

Riverland Mini Supermarket operator Tushar Patel has seen a dramatic decrease to his business due to the ongoing closure of the Twentyfirst Street bridge. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

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ocal airlifted following crash in Loxton

AN elderly woman was airlifted to Adelaide in a serious condition following a car accident in Loxton last week.

Police and emergency services were called to East Terrace, Loxton, after reports a car crashed into a tree last Wednesday afternoon.

The driver and sole occupant, an 83-year-old Loxton woman, was taken to the Loxton hospital in a serious condition before being airlifted to Adelaide for treatment. East Terrace was closed for

northbound traffic for about two hours, from the roundabout to Drabsch Street, while police investigated the incident.

oman dies in crash

involved in a serious crash at Wynarka on Friday 7 July has died in hospital last week.

Emergency services were called to the Karoonda Highway between Wynarka and Chapman Bore after reports of a two-car crash at 8.20am on Friday 7 July.

The driver of a Hyundai sedan, a 30-year-old Renmark woman, was airlifted to the Flinders Medical Centre in a critical condition.

Sadly, she died from her

A RIVERLAND woman injuries in hospital on Tuesday 11 July.

The driver of a Nissan ute, a 63-year-old Karoonda man, was also taken to the Murray Bridge Hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries.

Major Crash investigators attended the scene and are investigating the circumstances of the crash.

The woman's death is the 66th life lost on South Australian roads so far this year, compared to 40 at the same time last year.

Riverland woman charged with money laundering

A RIVERLAND woman will face court after being charged with two counts of money laundering.

At about 2pm, on Wednesday 12 July, officers from Berri patrols, Criminal Investigation Branch, Digital Evidence Section and Cybercrime Investigation Section attended an address in Glossop and arrested a 37-yearold woman for two counts of money laundering.

sive investigation, and it is alleged the woman is part of a syndicate that has accessed bank accounts belonging to interstate victims in February this year, scamming

victims of approximately \$30,000.

She was refused bail and appeared in the Berri



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Eight busted in busy weekend on the roads for Riverland police

RIVERLAND police reported eight people over the past weekend for driving with suspended licences, illicit drugs in their system and expired licences.

On Friday 14 July, police reported a 66-year-old man from Loxton for driving a motor vehicle while he had a suspended license. It is alleged he was stopped driving on Proud Avenue, in Loxton, when checks revealed his license was suspended.

He had his car impounded for 28 days and is due to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

Elsewhere, on Friday 14 July, police stopped a 23-year-old man from Murtho while he was driving on Ral Ral Avenue, in Renmark.

It is alleged the man returned a positive result for illicit drugs in his system. He will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date pending forensic analysis of his drug sample, and was also issued a threemonth immediate loss of licence.

Also on Friday 14 July, police stopped a motor vehicle driven by a 37-year-old woman from Loxton on the Sturt Highway, at Renmark, which resulted in her returning a positive result for cannabis.

She had two children in her car while she was driving and received an immediate three-month loss of license. She will be summoned to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date pending forensic analy-

A 40-year-old man from Barmera was then reported for driving with illicit drugs in his system on the same day

It is alleged the man was stopped driving on Ritchie Street, in Barmera, and received an immediate three-month loss of licence. He will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

A 36-year-old woman from Berri was also reported by police for driving with illicit drugs in her system.

The woman was stopped while driving on Load Street, in Berri, with a child in her car and received an immediate loss of licence for three months. She will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Saturday 15 July police reported a 47-year-old woman for driving a motor vehicle while disqualified on the Sturt Highway, at Blanchetown.

Checks on her licence revealed that she was disqualified from driving, and she will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

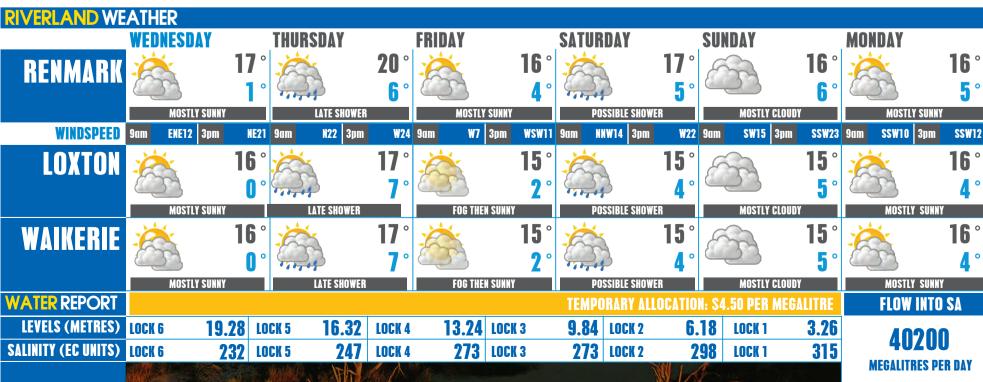
A 36-year-old man was then stopped while driving a motor vehicle on Coombe Terrace, at Waikerie, for a roadside screening test.

The man returned a positive result for cannabis and methamphetamine, received a three-month immediate loss of licence, and will be summoned to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date, pending a forensic analysis of his drug sample.

Elsewhere on Saturday 15 July, a 48-yearold man from Barmera was reported by police on Vaughan Terrace, Berri, where he was stopped and returned a positive result for illicit drugs in his system.

He may receive a fine at a later date pending a forensic analysis.

Police reported a 49-year-old man from Barmera for driving with an expired licence on Sunday 16 July. He will be summoned to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.



Operators of the Riverland Mini Supermarket, in Renmark, including **Tushar Patel** (pictured) have decided to begin a petition calling for support so recovery work can begin on the Twentyfirst Street bridge. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



Closed bridge, closed supermarket?

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

OWNERS of a popular Renmark supermarket fear a lack of access to their business for a section of the community, due to lasting impacts of the River Murray flood, could lead to its closure.

Riverland Mini Supermarket operator Tushar Patel said the business, located on the corner of Twentyfirst Street and Sims Parade, in Renmark, had lost a significant amount of business due to the ongoing closure of the Twentyfirst Street Bridge.

"There is damage on the bridge

from the flood, so they have had to close it," Mr Patel said.

"From what we know they are not going to start rebuilding the bridge until 2024, so that will probably take a long time to complete.

"We've lost a lot of customers since the bridge has been closed. It's become very quiet.

"I appreciate the efforts that council undertook in the early stages in preparation for the flood, but I believe protecting the bridge should have been given top priority."

Mr Patel said the supermarket

- which also functions as a post office - was important for locals outside of the Renmark CBD area.

"People used to come in on their way home to grab milk, bread and other essentials," he said.

"Others would come in before work. We're also a post office, and we do money transfers, too.

"So many seniors in Renmark can't drive a car, and could walk here, but now they need to catch a taxi into town.

"It is not only my business that has suffered dramatically, but the customers who have remained loyal to help support me by trav-

elling further for the service we provide".

Renmark Paringa Council has currently estimated construction on the Twentyfirst Street bridge – which suffered damage in the recent flood event – to begin in 2024.

Mr Patel hoped council would seek a temporary solution that allowed access across Twentyfirst Street.

"There are many unsealed roads in country towns," he said.

"Shouldn't there be some kind of temporary fix that could be investigated for this. "Several roads and local infrastructure has been covered by flood assistance.

"I now intend to start a petition... for the completion of the works needed to reopen the bridge.

"The petition will be available at our shop for anyone who would like to sign and give us their support."

Further information regarding the Twentyfirst Street bridge recovery project is available by visiting the council website (www. renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/services/ flood-recovery-and-support/ twentyfirst-street-bridge-recovery).

Treasury Wine Estates committed to its Riverland West vineyard

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

GLOBAL wine company Treasury Wine Estates (TWE) has iterated there are currently no plans to sell the Markaranka vineyard, near Taylorville, north of Waikerie.

The Australian Securities Exchange-listed company made the decision to close its commercial Karadoc winery at Red Cliffs, in northwest Victoria, by mid-next year.

TWE chief supply officer Kerrin Petty said the decision to close the Karodoc winery was in response to changing consumer preferences, and would enable the company to focus on continued growth in its luxury and premium wine portfolios.

Mr Petty said lighter styles were also becoming more popular with consumers.

"Globally, the wine industry is seeing consumers shift away from commercial wine (less than \$10AUD a bottle)," he said.

Mr Petty said the Markaranka vineyard, first planted in 1982, contributed grapes to the fortified wine range including Penfolds Father, Grandfather and GreatGrandfather tawnies, as well as a range of white varietals.

He said the company at the Riverland West vineyard was also working with the CSIRO on developing disease-resistant varieties bred to grow higher-quality wine in a warming and more variable climate.

"We continually review our global vineyard assets to ensure they're in the best possible places to grow our premium and luxury portfolios," he said.

TWE also plans to divest its commercial

vineyards in Lake Cullulleraine in northwest Victoria and Yankabilly in south-west New South Wales.

The Karadoc winery has been in operation since 1973 and currently makes wine for TWE brands including 19 Crimes, Lindeman's, Wolf Blass, and Yellowglen.

Mr Petty said these brands would continue to be made with TWE winemaking partners Zilzie Wines and Qualia in the Sunraysia region, and at TWE's Barossa winery in South Australia.



Egg farmers could shell out millions

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"That process will involve working with producers who are still using the cage systems, to see where they're at in their transition. "Everyone has known that this has been coming for some time, so I'll be working through all the issues with industry before making a specific decision for SA.

"At this stage I'm not expecting that we will need to do a compensation program, but we will be working through the details once we finalise the timeframe."

Pike River-based Glenview Poultry Farm owner and Commercial Egg Farmers of South Australia and Tasmania chair, Darren 'Chook' Letton, said it would cost millions to change his current caged egg system of 16,000 hens to free range.

"If (the government) try to tell us that we need to change to free range within the next few years, we're looking for some sort of compensation so we can actually do it," he said.

"I couldn't do it off my own back at the minute, and then the shortage will come and that's when the egg prices will go up.

"If I was to replace the caged shed with free range, I'd have to build four more sheds. I don't know where I'd put them here, because it's not a very level site - I don't even know if I could do it.

"It would cost me \$2.5m, and if I do it in 10 years' time it might be more like \$4m.

"We've got about 10 years from now, but farmers need a bit more time because of the cost."



Glenview Poultry Farm, based in Pike River, is home to both caged and free range (pictured) chickens, and owner Darren Letton says changing his cage systems by the phase out date of 2036 would cost him millions. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

The announcement of the 2036 date to phase out of cage eggs has increased consumer and industry worry surrounding the price of eggs, however Ms Scriven said it was "not likely that something happening over the next 10 or 12 years is going to have a short-term impact on egg prices", despite Coles and Woolworths already planning to end the sale of caged eggs by 2025. "Modelling that the Federal

"Modelling that the Federal Government has undertaken has indicated there will be very little change to egg prices," she said.

"Cost of living is something the

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government is conscious of, so we will be looking very carefully at possible impacts, but at this stage it doesn't look like there will be a significant increase in the price of eggs."

Before the endorsement last week, State Opposition spokesperson for primary industries Nicola Centofanti said state and federal governments should not make changes "unless they are prepared to offer adequate compensation to egg producers".

"A transition from caged to noncaged eggs requires a substantial financial outlay, with many producers requiring millions of dollars in infrastructure investment," Dr Centofanti said.

"Businesses have planned for the 2046 date to allow for a smooth transition that won't cause substantial price shocks – for operators and consumers who are already hurting from the cost of living crisis."

The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry is available to read online: www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/ default/files/documents/poultrystandards-guidelines-2022.pdf



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UPGRADE BEGINS: Works to the Loxton Institute began on Monday 10 July, with the site prepared for the extensive renovations. The East Terrace building will be refurbished as a new library and visitor information centre. Once completed, the existing library will be demolished to make way for new public toilets. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



Open space 'at what cost?'

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

RENMARK Paringa residents have been busy giving feedback over plans for a new major riverfront space, but a former member of the local council believes using the location for commercial purposes would have been more beneficial. Preparations are currently underway for the demolition of the former Westpac building at 180 Murray Avenue, in Renmark.

However, former Renmark Paringa deputy mayor and councillor Henry Du Rieu said utilising the site for new accommodation and hospitality business would have generated ongoing economic benefit for the community.

"I am sure it will make a beautiful parkland, but at what cost?" Mr Du Rieu said in an opinion piece inside today's Pioneer.

"The budgeted figure for parkland development is around \$1.44m, plus ongoing costs to maintain this area.

"Compared to open parkland, an accommodation, function and dining facility would have cost council a small investment and returned yearly rates income.

"On council's preliminary conservative investigations, it would have attracted approximately 50,000 extra visitors to the main street of Renmark, plus full-time staff to run this facility."

A motion to demolish the former Westpac building and use the site for open riverfront space was passed by Renmark Paringa councillors in February 2022.

Mr Du Rieu, who was deputy mayor at the time, and councillor Ben Townsend voted in favour of developing the site, while all other councillors voted for open space.

Mr Du Rieu said attracting new commercial interest to Renmark was necessary for the town's progression.

"Further development and diversity in our economy is essential," he said.

"The development would have sent a strong message to other developers that we are 'open for business'.

"I am constantly seeing similar projects being built in other locations around our state. If a town doesn't progress and grow, it is going backwards."

Meanwhile, locals were able to consult with council and Jensen Plus representatives on the project at last Saturday's Renmark Riverfront Markets.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said levels of engagement throughout the community with the planned open space development were "strong".

"It was excellent to be able to speak directly with residents, ratepayers and visitors about some options for 180 Murray Avenue, and to explain some possibilities and hear ideas about how it could be further improved," Mr Hunter said.

"There was strong support for toilets being across that side of the road, and for



Renmark Paringa Council mayor Peter Hunter, elected members, and Jensen Plus representatives took community feedback regarding the 180 Murray Avenue open space development at last Saturday's Renmark riverfront markets. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

other areas.

"No matter what your age, there should be somewhere you can sit and have a coffee, kick a ball around, read or have lunch.

"It's really pleasing people took the time to come down and see what's possible, and see how they can add value to what's in front of us."

Mr Hunter encouraged local residents to continue providing opinions regarding the development, either online or by contacting

elected members.

We want to get the best feedback we can, so we can make this a really excellent and long-term addition to Renmark's riverfront," he said.

An online survey on the 180 Murray Avenue open space development is available by visiting the website (www. renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/services/majorprojects/180-murray-avenue).

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No new fruit fly outbreaks in past fortnight

NO new fruit fly outbreaks have been declared in the Riverland from July 4 to 17, with new extensions applied to one existing outbreak area.

New extensions were made to the Monash B outbreak area, with restrictions remaining in place in existing outbreak and suspension areas.

PIRSA general manager fruit fly emergency response program, Paul Dowsett, said "fruit fly activity has slowed down in the Riverland for now, but residents and growers need to remain vigilant".

"Fruit flies can get active any time if the space they are resting in, or overwintering, warms up," he said. "Typically fruit flies can start flying when surrounding temperatures reach 15 degrees or above.

"This means there is an opportunity to kill flies as they slowly wake up and start to look for sources of protein.

"It's important our field teams and growers continue to bait properties in highrisk areas so when the flies emerge, they are eradicated before they have the opportunity to breed and multiply late winter to early spring.

"Please continue to allow field teams to access your property quickly and easily." A total of 17 current out-

break areas have had no detections in the last 12 weeks. Riverland Fruit Fly

Committee chair Jason Size said growers are continuing to sign up for the self-baiting program.

"62 growers in red outbreak areas have registered

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to apply bait on their properties and 48 growers have committed to deploy lures that attract and kill fruit fly," he said.

"The attract and kill lures are an effective way to ensure your property is protected from fruit fly for months and I'd strongly encourage all growers to take up the offer to receive free lures to protect themselves and do their bit in eradicating fruit fly from the region."

The end date for all outbreaks is 23 December 2023, however this may change if further fruit flies are detected.

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BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Take a bow, Mr Kelly

This past Saturday evening I was fortunate enough to attend my second Riverland Musical Society (RMS) show, having last seen the performance of Legally Blonde the Musical in 2019.

While this year's production, Mixtape, offers up a collection of musical classics that ensures audiences of all ages will be entertained, it also functions as a happy ending of sorts, with Moorook's treasured entertainer Mick Kelly finally able to return to singing on stage.

Being familiar with Mick's battle with throat cancer since a previous story for the Pioneer was done in 2019, the sheer challenges the man had been faced with over recent years would understandably have been too much for many people.

However, from discussions with Mick, and from his first entrance onto the stage in Saturday night's musical, it is clear that the desire to perform once again, especially with his two young daughters, is what helped him get through the battle.

The level of production that RMS brings to the Bonney Theatre stage, does in the words of Mixtape's director rival most shows that visit the Riverland, and to be able to see a performer of Mick's calibre continue to do what he loves is just as rewarding for audiences, as I'm sure it is for himself.

Don't miss the opportunity to see Mick's return to the stage, it truly is the magic of the theatre

Still feeling the flood

WHEN River Murray waters began to rise late last year, few were anticipating we would be in store for the largest flood event in a generation, and even fewer would have been expecting the consequences to still be affecting the region more than halfway into 2023.

However, that unfortunately is the circumstance facing the operators of Renmark's popular Riverland Mini Supermarket, which has seen a percentage of its customer base cut off due to the Twentyfirst Street bridge closure, resulting from damage sustained during the flood event.

The long-standing local business is in an ideal location for those living outside of Renmark's CBD, rivals major supermarkets with its opening hours – seven days a week – and provides post office and money transfer services.

With economic activity seemingly starting to spark in Renmark, it would surely be a step backwards if the supermarket was unable to survive this challenge.

But it is not just in Renmark where these ongoing effects can be felt, as seen in Kingston-On-Murray where the caravan park remains temporarily closed, and volunteers have only recently left the Blanchetown area after supporting the clearing of debris and minor home repairs.

It seems we are still firmly in the mode of recovery, so one can only hope the current signs of water levels rising again do not materialise further.



'Peter' turns 70! Cobby Museum's Motor Rail Simplex locomotive No.9861: The Irrigation and Steam Museum's locomotive had its origins in WWI. The British War Department wanted a lightweight, petrol driven, two-foot gauge locomotive to work the trenchrailway system in France. The Motor Rail company designed a small four-wheel loco which proved very successful. After the war, Motor Rail continued producing these locos but powered them by a Dorman two-cylinder diesel engine. 'Peter' was originally ordered in 1953 by Sydney's Marine & Industrial Power Co and was dispatched to Brisbane for the Amalgamated Sugar mills and sent to its Pleystowe (later CSR) mill in Queensland. There it worked the sugar cane lines until, in 1988, it was sold to the Mackay Sugar Co-operative. The loco was out of use and auctioned in 2003, and auctioned again in 2005 when the Cobby Steam Friends Society bought it. The society cleaned the locomotive, built a new cab and fixed the engine and transmission. Later they replaced the unreliable engine with a three-cylinder Perkins. The museum used 'Peter' for track maintenance work and then it was paired with sister Motor Rail Locomotive 'Farleigh' on push-pull operations. DETAILS AND PHOTO: Cobdogla Steam Friends Society

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amazing young lady

CONGRATULATIONS to Katrina Topperwien, what an amazing young lady ('Topperwien on a roll at titles',

Murray Pioneer, 21/6/23). She's a champion ten-pin bowler, who represents the Riverland, but is also a very competitive Riverland lawn bowler.

Katrina is an awesome sportswoman, with fabulous support from her mum, whom I'm sure is very proud, like the rest of us. Well done, Katrina.

SANDY ELSDON Barmera

Other side of the debate

MALCOLM and Kathleen Tubb ('Killing innocent babies is heinous', Pioneer, 05/07/23) equate abortion with "killing innocent babies" and rely on their Christian beliefs to support their case.

We are not all Christians, and religion has no role to play in health care. Science and medicine have made great strides in the last 2000-odd years and religion has not kept pace with the changes.

Safe abortion is a life-saving practice that can prevent maternal deaths. In countries where abortion is illegal or highly restricted, unsafe abortion remains a significant cause of maternal mortality.

Legalising and ensuring access to abortion services increases the likelihood of women obtaining safe procedures, thus reducing the risks of complications and death.

Abortion has a positive impact on mental health. Extensive research has demonstrated that women who choose to have abortions are not at a higher risk of experiencing mental health problems compared to those who carry pregnancies to term.

In fact, some studies have even shown that women who have abortions exhibit better mental health outcomes than women who are denied the option.

It's important to note that

claims linking abortion to breast cancer have been refuted, with the distortion of facts to support preconceived conclusions. Furthermore, abortion can be

a critical procedure that saves lives. There are situations where the health or life of a woman is at risk, such as in the case of an ectopic pregnancy, where the embryo implants outside the uterus.

In such cases, abortion is the only viable option to safeguard the woman's wellbeing and survival.

Respecting a woman's right to make decisions about her own body is paramount.

Women have the fundamental right to exercise autonomy over their reproductive health and make choices accordingly, including the decision to have an abortion.

In addition to these reasons, abortion can have positive effects on women's financial and social wellbeing.

It enables women to pursue their education, secure employment, and avoid the trap of poverty.

Moreover, it contributes to healthier and more stable relationships, while also allowing women to plan for healthier pregnancies later in life.

It is crucial to recognise that the heinous act lies in any attempt to interfere, be it by a religious figure or any other authority, between a woman and her healthcare provider when making decisions regarding her own body and health.

DAVID BRINDLEY Waikerie

Poor access to bone density testing

I HAVE written to the Minister of Health to make a formal complaint about the physical access to the Rural Mobile Bone Density Service which visits the Riverland.

The mobile service is targeted at people over 70 or people who have a problem that may affect their bone density.

Both of these groups are more prone to falls and breaking major bones in their bodies. I believe the steps into the mobile testing unit are unsafe for both these target groups of people and put both these groups at risk of falling.

Entry to the mobile unit consists of two steps, which are of open design and each have 230mm in their rise.

This is very steep and double the legal maximum that would be allowed on external open riser steps.

In addition, there is a handrail only on one side which doesn't go all the way down to the bottom step and the steps are neither deep enough nor wide enough to make them stable enough for two people to be on them at one time.

This means that a carer cannot assist a person who is a little unstable and also someone with an oxygen bottle cannot climb the steps. These steps are inappropriate for a mobile unit targeted at both older people and people with a disability.

In addition, when this was pointed out to the technician, and also the phone receptionist at the SA Medical Imaging (SAMI) Nuclear Medicine service at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH), both replied that these persons would have to get to the RAH for a test, which, if you have a disability or problems with mobility, would require a lot of effort to even get to Adelaide.

This issue of access needs to be addressed so that people who live regionally have equal access to a bone density service when compared to the urban population. A different set of steps should be designed for this mobile unit so that it meets the legal requirements and is appropriate for its target audience.

There are many solutions that could be considered: motorised electric step lifts are available for caravans for people with mobility issues; a different design, such as properly spaced, wide stairs (such as that used by BreastScreen SA), that at least enable two people to be on the same step and enable assistance.

BreastScreen SA mobile units also provide a wheelchair lift for their clients.

ANN-MARIE WASLEY Renmark A laugh at fate

THERE is an inevitable air to our vanishing health care.

Read any newspaper on any day of the week to find new stories of the main cause of why regional people die younger. Lack of care is the only growth industry in regional areas.

I tried for over 10 years, in my small way, to be free of this cursed fate for my small town of Morgan.

I even asked my niece to consider a move here, but she counted the ways this could not be feasible, both socially and financially.

There is nobody to blame for this, it's how the system works. Everyone in a job is restrained by that job into a frame of ref-

erence and their decisions are fated. They have no real choice. For more on that see an

episode of Hypotheticals by Geoffrey Robertson, a lawyer who displays – in an enjoyable way – that one thing inevitably leads to another.

It does not matter who is in what job, their decisions are always predictable.

Mr Robertson is from the UK and that place could be a silver lining, because two in five junior doctors there are planning on leaving the UK health service (NHS).

This could be lucky for us though if we pick up the opportunity to recruit these junior doctors.

But I don't think this will happen, because everyone in a job that could capitalise on this is already terribly busy with Monday morning meetings that go all week.

Perhaps I will go see Mr Robertson at the Festival Theatre in August, at least then I can have a laugh at fate.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

We're definitely a corporation

AUSTRALIA is not becoming the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), it's already a CCP country.

"Respecting a woman's right to make decisions about her own body is paramount..." - DAVID BRINDLEY

the government will deem you guilty. You must prove your innocence in a maritime court which is not serving the people of Australia - and even after telling the truth, they still want their money.

It's all about revenue to the corporate beast and the boys in blue feed the beast. If you refuse to pay them, they threaten your ability to work - removing your licence or registration - and if you lose your job, due to this inability to drive, they don't care.

They still want their money, even if it means they have to dip into your bank account by force and take it.

Australia has been CCP since the early 1970's. We were asleep at the wheel folks.

They don't care if you're innocent. They just want funds, your funds, and the corporate police will lie to get it for the corporate beast.

Âustralia is a communist happen. Wake up people. country and we allowed it to

Loxton

Basin Plan options

THE NSW Irrigators' Council has identified options that will deliver the Murray-Darling Basin Plan's environmental objectives without shredding its social and economic fabric.

The Federal Government asked all stakeholders for innovative ideas to deliver the Basin Plan, and now they've got them.

Basin states and the Commonwealth have choices to do this right, and Basin communities now need them to opt for these options.

The New South Wales Irrigators Council (NSWIC) submission to the federal consultation sets out many options in detail, including:

Expand 450GL eligibility to stock and domestic systems, and town water efficiencies.

Off-farm efficiency projects in several irrigation districts.

□ The Murray Irrigation Ltd (MIL) Reconnected Floodplains project.

River operations reform to free up discretionary water for environment.

Recognition of rules-based recovery since 2012.

Recognition of Irrigation Infrastructure Operator partnerships with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

□ Private property wetlands watering program.

How about MLC Nicola Centofanti

calling it how it is ('Keep our land

productive', The Murray Pioneer,

12/7/23). I think former Prime

Minister Scott Morrison and his

Liberal Government were solely

a safe Liberal seat's economy.

I expect it only to be fair that

Loxton Waikerie council have the

to blame by criticising our biggest

trading partner. Liberals destroyed

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Expand fish screening program and save close to

3,000,000 native fish annually. Government funding for fish passageways at key weirs

and blockages. These options enable the environmental objectives of the plan to be met, and even exceeded, in a way that works together with our Basin communities, rather than harms them.

This is not about walking away. It is about looking at how to address the biggest environmental degradation drivers - and just buying back even more water from farmers won't fix these.

With one in three litres of irrigation water redirected to the environment, total diversions have dropped to just 28 per cent of inflows, well within global standards.

But that has come at the cost of more than 3100 jobs across local economies in southern Basin communities.

Communities have been hit very hard by water reforms, with concerning implications for Australia's food bowl – this trend mustn't continue, and doesn't have to. **CLAIR MILLER**

CEO NSWIC

Tests crucial to buybacks

SOUTHERN Riverina Irrigators

(SRI) have welcomed the push by Independent Member for Murray Helen Dalton to ensure the neutrality test remains in place when it comes to buybacks and the Basin Plan.

Key stakeholders have reported the Federal Government is pushing ahead to recover additional water and will alter the law to remove a requirement for a socio-economic impact test.

Buybacks have already decimated our communities while threatening the future of staple food production and ultimately the cost of living.

South Australia and Victoria oppose buybacks in their respective states and the biggest concern remains the Federal Government targeting NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee because of the capacity in its storages.

Rather than target overallocated and illegal floodplain harvesting licenses in northern NSW which would ensure water flows down the Darling-Barka River and achieves one of the key principles of the Basin Plan, river connectivity, Federal Minister for Water, Tanya Plibersek, has her eye on our water.

We commend the member for Murray for bringing forward a private members bill to protect our communities.

The bill will ensure no more water can be transferred to the

I've caught a turtle in my opera

government without a socioeconomic impact review, which demonstrates neutral to positive outcomes.

We already know what happens to our towns when you take water away.

Increasing volumes of water held in upstream storages also increases flood risk.

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority already report the Murray River is over-recovered and any more water just compounds flooding issues.

Last years unprecedented flooding caused billions of dollars of infrastructure and productivity losses and this could be our new reality if this bill is not passed.

There is already over 4600GL in held environmental water accounts.

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder stated they can only use 78 per cent of the water they currently have and we know sending more water downstream will only exacerbate environmental damage upstream.

Buybacks have nothing to do with environmental outcomes. Make no mistake, it's political and to the detriment of every single one of us who live here in the Riverina – from farmers to business owners to families. No one is spared.

CHRIS BROOKS Chair **Southern Riverina Irrigators**

facebook/themurraypioneer murraypioneer.com.au Looking back... **10 years ago** July 19, 2013 Your BIG Riverland real estate guide The Murray Pioneer Delays threaten plan for Cragg's Creek building in Berri Sweet deal goes sour

SWEET DEAL GOES SOUR: Confusion over repair work could force a Waikerie store owner to abandon plans to open a second shop at the former Cragg's Creek site in Berri. Steve White, of Steve's Sweets, claims Berri Barmera Council's failure to address issues within the building has already cost him thousands of dollars. "I'm not asking for these things to be done – the health inspector told council to fix the floor, put the hand basin in... (and repair) the rotted skirting boards," he said.



MAYWALD CALLS FOR DROUGHT STRATEGY: The State Government has been called on to provide irrigators with a plan for the long-term management of water restrictions. Member for Chaffey Karlene Maywald said this week that irrigators needed to prepare for the possibility of tighter water restrictions. She said the Government needed to release information as to what change in storage levels would prompt further cuts. "What we don't know is what figures will trigger a change to the level of restriction," she said.

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

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same stipulations on the Waikerie Community Hub as they have on The Precinct, that it can't actually be used as a football clubrooms. No club colours, no memorabilia and no honour boards inside the function room. SC

ROB G

Loveday

Good luck Waikerie FC, hope you're prepared to lose your identity.

MD Loxton

Loxton

house net and was with a friend when a water rat was caught. Longtime, and now deceased. Loxton resident Charlie Harvey designed and made non-collapsible pyramid nets about 10 years ago, and I have one of them. His concern was the catching of non-target animals. DAVID Loxton

Can anybody tell me why, every time government of all levels

TEXT LINE

interferes with, or tries to improve our living standards or the environment, it ultimately costs consumers more? GARY

Anthony Albanese is sending

money to Ukraine, yet Australians

are bled dry with nowhere to live.

Waikerie

KAY

Waikerie



Chaffey Community Column

I've been on the road the last few weeks, visiting regional areas of our state and meeting with local exporters in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment. There are some wonderful organisations in the State, and I've been privileged meet with so many great South Australian family businesses. I am pictured below with Paul from Compass Feeds in Mount Compass and Member for Finniss David Basham MP.



Regional Capability Community Fund

I am encouraging locals to apply for the Regional Capability Community Fund (RCCF), which has been established to improve community safety and capability to respond to fire emergencies. Eligible applicants include individual farmers, farming businesses or rural landholders and rural community groups. For more information on the fund please visit our website for further information about the RCCF program, including How to Apply https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/farms. Applications close Friday, 4 August 2023

Enabling Infrastructure Program

The Enabling Infrastructure Program is now open with grants from \$50,000 minimum up to \$1 million available. To be eligible the applicant must be a legal entity, the key driver of the project and have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and registered for GST. The funding will be considered for projects that can demonstrate delivery against the majority of the program objectives which include value-added investment in priority community infrastructure that improves quality of life and / or attracts and retains people in our regions, enabling infrastructure to attract and retain business (goods and services) in region and support a strong regional economy, collaboration with other projects, programs or initiatives, has broad regional community benefit and has considered latent and future demand. Interested applicants are required to submit an Expression of Interest (in the Stage 1 process by 12 noon on 9 August 2023. For more information I encourage you to visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/funding_and_ support/funding/thriving_regions_fund.

Nominations for the **Australian of the Year Awards**

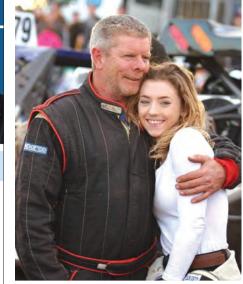
There are so many who deserve to be recognised for the extraordinary impact they have in our Riverland community. They may be a quiet achiever, a community hero, a volunteer, an advocate, a leader in their field of work, an entrepreneur or a changemaker. Nominations for the Australian of the Year Awards are currently open, and I am encouraging you to submit a nomination - all it takes is one nomination from the public for someone to be in the running for Australian of the Year. To nominate, visit australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate by 31 July

Experience Nature Tourism Fund (ENTF)

The \$2 million Experience Nature Tourism Fund (ENTF) aims to showcase South Australia's natural landscapes while also encouraging visitors to enjoy and learn more about these important natural and cultural assets. The ENTF will provide funding for the creation of new or improved tourism products and experiences, and the development of new or improved tourism infrastructure that will attract domestic and international visitors to national parks. Stream 2 - Innovative Development Projects, is now open with grants available from \$20,001 to \$50,000, for bigger projects which may have a longer duration and multiple elements. Applications will close at 5.00pm (ACST) on Thursday 14 September 2023. For more information visit www.tourism.sa.gov. au/support/grants-and-funding/experiencenature-tourism-fund

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Waikerie racing legend the late Wally 'Toby" Francombe with his daughter Maree who was his co-driver and is "itching" to get behind the wheel of his old buggy. PHOTO: supplied

2023 memorial race inspires daughter to get behind the wheel **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

THE daughter of Waikerie racing legend Wally 'Toby' Francombe says the Riverland Enduro, held last weekend in honour of her late father, has inspired her to take on a driving role.

Maree Francombe, 25, was her dad's navigator and grew up on the off-road racing circuit.

She said the race was a memorable experience for her and the family.

"It was awesome, what really touched me is that I got to wave the checkered flag," Ms Francombe said.

The flag she used to wave buggy drivers over the finish-line on Saturday was the same one she used at her father's funeral in April.

Ms Francombe said being a spectator at the annual enduro was an unusual experience for her, especially without her legendary dad.

"It was weird, I was a bit itchy on the other side of the fence," she said.

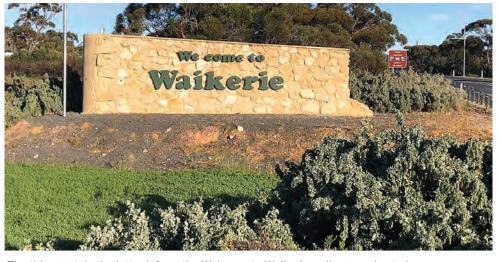
"I just wanted to get out there, it was such a good event, but I just missed my dad the whole time."

Ms Francombe is considering dusting off her father's old Mallee Master buggy to drive in enduros with her mum, Belinda Rogers, as navigator.

She is keen to practice the skills Mr Francombe taught her behind the wheel from when she was a child.

Family members who attended the enduro in memory of Mr Francombe also included Ms Rogers, his mum Maureen Sullivan and sister Karlene Maywald, chairperson of Cancer Council SA and former Chaffey MP from 1997 to 2010.

PAGE 42 Enduro report



The thieves stole the letter L from the Welcome to Waikerie wall, appearing to leave a message



Waikerie Rotarians raised funds to construct the Welcome to Waikerie walls in 2005 and volunteered hundreds of hours.

Thieves steal Waikerie's welcome sign pelicans

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THIEVES have stolen five pelican sculptures from Waikerie's iconic welcome wall on the eastern entrance into the town.

Rotary Club of Waikerie community director Richard Hall said the wall was designed in two parts to resemble a cliff with a river running through it, symbolised by the road motorists travel on.

He said two pelicans were taken from the left part of the wall and three from the right section.

The letter L was also taken from the left part of the wall and the large Rotary sign and logo removed from the right.

Mr Hall said the thieves' actions were "disappoint-

ing", as the Rotary Club had contributed \$15,000 and hundreds of volunteer hours towards construction of the walls, made in 2005 from Waikerie stone.

a Loxton Waikerie council community grant for the proiect.

had been added after the construction.

Loxton Waikerie council director of infrastructure services Greg Perry said removing these items from the walls would take some time. "They were held on by

some steel rods," he said. "They have either done it with a hand hacksaw or a

type of electrical reciprocating saw," he said.

had files of the original blue-

print of the pelican sculp-

The club also received

Mr Hall said the pelicans

Mr Hall said Rotary still

tures made by a Waikerie artist, which would enable them to be replaced. Loxton Waikerie council have reported the theft to

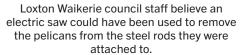
police. Both the Waikerie Rotary Club and Loxton Waikerie council are appealing to those responsible to think about the impact of their actions and return the pelicans and other items.

"We would definitely be happy to receive the pelicans back," Mr Perry said.

"We could then reattach them and make it harder to get them off.'

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact council by emailing council@lwdc.sa.gov.au or phoning 8584 8000.





– ADVERTISEMENT –

RAA to help river communities rebuild through grant program

THE RAA is launching its next Grassroots Giving grant round, with \$50,000 being allocated specifically to support Riverland not-for-profits and community organisations affected by the recent Murray River flood event.

From 24 July, not-forprofits and community organisations will be able to apply for grants of up to \$5000 as part of the next round of RAA's Grassroots Giving program.

RAA general manager of community and corporate affairs Emily Perry said this round of grants would focus on helping Riverland communities rebuild after the devastating floods earlier this year.

"Grassroots Giving is all about helping groups and communities who need it most, right across South Australia," Ms Perry said.

"We know some community groups along the Murray River are still doing it tough and their recovery efforts are still well and truly underway. "Community groups,

clubs and not-for-profits don't always have surplus funds to rebuild after such a significant and unexpected natural disaster like these floods.

"These groups are the lifeblood of regional communities - they help provide the sense of community and belonging that makes these communities what they

"Whether it's the local bowls club, Men's shed, charity group or sporting club, they all support and make up the social fabric of small regional communities. "Our grants aim to fasttrack their efforts so communities in floodaffected areas can return to a level of normality.

"RAA is proud to offer these communities a helping hand on behalf of our members when they need it most.

"We enjoy seeing the variety of submissions we receive, and this round will be particularly special as we help river communities rebuild after a devastating start to the year."

Since the program began in 2019, previous Grassroots Giving recipients received more than \$192,500. For more information visit the website (raa. com.au).



Ms Seiboth (left) pictured in the Loxton News in 1988 She was pictured with director of extended care David Mullin and co-ordinator of the domiciliary care program, **H** BININRI Joan Gow.

NEWS 9

'Thank you, Loxton'

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

Former

Loxton

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PHOTO:

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to Adelaide

Seiboth

A LOCAL hospital recently farewelled one of its stalwarts, whose career was entrenched in the facility for almost 50 years.

Merridee Seiboth began nursing at the Loxton Hospital Complex in 1975 and eventually took on the position of director of nursing and midwifery.

Mrs Seiboth recently relocated to Adelaide to become co-director of the women's and children's division at the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN).

"I love all that I've done, I have to say," she said.

"It involves meeting so many people and farewelling so many people.

"It is being with people at

the most life-transforming moments."

Mrs Seiboth trained at both the Royal Adelaide and Queen Victoria hospitals for her registered and midwifery education, often taking the road to Adelaide weekly.

Her roles varied from acute and aged care nursing, midwife, theatre nurse, quality assurance co-ordinator, student nurse facilitator, providing health education to community groups and schools and antenatal educator.

She became the first clinical nurse of midwifery in 1987 and gained experience in other Riverland hospitals between 1996 and 2004.

Mrs Seiboth began her role at the Loxton hospital as director of nursing and midwifery in 2004.

> open 24 July – 13 August

"I am grateful for the staff and doctors and the health advisory team," she said.

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"I think I will always have a kind word about how committed they are." Mrs Seiboth said she will

be "forever grateful" to the Loxton community. "The Loxton community

has been amazing over all of that time," she said.

"The support for their hospital is something that is entrenched in the town, I think.

"It is the culture that is within the walls of the hospital.

"I have loved being part of redevelopments, working with the Loxton and Districts Health Advisory Council and all of the fundraising things." Mrs Seiboth spent the past 18 months working for Rural Support Service (RSS), before taking on her new job at the Flinders Medical Centre as part of SALHN.

"I loved what I was doing for the RSS, but I thought I'd take up the challenge of working at a major metro hospital," she said.

"Moving to Adelaide has certainly been a big move.

"I loved working for the RSS and getting to know all the other regional hospitals and I love the thought of being here at SALHN and still having a focus on regional."

Mrs Seiboth thanked those who have supported her over the years, in particularly her family, parents and "wonderful staff".

RAA

Flood recovery grants coming soon

RAA is committing \$50,000 to help communities affected by the recent floods, as part of our Grassroots Giving program. Community groups and not-for-profits can apply for a grant between \$500 and \$5,000 – just let us know how much you need. It's all part of RAA's commitment to making life better for members and for South Australia.

Applications open soon. To find out more, visit raa.com.au/grassroots-giving

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply, available from RAA.

Footy clubrooms to be demolished after damage

THE Moorook-Kingston Football Clubrooms will be demolished after the building suffered extensive storm damage last year.

At last month's meeting, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie agreed to demolish the former clubrooms as per a recommendation by the Sporting and Recreational Facilities Committee.

The Moorook-Kingston Football Club folded in 2016 due to being unable to fill leadership positions, a lack of players and a dire finan-



At last month's meet-

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Mayor Trevor Norton

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use is with the toilet," he said.

"They would be quite happy if there is a toilet put back and they would maintain it.'

Council agreed to have a locked unisex toilet provided for community groups.

ing's removal, the light towers, with the exception of one adjacent to the tennis courts, will also be removed.

said the area received lit-"The tennis club is the only user and their only to use the building.

In addition to the build-

Council CEO David

Beaton said there was no requests from the public

- Trevor Norton **District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor**

The former home of the Moorook-Kingston Warriors will be demolished after the building received extensive storm damage. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Loxton Waikerie flood photos now live

The tennis club is the only user and their only

A RIVERLAND council's special online photography exhibition featuring photos of last year's flood event is now live.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie compiled the photos for the online exhibition, featuring a range of different locations, water levels and wildlife.

Loxton Waikerie council Mayor Trevor Norton thanked the photographers for their "remarkable talent".

"Your images truly reflect the resilience

and spirit of our community," he said.

"We invite everyone to visit the gallery and immerse yourselves in the breathtaking visuals that depict both the challenges faced and the beauty that emerged."

The gallery is shown in chronological order of when each image was captured, allowing visitors to view the increasing effect of rising water levels.

To view the gallery, visit the website (gallery.lwdc.sa.gov.au/floodexhibition).



Pictures of the Loxton riverfront are featured in Loxton Waikerie council's online exhibition. PHOTO: Murray River Pix



Connie Little's photo of Ramco Lagoon during the flood is included in the online exhibition, showcasing photos of the flood. PHOTO: Connie Little





Urologist Dr James Aspinall, PCFA ambassador Allan Dand. David Crossfield and PCFA cancer nurse Michelle Bissell at the recent PCFA awareness night. PHOTOS: supplied





The Berri Hotel hosted the PCFA awareness night earlier this month.

Awareness night a 'complete success'

THE Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) ambassador Allan Dand has declared the recent awareness night, held at the Berri Hotel on Monday 3 July, a complete success.

The evening welcomed 162 people to listen to urologist Dr James Aspinall talk on the latest treatments on prostate cancer and his desire to make the Riverland Regional Hospital a place of excellence for men's health in the Riverland.

The night was put on by the PCFA, but its success was due to the support of the Berri Hotel, Berri Lions Club and the Riverland Regional Hospital, plus media

THE Prostate Canceroutlets including ABCFoundation of AustraliaRiverland, 5RM and The(PCFA) ambassador AllanMurray Pioneer.

Dr Aspinall was very grateful for the enormous effort of the Berri Lions, the Lions Foundation, the Mail Bag Riders and Renmark, Loxton and Barmera Lions who raised funds to the tune of \$140,000 to purchase a Transperineal Biopsy Machine and other equipment which is currently in use.

This enables men to have treatment in the Riverland without having to travel to Adelaide. The other guest speakers were Allan Dand and David Crossfield, who spoke of their different journeys with prostate cancer. Michelle Bissell, the PCFA cancer nurse, spoke of her role in helping men through their prostate journey. To finish the night, Dr Aspinall was awarded a certificate of excellence from the PCFA for his continued support of more than 20 years for men in the Riverland.

The Berri Hotel was awarded a certificate of service from the PCFA for supplying the venue and the supper for those who attended. The PCFA then announced it would donate a further \$5000 to support men's health in the Riverland.

Mr Dand thanked everyone for coming and said that if we can save just one life then it is worth it.

Former Renmark Paringa Council deputy mayor HENRY DU RIEU has penned the following opinion piece regarding the redevelopment of 180 Murray Avenue into open riverfront space...

An 'opportunity lost' for 180 Murray Avenue?

IT appears a new park will be built on the old Westpac site, at 180 Murray Avenue, in Renmark.

I am writing to share some town history and provide some details of what could have been.

I was fortunate enough to be president of the Renmark Club in the 1990s, when with the support of the club board we worked with Renmark Council to lease the old bowling greens to the community and open the riverfront. At the time this decision also created some angst within the club membership.

As a former Renmark Paringa councillor and deputy mayor (2019 to 2022) I fully supported the development of a "state-of-theart" accommodation, function, and dining facility to be built on the Westpac site, given the significant access that our community now has to the riverfront.

The reasons for my decision are as follows. Renmark currently has approximately 100 overnight bed shortages, and this facility would have gone a long way to meet that shortage.

The location is spectacular, and I am sure it will make a beautiful parkland, but at what cost? The budgeted figure for parkland development is around \$1.44m, plus ongoing costs to maintain this area.

Compared to open parkland, an accommodation, function and dining facility would have cost council a small investment and returned yearly rates income.

On council's preliminary conservative investigations, it would have attracted approximately 50,000 extra visitors to the main street of Renmark, plus full-time staff to run this facility.

The site takes up a length of 34m of riverfront land. On my calculations Renmark currently has 2.1km of maintained gardens on the riverfront.

The Westpac site has an easement along the river that cannot be built on and must remain accessible to the public, thus providing a continuous and unimpeded walkway at all times.

The economic benefits to the town and our retail sector is immeasurable, in these times when there is uncertainty around our winegrape industry, and further development and



diversity in our economy is essential.

The development would have sent a strong message to other developers that we are 'open for business'.

At the time of making decisions around this development it was extremely difficult to inform ratepayers of the extent of this development as it was under the 'Commercial in Confidence' phase.

The two proposals that were shortlisted towards the end of the process were in the vicinity of \$18m to \$30m. I am constantly seeing similar projects being built in other locations around our state. If a town doesn't progress and grow, it is going backwards.

A facility like this would have attracted both visitors and new permanent residents to our town.

Several residents I have spoken to have suggested a new facility like this could be built somewhere else in the town – I certainly hope it is – however the only caveat around this is council doesn't have another location with the beautiful outlook of the Westpac site, and consequently would have very little input into what could be on offer.

I could picture a facility with predominately glass lower floor, with a coffee and dining space opening towards the Taylor Riverfront Precinct, and accommodation facilities providing an opportunity to those who do not own a residence on the riverfront with an option to either spend a night or weekend waking up to the spectacular views up and down the river.

Imagine a rooftop bar that is open to the public, and the dining experience with the views up and down the river.

The costs involved in building and maintaining the new park could have been redirected to upgrades of laneways, footpaths, and lighting in our townships (another opportunity lost).

The decision has been made and I am sure I will enjoy the new park on our beautiful riverfront.



Former Renmark Paringa deputy mayor and councillor Henry Du Rieu believes utilising 180 Murray Avenue for commercial purposes would have generated ongoing economic benefits for the surrounding community. FILE PHOTO



PARLIAMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

The Joint Committee has been formed to inquire into the establishment of Adelaide University from the amalgamation of the University of Adelaide and University of South Australia. Detailed terms of reference are available on the parliamentary website – parliament.sa.gov.au.

Written submissions are invited, closing date **14 August 2023**. Please address to: Parliamentary Officer, Joint Committee on the Establishment of Adelaide University, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001, and emailed to: JCEAU@parliament.sa.gov.au

All submissions will be made publicly available unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

For further information see on the Committee's webpage https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Committees/Committees-Detail

Telephone enquiries: (08) 8237 9387

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Qualco boat ramp closed

AN increase in River Murray flows has led to Loxton Waikerie Council closing the Qualco Boat Ramp, north-west of Waikerie.

The council's director of infrastructure services Greg Perry said the road next to the boat ramp had to be closed about a fortnight ago.

"Because the area consists of flats and clay we closed it down, as it was too hard to access the boat ramp," he said.

ramp. It is actually covered over with water as Qualco sits quite low, especially in that area of the river."

When there is a bit of flow around, the river in that area rises really quickly.'

Mr Perry said at Loxton, the footbridge leading to Snake Island had also been closed due to an increase in river levels.

The Department for Environment and Water

"Now you can't see the said airspace releases from Hume and Dartmouth dams, plus rainfall over the upper Murray catchment and Victorian tributaries (such as the Goulburn and Ovens catchment) in recent weeks had led to the increase in flow.

Flows entering SA from the Victorian border on Friday had reached 38GL/ day and were expected to reach 45GL/day this week. - CHRISTINE WEBSTER





PARLIAMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Parliament of South Australia has appointed a Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI) to inquire into and report on:

- (a) The current state of AI development, deployment and application across various sectors, with a particular focus on the economic, social and ethical implications for South Australia
- (b) The potential for AI to transform sectors critical to the South Australian economy such as agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and services and the skills required for this transformation
- (c) Issues surrounding the use of AI in the commission of criminal offences
- The challenges and opportunities of AI in relation to privacy, data security, and the (d) ethical use of AI, including the risk of bias in AI decision making
- The potential for South Australia to develop a competitive advantage in AI, including (e) through the development of a strong AI research and development sector, the attraction of AI investment, and the training and retention of AI talent; and
- (f) Any other related matter

Any person or organisation wishing to make a submission to the Committee is invited to do so by COB Friday 18 August 2023. Written submissions addressing the terms of reference above should be directed to:

The Parliamentary Officer Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence **GPO Box 572** ADELAIDE SA 5001

or Email: SCAI@parliament.sa.gov.au

All submissions will be made publicly available unless determined otherwise by the Committee.

For further information phone (08) 8237 9223 or visit: parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Committees/Committees-Detail

Liberal Member for the federal seat of Barker, TONY PASIN continues his series of columns explaining why he plans to vote 'NO' in the upcoming referendum on the VOICE TO PARLIAMENT...

The Voice — the details matter

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IN recent weeks I have been asked what element of the proposed Voice to Parliament I find the most difficult to accept.

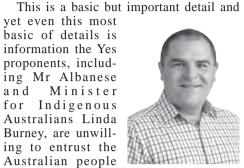
I have written previously about the fact that this proposal, if accepted, would see the creation of a second class of Australian citizen and as corrosive as that concept is, it is the manner in which this proposal is being put to the Australian people that I find most offensive.

The Australian Constitution is our nation's most important legal document. It establishes Australia as a federation and outlines the structure and powers of the Australian government's three constituent parts, the executive, legislature and judiciary.

It was arrived at following a prolonged public debate across almost a decade, culminating in the Australasian Federal Convention that was held in stages across 1897 and 1898. The delegates to that convention, aside from those appointed by the Western Australian colonial government, were popularly elected and met in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. The intervals between these sessions were used for intensive debate in the colonial parliaments and for public discussion on the draft Constitution.

The debate was open and prolonged, with every important detail of the proposed constitution scrutinised and tested. Since that time Australians have been asked to alter our constitution on 44 occasions, but never before have we been given so little detail regarding the proposed change.

It would seem that the Yes campaign has decided that its best chance of success is to limit debate on the details of the proposed change, in essence a small-target strategy which is perhaps why Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has described this proposal as a "modest" change. But this approach, unlike that of the Constitutional Convention of 1897 and 1898, denies fairminded Australians of the details they reasonably require in order to make an informed



decision regarding what, despite what the

Prime Minister claims, is the most significant

change in our Constitution's 122-year his-

of how the 24 members of the Voice will be

how? Or will they be selected, and if so by

Take for example the important question

For example, will they be elected? If so,

Tony Pasin

What then about the subject matter on which the Voice will be empowered to provide advice to parliament and the executive? What limits will be placed on this and who will determine the scope of that entitlement? Again, important details which are being kept from the Australian people.

It seems only fair to ask ourselves, why would proponents of the Voice to Parliament want to keep this important information from the Australian people? Of course, only they and their campaign strategist can answer that question, but for me the Australian Constitution, the rule book of our nation, is far too important a document to agree to alter on a whim.

Sorry Albo, but the vibe just doesn't cut it. Attempting to hoodwink Australians in this way is downright rude and worse it disrespects the intelligence of the Australian citizenry

If you don't know, like me, you should vote no.

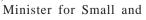
New strategy putting the spotlight behind Riverland's small businesses

A NEW initiative is aimed at making South Australian small businesses - including those in the Riverland – a "driving force" of the state's economy.

The State Government earlier this month released the Small Business Strategy 2023-2030, involving a \$6.5m investment in the sector over the next four years.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said the strategy would see local small businesses receive support to attract and retain employees, more mental health resources, assistance to pursue sustainable business practices and access to networking and mentoring opportunities.

"Small businesses are crucial to regional communities and I'm so pleased that this strategy incorporates measures that will specifically help regional small businesses," Ms Scriven said.





Clare Scriven

Family Business Andrea Michaels said small businesses were often the "lifeblood of regional communities".

"We ensured regional voices were heard by embarking upon comprehensive state-wide engagement to inform the Small Business Strategy and ensure equitable support," Ms Michaels

said "We are delivering 20 initiatives designed to support small businesses to succeed and each of these was developed to provide the businesses with the practical and

targeted support requested. Premier Peter Malinauskas said the strategy would create jobs and new economic activity in regional communities.

"Small businesses are crucial to regional communities and I'm so pleased that this strategy incorporates measures that will specifically help regional small businesses," Mr Malinauskas said.

Small business support initiatives under the strategy will be aimed at:

□ Strengthening business capability Building skills and

workforce □ Navigating the digital

environment □ Boosting business sus-

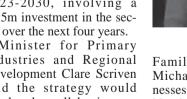
tainability Embracing diversity

□ Improving access to government services

The full Small Business Strategy 2023-2030 can be read by visiting the website (www.business.sa.gov.au/ about/strategy).

We ensured regional voices were heard by embarking upon comprehensive state-wide engagement..... - Andrea Michaels

Minister for Small and Family Business



Code Blue activated for Riverland

"Rough sleepers are particu-

larly vulnerable to low over-

night temperatures and Code

Blues ensure they have access

to services in their community,"

Minister for Human Services

or at risk of homelessness, is

encouraged to contact Homeless

Anyone who is homeless,

Nat Cook said.

A CODE Blue response has been activated for the Riverland as cold overnight temperatures continue to remain.

Local Code Blue responses for people rough sleeping were activated on Friday 14 July and will remain in place until Thursday 20 July.

Homeless Connect SA will operate 24/7 to assist with emergency accommodation.

Connect SA on 1800 003 308. **Rough sleepers are particularly** vulnerable to low overnight temperatures and Code Blues ensure they have access to services in their

community...

Council engaging with community for future infrastructure

COMMUNITY members are encouraged to attend a community information session tomorrow to help a local council develop a sporting and leisure infrastructure plan.

From community engagement, Berri Barmera Council aims to develop a blueprint to help identify the "optimal use, layout and priorities" for the planning of future infrastructure.

The drop-in session will be

Barmera COUNCIL held at the Berri Community Pavilion on Vaughan Terrace, Berri from 10am to 1pm

Berri

tomorrow. Feedback can also be provided by completing a survey (www.surveymonkey.com/r/ **BBCPlayspaces**).

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2023 AFL FOOTY

Round 19 Entries close Friday 21 July, 4pm

TERRY'S TAKE

BY TERRY MARTER

Bonney Lake lovers ask, will it be,

curved, straight or more like

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Will a jetty (a-pier)

before summer next year?

For council, the cost will be quay.

Michael Harris correction:

A DETAIL in last week's story about Michael

Harris receiving a NAIDOC Week Lifetime

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The story included the Aboriginal coun-

The Murray Pioneer apologises for any

Achievement Award was incorrect.

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AND BONUS VOUCHER WINNERS

Michael Grosse, Noah Warner & Jim Baldock

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Top two weekly tipsters plus two bonus vouchers drawn each week.

If there are more than two winning tipsters, then it will be decided by the points margin. Winners announced in Wednesday's edition. Voucher amounts may vary.

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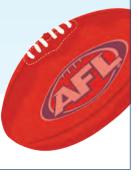






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16 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, July 19, 2023 The lost complexity of making a bed

IT'S bedtime and we're standing in front of the loungeroom fire in our winter pyjamas, letting the heat bake our legs until burning red.

Once the heat is unbearable, we sprint to bedrooms, dive into bed, and hope we've eluded that piercing first cold of the cotton sheets.

Talking of beds, I don't remember making mine very often, my excuse for such avoidance being its complexity.

Come winter, first the messy bottom sheet needed rearranging, straightening and tucking-in, followed by the top sheet, then the first blanket, second blanket, third blanket and then the bedspread, a heavy decorative piece that offered negligible warmth.

These days of course, we have the fabulous, fitted sheet with the warm, easy doona on top. Research, based on a sample of one, reveals that a bed takes just 23 seconds to make nowadays.

And that old fireplace was soon replaced by an oil heater that effortlessly warmed the loungeroom and partially heated adjoining rooms. Who then could have possibly conceived of ducted heating and cooling throughout a whole house?

Innovations and inventions since the 1960s and 70s, too many to mention here, have boundlessly simplified our lives, so let's examine some.

Toasting bread was perfected in our kitchen by opening the woodstove and leaning a piece of bread against a fork. Small sparks occasionally flew out onto the floor, or worse, stuck to the bread.

And if your attention was lost, you'd either scrape off the charr or toss the whole thing. Pop-up toasters, we salute you.

Nobody liked mowing our sizeable front lawn until the dawning of the motorised lawnmower. Finally, we could see where we had mowed, contrary to the work of the hand-push mower from which multiple runs over the same strip rendered little reward.

Mums would insist kids not leave home without a 'hanky' - usually scrunched up in the sleeve of the school jumper.

People even gave a white hanky with the recipient's initials embroidered on it as a present. Gifting someone with a box of tissues just doesn't seem to measure up like that.

In my preoccupied teenage years, I didn't even mind doing the washing upon the arrival of the twin-tub. You just put the dirty clothes in, pull the long hose over to fill the tub, tip in the Omo powder, turn the knob and let it wash.

Then, all we had to do was heave all the water-logged clothes into the adjacent drum amid small waterfalls, push down the rubber mat, close the lid and let it spin. Compare that to the olden days of

avoiding flattening fingers while handfeeding soggy clothes through a wringer.



Backpacking in America 40-odd years ago, in an aerogram to Mum and Dad, I described strange holes in walls from which you could get money. Those ATMs also came and have almost gone in Australia.

We had telephones, newspapers, cheque books, encyclopaedia, drive-ins, cameras, street directories, and gramophones. Now one, all-but-worshipped device does it all.

It was inconceivable that a telephone would one day tell us who the Crows just beat, play music and movies, pay for groceries at the checkout, take pictures, give directions, and make calls.

A teenager's music playlist manifested by delicately lifting the needle from the vinyl at the end of a favourite song and moving it over to the next chosen one.

If visitors dropped in, the kettle was put on the woodstove to boil. Bushells tea leaves went into the teapot, boiling water was poured over and were left to steep for five minutes.

Then you would pour the tea through a tea-strainer into the cup, add milk and Bob's your uncle.

Oh, the wonder of tea bags and good heating

The 2022 Festival Fair saw thousands of people visiting more than 60 stallholders. PHOTO: Elvse Armanini



It's almost festival time which hosted a record

ELYSE ARMANINI

THE countdown is on for the 2023 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, and time is ticking if you want to

get involved. The festival committee is looking for interested vendors and stallholders to register for the Festival Fair, which will be held on Saturday 21 October, at the Jarrett Memorial Gardens in Renmark.

More than 3000 people made their way through the gates at last year's Festival Fair,

62 stallholders who reported good business activity throughout the day.

The market is almost fully subscribed, with more than 40 stall vendors already registered to occupy 60 sites.

However, sites are still available, and with less than 100 days to go until the festival begins, you have to be quick.

Interested vendors will need to apply by emailing the committee (renmarkroses@gmail. com.au) as soon as possible.

Tree Scheme makes dreams come true

IT'S now time for Riverland landholders to order native seedlings with Trees For Life.

The Tree Scheme program helps people grow and plant native seedlings to bring landscapes to life; providing habitat for wildlife, shelter for stock, rebuilding soil and cleaning waterways.

Locals can choose to grow their own seedlings, or have one of Trees For Life's passionate volunteers grow for them.

Expert staff can help select the right native species and provide all the help and information you need for the planting project.

For over 40 years the Tree Scheme has helped make dreams come true by working hand-in-hand with landholders to create properties that are full of life and possibilities.

Trees For Life revegetation services manager Vicki-Jo Russell said "having a dream to restore your property can be both inspiring and a little overwhelming".

"The Tree Scheme aims to make this dream as achievable as possible by providing a wide range of low-cost native seedlings suited to your property, along with advice about which species to plant," she said.

The beauty is you can take all the guesswork out of the ordering process and ask us to select the species for you. We also provide guidance when it's time to prepare your property for plant-

ing. "Often the most successful revegetation projects are those by landholders that steadily work to bring their restoration efforts to life over many years."

The Tree Scheme currently offers more than 200 species from 42 vegetation zones across South Australia.

Landholders can choose their own species or ask Trees For Life staff to select on their behalf.

Whether you have a vision in mind - or just want to get started but you're not sure how to make it happen -Trees For Life can help.

In 2023, there are several discounts on offer:

□ Landholders affected by the 2023 floods can receive a 50 per cent discount for seedlings, tree guards and stakes with support from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board.

□ Landholders with ElectraNet assets on their properties can receive a 50 per cent discount for seedlings, tree guards and stakes.

□ Schools and small community groups can get a 50 per cent discount when ordering native seedlings.

Tree Scheme orders are open until 31 August, 2023. More information is available on the Trees For Life

website (www.treesforlife. org.au).



Riverland landholders can currently order native seedlings through the Trees For Life Tree Scheme, with those impacted by the River Murray flood able to claim a 50 per cent discount for seedlings, tree guards and stakes. PHOTO: Trees For Life



Contact us for a species list for your area.

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- 3. Your order is ready to plant in winter 2024.

Discount available for flood-affected landholders, schools and small community groups.







Local man, Troy, was a guest speaker at a Rotary Club of Loxton meeting recently, where he outlined his experience as a volunteer in Ukraine. He is pictured with the Rotary Club of Loxton's Mike Woosnam. PHOTO: supplied

Local's perspective on life in Ukraine

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

WHILE the news hype surrounding the war in Ukraine has lessened in recent months, it is very real for a local man who is using his military experience to provide Ukrainians with expert medical training.

Troy - who wishes to keep his last name anonymous in case he returns to Ukraine for a third trip - has recently spent five months in the war-torn country.

Troy gave a presentation to the Rotary Club of Loxton recently, highlighting his time with Task Force Yankee, which is a multinational, US-led not for profit organisation.

It provides medical training to anyone in Ukraine, with a special focus on Ukrainian security forces.

"I don't want it to be about me as it's not my story. It's Ukraine's story," he said.

"But I feel if I don't talk about it, who else is going to talk about it?"

Troy spent 24 years in the military and has done two volunteer stints in Ukraine as it battles a war against Russia.

Troy assisted in providing advanced medical training through the Centre for Tactical Medicine in Kiev.

"It's hard sitting in a classroom with 16 people and you know that out of those 16 people, in about three months, half those people will be dead," he said.

"I've trained over 600 people and I'd say at least a quarter of those people are no longer alive now."

Troy said he went to Afghanistan and other war-torn countries prior to his recent volunteer efforts in Ukraine.

"Other places I've been to it's a bit muddy or a bit grey about who were the good guys and who were the bad guys to put in it very simple terms," he said.

"Ukraine is very easy to figure out who is who.

"Some of the things I've seen and some of the things I've heard from people – who I know to be very trustworthy people – are absolutely horrific.

"I could tell people some of the stories I know to be true, and it would keep you awake for the next month."

Troy said people seemed to be interested in what was happening in Ukraine, but "not too interested".

"Main stream media are probably afraid

that if they start telling people what is actually going on over there, it might skew people's opinions of what is going on.

"I think a lot of governments are afraid that if they actually reported on the things that are going on over there, they are going to have a demand to act and I don't think a lot of these governments want to do stuff.

"They want to do enough just to keep things happening and be seen to be doing stuff."

Troy said Ukraine "knows what its position is".

"I talk to Ukraine soldiers and they know they are being used by the world to basically bleed Russia out," he said.

"Ukraine will win. There's no two ways about that.

"It's just about how many people are going to die between now and then."

When asked what locals could do to help Ukraine, Troy encouraged Riverlanders to "just be informed".

"There's a lot pretenders (organisations) out there," he said.

"Do a little bit of research and a little bit of reading.

"If you feel like helping out, pick the group that you want to help out."

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Country Arts SA chief executive, Anthony Peluso, said.

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"We are so proud and

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ed and performed."

One Riverland audience

their stories will feel real."

A HIGHLY popular Country Arts SA show is returning to the Chaffey Theatre for two performances only in August.

Euphoria brings regional voices to the forefront in a rich and heart-warming tale of good days, bad days and everything in between.

The show was created with regional communities in "front of mind" and playwright Emily Steel - along with Country Arts SA arts and health creative producer, Alison Howard met with people in regional communities, and also spent time in mental health units meeting with clinical staff and clients to talk about the joys and challenges of country life.

The result of the consultation and development was Euphoria, a gently moving new work that offers a picture of country life, resonating with regional and metropolitan audiences.

Ms Steel said it was "an honour to create a script working so closely with South Australian regional communities".

"It was a privilege to meet so many people in so many communities, and to hear about their experiences," she said. "Euphoria is fictional,

"Euphoria is fictional, but I hope that, thanks to all those who helped with the A mental health profes-

Euphoria is heading back to the Chaffey Theatre for two performances only. PHOTO: supplied

sional will also be attached to the tour.

The role will support each post-show Q&A, providing a safe platform for audiences to discuss the work, and in doing so, engage in conversation around the themes and issues Euphoria raises about mental health and wellbeing in regional towns.

Euphoria will grace the Chaffey Theatre stage for two performances only on Thursday 10 August at 7pm and Friday 11 August at 11am.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit: www.countryarts.org.au/ events/euphoria/

It was a privilege to meet so many people in so many communities, and to hear about their experiences... - Emily Steel, Euphoria playwright

Reducing Riverland road accident trauma

REDUCING road accident trauma in areas including the Riverland was the aim of a federal industry roundtable held in Adelaide last week.

Chaired by Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Carol Brown, the roundtable brought together representatives from 20 organisations that directly support or rely on advancing road safety.

These included road safety research, transport industry, alcohol and drug, First Nations health, youth advisory, insurance, and motoring and cycling organisations.

Discussions were held on a number of critical areas to understand how to improve seatbelt use, reduce drink and drug driving, and minimising other risky road behaviours such as distracted driving and speeding. Ms Brown said the discussions "canvassed critical challenges and opportunities surrounding how we can reduce risky road use behaviours, from ramping up seatbelt use to minimising distracted driving".

"This builds on our ongoing road safety work, including leading the development of national best practice guidelines for drink and drug driving, fatigue and speed management, as well as driver distraction – which we are working on in consultation with states, territories and police," she said.

Reducing risky road use on Australian roads is one of the nine priorities included in the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30, a nationally agreed plan to reduce road fatalities by 50 per cent by 2030.





Moorook man Mick Kelly made his return to stage singing in the RMS production Mixtape, which opened last Saturday. PHOTOS: supplied

Mick's 'miracle' musical comeback

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

ONCE again being able to entertain local crowds marked the culmination of a journey of physical and emotional recovery for a Riverlander who last Saturday performed his first stage show in six years.

Moorook man Mick Kelly made his return to stage singing after a lengthy battle with throat cancer in the opening night of Riverland Musical Society's Mixtape production.

Mr Kelly said being involved in stage musicals was always a familiar experience.

"Being out of the game for six years, after 25 years, was very strange," he said.

"I'm nervous to a degree, but it's kind of like riding a bike. I've done 3500 shows, which is more than Britney Spears, so I've gotten used to it."

Mr Kelly – who was initially diagnosed with throat cancer in 2017 – said he had promised a loved one he would return to stage performing

"I've died five times on the journey, and people probably don't know I had a cardiac arrest two years ago as well, and needed a couple of stents put in my heart, 'he said.

"This is about thanking everyone who's gotten me back here, because I had a 50 to 70 per cent chance of not being able to talk.

"To be back on stage singing is just a miracle really and it's taken a lot of people to get me there, from surgeons to doctors, nurses, paramedics and the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

"During that time I lost my mum and dad as well. I spent two years caring for my mum... and I made her the promise I would get back on stage."

Mr Kelly said performing in the musical with his two daughters, Grace and Laila, was a personal highlight.

"The extra bonus is I'm on the stage with my two beautiful girls, which will be the first time in seven years," he said.

"For me to be able to do that, and get back on stage with my girls, is just a blessing.

"(Grace) has the most beautiful solo from a musi-



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cal called Waitress and she's just sublime. Every time she sings it I cry.

"They love being on stage and they've done it all their lives."

Mr Kelly said family – including wife Amy, sister Jocelyn and brother Ben – and fellow RMS members had all supported his return.

"It's filling my soul back up," he said. "I feel the most com-

"I feel the most comfortable on stage when I'm entertaining people, because I love making people happy.

"Music is such an incredible format for memories and emotions.

"There's 27 soloists in this show, which is incredible for an area like the Riverland."

PAGE 27 Mixtape review

MIND AND BODY

Six tips to improve mind-body wellbeing

MIND-body wellbeing brings a person's physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing together into a multi-faceted concept.

As a society, we spend much of our lives connected to events, screens and people, but forget to be present with ourselves.

Some basic practices to consider when trying to improve mind-body behaviours – allowing more opportunities for calmness and balance – are listed below.



MOVE YOUR BODY

Exercising regularly can increase your endorphins – hormones often referred to as 'feel-good' chemicals – and improve your mood. Research suggests exercise can help relieve symptoms of depression and anxiety in some people, so simply taking a walk can be enough to boost wellbeing.

2

EAT HEALTHILY

Diet and eating habits can have a direct impact on how you feel both physically and mentally. Try to reduce consumption of foods that can negatively affect your brain and mood, such as trans fats, alcohol, caffeine, and high levels of chemical preservatives or hormones.

Avoiding skipping meals, minimising sugar and refined carbs, eating a balanced diet, enjoying food and eating mindfully, and staying hydrated are all changes that can help improve wellness.



IMPROVE SLEEPING HABITS

Your mood can suffer if you are sleeping too little or too much. People generally need seven to eight hours sleep, and it is important to try and go to bed and wake up at the same time each day.



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Mr Kelly performs the song *Dear Theodosia*, from the musical *Hamilton*, alongside fellow local Mark Skewes in the production.



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dance, getting into nature and keeping a sense of humour are all positive ways to improve general wellbeing.

GIVE TIME TO YOURSELF

In times of personal hard-

ship, such as the grieving

period, it is essential to

think of you - especially

if you are someone who

looks out for others ahead of yourself. Allow yourself time, be gentle with yourself, let others help you when you need it, and remember you are never alone.

STAY SOCIALLY

When people are stressed,

they tend to withdraw from

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others and isolate themselves. Keeping in touch with family and friends, and participating in social activities, can improve stress management by giving your brain a break.



A NEAT way to improve wellbeing

WHILE searching for ways to improve health and wellbeing, the focus is often on exercise.

However, another aspect of physical activity can impact your overall wellbeing: non-exercise activity thermogenesis (NEAT)

NEAT refers to the energy expended through everyday movements and activities not part of intentional exercise.

Physical movements from fidgeting, or walking to household chores and gardening can play a vital role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



The benefits of incorporating NEAT into a daily routine include a boost in metabolism, an improved cardiovascular system and joint mobility, positive effects on mental health, and enhanced cognitive function and productivity.

SO, HOW CAN YOU INCORPORATE MORE NEAT ACTIVITIES INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE?

- Take short breaks throughout the day to stand up, stretch and move around. A standing desk is a great alternative for office-based professions.
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OUT & ABOUT IN THE RIVERLAND

HAVE SOME SOCIAL PICTURES TO SHARE?

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MARKET TIME: Amy Shipway, of Paringa, with daughters Ebony and Delphine, enjoying the Renmark Riverfront Markets last Saturday. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



Graham, Renmark, touring the recent Renmark Riverfront Markets with grandson Benson.



Rikki (left), Rylee and Sophie (front), all of Renmark.







ANNE ON THE **ROAD:** Opposition spokesperson for health and aged care, Senator Anne Ruston (right), attended the recent Regional Aged Care Summit, held in Mildura. She is pictured with event facilitator Nick Coatsworth, and Federal Mallee MP Anne Webster. PHOTO: supplied

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

Guided tours of The Pines Historic House are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903)

WEEKLY

Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery

in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506). WEEKLY

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

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

Renmark Bowling Club on Cowra Street would like to welcome you to bingo. Every Thursday night from 7pm.

WEEKLY

Loxcare Community Hub free mobile phone/tablet/computer questions and answers on the third Friday of each month from 10am. Enjoy a cuppa and learn about your devices as part of the Be Connected Network.

WEEKLY

Social badminton at the Barmera

Recreation Centre Thursday evenings, 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings. 9am to 10.30am. Racquets available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).

WEEKLY

Ukulele every Thursday during school terms, from 5.15pm to 6.45pm at the Monash Hall supper room. Inquiries to Margot (0407 796

508). Beginners welcome. WEEKLY

Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising. WEEKLY

The Barmera Community Men's Shed is

open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are welcome. Not open on public holidays. WEEKLY

Barmera Lake Bonney Ouilters meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.

WEEKLY

The SACWA Loxton District Branch meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft

WEEKLY Riverland Woodworkers at the old Renmark

High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun (0400 253 572). WEEKLY

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community

Hub, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584 6954. WEEKLY

Rock 'n' roll and partner dancing at Monash **Community Hall** Mondays from 7pm to 10pm with the River Rock Dance Club. \$5 entry, visitors welcome to come along and enjoy great music, dancing and a friendly atmosphere.

WEEKLY

U3A Riverland yoga in the CWA rooms, Loxton. Every Wednesday from 9.30am.

WEEKLY

The Renmark Senior Citizens Club meet every Tuesday at their clubroom, 75 Ral Ral Avenue. New members welcome. Please call Marina (8586 3331). WEEKLY

Loxton Historical Village open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, and public holidays. Pet friendly. Phone 8584 7194 or visit the website (www.thevillageloxton.com.au). WEEKLY

The Loxton Legacy Widow Group meet on

the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall. WEEKLY

The Berri Community Men's Shed is open

from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114. WEEKLY

Loxton Senior Citizens Club meet every Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm at RVCC, corner of Bookpurnong Road and View Street. New members welcome. Please phone Jean (8584 7313).

WEEKLY

Riverland Concert Brass Band. Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians welcome.

WEEKLY

Mainly Music for children aged 0 to 5 at Rivergum Christian College. Every Thursday, 10am to 11.30am during school terms. \$5 per week, per family. Cost goes towards morning tea for adults, pack a snack for your child. Come and try your first session free.

WEEKLY

Barmera Library school holiday Mexican fiesta of activities, Tuesdays and Fridays from 2pm. Enjoy an Animals Anonymous visit (19 July, 11am), or make a sombrero and poncho (21 July).

THURSDAY 20 JULY

Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Loxton Junior Football Club. Doors open at 6pm, seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm. Don't be late to join in the fun.

MONDAY 24 JULY

Riverland Stamp Club meeting, 10am at the Berri library

TUESDAY 25 JULY

Christian Women Communicating International (CWCI) ladies' dinner at Waikerie Hotel function room, 6pm. Safari ministry, guest speaker. Buy own dinner. Donation box. RSVP by July 19 to Carmel (0432 307 014) or Janelle (0429 609 338). WEDNESDAY 26 JULY **CWCI** ladies' morning tea at Loxton Uniting

Church, 10am. **FRIDAY 28 JULY**

Raising of the Taplan time capsule at the Loxton Historical Village, 10.30am. Morning tea to follow. For catering purposed please RSVP to Leanne (0427 791 987) by Friday 21 July.

SATURDAY 29 JULY & SUNDAY 30 JULY

Riverland Orchid Society Winter Show at Barmera Primary School. \$3 entry. Saturday 9.30am to 4pm and Sunday 9.30am to 3pm. Orchids displayed, potting demonstrations, plant sales, raffle, fully catered. All welcome. Inquiries call Marianne Lynch (0439 688 483)

SUNDAY 30 JULY

Renmark Lions Club 'fundraising bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Many bargains. EFTPOS available, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin $(0419\ 801\ 996)$

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST

Zonta Club of the Riverland monthly meeting at the Berri Hotel 6.30pm. New members welcome. Phone Dianna (0419 834 804) or Merylyn (0457 460 799).







LIONS GET TOGETHER: Renmark Paringa Council mayor Peter Hunter (left), wife Sue, outgoing Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks, and wife Sandy, at the group's recent handover dinner and AGM event, at Hotel Renmark. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



Renmark Lions Club treasurer Graham Edwards, with wife Glenda.



Renmark Lion Ron Sargent OAM, and wife Kath.



TIM'S TRIP WITH DAVID: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (centre) recently toured the Finnis electorate with MP David Basham (left). The pair are pictured with Compass Feeds owner Paul Zimmerman. PHOTO: supplied

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MUSICAL VIEWING: Jack Wong and Ju Han, both of Berri, enjoyed the premiere of Riverland Musical Society's Mixtape at the Bonney Theatre on Saturday evening. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

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Boost to Christmas Appeal coffers

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

ORGANISERS of this year's Riverland Christmas Appeal have welcomed a \$2000 commitment each year for the next four financial years from a local council.

The Renmark Paringa Council recently made the decision which has been warmly received by appeal organisers, who are expecting an increase in need for their services this Christmas.

"It is very reassuring to know that the council is willing to continue to support their own local council residents," said Mary Hansen, appeal secretary.

"We do like to focus on spending that money on people that will be applying for the Christmas hampers from their local government area."

Last Christmas the Riverland Christmas Appeal purchased 54 hampers for the Renmark Paringa area, with Mrs Hansen saying she "wouldn't be surprised" to see the need increase this year.

"Last year we bought those 54 hampers for Renmark Paringa members at the cost of \$35 to \$45 each," she said.

"We are trying to work out who to target in the community...

"They have to have a health care card or pension card, just something that reflects their financial situation.

"So, those needing assistance from Centrelink to exist, that kind of thing.'

This year the appeal will have banners up and other means in place to promote the role the organisation has at Christmas time.

"You will always get those who are familiar with it, and they will come back each year," Mrs Hansen said.

"But it might be newcomers that didn't know that it is happening.'

Mrs Hansen said the organisation could also be buying toys to boost the hampers.

"We quite often have heaps of toys for the younger children's age group," Mrs Hansen said.

"But as they get a little bit older then there are gaps in the age range of donations, so that is another reason why we need more money."

It is very reassuring to know that the council is willing to continue to support their own local council residents...

- Mary Hansen, Riverland Christmas Appeal secretary



DRA says goodbye to Blanchetown

Riverland community recover from the flood was recently completed.

Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) volunteers earlier this month departed the region after six weeks of assisting the Blanchetown community with flood recoverv

The team of volunteers combined spent an estimated 5400 hours supporting flood clean up, debris removal and minor home repairs.

DRA assisted the Blanchetown community at the request of the State Government and Green Industries SA.

Locals who require further flood recovery assistance and support are advised to contact the SA Relief and Recovery information line on 1800 302 787.

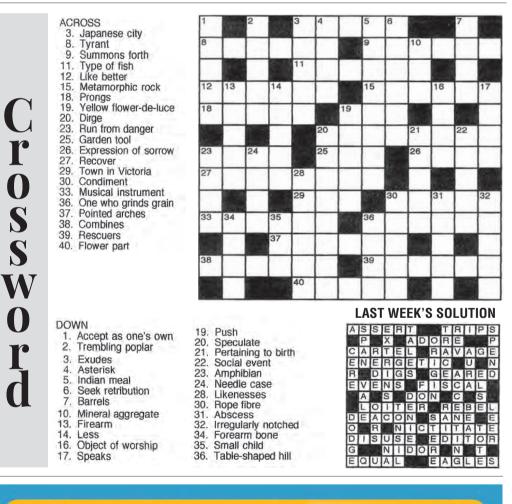


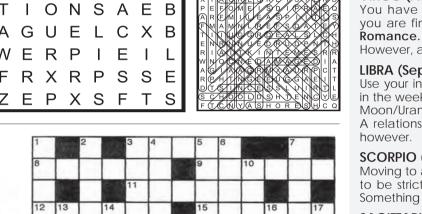


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July 2023 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Some recent misunderstandings need to be cleared up. The Moon/Mercury Midpoint presently in your sign will help to make communications with your family run a bit more smoothly than usual. **Romance.** Don't let pressure from your job spill over into your home life. Your partner will not appreciate it if you talk about work the whole time!

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Try to spend some time doing things which you normally don't have the time for. You need to recharge your batteries if you're going to stay in top form! **Romance.** If you want to criticise your partner for something they have done, try to do so as gently as possible. They're feeling sensitive to criticism right now.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A colleague at work will help to give your social life a boost. You will meet someone who is going to become important in your life, especially where your career is concerned. **Romance.** Your enhanced sensitivity will help you to understand your partner better. Some recent difficulties may be affecting their mood.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Don't let other people push you too hard. The Moon/Pallas Midpoint presently in your sign may help you to understand recent events more clearly. **Romance.** Your ability to understand your partner better will be crucial to improving the way you get on together. Time spent doing chores will move things in the right direction.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

You may need to accept that you have "bitten off more than you can chew". A difficult aspect to Saturn is limiting your ability to get things done this week. Maybe wait a little while before taking on more projects. **Romance**. Try not to get too attached to your possessions. There are more important things in life.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

You have spent a lot of time helping your colleagues at work recently: you are finally getting the praise you deserve. Keep up the good work! **Romance.** At times, you may wish that you could be somewhere else. However, an option which seems exciting might be less fun in practice.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Use your initiative, or you will miss an important opportunity. A meeting later in the week will give you the chance to get on the front foot. **Romance.** The Moon/Uranus Midpoint currently in your sign may make you a little impulsive. A relationship that has been warming up may still need time to develop, however.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Moving to a healthier diet will have an effect, but you must persist. You need to be stricter with yourself, and eat plenty of fresh vegetables. **Romance.** Something which comes out accidentally may shock your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A disagreement with a friend will end much more peacefully than it began. This person has some views which are very different from your own, but you have a surprising amount of common ground. **Romance.** You might be a little too strongly influenced by fantasy at the moment.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

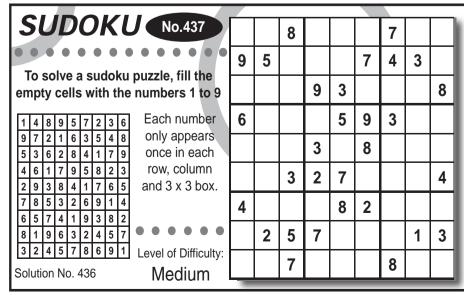
A favourable aspect to Jupiter will result in a success on a project you've been working on. Keep at it and you will pleasantly surprised by the progress you make. **Romance.** If you make the effort to create a romantic atmosphere at home, you will not be disappointed. Your partner will be responsive if you take the initiative.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

This will be a good week for your social life. A get-together with friends will put you in touch with someone new. Opportunities will come your way if you are prepared to take the initiative. **Romance.** A comment by your partner may make you a little insecure. You may have misunderstood their intentions.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

Self-indulgence will not do you any harm, and will be your reward to yourself for having worked hard this week. A much needed break will improve your stress levels. **Romance.** A long discussion with a close friend will help you to see things much more clearly. You need to get some perspective on the problem but when you do, things will start to improve.





Don't forget that if your name appears on the birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Wholemeal Crispy Chicken Snack Wrap, Apple Slices and 250mL Pop Tops™ Water Happy Meal®.

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A mosaic good time at Rain **Moth Gallery workshop**

A CREATIVE and productive time was had by those who attended the recent mosaic workshop at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery.

While most of the turtles will make their way into the private gardens of the participants, one will be donated to the Rain Moth for public display.

Many thanks to Susie Skujins for organising the workshop with Isabelle Dabrowski from Dabrowski Mosaic Design, in Kapunda, for showing how quick and easy it

SCHOOL holidays are almost over as the kids are back on Monday and we are almost at the end of July. How quickly the weeks are going by.

It is pleasing to see the table and bench seats now set up at the entrance of the White Street carpark area. I am sure this setting will be used by the community as an ideal place to sit and have a chat with friends, or simply have a rest while out shopping.

The next get together for the Waikerie & **Districts Cancer Care Support Group will** be on Thursday 27 July (note the change of day) at the Waikerie RSL clubrooms at 10am until 11.30 am. The group welcomes you to join for a coffee, tea and cake. This dedicated group is there "to provide a supportive, caring environment for those people with cancer, and their relatives and friends".

Adelaide has been brilliantly illuminated at night for the last couple of weeks and many from our region have enjoyed the spectacular event. There will be a Illuminate River Lights at Mannum from

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was to work with pre-cut glass and mirror tiles along with glass pebbles.

Thanks also go to Rain Moth Gallery and Waikerie Rotary Club who jointly subsidised this workshop for those who attended.

The Rain Moth Gallery encourages those with a skill or an idea to contact them to facilitate any workshops they think may be of interest to others and don't forget to keep an eye out for other workshops in the pipeline.



Liz Chidlow and Carol Walker of Waikerie both attended the recent mosaic workshop. PHOTOS: supplied



Friday 4 August, to Sunday 13 August, that will transform the main township and the riverfront to shine bright across those days and it's all free. Mannum welcomes you.

The Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery committee welcomes you to the official opening of the SALA Festival and the exhibition Unlemon, on Sunday 6 August, at 2pm, by artist Alison Mitchell. This will be of interest to many, particularly our citrus growers in the Riverland Region. Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke will open the exhibition. If you haven't called in to the Rain Moth recently you will be impressed with the items for sale in the shop created by the many talented local members of our

community. This is the last week to view the successful exhibition FLOOD, by Liz and Clint Frankel, and it will then be available to view at their Riverglen View Art Studio & Gallery, at Good Hope Landing.

It is disappointing when we see damage done to beautification that residents and volunteer groups have created to enhance our town. It saddens me.

Are you interested in your local Waikerie Horse and Pony Club? You may not have a horse anymore, but if you're still interested then you may like to give their group support. The annual general meeting will be held at the Pony Club rooms on Sunday 30 July with a sausage sizzle lunch at 11.30am, prior to the meeting at 1pm.

Have you been to our Waikerie Inter-Care shop recently? This project, which is community run, is so popular. We give thanks to the regular volunteers who are there and the help they offer. The shop displays are always well presented and what ever you are looking for, from a vase to a bedroom suite, you will find it there. The success of this volunteer project



Susie Skujins with mosaic artist Isabelle Dabrowski, alongside the turtle that will be donated to the Rain Moth Gallery.

comes from locals gifting so much as they declutter their homes to Inter-Care.

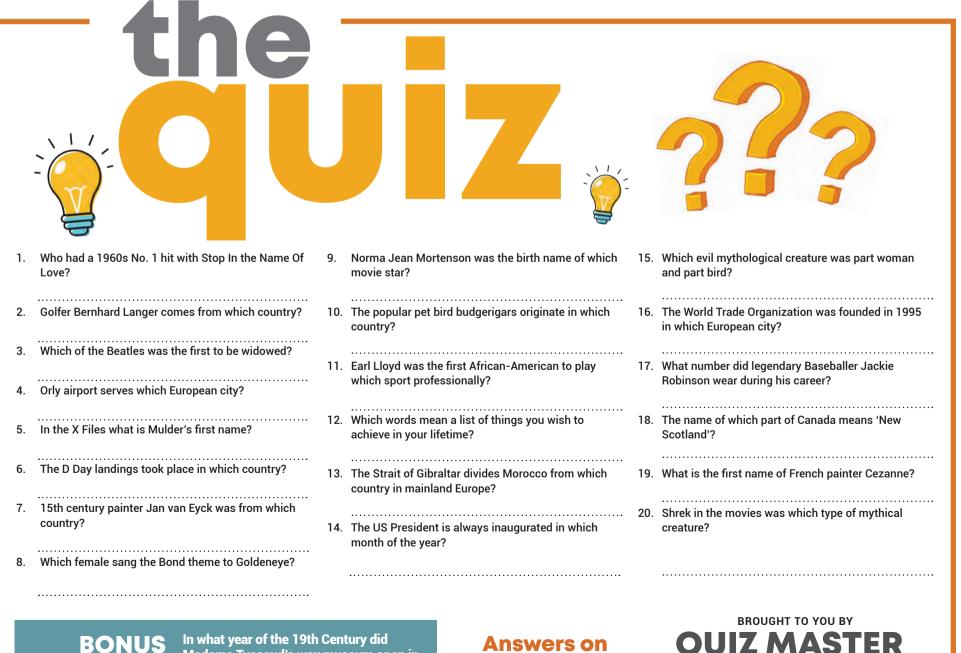
Well done and thanks to Vin Dowd for the initiative he took to let the State Government know that overtaking lanes are not enough for the roadworks on the Sturt Highway, near Truro. The petition he has presented has been circulated throughout the regions of SA and Mildura.

It has been a busy time at the Waikerie Library over the school holidays with children and the activities they enjoyed. The library welcomes people of all ages to participate with a Bell Ringing Workshop on Monday 24 July, at 10 am. Imagine the creative sound of the bells, moving gently together, as we know music can be healing. Bookings are essential on 8541 0720. Make your booking now and enjoy sharing the time together. Morning tea will be available.

Thought for the week:

"The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving"

Oliver Wendel Holmes



In what year of the 19th Century did Madame Tussaud's wax museum open in London? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 35



Murray Pioneer editor HUGH SCHUITEMAKER reviews the Riverland Musical Society's 2023 production...



The Riverland Musical Society's production Mixtape brings together 30 hits from well-known classics and modern musicals. PHOTOS: Rylace Studio

Musical society talent showcased in Mixtape

THERE is no shortage of laughs and smiles, and perhaps the odd tear, for those who see the Riverland Musical Society's production Mixtape.

RMS returned to the Bonney Theatre stage last Saturday with the opening night of its 2023 show.

This year sees the society trying its hand at an original production, of sorts, which brings together 30 hits from well-known classic and modern musicals.

Some of these musicals – such as Anything Goes, Grease and My Fair Lady - had featured in previous years of RMS productions, while selections from The Book of Mormon and The Greatest Showman not only provide an example of the group's versatility, but also

of what might the group has in store for future years. The concept behind Mixtape is perhaps a little unconventional, with a public-style bar providing the background setting, but it only takes a few minutes for audiences to be caught up in the enjoyment of familiar

songs and stories. Among the 30 songs featured in the show, the performances of Lauren Ward, Mark Skewes, John Molden and Grace Kelly perhaps stand out, and provoke a range of emotions among the audience.

The level of complexity in the dance routines of both young and old members - particularly during the numbers from Grease and Mamma Mia! – also remains a testament to the effort the

RMS cast puts into their annual productions.

The performers are expertly accompanied throughout the night by local pianist Karyn Skewes, who impressively transitions through decades of different musical styles without noticeably missing a note.

Locals still have the chance to see Mixtape at one of the following performances, all at the Bonney Theatre, in Barmera:

□Saturday 22 July,

7.30pm Sunday 23 July, 2.30pm

□Saturday 29 July, 7.30pm

Sunday 30 July, 2.30pm Further information can be found by visiting the RMS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ RiverlandMusicalSociety).



Mixtape features songs from musicals including Anything Goes, Grease, Mamma Mia and My Fair Lady.



Murray Pioneer editor Hugh Schuitemaker at the initial consultation with visiting trichologist Chelcey Salinger in April, where treatment options were recommended. PHOTO: Elvse Armanini

All in the hair: it's time for the results

MURRAY Pioneer editor Hugh Schuitemaker recently had a follow-up consultation with Australian Trichology Centre trichologist Chelcey Salinger to see what improvements her recommended treatments had on his hair.

While I had established what I believed to be a decent hair-care routine over the last few years, including a number of conditioning products, a constant concern of mine was effects of the dry climate we tend to experience in the Riverland.

My first appointment with Chelcey on April 24 - validated this worry, as her examination of my hair and scalp revealed signs of peri-follicular inflammation due to heat and dryness.

In order to improve the condition of the scalp, Chelcey recommended daily doses of L-Tyrosine, while also increasing the frequency of washing my hair.



Before treatment. PHOTOS: supplied

A little over two months later and it was time to see the results during Chelcey's latest visit to the region on Monday.

As evidenced by the before and after pictures, her treatment plan had a very positive effect on my scalp, which was free of any oil or flaking.

While my need for hair treatment would never have been described as dire, seeing Chelcey provided a very interesting insight into how I can keep my hair in better condition in the Riverland climate.

She will next be practising in the Riverland on October 3, and can help with hair loss and thinning, dryness, and scalp flakiness.

For further information regarding Chelcey's services, or to book an appointment, phone the Australian Trichology Centre on 8296 4098, or visit the website (www.hairlossspecialist.com.au/). - Hugh Schuitemaker



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Heather Everingham

THE members of the Paringa branch of Women in Agriculture and Business heard former South Africans Malcolm and Kathleen Tubb present an overview of the colonisation of South Africa, and of their own personal experiences before emigrating to Australia.

The Dutch were the first colonisers in 1652 when they set up a supply station at the Cape - buying cattle and vegetables from the local inhabitants - before continuing on their trading route to India. This situation lasted more than 100 years until the arrival of the British, who set up the Cape Colony. The Dutch did not want to live under British rule and many trekked in wagons to the north where they set up their farming colonies of Orange Free State and Transvaal. At the same time the Zulus migrated south with bloodshed on both sides and the Pygmies were almost wiped out. Kathleen has Boer ancestry while Malcolm is of English descent.

In 1910 the Union of South Africa was formed with four provinces: Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal and Orange Free State. In 1948 the National Party came to power and legalised apartheid and separate development. In 1994 the African



Guest speakers Malcolm and Kathleen Tubb with Paringa WAB member Ruth Christie (centre) inspecting a Zulu war weapon. PHOTO: supplied

National Congress was voted to power in a multiracial election, however with no experience in running a country, the result was airways going bankrupt, railways not running and the country's economy collapsing.

Kathleen shared her experiences as the only white teacher in a school of 600 black students, where she taught English as a second language, against a background of civil unrest and the burning of schools and books. The family's phone was tapped and they lived under surveillance. Kathleen was labelled as subversive and was interrogated all night on one occasion, under laws which allowed the ruling powers to arrest anyone for 30 to 180 days in jail without trial.

Personal tragedies within their family and with friends saw them leave their former homeland in 1986. Members inspected a Zulu weapon, a short stabbing spear favoured for close combat rather than a long spear. These were decorated with beads by Zulu women and the patterns have meanings.

The WAB theme for 2023-24 is Rural Women Together, the project is Foodbank and country of Study is Iceland.

Our next meeting is at Jocie Cooper's home in Renmark, on Tuesday 25 July, at 9.30am, and guest speaker is Renmark Paringa councillor Maria Spano.





A day of the Mildura Wentworth Music Festival 2023 schedule

GRACING the stage at the opening concert for the 2023 Mildura Wentworth Music Festival, on Friday 22 September, are **Paul Costa**, **The Parle Brothers**, **Justin Standley**, **Kickass Cowgirls**, and **Jarrod Shaw**.

The closing concert will be held on Saturday 30 September, from 5pm to 9pm and will feature New Zealanders **Kevin Greaves** and **Eddie Lowe**, along with **Sandie Dodd** and **Nev & Toni**, with the venue yet to be announced.

From Saturday artists appearing on both indoor and outdoor venues will be on rotation through the venues.

The following is the Wednesday 27 September program of events:

Coomealla Club Downstairs Lounge: 12pm to 2pm: **Rob Breese**, **Rodney Vincent**; 6pm to 8.30pm **Aaron**

Schembri, Connie Kis Andersen; 9pm to 11pm: Evan Plaschinda, Dean Perrett. Coomealla Club Auditorium: Two

shows 3pm to 5.30pm and 8pm to 10.30pm. **The Long n Short Of It, Kevin Greaves, Eddie Low**, & **Paul Costa** Show.

Mildura Workingman's Club: Bistro 121: 8am to 10am Poets Breakfast with **Neil McArthur**.

Sierra Lounge: 7pm to 10pm Matt Manning, Tracy Coster – tribute, Lance Birrell – tribute.

Mildura Cruises Lock 11 and Lunch: (From main Mildura Wharf) at 11.30am to 2pm **Sandie Dodd**, **Lance Birrell** ticket required.

Crown Hotel Wentworth: Greg & Julia, Rodney Vincent.

The Corporate Moose: 9pm to 11pm (nightly after party) **Matt Manning**, **Nev** & Toni then open mic.

Blues Cruise on Paddle Boat Mundoo: 6pm to 9.30pm **Old Dogs**, **Jarrod Shaw**, **Aaron Schrembri**, all-in band jam.

Pizza Café: 8pm to 10pm **Nev & Toni**, **Kaelin Haimes, John O'Dea**.

Gol Gol Hotel: 12pm to 2pm **Christine Clifford, Evan Plaschinda**. 6pm to 10pm **Kaelin Haimes, Kinta Watts, Shavonne Aliphon, Justin Standley**.

Mildura City Showcase: 11am to 4pm Christine Clifford, Paul Costa, Dwayne Elix, John O'Dea, Bec Hance, Shavronne Alliphon.

Apex River Beach Caravan Park Walk up Stage: 10am to 1pm hosts **Rod & Rhonda Owen**.

Apex Happy Hour Sessions: 4pm to 6pm **Tracy Coster**, **The Sullivans**.

Wentworth Music By The Darling: 11am to 3pm **Jarrod Shaw**, **Dean Perett**, **The Sullivans**,

Lance Birrell, Kinta Watts. Club Merbein: 6pm to 9pm Bec

Hance (Carol King), **Dwayne** Elix (Johnny Cash), **Sandie** Dodd (Dolly Parton)

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The festival website (mildurawentworthmusicfestival.com) has the program on there now, with the printed program to be available from the product table and from the festival venues.

As I have often said, compilation albums are a good way to hear an artist you may not have heard before, and I recently received *The Balladeers Volume* 25.

This one features **Dean Perrett** with Walkabout Waters, **Angus Gill** – Waiting For The Boss (featuring **Anne Kirkpatrick**), **Stephen R Cheney** – 'Cause That's The Life For Me, **Vanessa Sanger** – Sarah's Memory, **George Payne** – If I Could Turn Your Silver Hair To Gold, **Ashley Cook** – The Old Man's Kingdom, **Peter Coad OAM** – Kidman's Men, **Terry**





Bennetts – Rabbit Flat Polka, Steve Sparrow – Big Old Land - Australia, Tom Chesterfield – Rhythm Highway, Anne Fraser – The Rains On Uluru, Ron Lynch – That's The Kind Of Life I Live, Coad Sisters – Murray River Lullaby, Dianne Lindsay OAM – Family Tree, Bruce Lavender – Further Out, Andrew Ryan – In The Warrego, Ian Castles – The Legend Of Heritage Springs, Peter Simpson OAM - Banks Of The Goobra, Rodney Walker – Town Of Underbin, and B-Doubles – Red Velvet Poppy.

There are some real beauties in among these tracks, and as with all bush ballads they each tell a story.

This is available through the Australian Bush Balladeers Association or from any of the artists featured.

When **Darren Colston** performed from home during Covid, I did watch his Facebook performances, and he has now released a new 12-track album, *Ruckers*

Hill. It has always been a pleasure to listen to Darren perform as you can hear every word in his songs, perfect diction, which is my kind of performance.

I never found a dud track on this offering and have listened to it over and over.

A few of the special tracks are *Call It Australia*, *What Happened To Dreams*, *Hello Riverina*, *Let The Bottle Do The Lying*, *The Mother*, *I Saw You Smile Today*, and *Ruckers Hill*.

All songs are written by Darren, and he plays acoustic guitar on the album, with other musos who had an input being **Charlotte Jacke, Tim Crouch**, and **Luke Moller**.

The biggest individual contribution came from the producer of the album, **Damian Cafarello**, who played 10 instruments, and provided backing vocals along with **Katie Briana**.

Herm Kovac produced the track, I Saw You Smile Today.

As an independent artist you will need to go to the website (www.darrencolston. com) to purchase a copy of the album.

A sad piece to end this column on is the news that one of our pioneers of Aussie country music, **Kevin King**, passed away on 22 June, aged 92.

It was after hearing **Tex Morton** on the radio singing *Rocky Ned*, that Kevin became interested in county music.

Back in 1949 he entered various talent quests, after he taught himself guitar, and won first prize of a guitar in one on Radio 2CH in Sydney.

Kevin recorded several sides on the Regal Zonophone label in 1952, with the song he is known best for, being *Rub-a-Dub-Dub*, which was backed by *With This Ring I Thee Wed*, and this release sold 20,000 copies.

He recorded 28 sides on the Columbia and Regal Zonophone labels.

Tours with the All Star Western Show with **Nev Nicholls**, **Chad Morgan**, **Rick & Thel** and fiddler **Peter Mollison** proved popular and drew big crowds in its 15-month duration, and also toured with **Reg Lindsay**.

Kevin was inducted into the National Country Music Hands of Fame in 1978, and elevated to the Roll of Renown in 2007.

Just a reminder for those going to the 2024 Tamworth Country Music Festival, tickets are already on sale, and it is hoped that the **Rick & Thel** bronze busts will be ready to be unveiled in January.



LET'S ALL HAVE A PICNIC: Renmark Paringa Council recently installed a new table and seat setting in the barbecue shelter at SS Ellen Park, in Lyrup, for members of the community and visitors to sit at while utilising the park's facilities. PHOTO: supplied



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SUPPORT for Riverland industries has contributed to South Australia recording the nation's equal-highest business confidence, according to a new report.

The ANZ/Property Council Survey for the June quarter revealed SA recorded the largest increase in property industry confidence of all states.

Treasurer Stephen Mullighan said the figures illustrated South Australia's economy was maintaining a "position of strength". "This is another encouraging result for South Australia which shows our economy remains strong even in the face of national downturns," Mr Mullighan said.

"But this is not the time for complacency. The full impact of the Reserve Bank of Australia's rate rises is yet to flow through, and our record employment figures are unlikely to hold. "It's important we continue to support businesses and invest in opportunities to grow jobs and our economy to ensure we enter this period of economic uncertainty from the strongest position possible."

The improvement in the state's business confidence was also reflected in Business SA's Survey of Business Expectations, and NAB's Quarterly SME Business Survey for the March quarter of 2023.

Riverland historian ROSEMARY GOWER has written this obituary for well-known local KEITH BROOKE...

Vale Keith Brooke 1928-2023

KEITH Brooke, 95, from Barmera, passed away recently in Adelaide after a short illness. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his passing.

Keith was the eldest son of Don Brooke, who moved to Barmera as a soldier settler after WWI. The Brooke family were prominent in Adelaide after Don's grandfather Samuel Brooke – born in Middlesex, England – migrated to Australia in the mid-1800s.

Don was a Gallipoli veteran who chose a parcel of land at Barmera when he returned from the Great War and planted up a vineyard, which is still in the family today. Don met his wife, Bobby, when her family sent her from Esperance to stay with her auntie in Barmera in the hope of finding a husband. Her auntie's husband was the engineer stationed at Barmera overseeing the surveyance and establishment of the soldier settlement program in Barmera and district.

Bobby and Don married and had three children, Keith, his brother Michael and a sister Christine, who were all raised on the family property. Brooke Street was named after Don.

Their children attended Barmera Primary School before Keith and Michael moved to Adelaide to attend St Peter's College. When Keith graduated he was accepted into Roseworthy Agricultural College to study a practical course on small-mixed farming. This enabled him to develop skills relating to the cultivation of land, and a love of pigs and chooks. He left after one year and spent the next couple of years travelling all around Australia with his mates from college.

Michael went on to become a civil engineer who built bridges in New Guinea, but sadly passed away suddenly at the age of 27 after falling ill when he came back to Australia on holiday.

When Keith returned to Barmera he purchased a vegetable block and set up a piggery and poultry farm, producing 1000 eggs each week. He grew pumpkins and cornered the market, which was very profitable for a time. When the adjoining property to his father's block came on the market he purchased that and proceeded to build his house after carting sand from the lake to make the bricks himself after work.

It was while Keith was attending a party at the home of one of his mates that he met the love of his life, Janet. She was a very attractive young woman who was nursing at Barmera Hospital and after a whirlwind courtship, they married in the St Peter's Church. They went on to have six children, Petria, Peter, Cathy, Tim, Richard and Christopher.

As the family expanded they swapped houses with Keith's parents because the family home was much bigger and more accommodating. Today his eldest son Peter lives there with his wife, Ann, and they provided Keith with two grandsons, one of whom works on the block.

Petria married Peter Carr and they live in Scotland with their three children. She returned home at least twice a year over the past three years to visit her father when his health deteriorated.

Cathy and her husband Bill Parker live in Adelaide with her five children, while Tim and his wife Kay live on a property in Waikerie where they raised four children. Richard married Leeanne and they live in Barmera and work a section of the family property while holding down jobs. They have three children. Leeanne has just returned from a trip to Canada where she toured with her son Tom, who is currently living there. The youngest sibling, Christopher, lives in Sydney with his partner David.

Keith and Janet were deeply involved with the local community through operating their fruit-growing property, family activities, church, and many sporting and social activities. They developed many close local friendships over the years and were very popular residents in the Riverland. Keith was a member of the Barmera Apex Club, which was responsible for building the swimming enclosure at the jetty.

He and other members of the Barmera Apex Club drove their trucks all the way to the Darling Basin to chop down trees to use for timber to build the jetty, following extensive fundraising events to cover costs. He was also a member of Rotary and Probus.

He was the deputy chairman of the Barmera Co-op for more than 30 years, chaired the SA Dried Fruits Association for many years and even travelled overseas to visit the main wine regions of Europe to gleen more knowledge. He was also chair of the Barmera Church of Christ.

When the children were young they all helped out during the apricot season to earn pocket money, and Keith was known to wake his children in the middle of the night to help move the apricot trays to safety every time a storm hit. He had planted up four acres of apricots of various varieties.

Music played a large part of Keith's life, and he and Janet regularly participated in musical evenings with friends. He was very proud of Janet's beautiful soprano voice and supported her in her musical pursuits. He learned to play the piano and he encouraged his children to play a musical instrument. Individually they excelled in a range of instruments, including the piano, violin, trumpet and drums, while some excelled at the piano and singing. They all inherited their parents' appreciation of music.

They enjoyed the weekends and school holidays when the family spent many hours participating in aquatic sports, skiing behind their speed boat on the lake, or fishing on the river. Keith purchased a shack at Black Point and they spent many holidays there and enjoyed net fishing until it was banned, catching crabs with nets, and fishing off shore.

Keith and his children were absolutely devastated when Janet was diagnosed with a brain tumour. They were only in their mid-50s. Keith acted as her carer, attending to all her needs with deep love and compassion, while still working the block. He never lost



Keith Brooke

faith in his Lord throughout her illness and stayed very positive.

Janet's auntie and close friend Emily was a great support to Keith and the family during Janet's illness and after she died. Emily had lost her husband to cancer many years before and was a very close, muchloved family member to them all. Keith and Emily later married and spent many happy years travelling together around Australia and overseas, and just enjoying time with their blended family. They eventually moved into the Lutheran Independent Homes in Adelaide, where they made many friends and enjoyed dinners and musical evenings with the other residents. They had been married for 26 years when Keith died.

Keith, like his father Don, was very entrepreneurial and always looked at ways to improve the way they ran their properties and increased production. They, along with all the other growers in the Riverland, did all their picking and pruning by hand, and irrigated using the furrow system in the early days. They all improved their irrigation practices over time and Keith was one of the largest growers of dried sultanas in the region. He planted up half the block to wine grapes while he maintained the sultanas for drying.

His legacy comes after being a very active community member, and a much-admired and loved father and grandparent, who taught his children to work hard and to challenge life to the fullest.



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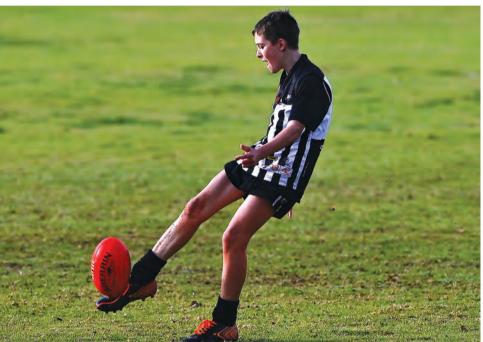
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COMMUNITY NOTICE

AGM - The Waikerie Horse and Pony Club is being held Inc. Sunday, July 30, on 2023. Sausage sizzle 11.30am with from AGM at 1pm. Curtis Road clubrooms.



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of your organisation, the type of volunteer needed and contact details to: murraypioneer.co Fax: 8586 4333 and we will print your

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Renmark Paringa Community Museum... The Museum is looking for volunteers who would be interested in the following roles, for mechanically minded we have 70 vintage engines that need to be run and a few repaired along with general maintenance, gardeners and administration volunteers. Contact Wayne on 0407618311

Loxton Mardi Gras... Loxton Mardi Gras Inc are seeking the volunteer services of a Secretary. Mentoring will be provided by our Secretary of many years. We are a small committee who will provide help and support when required. Please email loxtonmardigras@ amail.com if you are able to help our 67th Annual Family Festival take place either as Secretary or a committee member or phone Liz 0418 803 650

Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of **National Trust)** are seeking able bodied volunteers to help with maintaining walking trails, weed control, pest control, revegetation & other projects. If you enjoy the outdoors please contac Gordon on 0427847896 for more information.

The Pines... Loxton's Historic House and Gardens are looking for volunteer gardeners and tour guides to inform visitors of the amazing history of this beautiful house and gardens built in 1909 Training provided. Contact Helen 0421 601 903.

Meals on Wheels There's a volunteer in all of us! Meals on Wheels have a variety of volunteering opportunities in kitchen, delivery and administration, at a number of locations across the Riverland If you have some time to put to good use, olease contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles your volunteering tastebuds!

Riverland Red Cross.. are looking for volunteer drivers and we would love to hear from you. Please contact Narelle 1800 334 882 or search (Berri https:// volunteering.redcross.





Chris Picton

Government begins new vaping blitz

BUSINESSES in the Riverland will be monitored as part of an eight-week enforcement blitz targeting the illegal sale of nicotine vapes.

SA Health compliance officers last week began visiting businesses that sell vaping devices - including convenience stores and service stations - to ensure new licencing conditions were being met.

Minister for Health Chris Picton was "deeply concerned about the alarming rates of young people becoming addicted to vapes".

"Data shows the prevalence of young people using vapes has jumped from one per cent to nearly 8 per cent in the past five years," Mr Picton said.

"This is why we are taking strong action to try to halt this serious health problem.

"These strict new conditions are designed to keep illegal nicotine vapes out of retail outlets and out of the hands of South Australians, especially children.

"All retailers need to be accountable for what they are selling."

Acting chief public health officer, Dr Chris Lease, said retailers found to be in breach of the regulations would face "significant penalties".

'We gave licence holders a month's notice to familiarise themselves with the changes so they can comply with them from today and we urge them to make sure they are doing the right thing," Dr Lease said.

Previous enforcement blitzes over the past year have resulted in the seizure of approximately 15,000 illegal nicotine vapes - including from unlicensed premises - as well as 17 fines issued and three licences cancelled.

To ensure vaping products are nicotinefree, licence holders under the new licence conditions must:

□ Immediately cease selling, supplying, possessing or storing nicotine vaping products.

Obtain and maintain proof from suppliers that their non-nicotine vaping products are in fact nicotine-free.

□ Arrange laboratory testing if their supplier cannot or will not provide written documentation confirming the vapes do not contain nicotine.

□ Maintain relevant documentation of the supplier, importer or manufacturer that enables their products to be traced.

Train staff and provide adequate supervision on requirements of the Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act (TEP Act), Controlled Substances Act 1984 and other relevant legislation.

Display their TEP Act licence, including the conditions in a visible place on the premises.

Any licensed retailer found breaching the conditions risks penalties of up to \$10,000, while any person or retailer found selling or supplying e-cigarette products or tobacco without a licence faces penalties of up to \$20,000.

Further information can be found by visiting the website (www.sahealth.sa.gov. au/tobaccolaws).



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Betta

Retail Assistant

The experienced team at Berri Betta Home Living are looking for a new member to join their team, this is a permanent part time position.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate the following qualities.

A genuine desire to provide outstanding customer service in a team environment.

A strong work ethic, good organisational skills, on time task completion without supervision and the ability to communicate with both customers and staff.

An in depth understanding of, or a strong desire to learn about a comprehensive range of Furniture, Bedding and Manchester.

This is an opportunity for an energetic individual to join a successful retail business and enjoy the challenges, rewards and camaraderie the Furniture industry offers.

The position will require the successful applicant to work Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday with some extended hours in peak periods and when other staff are on leave.

Please forward Resumes to: Sean Drake Berri Betta Home Living. 6-12 Vaughan Terrace Berri SA 5343

or email to: sean.drake@my.betta.com.au

ALMOND BOARD

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FINANCE OFFICER

An exciting opportunity exists to join the Almond Board of Australia (ABA), the national representative body for the Australian Almond Industry.

The ABA is a progressive organisation based in Loxton, and seeks the services of a motivated, enthusiastic individual to undertake administrative and financial functions.

Duties will include:Accounts Payable

- Accounts Receivable
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- Credit Card Maintenance and Reconciliations
 Payroll
- Financial Reporting
- Maintaining Office Filing Systems
 Covering clerical, reception and other office duties as required
- Required skills and abilities:

Impressive interpersonal skillsStrong analytical, time management and

- organisational skillsAbility to prioritise, multi-task and work with
- minimal supervisionWillingness to work in a team environment
- Excellent administrative skills with demonstrated experience
 Experience with computer accounting
- software (preferably Reckon) • Adequate skills in Microsoft Office Suite
- (Outlook, Excel, Word, Access & PowerPoint) Applicants are required to address criteria

outlined in the position description. A copy of the position description can be obtained by emailing:

admin@australianalmonds.com.au

Applications and enquiries should be addressed to:

Shannon Harkins – Finance & Business Manager Almond Board of Australia PO Box 1507, Loxton SA 5333 Phone: (08) 8584 7053 Email: sharkins@australianalmonds.com.au



Riverland Speedway AGM Sunday, July 23, at 3pm to be held in the speedway club rooms Contact Neville on 0429872216





GENERAL MEETING Mon 14th August 2023 at 7pm

McGilton Road Berri <u>SUMMER SEASON</u> Hot Shots, 5-10 years Starts 10th September, 3:45pm Junior Tryouts - September 7, 14, 21, 5-6pm Girls Squad, 8-10 years, Sundays 4:30pm Senior training TBA New players welcome



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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Chang Cheng is better known in English as The Great Wall of China.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SELECT COMMITTEE ON RECYCLING OF SOFT PLASTICS AND OTHER RECYCLABLE MATERIAL

A Select Committee of the Legislative Council has been established to inquire into and report on the recycling of soft plastics and other recyclable material in South Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) How South Australia has responded to REDcycle being unable to process soft plastics;(b) Investigate how supermarkets and other collection points have ceased collections and what can be
- (b) Investigate now supermarkets and other concerton points have ceased concertons and what can be done to re-establish these services;
- (c) Determine whether funding from the state government (including Green Industries SA funding) has been sufficient to support South Australian businesses and local government councils within the soft plastics and other recyclables industry, including aluminium;
- (d) Identifying short and long term opportunities and solutions to ensure soft plastics can be recycled in South Australia;
- (e) Examining strategies more broadly to reduce soft plastic waste generation and better management of commercial and residential waste; and
- (f) Any other related matters.

Any person or organisation wanting to make a written submission to the inquiry, or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee, is invited to do so by Friday 8 September 2023. Please note, the Committee reserves the right to determine which witnesses will be invited to provide an oral submission.

Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee at: E-mail: screcycling@parliament.sa.gov.au or to GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001

For queries or to discuss the submissions due date please contact the Secretary on ph: 08 8237 9416 or the email address above.

Robyn Schutte Secretary to the Committee

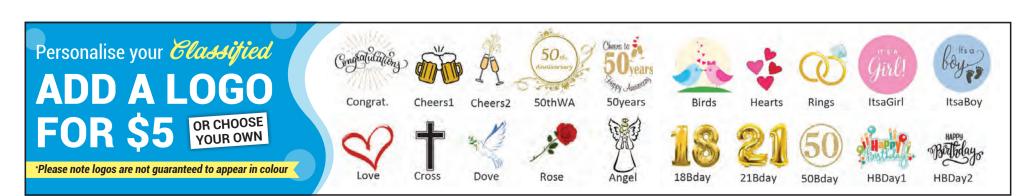
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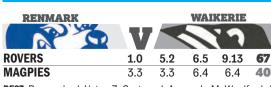
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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The tallest American President was Abraham Lincoln.





RIVERLAND A GRADE



BEST: Renmark - J. Vater, Z. Gartery, J. Anspach, M. Woolford, J. Rowe, A. Havnes, Waikerie - T. Geehman, K. Sinnott, E. Neal, B. Smith, S. Hausler, S. Smyth.

GOALS: Renmark - A. Haynes 3, D. Johnson, R. Perry, J. Rowe, J. Vater, M. Woolford, N. Zunic. Waikerie - B. Burgemeister, S. Chambers, C. Daniels, T. Hocking, S. Liebich, E. Neal.



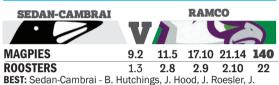
BEST: Barmera-Monash - B. Drogemuller, F. Sampson, S. Butterworth, J. Sullivan, J. Bonney, J. Smith. Berri - S. Hawkins, E. Penaluna, O. Hunyadi, M. Corbett, A. Holtham, L. Watson. GOALS: Barmera-Monash - B. Drogemuller, C. Marks, J. Smith 2, J. Freeman, A. Scordo, D. Westley, M. Wilden. Berri - R. Kruger, P. Safralidis



M. Warner, J. Mann. Loxton North - J. Worsfold, T. Kent, C Voumard, J. Obst. C. Koehne, J. Proud.

GOALS: Loxton - N. Flight 4, J. Mann 3, D. Kassulke 2, H. Campbell, L. Evans, R. Liddle, Loxton North - J. Proud 3, C. Koehne, R. Proud, A. Shapley 2, T. Kent, J. Obst, A. Westley.

MURRAY VALLEY



Grieger, R. Loffler, D. Harding. Ramco - K. Kuchel, Z. Knox, L. Hart, J. Moxham, N. Vishnich, B. Storton.

GOALS: Sedan-Cambrai - J. Roesler 4, D. Harding, J. Le Couteur 3, J. Grace, J. Grieger, C. Thompson 2, A. Cooper, J. Hood, C. Rodriguez-Jamez, J. Schulz, N. Schulz. Ramco - A. Burckett, B. Gale.

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BEST: Brown's Well - B. Oxlade, H. Chandler, M. Phillips, B. Edmonds, J. Kelton, D. McNeil. Paringa - F. Peters, L. Daniel, B. Roesler, A. White, K. Seekamp, B. Morey.

GOALS: Brown's Well - H. Chandler 5, M. Fitzgerald, M. Phillips, B. Victor 2, B. Edmonds, D. McNeil, B. Oxlade. Paringa - S. Frahn 2, D. Hill, F. Peters, B. Smith, D. Waye.



BEST: Murrayville - K. Gohl, C. Sporn, J. Glazbrook, J. Llewellyn, N. Wright-Bramfit, R. Lewis. Wunkar - J. Tapper, O. Winen, N. Henschke, N. Brown, J. Zimmermann, J. Wood. GOALS: Murravville - J. Glazbrook, N. Wright-Bramfitt 3, R.

Lewis, C. Wisneske 2, L. Dumaresq, A. Funcke, Wunkar - T. Schulz, R. Stasinowsky 3, N. Henschke, H. Kelly, T. Renshaw, Z. Zimmermann.

RWFL RESULTS

Berri 6.6 (42) d Barmera-Monash 1.4 (10).

BEST: Berri - D. Riddle, J. Butters, K. Schwertfeger, A. Shapley, B. Schultz, B. Cooper. Barmera-Monash - K. Mudge, D. Troy, S. Albrecht, N. Abdulla, S. Yasserie, A. Kennedy. GOALS: Berri - S. Geyer 2, B. Cooper, M. Katsaitis, K. Langford, P. Tieste. Barmera-Monash - E. Carmichael Renmark 6.9 (45) d Waikerie 6.7 (43).

BEST: Renmark - M. Petersen, F. Morgan, G. Hodder, C. Kenvon, B. Ward, K. Ratcliffe. Waikerie - C. Helbig, J. Hansen, S. Charles, S. Campbell, L. Pickett, R. Smith. GOALS: Renmark - M. Petersen 3, F. Morgan 2, T. Batchelor. Waikerie - details not provided.

Points: Berri 12, Barmera-Monash 12, Waikerie 2, Renmark 2.

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OTHER GRADES

BGRADE Barmera-Monash 12.5 (77) d

Berri 1.2 (8). BEST: Barmera-Monash - M. Pietrolaj, A. Karpany, K. Hamood, A. Norman, T. Schrapel, D. Weetra. Berri - Z. Joannou. M. Toogood, P. Rowland, L. Dunn, S.

Wanganeen. GOALS: Barmera-Monash - D. Weetra 4, A, Norman 2, P, Butterworth, Z. Galvin, A. Karpany, J. Millington, M. Pietrolaj, J. Stemberger. Berri - P.

Renmark 6.5 (41) d Waikerie

Rowland.

5.8 (38). BEST: Renmark - C. Gartery, S. Kahlon, L. Jackson, J. Bonner, J. Mason, L. Harrington. Waikerie M. Briggs, C. Miller, T. Wood, N. Lloyd, L. Exton, T. Lambe. GOALS: Renmark - L. Jackson, B. Townsend 2, M. Smith, H. Thiel. Waikerie - B. Haynes 3, B. Venning 2.

Loxton 11.13 (79) d Loxton

North 2.4 (16). BEST: Loxton - B. Falting, N. Katsaitis, T. Jackson, J. Campbell, B. Stone, T. Eagle. Loxton North - B. Martin, W. Schultz, J. George, M. Jealous, L. Eleftheriadis, J. Hartley. GOALS: Loxton - L. Pontt 4, T. Eagle 3, B. Falting, J. Hoffmann, T. Jackson, C. Loxton. Loxton North - J. Neumann, M. Schinckel.

UNDER 18

Barmera-Monash 18.14 (122) d Berri 1.3 (9). BEST: Barmera-Monash - T. Ogle, H. Carter, L. Marks, J. Dymmott, B. Bagguley, C. Harris. Berri - M. Carter, T. McArthur, C. Robertson, C. Erceg, C. Hill, B. Pankhurst. GOALS: Barmera-Monash - J. Dymmott 4, J. Gadaleta 3, B. Bagguley, H. Westcott 2, L. Allder, H. Carter, R. Ivanovic, K. Liddell, L. Marks, T. Ogle, T. Whitbourne. Berri - C. Hill.

Waikerie 9.7 (61) d Renmark 3.6 (24).

BEST: Waikerie - H. Glacken, M. Lloyd, B. Burgemeister, H. Nitschke, Z. Wood, M. Harris-Light. Renmark - T. Bonner, B. Pitman, H. Papageorgios, A. Otero, D. Aston, L. Edwards. GOALS: Waikerie - R. Turner 5, C. Daniels 2, B. Loffler, H. Thomas. Renmark - A. Herrador, D. Aston, A. Otero.

Loxton North 7.7 (49) d Loxton 7.6 (48).

BEST: Loxton North - T. Mitchell, N. Paull, J. Lloyd, J. Wooldridge, K. Serafin, J. Hutchinson. Loxton C. Rudd, M. Sexton, J. Marlor, H. Westbrook, F. Pauer. GOALS: Loxton North - K. Serafin 3, J. Lloyd 2, N. Paull, C. Petch. Loxton - K. Evans, M. Sexton 3, O. Joerin.



UNDER 13

Barmera-Monash 9.14 (68) d Berri 0.0 (0). BEST: Barmera-Monash - M. Morris, S. Humphries, T. Nettle, K. Ogle, I. Ness, R. Johnson. Berri - W Marsden, B. Gates, T. Burford, C. Kregar, L. Vrakking, R. Wishart. GOALS: Barmera-Monash - J. Doupis. I. Ness, K. Ogle 2, A. Ielasi, R. Johnson, T. Klingbiel.

Renmark 15.12 (102) d Waikerie

0.1 (1). BEST: Renmark - J. O'Bryan, S. DePalma, D. Bonner, C. Dring, K. Bronish-Rice, H. Keynes. Waikerie - H. Danton, L. Hahn, H. Gogoll, P. Sandhu, P. Kafexholli, G. Francis. GOALS: Renmark - I. O'Brvan 4, K. Moxham, C. Phillips 2, D. Bonner, K. Bronish-Rice, H. Brown, S. DePalma, T. Harris, P. Pearce, R. Sharp,

Loxton North 5.5 (35) d Loxton 3.4 (22).

BEST: Loxton North - D. May, T. Rai, C. Setchell, C. Schwarz, C. Ling, T. Crane. Loxton - B. Sylvia, C. Kruger, L. Deren, N. Roissetter, H. Eatts, L. Milton

GOALS: Loxton North - K. Buhagiar, A. Burgess, C. Dalzell, T. Rai, C. Setchell. Loxton - X. Jackson, D. Mayes, S. Williams,



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	RENMARK	8	3	0	774	521	12	59.7	UNDER 18
	BARMERA-MONASH	6	5	0	563	471	12	54.4	BARMERA-MONASH RENMARK
	WAIKERIE	6	5	0	609	550	12	52.5	WAIKERIE*
	LOXTON	5	6	0	742	824	10	47.3	LOXTON NORTH** LOXTON*
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	SEDAN-CAMBRAI	8	0	0	1058	177	32	85.6	BARMERA-MONASH
	BROWN'S WELL	6	2	0	723	361	24	66.7	LOXTON NORTH BERRI
	MURRAYVILLE	6	2	0	553	576	24	48.9	LOXTON
	RAMCO	3	5	0	381	710	12	34.9	WAIKERIE
,	WUNKAR	2	6	0	450	664	8	40.4	UNDER 13 BARMERA-MONASH
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LEADING GOALKICKERS								
PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL					
R. Proud	LN	2	31					
N. Zunic	R	1	21					
N. Flight	L	4	21					
Z. Wooldridge	LN	0	19					
T. Blight	R	0	15					
M. Hahn	W	0	15					

MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD							
PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL				
J. Vater	R	4	26				
Z. Wooldridge	LN	0	19				
S. Butterworth	BM	2	19				
T. Hocking	W	0	18				
Z. Gartery	R	5	18				

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UNDER 15

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Barmera-Monash 21.13 (139) d Berri

BEST: Barmera-Monash - B. Scordo,

B. Reid-Fletcher, Z. Hronopoulos, S.

T. Nettle 2, H. Banks, M. Johnson,

B. Scordo. Berri - C. Kruger, B. Reid-

Renmark 24.10 (154) d Waikerie

J. Pitman. Waikerie - R. Fridd, B.

Loffler, T. Moxham, A. Kuchel, J.

Taverner, H. Radolovic-Tripodi.

GOALS: Renmark - L. Keynes 5,

BEST: Renmark - L. Keynes, E. Evans,

N. Martinson, H. Riedel, A. Schumann,

Marsden, J. Butson, T. Ferreira.

GOALS: Barmera-Monash - T.

T. Drogemuller, M. Johnson, H. Banks,

W. Marks, E. Johnson. Berri - A. Lange,

Drogemuller 10, W. Marks 4, D. Marks,

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Renmark playing coach Josh Vater dishes a handball under pressure from Waikerie's Tyrell Hocking (left) and Jarrad Bee. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, July 19, 2023 SPORT 37 Rovers defeat midstrength Magpies

A PLETHORA of outs helped an RFL powerhouse stamp its authority over one of its main rivals on Saturday afternoon.

Waikerie went into its grand final rematch against Renmark missing a number of key cogs, including key position players Steven Braun, Jack Colbert, Jack Burgemeister and Mitch Hahn.

The Rovers took full advantage of the undermanned Magpies and utilised their height to great effect, with ruckman Zac Gartery a standout performer.

The 27-year-old, who sets off on SA Country duty this weekend, was named in Renmark's best players, with his work in the contest and around the ground a key for the visitors in the 27-point win.

Despite knowing the Magpies would be without Colbert, who has emerged as one of the competition's premier ruckmen this season, Gartery said he approached the game in the same manner as he normally would.

"I tend to approach every opposition the same," he said.

"Louis Gava is a pretty big dude so he's almost harder to ruck against, because he's such a big man."

Also named in the best for the Rovers was playing coach Josh Vater, who continues to firm as one of the leading Whillas Medal chances.

Vater has been named in his side's best players in 10 of his 11 games, booting eight majors in the process, including an important goal in the second quarter of Saturday's clash with the Magpies.

Also hitting the scoreboard was key forward Alex Haynes, who returned to the A grade line-up after a lengthy layoff.

The tall missed a number of games with injury before spending rounds eight to 10 in the reserves, with his three goals on Saturday afternoon proving pivotal in Renmark's win.

His presence will be equally as important this weekend, with Haynes likely to play a key role in the ruck against Barmera-Monash in the absence of Gartery.

"Every game is a must-win for us and we need to try and keep that second spot,"





Gartery said.

"I got a text from Frank (Barmera-Monash coach and former Renmark player Fraser Sampson), saying he's low-key pretty happy I'm missing against them this weekend.

"It's always good against Barmera and it's been super close this year, so it should be a cracking game."

Waikerie stalwart Tristan Geehman was best-on-ground for the Magpies in his 150th A grade game for the club, missing just four matches since his debut in 2014.

His run and carry off the half backline helped Waikerie to a commanding start against the Rovers that saw the home side head into the first break with a 15-point lead.

Although Renmark's class eventually shone through, the Magpies refused to roll over for the Dogs, with fellow defenders Stephen Hausler, Kyran Dixon and Kye Sinnott all fighting valiantly for the home side through four quarters.

Ethan Neal also impressed in midfield in the absence of skipper Tim Bevan, while Tyrell Hocking continued his strong season, gathering a number of possessions across the ground.

Goals in the final term to Haynes, Matt Woolford and Nathan Zunic helped the Rovers secure the important win, which saw the reigning premiers leapfrog Waikerie into second spot on the table.

The Rovers went into the season with a four-point deficit after last season's player eligibility scandal, but now sit just two games adrift of the ladder-leading Loxton North.

Meanwhile, Waikerie dropped two spots thanks to Barmera-Monash's emphatic win over Berri on Saturday afternoon.

The Magpies travel to Loxton this week for a must-win encounter against the Tigers, while Renmark heads to Lakeside to take on the Roos, who will be looking to extend their three-game winning streak.





ALL TO PLAY FOR: The Riverland is set for a grandstand finish to the **RWFL** home and away season, with each team jostling for position ahead of the final round of action across the next fortnight. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Loxton North's Tschirpig battle with Loxton giant Craig Fisher in last Saturday's round of RFL A grade football. PHOTO: Tracy Proud

Tigers steal the show at home

BEN LENNON

A SHOCK win over the competition's top team has breathed life into the campaign of the RFL's sleeping giant, with just four rounds remaining in the home and away season.

Loxton's landmark win over local rivals Loxton North has kept the Tigers in the finals hunt, with first-year coach Luke Harder's side still just one win adrift of fourth place after a dramatic three-point victory on Saturday afternoon.

The Panthers have had the wood over their cross-town rivals so far this season, but started the game on the back foot after Loxton skipper Jesse Will secured the first win for the side at the toss.

"There was a bit of a breeze down to the skate park end, so it was probably a good toss to win to get off to a good start," Harder said.

"We outscored them by a few goals in the first quarter, but in the second quarter, as they do, they came back pretty hard.'

After leading by four goals at the end of the first term, the Tigers' lead was cut to just one straight kick by the time the siren sounded for the main break.

North midfielders Tyson Kent and Joel Worsfold were having a strong impact around the contest, as the Panthers carried the momentum into half time.

But the home side came out firing in the third term, and soon established a strong lead with the breeze.

Boasting a five-goal advantage at the final change, Loxton was made to hold on as the Panthers stormed home, creating a frantic finish.

"The wind stayed how it was, and it was a fair blow, so we piled on a few goals in the third quarter," Harder said.

"They're probably the fittest team in the competition and they came pretty hard at us towards the end, but we were fortunate enough to come away with the points.

"It was a case of holding on at the end.

"I watched the game back and in the last quarter we tried to do our best to save the game, rather than play it out the way we had the other three.

"It has its merits both ways. It probably was the way we needed to play to win the game.

"We put one behind the footy at a few stages which... obviously with the six-six-six rule it's challenging so you have to do it the smart way.'

Youngster Harley Campbell continued his stellar season in yellow and black, producing another best-on-ground performance as he helped the Tigers over the line.

Nathan Flight's hot streak in



Loxton star Harley Campbell gets a kick away under pressure from Loxton North's Angus Shapley.

front of goal continued, with the key forward booting four goals in the victory, while Josh Mann helped himself to three majors.

Worsfold and Kent were named best for the Panthers, who remained without star player Zac Wooldridge for another week.

A crucial month of football awaits the Tigers, and Harder believes a victory over the top side will have done plenty for his group's confidence.

"First and foremost it brings a lot more belief to the group, winning a close one against the formidable Loxton North," he said. "Although, it's not that the belief

was gone in the first place... "Getting a bit of personnel back

in that Berri game, which was a good one as well, it was good to have the week off and be able to continue that form. 'We're under no illusion as to

the situation we're in. We need to just keep winning

and can't look too far ahead." North will be keen to bounce

back against bottom side Berri this weekend, as the Panthers look to further solidify their place at the top of the RFL table.

Meanwhile, another do-ordie match awaits the tigers, with Waikerie headed to The Precinct in a clash between fourth and fifth.

"We're up against a Waikerie team that we've been unable to beat this year so far, so we'll go back to the drawing board and work out a plan of attack during this week," Harder said.

"The club's in a good position and we're going alright, so hopefully we can continue this run and keep a stable 21 together, which makes it a bit easier.'

Blues score happy homecoming

MURRAYVILLE celebrated a return to its home ground with a win over Wunkar in last weekend's round of Murray Valley Football Netball League senior competition.

The Blues were able to utilise their newlyrenovated changerooms for the first time this season on Saturday afternoon, having played every match up until this point away from home to start the campaign.

On his home deck, skipper Ryan lewis returned to the side and was named in the best, while Jack Glazbrook and Nathan Wright-Bramfitt booted three goals each to help their side to a three-goal victory.

Kelly Gohl was named best for Murrayville, while Jake Tapper was best

afield for the travelling Bulldogs, who remain one game outside of the top four.

Meanwhile, it was business as usual for Sedan-Cambrai at Ramco, as the Magpies swooped to score another triple-digit victory over the Roosters.

Standout performances from Brock Hutchings and Jake Hood helped the tabletopping Magpies to a 118-point win, with Jack Roesler leading the way up forward with four goals.

Dillon Harding and Jackson Le Couteur chipped in with three majors each, while Adam Burckett and Bradley Gale were the only Roosters to hit the scoreboard.

Kale Kuchel was best for the home side,

but nine first-quarter goals to the Magpies saw the Roosters playing catch-up for the entirety of the match.

The win sees Sedan-Cambrai extend its unbeaten run to eight matches, with the side yet to drop points in 2023.

Ramco remains inside the top four despite the loss but sits 12 points adrift of Murrayville in third.

A large crowd gathered at Paringa as the Swans donned their heritage guernsey for the second time this year, but Brown's Well came prepared to spoil the party, downing the home side by 53 points.

Bryce Oxlade kept up his hot run of form this season for the Bombers and was named the visitors' best player, while forward Harrison Chandler helped himself to a bag of five goals.

Fraser Peters fought valiantly in midfield for the Swans, but explosive second and fourth quarters by Brown's Well were enough to secure the win on the road.

This weekend sees BSR return to action for the first time in almost a month, following two byes and a forfeit, when the Redbacks take on Ramco at Swan Reach.

Murrayville hosts Sedan-Cambrai in what looms as the match of the round, while Paringa travels to Wunkar in search of its second win of the year.

Roos rise to Demons' challenge

BEN LENNON

LAST weekend's round of Riverland A grade football saw a premiership contender emerge, as the two lowest-scoring sides in the competition went head-to-head.

Arguably the Riverland's fiercest rivalry resumed on Saturday afternoon, with Berri travelling to Barmera to take on the Roos, with the Demons still searching for their first win of the season.

A spirited first half saw the visitors in the hunt at half time, before Barmera-Monash's class shone through, with the home side claiming a much-needed win as the race for the top four continues to heat up.

The Roos have struggled to score throughout the season but have managed to pick up wins along the way despite posting low totals week after week.

But, the weekend provided the opportunity to break the shackles, with the Roos posting their second largest total of the season against their bitter rivals, booting eight second-half goals to secure the 63-point win.

Ben Drogemuller, Cooper Marks and Jake Smith all kicked multiple goals for the first time this season, while four other Roos chipped in with singles.

Skipper Sam Butterworth, who was named in the best players for the ninth time in 11 matches, said it was an "important" win in the context of his side's season.



Barmera coach Fraser Sampson makes his way through the smoke prior to his side's clash with Berri during the Indigenous Round last Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

"Berri is starting to improve a lot and it's not a game you want to drop, so it was good to still get that win on the board," he said.

"They did stick with us for the first half and we weren't playing our best footy, so they made us earn it.

"We kicked into gear a bit in the second half and started to kick away a bit." The Demons had a number of solid contributors in what was another honourable loss, despite the eventual 10-goal margin.

Shay Hawkins was awarded the medal for the side's best player as the two clubs helped celebrate Indigenous Round.

Also in the best for Berri was

Ondre Hunyadi, with the youngster forced to carry a heavy load in the ruck in the absence of star tall Brody Thompson.

Veteran Peter Safralidis and youngster Regan Kruger kicked the side's only goals for the day, as the Demons moved to 11 matches without a win under Clint Ridgway in 2023. The win allowed Barmera-Monash to leapfrog Waikerie in the standings, with the Magpies falling to fourth spot after their loss to Renmark.

This victory marked three consecutive wins for Butterworth's side, with the captain keen to keep the momentum going, despite himself looming as a notable absentee for the upcoming clash with Renmark due to SA Country duties.

"With the next four games, we just want to keep that success rolling now that we've won three on the trot," he said.

"Those finals spots are really on the line every week.

"I think you can't accept a loss really, because any loss is going to hurt."

The Rovers and the Roos have knocked each other off at home this season, with the third encounter this weekend set to take place at Lakeside.

A win would see Fraser Sampson's side climb into second spot on the ladder, while a loss would mean a two-point deficit, plus percentage, to overcome for the Roos in just three rounds of football if they are to secure the double chance.

Meanwhile, Berri will spend the week preparing for its David versus Goliath encounter against the table-topping Loxton North at Berri Oval.



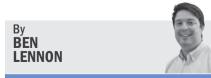
Amalia Giles (left), Nori Giles, Kaitlyn Thiele and Demi Giles modelling Paringa's Indigenous netball dress and guernsey, designed by footballer **Daniel Giles** (right). PHOTO: supplied

Swans set to don Indigenous uniforms in Murray Valley matches

PARINGA will once again don different guernseys on Saturday afternoon in its Murray Valley Football Netball League fixture, but this time to celebrate a different history.

The club will play its inaugural Indigenous Match in the MVFNL against Wunkar at Wunkar, following on from a tradition started at Cobdogla in the old Riverland Independents.

At the heart of the initiative is local man Daniel Giles, who put his hand up to design the guernseys for his Swans to wear on Saturday.



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"I've been working alongside Sam Mitchell for the last year through the community and he started up a reconciliation match when he was coaching at Cobdogla," Giles said.

"We thought I should get in contact with him and try to do it for ourselves as well. "The way I look at it we're trying to become a more family focussed club with the addition of the juniors and getting them up and running.

"So, we're trying to bring different groups of people coming together."

Similarly to Barmera-Monash's Indigenous Match against Berri in the RFL on Saturday, Giles is hopeful the occasion can be used educate people.

"It's about acknowledging and promoting aboriginal culture and the diversity of the culture, plus the artwork and the language," he said. "We're very diverse here in the Riverland and sport is a great way to promote that.

"It gets people out and about and you're always going to introduce yourself to someone you might not normally work with.

"It has that pivotal role in connecting people in a way they haven't connected before."

The club is hopeful the match can become a competition-wide initiative in the years to come.

"There are a lot of leagues around already doing this stuff, so it's about playing catchup," Giles said.



Riverland Gymnastics Academy gymnast Kallie Harrington with her three ribbons she collected over the competition. **PHOTOS:** supplied



Over 400 gymnasts from around South Australia competed at the championships.



Riverland WAG gymnasts brought home 26 medals at the South Australian Country Championships.



The gymnasts were rewarded for their efforts with 10 gold, seven silver and nine bronze championship and individual apparatus medals at the event.

Our Riverland gymnasts star at country champs

RIVERLAND gymnasts recently brought home 26 medals after competing at the South Australian Country Championships.

Held on Saturday 8 July and Sunday 9 July at the state gymnastics centre in Morphetville, the Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) athletes from the Riverland Gymnastics Academy, were rewarded for their efforts with 10 gold, seven silver and nine bronze championship and individual apparatus medals at the event.

With an excess of 400 gymnasts competing from around the state in levels 1 through to 10, the Riverland's Alexi Le was the overall champion for level 3 u8s and Helayna Wardle and Sophie Schulz were the overall champion and runner-up respectively for level 3 u10.

Nicola Tregeagle was the overall champion for level 4 u9 and Lacey Swart taking overall bronze for level 5 u12s.

The first WAG session of the weekend saw over 100 level 1 and 2 gymnasts competing for personal best ribbons, with eight Riverland gymnasts performing like seasoned athletes even though for most of the, it was their first inter-club competition.

Riverland coaches were overwhelmed by the success of their gymnasts, with level 4 WAG coach Layne Fenwick saying "all gymnasts have been working extremely hard at training and it has shown with excellent results".

'They have all put in so much effort, it's awesome to see it paying off," Level 3 WAG coach Amelia Fulham said.

ALL RESULTS Level 3 u8s

Uneven Bars, Alexi Le (3rd) Beam, Alexi Le (1st)
 Floor, Alexi Le (2nd) Overall, Alexi Le (1st) Level 3 u9s

Uneven Bars, Alyssa Minerds (3rd) Beam, Macy Mcullough (2nd) Level 3 u10s

Uneven Bars, Helayna Wardle (1st)

Beam, Sophie Schulz (2nd) □ Floor, Helayna Wardle (2nd); Sophie Schulz (3rd) Vault, Sophie Schulz (1st)

Overall, Helayna Wardle (1st); Sophie Schulz (2nd) Level 4 u9s

🖵 Uneven Bars, Nicola Tregeagle (2nd) Vault, Nicola Tregeagle (1st)

□ Floor, Nicola Tregeagle (1st) Overall, Nicola Tregeagle (1st) Level 4 u10s □ Floor, Eloise Hammond (1st)

Level 4 u11s Beam, Eliza Knight (3rd)

Level 4 open Beam, Elise Parkyn (2nd) Level 5 u12s

Beam, Lacey Swart (1st) Vault, Koa Tregeagle (3rd)
 Floor, Koa Tregeagle (3rd) Overall, Lacey Swart (3rd) Level 5 open Beam, Maddie Hooker (3rd)

□ Vault, Maddie Hooker (3rd)

RFL's enaugural mental health match

PAUL MITCHELL

AN inaugural RFL mental health match will be played this month, aimed at stimulating conversations and addressing stigmas attached to mental health.

The latest initiative of the Barmera-Monash Football Club's Wellbeing Committee, the match will pit the Roos against home side Loxton North, with the visitors wearing custom-made purple uniforms -matching R U OK? Day colours in the A grade game on Saturday, July 29, to highlight the occasion's significance and meaning.

"With these events the committee hopes to open up safe and supportive conversations in this space," said local counsellor, Barmera-Monash Football Club junior coach, and Wellbeing Committee member Mick Scordo.

"Sporting clubs play a huge role in role in positive wellbeing for communities.'

Players in all lower grades will wear purple electrical tape to recognise what is being called the "wellbeing day" fixture.

Two 'best team player' medals - one to each team – will be presented in the A grade match, while Barmera-Monash will present medals in other grades.

"They won't necessarily be for the best performance that day, but for being a teammate who has shown what being a great teammate is," Mr Scordo explained.

Carnival latest part of club's wellbeing initiative

PAUL MITCHELL

THE latest step in a Riverland football club's ground-breaking wellness program will happen this weekend.

Sparked by several suicide deaths in the district, the Barmera-Monash Football Club established its Wellbeing Committee earlier this year, aimed at prioritising player and community mental health.

The latest event is The Carnival, to be held at Barmera Oval this Sunday, when a string of fun activities will be staged, all focused on the group's main goal.

A club spokesperson invited the community along to "make some memories, while coming together... to encourage positive wellbeing within our region".

Activities include inflatables, live music, face painting, the appearance of a special guest, and more.

"We hope people can get along and support the day and continue the momentum of the Wellbeing Committee," the spokesperson said.

Local counsellor - and Barmera-Monash Football Club member and junior coach -Mick Scordo is helping to drive the committee and says the group's aims including raising awareness about support services available.

Part funded by a Wellbeing SA Suicide Prevention Grant, The Carnival will be held this Sunday, from 10am to 2pm.

Other activities funded via the grant include 11 Barmera community members through accredited mental health first aid training, plus other community-based activities at the club to "promote connection and wellbeing with a focus on positive wellbeing".

AROUND THE GROUNDS

HOME fans suffered heartbreak at the Precinct on Saturday when a local footy contest came down to the wire.

As time ticked down during Loxton's clash with Loxton North in the under 18s last weekend, the Tigers held the ascendancy until the dying moments, when a goal after the siren secured the win for the visitors.

The victory saw North entrench itself in fourth spot, with the Tigers now needing a miracle to capture a spot in the finals.

Meanwhile, Waikerie claimed victory over Renmark at home, with Harry Glacken helping lead the Magpies to a 37-point win.

A pair of yellow cards saw

Adren Herrador sent off in the final quarter of the match, but the game was already out of reach for the Rovers, who remain in second spot despite the loss.

The visitors had their revenge in the reserves, with Renmark gritting its teeth to run over the top of Waikerie in the final term.

Loxton comfortably claimed the points over North in the twos, with Barmera-Monash scoring a comfortable win over Berri to stay ahead of the Rovers in fourth place.

Renmark and Loxton North produced strong wins in the under 15s, while a mammoth 10-goal haul to Tony Drogemuller put the exclama-



tion point on a one-sided win for the Roos against Berri. Barmera-Monash's undefeat-

ed run continued in the under

13s, with the Roos storming to victory over Berri and holding the Demons scoreless for four quarters.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

RESULTS LOXTON

Wednesday 12 July Men: A grade - A. Hume (+1) 39, B. Proud 37, D. Unferdorben 36, B. Chapman 35. B grade - J. Women: M. Tyler nett 74, C. Arndt 75, S. Pannell, 76. Thursday 13 July Mixed: G. Morrison (Berri) 38, T. Arndt 36, H. Arndt 33,

J. Goldsworthy 33. Saturday 15 July

Men: A grade - Á. Hume (+4) 37, A. Pfeiler 35, P. Charles (Links Lady Bay) 35. B grade - B. Semmler 36, G. Ling 36, K. Wagnitz 35. Women: J. Ling 34, C. Arndt 33, Y. Reynolds (Barmera) 32. D. Harman 32



RESULTS

20m shoot: R. Ward 100.5, 96.2 (3) 199; M. Cresp 99.1, 99.4 (0) 298; B. Lacey 99.4, 96.2 (1) 196; M. Johnson 97.1, 96.2, 191.



"After the A grade game we'll have a

"The Barmera-Monash Medal A grade

speaker to present a five-minute rundown on

what the Wellbeing Day represents and the

medal will be presented by Tarsh and Leigh

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Brandon. Loxton North will also present a

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25 players, officials, coaches and commu-

nity members participate in the AFL's Tackle

The Wellbeing Committee was formed fol-

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Your Feelings workshop.

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A sketch of the purple guernsey to be worn by Barmera-Monash A grade footballers for their 'mental health match' against Loxton North on Saturday, July 29. IMAGE: supplied





Barmera-Monash skipper Sam Butterworth and Renmark star Zac Gartery will represent SA Country on Saturday afternoon at Optus Stadium, following impressive outings for Eastern Zone at the recent Country Championships. PHOTOS: SANFL/ Peter Argent

Riverland pair on the way to WA

A PAIR of Riverlanders are headed west to represent the state in a curtain-raiser contest at one of the nation's biggest stadiums.

Renmark ruckman Zac Gartery and Barmera-Monash skipper Sam Butterworth have been included in the South Australian Country football side headed West to take on Western Australia Country at Optus Stadium on Saturday, prior to Fremantle's clash with Sydney.

Their inclusion was "a surprise" to both players, despite the duo playing a key role in Eastern Zone's SA Country Championships win two weekends ago.

"A past player from Barmera messaged me saying congratulations, so I sort of thought 'what's going on here?'," Butterworth said.

"I rang our footy co-ordinator thinking someone was pulling my leg and he followed it up with Shane Uren, and I'd actually missed a phone call earlier in the day, so then it all got a bit real."

Gartery conceded he was "a bit

By BEN **LENNON**

the same" after Butterworth alerted him to the news on Wednesday afternoon last week.

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The Renmark tall is looking forward to the opportunity to head to the 60,000-seat stadium, which doubles as the home of his beloved Eagles.

"I've never been to Perth and I'm a West Coast supporter, so I'm looking forward to getting out to Optus," he said.

"It would've been good if they were playing after and not Freo, but that's all right.

"Surrounding myself with the best country footballers as well is just exciting.'

The 27-year-old carpenter was Eastern Zone's number one ruckman during the Country

Championships, while Butterworth played predominantly on the halfback flank.

It was a change of pace for the Roos' skipper, who is ordinarily a key cog in the Barmera-Monash midfield.

"You've got to be able to work with everyone and if someone's better than you playing in the middle, and it's better for me to go to half back, then that's my job," he said of his positional change.

"Footy's a team sport, so you can't just be a good individual footballer really.

"If you go out there and be an individual you might win some awards and stuff, but you're never going to build a good culture and a good team.

"You've got to try and play your role and if that means switching position then that's what you've got to do to build a good team atmosphere."

The two players differ greatly in style, with 'Butters' the smoothmoving, clean ball user and 'Hairy' the physical force, but both possess unwavering perseverance.

Gartery recalled a sliding doors moment following the 2021 grand final victory for Renmark that has seen him transform his game in the past two seasons.

"In the 2021 grand final I started the game on the bench and I could've gone one of two ways really," he said.

"I was either going to sit back and just go 'whatever', or think to myself 'I'm going to get back that number one spot', which is what I did

"I was probably about 10kg heavier than what I am now and I'd done a hammy and was pretty injury prone.

"I've shed a few kilos now and it's definitely helped me a lot, and it's meant being able to run around the ground is a lot easier now."

The SA Country side will be coached by Central Districts legend Rick Macgowan, with the Croweaters boasting a 7-2 overall record against their Western counterparts since 2011.

Gartery and Butterworth are hopeful of extending that on Saturday afternoon, but regardless of the result, the duo is "looking forward to the experience".

"You're not going to get these chances often if ever, so when you do get them you've just got to soak it up as much as you can and take it all in," Butterworth said.

"They say you can get the chance to play in this side and the chance to play in that side, and you don't really think about it too much.

"Then, we have a bit of success at country champs and you think that's the end result, so to get this call is pretty surreal."

The SA Country vs WA Country match will be live streamed for free on SANFL Now at www. sanflnow.com.au or the SANFL Now App.



Juniors fly the RFL flag

at the Country Championships earlier this month, they weren't the only Riverlanders in action at the carnival.

Along with the victorious men and the Eastern women's side, three Riverland junior sides made up of the region's best and brightest took to the muddy ovals of the Barossa on Saturday 8 July.

The Riverland sides came up against a trio of talented Barossa Light and Gawler (BLG) teams, and came away with the chocolates in one of the three contests.

The under 13s went down by 11 goals but refused to throw in the towel, with Renmark's Samuel De Palma named best in the loss, while

WHILE the senior Eastern men stole the under 15s lost by a single kick, the headlines with an impressive win with Barmera-Monash junior Brody Scordo named MVP.

But, the region eventually tasted success in the under 18s contest, with the travelling Riverland side outlasting its BLG opponents, running out 19-point victors in a low-scoring affair.

Loxton youngster Jacob Evans starred for the side, which featured a number of talented juniors that have already tasted senior football at their respective RFL clubs.

RESULTS Under 13

BLG 13.8 (86) d Riverland 3.2 (20). Under 15 BLG 6.5 (41) d Riverland 5.5 (35). Under 18 Riverland 6.9 (45) d BLG 4.2 (26).



Riverland sent under 13s (top, left), under 15s and under 18s (bottom) sides to the Barossa for clashes with **BLG** during the RFL bye round. PHOTOS: RFL



The 42nd Waikerie Off Roaders Riverland Enduro, in honour of the late Wally 'Toby' Francombe, attracted 24 competitors at the weekend. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

Waikerie webster Under Diversion Forsyth from Port Augusta died in April – was considered a natural born boost Waikerie's reputation as an off-road

THE winner of the 42nd Waikerie Off Roaders Riverland Enduro, Carl Haby, has achieved his 30-year goal of securing the event's trophy.

Haby, who is from Mannum and grew up in Nildottie, is a long-time member of the Waikerie Riverland Off-road Association (WRORA) and experienced his first ever race with the club.

He completed the 12-lap race in two hours, 41 minutes and 58.186 seconds, fol-

lowed by Brenton Forsyth from Port Augusta in second place with a time of two hours, 44 minutes and 31.546 seconds.

Adam Bierl from Adelaide finished in third place, with a two hour, 48 minute and 56.830 second time.

The two-day event in honour of muchloved racing legend and local, the late Wally 'Toby' Francombe, drew more than 20 competitors from across SA and Victoria.

The former Waikerie Club chairman, gifted mechanic, and community identity – who

their cabin, walk down to the river

discussions with dual Olympian

Rowing South Australia has held

and boat up.'

died in April – was considered a natural born off-road racer.

WRORA president James Lochert said the event attracted a "good crowd" of spectators and campers.

He said the support of participants and those who attended the race demonstrated the potential the new track at New Well, south of Waikerie, offered.

In the past the enduro has traditionally attracted 3000 visitors to the region.

Mr Lochert said the weekend would help

boost Waikerie's reputation as an off-road racing destination.

In 2021 the WRORA relocated from its previous Enduro Road track, near Murbko, to its New Well site.

Last year the race was cancelled due to delays in receiving approval from Loxton Waikerie council to run it at the location.

Mr Lochert said he expected the development application for the New Well track to be approved well ahead of next year's enduro.

Waikerie to feature in Rowing SA calendar

ROWING South Australia has included Waikerie in its 2023-2024 regatta calendar during October.

Waikerie Rowing Club captain Leslie Lennell said the event, on Saturday 28 October, had potential to make the town a recognised destination in the state for rowing.

The regatta will be the first omnium ever held in SA and will feature 3000m, 1500m and 750m races to be completed by all crews from each boat class.

An overall winner in each class will be determined.

The boat types racing will be fours, quad sculls, and coxed eights.

Mr Lennell said Waikerie was already popular among rowing enthusiasts with several private schools from Adelaide coming to the town each year to participate in the sport.

"We are quite unique here because we already have a caravan park right next to our rowing course," he said.

"Rowers can just walk out of



Waikerie Rowing Club's captain coach Les Lennell (left), Rowing SA's regatta course manager Brett Ralph, Waikerie Rowing Club president Tia Nitschke, Rowing SA's CEO Andrew Swift and regatta operations manager Bec Lannan met to discuss preparations for the Waikerie regatta in October.

PHOTO: Paul McCormick

Alex Hill and the Australian Rowing Team to see if they can try and include the Waikerie regatta and an extended training camp in the region in their schedules in the lead up to the 2024 Olympic Games.

Hill was born in Berri and grew

up in Loxton.

Rowing South Australia's CEO Andrew Swift said including Waikerie in its 2023-24 season would complement the competition.

"We have been working with the Waikerie Rowing Club for a couple of years discussing the opportunity to bring a regatta to their great regatta course," he said.

"We are pleased to see it confirmed in the calendar in 2023.

The state rowing association has about 2000 members.

"With our sport being community focused, the opportunity to bring our large metropolitan rowing family up to Waikerie to experience a unique regatta format and location was something we knew would attract a lot of interest," Mr Swift said.

"We anticipate approximately 500 attendees to be at the 2023 regatta, and expect this number to steadily climb... when it returns each year."

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Lehmann enters rare air in Jordan A RIVERLAND youngster steals per match.

has surpassed her own lofty achievements on the national stage at a recent under 16 basketball tournament in Jordan.

16-year-old Sienna Lehmann played a pivotal role in Australia's third consecutive FIBA Under 16 Asian Championships win and was crowned the tournament's MVP

for her outstanding efforts.

The Waikerie-born youngster starred as the Sapphires won their way into the grand final against Japan.

She averaged 11.8 points per game and shot at 63 per cent from the field for the tournament, and stuffed the stat sheet in other areas, averaging 4.2 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 2.8

But, Lehmann saved her best performance for last, dropping 20 points in the final against Japan to help lead the Sapphires to a historic championship trifecta.

She was joined by Ruby Perkins in the tournament's allstar starting five, after the pair helped extend Australia's unbeaten run to 18 matches.



Waikerie youngster Sienna Lehmann was crowned MVP at the recent FIBA under 16 Asian Championships in Jordan. PHOTO: FIBA

R C Ones survive a Riverland darts scare in narrow victory

A TOP Riverland darts side saw off the chocolates in the doubles cona spirited performance from a lowranking opponent to run out narrow victors on Thursday night.

R C Ones managed a one-game win over Monash Wanderers in last week's round of Riverland darts, with scores level heading into the final game of the night.

The Renmark-based side took

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test and ran out 8-7 victors, with Darcy Crane continuing his hot run of form this season, producing a high average of 23.48 and a 180. Jasen Willett was the standout

performer for the Wanderers in the loss, while R C Ones players Neil Flack and Les Platten also played well.

Lyrup Lionhearts showcased their ability with an 11-4 win over Expendables, while Cobby Eagles cruised to victory over Lyrup Lion Cubs, running out 15-0 winners.

RESULTS

R C Ones 8 (D. Crane 180, 140, 102, 100 x 7, Neil Flack 140 x 2, 105, 100 x 5, W. Schwartzkopff 140, 122, 100 x 3, L. Platten 140, 100 x 4, T. Stoneham 140, 121, L. Rasheed 123, 100 x 3, C. Wagner 100) d Monash Wanderers 7 (J. Willett 140, 121, 101, 100 x 4, C. Martin 140 x 3, 100, D. Hayes 138, 116, 100, A. Martin 100 x 7, W. Bonham 100 x 3, D. Martin 100 x 2).

Lyrup Lionhearts 11 (J. Francis 140, 134, 125, 100, R, Burgess 140, 124, 100 x 3, T. Josephs 140, 105, 100 x 2, M. Recchia 101, 100 x 2) d Expendables 4

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(S. Lockwood 140, D. Roessel 125, A. Brown, 121, A. Barnes 118, G. Norman 116 peg out).

Cobby Eagles 15 (J. Broekers 140 x 3, 100 x 2, D. Parfitt 140 x 3, 100, R. Stemp 140, 135, 100, A. Hargreaves 121, 100 x 3, 119 peg out, G. Dyer 123, D. Coombe 100 x 3) d Lyrup Lion Cubs nil (M. Vincent 119, C. Fletcher 112, BJ Strother 100, D. Heinicke 100)

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Barmera-Monash skipper Sam Butterworth and Renmark ruckman Zac Gartery are headed west this weekend as part of the South Australian Country football side. The pair will take on Western Australia Country in a curtain-raiser to Saturday night's AFL contest between Fremantle and Sydney at Optus Stadium. PHOTO: Ben Lennon

HISTORY was made on Saturday

All STORY was made on Saturday afternoon when Barmera-Monash and Berri contested the second consecutive annual RFL Indigenous Match.

This season's edition, organised by local Indigenous man and former Barmera-Monash footballer Sam Mitchell, saw the introduction of "Aboriginal designed guernseys for the first time in RFL history".

"It was very pleasing to see both clubs take the next steps and wear the guernsey and there was a mixture of excitement and relief for me," he said.

"We are making some positive steps forward as clubs and as a community."

As well as the guernseys, a smoking ceremony was performed prior to the A grade clash, while



those judged best-on-ground received medals for the occasion.

Last year's edition was the first in some time in the RFL, and with Paringa set to sport an Indigenous guernsey in its Murray Valley league clash this weekend, the trend appears to finally be catching on in the Riverland.

Mr Mitchell believes sport can be used as an "educational tool", which he is keen to continue using moving forward as the event continues to evolve.

"As a strong Gerard, Narrunga and Kaurna man, I feel that it is

important that our culture, the world's oldest living and surviving culture, is celebrated through all aspects of life," he said.

"The educational side of using sport as a tool is vital, as that can help with breaking down barriers of racism, disadvantage and exclusion of our people.

"It was good to see Barmera get a win being an ex-Barmera-Monash Footballer, but the win was also for both clubs and the community in general, by embracing the concept of the match and taking some positive steps forward."

The former Roo has no intention of slowing down, with a leaguewide Indigenous Round on the cards going forward.

"The next step I have planned is to have a discussion with Shane Uren from the SANFL and the Riverland Football League at a delegates meeting on how this may look for 2024," he said.

"I believe the time is right for such an important round to be implemented into the RFL.

"I would personally like to express my gratitude and thanks to the Barmera-Monash FC and Berri FC, their players and committees for being so open to change.

"Also to the guernsey sponsors – Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council of SA, Tattoo Presinkt, Mind Australia, Our Town Berri and the Berri Bakehouse, as well as Mick and Sherri Scordo from Rhythmic Drumming Services and Counselling."

Barmera-Monash skipper Sam Butterworth was named in his side's best players following a strong performance on Saturday afternoon.

The 25-year-old has played in numerous leagues across the state, and believes that a league-wide round would be a natural progression.

"After last year it was good to see they've taken it a step further, and Sammy did say they'd go a step further and do the guernseys which they did, so it was good to see that come to life," he said.

"Seeing the support of both clubs getting around it, I think it's something the league should look at doing across all the clubs.

"It's something I've done when I've played in other leagues and it's good to get around the culture and that side of it."





The 2023 edition of the RFL Indigenous Match, pioneered by local man Sam Mitchell (right), saw players from Berri and Barmera-Monash don special guernseys for their clash on Saturday afternoon. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff





AROUND 4.3 million Australians live with a disability.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was created to support a better life for hundreds of thousands of Australians with a disability, and their families and carers.

Over the next four years, the NDIS will provide more than \$22bn in funding to an estimated 500,000 Australians who have permanent and significant disability.

The NDIS provides all people with disability information and connections to services in their communities such as doctors, support groups, libraries, schools and sporting clubs, plus information about what support is provided by the State Government.

People with intellectual,

physical, sensory, cognitive and psychosocial disability are supported by the NDIS, with early intervention supports also available for eligible people with disability, or children with developmental delay.

Many different support types are funded through the NDIS for participants, including (but not limited to):

Daily personal activities

- Transport to enable participation in community,
- social and daily life activities
 Workplace help to aid participants to find or keep
- employment
 Therapeutic supports
- including behavioural Mobility equipment
- Vehicle modifications
- Eligible people for the

NDISreceive an 'access decision' letter and the next step is creating an NDIS plan.

An NDIS plan is a written agreement personalised for each individual. The NDIS will ask questions about different areas of a person's life, what goals they would like to pursue, and what kind of help and support they need.

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IN today's inter-connected world, social inclusion plays a pivotal role in fostering a sense of belonging and wellbeing for individuals.

Especially with a neurodiverse disability, remote locations, limited resources and lack of social interaction can make people feel isolated, lonely and unsupported in their environment.

NDIS provider Together We Can International (TWCI) is excited to announce a base hub will be opened in Barmera in October, bringing its unique and progressive range of social support to the Riverland.

We offer a hub to support a comprehensive range of weekly social groups, day trips/camps and school holiday activities, empowering individuals to actively participate in the community, build meaningful connections and lead fulfilling lives.

Specialising in supporting teens and young adults with neurodiverse disabilities, TWCI provides a supportive, inclusive and fun environment with engaging mentors and facilitators where individuals can engage in various social activities and programs tailored to their interests and abilities.

Through group outings, community events, and recreational activities, the TWCI team can facilitate the formation of friendships and networks, promoting a sense of belonging and reducing social isolation.

Through personalised support and a commitment to fostering social connections, promoting independent living skills, encouraging community engagement, and supporting social and emotional wellbeing creates a nurturing environment where individuals can thrive.

Together We Can International stands as a catalyst for positive change, empowering individuals to live their lives to the fullest and fostering a sense of belonging for all.



10 years of transformation

JULY marks 10 years since four trial sites across Australia opened their doors and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) started to deliver its work.

There are now almost 600,000 NDIS participants who have reported increased freedom and control over their lives to go out in their community, to work, make friends and spend their time as they choose.

Minister for NDIS Bill Shorten says being the Minister responsible for delivering this Scheme is one of the "proudest achievements of his career".

"The introduction of NDIS has seen a fundamental shift in the way we support people with disability," Minister Shorten said. "The NDIS is a life-changing

piece of economic and social poli-

I truly believe that NDIS is the best change politics has delivered in the 21st century.

> Minister for NDIS, the Hon. Bill Shorten

cy, and it is our duty to make sure it's here for generations to come.

"This month's anniversary is only possible because of the grassroots movement of the disability community and Every Australian Counts, who galvanised thousands and called for this.

"I truly believe that NDIS is the best change politics has delivered in the 21st century."

One NDIS participant, John Domandl, who has retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic eye condition causing vision loss, said the "NDIS has been wonderful for me, particularly for my physical and mental health".

"As a person with vision loss, it can be very isolating, but now we can actually have people who come pick us up and take us out," he said. "It's opened up a whole new world for me."

Mr Shorten added "we need to use what we've learned to make the scheme better".

"Together we need to make sure the NDIS reflects our vision – an NDIS that works for all participants," he said.

"Serving as the Minister for the NDIS is to serve where my passion beats. I know there is nothing I will ever do that is more important than securing the future of the scheme.

"In the next 10 years, I want us to be able to say, together we made the scheme better and who knows, by then we might be the blueprint for other countries wanting to change how they support their citizens with disability."







Riverland Respite & Recreation Service is an NDIS Service Provider working all across the Riverland region. We offer a number of services and our staffing numbers continue to grow. We would love a chance to talk with you about your needs and see what we can do to assist you with any of the following:

- Respite; in home, out in the community or at our fully fitted
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- Day Options Program
- Social and Community Access
- Personal Care
- Social Support
- Domestic Assistance
- Developmental Education
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Then prime minister Julia Gillard tearfully introduced the NDIS in Parliament in November 2012.

THE National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was committed to in 2012 by then prime minister Julia Gillard.

In the first year, the NDIS aimed to support and provide care for up to 10,000 Australians, with federal government funding \$1bn from 2013 to 2017.

People in the disability sector and across the broader community universally welcomed the federal government's decision

to introduce the NDIS those 11 years ago.

How the NDIS started in 2012

Ms Gillard was brought to tears in Parliament while delivering her speech to introduce legislation to help fund the NDIS in November 2012.

"Few actions in public life give me greater pleasure than introducing the National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill does today," Ms Gillard said in her speech.

"The scheme to be estab-

lished by this Bill will transform the lives of people with disability, their families and carers.

"For the first time they will have their needs met in a way that truly supports them to live with choice and dignity.

"It will bring an end to the tragedy of services denied or delayed and instead offer people with disability the care and support they need over their lifetimes.

"This is a complex Bill, yet at

its heart is a very simple moral insight: Disability can affect any of us and therefore it affects all of us.

"The National Disability Insurance Scheme is the greatest change to Australian social policy in a generation. And a mark of how deeply the conscience of our nation has been touched.

'The NDIS will stand alongside the minimum wage, the age pension, Medicare and universal superannuation as one of the great Labor pillars of social justice and opportunity for all Australians.

"It will change our society in profound and lasting ways, enabling those who live with disability to fulfil their potential as valued and valuable members of our society."

The Bill was passed in March 2013 and the NDIS was rolled out nationally on July 1, 2016.



Regi, Heather and Peter enjoying a social catch up.

All staff have appropriate training and are committed to providing ongoing support.

Providing support for all at Top Team

TOP Team Health and Wellbeing provides a variety of support services to both NDIS and non-NDIS participants across the Riverland and Mallee regions.

General manager Ryan Goodes launched Top Team Health and Wellbeing in 2021, after identifying a lack of support services in the region, to address the rising need.

Ryan and the team at Top Team Health and Wellbeing are qualified, dedicated and committed to ensuring all participants work towards achieving their goals.

The Top Team staff vary in age and qualifications, ensuring you are matched with the most appropriate team member.

All staff have appropriate training

and are committed to providing ongoing support.

Top Team Health and Wellbeing

offers the following services:

Helping NDIS participants to

understand their NDIS plan, and

Connecting clients with providers

and supporting them to engage

with NDIS agencies within the

Support for those with mental

health and or addiction issues.

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To find out more about how Top Team Health and Wellbeing can assist you, or for any inquiries, contact Ryan via mobile (0467 214 618) or email (admin@ttfandb.com.au).



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Empowering school leavers: TWCI comes to the Riverland

AS the journey of formal education comes to an end, school leavers face an exciting yet challenging transition into adulthood.

This can be an even harder journey when they are based remotely and have a disability.

Leaving school is such a critical time when support and guidance play a vital role in shaping our young people's future, and the right support can make all the difference in a young person's life at this crucial time of transition.

Together We Can International (TWCI) is already a well-established NDIS provider across metropolitan SA and is excited to be opening our TWCI hub in Barmera over the coming months to support NDIS participants in the region with employment and social supports. We offer a highly personalised level of support with a strong emphasis on progression, while supporting individual needs.

We embrace a holistic approach to support, nurturing not only school leavers but all people needing assistance with employment and social support through their NDIS funding wanting personal growth, emotional wellbeing, and social skills.

We provide expert guidance on things such as career counselling and exploration, effective job search training, vocational training, employment pathways, work experience and open employment opportunities.

By collaborating with relevant organisations such as Disability Employment Services (DES) providers and industry partners – with a strong focus on securing open employment opportunities for our NDIS participants – we foster meaningful connections and pave the way for a successful transition into the adult world "together".

The team at TWCI are passionate, dedicated and progressive in their approach offering unwavering support, guidance, and empowerment.

Through their personalised approach, lived experiences and extensive experience in the industry, the team can equip individuals with the skills, confidence, and opportunities needed to succeed in the next chapter of their lives.

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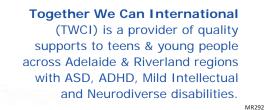
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Anita's golden achievements

ANITA is the type of person who achieves anything she sets her mind to, letting no obstacles get in her way.

Her determination has helped her exceed in all areas of life, including winning several gold medals for 10-pin bowling in the Riverland Special Olympics.

A passionate advocate for people living with a disability in the Riverland, Anita believes there is not enough accessible transport options in the region – resulting in vulnerable people being stuck in their homes and unable to connect with the community.

She strives to continue to create awareness for her cause through count-



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less radio and newspaper interviews. "I'm happy to be the voice on behalf of those who can't speak up," she said.

Anita has used this passion to make the Riverland Speedway in Old Calperum, where she volunteers, more accessible to people living with disability.

Anita advocated for an accessible bathroom to be added to the facilities at the speedway and, after months of persistence, Anita's request was granted, making the venue fully accessible for visitors.

Anita is motivated to explore new ways that she can advocate for people living with a disability.

One of her goals is to expand her knowledge of technology so she can start her own YouTube channel where she plans to create a series of videos designed to create awareness for more accessible transport options and better facilities for people living with a disability in the Riverland.

At home, Anita is driven to learn new skills and have plenty of fun along the way. An activity that she's been focusing on is gardening.

With the support of her Enhanced Lifestyles lifestyle attendant, Anita is learning new skills and is proud of how her garden looks.

Anita has a lot of fun getting creative in the kitchen when baking cookies and muffins with her team.

"I love the freedom I have with my Lifestyle Attendants and the laughs we have together, they're great to be around," Anita said.

Looking ahead, Anita wants to expand her cooking skills as she leads her independent lifestyle.

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Enhanced Lifestyles appoints respected industry leader as new CEO

Disability support services provider Enhanced Lifestyles has appointed respected industry leader Tim Baker as its new chief executive officer.

The former NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission state director brings with him more than 16 years' experience in service delivery contract management, NDIS legislation and service quality regulation.

Enhanced Lifestyles is a unique disability services provider led by customers, for customers.

Established more than 30 years ago, Enhanced Lifestyles remains a member-governed not-for-profit with a board predominantly comprised of people who use its services. Enhanced Living pro-

vides disability services including high-quality, personalised in-home care and supported independent living to social and community-based activities across the Riverland, metropolitan Adelaide, and the Limestone Coast.

Enhanced Lifestyles chair Trudy Gepp said the board was delighted to have appointed a leader of Tim Baker's calibre as CEO.

"Tim has a strong trackrecord of success within the disability services sector with the ability to help navigate the changing regulatory and funding environment," Ms Gepp said.

"His experience, knowledge and networks will help continue to drive the organisation's vision into the future, underpinned by our belief that everyone has the right to decide how they live their life." Tim took up the role as CEO last month and is keen to meet Enhanced Lifestyles customers and team members to get an understanding of the services provided by the organisation and impact on people's lives.

"I'm looking forward to leading an organisation that truly lives by its values, and has values that closely align with my own," he said.

"I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand the positive impact that well-run, individualised disability services have on the lives of people living with disability.

"Enhanced Lifestyles is a true industry leader shaped by being established and led by people who are not only customers but also fierce advocates for other customers."



Support tailored for the Riverland

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

HELPING Riverlanders with a disability live comfortably in the region is a continual aim for a local support provider.

Enhanced Lifestyles designs and provides disability support services based on lived experience.

Enhanced Lifestyles chief executive officer Tim Baker said constructing more specialist-disability accommodation in the area was a future target.

"We're looking to expand our support of independent living," Mr Baker said. "We support people in their own

"We support people in their own homes, and facilitate providing the home if that might be a private rental.

"We're looking to expand our offering there. We've secured some newly built properties in the region.

"We've got two on the go and we're looking at the third."

Mr Baker said disability support providers played a vital role in regional communities.

"The demand is about where the individuals are," he said.

"It's important for our organisation to offer supports to regional areas. The Riverland particularly can be overlooked for support because it might be considered a bit far and hard to service. "We're committed to having a presence in that area.... (and) we want to accommodate people in the area they want to live in."

Mr Baker said the Enhanced Lifestyles office in Berri provided support for Riverland clients from fellow locals.

"We've purposefully purchased a building in Berri, and we've got staff located in that office," he said.

"They support a lot of clients, and we'll be looking to offer more activities and community-based engagement out of that office.

"People get a local face, who understands the nuances of the region when it comes to connecting people with services and supports."

Mr Baker said support from Enhanced Lifestyles was key in ensuring local clients could fully utilise their NDIS plans.

"When you've got a national disability scheme, nobody should miss out," he said.

"Participants in the scheme have funding in their plan, and are not always able to utilise that funding because the supports aren't available.

"So there needs to be that support to get the maximum for all individuals on the scheme."

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Children up to the age of nine now eligible for NDIS childhood approach

CHILDREN up to the age of nine can now access the NDIS' early childhood approach.

Since July 1, the age of children supported under the early childhood approach increased from younger than seven, to younger than nine.

An NDIS spokesperson said the change will occur over the next two years.

"Changing the age to include children younger than 9, ensures children and their families are supported by an early childhood partner during and after they transition to primary school," the spokesperson said.

"This change aligns with the World Health Organisation's definition of young children, which is zero to 8 years of age."

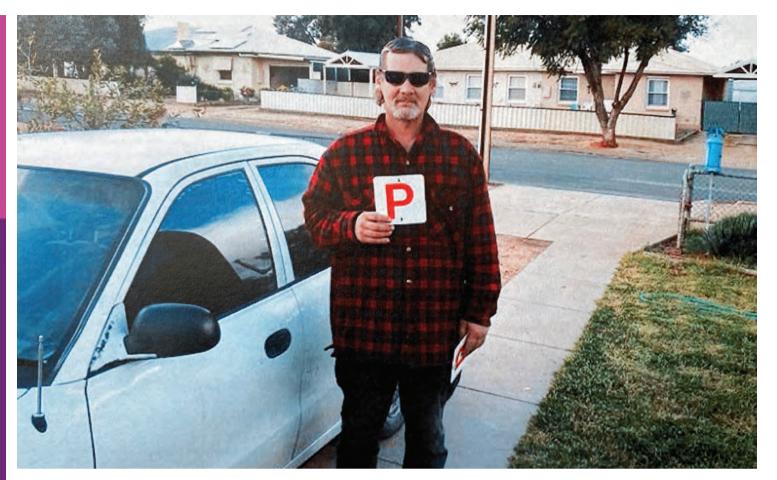
There is no change to the NDIS eligibility requirements or the definition of developmental delay under the early intervention requirements.

Children younger than six do not need a diagnosis to get support from an early childhood partner where there are concerns about their development.

If you have concerns about your child's development or disability, speak with your doctor, child health nurse, early childhood educator or other health professional.

Early childhood partners can then help you connect to the right supports.

For more information, contact the NDIS on 1800 800 110, or email (enquiries@ndis.gov.au).



Rob's driving an independent lifestyle

A RIVERLAND local, Rob lives with an acquired brain injury, which began to affect his self-esteem and sense of direction in life, before he found Enhanced Lifestyles four years ago.

Rob was determined to make positive changes, so he connected with Enhanced Lifestyles in 2019 for support.

Meeting his passionate team of lifestyle attendants, Joanne and Liz, through the meet and greet process, Rob instantly established a strong connection with them. Their person-centred approach pro-

vided Rob with reassurance. Prior to that support, he would experience anxiety when accessing the community, which often discouraged him from getting out and about in the region.

Joanne and Liz accompany Rob weekly to assist with shopping and attending appointments, providing emotional support every step of the way.

As a result, Rob's self-esteem and motivation have been boosted, empowering him to explore new opportunities.

Setting himself goals and focusing on

developing budgeting skills, Rob's team introduced weekly budgeting sessions, which allowed him to plan for his regular bills, pay for personal expenses and allocate funds into a savings account.

This routine really supported Rob to confidently manage his finances.

"In the past, I would put items on layby but never had the confidence to pay them in full," Rob said.

"Now I can't wait to buy something and take it home straight away."

Reflecting on Rob's progress, Liz said: "I've enjoyed supporting Rob so much, he's come on leaps and bounds, and I can't wait to see where he goes from here."

Continuing in his focus of making positive changes, Rob's support co-ordinator Michelle arranged for a cleaning service to do a sweep of his backyard. This helped give Rob peace of mind with a clean and healthy living space to enjoy with his three dogs Bruno, Stimpy and Felix.

"Rob has been so focused and consistent in wanting to make change in his life," Michelle said.

"I'm privileged to have been part of his journey these past few years and thrilled to be supporting him into the future".

Rob eventually felt ready to achieve his biggest goal: getting his provisional license.

Liz knew this was an important goal for Rob, and helped transport him to doctor appointments to ensure he was cleared



to drive, and also supported him weekly in the lead-up to his final test by helping him complete the practice test online.

On the day of his final test, Rob greeted Liz with the biggest smile she had seen since working with him as he announced he passed with flying colours. He rang Joanne straight after the test to let her know the fantastic news.

"I couldn't be happier for Rob; he's worked so hard to get to this moment," Joanne said.

"I feel so lucky to be sharing this milestone with him."

Rob said he could not have made it to where he is today without his lifestyle attendants.

"I've accomplished so much since working with Joanne and Liz that I didn't think was ever possible; I feel like a completely new man and owe it all to them," he said.

Rob has big plans for the future, including saving up for a new car that he will use to explore the Riverland and beyond.

Focusing on his career, Rob wants to gain a forklift license to create pathways for future employment opportunities. He also wants to form new social connections by getting involved with the Enhanced Lifestyles Riverland Coffee Club.

If you want support to pursue your goals and passions, speak to one of the friendly team members at Enhanced Lifestyles by calling 8340 2000.

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NDIS report reveals key findings

AN NDIS report released earlier this month has presented its findings, exploring the use of capacity building supports for making individualised living a reality.

The Having a go: Making individualised living a reality report was released at the beginning of July, with the research focusing on supports NDIS participants use to build their capacity to work towards their home and living goals.

The research focused on adult NDIS participants with autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, intellectual disability and psychosocial disability.

For some NDIS participants, learning skills and gaining more knowledge about home and living options may mean they have a broader range of options available to them.

For example, a person may

build their capacity in daily living tasks such as making a sandwich or paying their bills.

NDIS partnered with Scope to learn more about:

- The support NDIS participants need to explore home and living options.
- The supports and support practices that assist NDIS participants to learn, practice, and keep skills for home and living options.
- How building the relevant skills and knowledge can contribute to NDIS participants living how, and where they want.
- The barriers and enablers for NDIS participants to access the support they need to build daily living skills and knowledge.

NDIS participants, family and carers, and disability service staff, NDIS staff and other formal supporters all partook in the research.

Data used from interviews, focus groups, survey responses and NDIS administrative data was used in the report.

NDIS participants, their family and careers, and disability service staff wanted clear and accessible information about home and living options.

Data revealed that those involved with NDIS said having support to look at different options and think about the "good and the bad things" was a key step, along with role models showing them different ways of living and what is possible.

From the research, four key areas were identified for action that can help participants work towards achieving their home and living goals.

It is important to provide opportunities for NDIS par-

ticipants to explore home and living options early, and at different life stages, with clear and accessible information.

- Enabling NDIS participants to have a go at trialling different options increases their confidence and shifts expectations and helps them to understand what best meets their needs.
- Formal and informal supports to build, practice and maintain skills, and increase the home and living options available to participants.
- Flexible NDIS plans can support participants to build capacity at different stages in their life.

The research will inform the new approach to home and living with the goal of supporting capacity building and broadening home and living options for NDIS participants.

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'Better outcomes' for NDIS participants

THE Federal Government has announced an investment of \$4.4m in grants to support the development of resources for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Under the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission) grants program, seven successful grantees have been awarded grants to deliver projects to strengthen the quality of supports in the NDIS.

Federal Minister for the NDIS, Bill Shorten, said the grants would "empower participants and improve the quality of services delivered by providers to participants".

"These grants will strengthen connections between participants and providers to elevate the voices of participants, increase awareness across the disability sector of the rights of participants, and as a result improve the quality of services delivered by providers," he said.

"The program will support providers to improve pathways for people with disability to know their rights and speak up about what is important to them when receiving disability supports."

ORGANISATIONS THAT WILL SHARE IN THE GRANTS ARE:

- Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation (ARDS)
 nTrustus
- Settlement Services International (SSI)
- Summer Foundation
- University of Melbourne
 Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)
- Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS)

Five grants totalling more than \$2.8m have been awarded to proposals focusing on targeted cohorts to assist them to understand their rights and make complaints, and to raise issues with their NDIS providers to achieve better outcomes from their supports and services.

ARDS, SSI, Summer Foundation, VMIAC and YDAS will deliver tailored resources that support specific participants, including those who are First Nations, are culturally and linguistically diverse, children and young people, have a psychological disability, or are living in specialist disability accommodation.

Participants who experience behaviours of concern and their providers will be supported through a grant of \$1,019,528 awarded to the University of Melbourne, and an additional grant of \$497,490 awarded to nTrustus to develop a digital solution for participants and providers to connect and achieve better communication and early resolution of issues and complaints.

The support for NDIS Providers Grants Program is administered by the NDIS Commission, the independent Commonwealth agency responsible for improving the quality and safety of NDIS supports and services.

For more information about the NDIS Commission and the grants program, visit: www.ndiscommission.gov.au/supportndis-providers



New approach for Community Living Australia

A NOT-for-profit organisation in Renmark is developing a new way for people living with disability and community to connect.

Community Living Australia strongly believes in working together and is launching a program utilising community facilities and partnerships instead of being based in one venue.

"Our new Engage program offers something different," said Lisa Hutchison, Community Living Australia regional manager.

"Rather than coming to the same venue every day, our clients have variety, new places and new experiences. "Both clients and the community benefit. It has created opportunities, relationships, and encourages accessibility improvements, employment, and volunteer work.

"Being entirely community-based, Engage builds client confidence and helps people with disability to be recognised as valued members of the community." The new program includes activities

scheduled for each day of the week, including woodworking, bingo, cooking, gardening, arts and crafts, and sports, plus a weekly Friday social lunch. "Activities are chosen by our clients and tailored to their needs," Ms Hutchison said.

"Client choice is one of our main priorities.

"Our support workers are also enjoying the new approach and implementing elements into our other services."

Community Living Australia work with people in three main ways:

- Engage group activities
- Individual supportSupported independent living

"As a community-based organisation,

we always look to the region for new partnerships," Ms Hutchison said.

"Our future accommodation services are an exciting opportunity for new support workers and clients to join the team.

"That's an area we're looking to expand so people with disability have appropriate accommodation options and are supported to access the community. If people are interested in accommodation services, we'd be delighted to chat about how we can work together.

"Only by working together can we make our community accessible for everyone."

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