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THE Barmera community is mourning the death of well-known local figure Peter Morelli.

Mr Morelli was a respected and successful local businessman who launched his Riverland business – Morelli's Allweld Repairs Service – in 1987. The business is now known as MARS Transport Equipment and is situated on the Sturt Highway, near Cobdogla.

Mr Morelli was also a long-serving and hard-working president of the Barmera-Monash Football Club, only relinquishing the role last year. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and four sons.



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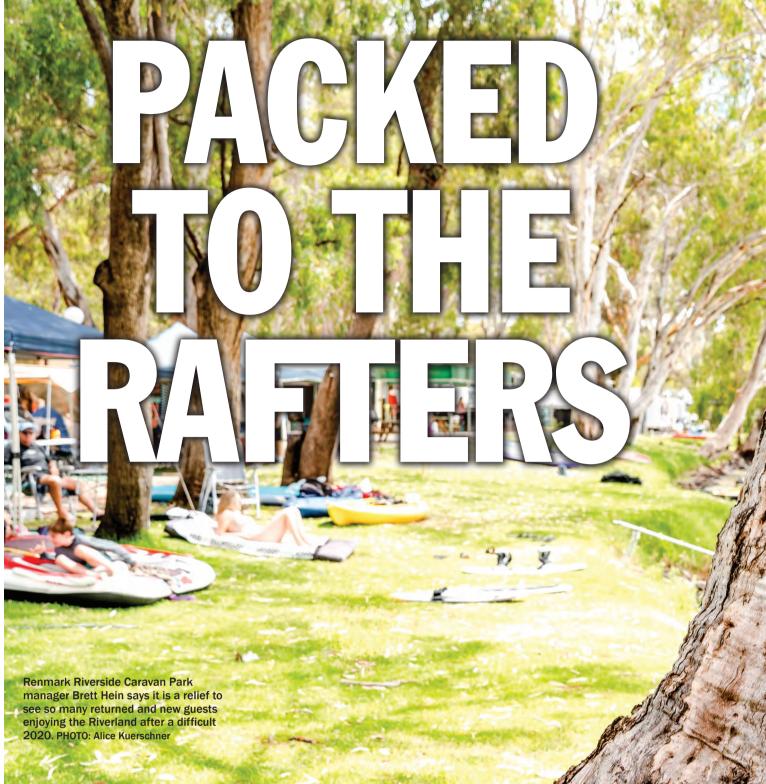
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HOLIDAY makers have flocked to the Riverland for their summer getaway, with local caravan parks and accommodation providers packed full of visitors.

The region is currently a hive of activity, thanks to school holidays and relaxed border restrictions allowing interstate visitors back to the Riverland.

According to a SAPOL spokesperson, travellers were met with up to three hours of



waiting time at Yamba before given access to SA.

Renmark Riverbend Caravan Park manager Brett Hein said the facility was full of long-time returned guests as well as people

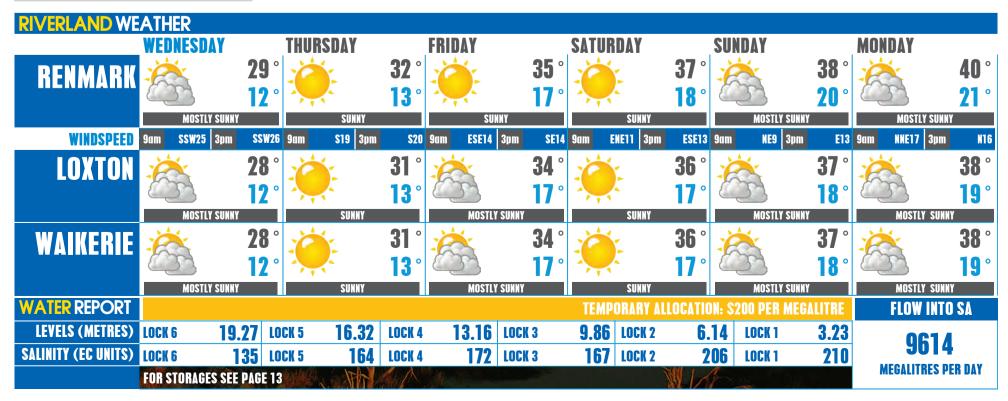
new to the region.

"This time of the year we have a lot of returned guests, but we have some new ones too," he said.

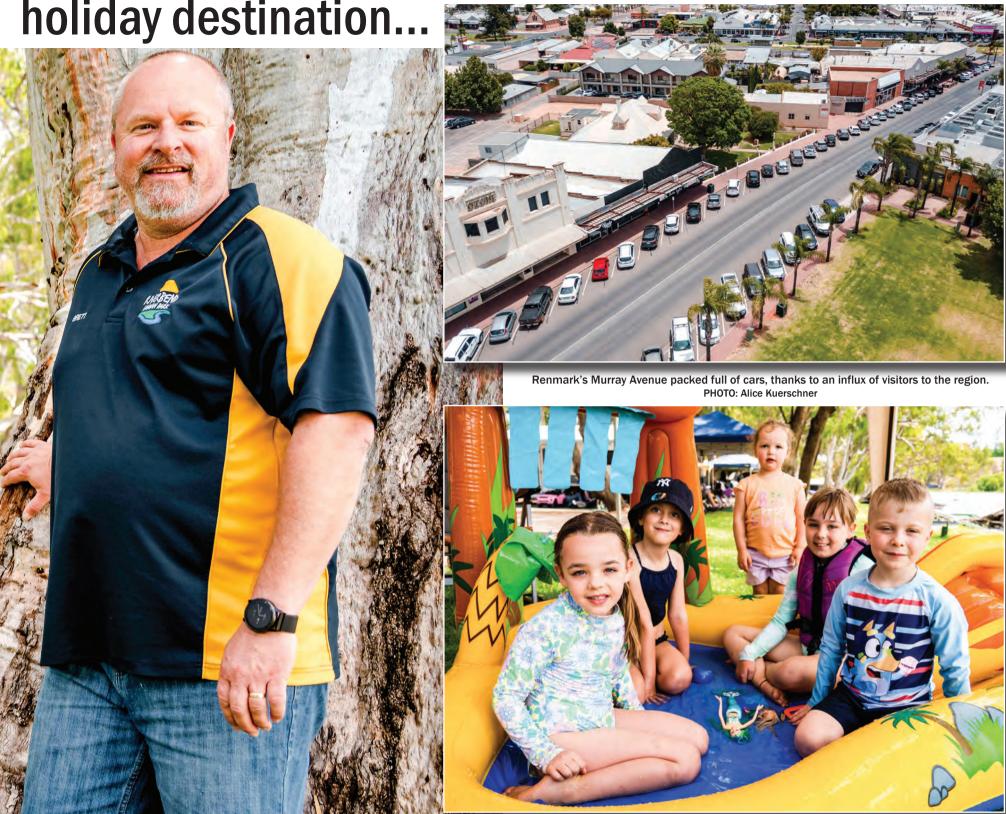
Mr Hein said after such a difficult year it was pleasing to have a busy park.

"Especially after the last lockdown we did go very quiet," he said.

"I think it knocked the confidence for a lot of people and the number of grey nomads we



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had slowed right now.

"But at the moment it's as normal as it has been all year. We're just very happy to be very busy again."

Meanwhile, Loxton Hotel general manager Darren Morrison said the hotel experienced a tough period in the lead-up to Christmas, but things were looking up.

"We lost a lot of pre-Christmas groups and functions due to the lockdown and restrictions but we have recovered really well," he said.

"We've had strong trade in all areas of the hotel and the signs are good for the rest of the summer."

Mr Morrison said the hotel has had strong support from both locals and visitors.

"In the lead-up to Christmas it was mainly locals and we've seen a lot of people from other Riverland towns as well," he said.

"Since Christmas there are lots of tourists around which has been great for us.

"Our newly renovated areas have been

Saxby Ostrowski, 7, Ruby Edwards, 7, Lanah Constable, 2, Asher Ostrowski, 8, and Ashton Edwards, of Adelaide, holidaying with their families at the Renmark Riverside Caravan Park. **PHOTO: Jane Kuerschner**

repeat visits, so we have stayed busy." Mr Morrison said the change to standing

and drinking restrictions had made a substantial difference to the hotel's atmosphere.

"It has made a huge difference - people want to socialise with their friends and family and often they aren't sitting together so it has been difficult," he said.

"Now that people can stand, they can mingle with their friends and the atmosphere is more relaxed.

having to sit down so we're hopeful this restriction won't return."

Mr Morrison said he feels fortunate to have traded in a somewhat normal environment despite the presence of restrictions for most of 2020.

"We're hopeful that the remainder of restrictions will ease soon and things return to normal." he said.

"We would like to thank everyone for their support and patronage during the year. We've really appreciated it.'



New region-wide food truck permits

RIVERLAND food truck operators will soon be able to pay a single fee to trade across the region, after local council CEOs decided to simplify mobile vendor permits.

At the December meeting of the Riverland G3 Alliance, Berri Barmera CEO Karyn Burton, Renmark Paringa CEO Tony Siviour and Loxton Waikerie CEO David Beaton carried a motion to introduce a joint food truck permit across the three Riverland councils.

With the changes, mobile vendors with a permit from one of the councils will be able to operate in any of the three council areas.

Currently, each council has different fees, policies and location requirements for mobile vendors, with operators needing to obtain a permit from each individual council.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie charges vendors \$1000 for an annual permit, while the other two councils charge \$200 per year.

Berri Barmera Council elected members endorsed the joint food truck permit at their December council meeting.

All mobile vending policy conditions will remain the responsibility of each individual council.

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My wife Di and I retained ownership of the Property Management department and with Jo Lloyd and her team, continue to deliver excellent service through our new trading name Riverland Property Management.

Just prior to Christmas I received a termination of employment letter from the new owner of Ray White Renmark, and as such am no longer associated with real estate sales.

Once again THANK YOU for your support over many years.

Mark Cresp



Paringa couple Luke and Chelsea Stoeckel welcomed daughter Ellie Brooke into the world at 2.24am on January 1, 2021. BELOW: Ellie Brooke Stoeckel was the first baby to be born in the region this year. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou

New year, new house... new baby

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

A LOCAL baby was determined to join in on New Year's festivities by entering the world at 2.24am on January 1 - the first baby born in the region for 2021.

Ellie Brooke Stoeckel, daughter of Paringa's Luke and Chelsea, entered the world on New Year's Day weighing a

healthy 2.94kg and measuring 49cm long. Mrs Stoeckel said Ellie arrived past her due date but was "worth the wait".

"Ellie was two days overdue so it was a surprise she was born on January 1," she said.

"Luke and I were both convinced we were having a boy, so when we were told it was a girl, that gave us another surprise."

Mrs Stoeckel described Ellie's temperament as "beautiful".

"Ellie is a very calm and placid baby, so getting used to life with her hasn't been difficult," she said.

"We moved into a new house on

December 22 last year and we've only been home with Ellie since Sunday, January 3, so trying to adjust to a new home and baby has been different but we're lucky Ellie is a good baby and easygoing."

Mrs Stoeckel said she and her husband look forward to watching Ellie grow.

"We can't wait for Ellie to reach significant milestones and grow into an amazing girl," she said.

"We look forward to seeing her becoming her own person and finding out her likes and dislikes.

"She (Ellie) has lots of cousins all under the age of four, so we can't wait to see her form a bond with them and see them grow together."

Mrs Stoeckel thanked the staff at the

Riverland General Hospital for their support. "We owe a huge thank you to Dr George

Dalamagas, midwife Andrea Prokopec, and

other midwifery staff," she said. "Their support was incredible."



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\$5m plan for library and loos

A RIVERLAND council is seeking government funding for a \$5 million project to relocate Loxton's library and visitor information centre and construct a new public toilet block.

At their December council meeting, District Council of Loxton Waikerie elected members passed a motion to support funding applications for the project, after sig-



nificant debate between councillors regarding the overall cost.

Councillors also voted to direct CEO David Beaton to "make every endeavour" to reduce the cost of the project prior to lodgement of the grant applications.

Works on the public toilet include almost \$60,000 for landscaping around the site to "allow more public seating in East Terrace to encourage tourists and visitors to eat and then shop in the CBD".

In a project scoping report provided to council, Mr Beaton said the project was subject to a successful state or federal government funding bid that would cover 50 per cent of the total cost.

During the meeting, elected members debated for and against the project, with some arguing the cost was too extravagant.

Mr Beaton attributed the increased expense to a "need to restore and maintain the current council offices because of its heritage listing and current building defects".

Mr Beaton said the project would allow for the replacement of the "poor-quality and smelly public toilets" in Loxton and the refurbishment of the mould-affected council building.

"Council has long-term goals for the development of its buildings to achieve the greatest community value for money and highest service delivery," he said.

"This project, if funded, would address these parameters and provide greater public amenity for the medium term."



The current public toilet block on East Terrace in Loxton (pictured) could be replaced as part of a proposed \$5 million project to reshape the town's main street. FILE PHOTO

Mr Beaton said council would seek funding through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund and the State Government's Local Government Infrastructure Program. Advice on the success of grant applications is expected between March and May, with building work potentially to begin in November or December for completion in the 2021/22 financial year.

Council has long-term goals for the development of its buildings to achieve the greatest community value...

District Council of Loxton Waikerie CEO David Beaton

PROJECT COSTINGS

Move library/VIC to refurbed council office: \$4.32 million
 Demolish existing library and landscape area: \$250,000
 Build new toilets in place of library: \$685,000

TOTAL COST: \$5.26 million

Councils combat corellas

JOSH BRINE

RIVERLAND councils are preparing a range of control activities to push flocks of a pest bird species out of the region.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie and Berri Barmera Council will both undertake measures to disperse little corella within their respective council districts, as flock numbers increase over summer.

In a report to council's December meeting, Berri Barmera Council compliance officer Michael Murtagh said corella populations in the district had increased significantly in recent years.

"Little corellas have been known to damage electrical cabling, new vine shoots, a variety of sports' playing surfaces and assets in the region," he said.

"Their ability to produce a significant amount of noise when in large flocks and their potential to spread disease makes the little corella a significant source of nuisance for the community."

Berri Barmera Council staff will use bird fright bullets to scare off flocks in various areas



across the district, including the Cobdogla Oval, Lake Bonney foreshore and Berri river front, while the District Council of Loxton Waikerie will undertake shooting for scaring flocks and culling in small numbers at roosting sites.

In a report to the District Council of Loxton Waikerie's ordinary meeting, environmental services manager Cheryle Pedler said staff were taking steps to proactively address the problem. "As expected for this time of the year, the numbers of little corella numbers are increasing in the region," she said.

"The issue is not unique to our area, with councils across South Australia noting an increase in numbers.

"Whilst little corellas are a native species, they are not protected and are considered by many to be a pest. "As a recognised abundant species, little corella can be legally destroyed by landowners on their private property, in accordance with a Code of Practice issued by the Department for Environment and Water."

Berri Barmera Council will also use bird fright bullets to disperse ducks at the Hayden Stoeckel Swimming Pool in Berri. including bird firght bullets, to disperse corella flocks that have settled in the region. INSET: The pest bird species is known for causing damage to electrical cabling, vine shoots and other plants, and sporting surfaces. FILE PHOTOS

Riverland councils have introduced measures,



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Uncertainty hangs over Riverland

A GIANT cloud of uncertainty hangs over the Riverland as 2021 begins.

Like the rest of the nation – and the world – much of that sentiment can be attributed to COVID-19 and the cost of our governments' response to the pandemic, but locally two untimely outbreaks of Queensland fruit fly have added further anxiety to the mix.

Comparing 2021 wish lists with 2020 would be an interesting exercise, with the former likely to be somewhat more humble than the latter. 'Getting back to normal' might be this year's chart-topper.

Given the fruit fly situation, some Riverlanders might feel more comfortable if our Member for Chaffey, Tim Whetstone, was still Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, as he was in late 2018, when seven male Queensland fruit flies were found in the Loxton area, constituting an outbreak.

At that time, Mr Whetstone's handling of the situation – including his 'zero-tolerance' policy – was aided by his local knowledge and his pre-politics background as an irrigator. He would no doubt still be having considerable input to decisions around the two current outbreaks, but unfortunately a slip-up that saw him lose his ministerial role in 2020 has changed that situation.

As we saw during Karlene Maywald's term as Member for Chaffey, the Riverland is better served when its local state member is also a minister, so hoping for Mr Whetstone to return to the ministry sometime before the next election makes sense.

Setting aside all the issues and hassles involved with the fruit fly outbreaks, Riverland primary producers' wish lists for 2021 might be as simple as favourable weather conditions and fair prices paid for what they grow.

Meanwhile local businesses will be hoping they can survive the economic malaise facing Australia once Federal Government support runs out in March.

As stated recently in this editorial column, Berri Barmera Council would surely have fingers and toes crossed that the Riverview Drive redevelopment and subsequent planned retrofit are done and dusted in 2021, and that ongoing debate and associated criticism dies down.

Loxton Waikerie council might be keen to ease any lingering suspicions – unfounded or otherwise – that Waikerie gets the rough end of the pineapple, compared to its upriver partner. A planned \$5 million project to relocate Loxton's library and VIC, and build a new public toilet block, seems likely to make that task more challenging.

Renmark Paringa Council would want its own river-front development in Renmark completed and accepted by the public.

It would also love to see the back of the Murray River Queen, which arrived in the town – amid equal parts fanfare and trepidation – in 2017 and become a floating restaurant, docked in one of the town's prime spots.

Finally, all three Riverland councils would be rapt if certain SA metropolitan councils conducted themselves and their matters more appropriately, and avoided attracting headlines for the wrong reasons, on a regular basis. The temptation to tar all councils with the same brush is strong among some ratepayers, who are just itching to unleash on local government at any opportunity.



Pat West, long-time community contributor to Loxton, circa 1977: Born in 1939, Pat attended Loveday Primary School (1945-1951), St Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide, and Loxton Area School. Clerk at Loxton's Brookbern cannery from 1955-1963, Pat was then appointed administration officer with the SA Department of Agriculture in the Loxton 'town office', a position she held in one form or another for 36 years. The Departmental administration staff, initially located in East Terrace, moved into the newly-built government offices (now Harvest Trail Lodge) in 1962. Staff numbers were low until the early 1970s so Pat, always diligent, each week undertook typing tasks from head office in Adelaide. In 1985, the Murraylands region accepted administration responsibilities from Adelaide and Pat transferred to the Research Centre. Always bustling, chatty and well-liked, Pat was shy of public acclaim. After retiring from the department in 1999, from 2001 she became long-serving mainstay of the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee as secretary/co-ordinator. For this and volunteer work with Loxton Arts Council, Loxton Show, Loxton Catholic Church history, Ladies Singing Probus, and Australian Native Plant Society, she was named Loxton Citizen of the Year for 2014. Despite big challenges, Pat has always maintained her happy countenance. **PHOTO: PA Magarey**

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Water Minister David Speirs'

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Waikerie being screwed again?

RECENTLY the District Council of Loxton Waikerie CEO David Beaton said that the council is spending \$5.3 million in Waikerie.

He has stated that "I wish to confirm Council's investment into the long-term support of a flourishing Waikerie. With a contribution of Council funds and grant funds, Council has allocated the following to Waikerie over last and the current financial year.

- Waikerie river front: \$2.3m for the redevelopment and expansion.

- Peake Terrace and White Street: \$3m to the improvement and beautification. That is \$5.3m directly into

Waikerie to improve the areas for locals and visitors." At that time I stated that the

\$5.3 million he was referring to took over five years to accumulate during which time Loxton had a spending spree.

The Loxton Sporting Complex (up to \$15 million), Loxton CBD revitalisation, Mill Street Corner upgrade, the Pflaum Terrace realignment and loss of parking areas for the Loxton Hotel's al fresco area, a bus terminal, God knows how many toilet blocks, the propping up of the Pioneer Village.

Of course, there is this year's budget and here are just a few off the top of my head:

Loxton Retirement Village community building (\$2.68 million), Loxton East Terrace toilets (\$685,000), lights for the football oval (\$780,000), Loxton Recreation Complex mezzanine fit-out (\$1 million), Pioneer Village air conditioning and toilet upgrade (\$95,000), and new cabins for the Loxton Caravan Park (\$500,000).

Keep in mind that this is not all and is already over our \$5.3 million – and this is just this year.

Meanwhile in Waikerie infrastructure projects have been on the backburner for years. Some jobs have been signed off as completed, but have they been carried out?

At a recent council meeting a motion was put and seconded

that an additional \$500,000 increase be transferred from cash reserve to the already-allocated \$1 million for the Loxton Recreation Complex mezzanine fit-out.

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The motion was carried, at which stage CEO David Beaton suggested that this portion of the meeting be placed in confidence. This was also carried.

Forgive me if I am wrong, but I was under the delusion that for something to be discussed in confidence it needed to be an item of commercially sensitive nature? Not a transfer of funds internally?

To add insult to injury, I am led to believe that at the council meeting last month it was passed that the existing library and information centre in Loxton is to be demolished to make way for the new toilet block (the eighth wonder of the world?).

The library and VIC are to be transferred to the existing council offices to the tune of \$4 million plus.

In the meantime, Waikerie is being screwed again.

About 18 months ago I challenged the Mayor, or anyone else for that matter, to come up with something tangible to prove that Waikerie has ever got its fair share of financial allocation since amalgamation. I am still waiting.

Something to think about. JOE VIKOR

Waikerie

Why are irrigators still singled out?

THE Department of Environment and Water (DEW) sometimes in conjunction with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) have been proactive recently, improving their communication and general relationship with food-producing irrigators here in the Riverland.

Of particular concern for the people from DEW has been to give irrigators as much warning, in so far as it is possible, of any potential reductions in opening water allocation for the start of a new irrigation year and furthermore to make sure that information is accurate and that regular progress reports are shared throughout the year.

In the past 14 years we have

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have funded the feat of achieving close to 100 per cent allocations in the past when on restricted allocations.

So far the water has been available and our Minister for Water has far more options at his disposal for finding water than water communities have. JEFF KNISPEL

Deputy Chair Water Communities SA Moorook

Containing these outbreaks is crucial

OVER the Christmas and New Year period we have unfortunately had two Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland region.

The first outbreak was identified in Renmark West and the second in Monash.

Both outbreaks were detected in residential backyard fruit trees.

The State Government has immediately commenced an eradication program to eliminate fruit flies from the outbreak area and nearby surrounds.

A 1.5km outbreak zone has been established around both detection points, meaning that fruit cannot be moved at all within this designated area. A further 15km suspension area has been established around each detection point, restricting fruit movement within this zone.

The outbreaks do not currently affect the fruit-fly-free status in South Australia or the Riverland pest-free-Area.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for responding to these outbreaks and to encourage everyone to be vigilant with their fruit trees during this time.

If you are in the quarantine area, please help us eradicate the pest by not moving fruit or vegetables off your property (or giving it away), and by cleaning your backyard of all ripe fruit or fruiting vegetables and those lying on the ground. PIRSA will provide green waste management in the quarantine area. Dispose of all ripe/rotten fruit or vegetables through this green waste program (including produce purchased from a shop).

Do not compost in your backyard. If you find maggots in your

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fruit or vegetables – please call the 24-hour Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010. Please consider not keeping backyard fruit trees unless you are actively managing them.

This outbreak also reminds us of the importance of taking a firm stance with zero tolerance for bringing fruit or vegetables into South Australia or into a pest-free area.

We must continue strict prevention and protection measures to defend our agricultural industry's pest-free status.

Our region enjoys a fantastic advantage of the fruit-fly-free status that many regions do not. Riverland farmers are able to export without treating their produce for fruit fly, contributing to the strong reputation of our region.

Containing the current outbreaks and continuing a zerotolerance to fruit fly moving forward is crucial for our region.

We must maintain the strong advantage that our fruit-growing region enjoys, and that involves locals and visitors being vigilant. For more information, please

visit the PIRSA website. Dr NICOLA CENTOFANTI Liberal Legislative Council Member

Winkie

Who should be getting paid more?

GETTING a job is hard work. And complicated. Let's step back and look at the

Let's step back and look at the overview.

Some argue that full employment is bad. They intentionally want unemployment – the reason being that if everyone is employed and more jobs still exist, then wages go up, then prices go up, and inflation goes wild.

Our Australian governments normally say 95 per cent employment equals full employment.

They design in "dole bludging". They want it, and they also want to disparage people on the dole. It makes asking for a pay rise more difficult.

I prefer to think of work as good for the soul.

Now, if we zoom in a little we get to see individual problems in the matrix of jobs versus possible employees.

Farmers will leave crops on the ground this year, mainly because seasonal workers such as backpackers and Pacific Islanders are not able to travel to Australia.

Why is it cheaper to fly in people from overseas? Seems crazy doesn't it?

Backpackers and Pacific Islanders get additional bonuses though, via life experience of travelling and exchange rates.

Why is there no fruit fly quarantine

entering the Riverland, along the

which has had outbreaks before,

as we all know? How is that 'zero

Sturt Highway, from Adelaide,

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tolerance'?



Australian workers don't see that value. What they see is the extra cost of moving, and then moving again as seasonal work dries up while leaving their known social life behind.

Obviously one solution is for a farmer group, or less helpfully, a government agency, to set up a farming career path, including a map of contacts around Australia where the work is available, so that people can plan a year of work.

There is always farm work, but knowing what work is available is a problem. Travel and accommoda-

tion are the other bugbears.

But if people can get together and organise backpackers and Islanders to travel from overseas, I don't see why we cannot set up a National Farmers' Career Path.

A farmer would book in harvest and other types of work on an online calendar, and possible employees book in their availability. And Centrelink would look after travel and accommodation, or whoever is currently paying for airfares can pay.

Obviously pay rates are an issue. Since we in Australia compete against countries which have no legal obligation to pay wages or care for their society or environment, we are at a disadvantage.

But it wouldn't hurt to look at how we think about work.

Who deserves more pay: person who raises children or a person designing our latest stateof-the-art diesel submarines. Who is worth more to you: Our politicians or our casual underpaid retail workers with no holiday pay or sick leave.

It's all very complicated, but we need to find a way to stop food being left on the ground to rot.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

These 'experts' are destroying the Basin

HERE we are after what has been a difficult year for everybody.

The vaccine will roll out this year and hopefully COVID will be behind us.

Unfortunately for farmers and communities living in the Murray-Darling Basin we have no vaccine for the political and bureaucratic dopes who are destroying thousands of hardworking Australians' way of life along with our rivers and natural environment.

The Darling River has been all but destroyed and now the Murray River is showing extremely distressing signs of overflowing and shocking mismanagement.

The whole Murray-Darling Basin is incredibly naturally and culturally diverse and should never have been lumped together, but it has and all these ever-changing experts with the wonderful computer modelling have brought it to its knees. No one takes responsibility and all we keep getting told is blatant lies.

These faceless, spineless people will never listen unless we make them.

I hope you all have a safe, happy and successful 2021. PETER GILMOUR Chinchilla, Queensland

We deserve COVID

ACCORDING to news media reports, the COVID-19 virus escaped from the wet markets of Wuhan, in China.

Was this virus meant to bring the West to its kneed in order to introduce a biological war instead of a nuclear war?

I believe God allowed this virus to happen because of the sins of all people.

When the Israelites disobeyed God, they were severely punished by having drought, pestilence and plagues.

History is being repeated, as revealed in the Book of Revelation.

When a vaccine has been developed to control this pandemic, governments globally will compel everyone to be immunised. Will this then lead to micro-chipping of all people, as revealed in Revelation 13, verses 16 and 17?

If we ignore God's word, we should realise that for every action there is a consequence.

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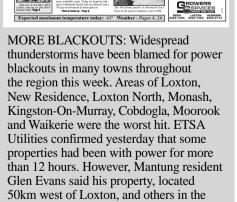
Police waiting to catch speeding drivers in the 60km/h zone on the Old Sturt Highway opposite Bunnings. Is that making roads safer or just revenue raising – or should that be meeting quotas?



OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY OF THE DECADE: Nearly 3000 revellers converged on the Renmark river front on Friday night for what has been dubbed the Riverland's biggest New Year's Eve celebration in more than a decade. Time Machine spokesperson Haydn Yates said the event was "hugely successful" and would undoubtedly return in 2011.

20 years ago January 4, 2001





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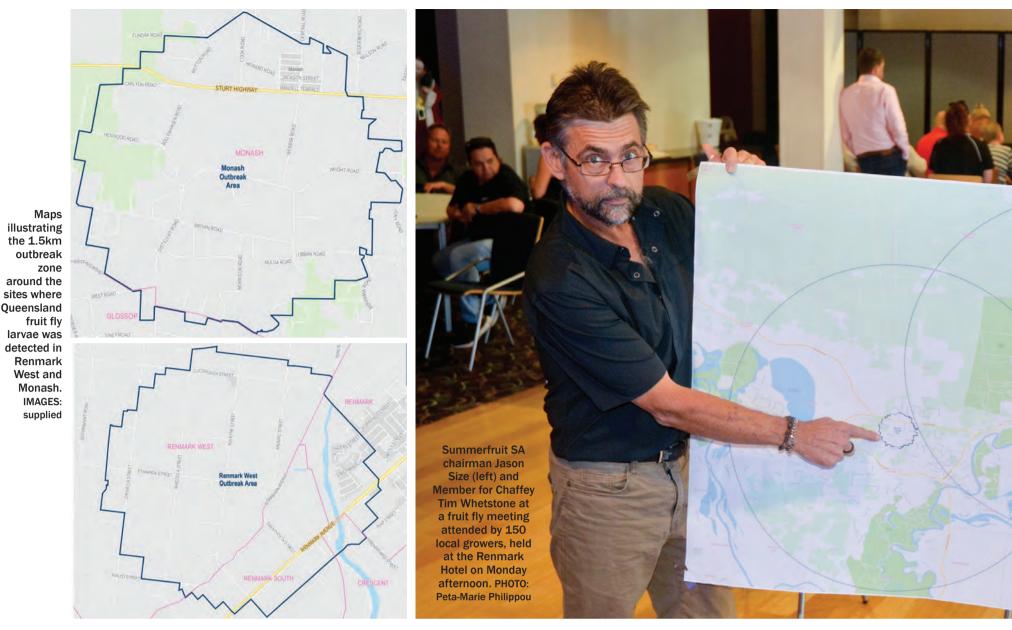
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RIVERLAND FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS



Grower disruption to last three months

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and JOSH BRINE

OUTBREAKS of fruit fly in the Riverland are likely to pose challenges for growers attempting to transport fruit until March, according to a senior local industry figure.

Around 150 local fruit growers attended a meeting held at the Renmark Hotel on Monday to discuss the impacts of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks - both detected last month - in Monash and Renmark West.

Summerfruit SA chairman Jason Size said a 1.5km outbreak zone had been established around the areas, with a wider 15km suspension zone requiring fruit to be treated before it can be transported.

"For summerfruit growers it means they have to apply various treatments and have market-access protocols to be able to move fruit out of the area (and) that comes at an added expense for local growers," Mr Size said. "At the moment you can't move fruit out of the area without it undergoing certain protocols.

"Every grower and situation are potentially different... but generally they need to go through Biosecurity SA for market-access requirements."

It is understood up to 30 PIRSA staff have travelled from Adelaide to conduct backyard testing in the

Riverland, with further locals also to be recruited.

Mr Size said suspension of fruit fly-free status in outbreak areas would disrupt some market access for growers.

"Growers can potentially still access non-sensitive markets which already have fruit fly, but it is going to be really hard, if not impossible, to get to our sensitive markets," he said.

"Market movements can happen but it will be a lot more difficult and a lot costlier for growers.

"So, growers will be impacted cost wise, which raises the question: do they bear that cost and keep going or do they not harvest

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that crop?

"Considering we are two-thirds of the way through the harvest the impacts are going to be hard, but it would have been much worse if it had happened just prior to the season starting, or at the start of the season."

The Murray Pioneer understands neither the Monash or Renmark West suspension areas will be lifted until at least mid-March.

However, Mr Size said any further detection of fruit fly larvae in the areas would extend that timeframe.

"That date could change if there are further detections," he said.

"As soon as there is another

detection of fruit fly in the suspension area, that date changes and gets pushed out. It has implications for the wine industry coming into vintage, and it could potentially have impacts on the citrus industry if the lifting gets pushed out any further.

"The outbreak has serious implications for all fresh fruit industries in this region."

Further meetings regarding the outbreaks - targeting local wine grape growers – are set to be held by Riverland Wine at the Barmera Club tomorrow from 9.30am, and at the Renmark Hotel from 1.30pm. More information regarding fruit fly in the region can be obtained by contacting PIRSA on 1800 255 556.

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RIVERLAND FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS



Tim 'very disappointed' at Riverland outbreaks

THE impacts of fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland will be felt across the whole horticultural sector, according to a local MP.

The detection of Queensland fruit fly larvae in Monash saw a second local outbreak declared on December 30, after an outbreak occurred in Renmark West on December 22.

Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone said it was "very disappointing" to see outbreaks occur following a zero-tolerance approach to fruit being brought into the Riverland.

"I'm working extremely closely with PIRSA and the 1.5km outbreak area is being enforced," Mr Whetstone said.

"Then we have a 15km suspension zone, meaning the fruit has to be treated before it can leave the area.

"PIRSA is visiting all the commercial growers affected, for planning and market access and also for the longer term."

Mr Whetstone – who was present at a meeting for local



growers at the Renmark Hotel on Monday – said the outbreak would impact the local stone-fruit industry, plus citrus and wine grape growers also nearing harvest.

"There's people affected immediately that are picking stone fruit and figs, then the long-term will be planning for the upcoming seasons," he said.

"This is early days and if we find more females that will set us back further into (this) year's seasons, particularly for citrus.

"It's (about) finding other locations with positive detections, but it's also finding more detections in those same areas.

"That will extend the outbreak area and impact on fruit leaving the area."

Mr Whetstone said minimising the impacts of current outbreaks was a responsibility for all Riverlanders.

"It's now more important than ever that locals – not only commercial growers but local (residents) – are vigilant in stamping out the risk," he said.

"We've got increased pressure on our borders and I think the zero-tolerance approach is working.

"For those outbreaks at both Monash and Renmark to occur means [it] has been introduced to that area and that's what is very disappointing.

"It's not about the blame game, it's about eradicating it and making sure we educate people so everyone plays their role."

Any Riverlanders seeking further information regarding fruit fly have been urged to contact PIRSA on 1800 255 556.

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER





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Miller's final appeal attempt for murder conviction denied



Riverland man Michael Miller. PHOTO: The Advertiser

A RIVERLANDER will be imprisoned until at least 2033 after he was unsuccessful in appealing a conviction for murdering a fellow local.

The High Court last month denied Michael Miller's appeal against his murder conviction relating to the 2017 murder of Barmera neighbour Danny Coombs.

Mr Miller – who had previously appealed the conviction to the South Australian Supreme Court on grounds of self-defence, excessive self-defence and provocation – had his special leave to appeal withdrawn by Chief Justice Susan Kiefel. Mr Miller stabbed Mr Coombs to death outside their Nookamka Terrace residences in February 2017 following an argument on the street.

According to The Advertiser, Chief Justice Kiefel said evidence provided by Mr Miller indicated he was in control of his actions at the time.

"Panicked, afraid and agitated does not amount to a loss of self-control, does it?" she said.

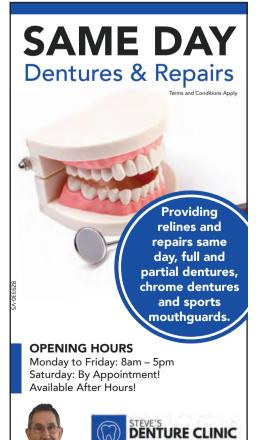
Mr Miller was given a mandatory life sentence and will now be eligible for parole in 2033.

David Kimber correction:

A DETAIL within a story in the December 23 edition of the Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The story, headed 'Waikerie and Loxton's top citizens named' stated that Loxton Citizen of the Year recipient David Kimber was principal at Loxton High School.

Mr Kimber was in fact deputy principal at Loxton High, then spent two years as principal at Penola High School (1980-81), before returning to Loxton as a fruit grower.



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Theo Yannakoudis (right) with daughter Kaylia White and wife Maria, at Loxton's Yannakoudis Nursery, where a \$20,000 grant will be used to improve coolroom efficiency. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

Energy grants help local business

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

NEW grant funding is set to help two Riverland small businesses cut costs – and benefit customers by reducing energy bills

 by reducing energy bills. The Federal Government last month announced Loxtonbased Yannakoudis Nursery would receive a \$20,000 grant through the Energy Efficient Communities Program, with Berri-based business operator Matthew Chapple also receiving \$9181.

Yannakoudis Nursery director Theo Yannakoudis said improving coolroom efficiency would cut his business's energy costs by 30 per cent.

"We're truly proud," Mr Yannakoudis said. "We're going to upgrade the

mechanism that runs the coolroom to be more efficient and cost effective.

"We'll also have more precise

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control in the temperature. "We will have about a 30 per

cent saving from upgrading the compressors and the evaporative motors inside."

Mr Chapple – who operates TM Aerial Applications – said the grant funding would be used to improve the irrigation practices on his Riverland vineyard.

"It will definitely make life a bit easier," Mr Chapple said. "The grant is for a pump and a variable speed drive and then for an electrician to wire it in, but on con of that we put in about

but on top of that we put in about \$30,000 to (upgrade) from overhead drippers. "I work away a lot and we

travel all around Australia so having a more automated system is a lot nicer for us. We don't have to organise people to go out and switch valves on or off, or to check sprinklers.

"It increases the water efficiency... and also our electrical

use comes down because we've gone from a 30-kilowatt pump to a 15-kilowatt pump, because we don't have to fill the capacity that the overheads needed."

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said "small businesses like TM Aerial Applications and Yannakoudis Nursery will play a key role in our plan for a stronger economy" following the financial effects of COVID-19.

Mr Yannakoudis said his staff and customers would also benefit from the reduced business costs.

"It helps the business more

than the operator... it flows onto the people who are helping us and the staff," Mr Yannakoudis said.

"It helps the product being managed correctly in the coolroom, which means the customer receives a product where they won't have any problems.

"It's a business benefit and everybody benefits from a 30 per cent saving in power.

"We're very thankful the forward-thinking of Mr Pasin is making these grants available for the local business community in Barker."

I work away a lot and we travel all around Australia so having a more automated system is a lot easier for us...

> Matthew Chapple TM Aerial Applications operator

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www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, January 6, 2021 NEWS 11 riverlandbusiness.com.au **River boat restoration fast-tracked**

RESTORATION of a 113-yearold river boat has been given a significant boost as part of a \$1.34 million funding injection into river tourism projects across the Mid Murray district.

The historic ps Canally has received \$447,000 from the Australian Government's Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development program, and an additional \$40,000 in-kind project management support from the Mid Murray Council (MMC) to prepare the steamer for future commercial use.

The funding will cover repair works and the installation of a crane and winch, safety equipment, and internal fit-out including kitchen, accessible bathroom, and electrical work.

MMC Mayor Dave Burgess said the funding would fasttrack the restoration project and provide a new attraction for Morgan.

"Our region is already wellknown for its rich and colourful river history, and our river vessels including the pw Mayflower and the ps Marion at Mannum are a major part in this," he said.

"In adding the ps Canally to our heritage fleet, we'll also open up new tourism opportunities for Morgan and towns along that stretch of the river to become an additional drawcard for visitors seeking a unique cruising experience.

"Our team of volunteers have already dedicated countless hours to rebuilding the ps Canally, and having the funds to fast-track the final stages of its restoration will be a dream come true for them and the residents of Morgan."

Meanwhile, the Blanchetown Revitalisation Project will improve the entrance streetscape to the town, with new town entry signage and improvements to the Blanchetown Medical Centre and RSL building to improve car parking and landscaping.

Blanchetown's river front will also be upgraded under the \$450,000 project via improved access to the river's edge and boat ramp, signage, bins and painting of the public toilets.

An additional \$447,818 would fund the Mannum Murray River and Heritage Tourism Project at the Mannum Dock Museum. Work on all three projects is expected to begin early in 2021 and be completed by June 2023.

Mr Burgess said each of the projects builds on the Mid Murray's existing tourism attractions, in particular, its river lifestyle, environment and history.

"As a region that has faced a challenging time recently, this injection of funds to support these three projects provides an exciting step forward for our region and our growing tourism sector," he said.

"Each will deliver new reasons for visitors to holiday in our area and build on our expanding range of attractions, ensuring we are well-placed to capitalise on the rise in domestic tourism."

For more information on the ps Canally and to follow its restoration progress, visit Friends of the PS Canally on Facebook.



PAGE 15 Swan Reach mooring site The ps Canally will undergo a \$447,000 restoration upgrade, thanks to a Federal Government grant. PHOTO: Facebook



SPECTACULAR LIGHTS: Paul Tassios has again wowed locals with his spectacular Christmas lights display, with more than 53,600 lights on his Renmark West property. Together with his daughters, Anja and Lexie, the trio welcomed visitors to view the display and sold homemade honey crackles and Chupa Chups for a donation, to raise money for the Riverland Royal Flying Doctors Service. Mr Tassios will take down the lights - located at 101 Rialto Street - tomorrow night and encourages locals to stop by. The trio have raised more than \$2300 so far and are still taking donations. PHOTO: Chad Vigar



Lake Bonney plan rolls into new year



Berri Barmera Council staff are currently undertaking revegetation and fencing works around Lake Bonney, after completing upgrades to two 'day areas' and carparks. PHOTO: Alice Kuerschner

WORKS to preserve and upgrade Barmera's Lake Bonney are continuing to progress despite delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan, Berri Barmera Council staff are currently undertaking revegetation and fencing works around the lake, after completing upgrades to two 'day areas' and carparks. Indigenous rangers, employed in July 2020, are also being used to

identify 2020, are also being used to identify culturally sensitive sites, compile a cultural heritage database and develop a walking trail map.

In a report to the Lake Bonney Caring for Country Advisory Group meeting in December, project officer Tracey Alexander said an updated plan and timeline for the project was being developed.

"Delays have occurred, and will continue to occur, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lodgement of a section 21 and 23 application to Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation," she said.

Staff are also developing signage for various locations along the lake to deter vehicle access and allow for the issuing of fines for any breaches.

In her report, Ms Alexander said funding for the management plan would be unable to cover additional works at the Pelican Point unclad bathing area, but that council staff were working to identify other grant opportunities.

"Works required include fencing, signage and revegetation at a significant cost," she said. "This will be addressed as an

additional stage of the plan." The advisory group also endorsed names for nine future

campsites around Lake Bonney. The Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan commenced in August 2019 and is expected to be completed some time in 2023.



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Quick benefits from environmental watering

THE recent use of environmental water to replicate natural flooding cycles at Riverland wetlands is "already" creating positive benefits for local species.

The Department of Environment and Water last month completed environmental watering events on the Pike and Katarapko floodplains under the South Australian Riverland Floodplains Integrated Infrastructure Program (SARFIIP).

DEW River and Floodplains program leader Jan Whittle said benefits from the program had already been observed for local plants and wildlife.

"At Pike, the Lock 5 weir pool levels were raised to support water flow into the anabranch systems with levels being returned back to normal height this month," she said.

"Water provided to the low-lying floodplain areas and wetlands has already resulted in benefits for the vegetation including river red gums, black box, lignum and understorey plants. There's already been a positive frog response with several species recorded at many locations across the Pike floodplain including the threatened southern bell frogs

"It's also providing valuable habitat for a range of waterbirds including shell duck, wood duck, grebes, swans, white-necked heron and yellow spoonbills."

Ms Whittle said further environmental watering initiatives would be undertaken at Pike and Katarapko.

"It was great to see the environmental watering extend out onto areas of the floodplain including filling key sites at Carparks Lagoon and Piggy Creek providing the vegetation with a much-needed drink," she said.

Further information regarding SARFIIP can be found by visiting the website (https://landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/water/rivermurray/restoration-programs).



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What happened to 'leave only footprints'?

ILLEGAL dumping and littering is a significant problem and cost for Riverland councils – and indeed most councils across the state.

The issue was highlighted in the media over the weekend at locations on the state's West Coast. Coverage included images of human excrement and toilet paper in sand dunes and overflowing bins with rubbish placed on or next to them.

Similar behaviour is and has been perennial at free camping locations along the river in our region: Hogwash Bend (near Waikerie) and Thiele's Sandbar (Loxton) to name but two.

Locals also frequent these locations but it seems those visiting for the first time or those travelling from outside of the region come ill-prepared and unwilling to take their rubbish with them.

Most of these free camping sites are on Crown land and the responsibility of the State Government, which has spent significant dollars promoting our regions to kick-start the post-COVID visitor economy seemingly without consideration of facilities required or provision of additional infrastructure.

Local government in most instances provides road access and some waste collection, even though they have no care and control over the sites. It is support enjoyed by all, until things go awry.

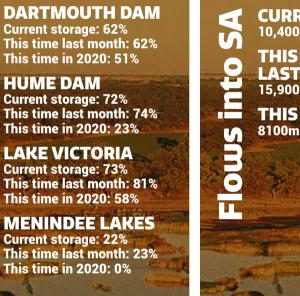
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Discarding it illegally is perhaps now considered the only option and one done knowing the local council will ultimately remedy the situation.

However, direct charge or not, local ratepayers still foot the bill.

Riverland councils provide RV dump stations in many towns, so maybe waste disposal and recycling bins could be included at these locations?

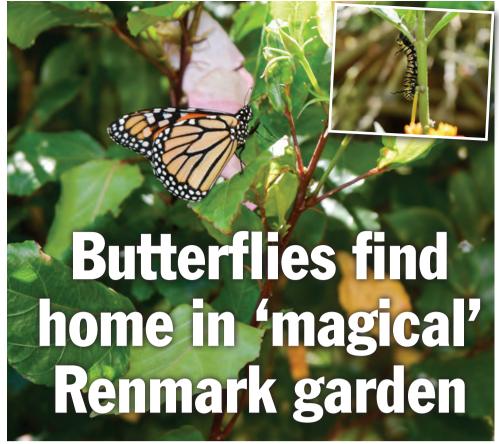
Closed circuit television (CCTV) could also be an option to discourage any abuse of facilities.

Information for campers before they arrive at a site could improve things and forewarn the need to bring your own chemical toilet etc. Providing toilets on site is an expensive exercise, made more acute by ongoing maintenance, and after all, most are camping grounds not holiday parks.

"Take only memories, leave only footprints" is a mantra that needs to be rebooted to not only preserve our environment but to ensure everyone's enjoyment of 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.





Renmark woman Irena Wilson's garden is attracting dozens of monarch butterflies this summer thanks to rain throughout last year. INSET: A caterpillar feeds on the plants in Ms Wilson's garden. PHOTOS: Josh Brine

JOSH BRINE

A RENMARK woman's garden has come to life, as dozens of butterflies descend on her front yard for the summer.

Irena Wilson started her butterfly garden in Glossop after being disappointed by the number of the insects in the Riverland.

Four years ago, Ms Wilson moved into a unit in Renmark, bring her plants – and beloved butterflies – with her.

Ms Wilson said her fasci-

nation with butterflies began when she was just a child. "I've always been mad about butterflies since I was little," she said.

"My brothers and I used to collect butterflies and grow them from caterpillars. "My father would make the cases for us to display them in.

"We would display them properly with the dates and the location and everything." Ms Wilson's garden is

full of plants targeted at attracting hungry butterflies and caterpillars, including

milk bush.

The garden features both native plants and species from fair afield, including California.

"The monarch butterflies know that I have the right food here for the caterpillars to eat," she said.

"They don't come every year – last year I didn't have any butterflies because of the heat.

"I knew that if we could get some rain there would be butterflies, and it did rain so now they have come back and it is magic."



SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES: Loxton woman Joan Gow planted seeds in her garden to attract butterflies, then brought the caterpillars in and patiently waited for the whole process, from chrysalis to butterfly. PHOTO: supplied

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14 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, January 6, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au Simple pleasures: Riverland boy's life on the

MANY Riverlanders enjoy their 'life on the Murray' today, but Martin O'Malley says snippets from his father's past – during the Great Depression - reveal a simpler time, when life on the river involved relatively humble pleasures.

Queensland-based Mr O'Malley recently came across a Murray Pioneer article from 90 years ago penned by his late father, King O'Malley, who grew up in Renmark.

"It was a chronicle of a week-long trip by the state agricultural schools up and down the Murray," Mr O'Malley explained.

"It shows a glimpse of the uncomplicated lives led by teenagers around the Depression.'

The trip took place in 1931, when a group of boys travelled aboard the ps Federal from Murray Bridge to Blanchetown, visiting places of interest en route.

King O'Malley (christened 'King' after a politician of the time) left Renmark in 1934 to be part of the first intake of probationary constables in the SA Police Force. He served 40 years but retained "a great fondness" for the Riverland.

King's older brother Ray worked at the Murray Pioneer in the mid-1920s to mid-1930s and went on to become a Rat of Tobruk in World War II.

The following are excerpts taken from King's diary letters published in the Pioneer in January, 1931.

JANUARY 5:

"We arrived at Murray Bridge all right and were the first three on board the boat. We had a good time looking over her and then went to the pictures. The seven Port Lincoln boys arrived while we were there.

On Monday we left to go downstream to Long Island – about 50 yards wide, 1¹/₂ miles long. Beautiful scenery but no snakes. We put up a big marquee on the island for eating and sleeping.

On Tuesday went to Murray Bridge from Long Island and had a look at the school and the wonderful collection of Mr Button, the chief 'bug catcher'. We then looked over Noske's flour mills, five of them, 145 ft. high...

We went down river to Wood's Point where, at Mr Morphett's dairy, there are 400 cows in milk, the biggest dairy in South Australia.

The school representation is: Balaklava 12, Port Lincoln 7, Murray Bridge 6, Renmark 3, Strathalbyn 2, Clare and Kadina 1 each.

I'm having a real good time; swims every morning at 6am – a bit good.

I'm in charge of a group of lads from Balaklava. The boat averages 7mp/h."

JANUARY 7:

"We visited Mypolonga and nine blockers with motor cars took us around the settlement. I enjoyed the apricots. One fellow has a machine for cutting, stoning and placing them on the trays, the only one in Australia. We looked at the drainage system and the pumping station.

Had a lot of thrills today. Pair of bathers overboard – not mine! Boats broke away from steamer. Fellow nearly put his hand on two black snakes as he was catching hold of a willow tree before getting into a boat.

This trip is absolutely bonzer. The meals are good and we're having a great time. There is a heavy dust storm on now and the visitors were astounded at the high waves. This part of the river from Murray Bridge to Mannum is lined on both sides with willows; it is very pretty. The lads on board are a real decent mob."





NEARING TEAL FLAT, JANUARY 9: "The ps Federal is going real well, no engine trouble...

The waves after Mypolonga were the biggest I've ever seen on the river. The boat rolled like an ocean steamer and the two seasick lads from Port Lincoln... swear they are going to walk back to Lincoln.

We reached Mannum and started to unpack on the land, a reserve. We had the marquee gear on shore, but we got the 'order of the boot' from a blacksmith. We packed up and went upstream to Cowirra, about 6 miles and camped. One of the teachers went back to Mannum and there was a great row going on between a councillor and the blacksmith. It then turned out that we were welcomed to camp wherever we wished.

Rabbits were plentiful when Eric Meier and I went out hunting. We got several. Fishing efforts have been successful - about 15 lbs. were caught at Cowirra.

We eat 20 of loaves bread a day and 3 lbs. of butter. The 'eats' are real good.

On Thursday night we were treated to Irish and Scotch yarns and the Port Lincoln teacher gave a talk on swimming, lifesaving and diving. We have music from a gramophone and an organ."

King also presented a post-event report for the Pioneer, in late January. Parts of that account are below:

S.A.F.U. BUTTER FACTORY

The Farmers' Union butter factory gained first prize in London at a recent butter competition. The factory is regularly flooded with water so as to wash away spilt milk or butter. The milk is brought to the factory by boats belonging to the union from upriver and down, and go as far as Mannum upriver. After separation, some of the milk is converted into casein, which is used for making imitation ivory, other into cheese, and a percentage is pasteurized by being steamed and turned. All the cream passing through is made into the

O'Malley, pictured in his police uniform in 1934, with his sister Pat and mother Lilliab. His career took him to Adelaide's 'West End', Port Augusta, and the Adelaide, **Port Pirie** and Elizabeth CIBs. PHOTO: supplied

well-known Farmers' Union butter."

WOODS' POINT

"The boat steamed down river past Long Island and 'Lovers Lane' to Woods' Point. The party was met by Mr Bailley, manager of the big dairy. The dairy is situated in reclaimed swamp land, irrigated by gravitation, but drained of seepage water by a pumping plant. A charcoal-fed gas engine works the pump. The land is covered with a network of channels which carry the seepage water (which contains very little salt) to a big well at the pumping plant, whence it is transferred into the river. The soil is powdery and black, much like gunpowder.

There are about 200 people on this reclaimed swamp, working at the dairy or running vegetable gardens. The lucerne produced is among the best in the world. The soil is puzzling the agricultural experts, because usually lucerne is produced in alkali soils, and Murray Bridge is the only place in the world where it grows in acid soil."

CAMP ACTIVITIES

"All day Thursday was spent in fishing and shooting. That night was spent at the landing and songs were sung and stories told.

On Friday we started for Bowhill and reached there but did not stop. The cliffs between Bowhill are simply wonderful. They tower right above and appear to be hundreds of feet high. In some of the cliffs are white 'cockies' nesting and as the boat passed under they flew into the air and appeared to 'show off' by gliding and swooping. The tourists reached Purnong and camped opposite the town. Some shopping was done off the 'Pyap' which was there and the boys also visited the Purnong store. Nestles condensed milk was the order of the day.

On Saturday a cricket match was played between the party, and wood taken on board. About midday a start was made for Swan Reach. Camp was made early Saturday night and there was much singing before bedtime."



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The paddle steamer Federal, docked at Renmark. PHOTO: State Library of SA

SWAN REACH

"The boat arrived in Swan Reach about 4pm Sunday and after the camp details were attended to, the boys dressed for church. The service was at the Congregational Church, which was crowded.

The people of Swan Reach were the guests of the visitors and attended a lantern slide lecture at the boat.

The local folk had organised a cricket match and a dance to follow for the visitors on the Monday, but it was not possible for the party to stay till then.

The short stay in Swan Reach was greatly enjoyed by the visitors, who were very disappointed at not being able to stay the Monday." **RETURN TO MURRAY BRIDGE**

"At eight o'clock on Monday morning the boat turned around and headed homeward and the boys were rather sorry that the trip was so near an end.

The boat stopped at Bowhill for a little while and then camp was made below the town for the night. After an early start next morning Mannum was reached at noonday. A half an hour was given to the boys to see the town and to do any shopping. Mr Reschke left the boat here as it is his home town.

Murray Bridge was reached that night and a camp made on Long Island again. After tea, toasts were proposed and speeches followed and everyone was sorry the trip had ended."

- KING O'MALLEY



Had a lot of thrills today. Pair of bathers overboard – not mine! Boats broke away from steamer. Fellow nearly put his hand on two black snakes as he was catching hold of a willow tree before getting into a boat..."



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Swan Reach now welcoming river visitors in comfort

SWAN Reach has rolled out the welcome mat for tourists aboard large river cruise vessels, following the completion of its new \$536,000 deep-river mooring facility.

The new marine facility allows large commercial vessels such as the ps Marion, pw Mayflower, Proud Mary and Murray Princess to dock easily – particularly in times of fluctuating river levels.

The mooring facility was built with \$402,263 funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, contributing to a total \$1 million program of works including the Darling Wharf and Herrmanns Landing.

Mid Murray Council (MMC) Dave Burgess said the facility would improve the visitor experience at Swan Reach and make it a more attractive destination for commercial cruising boats.

"Our region is wellknown for its unique rivercruising experiences and marine history, and Swan Reach is already a popular destination," he said.

"This facility will provide increased vessel visitation opportunities, with the potential to further boost tourism and visitor spend in the town.

"Now that it's in place, it will be easier and safer to welcome these large riverboats to Swan Reach, regardless of changes in river level. Passengers will also have a more enjoyable visit, with the new pontoon and gangway significantly improving accessibility."

With large vessels expected to moor at the new site on weekdays and weekends, the MMC has also introduced a houseboat exclusion area immediately surrounding the deep-mooring site to enhance river safety. Council consulted with the Swan Reach Progress Association, Houseboat Hirers Association, and the wider public prior to agreeing on the proposed private vessel mooring zone.

Mr Burgess said the council would also develop a designated private houseboat mooring site a safe distance from the new mooring facility.

"A private houseboat mooring site would still be ideally situated adjacent to the commercial precinct to take in the serenity and beauty of the Swan Reach river front and give passengers easy access to the town and its businesses," he said.

River-front signage will be installed to mark the houseboat mooring and exclusion zones.



We wish to advise that we will be closed from December 24, and re-open January 11, 2021. We look forward to working with you in the new year.



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Riverland heavy vehicle safety workshop



RIVERLAND primary producers will have the chance to develop their understanding of heavy vehicle safety and maintenance at a workshop in Loxton later this month.

Grain Producers SA (GPSA) and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) have partnered to develop the Roadworthy Heavy Vehicle... Made Easy campaign.

Attendees will participate in theory and practical workshops providing industry-

specific information, with a focus on road safety, compliance and maintenance responsibilities.

GPSA regional field officer Shane Gale said SAPOL issued a significant number of defect and expiation notices in October 2020, providing a reminder to heavy vehicle owners and operators to ensure they understand their requirements.

"The results from the safety operations

GLOSSOP HIGH SCHOOL

PAYMENT OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES 2021

The school will be open for payment of materials and services charges, purchase of sports uniforms, house polo's, hats and Glossop High School winter jackets in the:

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reinforces the feedback from the first round of Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy workshops that there is a strong desire from primary producers across all commodity groups to increase their knowledge and improve their practices," he said.

"Many attendees said learning how to assess their current safety management systems and increasing their record keeping capacity were great pieces of advice which Heavy Vehicle... Made Easy campaign.

they could implement into their business." As part of the campaign, participants will have the opportunity to access a free heavy

vehicle inspection with a local mechanic. The first workshop for 2021 will be held in Tanunda on Monday, January 18, with the Loxton workshop also scheduled for January. To find out more and to register for a workshop, visit grainproducerssa.com.au/ projects/heavy_vehicle_workshops/.

Riverland POLICE NEWS SAPOL new drink and drug driving blitz

RIVERLAND motorists have been urged to avoid drink or drug driving during the holidays after a recent South Australian police operation returned numerous positive results.

A statewide police operation - which ran from 7am on Friday, December 18, to 7am on Saturday, December 19 - involved both static and mobile testing of more than 4500 motorists.

A total of 17 drivers returned a positive reading for alcohol, while 10 tested positive for drugs.

A SAPOL spokesperson advised increased

testing for drink and drug driving would be conducted across the state during the summer holidays.

"Police are concerned that drivers of all ages are still gambling by deciding to get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol or taking illicit drugs," the spokesperson said.

"Motorists across the state are reminded that police will be out in force over the Christmas holiday period using both mobile and static testing sites and also have the power to stop any vehicle on a road at any time and request the driver to submit to a breath test."

Make a difference this year by volunteering

LOCALS are encouraged to make a difference this year by setting volunteering goals and giving back to the community as one of their New Year's resolutions.

Learning a new skill, living healthier or meeting new people are usually high on the list for people setting New Year's resolutions all of which may be achieved through a volunteering position.

Volunteering SA and NT CEO Evelyn O'Loughlin said hundreds of volunteer positions were available through the free WeDo app and online through SEEK and Go Volunteer.

"The WeDo app is easily downloaded through Google Play or Apple and once your profile is created, you can search positions and get notified when they become available," she said.

You can even select your favourite charity or not-for-profit organisation to see if they are advertising volunteering positions."

Ms O'Loughlin said Volunteering SA and NT offers a one-on-one matching service for first-time volunteers.

"The experience and friendly VolunteerASSIST team can arrange a meeting in person at our Adelaide office or over the phone," she said.

"They'll ask a series of easy questions to match skills and passion to suitable and interesting positions.

'By setting reasonable and realistic goals, your outcomes can be more achievable.

"Think about what you want to do, who you would like to do it for and start your search."



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OUT & ABOUT IN THE RIVERLAND



SANTA'S CAVE: Berri Traders Santa's Cave was a success in the lead-up to Christmas. Pictured with Santa at the end of Santa's Cave's 2020 run were, back (from left): Trevor Scott (Elders and Berri Barmera Council), Robert Gruzlewski (Elders), Mary Hansen (Rotary Club of Berri president), Ella Winnall (Berri Barmera Council), Peter Jarvis (Rotary Club of Berri) and Margot Kranich (Zonta Riverland). Middle: Drew Nelsson (Berri Traders), Elyssa Thurmer (Berri Traders), Rachel Symens (face painter), Vikkie Taylor (face painter) and Arunika Hamden (Zonta Riverland). Front: Lily Marsden. PHOTO: supplied



TIME FOR MEMORIES: Colleen Lutze and Eileen Ingham at a Garden of Memory function at the Big River Tavern, in Berri, on December 6. **PHOTOS: Robyn McIntosh**





XMAS SPIRIT: Waikerie **Primary School students Layla** and Savannah having fun at **PHOTOS: Erin Williams**



HAVE SOME SOCIAL PICTURES TO SHARE?

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Waikerie's Santa's Cave recently. Calvin and Darcy enjoying a school excursion to Santa's Cave.



Lachlan and Ethan at Waikerie's Santa's Cave.



Heather Zimmermann and Roselyn Sincock, of Loxton.

COMMUNIT 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.

Flo Daniels and daughter Leanne

Glazbrook.

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Every Sunday at 2pm - guided tours of The Pines Historic House, 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. COVID guidelines in place. Extra tour inquiries, Charmaine 0438 844 717 or Mike 0427 820 815. **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

After a long break the ps Industry will steam during January 2021 under COVID-19 regulations, which means we will not be able to serve Devonshire morning or afternoon teas, or tea and coffee. The one hour steaming times are 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm.



Riverland photographer Italo Vardaro made

a "night shoot" at the Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail for possible use on banners

and calendars. Local kids helped out with

sparklers to create the scene at dusk

2020 Mardi Gras community ambassador winner Nicole Langford (left) presented 2021 senior ambassadors **Ray Edwards and** Sallyann Wendland and community ambassador Peta-Marie Philippou with their sashes recently. **PHOTO: supplied**

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- prior to your home heating up. • NEVER set the temperature below 21 DEGREES
- Ensure the compressor unit outside is unobstructed.

TROUBLE SHOOTING REVERSE CYCLE + SPLIT SYSTEMS

- · Check all of above to improve performance. If the unit cuts out, turn the system off at the controller
- . Go outside and turn the power off to the unit at its isolator for 2 minutes then back on.
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- · Close blinds and curtains to shield home from solar heat but DO NOT block open windows

TROUBLE SHOOTING EVAPORATIVE COOLING

- Check the fan is still working; there may be a faulty motor, pulley or fan blade.
- If the unit isn't blowing cool air, ensure pads are getting adequate water, check each side as water flow pipes can block.
- · Check that float valve is set to correct height.

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- If unit stops working, turn power OFF to reset and leave for 2 minutes; newer evaporative systems have a control box and occasionally needs a re-start.
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Pioneer Hugh's cooking adventures Plus MARSHMALLOW SLICE + SNICKERS SLICE



THE best recipes for the Christmas and New Year period are those that can be enjoyed by both kids and adults. With this in mind, I looked at two no-bake desserts utilising humble rice puff cereal. The marshmallow slice is inspired by a classic American children's treat, while the Snickers bar slice has always proven a hit for morning tea in the **Murray Pioneer office.**



METHOD

Making marshmallow slice

Line a deep baking tray or large rectangular dish with baking paper and lightly grease with butter.

Cut about a dozen of the marshmallows into small pieces and set aside.

Add butter to a large pot over medium heat and allow to melt.

Once melted, add remaining marshmallows and salt. Stir until melted and smooth.

Remove from heat, add puffed rice and stir until coated in the marshmallow mix.

Spoon mixture into the baking tray and smooth into an even layer. Sprinkle one or two tablespoons of chocolate chips over the top.

Allow to set in the fridge for around an hour before slicing.

Making Snickers bar slice

Line a deep baking tray or large rectangular



dish with baking paper. Lightly grease with butter. Cut Snickers bars into small chunks and place in a large bowl.

Add butter and microwave in 30 second inter-

vals – stirring in between – until melted. Add puffed rice to bowl and stir until evenly

coated in the chocolate mixture.

Spoon mixture into baking tray and spread into an even layer.

Break milk chocolate into small pieces and add to a bowl. Microwave in 30-second intervals stirring in between – until melted.

Pour melted chocolate over the rice mixture and spread into an even layer. Allow to set in the fridge for an hour or so before slicing.

These were two cost-effective dessert - or lunchbox treat - recipes that kids can easily help with and are visually impressive. The slices would last at least a week or two when kept in sealed containers in the fridge.

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RECIPE

For marshmallow slice

300g marshmallows

For Snickers bar slice

14 to 15 mini Snickers (or

3 1/2 cups puffed rice

250g milk chocolate

4 cups puffed rice

1/2 teaspoon salt

Chocolate chips

120g butter

Mars) bars

100g butter

- What fruit do New Year's revellers in Spain eat at the stroke of midnight?
- The lyrics of the now-traditional New Year's song 2. "Auld Lang Syne" began as a poem set to the tune of a much older Scot folk ballad. Who wrote the poem?
- 3. Which European country rings in New Year's by burning effigies called Jack Straw?
- On January 1, 1971, what kind of commercials were banned from American television?
- On January 1, 1962, in England, which band failed 5. to pass an audition for Decca Records?
- 6. The tradition of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is believed to do what?
- What can you expect friends and family to smash 7. against your door on New Year's Eve in Denmark?

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- **New Year's Edition**
- Which iconic public space features a famous ball 8. descent at midnight on New Year's Eve?
- Wearing what colour underwear at New Year in 9. Colombia will assure you wealth and good fortune in the coming year?
- 10. What is traditionally tossed into rivers at New Year in Romania?
- 11. Which ancient civilisation is thought to have begun the tradition of New Year's resolutions some 4,000 years ago?
- 12. In Greece it is customary to smash a pomegranate on doors to release good fortune for the coming year. True or false?

13. In which European country might you write down vour wish for the New Year on a piece of paper, burn it and then drink the ashes in a glass of Champagne?

- 14. What name was given to the predicted computer meltdown at the beginning of the year 2000?
- 15. In which country in Europe would eating pigs' trotters and lentils be considered a good omen for the coming year?

- 16. The Dutch people believe that eating this on New Year's Day will bring good fortune?
- 17. In which city in South America would you wade into the water at midnight, clad in white, and make seven wishes, while jumping over seven waves?
- 18. In which European country will banging doors and walls with bread at New Year drive out bad luck from the house?
- 19. Which country of the UK refers to New Year's Eve as Hogmanay?

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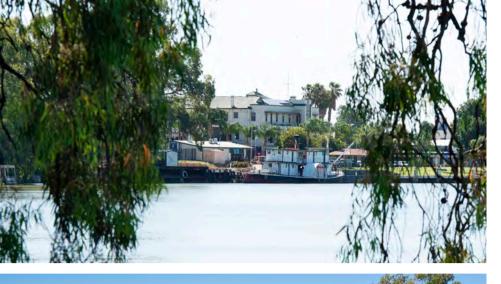
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175,000	404.16	426.11	448.70	471.90	495.71	520.10	545.04
200,000	461.89	486.99	512.80	539.32	566.53	594.40	622.91
225,000	519.63	547.86	576.90	606.73	637.34	668.69	700.77
250,000	577.37	608.73	641.00	674.15	708.16	742.99	778.63
275,000	635.10	669.60	705.10	741.56	778.97	817.29	856.50
300,000	692.84	730.48	769.19	808.98	849.79	891.59	934.36
325,000	750.58	791.35	833.29	876.39	920.60	965.89	1012.22
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375,000	866.05	913.10	961.49	1011.22	1062.23	1114.49	1167.95
400,000	923.79	973.97	1025.59	1078.64	1133.05	1188.79	1245.81
425,000	981.52	1034.84	1089.69	1146.05	1203.87	1263.09	1323.68
450,000	1039.26	1095.72	1153.79	1213.47	1274.68	1337.39	1401.54
475,000	1097.00	1156.59	1217.89	1280.88	1345.50	1411.69	1479.40
500,000	1154.73	1217.46	1281.99	1348.30	1416.31	1485.99	1557.27
525,000	1212.47	1278.34	1346.09	1415.71	1487.13	1560.29	1635.13
550,000	1270.21	1339.21	1410.19	1483.13	1557.94	1634.59	1712.99
575,000	1327.94	1400.08	1474.29	1550.54	1628.76	1708.89	1790.86
600,000	1385.68	1460.96	1538.39	1617.95	1699.58	1783.19	1868.72
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more tactful way of making your feelings known.

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January 2021 Horoscopes: week 1

Comments from an acquaintance may hold you back for a while. However there is more at stake than you realise: you should not let this put you off.

Romance. A glance from a colleague at work will help you to understand this person's feelings towards you. You will soon be seeing much more of

A relative who should know better will try to push you in the wrong

direction. Don't do anything against your will: you are the person who will

have to live with the decision, so you are the one who should make it.

A powerful aspect to Jupiter will help to give your self-confidence a boost.

This will be a major improvement which you should take advantage of.

Romance. Criticism of your partner will backfire if you are not careful. Find a

You might be a little too sensitive to criticism at the moment. Don't take

a friend's comments too seriously. Romance. You will be paying a lot of

attention to a close friend at the moment. Your partner may become

jealous, despite your reassurances. A romantic get-together will help to

An unfavourable aspect to Saturn could make you feel a little more negative than usual. Do your best to see the "silver lining": it will be harder to make things happen the way you want if you are unable to see the

Romance. Your partner may be a little over-critical at the moment.

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upside. Romance. Don't be too critical if your partner doesn't measure up to your expectations at times. ast Week's Solution VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd) A positive aspect to Jupiter will help your luck to turn after a difficult few

weeks. Don't waste time - go out and do something which you have been putting off because you thought it was too risky. You will be surprised how well you do. Romance. This is an ideal time to get to know a new friend. LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd) A deal will go through as expected, so long as you don't mind holding on until the last minute. Don't try to force things through. Romance. A new relationship will heat up very rapidly. Time spent with this person will pass quickly and you will be enjoying yourself, but you should also think about

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd) A favourable aspect to Saturn will keep you rooted in practical matters this week. So long as you don't get too bogged down in details this will be a good time to make an important decision. Romance. A surprisingly fresh show of affection could affect your relationship with a close friend.

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SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st) You might not realise quite how much help you have had from other people recently. You need to find a suitable way of showing your appreciation. Romance. You will be impressed by something which your partner does this week. They may be braver than you realise

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

Try not to let financial worries get you down. A deal which you thought was going to bring in some money may not go ahead as planned. Keep your spending under control in case you run short of cash later in the week. Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus will give your love-life a push in the right direction.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

You need to get down to household chores. There are a number of jobs which you need to deal with as soon as possible: the longer you leave them, the more there will be to do! Romance. Be careful not to jump to conclusions. An inauspicious start may put you off a new admirer.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

You will be very focussed, and will get a lot done so long as you are not held up by other people. Romance. You will soon be able to get back into the swing of things with your friends after a recent quiet period. Don't be afraid to let your hair down and relax.

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Felicity steps down from hosting country music radio show

AFTER over a decade of involvement with the Saturday Night Country radio program on the ABC, which has amounted to over 500 shows and approximately 2000 hours of programming, Felicity Urquhart felt it was time to step down.

After losing her husband Glen Hannah, who was the producer of the show, in 2019, she has continued on, but realises she needs to spend more time with her young daughters.

Announcing her decision, Felicity thanked listeners for tuning in, saying: "It's been an absolute joy. It's all about the music, not the host."

Felicity's final Saturday Night Country program was on December 26, and she will now have time to look after her own health better, and spent quality time with her daughters, Tia and Ellie.

A spokesman for the ABC said though it may be a farewell of sorts, Felicity would not be fading into the shadows as she has plans to record, and tour Australia, performing her own music.

The Balladeers Volume 22 is a 21-track compilation album released by the

Australian Bush Balladeer Association last August. Dean Perrett features on this one with

a song he co-wrote with Kelly Dixon and Ryan Garland titled Six Decks To Darwin. Alice Benfer has chosen a George Dasey penned song, Joe The Crow. Steve Sparrow contributes a Slim Dustypenned song, Ramblin' Shoes. A Buddy Western-penned song, Footsteps Coming Home, is the song Greg Bain chose, while Kylie Adams-Collier has written Camel Up, Earlston Said, one that refers to the Barossa Valley.

A few of the other artists are Ashley Cook – Gracemere Cattle Yards, Tom Maxwell – Me and Henry, Bruce Lavender – Another Campfire Closer To Home, Malcolm Doyle sings the Peter Coad-penned song Together, Phil Coad - Snow On The Mountains, Graham Rodger sings the Patricia Thompson penned Two Old Friends, John Smith Loaded Dog, Dale Duncan and The Balladeer All-Stars have contributed Malabar Mansion.

Other artists included are Terry Bennetts, Lex K and Tyson Coleman, Ron Saddler, Ian Hands, Geoff Williams, Charmaine Pout, Michael Leese, and Dawn Brydon.

To find out how to purchase this CD, or become an A.B.B.A. member phone the secretary on (02) 6766 4236, or email info @bushballadeers.com.au.

As I have mentioned before, I really like compilation albums, and my choice of music is the bush ballads (although I do appreciate some of the other music on





offer from our country music artists).

It was sad news to hear of the passing of Charley Pride as a result of being infected with COVID at the CMA Awards, where he received a Lifetime Award.

His wife **Rozene** had been keeping him isolated, but it is so sad that he contracted it at Nashville a short time ago. When I included the photo of Charley

with Wally Bishop in the Murray Pioneer's Riverland Christmas Greetings supplement, I had no idea when it went to print that we would lose him.

If you were undecided on whether to join the special tour to the Aussie outback hosted by Kasey Chambers in August 2021, well you've missed the bus.

The Outback Music Safari coach tour will take in sights around Alice Springs, Coober Pedy, the Flinders Ranges, Kings Canyon, the Oodnadatta Track, and Uluru.

It will be a family affair, with Kasey and her dad Bill playing songs and sharing stories around the campfire, while her mum Diane cooks camp oven damper, as they walk through the memories of their experiences of living in remote Australia.

Bill Cate, of Bill & Boyd fame, passed away early last month, at the age of 80. When I hear the name Bill & Boyd,

who hailed from the Hutt Valley in New Zealand, my mind goes straight to Santa Never Made It Into Darwin.

The 1975 released song written by Bill, won them the Song of the Year Golden Guitar in the 1976 Australasian Country Music Awards, and also the Australian Radio Award for Record of the Year.

Another that comes to mind is Put Another Log On The Fire, and although they had been mainly known as a pop duo their Golden Guitar win led to a successful country music career.

Chulu Chululu is another you may remember. They sang a lot of Everley Brothers hits with their excellent harmonies.

Note: Bill's children, Melanie on vocals, and Matthew on lead guitar and vocals, joined their father (vocals and guitar) to create the band Cate, in 1997. RIP Bill.

As time goes by, I will be able to bring you details on more country music events as they are planned, but I feel that organisers will still be a bit wary of what may happen on the pandemic front.

> country music superstar Charley Pride, who passed away recently after contracting COVID-McIntosh

www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, January 6, 2021 NEWS 25 Loxton Waikerie libraries' book sale

LOXTON Waikerie libraries January 24. are holding their annual book sales - including a range of DVDs - throughout January.

A large range of books and DVDs are available at the Loxton Library, with children's books and DVDs available at the Waikerie Library. Prices start at 50 cents, and the sale ends

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LIBRARIES

LOXTON WAIKERIE LIBRARIES' TOP 10 READS:

Finding You Again

Flying the Nest

by Rachael Johns

Fortune and Glory

by Janet Evanovich

Letters from Berlin

by Tania Blanchard

Song of the Crocodile

The Deep, Deep Snow

by Brian Freeman

Lucky's Beach

by Shelley Noble

by Nardi Simpson

The Awakening

by Nora Roberts

by Debbie Macomber

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BOOK

During January, naturebased programs for children will be held at the Waikerie Library. Numbers are limited, and bookings are essential. The Loxton Library has

Under the Sea-themed activity packs for children available for collection.

TITLE:

Zero 22

AUTHOR:

Chris Ryan

Scott Perry

Ryan.

BOOK REVIEW BY:

British SAS Special Forces

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Danny Black book by Chris

After his SAS unit is

Middle East, Danny Black

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and shadowy forces from

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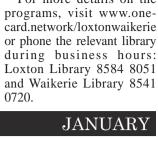
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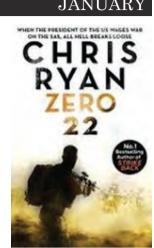
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FRIDAY JANUARY 8 AT 2PM & 7PM

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THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

Kangaroo paws

(anigozanthos species) THIS unusual, iconic Australian native is the Western Australian floral emblem.

The tall variety is by far the easiest to grow, tolerating a range of soils and conditions.

They do prefer full sun with good drainage, are also drought tolerant and have a demand for extra water during flowering, helping to maintain the blooms.

They are perennials, growing from an underground rhizome, which form large clumps over time.

They can be propagated by division.

Its bird-attracting flowers are at their best in spring and sum-



Kangaroo paw

WELCOME to 2021. This is what we have been waiting for, the New Year.

Whatever challenges 2020 gave us, it did give Australia so much that we were not asking for, including fires, floods, droughts, and COVID-19, to name a few. What it did do was to teach us to care, have courage, compassion, empathy, kindness, understanding, determination and resilience. We enter 2021 building our Riverland communities stronger with lessons that we learnt, the strength to persevere, humility to be greater, kinder and more grateful.

With all the border restrictions changing over the past weeks some families may have been unable to proceed with the plans that they had prepared, be it Christmas plans, wedding celebrations, family gatherings or the usual end-of-year holidays. For the past months since this pandemic started in Australia, we have, in SA, endeavoured and have continued to be responsible and we may have to continue that way for months to come, and yes, we can do this.

Our Riverland region has welcomed an exceptional increase of SA visitors to our communities over the Christmas holidays, with caravan parks and accommodation bookings including bed-and-breakfasts at full capacity. Many camping groups

mer and at the moment they are flourishing in many parts of Australia.

A small amount of organic matter will improve their growth. Pruning after summer keeps

the plants vigorous. Cutting right back to the

ground is recommended, as it also reduces disease, especially the dreaded inkspot, which blackens the leaves.

By removing all the leaves, you promote fresh, vigorous, new growth.

There are many new varieties and sizes suitable for pots and small gardens as well as the large original plant.

Local nurseries and garden centres usually have a selection of colours and sizes.

Climbers

As this time of the year we are usually seeking shade and many of our outside areas are covered in shady plants.

Not only do they look beautiful, but many produce perfumed flowers as well as shade. A delight on a warm/hot sum-

mers day. Star jasmine (jasminoides)

This is my number one choice



Star jasmine

for a vigorous, ever-green climber that ticks all the boxes. It is a fabulous performer in a

range of conditions. It sometimes takes a while to establish, but once it has it

doesn't look back. It likes free-draining soil and is suitable in part shade to full

sun. It is a twining plant and will climb over almost anything, including the garden bed as a ground cover. Its small white flowers produce the most fabulous fragrance in late spring right through summer.

At the moment it is in full flower and definitely worth a spot in your garden.

Wisteria (chinensis) My second choice.

This vigorous twining climber needs a strong, sturdy support.

It prefers full sun, but I have one in part shade that gets full sun to the upper part of the

plant. It is doing well and also flowers well. Don't over fertiliser or plant

in too rich a soil as it will grow vigorously to the detriment of flowers.

The flowers range from purple/mauves to white and have a beautiful perfume.

Grow this over your pergola or patio and be rewarded in spring by the long, perfumed, flower racemes.

In summer it rewards you with its attractive, shady foliage.

Autumn leaves are usually a buttery yellow and the leaf drop allows you to benefit from the winter sun. A climber for all seasons.

in the displays. There was a small gift given to every child who came to the cave. Thanks to the committee for the display, it has been a difficult year for you and many others.

We now focus on the community events planned in our region, all with COVID plans in place, and welcome visitors into our towns to share those activities. The **Riverland West Chamber of Commerce** welcome you to the Twilight Markets on Saturday, January 16, to be held at the Waikerie Lions Park adjacent to the Water and Nature Play Park and Waikerie Lions Playground. The markets are open from 4pm with an extensive variety of food stalls, produce, plants, craft, the coffee van and much more. As the sun goes down, we will settle in for the free family movie night, which begins at about 8.30pm. You are advised to bring your own folding chairs, rugs, bean bags, etc. The movie is Sonic The Hedgehog.

At this time of the year, our thoughts drift towards the delicious fresh fruit that is available locally in our region. So many of my senior friends have recalled their apricotcutting days during heat waves for families (or friends of the family) out in the cutting sheds, and trays a trays of apricots ready for the sulphur boxes at night. If you were lucky, payment would be a shilling a tray. Grape vines or crimson glory vine Vigorous climbers requiring

strong supports. These are my third choice. Depending on which vine you choose you can be rewarded in summer with bunches of fruit.

The crimson glory vine is grown for its beautiful foliage. Over the years as the plants age there is beauty in their gnarled trunks and branches.

They like full sun and are tolerant of most soils.

In summer the leaves will provide excellent shade.

Autumn brings colour and in winter the loss of leaves allows the sun to reach you.

The spring growth is most attractive and if you have chosen a sultana, these early leaves can be used in cooking dolmades.

There are many other suitable climbers and you may have another favourite.

If you would like to contact me through the *Murray Pioneer*, I would be more than happy to hear your thoughts on this or any other subject.

Until next time, stay safe and well.

We think of those who may have lost family members or friends recently and our thoughts are with the family of Waikerie identity Sid Copeland, following his recent passing. Sid was a much-admired and respected member of our community who enjoyed a chat and joke and time you met him. Sid will be missed by many friends.

The community extends sincere sympathy to friends and family of Lindsay Filmer upon his passing. Lindsay was an enthusiastic member of the Waikerie Men's Shed, and he will be sadly missed.

Sometimes, we should stop and take a day in our town and look at it as a visitor. It may surprise you at how interesting your town is. Walk about, check out the history plaques or photographs that are on some of the buildings. When did you last take a walk through one or two of the gardens in your community? I find it interesting when you meet a visitor to the community and they ask directions or tell you how much they enjoyed the gardens in the town.

Thought for the week: Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

- George Bernard Shaw



8582 2144 | Old Sturt Hwy, Berri | riverlandsteel.com.au 🖪 It's good to go to someone you know.



Lake Bonney or the River Murray. Here at

boats, jet skis and speed boats at our river

front. The extensions to the river-front area

have been welcomed with enthusiasm and

As we were aware, our communities in

the Riverland endeavoured to create a fes-

tive outlook to welcome Christmas and we

give thanks for those who participated on

in each town. Waikerie's Christmas Tree is

The Waikerie Santa's Cave committee

still a beacon at night and the Christmas

Tree Trail was again a great success.

presented a magical and colourful dis-

were happy looking at all the treasures

play that still delighted the children, even

though Santa was unable to be there. With

tinsel, music and fairy lights, the little ones

that project, whatever it may have been,

thanks from the visitors.

Waikerie, I have never seen so many ski

riverlandbusiness.com.au SA hits lowest unemployment figures

RECENTLY achieving the lowest unemployment rate in the country is a sign South Australia will recover from the economic effects of COVID-19, according to a state minister.

Data released last month showed South Australia's unemployment rate fell 0.8 per cent to 6.2 per cent, compared to a national average of 6.8 per cent.

Minister for Innovation and Skills David Pisoni said the data was evidence of a growing confidence in local economies.

"South Australia has had the strongest rebound in full-time employment of the states and is the only state to have more people in full-time employment than at the start of the year," Mr

Pisoni said.

"The fact the number of South Australians in jobs has increased bv 44.500 since the first shock of COVID-19 in May is a testimony to the economic management of the (Liberal) Government during a very difficult period."

Mr Pisoni said funding had been focused on job creation and supporting small businesses through the impacts of COVID-

"The Marshall Government's \$16.7 billion investment in roads, education, sporting and health infrastructure complements a \$4 billion economic stimulus designed to generate thousands of new local jobs," he said.

"Money is also being invested to protect existing jobs with reductions in payroll tax, land tax and grants of up to the \$20,000 available for eligible small businesses, keeping them and the jobs they provide afloat."

Mr Pisoni said new statistics from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research also showed South Australia led the nation for growth in apprenticeships and traineeships.

"South Australia registered a 7.8 per cent increase in the number of apprentices and trainees while the rest of Australia suffered from a 3.9 per cent decline in the same period," he said.

"The number of women commencing an apprenticeship or traineeship jumped by 8 per cent in the 12 months to June.

"Under Skilling SA the Marshall Government is funding projects that are specifically designed to assist women into non-traditional trades.

"I encourage all women thinking of a new career to consider an on-the-job apprenticeships or traineeships that allows you to earn a wage while you learn the trade... (we are) tearing down the barriers that once precluded women from entering a range of jobs on construction sites, in manufacturing, transport, utilities and mining."

Riverland POLICE NEWS

Assault investigation in Renmark

Babaniotis - Keros

Effie Babaniotis, daughter of

Steve and Korina Babaniotis, of

Renmark, married Dion Keros, son

of Elli Tsegas, of Barmera, at the

Renmark Greek Orthodox Church

on 31/10/20. The newlyweds'

honeymooned by travelling in

South Australia and are now living

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in Monash.

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RIVERLANDERS have been asked to provide information that could help police locate a group of men who assaulted a woman on the weekend.

A woman aged in her 20s was walking along Fifteenth Street, in Renmark, about 1am on Sunday. January 3, when she was allegedly approached by three men who assaulted her.

The woman then fell to the ground where she was

further assaulted by the three men.

It is understood screams from the victim – who avoided serious injuries caused the offenders to run from the location.

Riverlanders with any information that could assist police investigations are asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

\$1700 fine issued for speeding

POLICE have issued a fine of more than \$1700 to a man who was caught driving in the Riverland at 58km/h over the speed limit.

A 24-year-old man driving a silver Kia Sorento station wagon was detected travelling at 138km/h in an 80km/h zone at Blanchetown about 9.30pm on Tuesday, December 29.

A SAPOL spokesperson said the driver was issued a traf-

fic infringement notice for exceeding the speed limit by more than 45km/h.

"The fine totalled \$1780 and he accrued nine demerit points," the spokesperson said.

"He was also issued a six-month instant loss of licence.'

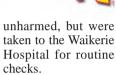
Duo escape injury in **New Year's rollover**

A DRIVER and passenger had a rough start to 2021, when their car rolled on the Sturt Highway near Waikerie due to what was believed to be a tyre blow-out.

Emergency services were called to the Sturt Highway, about 20km west of Waikerie, with reports of a singlecar crash on New Year's Day at about 1.20pm.

The driver and passenger were





Waikerie Country Fire Service personnel closed one lane of the Sturt Highway at the scene for about half an hour to clear the road.

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riverlandbusiness.com.au A look beyond COVID-19 and narrow-minded bureaucrats

YOU would like to think that some positive outcomes will emerge from the COVID-19 situation; for the world in general and Australia in particular.

For a start, the population/ immigration situation.

The power brokers (politicians and the power behind them – big business) have been telling us for years that we need constant immigration so this country can continue to grow.

These people, with greed being the controlling factor, fail to recognise the word finite, which most people would understand to be full up, or at full capacity.

They talk about trying to maintain, even improve our lifestyle.

Well, blind Freddy can tell you that most people's lifestyles have been steadily dropping for years. "Oh, but we have an age-

We have only 7 per cent arable land...

ing population. We need more younger immigrants to do the work," they said.

Admittedly, most of Australia's current youth don't seem very interested in doing work that involves travel from their current home, or getting their hands dirty – shades of USA citizens who have become used to having manual work carried out by "illegal" Mexicans jumping the border.

It would appear that some Australian manufacturing, mostly small scale, has come back. Because of our high wages, it needs to be items that are difficult to manufacture overseas, where cheap labour is available.

We've always had some very smart inventors in this country. Think of the arc welder, the aircraft black box... and the list goes on.

Surely where we have our own iron ore and bauxite resources, we can value-add and use them for large scale manufacturing in this country, like it used to be? We are self-sufficient in food and fibre, even though we are still studiously ignoring the marvellous opportunities to be had by the large-scale growing of industrial hemp. It is happening, slowly, as seed

stocks build up, but the average Australian still makes the sarcastic comment, calling it "that woopie weed".

This ignorance has been fostered by the cotton and insecticide industries who will be the big losers when (not if) the industrial hemp industry hits its straps.

With over 2000 uses it will revolutionise the regional country towns and provide regular, environmentally friendly revenue for its growers.

The crop uses minimal water and almost negligible insecticides. The unused waste is ploughed back into the



ground to build up the soil's health.

In particular Hempcrete (building bricks constructed by hemp fibre, lime and water) will provide the cheapest of all building material. It is water-proof, fire-proof, light, and it actually breathes. This material totally eliminates the heating and cooling of houses built from it.

Our kids could once again look forward to owning their own homes.

The general ignorance of this wonderful product is appalling. It requires nongreedy business entrepreneurs like 'Twiggy' Forest and Dick Smith to lead the charge.

But back to immigration. We are the only western country who has not stabilised its population. We have only 7 per cent arable land (able to grow crops) and this is diminishing with salinity and urbanisation.

And how about this: next to Brazil, Queensland leads the way as the world's largest native vegetation clearing country in the world.

At the very least, reduce the intake of immigrants and demand that they locate to the regions to fill the jobs there, staying for a given period of time.

Our mega cities (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne) are becoming unworkable. We must decentralise.

Having more people working from home will help that, but the divide between urban and rural Australia has widened and needs addressing.

The COVID-19 situation may help in that area.

We must listen to our Aboriginal Australians, particularly concerning fire control. Concentrated breeding of our small marsupials and getting them back into our forests, to reduce the litter like it used to be, would a big step in the right direction.

This means massive and concentrated clearing of feral cats and foxes.

None of this is rocket science. We must also address what I call "the fifth column" in this country, including the extreme animal libbers and fat-a**ed, narrow-minded bureaucrats

They must become true servants of the public. Only then will we once again be proud to call ourselves Australians.

REX ELLIS

Rex Ellis's Outback books and Map of the Australian **Outback Deserts are available** online. Previous columns are available on Facebook under **'Rex Ellis's CAMPFIRES & CROWS'.** These columns are published by various country newspapers in SA, WA, NSW and Victoria.



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The 2020 Annual General Meeting for the **RIVERLAND MUSICAL SOCIETY Inc** Will be held on Wednesday January 20th 2021 At

GENERAL MEETING

BONNEY THEATRE BARMERA AT 7.30PM

Enquiries or requests for further information about the Annual General Meeting should be addressed to the Secretary, John Dawes on 0407602113 or johndawesval@bigpond.com

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND



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Applications will be considered from those applicants who currently reside in the Loxton -Brown's Well District and most likely attended Loxton High School for full time study.

> More details at Loxton Rotary David Pocock: 0428 473 455

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Monday 18th January, 2021 at 5.00pm



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20.Lockdown **BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last** week's Quiz): The world record for number of hot dogs eaten in one sitting is 75 in ten minutes, by Joey Chestnut in 2020.



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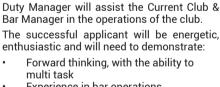
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34 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, January 6, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au **Riverland juniors to represent SA Country**



Loxton's Bianca Stasinowsky was one of 17 Riverland basketballers invited to play for SA Country at the Adelaide Invitational Challenge later this month. PHOTO: supplied

JOSH BRINE

MORE than a dozen of the Riverland's brightest young basketball talents have been selected to represent SA Country at an upcoming tournament in Adelaide.

Seventeen Riverland players, spread across seven grades, were invited to take part in the Adelaide Invitational Challenge (AIC) when it tips off this weekend, competing against teams from metro SA, Northern Territory, Tasmania and Oueensland.

Coaches Danny Millard, Ashlee Wutke and Lisa-Jane Drefke will also attend the event with SA Country teams.

Mr Millard said the strong contingent of Riverland players was a good sign for basketball in the region.

"The program becomes a bit more self-sufficient the more players get involved in district competitions in Adelaide and high-performance training with SA Country," he said.

"It shows the other kids that there's a pathway and where they can go if they want to excel and reach a high level.

"It's pretty exciting that these guys have put the work in and stuck with it to reach the level they have.'

The tournament will provide players with their first chance to play representative basketball in almost a year, after most nationwide competitions were cancelled in 2020.

"Last year the Australian Junior Championships were cancelled for the under 16s and 18s, and the under 14 club championships as well which some of the players would have gone to," Mr Millard said.

"It's really good they have something they can participate in and that they get a chance to face good competition with the SA Metro kids playing."

Mr Millard said competitions like the AIC were "really important" in helping players to develop and measure themselves against the best players from around Australia.

"Players need the opportunity to play with great players and coaches to see that next level of skill, size and athleticism that you see in these nationwide competitions," he said.

"It gives local players the chance to see what level they have to reach to be successful, whatever that looks like for them."

The AIC replaces the annual Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup, which was cancelled this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The under 16 and under 18 competitions will be held from January 9 to 12, while the under 14 and under 15 competitions will run from January 14 to 17.

Riverlanders selected for AIC

U14 girls: Bella Gates, Bailey Hahn, Isla Millard U14 boys: Lachlan Keynes, William Simes U15 girls: Sienna Lehmann, Summer Smith, Chelsea Wutke U15 boys: Jett Dahlitz,

Kieran Hahn, Jasper Hutchinson U16 boys: Campbell Marks U18 girls: Tia Dahlitz, Bianca Stasinowsky U18 boys: Alexander Curtis, Jack Sullivan, Rogan Kennedy

Second-innings blitz sees Berri Red home

BERRI Red scored a 9-5 win over Renmark Blue in their Riverland baseball match played just before Christmas.

Renmark Blue's Rahmen Martinez hit a double-bagger and made it home to record the game's first run.

Berri Red responded with Tom Brook hitting a safe single hit to right field along with Jesse Frazer, who brought his teammate around the bases with a safe hit. Kris Taylor got on base from a fielder's choice while Ashley Rogers flied out. Brook got home, bringing in the first run for Berri Red and levelling the scores.

Renmark Blue was unable to score in the top of the second, but Berri Red then compiled its match-winning inning, piling on seven runs.

Berri Red racked up a string of safe hits and alks to reach the mercy figure.

Renmark Blue got back into the game in the top of the third, scoring four runs, following Lachlan O'Brien's only safe hit for the game, a walk to Glen O'Brien, and another safe hit to Martinez, bringing in one run.

Colby Lawton got on base with a misfield in the outfield, eventually bringing in one run. Another dropped fly ball also gave Renmark Blue the advantage to cross home plate.

However, Berri Red stopped its opponent's momentum via some tight fielding.

The combination of short stop Kris Taylor and third baseman Liam Kambouris brought Renmark Blue's innings to an end.

Renmark Blue was unable to score in its final two innings, while Berri Red edged



Berri Red catcher Tom Brook attempts to glove a skied ball, as teammate Ashley Rogers moves in, during the recent match against Renmark Blue. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

further ahead by scoring another run in the fourth innings. It came from Frazer, who had a safe hit, then made home on errors in the field – a combination of a pitcher/fielder wild throws.

Baseball will resume for 2021 with a catchup game at Glassey Park on Friday, January 15, from 6.20pm.

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Ruston on target

PETER Ruston was the overall highgun winner of the Barmera Clay Target Club's competition held last Sunday.

RESULTS

Event 1 – 50-target skeet championship AA grade: 1st N. Campbell 50/50. A grade: 1st L. Forza 83/85, 2nd R. Dower 82/85.

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riverlandbusiness.com.au Waikerie withdraws **bowls side**

WAIKERIE Bowling Club has withdrawn its division four side for the remainder of the 2020/21 Bowls Riverland Saturday pennant season.

Waikerie's withdrawal has reduced the division four competition to just four sides after Berri previously withdrew. Bowls Riverland has released a revised draw.

Waikerie had been winless after seven matches in the division four competition this season

Meanwhile matches in all Saturday pennant grades resume this

Saturday, January 9. A highlight of this weekend's round of division one matches will be the clash between home side Waikerie and the Lawns.

Waikerie currently sits in second position on the ladder, while The Lawns is clinging to fourth spot, just six points clear of Berri.

Berri faces a mustwin game against lowly, but capable Loxton. Finals are sched-

uled to begin on Saturday, February 20, with matches played Saturday and Sunday.



Tom Jolly in action for Berri Football Club. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Demons star takes on under 18s coaching job

BERRI Football Club star Tom Jolly has been appointed coach of the club's 18 team for the 2021 season.

Jolly has previous junior coaching experience with SANFL club South Adelaide and "helped out" the Panthers' reserves side this year.

Berri lost a thrilling 2020 RFL under 18 grand final to Loxton North by just four points, after leading throughout the match.

Jolly joined Berri in 2018 and is already a Murray Pioneer Team of the Year member.

Via a Berri Football Club Facebook post, Jolly said he was excited about the club's direction.

"We're going to be quite young in the A grade and... therefore there's definitely opportunities for some of the older under 18 players to get a game," he said.

"So, trying to develop them for the future, as well as developing those new players coming in is going to be a challenge, but also exciting at the same time.

"I'm very excited to get the job....I'll have a lot of support from the footy club."

Footy pathways for Riverland girls

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"If we do have a junior pathway, hopefully we'll see more and more locals taking the next step."

This Sunday's Come and Try session is free and is aimed at girls aged five to 11,

however girls up to 13 can also register. Participants are required to simply bring their own drink bottle. A free barbecue lunch will be held after the session with the West Adelaide team members.

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PATHWAYS to playing Aussie rules – and potentially reaching high levels in the sport – will be opened up for Riverland girls via a Come and Try Day in Berri this weekend.

SANFL club West Adelaide is staging the initiative, to be held at the Berri Football Club this Sunday, January 10, from 9am to 11am.

Hosted by West Adelaide's SANFLW team, the session will include fun, skill-based games, with the club hoping it will stimulate more local participation numbers. SANFL's Riverland-based game development co-ordinator Nick Dillon said the event would be a "invaluable" for interested local girls.

"We're very lucky to have the West Adelaide ladies in the Riverland for their camp and the Come and Try Day is just a further example of the Bloods looking after their regional area," Mr Dillon said.

"To have SANFLW players giving their guidance to local girls will be invaluable and will highlight the pathway to playing at a higher level.

"The aim is to eventually have a pathway for girls to start in Auskick and then join junior competitions locally so they can be identified by the Bloods."

The Riverland Football League women's competition was established several years ago and Mr Dillon said the success of a number of Riverland girls at a higher level highlighted what can be achieved by those with big ambitions.

"We've already seen it can be done with Tekira Hoffmann, Ashlea James, Connie Doups and Georgie Pater all taking the next step and that's without a junior program in the Riverland," he said.

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West Adelaide Football Club is hosting a Come and Try session in Berri this Sunday for local girls interested in playing Aussie rules. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

