rd A. Ylia.

## Wind greets Renmark riflemen

THE Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club held a 90-metre shoot in tough conditions last Thursday.

With the wind howling, Brenton Lacey walked away the handicap winner and Mark Cresp won the off-rifle event, making it a successful couple of weeks for the star shooter.

**RESULTS**

B. Lacey 98.2, 99 (0) 197, M. Cresp 100.4, 99.3 (0) 199, R. Ward 89.1, 91.1 (5) 185.

## RC Ones dart into grand final

WITH several rounds still to play in the Riverland Darts season, RC Ones has secured first place and in doing so has guaranteed itself a spot in the grand final.

Its win over Monash Wanderers last week meant that RC Ones remains the only unbeaten team in the competition.

Double Jacks bounced back to re-establish itself as title contenders, comfortably defeating Expendables 10-1.

The race is on

between Double Jacks and Monash Wanderers to see who will be joining RC Ones in the grand final in a few weeks' time.

**RESULTS**

Double Jacks 10 (A. Hargreaves 180, 117, 100 x 6, 117 peg out, N. Peatey 140 x 2, 100 x 4, L. Platten 140, 125 x 2, 100 x 4, C. Wagner 121, 115) d Expendables 1 (T. Daelmann 116, 100, D. Higgs 133, S. Lockwood 100, G. Norman 100). RC Ones 7 d Monash Wanderers 4 (W. Bonham 140 x 2, 121, 100, C. Martin 140, 125, 114, 100 x 6, D. Martin 100 x 3).

# Mallee mayhem returns to Riverland cricket

IN another thrilling edition of the Mallee crossover round, points were split between the two associations in local A grade cricket last Saturday.

On the winners list from the Riverland were Renmark North and Loxton, defeating Parrakie and Parilla respectively.

The Bluetongues travelled two hours to Parrakie and came away with the win in dramatic fashion.

Ben Files recorded his second consecutive half century and finished on 81, while Liam Jackson endured a scratchy start to find some form, with his score of 73 leading the visitors to a total just shy of 200.

Parrakie came out guns blazing and gained the ascendancy through their openers, with the first wicket falling with the home

side on 59.

From there, the match ebbed and flowed before scintillating spells from Sam Bradbrook and Colin Packer got the Bluetongues over the line in the dying moments.

The pair finished with seven wickets between them while Bradley Grant picked up two and skipper Liam Jackson snared the prized wicket of Will Werner.

Loxton played its second consecutive home game under lights and in doing so managed to restrict Parilla to just 107 runs.

The wickets were shared among the Tiger bowlers before Jake Albrecht stole the show with the bat, hitting the white ball to all parts on his way to 50 runs.

## Cameos from Will Gutsche and Ben

Hoffmann sealed the victory for the Tigers as they remain in top spot.

Waikerie Ramco continued to struggle, this time going down to a ruthless Murrayville.

The home side managed just 85 runs batting first and Murrayville wasted no time in chasing down the total, claiming the win after just 19 overs at the crease.

Berri was set a mammoth total of 237 by home side Lameroo and fell just short in the end, finishing with 228 from its 40 overs.

Riley Herbert opened the batting and impressed, amassing 73 runs against the new ball before some middle-order stroke-playing from Wes Frankel almost got the Demons over the line.

## Double hat-trick highlights Wunkar's T20 win

HEROICS from Wunkar's bowlers in the middle overs – including a rare double hat-trick – led to an impressive victory in last Saturday's Riverland B grade T20 cricket grand final.

Four wickets in four consecutive balls from Matty Leigh turned the Brown's Well innings on its head after a promising start.

Lachlan Patterson opened the batting for the Cows and began well, making 21 runs.

He was supported by Brian Hampel who, batting at number three, backed up his score of 71 in the semi-final by posting 26 runs, however it was his wicket that started the collapse.

When Hampel departed, Brown's Well was 4/70 and still in with a chance of posting a reasonable total, but an incredible spell

from Leigh dashed the batting side's hopes.

After Leigh's remarkable double hat-trick, tail-ender Jack Evans provided some resistance, slashing his way to 18 runs.

This brought Brown's Well into triple figures but he was eventually dismissed by Luke Pontt, who also bowled well, taking 3/5.

Wunkar opener Luke Harder put the game beyond doubt, charging to an unbeaten 71 to go with his 41no in the semi-final.

The champions passed Brown's Well's score in the 14th over, having lost just three wickets along the way in a dominant display of T20 cricket.

## RESULTS

### Semi-finals

## Wunkar 2/6

13no) d Gerard 60 (L. Pontt 3/13, H.



Campbell 2/12, M. Leigh 2/12, B. Falting 2/16, L. Harder 1/7).  
Brown's Well 6/161 (B. Hampel 73no, J. Patterson 20, B. Pech 18, J. Loxton 13, D. Roath 13, J. Smedley 3/24, B. Willis 2/33, B. Blackwell 1/15) d Denmark North 7/159 (J. Wood 45, W. Coombs



40no, D. Hill 34, B. Hampel 3/17, J. Evans 1/8, J. Loxton 1/25, A. Cunnah 1/31, C. Patterson 1/33).

**Grand final**

Wunkar 3/109 (L. Harder 71no, H.

Campbell 10, L. Short 1/10, C. Patterson 1/14, L. Patterson 1/18) d Brown's Well 103 (B. Hampel 26, L. Patterson 21, M. Leigh 4/13, L. Ponnt 3/5, H. Campbell 1/17, L. Harder 1/19, B. Falting 1/28).

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# Veteran's cricket a hit with Dougie

**BEN LENNON**

LAST Sunday's Veteran's Cricket Association match in Waikerie between two Hills Fleurieu teams has been and gone, but Berri man Paul 'Dougie' Stewart hopes it isn't the last the Riverland sees of the format.

Two teams made up entirely of men over the age of 50 took to the pitch in the second last round of the veterans season and Stewart was pleased to have received the call up.

"Initially I read about it in the Pioneer, then surprisingly on Wednesday afternoon I had a phone call from one of the guys in Mildura," he said.

"He travels every second week to play in this Hills Fleurieu team in the competition back in Adelaide.

"He gave me a ring saying they were short, understanding I'm over 50 and I'm a cricketer and I'd been thinking about it for a few years, so I thought I'd see what it looks like."

Stewart is a legend of the

Berri Cricket Club, with the left-arm bowler having played in multiple A grade premierships.

Although he has filled in for Berri's B grade three times this season, Stewart admitted his cricketing skills needed a bit of dusting off.

With premiership points up for grabs, there was no shortage of competitive spirit on show, but Stewart noted that, particularly as a newcomer, he was impressed by how supportive his teammates were.

"I was quite anxious when they asked me to bowl," he admitted.

"Even though I did let go of a couple of ordinary deliveries, there was plenty of encouragement and plenty of tolerance.

"Not one guy made you feel out of it, so people should be pretty comfortable to come out and have a go from that point of view."

The veteran's competition is expanding and the Riverland has the chance to enter a team for season 2022/23.

With a host of older players plying their trade in the RTCA divisions, Stewart is adamant that a team would work, given enough numbers are attained.

With several players already making the trip across from Mildura to play every second week, an opportunity exists to merge a potential Riverland team with the existing Mildura players.

"I believe we've got a great opportunity, with the amount of guys around, to put this side in and play in exactly the right balance of being competitive, but giving everyone a go and playing in the right spirit," he said.

"We've got such good turf wickets up here and good weather, and if we get plenty of numbers there will be no pressure on individuals to play when they're not available.

"There's a lot of us getting around that would love to stay involved and roll the arm over.

"When you still love the game and there's an opportunity to play, I think it's something

we should really investigate...

"I'm happy to do the homework and find some numbers early on and we can go from there."

Stewart heralded the welcoming nature of both his teammates and opponents and likened the environment to how cricket was in his younger days.

"Coming from that era where we played hard and enjoyed ourselves after the game and socialised, I believe it's just really rolled through from there," he said.

"The guys were great and they went out of their way to help me out.

"They made me feel welcome which was great and Waikerie Ramco did a great job of hosting as well.

"They did the pitch and they catered for the guys really well, so credit to them for doing that.

"Imagine if we had a Riverland team full of blokes that have played together or against each other. It would be great fun."



Paul 'Dougie' Stewart of Berri after playing for the Hills Fleurieu Gold team in the penultimate round of the season at Waikerie.

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RIVERLAND Powerboat Club treasurer Chris Philp was pleased with how last weekend's Berri Trophy Day played out, as onlookers were treated to "some of the best racing in years". **PAGE 42 FULL STORY**

# KING OF THE RIVER

After two decades of trying, Adelaide's Dave Clark finally won the Berri Hotel Trophy Day last weekend in his boat, Tuff Enuff. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



## Paringa's new junior footy push

BEN LENNON

IN a bid to safeguard its future, RFL Independent club Paringa will field under 9 and under 11 teams against the six RFL A grade clubs in season 2022.

Swans president Kevin Eckermann is excited to be bringing junior football back to Paringa, having captained the club's first colts team in 1964.

"We think it's really important that we try and get the kids around the place that are not playing footy," he said.

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