

Riverland Pfizer vaccines expected...in September



JOSH BRINE

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Servo operator fights back

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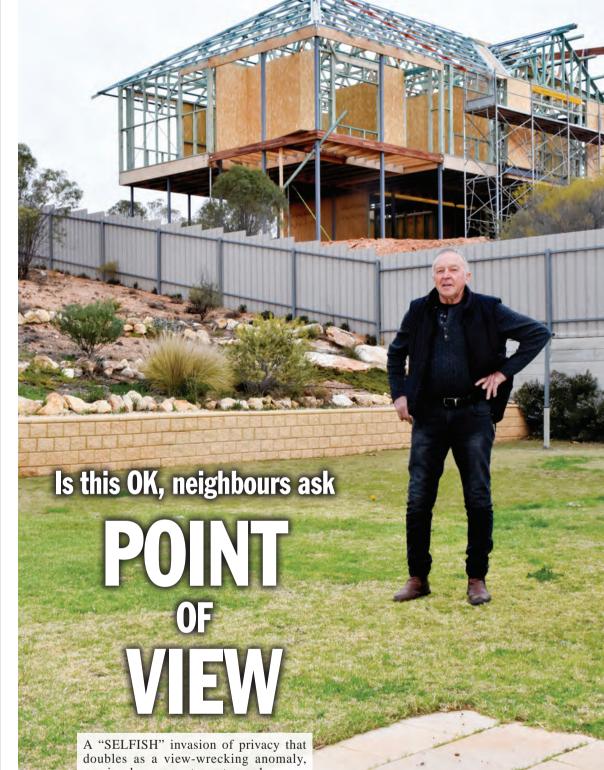
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Local sport plots its path

RIVERLAND sport will resume next week, but with at least one competition cut short, following SA's Covid-19 lockdown and subsequent restrictions, unveiled yesterday.

The RFL has announced that it will drop rounds 11 and 12 from its 2021 season, allowing finals to be played on their scheduled dates. **STORY PAGE 44**



or simply a new two-storey house overlooking Loxton's stretch of the river being built within all relevant regulations? **STORY PAGE 8**

Loxton man Julian Nickolai in the backyard of his neighbour's home, overlooked by a new development. **PHOTO: Paul Mitchell**



Big bank pulls the pin on Loxton **Riverland's big** freeze Thursday **STEPHANIE THOMPSON**

THE Riverland froze through one of its coldest days in more than half a century last Thursday.

The maximum recorded temperature in Renmark on Thursday, July 22, was 8.2C - a 12-month low and the fourth coldest day on record in 65 years - according to Weatherzone.

A maximum temperature of 8.2C was also recorded in Loxton, making it the coldest day in 32 years.

It also marked the coldest July day in at least 25 years in Renmark and at least 37 years in Loxton. Minimum temperatures dropped as low as 3.9C in Renmark on Thursday.



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in an open gym space at a time.

for us," she said.

class.

"Luckily we will still be able to have that with meeting the one per eight-square-metre guidelines." Mrs Thorpe said members were

ing and outplacement support as well as access to our career training fund, which we have doubled this year."

Barker MP Tony Pasin described the decision to close the ANZ Loxton branch as "disappointing".

"Face-to-face banking services are important to the vibrancy of local communities like Loxton," he said.

"This decision will not only impact customers of the ANZ Bank, who will be put to unnecessary inconvenience and cost but, it will also impact the township more generally.

'Concerned community members may wish to vote with their feet as a result of this decision and I would encourage them to do so."

Loxton Chamber of Commerce vice president Ryan Seaman said he was "saddened and disappointed" to hear about the bank's closure.

"Businesses will have to go further for services if they choose to stay banking with ANZ," he said.



ANZ Loxton will close its doors in January, after making the announcement to its customers recently. The East Terrace site has been a bank since 1908, originating as the Bank of Adelaide. **PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson**

Chamber of Commerce businesses - would be sent to ANZ, highlighting concerns.

"I imagine there will be many who choose to change (banks), rather than drive 20 minutes each way (to Berri) to make a small cash deposit," he said.

Ms Jahour said customers were given a closure period of six months to allow "alternative banking methods".

'Despite many people changing their own banking habits, we realise the transition will be more challenging for some customers, particularly in certain rural or remote locations, which

is why we have a dedicated team to help them," she said.

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"For our business customers, we have relationship bankers that will continue to visit them at their locations and we have mobile lenders to help customers with their home loan needs where it is most convenient for them."

The Bank of Adelaide was opened in Loxton in 1908 by James Sadleir, with the building renovated in 1966.

In October 1980, the Bank of Adelaide merged with the Australia and New Zealand banking group.

PAGE 12 Trevor Norton

The 'weight' is over... gyms are back

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

OUTDOOR walks and exercises will be switched to treadmills and weights from today as local gyms reopen as part of the state's end to its week-long Covid-19 lockdown. Gyms reopened statewide this

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Terrace, Loxton will lose its

original banking institution early

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morning, under the restriction of one person per eight-square-metres Renmark F45 head trainer Denika Thorpe welcomed back its

members. "We're really lucky to have a big studio space, so not much will change in terms of class numbers

"F45 is class-based and we usually have around 36 people per

kept occupied during the gym's closure.

"During lockdown, each of our members had access to an app, which provides home workouts,' she said.

"The gym also hired out some equipment for the week so a few members came in before the gym closed and took some equipment home to use."

Mrs Thorpe said Covid-19 protocols would remain in place.

"Our gym is fairly new as we only opened 12 months ago," she said.

"Our gym opened right when gyms could reopen again, so for us, Covid protocols have been in place from day one.

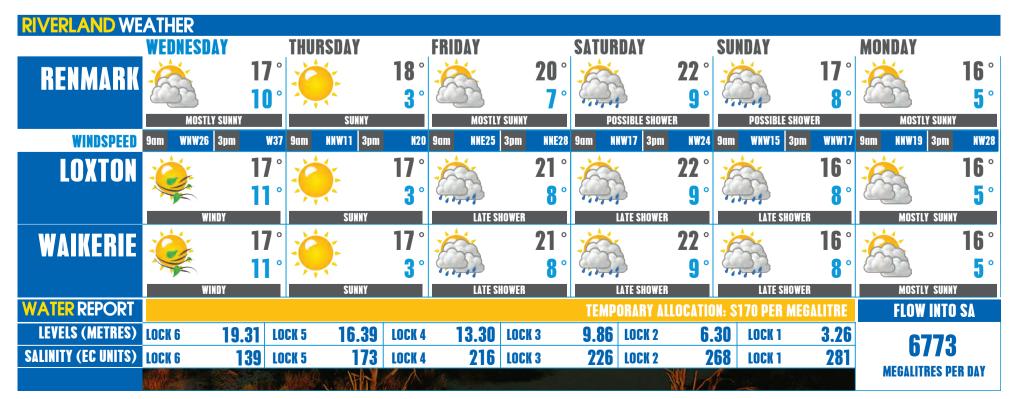
"We supply every member with a spray bottle and cloth so that they wipe down everything their hands touch.

'We will ensure stations are also spaced out so people are social distancing.

"We will also have Covid marshals present."



Renmark's F45 head trainer Denika Thorpe (bottom left) with the F45 crew before any Covid-19 restrictions were introduced. PHOTOS: supplied. INSET: Gyms have reopened as part of the state's end to its week-long Covid-19 lockdown.



"For those who leave, we will Mr Seaman said he expects provide access to career coacha letter – on behalf of Loxton

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Local servo operator stops robbery and proves the chair is...



United Petroleum Renmark operator Arun Avala last week forced a man attempting to rob the service station out of the premises by threatening him with a chair (INSET). PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A FEAR for his personal safety forced an operator of a Riverland service station to successfully thwart an attempted armed robbery at the business last week.

United Petroleum Renmark operator Arun Avala was threatened by a man attempting to rob the service station while armed with a machete around 2.20pm on Wednesday, July 21.

Mr Avala said the man fled the premises when confronted with a chair.

"I thought it was a normal, local guy, so I gave him (entry) into the store straight away," Mr Avala said.

"He opened his driver's door and brought in a big red coloured bag... as soon as he entered the door he opened it and told me to empty the register.

"Once I saw the bag I was thinking about what he was going to do, so for my selfprotection I grabbed a screwdriver.

"He was still trying to get past the counter, so I got the chair and chased him outside."

Police later found and seized the perpetrator's car – a silver 1990 Ford Corsair – after it had been dumped at a Renmark North property.

Just before 10pm the same evening police patrols conducted a search at a home in Paringa, where the 28-year-old suspect was located hiding in a roof space.

He was arrested and charged with attempted aggravated robbery, making off without payment, illegal use of a motor vehicle and failing to comply with emergency management directions.

Mr Avala said a fear for his safety – even if he had complied with the suspect's demands – prompted his reaction.

"Safety is most important, but I can't be sure that even if I emptied the register I would have been safe," he said.

"When you run your own business during Covid lockdowns, if I give up all that money, it would have been a loss for the business.

"At the same time you need to look at the safety."

Mr Avala – who moved to Renmark from Victoria to operate the service station earlier this year – said the majority of customers had made him feel welcome in the community.



The suspect, who was later arrested by police, was armed with a machete. PHOTOS supplied



A silver 1990 Ford Corsair driven by the suspect was found dumped at a Renmark North property.

"All the local customers from Renmark and the Riverland are good, and I've never faced any problems," he said.

"I've been working here for the last four months and nothing was wrong. I would never even lock the pumps before.

"People generally come and fill up, have a chat and make jokes with me. Customers who come and buy the newspaper will talk for two or three minutes.

"So I have a good impression of Renmark and I feel very comfortable here. I've been getting good support from the locals who come in, and even the cops said I did a good job."

It is understood the suspect appeared in the Berri Magistrates Court last Thursday, July 22, after he was refused bail.

POLICE NEWS

Ladders stolen from Mid Murray farm

POLICE investigations are ongoing into the recent theft of numerous ladders, used for harvesting produce, from a Mid Murray farm.

Eight fruit picking ladders were stolen from an open bay on a property at Greenways Road, at Nildottie, sometime between June 20 and July 21.

Anyone with information that could assist police investigations are asked to contact Crime Stoppers – anonymously – by

phone on 1800 300 000, or by visiting the website (http://crimestopperssa.com.au).

Any suspicious activity witnessed in the community can also be reported to police by phoning 131 444.

Man arrested for drill theft

A MAN has been arrested and will appear in court for the theft of tools from a Riverland business last week.

A business on Dorsch Avenue,

at Loxton, was broken into on Monday, July 19, when a battery drill set was stolen.

Police conducted several lines of enquiry and attended an address in Loxton – on Wednesday, July 21 – where the stolen drill set was located.

A 32-year-old man was arrested and charged with unlawfully being on the premises, illegal interference and theft.

It is understood the man was granted police bail and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on August 9.

Two Berri break-ins on same night

POLICE are seeking any information that could assist investigations into two separate home break-ins in the same Riverland town last week.

Residents of a home in O'Malley Street, Berri, were woken to the sound of their back door sliding open around 4.15am on Thursday, July 22.

The victim checked the scene and found someone had entered the home and stolen \$60 from a kitchen bench.

Then, around 5am the same night, police heard a noise at a home address when conducting foot patrols on Derrick Street.

Upon attending the address, officers located an open laundry door – with an exterior light also turned on – however, discussions with the occupants revealed nothing had been stolen.

Riverlanders with information relating to either investigation are asked to contact Crime Stoppers by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com).



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THE Riverland's largest Covid-19 testing site has seen demand decrease in the past week, bucking trends seen elsewhere in the state.

Wait times at the drive-through testing clinic at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri have trended downward since border closures cut interstate visitors off from the region.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion said the trend was "unusual" compared to the rest of South Australia.

"It's still higher than demand a few months ago, and they are currently doing about 150 tests per day," he said.

"At its very highest point they did 798 tests in one day with the Victorian and New South Wales border closures but with South Australia having no restrictions.

By JOSH BRINE

"Obviously a lot people had hightailed it across the border and needed to be tested."

Mr Champion said the clinic had so far mostly avoided problems with long wait times.

"The queues are a lot shorter because of decreased demand and because the vehicles that are lined up don't have caravans attached," he said.

As of Friday, July 23, the clinic opens seven days a week from 9am to 6pm.

No bookings or GP referrals are currently required to be tested at the clinic.



A few cars line up for Covid-19 testing at the drive-through clinic at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri on Tuesday morning. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

Tim defends government's local lockdown decision

JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL politician is standing behind the state government's decision to put the Riverland into lockdown alongside the rest of the state following a Covid-19 outbreak in Adelaide last week.

Chaffey Liberal MP Tim Whetstone said although the lockdown had caused economic damage in the Riverland, the lack of community spread to the regions was "proof" the measures had been successful.

"We had to stop people moving around the state... and the only way we could do that successfully was to put everyone into a lockdown," Mr Whetstone said.

"As the Premier said we have one chance to nip it in the bud



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they've had lockdowns for a considerable amount of time and I think South Australia has been in an enviable place.

"We've had a lockdown and it was regrettable but I think it was the right thing to do."

Mr Whetstone said avoiding extended lockdowns, like those seen previously in Victoria and currently in New South Wales, would benefit South Australia economically.

"Even though the economy's light is dim because of restrictions, it is still there," he said.

"We'll have to deal with all the restrictions that continue to come our way, but if we use levels of restrictions it is still better than a lockdown.' Mr Whetstone said he would

"rather be in South Australia's position" than other Australian states and other countries.

"I've got a daughter who recently moved to New South Wales and she's in lockdown, and I have a son in America who's dealing with 50,000 cases a day," he said. "I think we're in a pretty good space here.

'It doesn't please everyone, but it does keep us safe."

PAGE 33 Anti-lockdown local

New SA Covid-19 restrictions

Density requirement of one person per four-square-metres (25 per cent capacity) Seated food and beverages consumption indoor and

outdoor Household gatherings limited to 10 people, including regular occupants

Restrictions on shisha, dancing and singing continue Weddings and funerals can have up to 50 people, as long as venue complies with density requirement

Masks mandatory in high risk settings, personal care services, passenger transport services,

indoors in public places and health care services Masks strongly encouraged when out in public □ Schools and other education institutions return today Masks required for high school students and teachers, not mandatory for primary schools Gyms and fitness centres to reopen with one person per eight-square-metre density requirement, masks encouraged for low-intensity exercise □ Sports to resume training, but competitions on hold until further notice Construction sites repen

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JOSH BRINE

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"We're in a tricky spot where vaccines are limited, and we as an organisation have staff who are in quarantine themselves because they were either in Tailem Bend at the wrong time, visited Mildura before the restrictions came in place, or were in Adelaide," he said.

"Obviously with the lockdown, a number of community health services and non-essential surgeries have been postponed which has allowed us to cope despite the number of people in quarantine or isolation.

"I'm expecting that around September the number of vaccinations that we do will increase dramatically."

Riverland pharmacies are also joining the AstraZeneca vaccine rollout, with the Riverland Plaza Pharmacy in Berri now taking bookings and United Chemists Renmark, Barmera Pharmacy and Waikerie Pharmacy expected to begin vaccinating in the coming weeks.

The scarcity of vaccines across the region has caused frustration in the community, as locals wanting to be vaccinated struggle to find appointments.

Terry Singleton, of Renmark, said he would have to wait until mid-September to get an

Push to vaccinate aged-care workers

The region's local health network is pushing to ensure all aged-care workers are vaccinated, after the federal government decided to make vaccination mandatory across the sector.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced late last month that all residential aged-care workers would be required to have at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine by September 17, following a decision by the national cabinet.

AstraZeneca vaccine at his regular GP clinic in Berri.

"What was particularly annoying was that my daughter, who lives in Adelaide, was saying to go down there because you can get an appointment within two days," he said.

"I've been checking the online appointments every few days, and occasionally there's a spot that Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion said the network was working to give staff the opportunity to be vaccinated before the deadline.

Mr Champion said current vaccination rates at SA Healthoperated facilities varied greatly.

"Some locations are at 100 per cent across the LHN and others at quite low percentages," he said. - JOSH BRINE

pops up, but my wife and I want to get them at the same time and there are never two slots together...

"It's another illustration of how people in the regions get shortchanged and that's putting aside the federal government's stuff-up of actually getting the vaccines in the first place.

"It drives that irritation that for all of their talk they aren't in touch with what's happening in the regions."

Mr Singleton said he was currently uncomfortable with the idea of getting the vaccine at a pharmacy, and would consider going elsewhere to be vaccinated.

"While I think it's a good idea (to provide vaccines through pharmacies), I think people of my age should probably be seeing a doctor first to see if the AstraZeneca is appropriate for us," he said.

"My wife and I were considering driving to Adelaide and staying at my daughter's place for a couple of days to get this knocked over, but of course that became out of the question.

"It's lucky for us that we are in the position to be physically able to do so and be able to afford to do so."

Despite the lack of supply, Mr Champion encouraged people to persist with trying to find appointments.

"Vaccination is the key to keeping our community safe and avoiding future lockdowns and restrictions," he said.

State government steps up for local employees and businesses

RIVERLAND businesses and employees impacted by the Covid lockdown will receive the same financial support as those in metropolitan areas, thanks to a package worth about \$100 million announced by the state government last week.

Eligible workers in areas outside of a Commonwealth-declared hotspot who have lost over 20 hours' work can receive \$600 per week from the state government, while those who have lost between eight and 20 hours, or have lost a full day of work, can receive \$375 per week.

Small and medium-sized businesses across South Australia that have suffered a significant loss of income or been forced to close are eligible for a \$3000 emergency cash grant.

Small businesses without staff, such as non-employing sole traders, will be eligible for a \$1000 grant.

Nearly 2500 businesses have received the \$3000 cash grant so far, while 88 have received the \$1000 grant.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the grants came after talks with the Treasurer Rob Lucas and Premier Steven Marshall to discuss the need to provide "a package for all South Australians". "I was very disappointed with the Commonwealth's support strategy that targeted hotspots only, which left the majority of South Australia out in the cold," Mr Whetstone said.

"I think it's critically important that the support payments are there to help businesses get through lockdown."

Mr Lucas said the payments were "an immediate lifeline for small and medium businesses that are the lifeblood of our community".

To be eligible for the emergency cash grant, businesses must have an annual turnover of \$75,000 or more in 2020-21 or 2019-20, have an Australia-wide payroll of less than \$10 million in 2019-20 and have experienced at least a 30 per cent reduction in turnover during the week of the lockdown.

For more information on the business support program, including eligibility criteria, visit www.treasury.sa.gov.au/Growing-South-Australia/COVID-19.

Information on how to claim the income support payment is available at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/ centrelink/covid-19-disaster-payment.

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Council tackles Precinct court cost

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL council will investigate the cost of playing more indoor netball games in its new multimillion dollar stadium.

Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton discussed how to "maximise the use" of The Precinct with Loxton Netball Club representatives last week.

In last week's Murray Pioneer, it was reported that teams recently played in Arctic-like conditions while the Precinct's two indoor courts remained empty.

It was revealed that it would currently cost the Loxton Netball Club \$810 per round to have all its teams hire an indoor court



"Instead of just the hourly rate we've been going on that actually minimises the use, we want to make sure there's something that gets things going really strongly and positively both ends,"

Mr Beaton said. "We are looking for ways to maximise the use, so it's Loxton Waikerie Council met with the Loxton Netball Club to discuss the use of The Precinct. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

not just the A1s and A2s that use the facility."

Mr Beaton said once local netball resumes when Covid-19 restrictions allow, costs such as cleaning and lighting of the indoor courts will be investigated.

"We'll have better data to make a better community decision," he added.

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EDITORIAL THE YEARS GO BY

Riverland sport will need to be flexible too

AMID all that has been asked of Riverland businesses over the past 18 months, including resilience and a requirement to endure harsh measures and baffling inconsistencies foisted upon them by decision-makers, flexibility has been among the most valuable commodities.

Agility has never been more crucial for juggling staff, and dealing with snap closures, customer orders and all other inconveniences - and worse - that lockdowns and restrictions have meant.

Many have suffered big time, including over the past week during SA's latest Covid-19 lockdown. Fortunately, thanks in part to taxpayer-funded assistance, most will come through the other side with their businesses and future plans intact.

Yesterday South Australians learned that the seven-day lockdown would end and that the most onerous stay-at-home restrictions would be lifted.

But life is not back to normal - not even close - and those involved in Riverland sporting competitions soon learned that any plans for a single-weekend pause would need to be revisited.

Like businesses, public services, families and individuals, local sport may need to be flexible to get through 2021, employing pragmatic measures considered extreme just two years ago.

For all its flaws - and it has many - the AFL could provide an example of how to navigate such tricky and unchartered waters.

Notwithstanding the shameful reality denied by Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews - that its management inexplicably gets tipped off before the general public about impending lockdowns, the AFL has done an

incredible job over the past two seasons. Sure, having apparent priority access to exemptions helps when whisking players across otherwise-locked state borders, but nonetheless, co-ordinating an 18-team national competition amid the mad fluidity of state premiers' whims - and those of their chief health officers - has been a nightmare.

Riverland sporting administrators face what might appear a somewhat more straightforward task of getting seasons completed by a certain date.

However, this could also get messy.

Seasons may need to be cut short, via less matches than originally scheduled being played, as flagged by the RFL yesterday afternoon. Some administrators might consider switching dates or programming catch-up games - though the latter is never easy, and is less practical in some sports than others.

Naturally, the AFL has the advantage of deep pockets and participants who are fulltime athletes. But if that sporting behemoth can keep its eye on the ball, with its clubs suddenly realising that without the game itself they are nothing, then hopefully Riverland sporting competitions and clubs, and the hard-working, well-intentioned volunteers who keep them afloat, can plot a satisfactory path through the remainder of 2021.

Like everyone, they will be counting on this week's lockdown being our last.



Planning gone mad?

I REFER to the two-storey house currently being built along Wheatley Road, Loxton, behind my Bookpurnong Road property, overlooking the river.

This house was meant to have little or no impact on surrounding properties, but serious impedes the view of three houses, and is an invasion of privacy on another Wheatley Road home.

The adjoining allotment to the south of this development is currently vacant, however it includes a levelled pad area that is similarly in alignment with the proposed dwelling on the subject land.

There is no doubt in our minds that this should have been a Category 2 development to allow concerned property owners to be aware of this proposal.

In one fell swoop this home has partially destroyed the views and privacy of several homes.

I have been building for 52 years and would never have allowed a building to be placed where it caused a serious interference with neighbouring views.

I wonder if clients were even taken to the site, shown where the home was to be placed, and had it explained to them to add 9.57 metres height from where they were standing?

Has this council forgotten that it actually works for us? We don't pay their wages to make what I consider are stupid and thoughtless decisions without any consultation with neighbouring residents.

A number of residents near this building are unhappy.

We have another vacant property to the north of us. Is council setting a precedent for a similar development for that land that would further limit our views?

We are supposed to live in a democratic country where fairness and negotiation are an essential part of life.

I ask all councillors, council employees, Riverland Regional Assessment Panel members and

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JULIAN NICKOLAI Loxton

Understanding oneway street proposal

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home and view this handiwork.

FURTHER to my ongoing opposition to a one-way Francis Street in Waikerie, I do not believe the District Council of Loxton Waikerie understands the gravity of this proposal and what it means to the ongoing viability of McKay's Auto and the CBD as a whole.

Not one councillor has approached me voluntarily to try to understand what we do here and how that translates to the wealth of our business sector.

For instance, please contact the Waikerie Hotel or the caravan park and ask how many nights' accommodation we book for broken down travellers in our region.

Restricting our business means killing us off, pure and simple.

More thought into a better plan that works for all is imperative. The future of viable local businesses depends on it. STUART McKAY

Owner/dealer principal McKay's Auto Centre Waikerie

The cost of sport is just too high

"BUILD it and they will come." The catchery for the Loxton Precinct seems to have fallen flat as the cost to some users is stopping them from utilising this Taj Mahal.

No bowling club, no tennis club and no idea what the costs will be in the future?

Grassroots sports are already expensive as local subs support state associations, regional associations and insurance, so any additional fees to use these facilities is beyond the reach of most

families, particularly if annual subs have to increase further.

We have a million-dollar mezzanine level, which was not in the original plans, and now council wants the Loxton Football Club to close the adjacent licensed sporting club to take up the licence and kitchen on the mezzanine.

But at what cost? And would this further impact on the Loxton Club Inc. right next door?

Surely this should have been done before the decision to proceed with the extra million dollar addition?

Were there business plans and financial management plans when this project proceeded?

Every other body seeking government and council support is required to provide this.

As council proceeds with lavish spending like this, as well as the council chambers, the goldplated toilets, seniors' hub, new council works depot, and more, the general reserves will soon be spent.

I believe the mayor and councillors will leave a debt legacy that ratepayers throughout the district will pay for over the decades to come.

This spending is unsustainable.

This council should get back to core business and leave major projects to developers who have to conform to the due diligence and legislative processes.

As said by CV (Text Line, Murray Pioneer 14/7/21): Full stop. Exclamation mark.

TREVOR QUAST Former Loxton Waikerie councillor

Chairman Waikerie District Residents and

Ratepayers Association

No right to refuse **Covid vaccination**

I REMEMBER when I went to primary school we all lined up in the hall to receive our polio and tuberculosis vaccine.

Everybody got it and this is why these hideous diseases no longer are a threat to us in Australia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unless for medical conditions there was no right of refusal, you just lined up and received it.

A right is something someone else has to give you, so why should I give people the right to refuse the Covid-19 vaccination and to go out into the community to continue to infect other people?

Why should I give people the right to refuse the jab and use our tax money to care for them while they lay in a hospital bed wishing they hadn't been so stubborn and agreed to the vaccination earlier?

The vaccination should be compulsory except for genuine medical reasons. If they don't take it, at last their ability to be part of society should be restricted.

PHIL BRYANT Monash

Frontline people

ONE big shout out to all our frontline people who've supported us in another lockdown.

From our supermarkets, to banks, retail stores, post office, essential businesses and healthcare destinations, you all have the courage to show up and be kind to us. Many thanks

Rest assured I am only one of many who are extremely grateful for your effort.

GEORGIE BASEY Renmark Monash

Medical bus update

I WAS feeling sorry for the ladies running the Red Cross medical bus, because they had no home base and patients were having difficulty getting through to them, because the phones were a bit 'iffy'.

I don't know anyone in Berri, which I have understood to be the home of the medical bus.

I contacted Mr Whetstone's office and it appears William - Mr Whetstone's Man Friday took over

He contacted me a few weeks ago to inform me that an office has since been found for the

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY Horses at reed-less water's edge: Why are these horses at water's edge, but there are no reeds (Bookpurnong, 1910)? Today, from this location and elsewhere along the

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river, the horses are gone but the river bank is, in places, covered by reeds. It prompts the question, "Why is this

so?". The common reed (phragmites australis) and the bulrush (cumbungi, typha orientale) are native to the River Murray and tributaries. The reeds grow in massive stands, especially in low-lying marshy areas along the Macquarie,

Lachlan and Murrumbidgee. So thick in fact that they

prevented explorers Oxley and Sturt from penetrating.

reed colonies in the Riverland. Since white settlement

the advent of stock and horses coming to the river for

water might have led to the reeds being eaten out, but these animals only eat young reeds; the old ones survive.

However, the reeds grow well in shallow water less than 1.5

metres deep. Where the river runs in a deep-water channel,

few reeds grow, but the locks built in the 1920s and 1930s,

and the 1956 flood, created - in places - a zone of shallow

water at pool level beside the main channel allowing the

reeds to flourish, which they have since then. PHOTO: LHC

So, there was no lack of seed in the rivers to spawn

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ladies organising the medical bus. Many thanks indeed, William. I sincerely hope that more volunteer drivers will step forward too.

Also the Loxton Hotel – in the Murray Pioneer - thanked folks for participating in its recent \$10,000 draw. I was lucky enough to win on June 25. Thank you so much. As I keep saying, lucky.

LOU HUNT Loxton

Sky News is an essential service

SKY News and its opinions are an essential service.

The taxpayer-funded media feeds so much information in the guise of news that suits its agendas that it is essential we maintain a rational alternative viewpoint to consider.

Sky News does this particularly well. Its presenters are not only obviously intelligent and perceptive, but also entertaining.

Their credibility is enhanced by the fact that most of them have had life experience in spades.

Being well-known identities with experience in public life, and also experience of what goes on behind the scenes, must offer them greater insight into current affairs.

That they are accustomed to attracting controversy must surely reinforce their courage to confront individuals and situations that are not benefiting us, the public.

Ian Kent and David Turnbull (Murray Pioneer) are absolutely right. We cannot afford to lose this resource and its presenters.

We cannot afford to allow any

media views and news distortions to go unchallenged. MALCOLM TUBB

Renmark ED: See page 20

SA's fake 'love the **Murray' tactic**

IT is disappointing to continually read the misinformation from left and right and, in particular, so-called environmental groups about the state of our Murray-Darling "environment".

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Lake Bonney.

Many grateful thanks to the

I thoroughly agree with Jeff M

when he said Waikerie's CBD is

having McCoy Street become a

uninspiring and would benefit from

mall (Murray Pioneer, 21/7/21). I

travelling up that street and turning

everyone's heads in disbelief with

Stuart McKay, you are right about

the millions spent in Loxton. Just

their deafening noise. And yes,

look at their main street.

In the context of community

government's woeful vaccine

those who criticise lockdowns

variant, coupled with the federal

rollout, you've got to believe that

transmission of the Delta

have witnessed two semi-trailers



I understand their goals are politically based, in particular there is a clamour for certain South Australian federal electorate seats, however it would be refreshing if they could at least try to discern between fact and fiction.

Last week I read an online article purporting to highlight why the Murray-Darling system is dying.

A few weeks ago I happened to be at parliament when senators, both Liberal and Labor, and all from South Australia, bent over themselves in a furore when the Nationals tried to introduce common sense changes to that best: the Murray Darling Basin Plan and its reason for existence, the Water Act 2007.

In the name of "saving the Murray" I constantly see a blatant failure to appreciate the difference between farming practices in the Northern and Southern Basins, and the rules and regulations surrounding the use of water to grow our essential food and fibre supplies.

I see Senator Penny Wong

standing with little stickers say-

ing I "love" (with a love heart) the Murray.

I see and hear South Australian Liberal members of the lower house yelling in question time "they will take our water from my Murray over my dead body"

If these elected members and those "environmentalists" - who seem to be able to gain reel upon reel of free press, pandering to city voters who just love the word "environment" - were honest with themselves and their sadly ignorant readers and if they truly cared for the Murray River environment they would be demanding that flows to South Australia, designed primarily to guarantee a cheap and effective water supply for Adelaide and surrounds, be reviewed and replaced with a focus on quality not quantity.

This could include increased reliance on the taxpayer-funded SA desalination plant, which is virtually idle.

If they truly cared for the Darling/Baaka River they would be demanding river connectivity through increased Darling flows,

back to the levels when it was a vital contributor to SA water supplies.

They would demand a plugging of the pipes still draining fresh water from south east SA out to sea.

That same water was used to replenish the estuarine Coorong and Lakes before barrages were built to keep the sea out.

Instead, most of these people are more interested in promoting fallacies for political gain.

I look forward to the day when we can have informed, intelligent and non-political debate and decision-making so our Murray-Darling system is operated under a balanced policy that protects its environment, as well as enabling our world's best farmers to produce the food that is needed, both domestically and internationally.

This is not difficult to achieve, it just takes political courage and standing up to those who shamelessly and selfishly promote a false perception of the Basin. **ROBYN WHELLER** Lancefield, Victoria

TEXT LINE

supermarkets, but one person at a time in hairdressing salons. I know supermarkets are classed as essential services, but come on, we all wear masks. Bit unfair.

Loxton

No bowls or tennis, and now netball left outside ('Precinct scenario leaves netball teams in the cold', Murray Pioneer, 21/7/21). Hopefully the little kids can play indoors on really bad days. But it's not just an indoor sport, so remember that. VAL

Berri

Netball is a winter sport (Murray Pioneer, 21/7/21). Players expect to play in the wind and rain, have done for many years, right around Australia. CJ

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NO 'PLAN B' FOR REGIONAL WASTE DUMP: A local councillor has called for a "plan B" regarding the proposed location of the Riverland Regional Waste Management Facility (RRWMF). At Tuesday's monthly meeting, Berri Barmera councillor Andrew Kassebaum asked about the provision of a back-up plan, should the current proposal to situate the site near Monash fail.



CREDITORS TO SEAL CITRUS SHED'S FATE: Creditors to Simpson Packing Shed will meet today to decide whether to wind up the company and sell its assets. The Loxton-based citrus company is in the hands of receivers, with debts of more than \$5 million. Creditors, many of them growers, will receive the report today detailing the company's financial situation and the chances they have of recouping money still owed.

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. The Murray Pioneer Pty Ltd (ACN 007 871 007)

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Australia experience the same carnage that we have all seen occur overseas. Monash

Thursday was our coldest day since 1989. No doubt this is further evidence of global warming. MOG

Has anyone seen the house getting built in Wheatley Road in Loxton? How on earth can the Loxton Waikerie council approve this house for being built where it is? It's disgusting. There's no privacy for the surrounding neighbours. The house next door must feel so intruded on. Why does it have to be built so far up the block? I'd complain if my house was surrounding this. DAVID

Loxton

Berri

So the editor says lockdowns must end (Murray Pioneer, 21/7/21). Wow. That's a pretty irresponsible thing to say. Safety must always

CHRIS

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How annoying. We're in lockdown

difference is? We can all go into the shops to get food with the masks on. They are getting money to pay wages and rent. What about hair salons, dress shops, sports shops etc. that are not on the list. Why not? We would all wear masks in there as well. They're not getting money to pay wages or rent. Plus there are heaps of people in

MICK

come before money. Always.

and our favourite programs are replaced or interrupted with politicians spruiking Covid and Olympic Games. Give us a break.

AB Barmera Can someone tell me what the

have some perverse desire to see workers picking up the fish along ROBYN **Barmera**

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GARY

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What's your point of view?

A "SELFISH" invasion of privacy that doubles as a view-wrecking anomaly, or simply a new two-storey house – overlooking Loxton's stretch of the river

- being built within all relevant regulations? Loxton man Julian Nickolai says neighbours deserved a chance to protest plans for the partially completed Wheatley Road development, which towers over the backyard of an adjacent property and impacts the river views of three more.

Mr Nickolai, who yesterday erected a provocative sign condemning the house's height and positioning, said the scenario should serve as a warning to anyone with vacant land near their property.

"It's bad enough for us, with this structure suddenly blocking our river view, but what about my neighbours down the bottom, who have this massive invasion of privacy?" he said.

"We've been here 25 years and our main concern is that a similar building could go up on the other side, right in front of us.

"This is a wake-up call to everybody in the Riverland."

The house's dimensions and positioning were endorsed in a Loxton Waikerie council report, despite the report's author conceding the building's 9.57 metre height "exceeds the maximum building height for the zone by 1.57 metres".

The 2019 report also stated that the building would "not overshadow or detrimentally overlook the adjoining allotments".

The home is positioned within the setback parameters for the council's rural living zone, over 36 metres from the boundary it shares with the rear of Mr Nickolai's own two-storey Bookpurnong Road home.



NEW VIEW: The new view from the backyard of Loxton man Adrian Nickolai (right, with his brother and next door neighbour Julian). PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Despite this, Mr Nickolai – a professional builder for the past 52 years – queried the development's "Category 1" classification, which carries no requirement for public notification.

However, an LGA spokesperson said when a development application is submitted, the relevant planning authority – in this case, Loxton Waikerie council – "assesses the application against the criteria and determines which category the application falls into".

Mr Nickolai estimated the house effectively impedes his south-westerly view overlooking Loxton by "about 20 per cent". His brother, Adrian, lives next door and said it blocks his previously panoramic backyard view of Thiele's Sandbar and the River Murray. Mr Nickolai said locating the house further down the sloped allotment would have eliminated all neighbours' concerns.

"Even 10 or 15 metres down and we would've been okay with it, and the owners would've lost absolutely nothing," he said.

"Their view wouldn't have been hampered whatsoever. They've basically gained stuffall by having it so high."

After being unconcerned about initial work at the site, Mr Nickolai and his wife raised the alarm when framework for the second story was being erected.

"We thought it was maybe going to have a flat roof, but pig's bum," he said.

"I came home one night and that gable had gone up, and I estimate that's about three metres above the other part of the building. "That's when I started making waves and

going to the council." Mr Nickolai's request to Loxton Waikerie

council for a printed copy of the approved site and elevation plans was denied, however he was permitted to view the plans at the council's Loxton office.

"It took me three weeks and cost me \$37.50 just to view the plan for 10 minutes and even then I couldn't read the dimensions because it was too blurry," he said.



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ble to provide either a hard copy or an electronic copy of the plans as it would be an infringement of the architect's copyright. The development application motion was

The council told Mr Nickolai it was una-

put to the Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP) in late 2019, carrying a recommendation of "consent".

The panel – comprising four independent members and one Riverland elected member – subsequently followed the recommendation and approved the development, clearing the final hurdle.

Meanwhile Mr Nickolai has invited people to make up their own minds.

"I ask all councillors, council employees, Riverland Regional Assessment Panel members and anyone interested to come to my home and view this handiwork," he said.

The Murray Pioneer was unable to gain comment on the development from Loxton Waikerie council's Cheryle Pedler before yesterday's deadline. Like thousands of others statewide, council employees had been required to work from home following the state government's snap seven-day lockdown, imposed last week and only lifted at 11.59pm yesterday.

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Government of South Australia

SENDING A MESSAGE: Julian Nickolai unveiled this provocative sign at the back of his property, visible from Wheatley Road, yesterday. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Master Plans for the River Murray

Working with key stakeholders, the Department for Environment and Water has developed a draft Master Plan with ideas and concepts designed to achieve positive environmental outcomes at various sites in the Bookmark Creek and Lock 3 regions.

We are now inviting all interested persons to come along to two Community Open House sessions where you can see the plans, discuss them with DEW staff and have a say as we aim to turn some of these ideas and concepts into real projects under the \$37.6m Sustaining Riverland E

Meetings cancelled due to COVID-19





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Fruit receipts no **longer** adequate

LOCALS and travellers will no longer be able to use receipts from shops outside the Riverland to bring potential fruit fly host material into the region.

The State Government will tomorrow introduce a complete ban on host fruit and vegetables being brought to the Riverland by travellers, including fruit purchased from Adelaide shops.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said increased measures were necessary due to "ongoing pressure" from fruit fly on the borders of the Riverland and larvae found in interstate fruit.

"Travellers can no longer use a receipt to bring fruit and vegetables into the Riverland that has been purchased in South Australian shops," Mr Basham said.

"As we move closer to spring, the Liberal Government will adopt a nothing-left-in-the-locker approach to eradicating fruit fly and keeping the Riverland pest free.

"Larvae detections in interstate fruit purchased at Adelaide supermarkets this year have proven the inspection regimes in eastern states are not robust enough to fully protect the internationally recognised Riverland pest-free area.

"There is too much interstate fruit entering the Adelaide market and it is impossible to track fruit that has been properly treated once it leaves the supermarket compared to produce that has only been inspected before entering our state.'

Mr Basham encouraged visitors to support the Riverland economy by purchasing fruit and vegetables from local suppliers.

"Random roadblock figures this year show around one in 10 travellers continue to flout the law and bring illegal fruit fly host material into the Riverland," he said.

"We have no choice but to strengthen the 'zero tolerance to fruit fly' policy and impose stricter measures on the entry of fruit into the Riverland to protect communities, jobs and livelihoods.

"Fresh fruit and vegetables are still available to purchase in Riverland shops, so buy their and support local businesses in the region.

"We are making this change to protect our growers from the scourge of fruit fly, which threatens our \$1.3 billion horticulture industry vulnerable to fruit fly."

Fruit fly host material grown interstate must now also be treated with specific approved treatments before it can be packed and transported for sale in Riverland shops and supermarkets.

Further information regarding fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland can be found by visiting the website (fruitfly.sa.gov.au).

PAGES 10-11 Citrus update

Holy cow: Will it be third time lucky for our Alizah?

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON beef handler Alizah Fogden will have to wait just a bit longer to represent South Australia and compete against some of the nation's finest.

Miss Fogden (pictured), 21, was announced as a national finalist for the 2021 Agricultural Shows Australia National Young Judges finals to be held at the Royal Queensland Show next week.

However, due to Covid restrictions, Miss Fogden will now compete at the Sydney Royal Easter Show next year.

"I am looking forward to actually being able to do it," she said. "We go to Sydney with the

cows, so I know the arena there and know my way around."

It is the second setback for Miss Fogden, who qualified at the 2019 Royal Adelaide Show and was initially set to compete in New Zealand.

Despite the setbacks, Miss Fogden said she was hoping for a case of "third time lucky".

"It will be an experience of parading on a whole new level," she said.

"It's an exciting opportunity of learning.'

Miss Fogden began parading cattle at the age of 8 and said she enjoyed the whole process.



Loxton's Alizah Fogden was set to compete at the 2021 Agricultural Shows Australia National Young Judges finals to be held at the Royal Queensland Show next month. However, due to Covid restrictions, her competition will now be held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show next year. PHOTO: supplied

"Parading the animal is the final hurrah of all the hard work you've put in at home," she said. "I really enjoy getting them in the ring and putting them forward

Miss Fogden said she and her

to the judge.'

tion to the Royal Adelaide Show in a couple of weeks. Miss Fogden is the daughter of

family are now turning their atten-

Peter and Justine Fogden and the granddaughter of Richard ('Dick') and Deidre.

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RIVERLAND CITRUS UPDATE



Bookpurnong citrus grower Michael Ingerson says ideal growing conditions, including a mild summer, have contributed to an outstanding crop. PHOTO: supplied

Riverland oranges and mandarins 'best in years'

PERFECT growing conditions have helped create the best tasting oranges and mandarins seen across the Riverland in years, farmers say.

Bookpurnong grower Michael Ingerson, whose family has grown citrus for 92 years, is enthusiastic about the season.

"I reckon it's some of the best citrus we've grown for a long, long time, and it's not just me saying this," Mr Ingerson said.

"The Riverland has had a mild summer. I think we only had four days over 42 degrees and that's pretty unheard of.

"Our imperial mandarins and navel oranges have been testing highly for eating quality.

"It should be a great season for fruit flavour."

Mr Ingerson and his family's favourite citrus at the moment is the imperial mandarin.

"We know kids love snacking on mandarins: they are easy to peel, seedless and naturally sweet," he said.

"They won't be disappointed this year."

All citrus varieties are renowned as being a vitamin C source, contributing to the body's immune system in cold and flu season, and providing folate, which is important for growing bodies and expectant mums.

Citrus Australia says one orange, mandarin or lemon

contains an entire daily recommended intake of vitamin C, as well as antioxidants and fibre necessary for a healthy body.

Citrus Australia CEO Nathan Hancock thanked all consumers for buying Australian.

"When you buy Aussie citrus you support our Aussie growers, who in turn support our rural towns across the state from Murray Bridge to Waikerie, Loxton and Renmark," Mr Hancock said.

"Add them to your weekly shop. Citrus is great in the fruit bowl or fridge at this time of year and they keep very well – that is, unless they're eaten in the first few days."



Container shortage

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

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A SHORTAGE of shipping containers is hampering the export of Riverland citrus.

Citrus Growers SA chairman, Mark Doecke, who has a fruit property at Sunlands, said the region had been hoping to export up to 100,000 tonnes of citrus this year, including navel oranges, mandarins,

Cafe on McCoy

and lemons. But he said a shortage of freight containers

and labour was causing serious delays to the season. "The lack of containers and sea freight to move the volume of fruit we need to move is

the issue," Mr Doecke said. "As we are going through the season, there

are issues that we weren't expecting." The Riverland citrus industry mainly

exports to Asian countries, which include China, Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines.

Mr Doecke said attempts to forward plan and ensure sufficient shipping containers for the citrus season had been unsuccessful.

He said fruit was having to be stored in cool rooms and also left on trees because of the delays.

"Cold rooms are at capacity, containers are short and we are starting to look at the next

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RIVERLAND CITRUS UPDATE

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variety, but we haven't finished the one we are on now," Mr Doecke said.

He said Covid-19 restrictions interstate were also slowing down the transport of citrus to the eastern states.

"For exports, the problem is a shortage of containers, and for domestic markets it is the Covid shutdown," Mr Doecke said.

"The quality of fruit has been OK."

Mr Doecke said Riverland citrus growers have finished the early navel orange season and were expected to finish picking midseason navels this week.

He said the late navel season was expected to begin next week and continue until October, when the valencia season was due to start.

PAGE 23 Sweet success

Help keep you and your community safe on the road

The South Australian Government has released the draft *South Australia's Road Safety Strategy to 2031.*

Community consultation is now open!

The draft Strategy has been developed with input from communities, stakeholders and road users across the state. By working together we can save lives, reduce serious injuries and create safer communities.

All South Australians are road users. Whether you drive, ride, walk or are a passenger, this is your opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Strategy to guide the South Australian Government's focus for the next decade.

Have your say by Wednesday 1 September at 5:00 pm

- Go to yoursay.sa.gov.au/road-safety
- > Review the draft South Australia's Road Safety Strategy to 2031
- Have your say by taking the online survey or email us at DIT.RoadSafety@sa.gov.au







Union calls for piecework wage an attack, says Tim

kilogram, some builders are

paid by the meterage, and

bricklayers are paid by the

for the AWU to come in and

target an industry that puts

food on the table of every

National Farmers'

Federation CEO Tony Mahar

said the current piecework

structure meant payment

rates had to allow workers

to earn "at least 15 per cent

above the horticulture award

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Mr Whetstone said a mini-

businesses fail."

"Employment is the num-

"For example, a worker

day," Mr Mahar said.

Rather than offering a

"So I think it's a bit rich

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earnings.

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND MP says the possible introduction of a minimum wage for fruit pickers would force Riverland growers to "pull out their trees", while a national industry body says the added financial cost would put businesses at risk.

The Fair Work Commission earlier this month began a hearing regarding the potential introduction of a minimum wage for piecework, following claims of numerous seasonal workers being underpaid.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said introducing a minimum wage would add extra financial costs for local growers.

"Nobody has ever said picking fruit is an easy job, and some people are just not suited to it," Mr Whetstone said.

"I met with growers... to discuss this issue, and they said if this is what it comes down to they will pull out their trees, because they know they will go broke."

Mr Whetstone said utilising the piecework system had maximised efficiency across numerous primary industries.

"In my previous life piecework was the norm, and I've seen it benefit pickers and families with extensive

above-award wages," he said. "Piecework – particularly in the agriculture industry – has always been reward for

effort. "Shearers are paid by the sheep, fishers are paid by the



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have prevented the success of a recent initiative to quarantine Pacific Island seasonal workers in the Riverland.

"We know we've got chronic labour shortages, and if it wasn't for the Pacific Islanders in our region we would be in serious trouble," he said.

"(Piecework) gives them a reward for their effort, for turning up every day and working hard.

"If you put someone who's highly productive next to someone who isn't, it raises the question of why should the person work so hard?"

Mr Whetstone said continued co-operation was needed between the state government and industry to ensure fair work conditions for all piecework employees.

"(The unions) would represent a very small minority of the workforce, that isn't in tune with what it means for the picker, the farmer, the packer and the consumer," he said.

"This is just another attack on food producers by unions who have no idea.

"If there's an employer doing the wrong thing, they need to be reported to the ombudsman, but the Riverland has been born and raised on piecework... and it has worked extremely well.

"There is a small minority of employers that have done the wrong thing, and they deserve to have the book thrown at them. But I think abolishing piecework is basically throwing the baby out with the bathwater."



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ANZ a friendly face... with a short memory

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face and do your banking in person... "ANZ branches are designed to make your

banking less complicated and more convenient... "We put our customers first so our branches are designed with you in mind."

So how does one process the announcement that the ANZ Loxton branch is to close at year's end?

The Loxton branch has existed for over a century (since 1908 actually), first as the Bank of Adelaide and since 1980 as ANZ.

Its imminent closure, unless community sentiment can pressure a reversal of the decision, will leave Loxton with only one retail bank, Bank SA.

Growing up I can remember at least five banks in town and many of my high school alumni getting their first job at one of them. Services have been lost since, plus jobs and opportunities as well.

Banking is changing and will continue to move to digital options. But it is the speed of this change and transformation that leaves lifetime customers feeling aggrieved and deserted.

Despite the claims of a "friendly face", ANZ closed 19 branches across Australia this year with further closures, including Loxton, slated for 2022.

Looking from Sydney it might appear that closing the Loxton branch is no big deal because the ANZ Berri branch is only 18km away. A better understanding of the district would acknowledge Loxton as a regional centre for the Mallee; for those living south, east and west of the river who already travel significant distances.

Those at the ANZ making these decisions, whether part of the organisation or consultants, don't appear to care about the community impacts, nor the past.

I remember the \$120 billion taxpayer bailout ANZ and the other three big banks received during the global financial crisis of 2008.

The \$4 billion daily lifeline kept them all afloat and it was the Australian taxpayers who carried the risk. On top of increased share prices, in May this

year the ANZ Bank announced a \$2.99 billion half-yearly profit and declared a shareholder fully-franked dividend of 70 cents per share.

Becoming conduct would be to share some of this good fortune with their customers by way of maintaining services and reputation.

After all, it was these customers – the taxpayers - who rescued them just over a decade ago. Bank SA would also do well to remember this, Tim Marcus Clarke and the events of 1991, when deciding if it too should remain in Loxton.

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

Waikerie **families** embrace home schooling

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

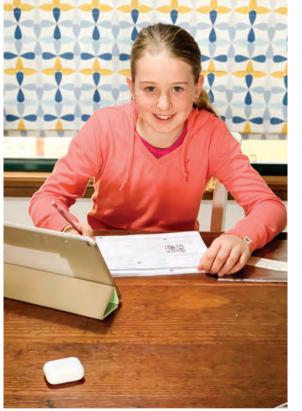
WAIKERIE Lutheran Primary School families adapted well to home schooling.

From last Wednesday in South Australia, only children of essential workers and vulnerable children were allowed to attend school during SA's snap seven-day Covid-19 lockdown

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School's learning and teaching co-ordinator, Michelle Burns, said this year all of the students and parents at the school had chosen to learn from home during the Covid-19 lockdown.

"We found it a fairly smooth transition, compared to last time," she said.

"Staff were very relaxed about it. We use a lot of devices in the classroom already, from reception, right through to year 7, so



Adele Arnold has enjoyed the relaxed pace of learning from home. PHOTO: supplied



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School's learning and teaching co-ordinator, Michelle Burns, says the Seesaw online platform has made home schooling a smooth experience for all involved. **PHOTO: Christine Webster**

the transition to home schooling was fairly simple and easy."

Ms Burns said the Seesaw online learning platform was working well for parents, students and teachers.

"Every classroom teacher has been posting a 'good morning' to their students," she said.

"When we go through this as staff, we can actually see who has seen this, so we know they are online and have started their day.'

Each day the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School students take photos or post their work onto the Seesaw platform.

"The kids love taking photos of their work," Ms Burns said.

"As part of their routine check list, each class is allocated certain tasks to upload each day."

Ms Burns said the students' tasks focused on literacy and numeracy.

Ms Burns said the year 6/7 class had been doing an inquiry-based subject and had been studying the effects of Covid-19 on mental health.

She said Waikerie Lutheran Primary School teachers had also phoned families to check on how they were coping with education at home and the Covid-19 lockdown.

Ms Burns said it was important to establish a consistent routine for learning time and create a learning friendly space in their home.

Education routine at home

WAIKERIE mum, Belinda Arnold, and her daughter Adele, have found home schooling this term relaxing and say it would be fine if it continued a bit longer.

Adele is in year 6 at Waikerie Lutheran Primary School with her sister, Hailey who is in year 7.

Both students will begin secondary school next year, and they also have a sister, Felicity who is in year 10 at Waikerie High School.

Ms Arnold said she was fortunate all three of her daughters were relatively good students, which has meant that home schooling at the start of term three had been an easy task.

"They are pretty self-motivated," she said.

"They get up first thing in the morning and they are doing some (work) before their breakfast and some while they are having breakfast.

"They just want to get it done so they can do other things at home." Ms Arnold said during home school-

ing, Adele, Hailey and Felicity aim to finish their studies by lunchtime.

She said this then freed them up to ride their horses, watch a movie, or earn some pocket money helping their family pick or pack fruit.

The Arnold family owns several fruit properties across the Riverland West area.

Ms Arnold said having her daughters home amid a shortage of workers due to Covid-19 had also come in handy.

"The labour shortage is higher than normal, so rather than giving them the opportunity to work and earn money, it is actually 'We need you to help',' she said.

Adele said she found studying from home much easier than last year because she was more familiar with what was required.

"It is more organised," she said. "You have your work set out for the day and you can do it in any order."

Adele is not worried about Covid-19 interrupting her pathway to high school next year, when students in year 7 in South Australia will be classed as secondary students.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



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Ex-councillor no fan of the plan

A FORMER councillor has criticised Berri Barmera Council (BBC) via a public consultation submission on its draft annual business plan and budget.

Berri's Trevor Chapple, who sat on council from 2006 to 2014, said council's rates were too high compared to others around the state.

"Wishing to relocate has prompted me to look through dozens of towns' and councils' websites which leaves me in no doubt that BBC is not providing value for money with its rates," he said in his submission.

"The property we bought outside the Riverland to relocate to has rates that are almost double in comparison to our property in the City of Mitcham, but are (still) \$2541 cheaper than BBC.

"If rates are high, value for money is important."

Mr Chapple also said council's Audit Committee "cannot be called independent" as it features one independent member, compared to three for the Adelaide City Council.

However, in a report to council tabled at a special meeting last week, Berri Barmera CEO Karyn Burton said the membership and function of the committee was "entirely in accordance" with state government legislation.

"It is not warranted to compare the membership of an audit committee of a small regional council such as ours with that of the Adelaide City Council," she said.

"Consideration also must be given to the additional expense of sitting fees for additional members and that



Former Berri Barmera councillor Trevor Chapple (inset) submitted feedback on council's annual business plan and budget that was critical of rates and the council's audit committee.

cost required to be borne by ratepayers."

In his submission, Mr Chapple called for upgrades to footpaths, lighting and paving around Berri, particularly along Hughes Street and McGilton Road, where a new doctor's surgery and nursing home are currently being constructed.

"Berri is presently having a boom in commercial building..." he said.

"All of these new buildings need council's infrastructure to be upgraded. "I note that although there

is provision in the budget for planning there is nothing to provide these services."

Ms Burton acknowledged that infrastructure adjacent to new developments would need upgrading. "Funds have been allo-

cated for the planning of these upgrades within the 2021/2022 budget and, without knowing the full extent of the requirements once planning/consultation has been completed, estimated allocations have been included in future years within the Long-Term Financial Plan to accommodate upgrades," she said.

Ms Burton also defended the number of carry-over projects council had from the 2020/21 financial year, highlighted by Mr Chapple in his submission.

"Recently issues relating to Covid, contractor and supplier availability, stimulus grant monies being allocated at short notice and with short time frames, and council priorities sometimes taking a sideways step have all been factors for projects requiring carry over," she said.

"Council needs to be aware that the funds allocated for the carry-over projects are also carried over."

Mr Chapple also claimed general maintenance was below par in Berri Barmera, listing several specific complaints.

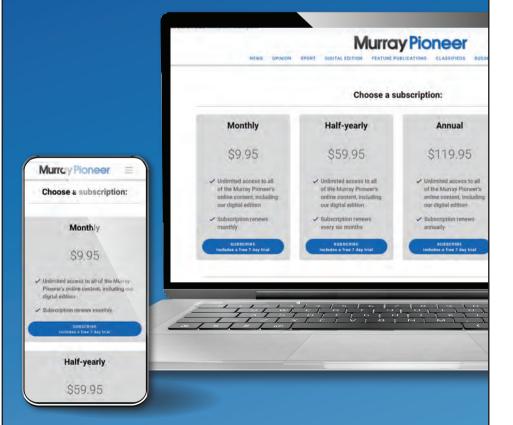
Council received two other submissions as part of the public consultation process, which was restarted earlier this month after it was determined the initial consultation period was too short.

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Loxton's Arts on Terrace event will return on August 8, after the the 2020 event was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



STEPHANIE THOMPSON

ARTS on Terrace will make a colourful return to Loxton in just 11 days, featuring a range of events and workshops.

The event kick-starts Loxton's monthlong art trail, which sees businesses become a progressive gallery and local artists showcased.

Arts on Terrace will be held on Sunday, August 8, with Sunday trading between 10am to 3pm.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and events manager Sonya Altschwager encouraged locals to make the most of shops trading on a Sunday.

"It will be great to have a Sunday trading day to make up for some of the lost trading that we've just experienced," she said.

The day will feature creative workshops, along with opportunities to meet local artists and authors.

Ms Altschwager said Arts on Terrace had the benefit of being spread among the town and therefore able to abide by Covid restrictions.

The popular Junk Art Sculpture Competition will also return, with entries

Local competition for trash and treasure

ARTISTS have just days left to submit their entries for an annual junk art competition.

Entries for the Junk Art Sculpture Competition, which is held in conjunction with Loxton's Arts on Terrace, close this Friday.

The competition encourages participants to create a sculpture using only recycled, reused, reclaimed, discarded or salvaged every-day materials.

Prizemoney of \$3000 is up for grabs over six categories, including the

People's Choice Award. For more information, or to enter, visit

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still open.

For a full August Art Trail list, or for more information about the creative workshops and events, visit the website (loxtonchamber.com.au/our-events).



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Be-leaf it, this is a mess

A BARMERA man is calling for more care to be taken with tree plantings, amid hundreds of leaves littering his front garden during autumn and winter.

David Pearce, who lives on Scott Avenue, said plane trees – planted on the median strip of the street by the Berri Barmera Council about 10 years ago – left significant debris on the properties of nearby residents.

Mr Pearce claims he, along with others living on the street, had opposed having the trees on the street since they were planted.

"When they were about to plant them... we saw the mess they made elsewhere in the town, so three of us JOSH BRINE Josh.brine@murraypioneer.com

here went to council and told them we didn't want these trees," he said.

"They told us we should have written them a letter, which we did, but they said we were getting them anyway."

Mr Pearce said Scott Avenue residents, many of whom are elderly, had been left to clean up the leaves strewn across their front yards.

"The leaves here don't break down, they stay like this until you come and break them down," he said. "I'm coming up on 93 (years old), and lots of people say I'm looking well but I'm not well... I try and do some things but I have to sit down frequently, so I can't stay out here picking up leaves. "Council just takes no

notice of the mess." Berri Barmera Council

CEO Karyn Burton said she was unaware of any complaints by Mr Pearce, but that council had taken measures to help.

"We are aware (the trees) are somewhat messy this time of year and have increased the street sweeper activity to deal with this in both Berri and Barmera," she said.

Council completes a-mazing Monash upgrade

THE Berri Barmera Council recently completed painting the Monash Adventure Park maze, ending the final component of the maze upgrades. The maze is nearly a quar-

ter of a century old, and all its timber paling has been replaced, along with the addition of a new playground at the centre of the maze, which aims to contribute to the entertainment of visitors.

"The design of the maze has also been slightly modified to offer a new experience for visitors to the park," the council said on its website.

"The final component of



The rejuvenated maze in Monash. PHOTO: Berri Barmera Council

the upgrades had been the painting of the external maze walls, which has now been completed.

A bright palette of colours has been utilised on the maze walls to create a joyous and welcoming environment for those visiting the park enticing you to investigate and explore, brining that childhood fascination and curiosity."

The council says the Monash Adventure Park is an integral part of the Monash community and economy, with numerous local businesses relying on the visitor traffic that the attraction brings into the Monash township.

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Bringing Wunkar together

A SPECIAL event will be held in Wunkar next week, aiming to bring communities together and tackle mental health issues.

The Rotary Club of Loxton will host the Wunkar event as part of its Bringing Communities Together project, with more scheduled later this year.

Bringing Communities Together coordinator Bert Haslam encouraged locals to attend the event.

"People will become more aware of the increasing concerns and problems with mental health and suicide," he said.

The family-friendly, social event will be held in conjunction with Wunkar's football and netball clubs.

Guest speakers will be Dr Andrew Searles, Roger Fielke and Suzi and/or Mick Evans.

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Rotary held a similar event at the Loxton Sporty Club last month, which saw

players from football, netball, soccer and hockey clubs come together to hear from guest speakers.

Rotary Club of Loxton secretary Jenny Mills said the events aimed to provide a relaxed atmosphere for people to talk.

"The intention of the project is to raise awareness of issues that can affect the mental health and wellbeing of people of all age groups," she said.

"The concept of the project arose during the drought, and being mindful of the impact of the financial and emotional pressure on growers and the local business sector."

The event will be held at the clubrooms on Thursday, August 5, at 7.30pm with finger food provided.

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It is a not-for-profit organisation, and while it receives support from Commonwealth, state and territory governments, the RFDS relies on fundraising and donations to bridge the gap in operational funding, and to finance its capital-raising program for replacement aircraft, medical equipment and other major capital initiatives.



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\$4 million for Riverland development projects

NEW luxury accommodation and an environmental trail will be constructed in the Riverland through funding from an ongoing economic development initiative.

The federal government last month announced more than \$4 million in funding for the three Riverland councils – and Mid Murray Council – under round 3 of the Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program.

Minister for Water Keith Pitt said the funded projects would generate new employment and "greater economic activity" in Riverland communities.

ity" in Riverland communities. "We are providing opportunities for Basin communities affected by the Murray–Darling Basin Plan to be at the heart of decisions on how to stimulate their economies," Mr Pitt said.

"This tranche of approved projects will create new jobs as they are delivered as well as enduring employment opportunities.

"They'll also increase the capacity of communities to diversify and strengthen their local economies and they'll help them manage current and future economic challenges.

"The program recognises that communities know how best to tackle the challenges they face and what kinds of economic activity would support people in their own areas."

Mr Pitt said the projects were targeted at increasing tourism, and environmental sustainability, in the Riverland.

"Across the Basin, people have been dealing with the biggest water reform in Australia's history along with drought, demographic change and commodity price change," he said.

"The projects we have chosen are diverse, covering sectors such as hospitality, destination and activity tourism, town revitalisation, capacity building and leadership, and Indigenous cultural sharing.

"This is about putting communities back at the heart of the Basin Plan. The plan was always designed to deliver for communities, industries and the environment."

Local Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program projects:

 Berri Riverside Holiday
 Park riverside apartments development \$1 million

• Loxton Retirement Village development project \$1 million

 Renmark Hotel redevelopment and refurbishment \$1 million

 Mid Murray Council Murray Coorong Trail strategic planning and design development \$410,000

- Loxton river tourism project \$382,100
- Barmera Golf Club amenities upgrade \$104,620
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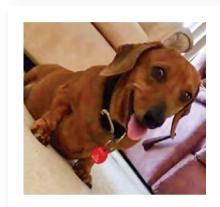
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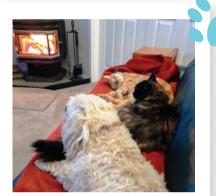
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Ted reflects on music experience

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

A FORMER member of an orchestra formed in the 1940s by a Loveday Internment Camp interpreter has described that time as an unforgettable educational experience.

Renmark's Ted Townsend, 89, joined the orchestra - formed by interpreter Vincent Lombardi – as a violinist in the early '40s at the age of nine.

Mr Townsend, who attended Renmark Primary School, was taught violin by sisters at the local convent prior to joining Mr Lombardi's orchestra.

"When I was in year 4, I had two halfhour violin lessons a week," he said.

"Every Tuesday and Friday I rode my bike from the primary school to the convent on Twelfth Street for my lessons.

"During that time the war was on and the Loveday camp rounded up a lot of people.

"The interpreter Mr Lombardi was based at the camp but he was also a good violinist and wanted to start an orchestra.

"He went to the convent in Renmark, explained to the sisters who he was and what he was doing, and asked if they would encourage the students to come and be part of his orchestra for further learning, so I joined."

Mr Townsend said many people across the Riverland joined the orchestra.

"The orchestra had just over 30 people so it was fairly complete," he said.

"The ages ranged from about 10 to 35.

"About nine or 10 people played the violin, which were mainly the younger ones, and the adults played other instruments.



"We used to practice Sunday afternoons at the church hall and Mr Lombardi was a very encouraging conductor.

"Mr Lombardi played a lot of old music and we all learnt a lot from him."

Mr Townsend said the orchestra would play music for a local choir, which was formed by another Loveday Internment Camp interpreter.

"Another interpreter, Molinari, was a choir conductor and we used to play music for the choir to sing," he said.

"There were lots of people involved as the choir consisted of males and females."

The orchestra separated after three years when the camp ended - and Mr Lombardi left the region.

Mr Townsend said a decade after he parted from the orchestra he joined the Riverland Brass Band, which was called the Renmark Citizens Silver Band at the time.

"I joined the band in 1955 and retired

early this year," he said.

"As I got a bit older, I learnt the tuba and I love both the tuba and violin equally.

"I've done a lot with the Riverland band and met lots of wonderful musicians.

"I've also learnt a lot about music..." Mr Townsend described music as a "universal language".

"No matter what country you're from, music is something everyone understands and can enjoy," he said.

Car priority for \$10k Barmera scratchie winner

A BARMERA man planned on racing straight to a local car yard after winning \$10,000 on a scratchie last week.

The winning \$1 Mow Money Instant Scratch-Its ticket was purchased at Barmera Newsagency.

"I had some winnings on some other Instant Scratch-Its, so I cashed them in and grabbed a few more," said the man, who did not wish to be named.

"Once I got home, I scratched them, and I couldn't believe it when I saw I'd won \$10,000. "The first thing I thought



The winning \$10,000 scratchie ticket, purchased at the Barmera Newsagency. PHOTO: supplied

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was, 'you've got to be ... kidding me. "I told my best mate, and he was absolutely gobsmacked. He kept asking

me if it was a fake. "I was stoked. I couldn't

stop laughing and cheering. I had a few drinks that night to celebrate. It was

good fun."

The man said a new car was first on his list.

"I've already been shopping and looked at a few,' he said. "So, I can't wait to actually buy one."

Barmera Newsagency manager Trudie Biddle said she was "thrilled" for the winner. "He came in here to check his ticket and he was ecstatic," she said.

"I was so glad to be able to congratulate him in person.

"It's such an exciting win and we really couldn't be happier for him."

Work from home beats pay rise A NEW study has found that 42 per cent of Australians would rather work from home than receive a pay rise.

The survey was conducted throughout the country by Australian video collaboration technology supplier, Logitech.

"I think it's incredible that people would choose to work from home as much as they'd like, rather than take a salary increase," said Logitech's Sean Byrne.

"It really demonstrates how Australians have taken to the new challenges of home offices and the importance of flexibility over money." The study shows that

tradies have been found to be a bigger distraction at home over children and pets, a large number of people have the guts to take video calls in bed and people are beginning to change their appearance because of how they see themselves on video calls.

Around 25 per cent of people said they had altered their appearance as a result of seeing their blemishes - and those of others - on video calls.

Many people have developed new hobbies during the Covid period and a whopping 40 per cent of Aussies have become more active over the past 18 months.





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A MIX of semi-retirement and freelance work awaits Danyon De Beull, who has left her role with Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT).

Ms De Buell spent seven years as company manager and creative producer, and has now handed over the latter role to playwright and educator, Fleur Kilpatrick.

"I have had a close association with RYT since 1995 and the pleasure to work for RYT for seven years," she said.

"During this time, I have had the opportunity to work with amazing and talented creatives, wonderful behind-the-scenes administration staff, the volunteer board members and program volunteers.

"Most importantly, I have had the pleasure of working with hundreds of inspiring, enthusiastic, talented children and young people. It is testament to the work we do as through our creative program and projects I have watched young people develop not only their artistic abilities but confidence, teamwork and many friendships.

"All our work is informed by young people including our dedicated First Nations program, multicultural projects, weekly workshops and our creative partnerships."

Ms De Buell said the RYT had encountered difficult times during her tenure, but had survived and thrived.

"While nationally the loss of federal funding in 2015, saw many youth arts organisations shut their doors, RYT weathered the storm and remains a highly acknowledged regional youth arts organisation," she said.

"To survive we did reduce staff levels and some of our programming, however we are still operating across the entire Riverland region and our annual engagement numbers remain high."

Ms De Buell was enthusiastic about what Ms Kilpatrick would bring to the role.

"Fleur (has) a passion for community

Outgoing Riverland Youth Theatre company manager and creative producer Danyon De Buell (second row from front, second from left) with RYT participants in 2017.

building and sustainable practice," she said. "She holds a postgraduate diploma of directing and a Masters in playwriting from the VCAM.

"Her plays have won significant literary awards including the Max Afford and Jill Blewett awards and she has also been awarded for her teaching including winning the Monash Student Association's Arts Faculty award in 2020 for her innovative and community-driven teaching throughout the pandemic. "Handing over to Elever L look forward to

"Handing over to Fleur, I look forward to RYT's future and I am certainly confident RYT will be operating for another 36 years."



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Young people feeling lonelier, survey shows

YOUNG people living in the Riverland are being encouraged to seek help for mental health issues, after new research found more than half of all Australians under 25 felt lonely.

According to data from the headspace National Youth Mental Health Survey, released earlier this week, revealed 54 per cent of young people felt a sense of loneliness, up from 2018.

The research, involving 1035 young people from around Australia, also revealed that 47 per cent of respondents felt left out, while 43 per cent felt isolated. CEO of headspace, Jason Trethowan, said the findings made it clear that young people were living through a challenging time.

"Even with increases in online activity, young people



out and are missing out on experiences that define their youth – like meeting new people and travelling," he said.

"We know there's a vicious cycle where feeling isolated can impact mental health, which in turn leads to further social withdrawal and

poorer mental health.

"We want to encourage all young people to understand how loneliness might affect them and to reach out to friends and family to let them know what they're going through.

"We're also encouraging all young people to check in with their young person and notice where they might need additional support, particularly as we head into school holidays."

Young people feeling disconnected or going through a tough time can visit headspace.org.au to access resources or find a headspace centre. SPENDING MORE TIME AT HOME?

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Smoke alarm saves Ramco woman's life in \$300,000 house fire **'She's lucky to be alive'**

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE CFS says a local woman is lucky to be alive after a smoke alarm woke her, and alerted her to a fire that destroyed her Ramco home on Saturday night.

Mid Murray CFS Group officer, Graeme Ward, said the estimated value of the home – which was insured – was \$300,000.

He said the woman in her early 60s was fortunate to have escaped the blaze.

"If she didn't have a smoke alarm there would have been a different outcome," he said.

Waikerie CFS captain, Shaun Arnold, said the woman had been asleep in bed when the fire began.

"A working smoke alarm did wake her and alerted her to the smoke, and on investigation, she found the fire," he said.

Mr Arnold said the fire began underneath the home. "What caused the fire is

still undetermined," he said. "It is suspected to have been caused by an electrical

fault." Mr Ward said three CFS fire trucks from Waikerie, one from Cadell, and one from Morgan attended the house fire.

He said a CFS crew with a water tanker from Monash also helped put out the blaze. Mr Ward said the lack of

a fire hydrant in that area of





Andrew Bolt's *The Bolt Report* and Sky News' other programming will be available in the Riverland on Channel 53 from this Sunday.

Sky News to stay on Riverland TVs

FEARS that Sky News would be unavailable for free-to-air Riverland TV viewers have been allayed, following an announcement this week.

Sky News Regional will be launched this Sunday, August 1, on Channel 53 – the same day that lifestyle station 9Life becomes available on Channel 83 on local TV dials.

Riverland viewers will have access to the full program of Sky News shows, including The Bolt Report – featuring conservative commentator Andrew Bolt – from Monday to Thursday, at 6.30pm.

In addition, for the first time regional viewers will have the entire two-hour Paul Murray Live beamed into their loungerooms.

"Australians' demand for credible, live and accurate information has never been greater and I am pleased we can... provide regional viewers with access to our quality news, weather, sport and analysis from Australia's best commentators on our new channel, Sky News Regional," said Paul Whittaker, chief executive, Sky News Australia. "We've listened to our regional audiences and adjusted the programming schedule to reflect their feedback, which includes our new live breakfast program, Sky News Breakfast, the return and live broadcast of The Bolt Report, plus more of Paul Murray Live and the continuation of its regional Our Town series which puts a spotlight on a different regional town each month."

Sky News Australia says it curently has the country's #1 YouTube and Facebook news pages.





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Noel and Dianne Herrmann have brought their Mount Torrens farming property back to life through the Tree Scheme. PHOTO: supplied

40-year mark for Tree scheme

TREES For Life's iconic Tree Scheme program is celebrating four decades of helping put native plants back into South Australian landscapes.

Since 1981, the scheme has helped more than 57,000 landholders across the state restore native bushland and farmland, with 32 million trees grown.

The local not-for-profit's 40th ordering seasons kicked off on May 1 for seedlings ready to plant in winter 2022.

The Tree Scheme was started in response to a new global understanding of the impacts of extensive clearance on food systems, the economy and environment. At the time South Australia had one of the worst native vegetation clearance rates in the country.

"The Tree Scheme was created to work side by side with landholders and community to replant what had been lost and recreate wildlife habitat, protect our precious soil and waterways, shelter stock and provide homes for threatened species," said Trees for Life's Vicki-Jo Russell.

"These native vegetation benefits are as vital today as they were 40 years ago but the Tree Scheme has also had to adapt to new pressures from our climate such as prolonged periods of drying, more frequent and intense fires and floods and shifting seasons."

The Tree Scheme currently offers around 200 species from 42 vegetation zones across the state. Landholders can pick out their own species or ask Trees For Life to select on their behalf. THE importance of "not just erecting a building but creating a school community" has gained enrolment interest in a new Renmark school, according to its inaugural principal.

St Francis of Assisi College principal Nathan Hayes said the school's temporary office has been a "hive of activity", and the school community has "begun to take shape".

"I've been busy visiting primary schools, meeting students and families, holding information sessions and enrolment and inquiry interviews," he said.

"It's been great meeting next year's inaugural students and families.

"We are really pleased with the enrolment interest for next year and we are on track for our projected enrolments of at least 100 year 7 and 8 students to begin in term 1 next year."

Mr Hayes said the school's building site was progressing well.

"Our building program is running to schedule and our Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) project team is ensuring we are delivering on our education plan," he said.

"One of the things that makes parents hesitant is the transition to secondary school, and we know parents place a lot of importance on their child being in a safe environment.

"Some parents see great benefit in the college starting with years 7 and 8, as the transition won't be into a very large school. "Inaugural students will grow with the

school as the college community grows." Mr Hayes said recruitment had begun.

"We've begun looking for people to

complete our teaching workforce and have already had interviews for important roles, such as assistant principal religious identity and mission (APRIM), leader of learning, and leader of wellbeing," he said.

Renmark's St Francis of Assisi College principal Nathan Hayes (centre) with future students (from left) Gurtaj Nagra, Riley Broad, Via Naong and

Harry Pfeiffer. PHOTO: supplied

New school 'more than just a building'

"We are expecting to make appointment announcements for these senior leadership roles in the middle of this term.

"The next recruitment round has begun with teaching positions being advertised and shortly the college will soon begin recruiting a finance manager."

The CESA project team and parent advisory committee toured the building site recently and Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie director Nichii Mardon said she was "in awe" of the work.

"It was so exciting to see the high-quality building works progressing," she said.

"From its initiation, the college development has been steered by our CESA specialist project team working close in collaboration with the local community."

A parent information evening will take place next Wednesday, August 4.

To register for the event, for more information or for enrolment enquires, visit www.assisi.catholic.edu.au or contact Mr Hayes on 8595 4500 or via email (info@ assisi.catholic.edu.au).



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Riverland kids need local foster carers ac.care next

Riverland foster care manager Tenille Chartres is urging community members to register online for foster care forums to be held in Renmark and Berri month. PHOTO: supplied

Forum focus on vulnerable young

COMMUNITY forums in the Riverland will highlight the need for more people to open their hearts and homes to children and young people as foster carers.

ac.care will host the Supporting Vulnerable Children in Our Community forums in Berri and Renmark on Thursday, August 19.

"There are sadly not enough foster carers in the Riverland to provide safe homes and positive relationships for the growing number of young people who are unable to live with their biological parents due to no fault of their own," said ac.care Riverland foster care manager, Tenille Chartres.

"This is a significant social issue for our community and we hope this forum allows people to learn more about the local situation and the inspiring difference foster carers can make in young lives.'

A key element of the event will be the premiere of short films specially produced for the events featuring foster carers from the region sharing their caring journey.

The carers will answer questions from the audiences following the screenings, where ac.care staff and other guests involved in the child

protection sector will also share information and answer questions.

"Although there are many challenges in our work to provide opportunities for young people to thrive, we are lucky at ac.care to work with amazing foster carers who truly transform the lives of vulnerable young people," Ms Chartres said.

"We look forward to sharing some of these many positive stories with the audience to show the value of foster care for not only the young people involved, but also the carers, who often find new meaning and purpose in their lives by opening their hearts and homes to young people."

Ms Chartres urged people to attend the forums at the Vines Community Church at 1 Jellett Road in Berri from noon and the Chaffey Community Centre at 86, 19th Street in Renmark from 6pm on August 19 to learn more about the needs of young people in the region.

Bookings are required for Covid-19 tracing purposes and can be made by visiting www.accare. org.au Visit the website or call 1300 222 273) for more information.

riverlandbusiness.com.au MFS calling for caution with clothes dryer use

RIVERLANDERS have been advised to ensure household clothes dryers are being used responsibly during winter to minimise the risk of fire.

Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) community engagement officer Angelo Mastripolito said performing routine maintenance checks significantly reduced the risk of a clothes dryer starting a fire.

"The MFS recommends cleaning the lint filter before every use and if using anti-static sheets, scrub the filter every month using warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly to remove the waxy build up," Mr Mastripolito said.

"It's also important to remember to let the dryer complete its cooldown cycle and remove dried clothing before turning it off as fires have started with clothing being bunched up while still hot inside the dryer.

"These quick steps can help avoid a fire tragedy. On average, 64 people a year lose their lives in preventable house fires across Australia."

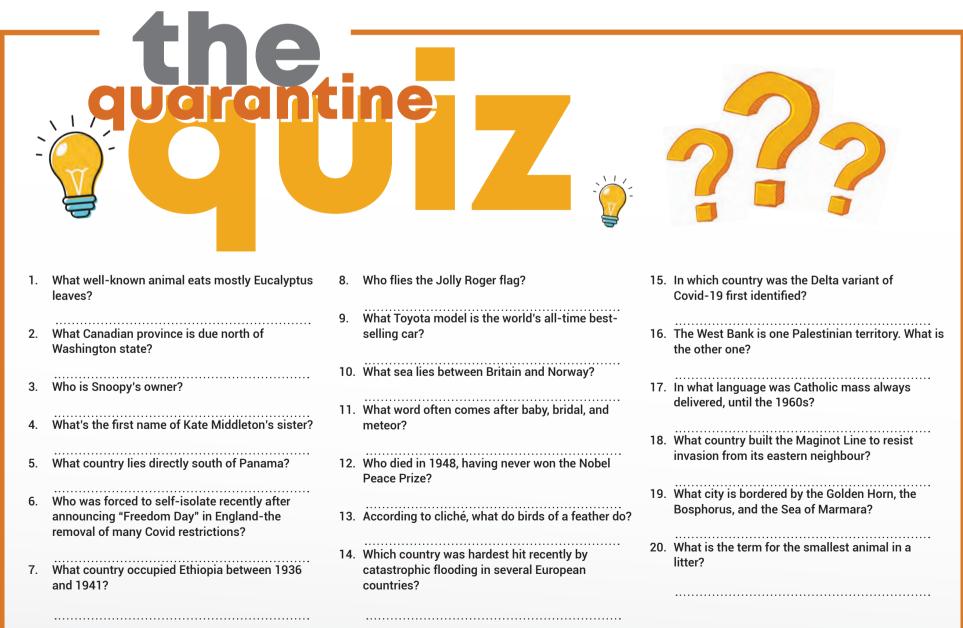
Further information regarding home fire safety can be found by visiting the website (mfs.sa.gov.au).



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BONUS QUESTION:

AMSCOL was a milk and dairy producer in Adelaide, famous for its milk and ice-cream. What do the letters AMSCOL stand for? Answer in next week's Quiz



Sweet success **STEPHANIE THOMPSON**

A NUMBER of local beekeepers found success in a recent honey competition.

The South Australian Apiarists' Association held its 2021 Honey Competition at its two-day state conference in Berri last month.

Loxton's Barry Williams won first place in the Blue Gum class, while Barmera's Nai Vanderwoude took home a blue ribbon in the Natural Yellow or White Beeswax category.

Renmark's Kerry Chambers was the winner of the All Introduced Flora – Dark Range honey class, while Loxton couple Mark and Tricia DeCaux won Best Honey Beverage and Best Candle Made Of Beeswax.

As a first-time entrant, Mr Williams said he was "chuffed" to win.

"Blue gum is a section on its own because it's the most commonly-produced and sold honey in South Australia," he said.



Some of the entries in the 2021 Honey Competition as part of the recent South Australian Apiarists' Association conference.

Mr Williams said local beekeepers are now busy preparing hives for the upcoming almond pollinating season.

Meanwhile, two locals also found success in the Peoples' Choice Photography Competition.

Ms Chambers won the Bee on Native Flora and Bee on Introduced Flora categories, while Mr Williams took out the Bees on Frame photo award.

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Telecommunications review now launched

BARKER MP Tony Pasin has welcomed the announcement of the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review that will examine communication issues in regional, rural, and remote areas.

Mr Pasin is encouraging everyone in Barker to take advantage of the opportunity to have their say on the communication services and issues that matter to them.

"I know how important it is to have access to communications and recognise the benefits for families, businesses and emergency services, living and working in regional, rural and remote communities to have better connectivity where and when they need." Mr Pasin said.

Chair of the committee, Luke Hartsuyker, said the review, which occurs once every three years, helps set the Australian Government's regional telecommunications agenda for coming years.

The Issues Paper, consultation dates, and details on how to make a submission can be found at www.rtirc.gov.au.

Written submissions should be lodged by Thursday, September 30, 2021.

The committee must report to the federal government before December 31, 2021, and can be contacted at: secretariat@rtirc.gov.au.



Barker MP Tony Pasin is urging locals to get involved with an ongoing communications review. PHOTO: supplied



Loxton beekeeper Barry Williams took out the blue gum category at the South Australian Apiarists' Association's recent honey competition. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson. INSET: Loxton woman Tricia DeCaux (right) accepting an award for the candle made of beeswax category. PHOTO: supplied

Safety concerns for upgraded scenic drive

THE cost and need for a guard rail on a scenic Loxton road is being investigated.

At a recent Loxton Waikerie council meeting, elected member Michael Vowles said a white guide post was damaged towards the recently upgraded end of Alexander Hill Drive.

"The person driving that car must have really panicked because there's about a 10 or 15

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foot drop," he said. "I think there is need for a guard rail. It's a big danger."

Council's director of infrastructure services Greg Perry said he will investigate the cost of a guard rail and present it to the river front advisory group. The south-ern end of Alexander Hill Drive was recently upgraded and included sealing and car parking. - STEPH THOMPSON

Berri



A white guide post was recently damaged along the southern end of Alexander Hill Drive, sparking concerns for the need of a guard rail. **PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson**

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Loxton Ladies Probus Club members presenting "Where Did You Get That Hat?" at the club's 35th anniversary celebration, (from left) Genni Lehmann, Pam Siddall, Pat Luitjes, Nola Schulz, Jean Bone, Joyce Neumann, Lori Fielke, Jeanette Kruschel, Ulla-Maija Battams and Gloria Pluckhahn. PHOTOS: supplied



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Twenty-year Loxton Ladies Probus Club members Pam Siddall, Genni Lehmann and Pat Luitjes, with club president Beverly Latham-Stephens, at the club's recent 35th anniversary celebrations.

riverlandbusiness.com.au **Loxton Probus Ladies celebrate 35 years**

THE Ladies Probus Club of Loxton celebrated its 35th anniversary at the Loxton Club earlier this month.

The party started with an hour of entertainment prior to lunch and was attended by representatives from the Berri Combined, Waikerie Combined, Lameroo, Berri Ladies and Loxton Men's Probus clubs.

Other guests included in the 64 attendees were Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and his wife Lynette, and Loxton Rotary Club president Tom Shannon. Entertainment got under

Lyn Schmaal is bestowed life

membership by club president

Beverly Latham-Stephens.

way with the host club's entertainment group performing "Where did you get that hat?", involving "three different, amazing hats for each of the 10 participants"

Barb Prior read the poem How McDougall Topped the Score, by Thomas E Spencer, plus other readings. Therese Eerden read jokes and Ann Battams played the keyboard while all joined in singing Now is the Hour, When I Grow Too Old to Dream and other well-known old favourites

Important club business on the day involved the induc-

Barb Prior reading How McDougall Topped the Score. tion to club membership of Lyn Schmaal, by president Beverly Latham-Stephens, and presentation of 20-year membership certificates to Pam Siddall, Genni Lehmann and Pat Luitjes.

Thirty-five year membership certificates were also presented to inaugural members Iris Cass and Thora Rohrlach, who were invited to jointly cut the birthday cake. Congratulatory

speeches were made by Mr Stasinowsky and Mr Shannon, along with representatives from the visiting clubs.



Foundation members Iris Cass and Thora Rohrlach cutting the special anniversary cake.

SAME DAY Dentures & Repairs Soil your undies for science

RIVERLANDERS have been encouraged to participate in an environmental initiative focused on highlighting the importance of soil health.

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) earlier this month opened registrations for the Soil Your Undies project.

Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board regional agriculture landcare facilitator Eliza Reiger said the program was an "easy, fun and educational" way to learn about biological activity in soil.

"Once registered, you will receive two pairs of 100 per cent cotton underpants and instructions on how to bury them at two different locations of your choice," Ms Reiger said.

"We are aiming for everyone to undertake their undie burials during National Science Week in mid-August. "After the undies have been buried in the

topsoil for two months, you will need to dig them up. "Then mail them back to us for drying,

photographing and weighing. "We will return your soil results and pro-

vide information about improving soil health and function for enhanced sustainability. It's that easy," Ms Reiger said soil functions ensured

local plant species had a healthy growing environment.

"At the end of the two months, if there's not much left of the buried undies, you have a lot of healthy biological activity in your soil. These same soil organisms can break down plant materials in a similar way," she said.

"Burying cotton undies is an easy way to compare the biological activity in differ-

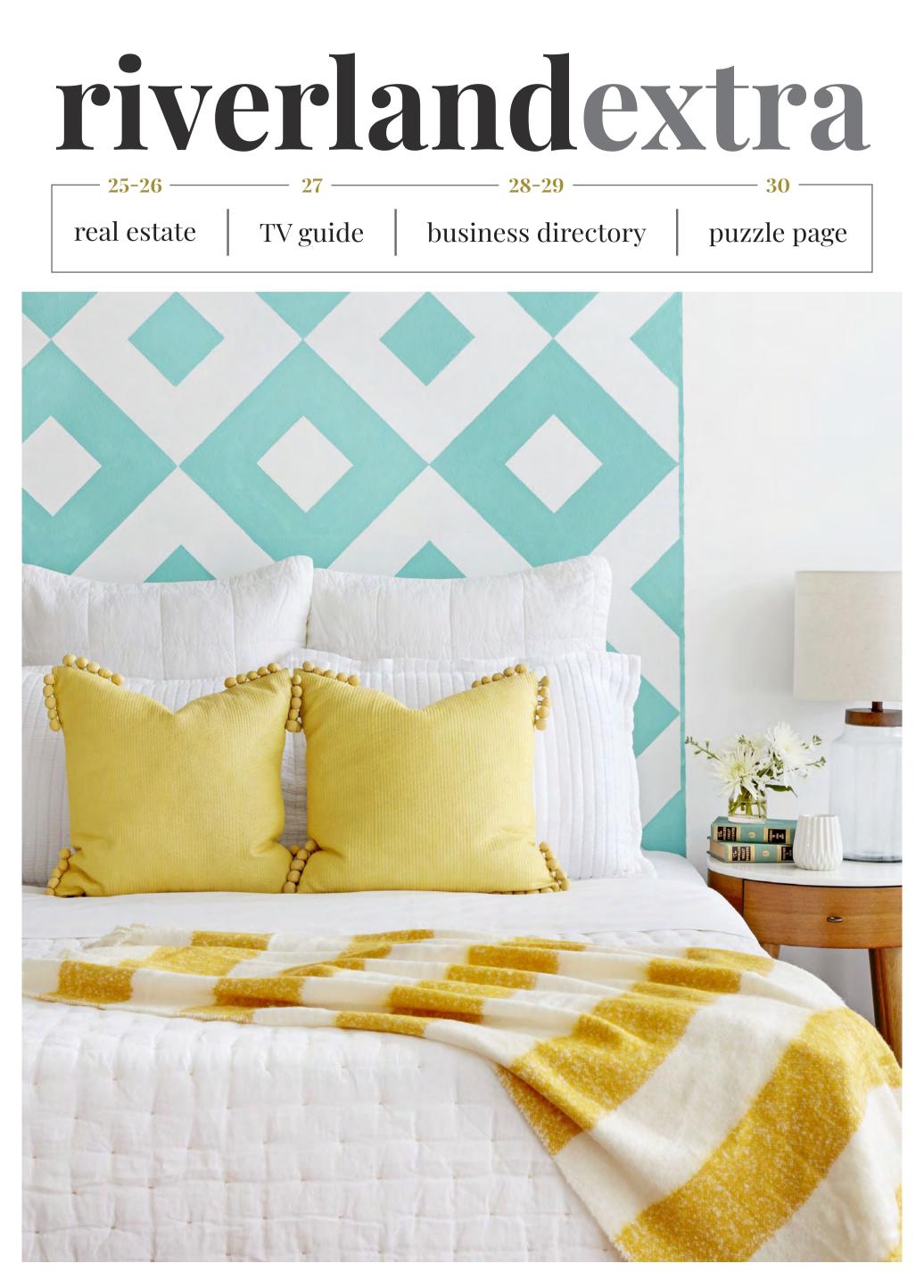
farm, in various crop types, in garden beds, under a variety of watering regimes or even

Registration for the Soil Your Undies project can be completed by visiting the website (https://soilyourundies.eventbrite.com.au).



Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board regional agriculture landcare facilitator Eliza Rieger burying a pair of cotton undies in readiness for the Soil Your Undies project. **PHOTO:** supplied

> ent soil types, at numerous locations on the in different environments."



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Higher home prices not stopping first time buyers

THE rising real estate market in South Australia over the past year has proved little deterrent for first-time buyers looking to purchase property, according to Real Estate Industry of South Australia CEO Barry Money.

"Statistics show that increasing numbers of first-time buyers are taking the plunge and entering the market," Mr Money said.

"ABS figures show that in each month between September 2020 and April 2021, the share of first-time home buyers hovered around 33 per cent of all housing loans in South Australia. "This increase is a welcome improvement from the first seven months of 2020, when first-time buyers accounted for less than 29 per cent of all SA housing loans.

"Revenue SA numbers indicate that after 10 months of 2020-21, First Homeowners Grants had already exceeded last year's number in terms of volume of recipients and total financial support."

First-time buyers may be eligible for this grant of up to \$15,000 on the purchase or construction of a new residential home in South Australia.

"There is no doubt that rising prices

stretch some budgets and exceed others," Mr Money said.

"However, record low interest rates as well as targeted government measures have provided strong incentives to enter the market.

"Recent initiatives in the Federal Budget such as increased access to superannuation accounts in the First Home Super Saver and expansion of the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme will assist many more South Australians to purchase homes.

"In South Australia, the state government's efforts to transform the state's

8582 1288 | 11 Riverview Drive, Berri obriens@obriens-solicitors.com.au economy through technology and innovation are beginning to pay dividends, with some large brand name corporations setting up shop in South Australia here.

"This should lead eventually to more jobs, and to more highly paying jobs, particularly for those who are digitally savvy.

"Higher incomes present greater opportunities to those seeking to purchase property, including those seeking to take their first step on to the real estate ladder."

A day to celebrate our great property managers

REAL Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) last week celebrated National Property Managers Day as lockdowns continued to create havoc for the industry.

REIA president Adrian Kelly said the celebration – on July 23 – raised awareness for the challenges property managers face in a time where there are many distressed tenants, as well as landlords, struggling in lockdowns.

"There are an estimated 2.7 million rentals in Australia with 80 per cent of these properties are managed by our property managers," Mr Kelly said. "Approximately 27 per cent of Australians live in private rentals paying around \$49 billion per annum."

Mr Kelly said property management was a field proud to employ many women. "Many people don't realise

that women make up 67 per

cent of the property management workforce and that these property managers can be at the forefront of dealing with social issues like domestic violence," he said.

"(We thank) all of our property managers for the role that they play in helping Australians into homes – especially in the current phase of the COVID-19 pandemic we are facing."

Further information regarding the superSTARs of Australian property management, nominated by their community, can be found by visiting the website (https://bit.ly/3wR1QGY).



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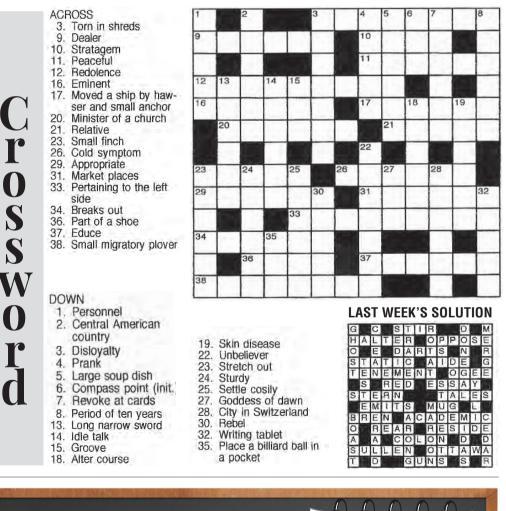
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ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Actions are needed rather than words at the moment. A powerful aspect to Jupiter later in the week will give you the confidence to get started with a plan you have been been thinking about for weeks. **Romance**. This is not the time for a rash move. Avoid a decision which is entirely emotional and against your better judgement.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

A few minutes spent chatting with a neighbour will give you a chance to put your relationship with this person onto a firmer footing. Use this chance to sort out a recent misunderstanding. **Romance**. You will be completely in touch with your partner's emotions at the moment. Do your best to get to the bottom of a recent mystery.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

As long as you are able to avoid a careless mistake, this will be a highly successful week. If your goals are clear and you don't waste time you will get a lot done. **Romance**. You will be especially sensitive to your partner's feelings at the moment. A surprise present will be especially welcome.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Problems with communications may hold you back. A powerful aspect to Mercury early in the week could lead to cross-wires. You will find it especially difficult to see things from other people's points of view. **Romance**. A stranger who tries to make contact with you will be worth listening to. A friendly gesture will help to break the ice.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A positive aspect to Mars later in the week will give you a burst of energy. Don't be afraid to move ahead on a project which has been lagging recently: you will need to push through a lot of criticism, but in the end you will be proven right. **Romance**. A platonic relationship with a colleague at work may gradually become more intimate.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A powerful aspect to Pluto could bring out some long-standing issues which you hoped had gone away for good. Unfortunately you haven't seen the last of this one. Romance. Look for the evidence before you believe a rumour. A friend who is trying to influence you may not have all the facts.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Try not to repeat the same mistake over and over again. Listen to a friend's advice, even if this is unwelcome. You may be relying on assumptions which are unrealistic. **Romance**. A person who is interested in you will be extremely subtle. If you don't follow all the clues you could be put off the scent.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Finding something which was given to you by an old friend will help you to remember this person. A phone call later in the week will bring you back together after a long absence. **Romance**. You may need to be a little more independent. Try to tell your partner this, without being hurtful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A pleasant dream will show you how to come to terms with a recent change in your life. It may still be quite a while before you adjust completely. **Romance**. At times you may be sceptical about where things are going. A meeting later in the week will make you much more optimistic.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A get-together with a close friend will help you to establish your priorities for the future. Your friend may have a very different set of values than you do, and at times it might be quite difficult to work together effectively. **Romance**. A favourable aspect to Mercury later in the week will help you to communicate your feelings effectively.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

At times your sense of loyalty may blind you to the fact that a friend is inconveniencing you. You should be much firmer with this person. **Romance**. A bold move will pay off, despite your reservations. Your emotions will be running very high at the moment, and you won't be satisfied with half-measures.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

Time spent with a colleague outside your working environment will bring you closer together. You will soon be spending a lot more time with this person. **Romance**. A romantic adventure later in the week won't go quite according to plan. Do your best to make the best of a bad job and enjoy yourself anyway!

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riverlandbusiness.com.au **Cancer group mourns prominent local**

A RIVERLAND cancer support group is mourning the death of a former member.

Well-known Waikerie grower, sporting and community member Barry Harden died on July 18, surrounded by family.

Mr Harden was also a "pivotal" member of the Waikerie and Districts Cancer Support Group.

Group member Virginia Hillier said Mr Harden's "commitment and input" in the group would be missed.

"I believe Barry found his involvement in our group a positive influence in his journey," she said.

Mr Harden's family have requested that, in lieu of flowers, a donation be given to the group.

"We are very grateful to (Mr Harden's wife) Pat and her family for this very generous offer," Mrs Hillier said.

Details on how to donate can be found on the SA Kleemann Facebook page.

in place. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Leon Bradtke, especially his wife Betty, upon his recent passing.

We extend sincere sympathy to the Harden family and upon the passing of Barry on July 18. To Pat, their children Chris, Nick and Kate and their loved ones, our thought are with you at this sad time.

It was sad to learn of the passing of Ross Sutton at the weekend. Our thoughts are with dear Betty and their children John, lan, and Kathy and their loved ones and extended families. Ross was a much-admired and respected community member. He will be sadly missed by many.

I can't resist it: our Adelaide Crows had a great win on Saturday. They have played better this year as it is already one more win than last year. I guess we can look forward to a more consistent year of wins in 2022 with our young team.

There has been a serious house fire in our community which is very sad and we, as a caring community, will give our help to those who now are in need of our support.

Thought for the week:

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

- Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, July 28, 2021 NEWS 31 **Reading to raise** awareness of MS

LOCAL children are encouraged to "read for a good cause" next month by registering for an annual campaign supporting multiple sclerosis (MS).

The MS Readathon is one of the nation's longest-running charity initiatives that inspires children to read as much as they can throughout August to raise vital funds for the 25,600 Australians living with MS.

Individual Giving at Multiple Sclerosis Ltd senior manager, Elizabeth Dorizac, said last year more than 270,000 books were read by almost 50,000 Australians and more than \$4 million was raised.

'Sign-ups to the program nearly tripled during the peak of the pandemic," she said.

"The latest restrictions may have thrown another curveball to many of us, particularly during the school holidays, but we hope preparation for this year's MS Readathon will provide some light relief for parents, carers and kids alike and inspire Aussies to read as much as possible for a good cause this August.

"This year, we want to beat last year's incredible fundraising effort and if we are successful in reaching our target, we will be able to give even more Australians living with MS, as well as their families, access to MS family camps and fun days."

Ms Dorizac described the campaign as "beneficial" for children.

"Not only is the readathon a great way to raise vital funds, but it also encourages young Aussies to jump off social media and dive into a great book," Ms Dorizac said.

MS Readathon encourages participants to make a self-donation within seven days of registration to receive a complimentary library bag

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Lifestyle attendants provide various in-home and community duties, including:

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- Meal preparation - Domestic assistance
- Community access
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committed to maintaining a vibrant, positive workplace culture for its employees. It provides a range of benefits, including flexible work hours where staff have the work and life balance they desire.

Monthly lunch and coffee clubs are hosted in different locations throughout Adelaide and the Riverland for customers and staff. Lifestyle attendants providing support to customers on the day can join in and enjoy a lunch, or a warm beverage and dessert, all covered by Enhanced Lifestyles.

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Without lifestyle attendants, customers of the service would not receive the essential support they require to maintain an independent lifestyle.

Enhanced Lifestyles is a person-centred organisation created by people with disabilities over 30 years ago and still to this day, are governed by them.

For those interested in joining the diverse team at Enhanced Lifestyles, visit their careers page online at https:// enhancedlifestyles.com.au/ careers/ to learn more and apply.

Their recruitment team is available to answer any questions, so get in touch with them on (08) 8340 2000 for a new career opportunity.

THE week-long SA lockdown has created concerns for most, and unfortunately anger and frustration for others. The reality is "our lucky country" has never had to endure anything quite like this. We can remember being told of the agony of the world wars of years gone by. We had the Depression years, the Asian flu epidemic and, during my childhood days, the poliomyelitis epidemic. At the time of the latter, I was in hospital for a tonsillectomy, but was sent home four times before surgery as it was too risky to be in the hospital.

This lockdown event will be etched in our memories for a lifetime but we give thanks as people in rural areas, particularly our home state, have endeavoured to comply to all the restrictions. Our hearts go out to those businesses that have had to close their doors again, and the staff that it affects with loss of income, many of them in casual employment. We think of the students and their parents having to home school the students. But most of all those in the front line, our doctors, their hospital and medical teams, our paramedics, police, CFS and SES teams, and our local emergency services that are ready to fix the problems we may encounter.

Thanks to the local staff at the supermarkets and businesses that have stayed open for their friendliness and support at this at this stressful time. I know it's hard to have a conversation with our masks on, so a smile from the eyes is the best we can give, before we head home to isolate again. We give thanks to those who have kept in touch with senior residents, as our office manager



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Megan has at Warrawee during the lockdown.

The Waikerie Cancer Care group advises its get together planned for this Friday, July 30, has been cancelled regardless of the decisions made this week with lockdown.

It is interesting to hear from friends and colleagues to find what have they been during while in lockdown at home. There are many who have been de-cluttering the wardrobe or the pantry. There were others who got out in the garden when the weather was good, and others who finished off difficult jigsaw puzzles, started knitting or brought out the scrapbooking pages to complete. For many it was settling down with a good book they wanted to read, and for some it has been a good opportunity to write some letters to friends, or have a chat on the phone instead of a text message to them.

The community extends sincere sympathy to those families who have during the past weeks have lost a much-loved family member, particularly when restrictions have been

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32 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, July 28, 2021 **KOM fallen tree causes power outage**

EMERGENCY services were called to a weatherrelated power outage in Kingston-On-Murray last weekend, after damaging winds caused a tree to fall on powerlines.

CFS crews were called to the scene on the corner of Pope Street and River Terrace on Sunday, July 25, at around 2.35pm.

An MFS spokesperson said the incident caused no damage and was a "routine job to fix in extreme weather conditions" for SA Power Network.



CFS crews attended the scene of a fallen tree over a powerline in Kingston-On-Murray last weekend. PHOTOS: Brendan Lines



A tree fell over a powerline on the corner of Pope Street and **River Terrace on Sunday.**

riverlandbusiness.com.au **Renmark Lions Club** bazaar cancelled

THE Lions Club of Renmark has cancelled its fundraising bazaar, due to be held this Saturday, at Renmark No 2 Oval (W E Wood Hall).



A club spokesperson said the decision was made "due to circumstances beyond our control regarding the current Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions in South Australia, and also the possibility of football now being played on Renmark Oval on this day".

"In due course, further details of when this bazaar will be held will be advised as soon as possible," the spokesperson said.











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www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, July 28, 2021 NEWS 33 riverlandbusiness.com.au Sustainability for the next generation

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

STUDENTS of a local school were educated about river health during a recent camp at a Riverland environmental site.

Renmark High School year 8 and 9 students spent two days at Calperum Station last month as part of the Ecology in Action initiative.

Calperum Station general manager education and business development, Julie Robertson, said the program focused on increasing students' knowledge of local fish species.

"The focus of their time here is on ecology, and also some cultural bits and pieces," Ms Robertson said.

"We're really fortunate to have SARDI as a co-sponsor of this Ecology in Action event

"The ladies from SARDI were experts in fish, so they've been setting fish nets along the creek.

"It's really good for our ecologists too, because we don't usually have that area of specialisation in our team, so it's good for them to see a different scientific angle."

Ms Robertson said participants also saw how environmental watering schemes had ben-

Calperum Station general manager education and business development Julie Robertson (middle), and PIRSA scientific advisor Qifeng Yi, with Renmark High School year 8 student Meegan, who participated in the Ecology in Action program during a two-day camp last month. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

efited the area.

"We did a 5km walk this morning and the students learnt about the cultural aspects, ecology and environmental watering," she said.

"The water is a real focus for this program. You hear a lot about environmental watering and the effect it has on the river and agriculture.

"It's really important for

young people to understand how that all connects (and) how having a healthy river system, and healthy ecosystem, is also going to have long-term benefits on our ability to produce food through agriculture."

Renmark High year 8 student Meegan said she gained new insights into local wildlife through the program.

"It's been entertaining and

A group of Renmark High School year 8 and 9 students took part in the camp

educational, setting the fish nets out, then bringing them back in and seeing what was inside was a highlight," Meegan said.

"We learned about the river and how we have to keep its heart beating.'

PIRSA scientific advisor Qifeng Yi said developing an understanding of river health among local youth was key to future environmental sustainability.

"We've been doing this monitoring, evaluation and research regarding water for the environment coming to South Australia, and particularly the River Murray," Ms Yi said.

"We look at a range of ecological responses and use different indicators... to look at river health and whether environmental water can be delivered in a certain way to maximise the impact and improve river health.

"Our monitoring demonstrated how important water was to maintaining a productive and healthy river environment."

Anti-lockdown local vows to keep on talking

PAUL MITCHELL

A RIVERLAND anti-lockdown advocate has vowed to continue his public stance, despite criticism from friends and long-time acquaintances.

Mainly via social media, Todd Rivers has been a vocal opponent of Australia's Covid-19 lockdowns, some of which were lifted across South Australia and Victoria yesterday.

His posts – which cover a range of topics, but most recently focus on lockdowns have attracted some support, but also strong criticism, sparking often heated back-andforth exchanges.

However, Mr Rivers says his main message is for people to think for themselves, and that disparaging con from friends - either real-life or the Facebook kind - come with the territory.

"I've just literally sent off a message to someone I've known for years..." he said.

"I told them 'Half of Australians are like you and I'm calling you all out on it from now on'

"I said 'You're not a bad person, most people aren't, but the way (you all) shame people is pathetic. You're so mean and then you're so offended when people you're mean to retaliate'."

Mr Rivers believes the latest governmentimposed lockdowns are wrong and has concerns over vaccination programs.

He is also critical of the mainstream media's role and representation of Covid-19

issues and fallout, pointing to coverage of Saturday's 'freedom' rallies, in particular a Sydney protestor photographed allegedly punching a police horse.

The image of the man appearing to strike the horse's jaw went viral on Saturday night, however video footage subsequently released paints the incident in a different light, with many claiming the man was pushing away the horse, rather than punching it.

"I saw the photo and thought 'Why are you doing that?'," Mr Rivers said.

"But then I saw the video and realised I was falling for it

straight away. "Did you see any footage of the thousands of mums and dads walking down

"And if it was a self-

other people are coming from".

Facebook," he said.

"I think that's why a lot of people don't

speak up, because they're afraid of being yelled at and spoken to in a certain way. "But I don't care. All I'm asking people

to do is to think for themselves." Meanwhile Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone has condemned the weekend's interstate rallies, and says the protestors' actions risked escalating Covid-19 numbers.

"I am concerned about what I see with the anti-lockdown protesters," Mr Whetstone said.

"I think they behaved inappropriately, they put people at risk and there potentially will be positive cases because of it.

"It grinds everyone's gears that we have lockdowns and we have restrictions but it's the only way to keep people safe.

"I think the way South Australia is handling it now is proof that although the decisions don't suit everyone, they are working." Mr Rivers, 48, is adamant lockdowns

should now be avoided at all costs.

'People are saying 'I can't believe these selfish people who can't stay inside and wear a mask'," he said.

"But they've been doing that, they've been locked down for months, they've been wearing masks, they've had enough and they want to know how much longer.

'If lockdowns work, why are they in lockdown? If lockdowns don't work, why are they in lockdown?

"It's great that South Australia is opening up again, but we shouldn't have shut down to start with."

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July 21 Quiz Answers 1.Mongolia 2.Flanders 3.Brussels sprouts 4.Little Red Riding Hood 5.Angel Falls 6.Venice 7.Sir Lancelot 8.Sri Lanka 9.Elizabeth 10.Vlad the Impaler 11.Ash Wednesday 12. Igneous 13. Sloth 14.891 lives 15 New Orleans 16 Micro 1 l ot's

18.Latvia 19.Paris 20.Netherlands **BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from July** 14): Forrest Gump's IQ was 75.

This weeks answers, July 28 1.Koala 2.British Columbia 3.Charlie Brown 4. Pippa 5. Colombia 6. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson 7. Italy 8. Pirates 9. Toyota Corolla 10. North Sea 11. Shower 12.Mohandas (Mahatma)Ghandi 13.Flock together 14.Germany 15.India 16.Gaza Strip 17.Latin 18.France 19.Istanbul **20.** Runt

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week, July 21): The city that was due to hold the 1924 Olympic Games before being switched to Paris, was Amsterdam.





the street peacefully?

• Todd Rivers ish protest on Saturday,

why wasn't it selfish when BLM (Black Lives Matter) did it?"

Mr Rivers says he is happy to debate opponents about his views in a civil manner, and that he would "always try to see where

"But I'm happy to put my neck out there and cop sh*t, even though I don't want to be hated when I walk down the street and have someone yell at me for what's on



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The Administrative Assistant will

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Apprentice Carpenter

Moritz Design and Construct is based in the Riverland, SA and is seeking a full-time Apprentice Carpenter to join our team. Working within a small team you will be completing a range of carpentry works on both commercial and residential buildings.

About you:

- Keen to learn and have a genuine interest in a career in the building industry
- Be hard working, physically fit and able to perform repetitive and manual tasks.
- Be well presented, enthusiastic, reliable and punctual.

Role Requirements:

- Current drivers licence with reliable transport. Previous onsite carpentry or
- labouring experience is desirable.

How to apply:

Email a resume with a cover letter outlining your suitability for this role to admin@moritzdc.com.au.





DC Co Ordinator Position

The Better Drinks Co (Charlies) are currently looking for a DC Co Ordinator to oversee operations at our cool store site.

An exciting opportunity exists for the right person to grow and take responsibility of our distribution centre.

This will be a full-time position with placement through a local employment agency. We are looking for immediate start for the right

Key attributes:

person.

- Must have a currant Licence to Perform High Risk Work
- Ability to work unsupervised
- Good time management skills
- **Computer Experience**
- Good communication skills
- Experience in warehousing
- Good understanding of OHS Willingness to learn new systems
- Medical will be required Full support and training provided

If you think you might have the right skill mix for this position, contact: Stewart Ricketts - 0400302478

Charlies' office - 08 85861700

Or E-mail resume to stewart.ricketts@asahi.com.au

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The Administrative Assistant can be located at Flinders University Renmark for Health Professional Educators (ANZAHPE) is a not-for-profit member or any Flinders University rural or organisation and is the peak body for metropolitan site practitioners involved in the education and

- College of Medicine and Public Health Casual Opportunity
- Higher Education Officer Level 3 Applications close:
- 11:59pm Sunday 8 August 2021 How to Apply

Further details including the key position responsibilities and how to apply can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website https://flinders.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/ flinders_employment

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If you possess any (or a mix!) of the following, we would love to hear from you:

- Passion for regions and supporting regional development.
- Skills and experience in multitasking, organisation, administration, marketing and digital literacy.
- An interest and experience in the education, skills and employment sectors
- Interest and experience in supporting small and large businesses to achieve their goals.

To express your interest in these positions please attach your resume and a cover letter (no more than 2 pages) detailing your experience on the above points to hr@rdamr.com.au

Applications close August 7, 2021.



Irrigation Hand – Amaroo Orchard

The Opportunity

We are seeking an Irrigation Hand for our Amaroo Orchard (Almonds). Under the direction of the Irrigation Manager/2IC you be responsible to perform an array of duties relating to farm and irrigation operations and actively contributing to enhance productivity of the Farm. This role is based on our Amaroo Farm, Murtho Road, Paringa.

What you'll be doing with us

- Farm Irrigation duties such as collecting soil moisture data Ensure all irrigation equipment is kept safe, clean and in
- good working condition
- Assist with fertilizing and fertigation Maintenance of irrigation systems

What you'll need to succeed

- Proven experience as an Irrigation Hand
- Effective interpersonal skills with an ability to work well in a busy team
- Chemical certificate advantageous but not essential

What we offer

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In exchange for your experience, commitment to safety and results, you will join a fast-growing industry and company. We offer a safe, collaborative culture with a multi-cultural team, community focus, with training and development opportunities.

To apply for this position please send your resume to calexandropoulos@selectharvests.com.au by 11th August





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About the opportunity:

We are currently in search for an experienced Fabricator to join our Renmark team on a full-time permanent basis. Reporting directly to the Engineering Manager, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

- The assembly and installation of stainless steel pipe work, including manifolds, fittings, pumps bases and other associated infrastructure to a high standard
- Occasional installation of irrigation systems, including pumps, pipes, valves, filters, and fertigation systems
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About You:

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District Council of

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF

LOXTON WAIKERIE

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie hereby

exercises the power pursuant to Section 33 of

the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and Clause "F" of the

Instrument of General Approval of the Minister

(1) Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road

Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads

be closed to traffic between 8.00am and

4.00pm on Sunday 8 August 2021 for the Arts

(2) Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road

Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order

directing that persons taking part in the Event

be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules

for Arts on Terrace Event

Drabsch Street Crossover closed

dated 12 March 2001 to:

on Terrace event.

Loxton Waikerie

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POSITION AVAILABLE PART TIME MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

We have a vacancy for a part time (0.3 FTE) Receptionist, for immediate start. Additional hours are regularly available to cover staff on leave. A job description is available on request.

Applications close on Friday 6th August 2021

and should be addressed to; Sandy Jachmann Practice Manager Loxton Health Centre 11 Anzac Crescent LOXTON SA 5333

Phone: 85847321 Email: loxdocs@internode.on.net



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Murray Pioneer JOURNALIST/ADVERTISING **FEATURE WRITER**

The Murray Pioneer is seeking a special publications journalist/ co-ordinator.

The successful applicant will have outstanding writing, editing and creative skills. You will possess strong planning, organisational and staff management skills with the ability to work comfortably under pressure in a fast-paced environment.

successful applicant should demonstrate a strong The command of English with a keen interest in shaping a publication to distinguish the content to its target audience.

Responsibilities:

- Source story ideas and write content.
- Generate story ideas for writing staff.
- Manage writing staff Approve content, photography and appearance of featured articles.
- Liaise with writers and graphic designers to discuss features, layouts and artwork.
- Proofread, edit and rewrite articles to meet publication standards.
- Raise the profile of the publication.
- Assist all staff to meet deadlines.
- Liaise with advertising staff to deliver client editorial. Have a high attention to detail to ensure high-quality
- material is produced for the newspaper and special publications.
- Utilise company social media and digital channels to raise awareness of special publications to increase readership.

Position requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in journalism/communications or related desired, but not essential.
- 3 years of work experience in a newsroom desired but not essential
- Strong writing, editing and interpersonal skills. Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Experience using Indesign.

All written applications in confidence should be directed to **Mr Paul Mitchell** editor@murraypioneer.com.au

Applications close: 5pm August 12, 2021



230 and 238 For further information contact Greg Perry 8584 8000 gperry@lwdc.sa.gov.au David Beaton Chief Executive Officer ADVERT **ADVICE TO MARINERS Chowilla Creek** navigation restricted

from 2 August 2021 Chowilla Creek will be closed to navigation past the environmental regulator from Monday 2 August for up to

20 weeks whilst in use to raise water levels.

The creeks and waterways above and below the regulator will remain open to boating.

For more information, please call our River Murray Operations team on 08 7424 2488.

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Irrigation Operator Loxton/Fielkes

CMV Farms is a company with diverse horticultural and viticultural holdings in South Australia and Victoria and is part of the CMV Group of companies (www.cmv.com.au).

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Primarily this role will provide effective irrigation/ fertigation and monitoring of crop health to our 615 hectares of almond orchard to ensure production requirements are achieved and also to help out with farm operations when required. For the right candidate this position will become full time.

Experience will be an advantage with this position but not necessary.

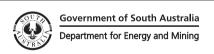
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Please send your resume and cover letter to: CMV Farms

PO Box 414, Loxton SA 5333 Or by email

cassie.phillips@cmv.com.au Applications close: 6th August





Mining Act 1971

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 28(5) of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) as in force immediately before the lodgement date stated below that the delegate of the Minister for Energy and Mining intends to grant an Exploration Licence over the area described below

- Applicant: SeeSaw Resources Pty Ltd. Location: Term:
 - Eudunda area approximately 105km northeast of Adelaide Five years
- Area in km²: 677 2020/00213 Reference No: Lodgement Date: 20 November 2020

Plans and co-ordinates can be found on the Department for Energy and Mining website: http://energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/ exploration/public_notices/exploration_licence_ applications or by contacting Mineral Tenements on 08 8463 3103

Community information on mineral exploration licence processes and requirements under the Mining Act 1971 is available from: http://energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/ exploration/public_notices/exploration_licence_

applications or hard copy on request to Mineral Tenements. C Andrews

http://energymining.sa.gov.au

A/Mining Registrar as delegate for the Minister for Energy and Mining Department for Energy and Mining

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District Council of **Loxton Waikerie**

- ground level gallery/viewing, storage and new wet area amenities to support the Waikerie Swimming Pool. New entry and service areas to allow
- management of the Waikerie Community Sports Centre and Waikerie Swimming Pool from one location.
- Extension of the current car park onto the former croquet club.

The Waikerie Community Sports Centre draft plan will be available for community consultation until 5pm Friday 30 July 2021. Copies of the proposal and further information is available from Council offices at Loxton and Waikerie or at www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au.

Written submissions and feedback should be forwarded to PO Box 409, Loxton SA 5333 or council@loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au by 5pm Friday 30 July 2021.

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For further information please contact Andrew Waters on 08 8584 8000. David Beaton

Chief Executive Officer

Renmark Paringa Council

Adoption of Valuations and Declaration of Rates 2021-2022

NOTICE is hereby given that at its meeting held on 22 July 2021 the Renmark Paringa Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2022, passed the following resolutions:

Adoption of Valuation

To adopt the most recent valuations of the Valuer General available to Council of the capital value of land within the Council's area, totalling \$1,764,902,040 of which \$1,725,684,955 is rateable.

Declaration of General Rates

- Declared differential general rates as follows: 0.2428 cents in the dollar on rateable land of Category 1 (Residential) and (a)
- Category 9 (Other);
- 0.515 cents in the dollar on rateable land of Category 2 (Commercial—Shop), Category 3 (Commercial—Office), Category 4 (Commercial—Other), Category 5 (b) (Industry—Light) and Category 6 (Industry—Other);
- 0.3622 cents in the dollar on rateable land of Category 7 (Primary Production); and (C)
- 0.8005 cents in the dollar on rateable land of Category 8 (Vacant Land). (d)

Fixed Charge

Imposed a fixed charge of \$400 on each separate piece of rateable land within the area of the Council

Separate Rate—Regional Landscape Levy

Declared a separate rate of 0.021275 cents in the dollar, on all rateable land in the Council area in respect of the Regional Landscape Levy.

Service Charges

- Declared an annual service charge of \$460 per unit on rateable and non-rateable land where a septic tank effluent disposal connection point is provided by Council.
- Declared an annual service charge of \$160 for residual waste collection within the (2) Township areas (Town Residential).
- Declared an annual service charge of \$160 for residual waste collection within the (3) Rural areas (Rural Residential).
- (4) Declared an annual service charge of \$75 for recycling collection within the Township areas (Town Residential).
- (5) Declared an annual service charge of \$75 for recycling collection within the Rural areas (Rural Residential).
- Declared an annual service charge of \$75 for organics collection within the Township (6) areas (Town Residential).

Payment by Instalments

General rates, minimum rates and service charges shall be payable in four equal or approximately equal instalments on the following dates:

- September 8, 2021 (a)
- December 8, 2021 (b)
- March 8, 2022 (C)
- June 8, 2022 (d)



Adoption of Valuation & Declaration of Rates

Notice is hereby given that on 13 July 2021 the Mid Murray Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and for the year ending 30 June 2022 made the following resolutions.

To adopt the most recent valuations of capital value made by the Valuer General for rating purposes totalling the area aggregate \$2,681,582,340 of which \$2,608,607,597 is the valuation of rateable land.

To declare differential general rates on the capital value of all rateable land within the area, varying according to the use of the land, as follows:-

0.5035 cents in the dollar

- Residential a.
- Commercial Shop b. Commercial – Office c.
- d. Commercial - Other
 - Industry Light
- e. Industry - Other f.
- Primary Production g.
- Vacant Land h.
- Other i.
- Marina Berths i.

0.4532 cents in the dollar 0.5035 cents in the dollar 0.5035 cents in the dollar 0.5035 cents in the dollar

To fix a minimum amount of \$787.00 payable by way of general rates on rateable land within the Council area.

To declare for Regional Landscape Levy, being \$560,716 a separate rate of 0.02170 cents in the dollar, based on all rateable land in the Council's area.

To declare annual service charges in respect of all land to which the Council provides or makes available the prescribed service of a Community Wastewater Management System in the following areas:

Dia David ana	
Big Bend area	\$554.00 per unit
Bowhill area	\$323.00 per unit
Greenways Landing area	\$917.00 per unit
Kroehn's Landing area	\$1,115.00 per unit
Seven Mile Shacks area	\$801.00 per unit
Scrubby Flat area	\$744.00 per unit
Swan Reach area	\$473.00 per unit
Walker Flat area	\$198.00 per unit
North Punyelroo area	\$205.00 per unit
Caloote Landing area	\$371.00 per unit
Bolto Reserve area	\$368.00 per unit
Old Teal Flat area	\$438.00 per unit
The Rocks area	\$950.00 per unit
Caurnamont area	\$347.00 per unit
Five Mile Shacks and Kia Marina areas	\$1,032.00 per unit
Pellaring Flat area	\$395.00 per unit
Blanchetown area	\$322.00 per unit
Brenda Park/Morphett Flat areas	\$241.00 per unit
Marks Landing area	\$315.00 per unit
Scotts Creek area	\$376.00 per unit
Teal Flat area	\$383.00 per unit
Pelican Point area	\$289.00 per unit
South Punyelroo area	\$321.00 per unit
North West Bend/Beaumonts areas	\$225.00 per unit
Idyll Acres area	\$476.00 per unit
Rob Loxton Road area	\$198.00 per unit
Julanker/Younghusband Holdings areas	\$704.00 per unit
Truro area	\$599.00 per unit
Truro area – private pumping chamber	\$579.00 per unit
Truro area – Aerobic Wastewater Treatment	\$305.00 per unit
Cowirra area	\$1,011.00 per unit
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To declare an annual service charge in respect of all land to which the Council provides the prescribed service of television transmission known as the Bowhill Multi Access Television Transmission Service of \$142.00.

To declare an annual service charge in respect of each property to which the Council provides the prescribed service of the treatment or provision of water known as the Bowhill Reticulated Water Supply System:-\$249.00

Consumption of up to 120 kilolitres of water All water consumed in excess of 120 kilolitres

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75 cents per kilolitre

To declare an annual service charge of \$276.00, based upon the nature of the service, in respect of each residential property within a township to which it makes available the Township Waste Collection (General Waste and Recyclables) Service.

To declare an annual service charge of \$190.00, based upon the nature of the service, in respect of land outside of a township which has a residential or primary production land use and upon which there is a residential dwelling and to which it makes available the Rural (non-Township) General Waste Collection Service, noting that where the Service is not provided at the access point to the land, the annual service charge will be adjusted as required by Regulations 13 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.





Trey (left), 14, of Riverland Special School, Jared, 11, and Isabella, 12, of Berri Primary, Finn, 10, and Seth 13. of Riverland Special School, plus Shayla, 12, and Noah, 11 of Berri Primary, preparing for the upcoming **Riverland Primary** Schools' Music Festival. PHOTO: **Deirdre Graham**





MASTER BUILDERS: Master Builders Association president Andrew Marshall (third from left) caught up with local builders at the Big River Tavern in Berri earlier this month. Mr Marshall said he was "very optimistic" about the building industry in general and especially in the Riverland given the number of large-scale developments recently completed and currently under way. PHOTO: supplied



Renmark MFS firefighter Peter Moritz let children from the Renmark Children's Centre try the firehose recently. He is pictured Amelia, 4. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



Fletcher, 3.



The Berri Library hosted a puzzlemaking workshop last week as part of its school holidays program. Pictured is Mary Papadopoulos, 4, of Berri. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



Nancy Murdock, of Glossop, with great-granddaughter Isla Stankovich, 5, of Angaston.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Social Badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every Thursday evening 6.30pm to 8pm. Racquets are available and all welcome. We also play Tuesday mornings 9am to 10.30am.

For more information contact Judy

WEEKLY

8588 8000.

The Palms Bingo club hold a Bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available from the bar. Please make sure you sign in under the Covid rules. **WEEKLY**

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

SATURDAY, JULY 31 and SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Winter orchid show. Saturday 9.30am to 4pm, Sunday 9.30am to 3pm. Barmera Primary School. \$2 entry, fully catered, plants for sale, potting demonstrations. **SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**

The PS Industry will steam to Berri, departing Renmark at 8.30am sharp.

A bus will return passengers back to Renmark. For bookings www.discoverrenmark.com.au.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

Berri combined Probus meet at Berri Hotel 10am.Visitors welcome. Speaker Gwen Webber. Members bring something old please. August trip to Accolade Bottling Plant. Names to Pam please. Enquiries to Peter Bourn on 0428 215 114.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Alive Day at the Loxton Historical Village, including a visit by the Jaguar Car Club, blacksmith, printer, bakery, rope making, whip cracking, stationary engines, kids' games, food, coffee and craft stalls. Open 10am to 4pm. SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 and SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Waikerie and District's Machine

Preservation Society's Mini Hit 'N' Miss Rally to be held at the museum on Rowe St. Waikerie. 10am-4pm both days. Entry by donation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Chaffey Rose Club proposed one day bus trip to Newman's Nursery, Tea Tree Gully. Expressions of interest to Secretary Dale 0420-383-948. **SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12**

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12

Chaffey Rose Club 25th birthday celebrations on September 10, 11 and 12. Ring secretary Dale on 0420 383 948 for inquiries.

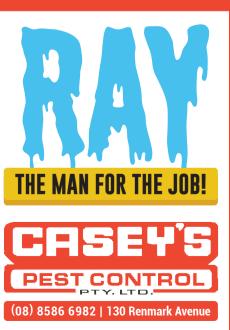
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Chaffey Rose Club proposed trip to the Eyre Peninsula to help Roses on Eyre celebrate their 20th birthday. Expressions of interest to Secretary Dale on 0420-383-94

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riverlandbusiness.com.au VHS tapes revealing RFL gold – and still-relevant talking points

LACHLAN WINNALL

SOME say to look forward you must look back, both at success and failures. Recently I was lucky

enough to be loaned a box of VHS cassettes documenting Riverland football from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s. Armed with some up-todate technology, plus a VHS

player and a weekend with no local footy, I spent some time deep diving into this absolute treasure trove. The timeless RTS-5A footage featured a number of

prominent Riverland football commentators and players of the day. These included Dean Caporella, Don Woon, Peter

Noble, Bruce Mellett, Leon Fielke, Rudi van der Biezen, Tony Fisher and of course the Riverland football match of the day calling duo, Peter Frankcom and Rex Fielke.

Sadly, I never met Peter, but I did speak with Rex a few times about various local footy issues which interestingly enough still remain to this day. The commentary of the

day, especially from 1991 onwards, speaks in detail of the downturn in local football crowd, directly attributed to the introduction of the Adelaide Crows in the AFL.

Some 30 years later the timing of both Adelaide Crows and Port Adelaide Power AFL fixtures remains a key factor in local football crowd numbers.

Paid players were also on the rise in the late 1980s and early 1990s, something that was as a hot topic then as it is now.

Interestingly though, it was suggested that the "paid guns" actually lifted the



competition to new highs. However, commentary was very critical that some clubs would fall behind if they failed to keep up with the paid-player roundabout.

Of interest as well, there was some humorous chats about how players were paid, with some suggestion it was far from "taxable income".

Facility standards were also a key topic of the day. A big discussion was both Barmera and Waikerie both hosting their first grand finals in some 30 years in both 1991 and 1992 respectively.

Prior to the current finals rotation system, the lion's share of finals were held at Berri, Renmark and Loxton. While the majority of

clubs supported the rotation, one commentator went as far as asking why couldn't one facility be built to a higher standard and be shared by all clubs? Something with lights appropriate to host night matches.

However, for me, one of the big takeaways among the classic footage was the discussion surrounding the Riverland Independents, something that remains hot on the agenda now.

Back then the competition was strong, with Lyrup, Paringa, Cobdogla, Moorook-Kingston, Wunkar, Brown's Well and Gerard all fielding teams. Sadly a number of them have now gone, however the league has in essence absorbed the Mid-Murray Football League, which disbanded in 2010.

While former-Mid Murray clubs Ramco, Blanchetown-Swan Reach and Sedan-Cambrai have propped up the independent competition now, talk in late 1980s was where the RFL's seventh team was going to come from.

The hot tip back in the day was Paringa, as a strong club with a growing population something that remains the status quo today.

In fact in recent years that point has been somewhat reinforced with the number of players their council cousins, the Renmark Rovers, have in every grade.

It's a similar scenario that took place in the 1950s in Loxton and ultimately saw the formation of the Loxton North Panthers.

Only time will reveal the future of the Independent competition. However, with a large number of clubs finding it harder each year to field sides one might suggest the train may be stopping at the terminus station somewhat sooner than later.

If the Riverland could grow to an eight-team competition one day it could be a good thing for all. But where do clubs seven and eight come from? Does a team from the Independents step up?

Or perhaps a combined Mallee side joins the party?

Looking 30 years back on a weekend with no footy it's evident that change remains the only constant.



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Alex rows for gold in fours

BRENDAN LINES

LOXTON North's Alexander Hill will be on the cusp of another Olympic Games medal when Australia's men's four rowing team go for gold in today's rowing final at Sea Forest Waterway in Tokyo.

Australia has drawn lane three and is the fastest qualifier ahead of Great Britain, the fastest qualifier in the other heat.

With Hill in the stroke seat, the team is attempting to win its first gold since the "Oarsome Foursome" won the event at the Atlanta Games in 1996.

On Saturday, the Australians powered into first place, three seconds ahead of the USA and the Netherlands in third.

A men's four silver medallist at the Rio games, Hill was joined by Spencer Turrin and Olympic debutants Jack Hargreaves and Alex Purnell.

The Australians drew lane one in thier heat and got straight to work finding their race-winning rhythm early on, opening up a twosecond lead by the 1000metre mark.

The top-two placing booked the Aussies a spot in the final.

Hill has posted some impressive results in the lead-up to Tokyo, winning the past three President's Cups at the Australian National Championships, and stroking Australia's men's eight to a Grand Challenge Cup win at the Henley Royal Regatta in 2018.

Viewers can watch the men's four final on Channel around 10.40am local time.



7 and the 7plus app at Australia's men's four including Rio silver medallist Alex Hill (front), of Loxton North, is scheduled to compete in today's gold medal final at the Tokyo Olympic Games. PHOTO: supplied

Wickham gets Kookaburras off to a flyer

BRENDAN LINES

THE Kookaburras continue to deliver on their gold medal aspirations sitting atop pool A after yesterday's 5-2 win over Argentina at the Oi Hockey Stadium.

After a tight first quarter the Kookaburras equalised at one-all at the end of the first quarter Morgan's Tom Wickham's squaring shot off a

cross from Tim Brand found the back of the net in the second quarter putting the Aussies ahead for the first time, and they never looked back.

On the weekend, the Kookaburras resisted a challenge from hosts Japan (5-3) and smashed India 7-1.

Wickham was included in the Kookaburras' line-up for their first-up clash, with the hosts scopring three goals in six minutes to lead 3-2 at half time.

Earlier, Wickham combined with Trent Mitton to set up Olympic debutant Tim Brand, who converted with a lethal one-touch to put Australia on the scoreboard.

The Kookaburras settled after half-time with two more goals in the third and a single sealing the win in the final quarter.

Wickham sat out Sunday's thrashing of India, the 7-1 margin Australia's largest in Olympic history over India in men's hockey, surpassing the 6-1 win in 1976.

The Kookaburras face New Zealand tonight 9.45pm local time.



Morgan's Tom Wickham helped kick off the Kookaburras' Olympic campaign setting up debutant Tim Brand for a goal in Australia's Pool A game against Japan and slotted a goal in yesterday's 5-2 win over Argentina. PHOTO: supplied

New Enduro track dishes out the dirt

BRENDAN LINES

A WORKMANLIKE drive by the husband-and-wife team of Aaron and Liz Haby took the chequered flag in a race of high attrition at the inaugural Riverland 300 offroad race held at its fresh New Well track earlier this month.

The Nildottie-based couple had a drama-free run, posting consistent lap times to finish just over four minutes clear of the #41 entry of Tyler Owen and Oliver Stevens, who worked tirelessly overnight to fix a wheel-bearing issue with spares supplied from the Habys to make the starting grid.

Third place went to #85 Todd Lehmann and Aaron Bermingham, who were 10:35sec behind Owen and the new layout kept drivers Stevens.

It was a race of high attrition, with just 15 of the 38 starters completing the full race distance, after the sandy Mallee-scrub track took its toll.

The #79 of Gary Turnbull was on the pace until a power-steering arm failure ended his race.

Glenn Owen's race came to a similar end while at the pointy end of the field on the last lap.

Rain earlier in the week allowed for fast relatively dust-free racing on the new

track just south of Waikerie. Waikerie Off Roaders president James Lochert said on their toes.

"There's a bit more demand on the drivers as there is no time to rest. even on the straights which are quite undulating in the sand," he said. "Then we get into the harder limestone ground... which is a bit more 'twisty and turny'.'

Mr Lochert said completion of track preparation was made possible by volunteers.

"I couldn't even put a number on (the hours)," he said.

"The land owner himself did weeks of work and all



Aaron and Liz Haby were outright winners at the inaugural Riverland 300 on its new home track near New Well earlier this month. PHOTO: Tony O'Donoghue

of the club members did working bees for two months leading up to it."

Mr Lochert said the club took a start-small approach after moving from the former Murbko site. "This was only a club-level event..." he said.

"We wanted to run a small race successfully on the new venue."

The New Well site will host club events only "unless the track can be extended in the future" for national events.



Luke Saville

Saville bows out of Tokyo doubles

COBDOGLA tennis star Luke Saville's Olympic debut came to an end when he and doubles partner John Peers went down to the experienced Austrian team of Oliver Marach and Philip Oswald, 7-5 6-2, on Sunday.

Earlier on Day two Saville made his singles debut but unfortunately went down in similar fashion to seventh seed Hubert Hurkacz of Poland, 6-2 6-4.

Saville was a late addition to the singles draw, following the withdrawal of Hungary's Marton Fucsovics.

Correction: Obst-Warneke Cup

A DETAIL in last week's Murray Pioneer reported Loxton North had won the Obst-Warneke Cup in its round 11 match against Loxton in A1 netball.

This match was not for the Obst-Warneke Cup and Loxton remains the holder of the cup having won it earlier in the season.

The Obst-Warneke Cup is an annual game played only between Loxton and Loxton North.

42 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, July 28, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au Whillas Medal night?

BRENDAN LINES

THE Riverland Football League's highest individual honours – the Whillas Medal and the Duthie Medal – could be presented on grand final day this year.

After last week's snap seven-day lockdown announcement RFL president Mark Wright said a "feeler" was put to clubs asking if the league's presentation night should go ahead as normal and the message was clear.

"It is a good night to acknowledge all the awards and the players," Mr Wright said. "But the feedback we're

getting from the clubs is a lot of them aren't prepared to host that night." Covid-19 restrictions, costs

of special guests – that comes

out of the RFL purse - and the lack of financial benefit flowing back to the clubs were taken into consideration.

"It has been tendered out to a hotel or a club in the Riverland, and the expense for that is paid by the club, and there is no profit or anything going to the (RFL) clubs from the night," he said.

"The general consensus is that we are going to do the awards on grand final day and not host (a formal) even-

ing. "We're looking at ways how best we can acknowledge the year and the players that have earnt those awards."

The last time the Whillas Medal was awarded at a formal presentation night was in 2019, before last year's senior competitions were suspended.

Barmera-Monash's 2019 Whillas medallist Levi Proude. The **RFL** is unlikely to hold a formal presentation night this season. **PHOTO: Grant** Schwartzkopff

Barmera's unorthodox netball coach making waves

BRENDAN LINES

BARMERA A1 netball coach Shane Phillips' bellowing voice courtside is quite the departure from the usual unflinching poker faces of most netball coaches.

However, the former Loxton basketball coach is letting Barmera's results on the court do the talking.

"When Wendy Gambling comes to sit next to me sometimes I say 'Wendy, am I the loudest netball coach you've ever seen?" Phillips said.

Mrs Gambling, a longtime servant to Riverland netball, agreed and has called Phillips "quite a bit different".

Phillips' style and enigmatic character has sent ripples through the Riverland netball fraternity throughout 2021.

In his first role as an A1 coach, Phillips' unique, fast, basketball-like offence has turned perennial cellar dweller Barmera's fortunes around. Not far from the end of the minor round, Barmera sits second on the A1 table and is rated a realistic hope of at least making the grand final.

Phillips' extensive expe-

rience at association level basketball has taken him from his Melbourne roots to playing with Woodville and overseas, where he played division one school boys' basketball in the Solomon Islands and had his first coaching experience.

"I don't know whether it was my coaching or I had a group of real super talented kids," he said.

"They were just an amazing group of athletes that were basketball mad. I was like the old head in the team."

During that time, Phillips crafted his game - both as a player and a coach – against some quality opposition.

"The Chinese team had three ex-NBL players in the team and some college guys from the US who were there with the peace corps," he said.

"Having those guys lifted the standard quite significantly."

Years later, and spurred on by his two daughters playing junior netball, Phillips thought he would put his hand up to coach rather than be an onlooker.

Phillips' introduction to coaching was through watching 'how to' videos of former Australian coach the ball around..." he said.

"They took risks all the time. I liked this style and it's sort of similar to the style I coach in basketball, where we pressure the ball all the time and push the ball

up the floor. "The girls have been good and bought into it. They've embraced the style of 'let's be different'...

"We've got a terrific group of girls in both A1 and A2s.

Barmera's improvement this season can be seen across the grades, with the club's A1, A2, C1 and 15A

coach Shane Phillips (inset) and says the team is ready to make a long-awaited return to finals this season. **PHOTO: Grant** Schwartzkopff

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sides all in top-four contention, while the 17As sit atop the ladder after 11 rounds.

The club has built some depth up and has got a lot of juniors coming through," he said.

"That's all part of building success, along with people actually enjoying playing with the club."

Barmera utility Jenna Selfe said Phillips had been a "great asset" to the club.

"He's got his mannerisms which we all have a go at understanding, but he's been supportive, upbeat, direct and hard working with us

and it's obviously paying off." she said.

"Court side he has direction, and he believes in our ability to make it happen. "There's a few jokes to

keep the vibe light and personally I enjoy that. "But he's willing to try

new things and we're all for it.' When Riverland netball

can resume Barmera will have a battle on two fronts, with Loxton North hot on its heels hunting for second place, and Renmark undefeated in top spot.

"What's really good with netball this year is that each team is playing different styles," Phillips said.

"This year's competition has been remarkably close.

"Berri is not far off having things go their way to knock off a few teams, North is physically the strongest team, and you don't know what Loxton could do on the back of Emily Beaton."

Phillips said Barmera's fortunes could come down to getting even faster.

"It's about stepping up that two or three notches and I think we've got in us," he said.

"But whether we're ready for it this year or not time will tell."

Hills too slick for undermanned Superdogs

RIVERLAND Superdogs suffered a 52-point loss to home side Hills in their Masters football match at Kersbrook Oval recently.

The undermanned Superdogs – missing a long list of regulars – trailed by 12 points at the first break, and the margin kept growing for the first three quarters.

Jason King worked hard across the centre, gaining many touches and entertaining the small bunch of Superdogs supporters. All game Shane Healy was

a target across half forward for the visitors, proving a handful for the Hills defence. The Superdogs worked

hard as a unit in the final quarter, kicking three goals to outscore the opposition.

Covid-19 pending, the Superdogs' next game is scheduled for this Sunday, against the Phantoms (PHOS/Camden) at Renmark.

"This is an open invitation to anyone that wants to have a go and join in with the Superdogs on the day," a Superdogs spokesperson said.

"You are never too old to have fun."

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Later, Phillips grew an

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and says his Barmera play-

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Superdogs 7-4 (46). RIVERLAND BEST: J. King, D. Kennedy, S. Healy, R. Romeo, D. Pankhurst. RIVERLAND GOALS: R. Romeo, R. Johnstone 2, S. Healy, J. King, M. Mayes.

Flack and Dyer take darts singles titles

THE Riverland Darts winner, Neil Flack (R C Association held its Audrey Strother Riverland Close Singles Championships at the Cobdogla Club last week.

In the men's section, Lee Rasheed (R C Ones) went through undefeated to make the final, defeating last year's champion Darren Parfitt and top local player Jeff Broekers along the way.

Previous three-time

Ones), came through the repechage life to play Rasheed in the final.

In an epic final Flack defeated Rasheed to claim his fourth title out of six finals. Flack had the highest peg-out of the night with 64.

Parfitt and Rasheed had one maximum 180 each for the night.

In the women's section, defending champion Gloria Dyer (Cobby Eagles) went through undefeated on the night to claim her eighth championships out of 13 finals. Gloria also had the highest peg-out of 64 and the highest score of 133.

Up and coming junior Akira Barnes went through the night only losing one match to be runner-up and had a high score of 111. Kendall Hayes did well to post a high score 117.

what she's doing, but I had very little idea at the time," "It was basketball without dribbling and a few zoning

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BRENDAN LINES

BERRI football product Rhys Stanley put another mark on a season of milestones kicking his 100th AFL goal in Geelong's 38-point win over reigning premiers Richmond at the MCG on Sunday.

Earlier this season, Stanley notched his 150th AFL game when Geelong embarrassed the West Coast Eagles with a 97-point thumping at Kardinia Park.

Stanley, drafted from West Adelaide with pick 47 in the 2008 draft, said he remembers his Riverland days fondly.

"I remember my first senior game lining up against Waikerie..." he said.

"My dad's side of the family was from Waikerie and it was interesting to see a few familiar names and faces coming at me from the Magpies."

Stanley's under 13 flag with Berri remains the only premiership side he has played in.

"For me as a younger fella it felt like everything," he said. "I remember all the

boys from Berri getting around me and helping me play some good footy and obviously set me up to be able to get drafted.

"We had a really strong league when I was coming through and Berri was playing some good footy at the time. "I played with some really good people there."

Geelong faces North Melbourne in Tasmania in round 20 of the 2021 AFL season this Saturday.



Geelong's Rhys Stanley soars over the pack for a mark. Stanley kicked his 100th AFL goal in the Cats' 38-point win over Richmond at the MCG on Sunday. PHOTO: AFL Photos



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Lockdown fallout Shorter seasons **BRENDAN LINES**

RIVERLAND sport will emerge from its Covid-19 hiatus in just over a week, albeit in a truncated form when full competition resumes.

The RFL will drop rounds 11 and 12, awarding premiership points for draws to each club.

Round 13 will commence on August 7, in order to keep the current finals fixture, with the RFL grand final to remain on Saturday, September 11.

RFL president Mark Wright said yesterday a shortened season with one less home game for all teams was "fairer" and would avoid school holidays later in the year. Mr Wright said a decision on the Independent season would be made soon.

Riverland Soccer Association (RSA) president Michael Cartwright said the RSA would "explore all avenues" to complete its season at its monthly meeting next Monday night. Riverland netball and hockey competitions will resume next week, with decisions on their respective seasons to be made soon.



Former Loxton basketball coach Shane Phillips has made waves as Barmera's A1 netball coach in his first season. Phillips' vocal presence and composite style has brought a unique perspective to Barmera and is yielding encouraging results. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



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