

Bugle Hut woman Yvette Frahn in one of the large salt pans on her property, which neighbours the Noora Basin Salt Interception Scheme. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

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HILL'S OLYMPIC JOURNEY

Alex rowing for gold in Tokyo

LOXTON North's Alex Hill has been named among Australia's 38-strong squad of rowers for the Tokyo Olympic games.

The 2016 Rio silver medallist was presented his team kimono by his grandfather Malcolm Hill at a ceremony held in Adelaide on Sunday. PAGE 48

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Interception scheme 'destroying family farm'....

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Festival set 'to return in 2021'

PAUL MITCHELL and PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

COUNTRY music fans voted with their feet over the long weekend, triggering the likely return of an official Riverland festival in 2022.

A shortage of volunteers after the 2019 event and the 2020 Covid write-off saw the demise of both the SA Country Music Festival and its organising body, the Riverland Country Music Club, but individual venues that booked their own acts reported strong attendances last weekend.

Former festival organiser Dot McDonnell said momentum was building for a festival to return, albeit in a shortened format.

"We've already made plans with the venues," Mrs McDonnell said.

"They want it on every year, but maybe just for the five days, rather than the traditional 10 or 12 days.

"We'll organise acts for some of them, some of them will arrange their own, but we're definitely talking about getting some kind of organisation going."

Throughout its history, the SA Country Music Festival – which included a talent quest – was based mainly around Barmera, and at its height attracted thousands of visitors to the region over the June long weekend.



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'CHOOK' TO GET SECOND JAB See page 20 Without a governing body, local venues simply booked their own acts this year and Barmera Central co-ordinator Kelsey Hogan said reports had trickled in of pleasing crowd numbers.

"Venues such as the Barmera Hotel, Cobdogla Club, Lakes Café, Barmera Bowling Club, Barmera Caravan Park, Overland Corner Hotel, Lyrup Club, Lake Bonney's Discovery Park, and Cobdogla Caravan Park each organised their own artists themselves," she said.

"The festival was missed last year so it was great to see so many venues organise events and see them all draw in a large crowd."

Mrs McDonnell and her husband – and country music performer – Murray have been long-serving festival supporters and are adamant an opportunity exists for the Riverland to sustainably host an annual event.

"It will go ahead because the venues want it to," Mrs McDonnell said.

"Plus no one else is game enough to have a country music festival in winter, so it helps draw people to the Riverland.

"The country music festival doesn't have to stop, it'll just run without a talent quest. Even the Tamworth Country Music Festival's talent show has faded out, because kids and their parents want to go on Australia's Got Talent and stuff like that now."

Mrs McDonnell said the Cobdogla Club was booked out for several shows over the weekend, further fuelling the desire to reestablish a formal festival next year.

establish a formal festival next year. "We'll fire it up again," she said. "We love it."

PAGE 8 Barmera's big weekend

No serious injury from tree crash

A MALE driver was taken to hospital after his car hit a tree while travelling along the Sturt Highway last weekend.

Police and CFS crews responded to the scene of a crash on the Sturt Highway, approximately 5km west of Waikerie, around 9.30am on Sunday, June 13.

The male driver – and only occupant – of the car was taken to hospital, however the Murray Pioneer understands he sustained no serious inju-



Local police and CFS crews attended the scene of a car accident on the Sturt Highway, near Waikerie, on Sunday morning. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



Performer Murray Mac (Murray McDonnell) at the Cobdogla Club on Sunday with club manager Emma White. The club was among local venues to attract strong crowds over the long weekend, helping to increase the likelihood of a formal festival returning to the Riverland next year. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



This year's unofficial festival was well received across the Riverland.

House fire leads to drug charge

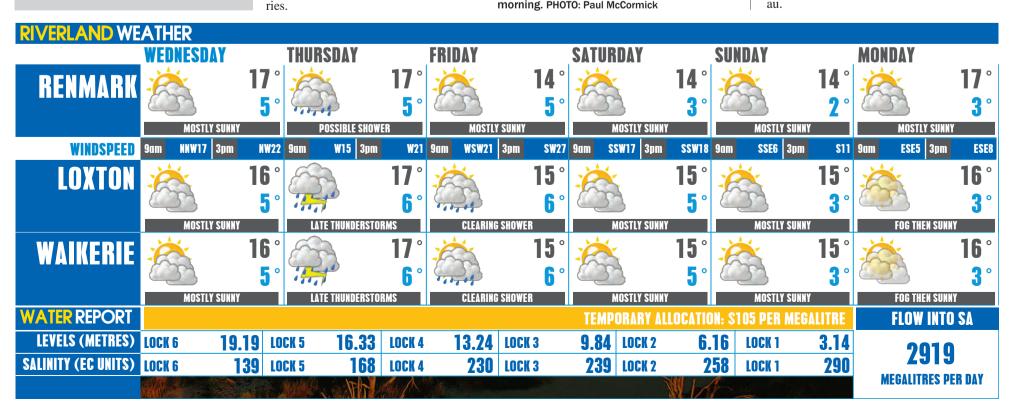
A HOUSE fire allegedly caused by a hydroponic cannabis set-up in Barmera has seen a 49-year-old reported for drug offences.

Police will allege that about 6.50am last Friday emergency services were called to a house fire on Thiele Road. Fire crews extinguished the blaze, but the property was severely damaged.

As a result of the investigation, the fire was deemed accidental, with the suspected cause of the fire being an electrical fault caused by a hydroponic cannabis set-up.

The 49-year-old local man has been reported for cultivating cannabis and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

Anyone with information about the manufacture, sale and possession of illegal drugs is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or online at www.crimestopperssa.com. au.



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She said although the honour was unconfirmed at the time of his death, her husband was aware he was a probable recipient and said he was "very proud".

Mr Menzel's dahlia journey started more than 45 years ago when he grew his first few dahlia plants. It gradually increased to about 4000 plants, all of which had to be nurtured, dug, divided and replanted each year.

He became heavily involved with the South Australian Dahlia Society and also later the Dahlia Societies of Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland.

He worked tirelessly to achieve the unification of all Australian dahlia societies to form the Dahlia Society of Australia, of which he was president for 10 years until his death.

Mr Menzel was active in exhibiting dahlias and judging them nationwide.

He was invited to the USA three times as a keynote speaker at national conferences and gave other overseas presentations in New Zealand, France, Canada, Singapore, and the UK.

"He's been the guest speaker at garden



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clubs and dahlia societies more times than I can remember," Anne said.

She said her husband was always keen to provide as much help and information about

An early allocation win for our irrigators

"This has seen water in stor-

ages at a level much higher than

we've had in June in recent years,

including significant inflows into

the Menindee Lakes, allowing us

to start the 2021-22 water year in

Allocations for SA River Murray

great shape."

RIVERLAND growers and level of assurance. irrigators are set to have access to their full water allocations from day one of the upcoming water year.

The State Government announced yesterday SA River Murray irrigators would receive 100 per cent allocations for the 2021/22 water year, improving upon a 94 per cent figure released last month.

Minister for Water David Speirs said favourable weather conditions, combined with current storage levels, meant water users could approach the next year with a high

"This is great news for the state's irrigators as it means they can begin the new water year with confidence and plan their business with the knowledge they will have access to 100 per cent allocation from day one," Mr Speirs said.

"(This) announcement is a positive turnaround from last year when widespread dry conditions saw opening allocations start at only 40 per cent.

"What we've experienced over summer is relatively mild conditions followed by decent rainfall across the Basin.

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> - David Speirs, Minister for Water irrigators were 40 per cent at this time last year.

Mr Speirs said utilising the recently developed SA River Murray Water Calculator would assist local growers and irrigators maximise their water resource efficiency.

"I encourage the state's irrigators to access the calculator and see how it may be able to help with their business planning," he said.

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Mr Menzel was part of the ABC talk-

back gardening team in the Riverland for

more than 20 years. He established the Berri

Barmera Garden Club and helped establish

the Waikerie Garden Club and Shepparton

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displays with all proceeds given to charity,"

to observe and learn and to help others."

basic dahlia-growing books worldwide.

"We opened our garden to the public

"John visited as many gardens as he could

Mr Menzel wrote and published his book

The book is regarded as one of the best

called Dahlias in Australia the Winkie Way.

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easily and quickly as possible," she said.

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Dahlia Society.

Anne said.

"Providing early advice and business tools like the calculator allows irrigators to make informed investment decisions around what they'll do with their crops and perennial plantings, and manage business certainty.'

Access to the SA River Murray Water Calculator is available by visiting the website (https://apps. waterconnect.sa.gov.au/watercalc/ Home/Index).



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A RIVERLAND family is demanding answers – and compensation – as salinity and seepage continue to destroy their family farm.

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and is frustrated by the ongoing process. "We understand the incredible importance of the salt interception scheme," she said.

"Without doubt, whatsoever, had they not implemented the interception scheme, we wouldn't have an irrigation industry.

"What we don't like is the fact that they are unwilling to embrace the idea that we are part of the scheme and we pay the price for the scheme."

The Noora Basin, which was commissioned in 1982, is located about 20km east of Loxton and was originally identified as a suitable disposal location due to its low elevation and because groundwater naturally discharges into the area.

Mrs Frahn said seepage from the Noora basin is raising the water table on their farm, pushing the salt to the surface.

"They have been telling us that it's our doing and it's had nothing to do with them and there's no way water could get from the basin to here," she said.

"It's not as though we don't have natural salinity.

"But, that salinity wouldn't have done any damage at all had it not been for the seep-age."

In the past 22 years, the Frahns have planted over 35,000 trees, including 10,000 directly around the salt pans, in a bid to manage seepage.

"We are custodians of this land," Mrs Frahn said.

"It's part of our family's belief system to

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be the best caretakers we can possibly be." Mrs Frahn said a number of neighbour-

ing properties are also being affected by the basin's impact. Farming Systems Consultant Chris

McDonough wrote a report about the salt scald expansion at the Frahn property. "There continues to be large increases in

bare scald and salt-affected land," he said. "Soil testing has consistently shown

substantial rises in topsoil salinity, well in excess of toxic levels.

"(The) report has highlighted that there are very large land degradation issues occurring at the Frahn property as a direct impact from the Noora Basin Salt Interception Scheme."

Farm business management consultant Mike Krause compiled an economic report in 2019 about the impact of the Noora Basin scheme on the Frahns' Bugle Hut property and found the compensation figure to be substantial.

"The assessment of economic loss has been broken down into past costs incurred by the Frahns, as they have had to manage and learn of the extent of the environmental impact to their Bugle Hut property, and future compensation payment for anticipated economic loss," he said in the report.

Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone said he took Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs to the property about five years ago.

"I showed him the initial impacts of scalding appearing in some of that dryland country," he said.

"It appears to be getting worse.

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"I have continued to work with Frahns and continued to work with both the previous government and am now working with this government." A State Government spokesperson acknowledged the ongoing issue with the Frahns' Bugle Hut property.

"The State Government is aware of the request for compensation by the Frahns and is continuing to consider its position," the spokesperson said.

"Noora Basin commenced operations in 1982, 17 years before the Frahns purchased their property.

"The risk of potential future salinization of surrounding land was understood when the Basin was established and was discussed with the neighbouring landholders at that time."

The spokesperson said the operation of salt interception scheme had many benefits.

"The operation of salt interception schemes along the River Murray is one of this country's great environmental success stories, with salinity levels in the river and many of its associated wetlands significantly reduced as a result of their operation, with consequential benefits for ecosystem health," the spokesperson said.

"The establishment of the Noora Basin has created a much more diverse and vibrant ecosystem, including vegetation and bird and fish life, than what had existed at that location previously.

"The Noora Basin is also playing a key role in the delivering of environmental outcomes under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan."

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405 reasons to dump fruit before hitting the Riverland

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND MP believes a lack of awareness remains – both locally and in metropolitan Adelaide – regarding the "devastating" impacts fruit fly outbreaks are causing to the region.

The State Government last week revealed a total of 944 fines had been issued – and 1839 kilograms of fruit seized – in the past 23 random roadblocks seeking to prevent fruit fly host material from entering the Riverland.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said attempting to eradicate fruit fly from the Riverland before winter ended needed to be a priority.

"It worries me that people continue to put the Riverland's fruit fly free reputation further at risk," Mr Whetstone said.

"We're doing it tough enough as it is at the moment... and I don't want to be getting to spring and further into summer, and going into harvest, then realising we still have the same fruit fly issues we had at the start of the year.

"We have to be vigilant and everyone has to play their role. I still think people need to consider stripping their trees and removing all host fruit."

Mr Whetstone said increased monitoring was required to prevent travellers from Adelaide and other areas bringing potential fruit fly host material into the region.

"The numbers are telling us that people continue to not adhere to the rules," he said.

"We've seen another one thousand fines issues... (so) there's still a huge amount of fruit headed toward the Riverland.

"That's the fruit that's being picked up at random roadblocks, so what happens when there isn't a random roadblock?"

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said further outbreaks across South Australia had increased pressure on the Riverland.

"With fruit fly outbreaks in metropolitan Adelaide, the Riverland and Port Augusta, it's more important than ever not to move fruit and vegetables into and around South Australia," Mr Basham said.

"If you're in a red outbreak area in



Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke (left) and Summerfruit Australia board member Jason Size have encouraged locals to strip backyard trees of potential host material for fruit fly. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

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Adelaide, the Riverland or Port Augusta, you cannot move fruit out of that area – once purchased or picked, it must stay at home.

"Fruit fly can only travel when people carry fruit and vegetables around... so there is no excuse for doing the wrong thing as you travel into the Riverland Pest Free Area.

"You can't miss the signage and strategically placed quarantine bins to dispose of any fresh produce before you enter the area." Mr Whetstone said it was a responsibility for locals to spread awareness of fruit fly risks. "It's up to Riverlanders to remind their family and friends, if they are visiting, to leave their fruit and vegetables at home," he said.

"We've got to drum that message into people until we get a satisfactory outcome. I think Riverlanders could be more proactive.

"People have to understand it's a shortterm exercise for a long-term gain, and anyone who continues to continually disregard the rules will eventually pay the price."

Mr Whetstone said it was necessary to increase the fine - to 405 - for being caught bringing fruit into the Riverland.

"I don't want to have to use the stick approach, and that's what we're doing, (but) we need to have more education to make people aware," he said.

"If we let this get out of hand, we'll have all our backyard fruit trees removed.

"It will come at a great cost to our growers' bottom line, and also a great cost to our reputation."

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



Students urged to be safe on the road

ADELAIDE road crash survivor Eli Murn and MFS firefighter Ian Borchard arrived in the region yesterday as part of the MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP).

The duo visited both Renmark and Loxton High School yesterday for a presentation and will visit Glossop and Waikerie High School today.

RAP focuses on the role of all road users, encouraging and empowering students to "speak up against selfish behaviour".

Mr Borchard implored students to make positive choices on the road.

"We want everyone to be aware of the risks involved with being a road user and to make informed choices," he said.

"We want students to avoid becoming another statistic.

"One death on our roads is one too many."

A feature of RAP includes presentations from road crash survivors who encourage students to learn from their experience.

Mr Murn, who lives with ongoing mobility and memory issues associated with his acquired brain injury, was determined to educate young drivers through the MFS RAP.

"When I first realised the situation I was in, I thought to myself 'if somebody had seriously spoken to me about the importance of road safety when I was in high school, my life may have taken a very different path'," Mr Murn said.



Riverland councillor granted medical leave

A RIVERLAND councillor has been granted a leave of absence until July, after his fellow elected members passed a motion at a special meeting earlier this month. Berri Barmera councillor Mike

Fuller has been absent from council meetings since early April due to personal health reasons, but was required, under the Local Government Act, to seek formal leave to be absent for more than three months.

Cr Fuller sits on a number of other council committees, including the Barmera Improvement Committee, Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee and Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan Committee.

Cr Fuller also serves as chairman of Barmera Central, which operates the town's visitor information centre.



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EDITORIAL THE YEARS GO BY

Keep it country, keep it casual

THE concept of supply and demand seems positively ancient in modern Australia, where private enterprise winners are routinely picked out for government - read taxpaver – funding handouts, aimed at ensuring their sustainability.

Free-market forces still matter, but governments – of all colours – often do their best to massage the equilibrium and deliver desirable results.

But demand for country music in the Riverland suggests that reports of the SA Country Music Festival's demise could be premature, and that consumers could have the final say.

The festival has struggled for the past 10 to 15 years, as diminishing volunteer numbers and the financial realities facing local venues hit home

The Riverland Country Music Club routinely did its best to deliver a top-class event on a shoestring budget and mostly succeeded – but the signs were ominous.

Covid-19 stepped in last year to have the final say, but in reality, the festival in its traditional format was already cooked.

At between 10 and 14 days, it was simply too long.

Visitors were never going to stay the entire duration, leaving the first half of the festival as something of a non-event, notwithstanding the best efforts of organisers to crank up some momentum heading into the June long weekend.

In 2021, a pseudo festival evolved organically, as Riverland venues booked their own country music acts, crossed their fingers and waited to see how many would attend.

Anecdotal reports suggest crowds generally exceeded expectations at most venues, generating enthusiasm to stage something more formal next year.

It was an 'if you build it, they will come' moment - and perhaps it provides a pathway for country music to be entrenched in the Riverland across the June long weekend.

At one time the festival's talent quest was a cherished event, and winners were hailed as potential rising stars. In truth, that shine wore off many years ago, and it had spluttered along, at best, simply because it had always existed.

The weekend is now unshackled from the talent quest, and any other regular events that have traditionally formed part of the festival. It can and will evolve into whatever works, rather than what has worked in the past.

Importantly, it must stay as a country music festival only.

Trying to expand to incorporate other genres simply will not work. Blues fans, rock and roll fans, and folk fans - for example - are generally an esoteric lot. They want to experience their music and their music only, not bits and pieces of others they care little for and know even less about.

Country music fans are the same.

'Keep it country' and 'keep it casual' might sound like cheap T-shirt slogans, but they could be the key to the Riverland forging its own identity as the country music capital of Australia once a year – over the June long weekend.

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Roundabout at OTR hot spot

I THINK it's great that the state and federal governments plan on upgrading the Sturt Highway in our region with three new roundabouts (Murray Pioneer, 2/6/21).

But I think it's a shame that they haven't thought any more about a roundabout near Twentyfirst Street/Renmark Avenue intersection. They may think the slip lane has fixed everything. It has not.

I feel that there is a perfectly good block of land before approaching Olivewood on Renmark Avenue that could house a roundabout. This would slow down the traffic congestion and chaos that is continually happening at the OTR/Twentyfirst Street intersection.

Obviously there isn't any room at the intersection mentioned above, so why not place a roundabout on the bare block of land next to Olivewood

Or is it time for traffic lights at the intersection?

My family has lived opposite Olivewood on Twenty-first Street for over 45 years.

For many years we have joked that it should be called the Twenty-first Street Raceway".

We have seen many changes over the years: more housing estates built, fast food outlets, very busy service stations and now the new St Francis of Assisi College.

Will vehicles be entering this college via Twentieth Street or Twenty-first Street? Either way, changes should be happening now. Has Renmark Paringa

Council made any plans for the new influx of traffic and children who will be attending the college?

For the early hours that I go to work I don't have any issues with the traffic at the intersection, but I know others have trouble after 7.30am onwards.

Many accidents have occurred. In fact there was another accident in this spot last Wednesday night.

Does anyone else have any ideas about this?

JODI CURYER Renmark

End-of-life choice thanks to Bill

WITH the successful passing of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill through both houses of Parliament last week I would like to thank all of the people of the Riverland and Chaffey electorate who have supported the campaign to bring dignity in dying to the terminally ill.

Thanks also to The Murray Pioneer and ABC Riverland for giving me generous media access.

As well, thank you to Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone for listening to his constituents and supporting the Bill on their behalf.

The Bill has sought to give a choice to everyone for their endof-life journey, be it palliative care or VAD, and to remove the stigma that has previously surrounded euthanasia.

I believe that it does so with care and compassion, while protecting the rights of individuals and institutions.

I believe that this draft is even better than that of Victoria, and I hope that it will eventually be part of a National VAD model.

Throughout the campaign I have had the privilege to meet so many courageous and caring people, some of whom are already in the late stages of terminal illnesses.

It has been a very humbling experience to have been involved with their fight for their right to choose an alternative end of life, and to secure that right for future generations. JAN KEMBLE

Waikerie

Good news for sporting community

AS the Member for Chaffey, I would like to inform the sporting community that the 2021-2022 round of the Infrastructure Grant Programs with a total budget of \$20.6 million is now open for applications, and I am encouraging eligible sporting clubs and organisations to apply.

The latest suite of the Infrastructure Grants Program includes the Regional and Districts Facilities Program, Grassroots Facilities Program and the Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program.

These programs will build community and grassroots sport in our region. Previous recipients have used the funding to build

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Pumphouse, c.1903: In last week's Murray Pioneer (9/6/21) we questioned if this was Media Estate, Loxton, but helpful guidance from readers Heather Everingham, Sandra Schulz and John Steed put us straight. This photo from Reiners' Studio Renmark shows (centre, right) the dilapidated engine-house with chimney at rear and its hewnstone pumphouse below. A wooden chute runs down the bank to convey mallee stumps and cutlogs loaded from the top, firing the boiler in the engine-house below. An inlet pipeline angles from the river to the pumphouse and its outlet pipe then runs up the 120-foot cliff to the orchards and vineyards in the highland above. Murtho Settlement, 3km north from Paringa, was one of 11 established from 1894 by the South Australian government as an enthusiastic communal enterprise. Murtho began with 15 men, five married women and 16 children. The settlement covered 1933 acres. It started well but sadly, by 1897, it had disbanded. The socialist experiment failed, there was a lack of agricultural expertise, the pump was poorly sited and ineffective in the frequent low rivers, and transport costs were high. "...it cost more to transport goods to/from Morgan than it did from London to Adelaide."

PHOTO: Loxton Historical Village

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

new family-friendly change rooms, update tired sports surfaces and lighting infrastructure, installation of water or energysaving initiatives, recreation trails and more.

Recreation and sporting clubs play a vital role in the community and provide social, health and lifestyle benefits.

I encourage all eligible sporting and recreation clubs to apply to these great programs to ensure our region is considered for funding.

Applications close on August 4, 2021. Guidelines and application forms are available at www. ors.sa.gov.au or contact the Office for Recreation and Sport on 1300 714 990.

Don't forget, I'm always happy to provide a letter of support if your club is worthy. TIM WHETSTONE Member for Chaffey

Bogged near Ramco

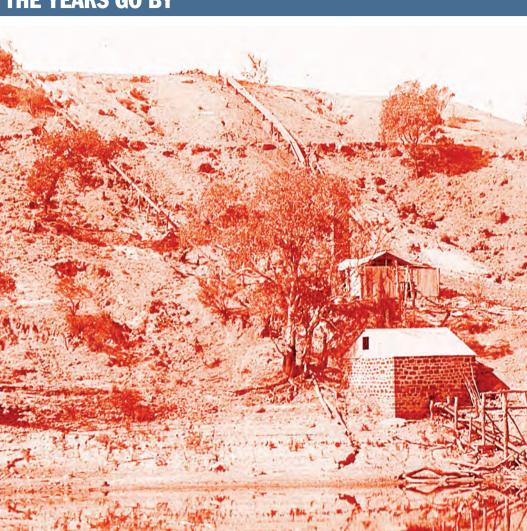
WE would like to publicly express our gratitude to three Ramco locals for their very welcome help a few weeks ago.

We camped in our five-tonne motorhome on what appeared to be compacted sand/dirt at Ramco Lagoon, a beautiful, peaceful paradise.

However, when attempting to leave the next morning, we became irretrievably bogged.

Three wonderful locals, Mark, Carla and Serenity, with their dog Zeus, saw our plight and assisted us. Mark first tried a chain tow but the sand won.

Mark then drove home to fetch his new tow rope which



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was duly christened. Unable to be towed out backwards, Mark successfully towed us out forwards.

We were so grateful to them for taking time and trouble to help people they did not know.

If this family is typical of the Ramco/Waikerie community, we can't wait to return – avoiding sand camps of course.

Thanks again Mark, Carla and Serenity. LESLEY and MURRAY JANSEN

Gosford, NSW

I'm okay with it

I WRITE in response to Anne Marr's letter to the editor headed 'Our girls and boys in blue' (Murray Pioneer, 9/6/21).

I believe police in SA earn from \$70,000 to \$130,000 for ranks from constable to senior sergeant.

From memory, one officer stationed in Morgan was on about \$140,000 a year.

In the 10 years I've been in Morgan I heard of two police vehicles written off during patrols.

I believe another two officers left because of personal reasons stemming from their occupations.

And we had one fine Christmas when a police officer from upstream fined our Morgan Santa because the permit to be Santa had expired, due to an unexpectedly large number of kids had shown up.

During the past year I've driven tens of thousands of kilometres to get people to medical appointments, for free.

Last week I drove over 30 hours. That increased time on the

road leads to increased risk of being pulled over, most especially in new areas where I don't know the local hot spots for revenue raising.

In that time I've been fined once, and by someone who didn't look like a real officer – he wouldn't pass a fitness test, and he wasn't in what you normally think of as a police car. And he gloated – I can recog-

nise that.

I was born in the US and over there we venerate uniforms. We unthinkingly thank people for their service, no matter what. It is all those years of saluting

flags and standing at national anthems.

Over here in Australia we have a much better police force

Each to their own, and I know art

is subjective, but I'm not a big fan

of the birds on the Waikerie silo,

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about art.

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and I get your point, Anne.

I understand that policing is a crap job, I would never do it. But I have nothing against people who do take up that challenge.

As for the fine I copped, I'll fight it and I'll lose, and that's

okay too. JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

Truth about plant based alternatives

VEGGIE burgers aren't new, but it's only relatively recently that marketing of plant-based alternatives (PBAs) has shifted from targeting vegetarian consumers to targeting environmentally conscious meat eaters.

Manufacturers of PBAs have not been shy in touting their products as disrupters and market leaders in terms of environmental impacts.

The manufacturers of Quorn claim that it has a "70 per cent lower carbon footprint than chicken". Sunfed chicken-free chicken is marketed as "healthier, both for you and the planet", and choosing Beyond Meat over traditional meat products will reportedly "address four growing global issues: human health, climate change, constraints on natural resources and animal welfare".

But do the claims stack up when they are compared to Australian chicken meat?

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world.

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We investigated this and found lots of reasons to question the claims.

Firstly, claims are often vague. If a product is compared to "meat" what meat is being

referred to? While some manufacturers have directly compared to beef

(i.e. the Impossible Burger), we found no studies that compared to Australian chicken.

There is a wide range of differences in the environmental impacts of the different meat types.

In fact, chicken meat has a lower greenhouse gas impact than most other meats, so any comparison needs to take this into account before making a claim. To be meaningful, comparisons must compare like with like; if they're not, they're potentially misleading.

Secondly, the comparisons are done in overseas markets, where impacts from chicken are typically higher than for Australian chicken, and where the impacts from PBAs are potentially underestimated if the emissions generated while transporting these products to Australia from the country of manufacture hasn't been taken into account.

While transport isn't necessarily a large contribution, it all adds up. Alternatively, if PBAs are produced in Australia, then

can't be frozen.

the specifics of Australian manufacturing and greenhouse gas from Australian energy sources needs to be taken into account.

These factors need to be considered to make a fair comparison for products on the Australian retail shelf.

Lastly, for a typical portion size, the difference between chicken and a PBA is modest.

Using information from the scientific literature, impacts from a pea-based product compared to Australian chicken meat were less than the emissions from driving a car about 1km.

In the full gamut of available measures to reduce a person's carbon footprint, there are many other factors far more significant than this issue. This year's Australia Talks research found that 79 per cent of people believe it's becoming more difficult to know which sources of information to trust. Perhaps it's time to challenge misinformation which could mislead consumers, unfairly disadvantages Australian farmers and which are a distraction to making real change in sustainability?

To learn more about the environmental facts around chicken meat production in Australia, visit https://www.facts.chicken. org.au/environment/.

Dr STEPHEN WIEDEMANN Integrity Ag and Environment Pty Ltd

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'FINISHED? SAYS WHO': Claims the Riverland is facing a bleak future as a grape-growing region have been emphatically rejected by a leading wine industry commentator. Former local Paul Clancy – who received an Order of Australia (OAM) on Monday – has dismissed recent suggestions by Professor Kym Anderson of the University of Adelaide's Wine Economic Research Centre, that the Riverland will play no part in the industry's eventual recovery.

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COPS TARGET CRIME RINGS: Modern police work is no longer about patrolling the beat and responding to petty crime, a tri-state police conference heard at Renmark this week. Instead, limited police resources need to be concentrated on targeting known criminals and following up crime patterns.

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Well said, Trevor Chapple ('What chance to ratepayers have?', *Pioneer* 9/6/21). Try complaining to your council about something

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and see how far you get. BB Barmera I see a few mid-season recruits have found their way to an RFL club. Not surprised. GAZ

So many bad drivers around Renmark over the long weekend. I'm surprised there wasn't a heap of accidents.

CHRIS Renmark

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New South Wales busker Anthony "Guido" Davis performed at the Barmera Markets last Sunday.



The annual Barmera Sheep Dog Trials took place in Barmera over the long weekend. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou





Caleb Nagy, Kym Manning, and Tyson Schrapel, all of Barmera, served food at the weekend's markets.

Barmera's big weekend

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

HUNDREDS of visitors flocked to Barmera on the long weekend to enjoy a number of events around the town.

The annual Barmera Sheep Dog Trials, country music performances and monthly markets attracted plenty of interest and Barmera Central co-ordinator Kelsey Hogan said it was "fantastic" to see many people in the region. "The long weekend went great," she said.

"I haven't spoken to any of the country music venues yet or to local hotels or caravan parks but I heard they had been fully booked out.

"Surrounding towns, such as Cobdogla, Lyrup and Overland Corner, also hosted some country music events... so tourists visited those areas too.

"The Cobdogla Club also hosted a Biggest

Morning Tea event, which I heard was a success, and the musicians that performed at Lake Bonney's Discovery Park invited people up to perform on their own.

"All venues drew in a large crowd, which was great to see."

Miss Hogan said the markets were again successful.

"Unfortunately, the original musician we had booked for entertainment at the market



was from Victoria and unable to cross the border," she said.

"Luckily for us, New South Wales busker Anthony 'Guido' Davis got in contact with me, asked to perform and he was fantastic.

"There were around 35 stalls, each were popular, and attendees followed Covid protocols.

"I had sign-in sheets around the markets as well as hand sanitiser, and Covid marshals were present."

Miss Hogan said the Sheep Dog Trials had a record number of dogs this year.

"Originally, Bob – the organiser – didn't want to do the Running of the Sheep because of crowd control, but it turned out he didn't have time anyway," she said.

"Bob had to start the days earlier just to get through all the dogs.

"He did a few mock trials during breaks and allowed other people who weren't part of the trials to bring along their dogs and have them run around with the sheep."



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Ignorant drivers impacting firefighters

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

STURT Highway drivers refusing to slow down when passing flashing emergency services lights have been blamed for impeding a Riverland CFS crew's ability to properly combat a fire last week.

Waikerie CFS crews responded to a roadside fire on the Sturt Highway, near Waikerie, around 9.30am on Friday, June 11.

Waikerie CFS captain Shaun Arnold said it was likely the blaze was deliberately lit.

"It grew in size when we were on the way out there, and burnt about 10 or 12 hedge row pine trees," Mr Arnold said.

"We're unsure of what lit them up, but something did.

"The property owners said the fire was on the side of the road when they first noticed it, so something from a vehicle going past has ignited the fire, but what, we don't know.

"At this time of year we wouldn't expect it to happen, but so far this year we've only had 136mm of rain."

However, Mr Arnold said numerous drivers passing by the scene refused to obey the required 25km/h speed limit.

"The main thing that hampered us was people, not truck drivers, but people who refused to slow down and would just fly through the smoke at great speed," he said.

"The legal speed in South Australia is 25km/h past flashing lights... you must slow down until you pass all the red and blue flash-



Waikerie CFS putting out burning pine trees at the scene of a roadside fire last Friday. INSET: The blackened pines. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

ing lights (and) people don't understand that.

"Police weren't available, so we're out on the highway playing with cars that refuse to slow down, and our lives are being put in danger.

"At Waikerie it happens all the way up and down the highway." Mr Arnold advised Riverland motorists co-operation with emergency services was vital to ensure the safety of volunteers.

"They've got to remember to slow down, because we're volunteers and we want to go home to our families at the end of the day, not end up in hospital," he said. "L've hear doing this for 45

"I've been doing this for 45 years and it hasn't changed."



IONEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, June 16, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au After 50 years, Berri Club to be sold

By JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL club will continue serving meals for the time being, after a conditional contract was signed recently to sell the property.

The Berri Club was placed up for sale following a meeting of members late last year, and will be sold, pending financing and development approval.

Club public officer and treasurer Alan Ranford said in the meantime volunteers will still open the club on Thursday nights for roast dinners and on Saturdays for barbecues.

"We've had a few people disagreeing with the decision, but the members had already decided to sell it at the AGM last year," he said.

"It's not what everyone wanted, but we've sort of been forced into it.'

Following the decision to sell, about 35 members remained at the club, after most decided to let their membership lapse.

"If it wasn't sold by March 20 it was to go into administration but there was an extension of time because of Covid," Mr Ranford said.

The club previously closed in June 2019, before reopening in October with a new board.

"It was sort of building up a bit before Covid and then each time we had a lockdown there was less

It has been run by an incorporated association, with a volunteer board and previously employed

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2013. "We aren't happy about it, but it's what we've been told to do by

the AGM "We hope that people still come

it because this is the second time

we've been here and we're a bit

tired of fixing it up," said Mr

Ranford, who joined the club in

along and support the club."

Special general meeting called
Doors closed
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versary in 2019. "Because the 'for sale' sign went up I think most people thought it was shut, and we've only been runstaff and a manager. "If people wanted to have the The club went into administraclub for a function they just had to tion in February 2013, only to be

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resurrected later that year, before closing its doors again in 2019.

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people," Mr Ranford said.

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Loxton runway signed, sealed, delivered **STEPHANIE THOMPSON**

PILOTS at the Loxton airfield will now experience a smoother takeoff and landing, thanks to a newly sealed runway.

The airstrip was recently bituminised thanks to District Council of Loxton Waikerie funding and a Regional Airports Program grant.

Loxton Waikerie council director of infrastructure services Greg Perry said the airstrip's sealing was a "big improvement".

"It's great for Loxton and may improve their aero club's ability to attract bigger and better events

too," he said. Mr Perry said the upgrade would increase weather capability and safety, while the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) would also benefit.

"We actually had a few letters from the RFDS saying while they'd still use it (unsealed)... if sealed, it would make the wear and tear on their aircraft so much better," he said.

At a Loxton Waikerie council meeting in November 2019, elected member Michael Vowles requested that investigations to seal the runway be completed.

As part of the upgrade, the

Waikerie aerodrome was also resealed.

The upgrade of both airports cost over \$300,000, with \$132,000 from the Federal Government's regional airports grant.

Perfect for paddling **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

PADDLERS from across Australia took part in the 32nd annual Riverland Paddling Marathon on the Murray River over the long weekend.

Approximately 120 participants in 61 crafts competed across six different events from Saturday to Monday.

Riverland Paddling Marathon director, Martin Finn, said the event brought about 500 visitors to the region, filling up caravan parks and other types of accommodation at Waikerie, Kingston-On-Murray and Barmera.

Six events featured in the marathon, which was hosted by the Marathon Canoe Club of SA, including the Murray 200, a 208km paddle from Martin Bend in Berri to Morgan.

A Murray 200 relay over the same dis-



The event, hosted by the Marathon Canoe Club, brought about 500 visitors to the region.

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share the distance with a team and car shuttles. The Murray 100 featured a 93km course and the Murray 50 was a 49km course.

A mini marathon, where participants could try the event by paddling 11km or 12km on any single day or multiple days, was also held. Meanwhile on Sunday, some competitors took part in a 26km single-day paddle from Devlins Pound to Waikerie.

The event ended on Monday at Morgan. Mr Finn said participants included

22 Lane Cove River kayakers from north Sydney, plus paddlers from Queensland and South Australian clubs, including West Lakes, Holdfast Bay and Encounter Bay. There was also one Victorian, Rod Clark,

from Echuca, who managed to avoid being locked down by spending the past month in

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the Northern Territory.

Mr Finn said a wide variety of boats featured in the event, including a competition K4 timber boat, which was transported from Sydney by the Lane Cover River kayakers.

"That was a fantastic achievement, getting it over here and paddling it in our lovely Murray," he said.

Other craft taking part were single and double-ocean racers, K1 kayaks, touring kayaks, Canadian boats and recreational long and short boats.

Mr Finn said the weather was perfect for paddling along the Murray.

"It wasn't cold, it was quite warm out there (and) there was very little wind," he said.

"From a paddler's point of view, they love it because it stops the wind being in their faces.'

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The Loxton runway is now sealed, thanks to Loxton Waikerie council and a Federal Government grant. INSET: The sealed aerodrome is expected to increase the weather capability, safety and accessibility. PHOTOS: supplied

EnergyConnect interconnector now official

INVESTMENT from a South Australian company is set to see construction on a power interconnector running through the Riverland begin in 2021.

Energy contractor ElectraNet last week announced it would invest more than \$457 million to deliver South Australia's section of the Project EnergyConnect interconnector between Wagga Wagga and Robertstown.

ElectraNet chief executive Steve Masters said "comprehensive" community and stakeholder feedback had been incorporated into the project.

"Over the past five years ElectraNet has demonstrated, through a rigorous assessment process, that Project EnergyConnect is good for South Australian and New South Wales customers, and we now look forward to getting on and building it, so those benefits can be realised," Mr Masters said.

"Project EnergyConnect is a landmark project that will drive competition in the wholesale electricity market by connecting more, low-cost generation to the national electricity grid and support the ongoing transition to a lowercarbon-emissions future.

"We undertook a rigorous cost-benefit analysis that has been repeatedly updated to demonstrate this remains the best option for customers as well as supporting the rapid pace of change across the NEM.

"At all times, ElectraNet has remained focused on ensuring we deliver this project at the lowest possible cost to all energy customers, while also providing the greatest benefits."

Project EnergyConnect is a landmark project that will drive competition in the wholesale electricity market... - Steve Masters ElectraNet chief executive



A map of the route the project EnergyConnect interconnector will take through the Riverland. IMAGE: supplied

Minister for Energy, Dan van Holst Pellekaan, said mismanagement of South Australia's energy infrastructure – by previous SA governments – made the interconnector a necessity.

"EnergyConnect is the latest piece in a suite of energy policies that have transformed the shockingly expensive, blackout-prone electricity system left behind by the previous Labor Government," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said. "Twenty years after the South Australian Labor Party promised to deliver cheaper and more reliable electricity by constructing an interconnector with New South Wales the Marshall Liberal Government has delivered this vital piece of infrastructure.

"Fixing the most expensive, least-reliable electricity system in Australia created by the former Labor Government has been a priority of the Marshall Government.

"South Australia is a good global citizen and will become a net exporter of renewable energy as part of our aspiration of net-100 per cent renewables in the 2030s."

Mr Masters said construction of the interconnector would promote further renewable energy projects and create 200 jobs in South Australia.

"This is a fantastic outcome for South Australia and New South Wales, for the whole NEM and for the transition towards greater reliance on renewable energy generation," Mr Masters said. "Australia's national energy network is moving rapidly toward a greater mix

rapidly toward a greater mix of cleaner energy sources. There will be no energy transition without transmission." It is understood con-

struction on Project EnergyConnect will begin later this year, with the interconnector to be commissioned in 2023.

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HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

DIRECTLY interacting with local constituents was a priority for a Riverland MP travelling across the region this month.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone yesterday held a listening post session in Swan Reach, after previous sessions were held in Renmark and Berri earlier this month.

Mr Whetstone said issues surrounding local fruit fly outbreaks, infrastructure and health had concerned numerous Riverlanders.

"Listening posts give me a chance to get out into our community, speak to locals and make sure I understand the issues that are important to the people who live in these areas," Mr Whetstone said.

"These events allow me to speak one on one with people in a relaxed environment and hear directly from my constituents.

"Covid-19 and fruit fly have obviously been topical issues of late, as well as suggestions around health and roads."

Mr Whetstone is set to host a training and skills forum with Minister for Innovation and Skills David Pisoni, at the Berri Hotel, tomorrow, from 4.30pm to 6pm.



Renmark man Tim Grieger (left) discussing local issues with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone at a Renmark

listening post session earlier this month. PHOTO: supplied

Hon. Tim

Whetstone MP Member for Chaffey

Chaffey Community Column

Recognising our hardworking volunteers

During National Volunteer Week it was a privilege to speak with some of our hardworking volunteers across the Chaffey Electorate and I thanked them recently for their efforts in SA Parliament. I also met with local lad Tyson Lindsay who was recognised for his volunteer work here in the Riverland. Tyson has been a volunteer Gerard Council Liaison Officer for the past two and a half years, raising awareness of issues and bringing these to the attention of local and state government. Well done and thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of our communities



Training and Skills Forum

The Hon David Pisoni MP, Minister for Innovation and Skills, and I are hosting a free Training and Skills forum on Thursday, June 17th. The forum will be focused on small business job creation, strengthening workforces through the recruitment of trainees and apprenticeships, labour force challenges and how potential employees can develop skills for the future in the Riverland. The forum is open to all businesses interested in trainee and apprentices, as well as employees considering taking up vocational education. The Training and Skills Forum will commence at 4:30 pm on Thursday 17 June at the Berri Hotel. RSVP's can be sent to chaffey@parliament.sa.gov.au or by phoning 8582 4230.

Politics in the Pub

I've started 2021 with a set of Listening Posts and Politics in the Pub events, which gives you the opportunity to speak to me about any government issues I can help you with or simply say hello. If you are unable to attend any of these events but want to catch up with me, please contact my office on 8582 4230. I recently held Listening Posts in Berri and Renmark and the next set of Politics in the Pub are as follows:

Wednesday June 16- Cobdogla Club - 5:30 pm, 13 Rowe Street, Cobdogla.

Friday June 17 - Lyrup Club - 5:30 pm, Downer Ave, Lyrup

Infrastructure Grant Program

The Infrastructure Grant Programs 2021-2022 round of grants is now accepting applications to the Regional and Districts Facilities Program, Grassroots Facilities Program and Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program. The program aims to build our community and grassroots sports through a \$20.6 million allocation and grants can be used for a range of initiatives including new change rooms, reinvigorate sporting surfaces and improving lighting infrastructure. For more information, or to apply, visit orsr.sa.gov.au/ funding/apply_for_funding

Community Commemorative Grants

Local groups can apply for the Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program which is designed to preserve Australia's wartime history and encourage involvement in community-based commemorative projects that directly commemorate the involvement, service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations. For more information visit dva.gov.au/about-us/overview/ consultations-and-grants/grants-and-bursaries/ saluting-their-service-commemorative

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Wine body secures long-term funding

NEW funding for a state industry body is aimed at providing long-term certainty for South Australian winemakers and grape growers.

The State Government earlier this month announced a funding agreement of \$250,000 per year - over four years - for the South Australian Wine Industry Association (SAWIA).

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said the agreement would give winemakers and grape growers assurance following a number of challenges to the industry.

"Given the impact of drought, bushfires, COVID-19 and significant international market loss, the next five years are crucial for the wine industry in South Australia," Mr Basham said.

"The wine industry plays a pivotal role in the state's economic fortunes so it is important

we continue to assist wine grape growers and cellar doors where we can.

"This agreement will guarantee the future of SAWIA as a strong industry development organisation through until 2026, leading to a continuation of support that has been vital to our iconic industry during a challenging period."

SAWIA president Nick Waterman said the funding would help the organisation deliver business planning for Riverland wineries, financial literacy workshops, and consumer education.

"This support allows us to continue to improve business resilience, future planning and development in the wine industry, which in turn is of benefit to the state's economic growth, particularly in our wine regions," Mr Waterman said.

"Having certainty for this

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Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham (left) earlier this month announced a \$1 million funding agreement for SAWIA. PHOTO: supplied

to develop pathways that will state."

funding allows SAWIA and the continue to deliver measurable wine regions in South Australia benefits to the industry and the

Riverland's reserve of trainees and apprentices

GROWING the Riverland's reserve of apprentices and traineeships will be among the focuses of a special forum this Friday.

State Minister for Innovation and Skills, David Pisoni, will attend the forum, which aims to bring Riverland industry, training organisations, employers and apprentices together to exchange ideas and work on the challenges facing the sector.

The forum is being hosted by Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who said the presence of his Liberal Party colleague was a bonus for locals.

"Hosting Minister Pisoni gives Riverlanders a perfect opportunity to learn how we can work to grow our apprenticeships and traineeships and continue to grow a workforce that meets the needs of our region," Mr Whetstone said.

"The forum will also have a focus on labour force challenges and how potential employees can develop skills for the future in the Riverland.

"It will be an opportunity for younger people to come along, who may be making decisions about their future and they'll be able to hear about what trade or skills might click with them which may help their decision process as they embark on the next stage of life.

"The forum is free, and I would encourage anyone that may be interested to register to come along."

The forum will be held in the Berri Hotel's Tim O'Brien Room tomorrow, from 4.30pm.

RSVPs should be emailed to chaffev@ parliament.sa.gov.au or phoned to 8582 4230.

14 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, June 16, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au New toilets to boost town's op shop

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

VOLUNTEERS at the Cadell Op Shop will benefit from an \$11,000 Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) grant to install a toilet, hand-wash basin and running water at the premises.

At present, those who donate their time



by Loxton Garden Club

The Loxton Garden Club hold monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be held at The Loxton Club - Woolshed Room at 2pm. For further information contact Jacque Schulz 0402 158 759 or Ian Cass 0428 876 220. Email: loxtongardenclub@gmail.com Bring some colour into your winter garden

with Annuals such as.

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- Pansy.
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Annuals such as pansies and poppies can be used to fill the planting space while the bulbs are growing. Late-spring and summer-flowering perennials can be used to fill the space after bulbs have finished their show. If you have not already thought about planning bulbs now is an important time to think ahead to spring, particularly when it comes to bulbs. To enjoy daffodils, jonquils, tulips, freesia, anemones, ranunculus and other late winter- and spring-flowering in the garden.

Planting tips for bulbs.

Bulbs are fairly fool proof. Inside every bulb is a nascent plant complete with roots, leaves and flowers. The bulb just needs the right growing conditions to perform. Bulbs can be planted in garden beds, in clumps in the lawn for a natural look or in pots where they combine well with annuals and perennials.

Wherever you choose for them to grow, they must be planted at the right depth in the soil and put in the right way up in order to flourish. The right planting depth is crucial to keep the bulb cool. But it must not be planted too deeply or the shoot can fail to reach the surface before it runs out of energy. Bulb packs state the best planting depth for the enclosed variety (and this is the depth to the top of the bulb) but a handy rule of thumb is to plant bulbs at a depth equal to twice their width.

The other critical 'condition' for successful planting is to put the bulb into the ground or container the right way up; that is, facing up with roots down. With most bulbs this is easy to determine as they go in pointy side up

Quote of the month

"A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.' - Doug Larsont

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to the shop have to cross the road to use the toilets at the now vacant Cadell Primary School, which closed last year and amalgamated with Ramco Primary School.

Cadell Community Tourist Association chairman, Jason Lukacs, said as the arrangement was an inconvenience for some of the older volunteers, he was "rapt" to have received the funding.

"We are very grateful to the FRRR and the Federal Government..." he said.

"Obviously with age comes medical and mobility issues, and the trips across the road to the toilet aren't as easy as they used to be.'

Most of the volunteer staff at the Op Shop, which has been operating for about 20, years are over 60.

Mr Lukacs hoped having a toilet on site would attract more volunteers.

He said although the Cadell Op Shop had an agreement to use the toilets at the former primary school, it was unclear when the Department for Education would sell the site.

"It could go on the market this year, or in a couple of years," he said. "We needed to get onto this and ensure something happened."

Mr Lukacs said he decided to apply for the FRRR funding after he was unsuccessful in obtaining a \$5000 grant from Mid-Murray Council.

It's pirates ahoy in downtown Waikerie **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

BUSINESSES and locals at Waikerie

initially feared they would be hijacked by half a dozen pirates last week.

But they soon discovered the group was holidaying on a houseboat and had dressed up to increase awareness about children's charity, Variety SA.

Among the pirates were Heath Hill and Bruce Linke, who usually travel in Car Bob for Variety SA events dressed as Bob the Builders.

Mr Linke won a seven-day trip on the Ikonic houseboat, managed by Foxtale Houseboats in Morgan, in a fundraising auction for the children's charity in October last year.



Jason Lukacs, chairman of the Cadell Community Tourist Association, at the Cadell Op shop where a rainwater tank and toilet will be installed later this year. PHOTO: supplied

A rainwater tank with a pump and a septic system will be installed to provide the shop with running water for the toilet and access to drinking water.

Work is expected to begin in about two months once the Mid-Murray Council approves the development plans. Local com-

Mr Linke invited his friends from Adelaide and Ardrossan on the Yorke Peninsula to join him on a return trip from Morgan to Waikerie.

The group began its journey from Morgan on June 4 and arrived in Waikerie three days later.

To increase awareness about Variety SA,



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panies will be involved in the project.

Mr Lukacs said rain water was the only way water could be provided to the Op Shop, as the building was situated in an area where SA Water did not supply domestic water.

Customers will also be allowed to use the toilets during opening hours.

> The houseboat pirates who invaded Waikerie last week to increase awareness about children's charity, Variety SA, Kali Stefanopoulos (left), Darren Borgas, both of Adelaide, Bruce Linke, of Ardrossan, Agnieszka Benisz, of Ardrossan, and Valeska and Heath Hill, both of Adelaide. **PHOTO: Paul McCormick**

and to have fun along the way, the group of friends decided to dress up during their journey, based on three themes.

On Saturday the group donned their pyjamas.

"We passed a number of houseboats along the way and some campsites and we got out on the side of the houseboat and gave a bit of a show," he said. "Some of us were wearing onesies. It was a sight to see."

Mr Hill said visiting Waikerie as pirates was "lots of fun".

"Getting out into the town in Waikerie was a great treat to see the locals' reactions," he said.

Mr Hill said Linda McKay, from McKay's Auto Centre, received a surprise when six pirates arrived to pick up a Hertz hire car on Monday.

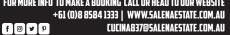
The look on her face when we walked in was absolutely priceless," he said

"Her reaction on the day after when we returned the hire car in our civilian gear was even better because she didn't recognise us."

"When the penny dropped she went into fits of laughter."

The houseboat pirates also visited Foodland, Woolworths, BWS and Waikerie Hotel and Motel. Group members visited Caudo Vineyard in their civilian dress last Wednesday and were planning to dress up in a Hawaiian theme on Thursday on their way back to Morgan.





The Last Weekend of Every Month

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riverlandbusiness.com.au Pasin's fix for rural doctor challenges

PROVIDING a foundation for Riverland communities to better retain health services staff is the aim of a new long-term initiative.

The Federal Government earlier this year announced the 10-year Stronger Rural Health Strategy, through the recent Federal Budget.

Barker MP Tony Pasin (pictured) said measures in the budget supported "bold, new rural workforce and training measures" for rural health professionals.

"Regional Australia is driving Australia's economic recovery from COVID-19, and through our investment in the health portfolio in the 2021-22 Budget we continue to provide support to enable the regions and our local



communities to prosper and grow," Mr Pasin said.

"The recent federal budget was a health budget especially for the almost 8 million Australians who live and

work in the regions. "All Australians, regardless of where they live, should have access to high

quality health care." Mr Pasin said doctors in rural areas had faced "higher operating costs, smaller patient populations, increased complexity in patient care, and (carried) a greater burden of responsibility for the healthcare needs of people".

"Our Government understands doctors face greater health complexities and challenges in rural and remote areas, which is why more than 12,000 GPs will be eligible for a higher bulk billing incentive," Mr Pasin said.

"Enhancing the financial viability of GP practices in rural towns and remote areas is just one of the things governments need to do to ensure we are attracting doctors to where they are most needed."

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Police units conducting roadside drug and alcohol testing in Renmark during the long weekend as part of Operation Safe Long Weekend, which began on Friday, June 11 and ended at midnight last night. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

Cops ramp up long weekend testing

began on Friday, June 11 -

A STATEWIDE police operation saw an increased number of Riverland motorists subjected to roadside drug and alcohol testing over the long weekend.

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SAPOL's Operation Safe Long Weekend - which

concluded at midnight last night. It is understood police units from Adelaide trav-

of events elled to the region to support local SAPOL branches during the operation, which

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featured additional officers and unmarked cars. The local influx coincided with the region hosting a number

Results from Operation Safe Long Weekend will be in next week's Pioneer.

Eat them, just don't travel with them

THE scourge of fruit fly has been the subject of this column previously and while I loathe to again flog the proverbial dead horse, Conduct Becoming feels the need to produce the shillelagh yet again.

Last Friday, two new fruit fly outbreaks were declared in South Australia: one in Port Augusta and another in metropolitan Warradale.

The latter took the number in suburban Adelaide to 12, which together with the five declared across the Riverland make it the worst season the state has experienced.

Fruit fly only travels when transported in host fruit and vegetables carried by people entering or travelling around the state.

When minister responsible for Biosecurity SA, our local member, Tim Whetstone, was widely admonished for introducing a "zero tolerance" policy and condemned for fining everyone caught bringing or declaring host fruit and vegetables at our border quarantine stations.

At the time, some people – including this scribe - thought the measures were too harsh and inflexible, but current Minister for Primary Industries, David Basham, must take a leaf out of Tim's book and get even tougher.

It has been revealed that 10 per cent of inspected motorists entering the state in the past year were fined for carrying fruit. Almost two tonnes of host fruit and vegetables were seized and 944 fines issued.

Despite the pest being relatively inactive in winter, it can survive and rapidly reproduce once warmer conditions prevail from September onwards. Much tighter controls on fruit entering and moving around the state must be considered.

A horticultural industry producing over \$1.3 billion and employing more than 37,000



people is at risk and deserving of any and all protection efforts.

Fruit and vegetables are readily available in all regions of the state and in abundance in the Riverland. People do not need to bring produce with them when travelling around the state and if this was restricted it would not affect anyone's ability to eat fresh fruit and vegetables.

Another sector seriously in need of reform is that of the home garden and in particular the home garden which is not maintained.

When fruit fly is present it doesn't wander from a readily available food source and home gardens with more fruit and varieties than the homeowner can eat or manage are prime sites for infestation.

Couple this with sharing a home-grown crop with family and friends and the risk rapidly multiplies. These further incursions bring the harsh reality that the pest may become endemic.

While not life-threatening, everyday life with fruit fly is potentially livelihood destroying.

The birch must be brandished if we are serious about preserving our clean, green production of fresh fruit and vegetables.

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



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16 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, June 16, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au Impacts on local ecosystem from river flow beyond the Murray mouth

GARRY HERA-SINGH

WITHOUT a healthy Coorong and adjacent marine zone, the fishery and the RAMSAR-listed site will not exist.

The most obvious benefits from maintaining significant flows through the Lower Lakes barrages are:

1. Keeping the Murray Mouth open.

2. Maintaining lower salinities to enhance the ecology of the estuary.

3. Allowing very large quantities of salt to be discharged from the Murray Darling Basin creeks and rivers into the Southern Ocean, preventing salinisation and eutrophication of these valuable freshwater resources.

4. Providing nutrients and fresh water to nearshore marine zones in Encounter Bay, adding food for a wide range of marine species, and fuelling the nearshore marine ecosystem for hundreds of square kilometres.

These values are a no-brainer for most people except for those with a distinct conflict of interest, including a suite of upstream lobby groups who believe freshwater through the barrages and out through the Murray Mouth is a futile exercise that serves only to 'irrigate the Southern Ocean'.

River water flowing out of the Murray Mouth keeps sand ingress at bay and allows migration of fish both ways – in and out – mostly for euryhaline species but, more importantly, for diadromous and catadromous fish species.

The most notable species in the Lower Lakes and Coorong is the congolli because of their past very high abundance. Males are diadromous, spending part of their life cycle in fresh water and most of the remaining part in the ocean, while the females are catadromous, living most of their life in freshwater but migrating to the sea to spawn before returning to the lakes.

Keeping the Murray Mouth open allows the tidal flats to receive the benefit of cooler, carbonate-rich, oxygenated seawater daily, particularly during the warmer months which helps to promote the growth of key food sources for a wide range of migratory waders, shorebirds and juvenile fish.

There are four main types of aquatic ecosystems, with varying degrees of natural productivity. They are marine, estuarine, freshwater, and hypersaline.

ESTUARINE systems occur where salinities vary below seawater and above freshwater (often described as brackish at the interface where freshwater meets the saltwater) and produce the highest levels of natural primary production.

This is mostly in the form of microscopic plants (phytoplankton) promoting increased aquatic bug (zooplankton) production that, along with other nutrients, provide the basis and foundation of massive amounts of food for a very wide range of aquatic plants and animals.

The benefits of significant flows out the Murray Mouth are diverse and widespread. In fact, positive outcomes from prolonged high flow periods can be felt 500km away in the marine zone.

Large flows, generally in the order of approximately 100 gigalitres per day (for example in the 1931, 1956, 1974-1976, 1989-90, 1992-1994, and 2010-11 floods), produced positive outcomes for many species more than 500km from the Murray Mouth region. Such large flows provide a 'berley trail' many kilometres out to sea for all kinds of predatorial birds and fish. This benefited species such as dolphins, seals, sharks, mulloway, salmon, rays, and many commercial and recreationally important species. Too many to name here.

The largest bronze whaler pupping ground in South Australia is an area roughly 800 square kilometres adjacent to the Murray Mouth.

Prior to barrages and flow diversions, this species evolved to breed within this 20 by 40 kilometre zone because of the constant food source to feed their young.

Historically, there have been many instances where sharks have been caught near Kangaroo Island with bony bream (a freshwater fish from the River Murray) in their gut, or examples of rock lobster dying in the wells of boats moored at Granite Island near Victor Harbor because of the freshwater drift along the coast by south-easterly winds.

The small, moderate and large freshwater flow events provide an important opportunity for many fish species to remove many of the marine parasites accumulated internally and externally whilst roaming the Southern Ocean.

Mulloway, by using the fresh flows as a medicinal wash to remove these infestations of parasites, are a great example of this.

AT the same time, freshwater flows provide enormous volumes of food, enabling rapid growth rates and storage of subcutaneous fats for the gestation period and eventual spawning.

These fish-related benefits are well understood by the fishing industry, but the value of freshwater flows out the Murray Mouth are poorly understood by many inland and urban stakeholders.

A further important aspect is the delivery of freshwater particulates, nutrients, phytoplankton, zooplankton and large tonnages of land-based salts entering the marine zone underpin a very complex trophic food web.

A sophisticated mix of these elements in turn benefits the pelagic (water column), benthic (bottom) and littoral (near shore) food chains.

The South Australian pipi (donax deltoides) population is spread along the ocean beach from Goolwa to 70km south, and is the largest known donax population in Australia.

Although a marine shellfish, they are dependent on the production of diatoms (single cell, silica-shelled algae) for food, in particular asterionella species that are fed by river flow nutrients.

Spawning of pipis is linked to ocean upwellings which keeps them reproducing at low levels during dry years, but in years of high river flow, multiple spawning events may occur. Abundant populations of donax species provide multiple benefits to mollusc-eating birds, fish and humans, with approximately 400 tonnes per annum sold for human consumption.

FRESHWATER flows out of the mouth provide many other benefits to a wide range of animals and aquatic plants. Polychaetes (marine worms) are a food for many different birds and fish species whose survival relies on nutrients and varying salinities driven by barrage releases.

Diatoms are an important food source for many types of bivalves that live inside and outside of the estuary. The abundance and production of this single-cell algae is assured from high river flows to the ocean. The high turbidity associated with high flow events provides food for microscopic size larvae and juvenile fish, and refuge from potential predation. Strong year-classes of many species of fish are associated with high flow events because of the protection provided to these animals in their infancy.

The really sad part is this.

Pre-colonial settlement flows out of the Murray Mouth used to be around 14,000 gigalitres per year, with lots of food and nutrients.

By comparison, the flows through the barrages between 2000 and 2020 have averaged just 1966 gigalitres per year. This is just 14 per cent of natural flows, only fractionally more than during the devastating Federation Drought of 1895-1903.

Natural productivity levels of Coorong birds, fish, aquatic vegetation, phytoplankton, zooplankton and so on have also reduced to just 7 to 14 per cent of historical levels.

This is either in direct proportion to the reduction in flows, or at a greater rate than flow reduction, due to the ongoing capture of all small to moderate flow events.

Such low levels of natural primary production do not allow for much resilience in the aquatic ecosystem to bounce back, particularly against long dry periods and the pending impacts of climate change.

So, over-extraction and over-allocation issues within the Murray-Darling Basin continually place this special ecosystem on the edge of ecological collapse.

• Garry Hera-Singh has been a commercial fisherman in the Lower Lakes and Coorong for nearly 40 years.

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riverlandbusiness.com.au Grants to tackle energy costs

TWO Riverland venues are among those to receive Federal Government grants to help cut their energy costs.

The Frames accommodation in Paringa received \$24,100 under the Hotel Energy Uplift Program, while Pike River Luxury Villas, in Lyrup, received \$13,950.

Across Barker 12 hotels received grants, aimed at helping them lower their energy bills by various methods.

These include upgrading to more energy efficient airconditioning, refrigeration and equipment, improving the building through double glazing and insulation, carrying out energy audits or installing energy monitoring equipment.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the grants would help fund projects that provide "genuine and lasting energy savings" and reduce operating costs for local hotels.

"These grants will help local operators to save on energy costs, putting more money back in their pockets and supporting the creation of new jobs, including for local electricians, carpenters, engineers, and plumbers," Mr Pasin said.

Hotels, motels and serviced apartments with up to 99 rooms were eligible to receive grants under the program.



The Frames in Paringa.



Pike River Luxury Villas in Lyrup.



This matchbox holder, a souvenir from Wunkar Sports event in 1927, was recently donated to the Loxton Historical Village.



Anyone with more information about the Wunkar event is urged to contact the Loxton Historical Village. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

Unique find offers a glimpse into Wunkar's history

A UNIQUE souvenir has been donated to the Loxton Historical Village.

The metal matchbox holder is inscribed with a message and was issued for the Wunkar Sports event, on Saturday, March 5, 1927.

It lists foot races, including the Wunkar Sheffield over 130 yards, with prize money of 12 pounds, Wappilka hurdles over 120 yards and Yinkanie Handicap over 220 yards, both offer 5 pounds prizemoney.

These purses were very generous for those times as a pound was worth \$2 and was almost a week's wage. Horse events were also held; Wunkar Mile (6 pounds) and

Plough Horse Derby (4 pounds). The man who donated this item knows nothing of the event. He found the souvenir while going through some of his father's belongings, and it learned that belonged to his grandfather.

The donor thought it would be good to preserve this historic item in the Loxton Historical Village, so it would not be lost and so others can enjoy it.

A matchbox cover comes from an era when many men smoked cigarettes and pipes. The donor recalled a device that could be placed over a smoker's pipe as a spark arrester, so the user could still smoke while working on a hay stack.

If anyone has such a device, the Loxton Historical Village would be glad to add it to its display.

Similarly, if any readers have information about the Wunkar races, it would be helpful and appreciated.

- CHRIS GEORG

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I SUBSCRIBE to the idea that the greatest attraction to being a kid in the '60s and '70s was an inexhaustible freedom.

Bikes and legs took us far and wide: up and down the sides of water channels, to picnics sitting atop the lookout tower, the shop for ice-blocks and to the pool for vacation swimming lessons.

In school term, with bags clamped to parcel-carriers, hundreds of bikes would descend on schools from all directions and park under tin-shelters for the day, not a wheel lock in sight.

Riding to school on icy mornings froze our faces and fingers into numbness, and on wet, un-bituminised roads such as the Sixty Foot, thick mud would collect under the mudguard and jam the wheel tight.

Plucking at it with a sturdy stick could often dislodge enough mud to get going again but other times we'd just leave the bike in the long grass, walk home and collect it later with Mum or Dad in the car.

The matter of three-corner-jacks and punctures was a thorny one and a flat tyre meant another walk home with your bike, testing any kid's patience. To the rescue were kitchen forks, with which Dad would lever the tyre off the rim.

Next he'd pump up the inner tube and thread it through a bucket of water, watching for fizzing air bubbles. After chalking the area, we'd rough it up a bit to increase adhesion with the new rubber about to be vulcanised on top.

The vulcanising device was held in place by a four-legged clamp, then the sulphur pad was lit with a match and it cooked the raw rubber at high temperature right onto the tube. No



such thing as tubeless tyres or easy stick-on patches back then.

Entertainment came in simple forms. If you pegged a piece of cardboard to the bike frame, it would make an excellent motor sound as it rapped against the spokes at any speed.

At Christmas, I felt a touch envious of the kids who dressed up their bikes and rode in the pageant in front of thousands of people. Their wheels were decorated in circular multicoloured ribbons of crepe paper, and streamers "shot out" of their handlebars.

Our legs took us on many adventures too, but it was our bikes which offered the greatest freedom. Everyone had one, usually passed down from an older sibling; no gears, hand brakes, helmets or sometimes even reflectors.

But it was thus for our parents too. Dad, a competitive cyclist in his athletic prime, rode his gear-less bike from Renmark to Adelaide (260km) in one day – staggering given the rainy day and that formidable Accommodation Hill.

Years later, a friend and I rode the other way - Adelaide to Renmark and it took two days on modern bikes with gears.

Fairly recently I visited a Riverland school as the bell sounded at day's end. I braced myself for the mass exodus of bikes being wheeled out of the school grounds. But there was not a single bike anywhere. Instead there were dozens of parents' cars waiting in the pick-up zone.

When did that happen, I wondered? When did kids stop riding their bikes?

No longer, it seems, the trend for children; the fitness movement still belonging to we Baby Boomers.

The matter of three-corner-jacks and punctures was a thorny one...



Cancer screening roadshow in Waikerie

RIVERLANDERS looking to learn more about cancer are being encouraged to head along to an information session in Waikerie next week.

Organised by Cancer Council SA and funded by the Country SA Public Health Network, the session will cover a range of topics including risk reduction and screening programs.

The session is part of a Cancer Screening Regional Roadshow that has been visiting regional locations across the state.

Cancer Council SA's Tamara Shipley said participation in regular breast, bowel and cervical cancer screening gave people the best chance of detecting cancer early.

"Australia is one of the leading countries in the world when it comes to cancer screening ... " she said.

The session will be held at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie branch office on Strangman Road, Waikerie on Wednesday, June 23 from 2pm to 3pm.

For more information or to register interest, visit www.cancersa.org.au/ screeningaware.

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Jan Kemble (second from left) at a voluntary euthanasia information session in Berri earlier this year. PHOTO: supplied

ocal advocate hails euthanasia vote.

A RIVERLAND women who advocated strongly for South Australia to pass an historic euthanasia Bill has hailed last week's Lower House vote.

After six hours of deliberation, stretching from Wednesday night into Thursday morning, the state's MPs voted 33-11 to pass the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2020. Chaffey MP Tim

Whetstone was among those who voted in favour of the legislation, helping to clear

its biggest hurdle yet.

The Bill will now return to the Upper House for final approval and Waikerie woman Jan Kemble was grateful for the backing of Mr Whetstone and others.

"I would like to thank all of the people of the Riverland and Chaffey electorate who have supported the campaign to bring dignity in dying to the terminally ill," Mrs Kemble says in a letter to the editor in today's Murray Pioneer.

"As well, thank you to

Chaffev MP Tim Whetstone certainty to South Austfor listening to his constituents and supporting the Bill on their behalf."

Mrs Kemble was prominent at a recent pro-euthanasia rally held on the steps of Government House in Adelaide, and has worked with the Voluntary Assisted Dying South Australia group on gaining community support and lobbying politicians.

She also helped organise several Riverland events, including an information session in Berri earlier this year.

Voluntary Assisted Dying SA spokesperson Lainie Anderson said last week's vote would be "a bittersweet moment for families who've watched loved ones die in unbearable suffering in the absence of voluntary assisted dying laws".

We hope they see this is a small victory for those who are gone but still in our hearts," she said.

With the legislation set to return to South Australia's Upper House for final approval on amendments, including institutional conscientious objection, Ms Anderson said Voluntary Assisted Dying SA was now

calling for: Swift passage through the Upper House to "give ralians".

□ A phase-in period of no more than 18 months, consistent with other states.

□ Adequate SA Health funding to implement the scheme, including the appointment of a review board and care navigators similar to Victoria - who can guide patients and families through the process.

□ A positive, evidencebased education campaign to encourage doctors to register for voluntary assisted dying.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2020, introduced by co-sponsors Kyam Maher (Upper House) and Susan Close (Lower House), is the 17th euthanasia Bill to be presented to state parliament in 26 years. All MPs were permitted a conscience vote on the issue. The Bill passed the Upper House by 14 votes to seven on May 5.

Voluntary assisted dying laws have also been passed in Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania, with the Queensland Government tabling a similar Bill last month.

"The SA Bill proposes access to assisted dying for people living in SA for at least a year, who are aged 18 or older and diagnosed with an incurable disease, illness or medical condition that is advanced, progressive and is expected to cause death within weeks or months," Ms Anderson said.

Ms Anderson said the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2020 contains more than 68 safeguards and closely mirrors Victorian legislation which she described as "the foundation of an emerging national model".

"Key safeguards include ensuring the person requesting VAD has decision-making capacity and is capable of informed consent, as evidenced by an assessment by two independent medical practitioners," she said.

Other safeguard include ensuring the person requesting VAD:

Has made a voluntary request for voluntary assisted dying on at least five separate occasions, the final request witnessed by two independent witnesses.

■ Is experiencing intolerable suffering that cannot be relieved, as confirmed in assessments by two independent medical practitioners.

Has a terminal diagnosis and a life-expectancy of less than six months, or 12 months for a person with a neurodegenerative disease.

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Last-minute call for preschool enrolments

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

LOCAL families with children eligible to start preschool next year are encouraged to enrol their children now.

Children who turn four before May 1, 2022, need to be enrolled in preschool by June 30, 2021, to begin next year.

Aboriginal children and children who are - or have been in care are eligible to begin preschool once they turn three years old

Barmera Kindergarten director Amy Hunt said preschool gives children the "best start in life".

"Preschool provides important opportunities to learn and develop skills for learning success such as language, motor and cognitive skills, building resilience, problem solving, and social behaviours," she said.

"It gives naturally curious chil-

dren the chance to learn about their world through play and develop new knowledge, skills and dispositions that will stay with them as they grow.

"Play-based learning environments, like preschool, encourage talking, reading, thinking, and writing, where children begin to see literacy and numeracy as part of their everyday experience.

"A child's environment and their experiences in the early

years establish the building blocks for learning in the future and can also help to establish positive foundations and learning patterns from the beginning of a child's life."

For more information, parents are urged to visit the Department for Education website:

(https://www.sa.gov.au/ topics/about-sa/government/ departments/education).

Schools to get record funding

RIVERLAND schools are set to benefit from a record \$1.8 billion in funding for South Australian schools by the Federal Government in 2022.

Funding for South Australian schools will rise from \$1.6 billion in 2021, and is locked in to grow a further 37 per cent by 2029.

Between 2018 and 2029, SA schools will receive more than \$22 billion through the Quality Schools package.

Government schools will see the biggest increase, from \$493 million in 2018 to \$912 million in 2029.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the Government's investment in SA schools was an investment in the state's future.

"We're giving kids in Barker the best possible chance to get the best education and reach their full potential," he said.

We have many great schools in Barker filled with hard-working dedicated teachers and the Government is backing them, so they can focus on giving their students the best education."

Federal Education Minister Alan Tudge said locking in funding meant states and schools could now focus on lifting standards.

"We are committed to seeing our school students once again performing among the top nations across reading, mathematics and science by 2030," he said.

"To do this we need more than funding - we need to attract the best students into teaching and give them the best training, fix our curriculum and back our teachers with strong assessment tools."

The National Curriculum is under review, with the independent body ACARA currently seeking public feedback on draft proposed changes.



(from left) Rani, 5, Mia and Jack, both 4, with kindergarten director Amy Hunt. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou

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Crook 'Chook' to get second jab

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND man who had an adverse reaction to the Covid-19 vaccine will still line up for his second dose in a month's time, and is urging others to get the jab.

Glenview Poultry Farm manager Darren 'Chook' Letton recently received his first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, but began developing side effects a few hours after getting the shot.

"I had the shot at 11.30am... I was good all day," he said.

"I never felt it when I was getting it and my arm wasn't even sore until about two days later."

About eight hours after receiving the vaccine, Mr Letton said he had begun to develop a shiver and a headache.

"I sort of expected that I would just be able to sleep it off," he said. "I rang the outpatient service

at the Berri hospital to see if I should come in and they put me onto a national hotline for the Covid shot.

"They basically told me if I could lift my head off the pillow that it was okay and just a normal reaction.

"It was the worst headache I've ever had."

While Mr Letton said the reaction "wasn't nice", his side effects cleared the following morning.

"I would do it again and I'm going to get the second shot because I think if people don't do it we're never going to get over this," he said.

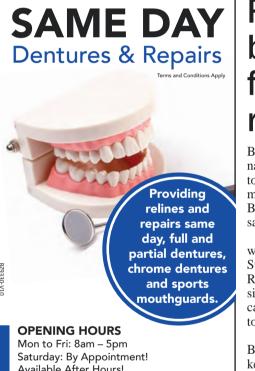
"As the doctor said, it would be worse to get Covid and have to be put on a ventilator close to death.

"When my wife had it she didn't have any side effects, and my mum and dad are in their 80s and didn't have any side effects.

"People shouldn't be scared to get it... some people say it is like a sheep mentality, but we won't be able to go anywhere or do anything if we don't do it."



Glenview Poultry Farm manager Darren 'Chook' Letton says he will still get the second dose of the Covid vaccine, despite an adverse reaction to the first dose. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou



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Riverland bird sale finally returns **BIRD** enthusiasts

nationwide will come together later this month for the Riverland Birdkeepers Club's bird sale.

The annual event, which will be held Sunday, June 27, at the **Riverland Field Days** site in Barmera, was cancelled last year due to Covid-19.

Club spokesperson Bob Lowe said birdkeepers nationwide look forward to the event.

"Birdkeepers from all over Australia have been hanging out for the return of their annual sales, as Covid stopped them all last year and they missed the opportunity to buy and sell and catch-up with fellow



BIRD BRAINS: The annual Riverland Birdkeepers Club sale will return to the Riverland Field Days site later this month.

bird mates," he said. "Bird enthusiasts will

bench a variety of birds. "These range from small finches and budgerigars up to parrots and large cockatoos, some suitable as a companion and many pairs to be used as breeders by the aviculturists.

'There is plenty to see from 10am onwards, with several trade stands offering a huge array of bird products including foods, carrying and nest boxes, watering devices, stainless bowls, automatic feeders and other assorted products.

"Food and drinks will be available as well as a raffle to celebrate the club's 21st year."

Riverland Birdkeepers Club president Alan McPhail said he was proud of the local bird sale's reputation. "This sale has

become recognised as one of the largest in South Australia and our members really enjoy hosting buyers and sellers nationwide," he said.

Admission is \$2 per adult and children are free. Covid-19 protocols will be in place and Covid marshals will be present.

Dry-seeding starts new grain season

LOCAL dryland farmers have needed to employ dry-seeding practices following a dry start to 2021, according to a new industry report.

The State Government's latest Crop and Pasture Report - released earlier this month – indicated soil moisture levels were currently "well below aver-age", due to a lack of autumn rain and a large crop harvested in 2020.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, David Basham, said optimism remained among the farming community despite the dry conditions so far in 2021.

"We saw some useful opening... but farmers had either delayed sowing or had commenced their cropping program by dry seeding," Mr Basham said. "Up until March rainfall was average in most

areas while some parts of the mid and upper north reported below average falls.

"This dry trend continued with below average falls across most of the state in April and early May.

"The report highlights that cropping outcomes will likely be more dependent on winterspring rains and further rain delays could also determine if intended areas of canola and pulses are swapped for cereal crops."

It is understood the next Crop and Pasture Report due in mid-winter - would include the first estimate of crop area and production for 2021-22.

The latest report can be viewed in full by visiting the website (www.pir. sa.gov.au/primary_industry/crops_and_pastures/ crop_and_pasture_reports).



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Ramco Primary School students enjoy extra-curricular activities every Friday. Pictured are (from left), Sayde, year 7, Jaxon, year 5, Chloe, reception, Tyson, year 3, and Sophia, year 2. **PHOTOS:** supplied



Shania and Leelou, both year 5, and Brandt and Archer, both receptions.



Declan, year 2, SSO Jess Oates, Evan, year 2, and Max, year 4.

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Ramco Primary School students enjoy extra-curricular activities every Friday. Pictured are (from left) Liam, year 5, Emily, year 1, and Brooklyn, reception.

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Kaeden, year 3, special education teacher Bethany Smith, and Bella, year 5.







Lachlan, year 6, Reuben, year 4, Madison, reception.





Tessa, year 5, and Sophie, year 7.





Eleanor, year 4, Koby, year 7, Kaeleigh, year 2, specialist subject teacher Danielle Mitton, and Jacob, year 3.



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LEGACY BOWLS DAY: The Renmark Bowling Club held its annual Legacy Bowls Day on Sunday, June 6. Among those taking part were Ray Amet (left), of Renmark, Gerry van der Myle, of Waikerie, Bill Cropper, of Renmark and Sue Lloyd, of Lyrup. Renmark Legacy widows joined Renmark Legatees to provide sandwiches and platters. PHOTOS: Robyn McIntosh



Barry Knight, of Renmark, Teresa Francis, of Berri, Gail Lesley, of Berri, and Pieter Raams, of Monash, at the Renmark Bowling Club's recent Legacy Bowls Day.

YEARS OF SERVICE: Longtime Riverland **Youth Theatre** (RYT) treasurer John Dawes (left) was last month presented with a Commonwealth Bank certificate of appreciation by RYT president, David Langdon, at the organisation's AGM. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker





The Cancer Council SA Riverland branch hosted a Biggest Morning Tea event earlier this month at the Berri Town Hall. Pictured are Marg Westley and Mary Ridley, both of Barmera.



Julie Cooper, of Barmera, and Gladys Werner, of Berri.

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.

Social Badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every

Thursday evening 6.30 to 8pm. Racquets are available and all welcome. We also play Tuesday mornings 9am to 10.30am. For more information contact Judy

8588 8000. WEEKLY

The Palms Bingo club hold a Bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available from the bar. Please make sure you sign in under the Covid rules. **FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

Renmark Hospital quiz night fundraiser, 7pm. Renmark Hotel function room. Tickets \$15 each from hospital reception. Bring your team. **FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

Waikerie and Districts Cancer Support Group meeting. 10am to 12 noon at the Waikerie Youth Hub, McCoy Street.

MONDAY, JUNE 28 Learn or refresh your skills with backgammon held in U3A Clubrooms on Strawbridge St, Berri, 10am to 12 noon. Bring your own board if possible. Details 0408 839.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

Renmark Lions Club 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. Eftpos, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Covid-19 protocols apply. Contact Colin 0419 801 996 **TUESDAY, JULY 6**

Loxton Neighbourhood Watch will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in the Pyap Room, Loxton Hotel. Guest speaker is Michael Searle, crime scene investigator. All welcome. **FRIDAY, JULY 9**

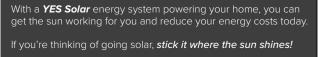
Loxcare Community Hub Coffee Morning, 13 Drabsch St, Loxton, 9.30 to 11.30am. All welcome, join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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.









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ABOVE AND RIGHT: Berri Combined Probus Club members and ladies from the Berri Probus Club enjoyed morning tea with South Australian Governor, his excellency Hieu Van Le on Saturday, May 29. Mr Van Le gave a story of his life and journey from South Vietnam via boat. PHOTOS: supplied



RIGHT: Eva, 4, and Beau Engler. 5, both of Barmera, at the Barmera Markets on Sunday.







holiday home Noreen Hazel, Donna Dunn, Jonah, 7, Elsie, 4, and Sophia Hazel, 13, and PHOTOS: Peta-

Marie Philippou



The Barmera Markets and Sheep **Dog Trials** took place in Barmera on the long weekend. Visiting their in Barmera were (from left) Griffin Dunn, 14, 13, Scarlet, dog, Koda.





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committee recently. **Pictured are** (from left) Renmark Lions Club's Graham Edwards. Yates Electrical Services owner Mark Yates, Paringa Silo Art committee chairman Les Webb. Renmark Lions Club's Colin and Celeste Pettigrew, and Creative Roofing Solutions builder James Moldovan. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou



Well-known Australian performer Rachael Beck will perform in the cabaret This Girl at Renmark's Chaffey Theatre next week. PHOTO: supplied

Renmark welcomes Aussie stage star

MUCH-loved Australian performer Rachael Beck will perform in a cabaret at Renmark's Chaffey Theatre next week.

Beck - a multi-faceted, award-winning powerhouse whose talents span across stage and screen – will perform in the cabaret This Girl next Wednesday, June 23, at 11am.

The New York style cabaret has been described as "heart-warming, funny and full of gossip".

Beck said she was looking to performing in the Riverland.

"I am thrilled to be visiting this wonderful state again... especially to bring live performances back to your gorgeous regional area," she said.

"Let's celebrate being one of the only countries at the moment who are able to give the public entertainment like this." Due to Covid-19 restrictions, seating is limited.

To purchase a ticket, contact the Chaffey Theatre on 8586 1800 or visit https://www.countryarts.org.au/events/ this-girl-by-rachael-beck/.

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Silo art to soar, thanks to Lions club

PARINGA'S silo art will soon be seen from new heights, thanks to a generous donation from a local Lions club.

The Renmark Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Paringa Silo Art committee last Thursday to help fund the construction of a viewing platform and interpretive boards, which are scheduled to be completed next month.

The club's large donation was made possible – in part – thanks to a \$5000 grant from the Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) and president Celeste Pettigrew said she was grateful for the opportunity.

"Our club members are amazed at the work already done by the Paringa Silo Art committee in getting the silo's artwork completed and other earthworks/ fencing being completed in recent weeks," she said.

"We were aware of funds being available from ALF for community projects and thank them for their support with this grant to boost our donation.

"We are proud that we can contribute to a structure which will protect visitors at this site from the extreme weather this region experiences from time to time and provide them with relevant information regarding the images painted on the silos."

Paringa Silo Art committee chairman Les Webb said the committee was "excited" to receive the donation.

"It is important to the silo committee that the project receives community endorsement," he said.

"The donated funds will enable the building of this viewing platform that will house the interpretive boards that explain the silo murals.

'Thank you, Renmark Lions, for your outstanding support."



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CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE word is spreading about the Waikerie Riverfront Market, which drew a large crowd on Sunday.

Waikerie Riverfront Market coordinator and local Rotarian, Sonia Fowler, said tourists and locals were among those who came to enjoy the entertainment and to browse at the stalls.

Live music, a magician and a variety of food was on offer to those who attended.

Ms Fowler said people from the Barossa, Adelaide and other Riverland towns attended.

"There were a lot of visitors in Waikerie with accommodation houses being booked out including the Waikerie Holiday Park," she said.

"Being conveniently located on the Waikerie river front, I think that helps. I think location is a definite advantage."

Ms Fowler said the stalls selling local produce were popular with the tourists.

"We have local growers who put in their produce as part of the market," she said.

"We have fresh and dried fruit grown here and other areas from Riverland West including Swan Reach and also Gawler and Adelaide."

The SA Variety Bash's Team Avengers car was popular with the children.

"Kids had their photo taken with The Hulk, Iron Man, Spider-Man and Captain America, it was really well received," Ms Fowler said.

She said the children also had a chance to enter a raffle offering 20



ABOVE: The Waikerie Riverfront Market was popular with tourists and locals on Sunday. PHOTO: supplied

prizes, with all the proceeds going to the SA Variety Bash, which helps children who are disadvantaged or have special needs.

One of the prizes included a handmade toy box, featuring The Avengers' characters, made by one of the stallholders.

The next Waikerie Riverfront Market will be held on Sunday, June 27, from 9am to 2pm.

It will also feature a car boot and collectables sale.

"People can just turn up on the day," Ms Fowler said. "It is just \$20 a car, and they can clean out their shed and bring all their bits and pieces from their car and sell from their boot."



Captain America, Iron Man, Spider-Man and The Hulk at the Waikerie Riverfront Market on Sunday. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



WAIKERIE'S **BRAVE STUDENTS:** Waikerie Lutheran **Primary School** hosted a World's **Greatest Shave** event recently. Year 5 students **Darcy and Sarah** and principal Adam Borgas volunteered to "be brave and shave", with Rosamarie from Bellisimo Hair doing the honours. The school raised more than \$3000 for the Leukaemia Foundation and Sarah's long locks will be donated to be made into a wig. PHOTO: supplied





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First Peoples consulted on new Lock 3, Bookmark plan

THE opinion of the local indigenous population will be prominent in a master plan to improve environmental outcomes in the Lock 3 and Bookmark Creek regions of the Riverland.

A recent workshop on the banks of Lake Bonney aimed to "build the relationship and connection between First Peoples" and those behind the Federal Governmentfunded plan.

A draft master plan for Lock 3 and Bookmark Creek will be released for public consultation later this year, and the Sustaining Riverland Environments (SRE) workshop – involving the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation (RMMAC) – was the second held as the plan moves to its next stage.

"Cultural considerations and the involvement of First Peoples is important in finalising the... plan and starting to prioritise projects under the SRE project," said SRE program leader Nathan Clisby.

"We gathered important information at our first workshop with RMMAC and this gathering shored that information up.

"It gave us an even clearer picture of what First Peoples think of the options to finalise the master plan and what are important cultural and community considerations in the SRE project space."

First Nations spokesperson Sheryl Giles was pleased First Nations' views were being heeded.

"Listening is key to communication," Ms Giles said, "and communication has been lacking for far too long."

Mr Clisby said the workshops were able



SRE program leader Nathan Clisby explaining a master plan for Lock 3 and Bookmark Creek and gaining feedback from River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation representatives. PHOTO: supplied

to identify priorities for the local indigenous community.

"With the RMMAC board members having so much knowledge about country, it was a great setting to sit down and better understand what is important to First Peoples in these regions," he said.

"The backdrop of the beautiful lake really set the scene for some real collaborative information sharing."

The master plan will be the first key milestone in the Sustaining Riverland Environments initiative, a \$37.6 million Federal Government investment in practical projects to improve river and wetland health and support native fish in the River Murray.

It will consists of 21 option profiles with the aim of improving environmental outcomes in the Lock 3 and Bookmark Creek regions.

In addition to implementing many of the option profile ideas, SRE will enable weir pool lowering at Lock 6 and support the achievement of enhanced outcomes for native fish.

Once the plan is completed, the newlyformed SRE team will assess and prioritise the process with more collaboration with RMMAC and the general community.

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A RIVERLAND sporting club has received a raft of upgrades, with the local council completing works on the club's surrounds.

Berri Barmera Council recently finished the upgrades, which were first approved by the Barmera Improvement Committee in February 2020, with a budget of \$17,769.

The works included fully bituminising the club's carpark to lower the risk of wash-outs due to rain, plus landscaping of the surrounding area and new trees planted by elected members. The Lake Bonney fore-

shore area, where the Barmera Yacht Club is locat-



A bitumised carpark and new landscaping was part of recent upgrades at the Lake Bonney Yacht Club in Barmera. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

ed, is promoted to tourists by the council and the carpark is utilised by the community for outdoor activities.

Council said upgrading
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such as the club's carpark, ensured council was "actively enhancing utilisation of council-owned property".

areas of the foreshore area,

Things to know about Enhanced Lifestyles

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Their services are tailored to suit individual needs, customers have the power to adapt Enhanced Lifestyles' services to meet their unique needs.

ITS STORY

Enhanced Lifestyles was established in 1990 by a group of individuals living with disabilities. It lobbied for funding which allowed it to form the Disabled Independent Persons of South Australia (DIPSA) in 1982.

In 1983, two key lobbyists established an incorporated body from the South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS) to form a company called Community Independence Association (CIA).

The Board comprised individuals with disabilities who used the service with the intention to see it develop into a completely user-led organisation. It introduced the revolutionary concept of offering members choice and control over their services.

During the initial funding for CIA, the Board also applied for funds to create a second organisation called South Australian Independent Lifestyles (SAIL). This was to cater for 15 to 20 people, each of whom would receive in-home support. The CIA and SAIL co-existed for 10 years. In 1990, the Board identi-

fied the need for growth to remain feasible, thus CIA and SAIL merged to form Enhanced Lifestyles. The organisation today continues to be one of the longest-running user-led and tailored service providers in South Australia.

Their Board comprises individuals living with a disability who use their services as well as skills-based members. This gives the organisation a true understanding of the needs of its customers. The Board is responsible for determining the strategic direction of Enhanced Lifestyles, overseeing both the legal and financial obligations of the organisation.

Board members are elected by the customers of the service and are the representatives of the customers. Enhanced Lifestyles ensures its customers are always at the forefront when developing plans and directives, as the customers themselves are those making the decisions.

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Enhanced Lifestyles provides the following disability support services:

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About the role: Lifestyle attendants (support workers) provide support both in-home and within the community to customers who have varied disabilities. What duties do lifestyle attendants perform?

The duties depend on the needs of the customer. Some require a high level of support while others may not. As services are tailored to the individual, direction will come from the customer. Duties may include:

□ Personal care: Showering, dressing, transferring (manual transfer or hoist transfer), hair care, nail care and make-up.

□ Complex health support: PEG feeding, bowel and bladder care, medication assistance, ventilator.

 Meal preparation:
 Preparation of breakfast, lunch, or dinner and/or assistance with eating.

Domestic assistance: May include bed making, general cleaning, washing dishes, doing laundry and any reasonable request.

Community access: Assisting customers in the community including when shopping at events, family occasions and social outings. It can also include assistance at work, school. or place of study.

□ Transport: Assistance travelling to and from shopping, specialised classes, events, appointments, work, or school.

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Elderly Riverland males have been encouraged to attend local Men's Sheds in the region during Men's Health Week, which runs until June 20. PHOTO: supplied

The (shed) door is always open

ELDERLY Riverland men worried about the possibility of becoming socially excluded have been encouraged to attend local men's sheds.

The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) has highlighted the need for ongoing "meaningful social engagement" among elderly males during the current Men's Health Week.

AMSA executive officer David Helmers said local men's sheds provided attendees "a perfect combination of somewhere to go and something to do, with a group of people with similar interests".

"You're never too old to get something out of having a group of friends – whether they've been around forever and a day, or they're new connections," Mr Helmers said.

"The empirical evidence is clear. Social participation is positively linked to mental wellbeing and quality of life, particularly in older people."

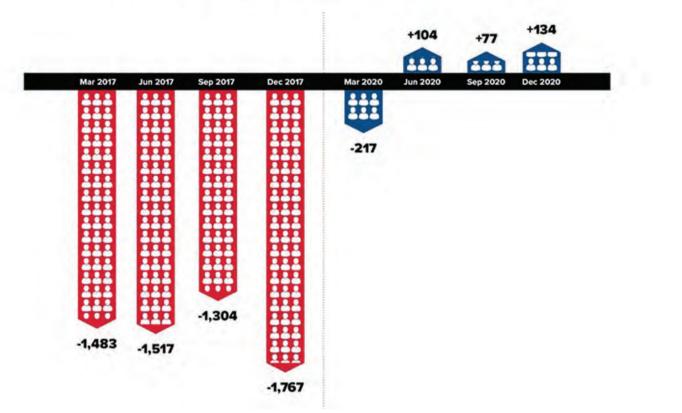
Riverland men's sheds are located in Berri, Barmera and Loxton.

Further information regarding Men's Health Week – which runs until June 20 – can be found by visiting the website (https://mensshed.org).



Men's Shed Association

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NET INTERSTATE MIGRATION

(ABS: Regional internal migration estimates, Dec 20)

• Recent ABS statistics showed net interstate migration into South Australia had been positive for a third consecutive quarter. IMAGE: supplied

Interstate demand for SA property up 300 per cent

THE reopening of state borders after Covid-19 restrictions has seen interstate buyers return to the Riverland property market, according to a senior local real estate figure.

Statistics released last week from the Real Estate Institute of South Australia (REISA) revealed a 313 per cent increase in the number of interstate property buyers moving to the state during the first four months of 2021.

REISA CEO Barry Money said the figures represented a combination of property market investors, and professionals seeking to move.

"The number of residents domiciled elsewhere in Australia buying residential properties here in SA increased by a whopping 313 per cent in total," Mr Money said.

"Buyers with a primary



address in New South Wales led the charge, registering a 579 per cent increase. Victorians followed by posting a 336 per cent increase.

"We consider the majority of purchases are a result of the net positive migration, with professionals and returning South Australians attracted not only by the value, but by the lifestyle and confidence in the positive change of direction in SA's economic thrust."

Data released last month by the Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) also showed net interstate migration had been positive for the third consecutive quarter, and was at its highest level in almost 30 years.

Elders Riverland real estate sales manager Dave Kanizay said the easing of border restrictions had allowed interstate families to consider moving to South Australia.

"(Pre-Covid) 70 per cent of Riverland property transactions sold to local Riverland people and only around 7 per cent sold to interstate buyers," Mr Kanizay said.

"From March 2020 until late 2020 border restrictions due to Covid-19 had a negative impact on interstate buyer interest, as the buyers were not able to inspect the properties.

"The real estate property market today is enjoying continued very strong interest from local and intrastate buyers, to the point where most buyers are now saying they are frustrated with the lack of stock on market. "The interstate buyers are also back."

Premier Steven Marshall said the increased migration into South Australia evidenced the state's "strong ongoing economic and jobs recovery" from Covid-19.

"We are turning the tide and transforming the state through our safe and strong handling of the Covid pandemic," Mr Marshall said.

"Business confidence is also high, we are smashing newhome building approvals, single-touch payroll figures show employment is strong, and net interstate migration is the best it's been in almost 30 years.

"Finally, the rest of the country is realising what we've always known – there's no better place to live, work and raise a family than here in South Australia."

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TRACTORS AND FORKLIFT:

MF 135 Tractor, 3PL, Power Steering, extra Gear Box, Diesel- running order, MF 135 Tractor 3PL, Dieselrunning order, MF TD20 Tractor 3PL, Petrol - running order, Iseki 550 Tractor, 80HP, 3PL, Diesel, Great Working Order, not currently registered, David Brown Tractor, 30HP, 3PL – runs wel, Komatsu Forklift, 4T, Petrol – in working order, Dozer Loader with Ripper - in working order and on trailer, MF 35 Tractor, 4 cylinder, Diesel, 3PL - in good running order, MF 135 Tractor, 3PL.

PLANT AND MACHINERY:

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CARAVANS AND BOATS:

Jayco Heritage Pop Top Caravan, always been shedded, Registered YEY822 - ready to go, Caribbean Hal Cab 17ft Fibreglass Boat, 140HP Evinrude Outboard Motor, Tilt & Trim on Tandem Galv Trailer - Runs very well, not currently registered, Tinny Boat with 2HP Outboard Motor, Various Outboard Motors, 2 x Old Caravans, Houseboat 48ft - for restoration or parts.

OLD CARS AND TRAILERS:

Suzuki Ute 2 wheel drive, Ford Pilot Car 1950's V8,

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Chainsaw, Parts Washer - New, Host of Workshop Tools and Sundries, Cool Room for storage, Ride On Mower 16HP B & S Motor, Firman Push Mower Slasher, Corner Pantry Cupboard - disassembled, Various Household Sundries, Various Old Baths, Slate, Cast Wheels,

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THE number of loans for the construction of a new dwelling fell in April for the second consecutive month, according to Housing Industry Association (HIA) economist Angela Lillicrap.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently released data on lending indicators for the month of April.

"This is the first ABS data to show that we are past the peak in the surge in construction due to HomeBuilder," Ms Lillicrap said.

"The cooling in construction loans is consistent across all the states and territories.

"First home buyer activity has also eased back from its elevated levels, declining by 1.9 per cent in April.

"Until recently, first home buyers have been the driving force in the market as they took advantage of low interest rates and various government incentives.

"Lending for renovations continues to be strong. The value of loans for alterations and additions is up by 66.7 per cent in the three months to April 2021 compared to the same time last year.

"Households have diverted funds that

would have typically been spent on overseas travel into buying a new home or improving their existing one. "The number of loans to

owner-occupiers



Angela Lillicrap

for established dwellings continues to increase, reaching the highest level since 2007. This indicates that confidence in the housing market more broadly is strong.

"Low interest rates and strong house price growth will continue to support demand for new housing."

Across the states, the number of loans to owner-occupiers for the construction of a new dwelling in the three months to April 2021 compared to the same time last year has:

More than tripled in Western Australia (+230.5 per cent).

Almost tripled in South Australia (+198.2 per cent) and Tasmania (+185.8 per cent).

More than doubled in Queensland (+145.0 per cent), the Northern Territory

(+132.8 per cent) and the Australian Capital Territory (+127.9 per cent).

Doubled in Victoria (+99.4 per cent). Almost doubled in New South Wales (+73.6 per cent).



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Don't forget that if your name appears on my birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Popcorn Chicken & Orange Juice, compliments of KFC in Renmark!

Hugo Dolheguy - 18/6/09 Jaxon Dolheguy - 18/6/13 Matthew DiCerbo - 22/6/09

Interested in appearing on Buddy's Birthday list? **Contact: Murray Pioneer** 8586 8000

June 2021 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A favourable aspect to Neptune will help to give your powers of intuition a boost. A clever idea which you have later in the week will be worth pursuing. Romance. So long as you trust to your gut feelings you won't go far wrong. Try to read between the lines and make sense of a chance comment.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

A positive aspect to Saturn will help to keep you focused on practical issues this week. A more down-to-earth approach will help you to see which aspects of your present situation you want to preserve and which ones you need to change. Romance. Don't take a personal remark too much to heart

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A difficult aspect to Mercury early in the week could lead to misunderstandings! Avoid using words which might be misconstrued. Romance. Be careful not to get taken in by a promise which is unlikely to materialize. Look for evidence of something before you believe it.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A comment from a friend may not tell you everything that you need to know. Don't be afraid to ask a few questions. Romance. A long conversation with your partner will help you to see things from their point of view. You will soon understand a recent difference in opinion.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A favourable aspect to Uranus will help you to look at a familiar problem in a new way. Ignore all your critics and get on with it! Romance. A person whom you meet on the way to work will be worth getting to know. Don't be afraid to ask for a date - you may be pleasantly surprised.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

You need to find a better balance between your own needs and those of the people around you. At times you are a little too conscientious for your own good. Romance. Events which happen in a dream will happen in real life - but it will be a while before everything predicted in the dream comes true

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

Trust to your intuition. The most logical solution may not be the best one to take. Romance. You will be feeling especially generous this week. Take the time to choose a small present which shows your partner just how much you care. You will be surprised what a difference this makes to them.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A problem won't be any easier to solve just by waiting: you need to come up with a concrete solution and take action. Romance. The more you give, the more you will get back. Don't be shy about making your feelings known, however.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

You have a lot on your plate at the moment, and need to give yourself a chance to relax. Romance. A dream will help you to make a decision which has been worrying you for some time. The symbolism in the dream will make sense when you think hard about the emotions which it brings up.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A difficult aspect to Mars could make you aggressive at times. You have been doing well at work recently, and should not sacrifice all this goodwill for the sake of a petty disagreement. Romance. You will have a lot of emotional energy this week. Try to avoid arguments!

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

You should accept the blame for your own faults, but not for other people's. Romance. A person you have had a relationship with in the past will not have forgotten you as much as you may have forgotten them. A phone call from a mutual friend will put you in touch again.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A series of strange events are worth looking into: you may not realise how much you were being manipulated. Romance. A big improvement in your relationship will give a boost to other areas of your life. Spend as much time with your partner as you can.

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KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? **RIVERLAND WHISPERS**

Whether it's wacky and weird or just plain heart warming then let us know by emailing photos@murraypioneer.com.au, message the Pioneer Facebook Page or tag us on Facebook or Instagram.



BARMERA'S BIG WEEKEND:

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WITH PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

Barmera was absolutely pumping' on the weekend, with so much to see and do. I went over to the Sheep Dog Trials and markets and had an absolute blast. The entertainment was great, the food was great and the stalls definitely didn't disappoint. Many visitors were in the region too, which was fantastic. How lucky are we to live in such a great region?

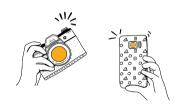


PICKERS PLAY BALL:

Pacific Islanders working in the Riverland showed off their skills at a sports day in Renmark on Monday. Participants took part in a range of events, including rugby, volleyball, soccer, basketball and more. Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson attended the event to take part in an official ceremony.

Picture this!

Peta's pic of the week







Local woman Betty Angel-Stawarz, took this photo of Barmera's Lake Bonney recently.

Berri's Greg Reeks also took this photo of Lake Bonney recently.

If you've taken any amazing photos recently, post them on social media with the hashtag 'picmepeta' or send it through to photos@murraypioneer.com.au along with your name, town and age (if under 18).



- What singer is the subject of the movie "Walk the 1. Line"?
- When Jack fell down, what did he break? 2.
- In what city do the movies "Robocop" and "Gran 3. Torino" take place?
- What singer's hits include "When I Was Your Man" 4. and "24K Magic"?
- How old was Joe Biden when he was sworn in as 5. President of the United States of America?
- What tourist destination in the US is known as 6. "Sin City"?

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7. What beats 4 of a kind in poker?

- 8. Who was Robin Hood's second in command?
- What country did the United Kingdom fight a war 9. against in 1982?

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- 10. What actress is singer Keith Urban married to?
- 11. What have the Duke and Duchess of Sussex named their new-born baby daughter?
- 12. In what alphabet would you find the letters Aleph and Gimel?

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- 13. What type of food was famously shared by Lady and the Tramp?
- 14. What actress was born Norma Jean Mortenson?

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- 15. What is the name of Japan's currency?
- 16. What is the plural of quantum?
- 17. What model of Volkswagen is named after a sport?

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18. What does the Spanish word "corazón" mean?

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- 19. Who is Posh Spice's husband?
- 20. For how many days was the giant container ship 'Ever Given' stuck in the Suez Canal in March 2021?

Answers on page 38

BROUGHT TO YOU BY QUIZ MASTER TOM TRIFONOFF

BONUS Which was the first US state to recognise Christmas as an **OUESTION:** official holiday? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Waikerie women connect via headspace's afternoon tea

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE women aged 12 to 25 were reminded of the benefits of connecting with others at a motherand-daughter afternoon tea organised by headspace Berri last month.

Community awareness officer at headspace Berri, Alysha Herrmann, said 34 people took part in the event at the Waikerie Bowling Club.

Ms Herrmann said the event – which was "filled with laughter and delicious food – was an opportunity for young women to spend an afternoon with an older woman who play a significant role in their lives.

"It might have been their mum, nanna or auntie, or another important older woman," she said.

Ms Herrmann said the afternoon tea was a chance for these women to relax, have some fun and focus on their health and wellness.

Speakers included headspace Berri manager Gemma Nickolai, and headspace Berri and FocusOne Health sexual health nurse Melanie Gilgen,

Waikerie nurse Renee Hahn spoke



show at the afternoon tea.



Judy and Shelbie Strauss at the Waikerie mother-and-daughter afternoon tea organised by headspace Berri on May 29. PHOTOS: Connie Little

about the importance of women's health, while local business Harmony and Grace presented a fashion show.

The women also made a fashion item out of newspaper and wore it a fashion parade, before taking part in a teapot drawing challenge.

Door prizes were donated by Bodyfitness Wellness Spa and the Waikerie Pharmacy.

Waikerie High School year 11 student Chloe Edwards was event MC and also entertained the participants of the afternoon tea with her ukulele. Young people from Waikerie wanting to access headspace Berri's ser-

vices can see clinician Susan Kamau-Wanguhu at the Waikerie Medical Centre or at the Waikerie High School.

Berri's headspace also has a vocational specialist, Kerryn Van Dyk, who is available for appointments at Waikerie or via phone. Appointments can be made through headspace Berri by calling 85 824 422.



newspaper fashion accessories.

Information and access to services can also be obtained seven days a week from the national headspace website (headspace.org.au).

riverlandbusiness.com.au Five-part kids' audiobook to help Stop it at the Start

THE Federal Government's Stop it at the Start campaign has partnered with Nova Entertainment to launch a five-part children's audiobook to encourage respectful attitudes in the next generation.

The audiobook series will be delivered as part of the national campaign's third phase which focuses on a prevention approach to end violence against women and their children by encouraging adults to promote positive attitudes around respectful relationships in young people.

Titled 'Project ARI' and written by popular children's author Nat Amoore, the audiobook focuses on a young robot named Ari (short for Artificial Intelligence) who is sent to live with the Warner family to learn the 'human experience'

Minister for Women's Safety Anne Ruston said the podcast added another tool in the Stop it at the Start campaign's tool box to help reach Australian families.

"Project ARI will serve as a timely prompt for Australian families to have an honest conversation around what trusted, healthy relationships look like," Ms Ruston said.

"It is a great resource for parents searching for an extra story to share at bedtime or to listen to in the car on the way to school. While entertaining for our children, it also shares important lessons around the importance of respecting others.'

Well-known Nova Radio talent have lent their voices to the project, including presenters Kate Ritchie, Cam Daddo, Byron Webb and Michael "Wippa" Wipfli. It will also include special guest cameos from popular sports commentator Mel McLaughlin and Matilda's soccer star Kyah Simon.

Ms Ruston thanked Nova Entertainment for supporting the campaign.

'If we are going to end violence against women and their children we must all work together - governments, businesses and individuals," she said.

The five-part series will be released weekly - starting from Monday this week – and can be downloaded free from all popular podcast streaming services, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

For more information and broadcast quality advertising materials, visit www. respect.gov.au

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Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club hear about the birds and the...lions

FORTY ladies gathered at the Waikerie Bowling Club on May 25 for the latest Ladies Probus Club meeting.

Current Waikerie Lions Club president Lyn Barnwell was the first speaker, reminding members of the great contribution Lions has made to the local community. This particularly includes the river-front playground, shelter and jetty, the orange bins, co-ordination of the Christmas pageant, assisting victims of various disasters and promoting screenings for various health conditions.

The Lions Club is facing new challenges, including attracting new members and searching for different premises as the local council wants to take over its den.

After morning tea, bird watcher Peter Haines spoke about his hobby.

It has taken him from Hart and Ramco lagoons, with river and bush birds – including a variety of ducks, swans, pelicans, stilts, spoonbills, ibis, herons, plovers, sandpipers, native hens, terns, seagulls, lapwings, blue wrens, kingfishers, honey eaters, rosellas, crimson and regent parrots, and more - to Kalamurina wildlife sanctuary in the arid north east of SA and Wilpena station, with birds ranging in size from wedge-tailed eagles to honey eaters.

Locally, Peter has monitored malleefowl nests near Waikerie and his live film of malleefowls building their nests and their young struggling to make their way out of the nest and away, while being ignored by their parents, was particularly appreciated.

It can take the chicks up to 14 hours to get out and people were relieved to hear there is enough air in the nests for them to survive that part. Cats, foxes, vegetation clearing and animals grazing are other hazards they face.

Curlew sandpipers/stints are incredible as they breed in Siberia and then fly all the way here, before flying back the following year.

Peter emphasised his good fortune at going to places with limited access and seeing so many amazing sights.

The club's next meeting will be at 10am on June 22 at the bowling club.

Admin will be streamlined as Sue Franke will be speaking about her role as winemaker at Growers Wine Group, Waikerie. Kate Hartwig will speak after morning tea about her varied roles (CEO of a range of industry, professional and charitable organisations in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne) and current duties as Zoos SA board secretary and public officer.

It promises to be a fascinating meeting and guests are welcome. Members also have the option of bringing lunch and staying



Guest speaker and keen bird watcher Peter Haines (right) at the Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club's recent meeting, with member Nan Mackereth. PHOTO: supplied

after the official meeting ends. Anyone seeking info is welcome to ring secretary Chris Hoffmann (0428 412 495).

WHAT did you do on the weekend? We give thanks that South Australia gives us a public holiday to honour H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth. We congratulate Queens' Birthday Honours recipients for the community service they have given throughout their lives.

Although we needed rain, holiday weekend weather in the Riverland was perfect and enjoyed by all, regardless of the activities and events held in our region. We now look forward to welcoming steady rain in the coming weeks for our farmers and land owners.

Waikerie Riverfront Markets get better each time, and last weekend was exceptional, particularly with greater carparking, enabling those who may have difficult issues with mobility. The whole area was filled with happy, warm and friendly groups enjoying the well-stocked stalls and wide range of lunch choices. The adequate seating at tables and chairs allowed them to enjoy a chat and catch up with friends. We appreciate those who have travelled from other



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areas to enjoy what we had on offer. We know events such as the markets don't just happen. They need support and we acknowledge and give thanks to those community volunteers who rock up give their time regularly to make the markets a success.

The next Waikerie Riverfront Markets will be held on Sunday, June 27, from 9am until 2pm. If you need to book a site or need more info visit the website (waikeriemarket.com).

Congratulations to Rivergum Boat Cruises for its sixth birthday. Well done and thank you to owners Sandra and James Schober. My family enjoyed a cruise on Sunday afternoon with them, and it also included several Adelaide visitors, whom we met and cruised with. One couple hadn't been in the region for 20 years and their words were: "We will be back in a few weeks with our kayaks and some friends for a camping weekend." The group also commented on our silo art and were impressed with our exceptional river front. All on the cruise appreciated the service and care we received from Sandra with food and drinks, and with James' knowledgeable and entertaining commentary on river history, birdlife and environment. Cameras were kept busy on the abundance of waterbirds. The river was like glass, with beautiful reflections of the trees.

The Waikerie & District Machinery was well attended and members were pleased

Preservation Society Inc's open day on Saturday with the event. I chatted with Graham Lange at

the Waikerie Markets, where the society had an information display. He advised me about a two-day mini rally, happening at the Waikerie Museum, on Rowe street, next to the ferry on August 14-15. This is an advice for those who wish to participate via displays of tractors, machinery and much more. Phone Graham on 8541 3767 for details.

Waikerie Hospital Guild members advise their next card day luncheon is in the day care room this Friday, from 11am to 3pm. Come and enjoy the friendship with others. Cost is \$10 per person with raffles and door prizes available.

Well done to the committee of the Waikerie Sunline Speedway, which hosted another successful meeting on Sunday.

Thought for the week:

Being negative only makes your journey more difficult . You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it.

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Alex rowing for gold in Tokyo

BRENDAN LINES

LOXTON North's Alex Hill has been named among Australia's 38-strong squad of rowers for the Tokyo Olympic games.

The 2016 Rio silver medallist was presented his team kimono by his grandfather Malcolm Hill at a ceremony held in Adelaide on Sunday.

The 28-year-old was farewelled by his family on Monday at Adelaide Airport, before heading to Canberra in preparation for the games.

Michelle Hill, Alex's mother, said she was a "bit teary" seeing her son off.

"Mums are allowed to that," she said.

"We certainly won't be able to see him again for a while. We're very happy and very sad at the same time because we can't be there."

Mrs Hill said the Tokyo games would be "very different" to previous Olympics, with crowds expected to be limited or absent altogether, due to Covid-19 concerns.

"We're trying hard to make sure that there is that support coming from home and it was nice to be involved as a family at the announcement," she said.

'The amount of people that came from all over Australia was iust lovely.

"The sentiment was the same for all: if we can't be there we'll do all that we can to show we support them."

Hill, a former junior footballer, cricketer and basketballer told 7 News his medal in Rio came with "unreal support" from the Loxton North community.

Hill was named in Australia's men's fours team.

"To be named in my second Olympic team is an honour," he said.

"The last 12 months has taught us to be resilient as a team and we have worked hard to ensure we're the best we can be leading into these Olympic Games.

"I'm excited to see not only what we can do as a four, but also to see what the entire Australian Olympic Rowing Team can do in Tokyo.'

The Tokyo Olympic Games are scheduled to begin on July 23.



SO PROUD: Australian rowing star and Riverland product Alex Hill gets presented with his team kimono by his emotional grandfather, and Riverland sporting legend, Malcolm Hill, in Adelaide on Sunday. PHOTO: Rowing Australia, Sarah Reed



Alex Hill in action rowing for Australia. PHOTO: Rowing Australia



Australian men's fours team members (from left) Alex Hill, Ian Wright (coach), Spencer Turrin and Alex Purnell. PHOTO: Rowing Australia, Sarah Reed

The jubilant **Riverland Eightball** Association team after taking out breaking a 46-year SA state affiliates carnival on the weekend (from left), Michael Radak, Glen Carter, Arron Trethewey, Peter Kennedy (captain) and Shawn Salmon. PHOTO: supplied



Our eightball reps end 46-year drought

A RIVERLAND Eightball Association team won the SA state affliliates carnival for the first time in 46 years over the long weekend.

Captained by Peter Kennedy, the five-person team beat 'Eyre Peninsula 2' 8-4 in the final of the event, played in Whyalla.

Earlier, the Riverland beat Northern 8-2 in the quarter finals, then got past 'Eyre Peninsula 1' in the semi-finals, after trailling 0-3, then winning the next eight frames to clinch an 8-3 victory.

A team spokesperson described the grand final as "a hard-fought game". A star of the weekend was Riverlander Shawn Salmon, who was equal runner-up in the player of the carnival award, winning 17 of his 20 frames

Brumbys trample Superdogs

undermanned ΑN Riverland Superdogs team lost to the visiting West Brumbys by 89 points defenders Rob Romeo and in round five of the AFL Masters SA 2021 season at Waikerie earlier this month.

West started fast and were on the scoreboard early, while first quarter goals to Dave Setchell and Greg McDonnell limited the damage for the Superdogs.

West stamped its authority on the game in the second quarter, kicking three unanswered goals and taking a 31-point lead into half time.

The Superdogs' trade-

mark third quarter comeback failed to materialise, despite the best efforts of Paul Glassev. Midfielders Kim Polst, Dave Pankhurst and Paul Courtney kept battling hard, while half Joe Butson never stopped running, but the home side was simply outclassed and overwhelmed.

The Superdogs next game is against Athelstone at Lyrup Oval this Sunday.

West Brumbys 17-11 (113) d Riverland Superdogs 3-6 (18). Riverland best: R. Romeo, K. Polst, J. Butson, D. Pankhurst, P. Glassey, P. Courtney. Riverland goals: D. Setchell, G. McDonnell, M. Sparrow.

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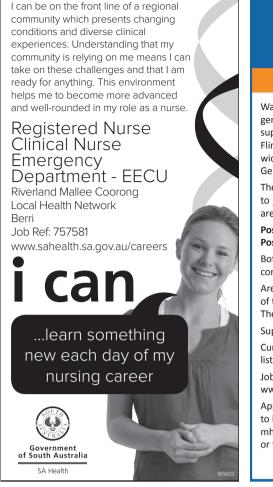
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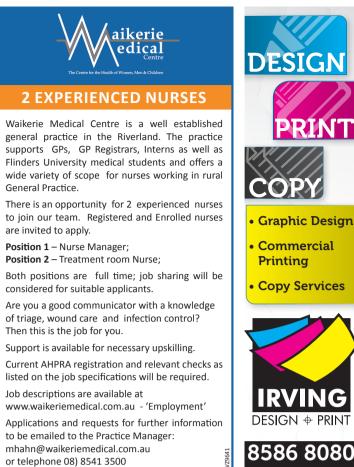
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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The average gestation period of a mouse is 21 days.



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Proposed Lease Old Cadell CWA Building

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 202 of the Local Government Act 1999 and in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, that Mid Murray Council is considering an amendment to the current 10 year + 5 year lease for the Cadell Institute to incorporate the community land also located at 33-35, McGuire Terrace, Cadell, known as the (Old) CWA Building.

The draft lease is available for inspection on Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or Council Offices at Mannum, Cambrai, Morgan or Blanchetown.

Written submissions may be sent to the Chief Executive Officer no later than 5:00pm 7 July 2021. Council will consider all submissions received by the due date.

For more information contact Executive Assistant People and Culture Vicki Bell-Booth on 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Ben Scales CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meetings of Berri, Cadell, Chaffey, Cobdogla, Golden Heights, Kingston, Loxton, Moorook, Mypolonga, Sunlands and Waikerie Irrigation Trusts Inc. & the Lyrup Village Settlement Trust Inc.

will be held at 10.00am on Friday 3rd September 2021

at the Barmera Hellenic Hall, Appleton Terrace, Barmera.

Details including the agenda and business to be discussed together with the annual report will be forwarded to all grower members prior to the meeting

Twenty-eight (28) days notice is required for any motion to be submitted to the meetings. These should be forwarded in writing to Central Irrigation Trust, PO Box 34, Barmera 5345 by Friday 23rd July 2021. For any enquiries please phone Andrew Baker on 8580 7100.

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Ryley Hammerstein leads the field in 125 lights at the Riverland two-day dirt kart event on the long weekend. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Junior karts put pedal to the metal

LOXTON'S Ryley Hammerstein left the rest of the field for dust with podium finishes in three classes at the Riverland two-day dirt kart event held at Renmark and Loxton dirt kart racing clubs on Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend.

Hammerstein was at the pointy end, finishing P2 in 125 light, P3 in KT twin and P3 in 100 open.

The event attracted bumper numbers of junior drivers, with Loxton's 10 midgets, 15 rookies and 35 10 to 14-year-old entries.

At Renmark, 23 rookies were split across two fields.

In the Outlaw category, Renmark's Scott Bickle finished P1 Meanwhile Western

Australian Joe Chalmers won three races from his five starts, in separate chassis, across the weekend.

RESULTS

KT medium 1 J. Chalmers, 2 L. McDonough, 3 D. Morrison. **KT** heavy 1 L. Brock, 2 T. Morrison, 3 S. Bickle (Renmark). Statesman 1 L. Furler, 2 R. Williams (Renmark), 3 Ashley Nitschke. Junior light 1 N. Magro, 2 K. Williamson, L. Alexander. Outlaw 1 S. Bickle (Renmark), 2 B. Morgan, 3 T. Parry (Renmark).



KT twin 1 D. Hartman (Renmark), 2 C. Lynch (Renmark), 3. R. Hammerstein (Loxton). 100 open

1 J. Chalmers, 2. J. Ryan (Renmark), 3 R. Hammerstein (Loxton) 125 light 1 J. Chalmers, 2, R. Hammerstein

event. (Loxton), 3 J. Skinner. **Junior heavy** 1 H. Mason, 2 C. Brooks, 3 K. Vickers. **KT** light 1 C. McDonough, 2 A. Magro, 3 T. Stott.

125 heavy 1 R. Furler, 2. D. Morrison, 3 B.

Hoffman was part of the bumper field of junior

Loxton's

Atkinson.

Hume to defend Barmera Open crown LOXTON club champion Andrew Hume will attempt to defend his men's Barmera Golf

Open title this weekend. Hume, who plays off a handicap of plus 1.5, heads up a starstudded field for the 36-hole two-day event.

Two-time winner Peter Johns (1 handicap) and his brother Doug (4) will spearhead the local contingent.

Broken Hill scratch golfer Josiah Trinder and former Renmark pair Matt Lewan (4) and Steve Palat (3) are others expected to be in contention.

The open will take on a partylike atmosphere this year thanks to a new sponsorship deal with Aussie Hire and Events.

The club's signature hole, the par 4 dog-leg 15th, will feature a party tent at the back of the green providing refreshments

and light entertainment throughout both days. McPherson said a near

capacity field had already entered the Open, with only limited spots left.

The first tee off times will be 10am on Saturday and be followed by a shotgun start at 9am on Sunday to ensure everyone can attend the presentations.

Meanwhile Loxton hosted the second leg of the Tri Club Challenge on Sunday, with over 120 golfers hitting the course, with the top 10 scores combined to give the daily winner. Loxton scored 357 points to edge out Millicent (337) and Blackwood (320) to take the second leg but trail overall.

With just 14 points separating the teams, the final leg will take place at Millicent, in October.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

LOXTON Monthly Medal, Sat, June 5:

Winner G. Ling 96 net 70. A Grade: Winner K. Buckler 85 net 71, runnerup Bill Palat 88 nett 72. B grade: Winner G. Ling 96 nett 70, runnerup L. Kruger 91 nett 72 Women's Monthly Medal: Winner S. Grein 89 nett 74, runner-up J. Cooney 106 nett

Stableford, Wed, June 9: Winner D. Zeliff 35pts (Berri Golf Club), runner-up P. Frahn 33 (Berri Golf Club). Women's: Winner J. Patching 33pts, runner-up J. Cooney

Stableford, Sat, June 12: Men's A Grade: Winner B. Proud 37pts, runnerup A. Driessen 37 (Millicent Golf Club). Men's B Grade: Winner A. Linder 39pts, runner-up J. Stone 37. Men's C Grade: Winner J. Goldsworthy 38pts, runner-up K. Sporn 38 (SGA golf club). Women's: Winner K. Henwood 38pts, runner-up S. Pannell 32.

Tri club challenge (Loxton, Millicent, Blackwood), 2nd leg, Sat, June 13: Blackwood 320pts (A. Bottrill 37, K. Garrick 34, P. MacDonald 33, B. Anderson 32, D. Lewis 32, B. Rowe 31. K. Marsh 31. K. Lewis 31. G. James 30, J. Bradbrook 29). Millicent 337pts (T. Duldig 37, G. Tilley 36, S. Westerman 35, D. Robbins 35, J. Naude 34, A.Varcoe 33, T. Atkinson 33, M. Fuentes 32, H. Fennell 31, I. Greenwood 31). Loxton 357pts (K. Martin 38, H. Kara-

Ali 38, B. Proud 37, B. Tyler 36, S. Patching 35, A. Giles 35, J. Henwood 35, C. Golding 35, J. Reynolds 34, J. Wilson 34).

Points: Blackwood 684 Millicent 683, Loxton 670. Nearest to pin: Men's A grade:

B. Proud (5th), Men's B grade: J. Bradbrook (15th), Men's C grade: K. Sporn (2nd), Women's A grade: S. Grein (15th), Women's B grade: C. Campbell (2nd).



drivers at the Riverland two-day dirt kart

44 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, June 16, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au Jordan leads under 16 to state title

A YOUNG Riverland soccer star continued to show his skills as his team went undefeated at a statewide competition last weekend.

The Riverland under 16 boys side emerged victorious in their division at the SA Junior Soccer Association State Championships, held at Barratt Reserve in Adelaide over the long weekend.

The team's undefeated run at the competition began with a 4-1 win against Coober Pedy, along with a 1-1 draw with Adelaide Hills, a 2-1 win against Whyalla and a commanding 5-0 defeat of Broken Hill.

Renmark Olympic standout Jordan Gadaleta scored goals in each outing – including a hattrick against Coober Pedy – while Francesco Vallelonga was named among the best players in two of the matches.

The Riverland's under 16 girls recovered from a 2-1 loss to the Limestone Coast in their first game to beat Broken Hill 7-0, however the team then suffered 1-0 and 2-1 defeats to Port Lincoln and Adelaide Hills, respectively.

Matilda Mitchell netted in three games, and Emily Jordan in two.

In the under 15s competition, the Riverland boys recorded a 2-0 win over Port Pirie and a pair of 1-1 draws with Adelaide Hills, however were beaten twice by Limestone Coast and in a rematch with Port Pirie.

The under 14s boys side started the day strong by beating Port Lincoln 2-1 and Roxby Downs 12-1, but were then defeated 4-2 by Broken Hill and 5-0 by Port Pirie in the semi-final.

In under 13s action, the Riverland side recorded a narrow 1-0 win against Port Pirie, however they were beaten twice by Adelaide Hills Red – with 7-4 and 5-2 scorelines – along with 11-2 and 8-0 losses to Limestone Coast.

The girls under 13s day was highlighted by a 2-1 defeat of Limestone Coast, plus a 0-0 draw with Port Lincoln, although they were beaten 4-0 by Whyalla and 3-2 by Adelaide Hills.

The Riverland's under 12 boys side bounced back after a tough start – which included a 3-1 loss to Limestone Coast and a 2-1 defeat against Noarlunga – to draw 1-1 with Adelaide Hills, and then beat Port Pirie 3-0 and Port Lincoln 5-1.

In the under 12 development competition, the Riverland team beat Roxby Downs and drew with Broken Hill, but was beaten by Noarlunga, Adelaide Hills, Port Pirie and Limestone Coast.





ABOVE: The Riverland's winning SA Junior Soccer Association State Championships under 16 team, back (from left) team manager Peter Rayner, Karan Kahlon, Jordan Gadaleta, Rogan Kennedy, Tony Mitchell, Stefan Vallelonga, Ripley Bray, Jaden Isaacs and coach Martin Barber, Middle: Macev Eleftheriadis, Mitchell Rayner, Kaden Beams, Cohen Battams, Francesco Vallelonga, Ryan Verrall. Front: Keith Wright. **PHOTOS:** supplied

LEFT: The Riverland's under 13 team, which also competed at the event.



State country volleyball champions, the Riverland (back, from left) Ashley Clark, Simon Clark, Daniel Clark, Ben Haslett and Taylor Haslett. Front: James Haslett, Serhat Kavlakoglu, Max DeVris and Will Cavaye. PHOTO: supplied

Volleyballers land SA country title

A RIVERLAND men's team was undefeated champions at the SA country volleyball championships held in Murray Bridge on the long weekend.

The Riverland won all its

three games across Saturday and Sunday respectively.

The final was a whitewash, with the Riverland beating South East 3-0.

It was largely a family affair, with the Riverland line-up featuring the fatherand-sons combinations of Ashley, Simon and Daniel Clark, and Ben and James Haslett. The latter duo were joined by their nephew/cousin Taylor Haslett.

White's SA cross-country title



Renmark cross-country runner Bailey White won the 15-year-old boys event at the School Sports SA cross-country championship held at Oakbank Racecourse last Friday. INSET: White receives his medal after taking out the 15-year-old boys cross-country event. PHOTOS: supplied

RENMARK'S Bailey White won the 15-year-old boys event at the School Sports SA cross-country championships on Friday.

A field of 200 runners from across the state converged on Oakbank Racecourse for the event.

White ran a scorching time of 13:33 minutes for the 4km course, finishing four seconds clear of runner-up Noah Chlanda,

of Mercedes College. Glossop High School's Lachlan Marks finished a creditable 15th in the keenly contested event.

White was part of Renmark High School's Riverland interschool crosscountry winning team.

The 16-year-old, recently helped coach the Riverland's SAPSASA football team, with his brother Jordan, a current West Adelaide under 18 player.



Peter Richards was among those who helped make up the Riverland's new men's team, at last weekend's Masters softball tournament in Berri. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Masters men in softball debut

the most valuable player

award as voted by the

Riverland Softball

Association secretary

Monica Haaja congratu-

lated the Riverland men

a start to a men's softball

competition in the future

for the Riverland," she

Victory in the division

one grand final went to

"We hope this will be

on their first-up effort.

umpires.

said.

RIVERLAND teams gave their Adelaide counterparts a run for their money in the Masters softball tournament held at Glassey Park on the long weekend.

The Riverland and Cobdogla teams finished third and fifth respectively for the weekend, out of the 10 teams competing.

For the first time in years, the Riverland fielded a men's team. Berri baseball ace

Allsorts, while division Steven Goldspink won two was won by Gawler.

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Still the table tennis Top Guns 12-10, 3-11, 6-11; S. Freeman d A. Morris

ROUND six of the Riverland table tennis season saw Top Guns defeat Double Fish, and Crushers emerge victorious over The Shooters.

RESULTS:

Top Guns 12 d Double Fish 6 Doubles:

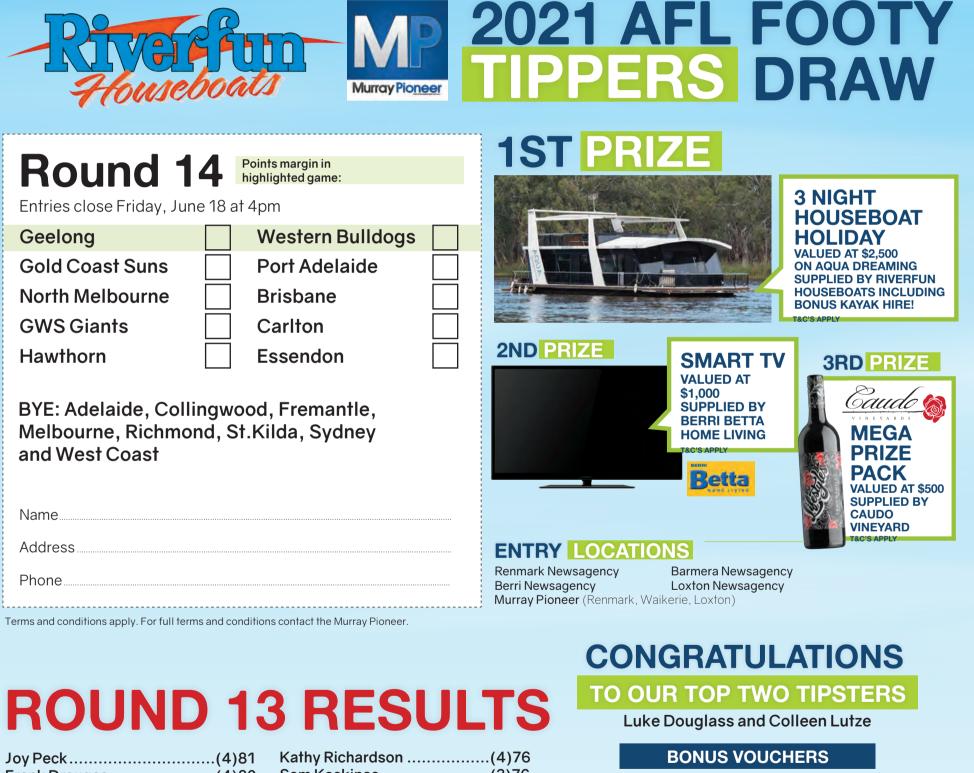
N. Stoeckel/J. Perry lost to S. Watson/F. Sullivan 11-9, 9-11, 5-11, 9-11; J. Haenen/B. Heuzenroeder lost to R. Stoeckel/N. Kelly 11-7, 11-13, 6-11, 7-11; S. Freeman/J. Kelly lost to forfeit 11-0, 11-0, 11-0; N. Stoeckel/J. Haenen d S. Watson/R. Stoeckel 11-5, 10-12, 11-4, 12-10; J. Perry/S. Freeman d forfeit 11-0, 11-0, 11-0; B. Heuzenroeder/J. Kelly lost to N. Kelly/A. Morris 11-8, 11-5, 6-11, 4-11, 13-11. Singles:

N. Stoeckel lost to F. Sullivan 5-11, 11-8, 6-11, 14-12, 10-12; J. Perry d S. Watson 16-11, 7-11, 9-11, 7-11; N. Stoeckel d S. Watson 8-11, 11-7, 11-7, 10-12, 15-13; J. Perry lost to F. Sullivan 9-11, 13-11, 5-11, 5-11; J Haenen d N. Kelly 11-7, 7-11, 11-9, 11-5; B. Heuzenroeder d R. Stoeckel 11-9, 11-9, 11-8; J. Haenen d R. Stoeckel 11-6, 9-11, 11-5, 9-11 7-11; B. Heuzenroeder lost to N. Kelly 9-11,

11-5, 11-4, 11-4; J. Kelly d forfeit 11-0, 11-0, 11-0; S. Freeman d forfeit 11-0, 11-0, 11-0; J. Kelly d A. Morris 11-4, 6-11, 11-6, 11-6. Crushers 11 d The Shooters 7 Doubles D. Robinson/P. Haenen d D. Nitschke/G. Haby

11-7, 15-13, 11-5; R. Coppin/J. Crossfield lost to A. Schulz/D. Shaw 9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-9; D. Badger/K. Coppin lost to C. Carson/C. Balshaw 9-11, 2-11, 11-6, 5-11; D. Robinson/R. Coppin d D. Nitschke/A. Schulz 11-6, 11-6, 5-11, 4-11, 11-7; P. Haenen/D. Badger lost to G. Haby/C. Carson 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 6-11, 8-11; J. Crossfield/K. Coppin lost to D. Shaw/C. Balshaw 8-11, 11-9, 7-11, 7-11. Singles:

D. Robinson d G. Haby 11-4, 11-6, 12-14, 11-9; P. Haenen lost to D. Nitschke 8-11, 11-7, 11-9, 2-11, 7-11; D. Robinson d D. Nitschke 7-11, 6-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-7; P. Haenen d G. Haby 11-7, 11-4, 7-11, 11-9; R. Coppin d D. Shaw 11-7, 11-5, 11-7; J. Crossfield d A. Schulz 11-9, 7-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-4; R. Coppin lost to A. Schulz 7-11, 10-12, 11-9, 8-11; J. Crossfield d D. Shaw 11-7, 14-12, 9-11, 11-7; D. Badger d C. Balshaw 11-3, 11-3, 11-5; K. Coppin lost to C. Carson 3-11, 3-11, 5-11; D. Badger d C. Carson 12-10, 10-12. 11-5. 12-10: K. Coppin lost to C. Balshaw 1-11, 1-11, 1-11.



Joy Peck	(4)81
Frank Drougas	(4)80
Ken Wingard	(4)80
Stephen Greer	(5)79
Nancy Battams	(3)77
Paul Frangoulis	(3)77
Des Drogemuller	(3)77
Jasmine Harris	(2)77
Colin Chilton	
Deb Griffiths	(2)77
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RIVERLAND-Mallee combined fell short by 16 points against Hills in Saturday's interleague match at Karoonda Oval.

It was a tight midfield contest played between the 50-metre arcs in the first half, with Riverland-Mallee on the attack early but burning its opportunities going forward.

Hills led at every change, while holding Riverland-Mallee to a single goal up until half-time.

Hills got on the front foot with its better ball use, and used the short option by foot, making effective clearances from defence.

Riverland-Mallee coaches Rodney Maynard and Matthew Dent ran quick rotations to give the young side a good look at



Riverland-Mallee co-captain and Renmark star Tim Woolford contests in the air. Woolford was awarded the medal for best RFL player in Saturday's interleague match. interleague football.

Riverland-Mallee co-captains Nathan Brown (Mallee) and Tim Woolford (Renmark) led by example, and were given the medals for best afield, for their respective leagues.

Ruckman Zach Gartery (Renmark) gave Riverland-Mallee's midfield plenty of first touch opportunities from the hit-outs.

Barmera-Monash's Dylan Eleftheriadis presented well up forward, along with Jason Westley (Berri) and Drew Kassulke (Loxton).

Hills' Jarred Jones carved up the contest around the midfield winning plenty of the ball.

Mallee players did most of the scoring helping to bring Riverland-Mallee home with a wet sail after half time.

In defence, the experience of Mallee players Chris Rudiger and Billy McNeilly was complemented with solid performances by Tom Mickan and Nick Croser.

Riverland-Mallee had the better of the play in the third term, scoring 3-3 to the Hills' 2-2, with Hills leading by 15 points at the last change.

Riverland-Mallee's 3-4 in the last quarter reflected missed opportunities that could have put it within a sniff towards the death. But in the end, Hills kept Riverland-

Mallee at bay. Meanwhile umpires Todd Charlton (field)

and James Yandell (goal umpire) represented the Riverland officiating in the game.

RESILTS

RESULLS				
	1	2	3	FINAL
Hills	2.1	4.4	6.5	10.7 (67)
Riverland-Mallee	1.3	1.4	4.5	7.9 (51)
Best: Hills - L. Grig	gg, S. I	Hanna, L.	Watson,	B. Hanna,
M. Beinke. Riverla	nd-Ma	llee – N. E	Brown, T	Woolford,
R. O'Driscoll, S. Je	nner, J	. Wilson, I	D. Kassı	ilke.
Goals: Hills - D. St	ock 3,	B. Hanna	a 2, J. Jo	nes, R.
Xanthopoulos, B. F	Paues,	S. Hanna	. Riverla	nd-Mallee
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- N. Martens 2, R. O'Driscoll, T. Mickan, S. Jenner, C. Rudiger, N. Brown.



Riverland-Mallee interleague team (back from left) Bob Lloyd (trainer), Rodney Maynard (assistant coach), Kym Petherick (trainer), Rory O'Driscoll, Chris Rudiger, Josh Barrett, Billy McNeilly, Nick Martens, Tom Mickan, Nick Croser, Zac Gartery, Steve Hausler, Brad Beswick, Jack Burgemeister, Dylan Eleftheriadis, Mitch Neumann, Jed Nortcott (runner), Steve Tillett (trainer), Adrian Wait (trainer). Middle: Drew Kassulke, Jesse Will, Nathan Brown (co-captain) Matthew Dent (coach) Tim Woolford (co-captain) Jason Westley, Kynen Adams, Front: Jon Wilson, Adam Jackson and Shannon Jenner. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Riverland-Mallee's Dylan Eleftheriadis applies pressure in Saturday's interleague game against Hills.

RFL recruits making their mark

BRENDAN LINES

IN the opening stanza of the 2021 season, the latest crop of RFL recruits have made a mark at their new clubs – a slow build for some, an immediate impact for others.

Former West Adelaide player Jack Agostino comes to Renmark as arguably its top recruit.

The former Renmark junior's match-winning performances came at zero cost to the Rovers' allocation of player points.

The 24-year-old's inclusion in Renmark's half-back line alongside Matt Woolford has created a formidable pairing, helping the Rovers to dominant inside 50 counts against Berri (58-34) and Loxton (45-26).

Before being sidelined with concussion against Waikerie in round, Agostino's individual prowess was on full display against Berri in round four, when he racked up 46 possessions and two goals.

Up forward, the Rovers also secured the services of Tom Charlton, who came across from the North Eastern Football League and has been described by Renmark coach Josh Vater as a welcome addition.

"He's new to the club, new to the area and we're really happy with him," Vater said.

"He's a teacher that's just moved up. He has... presented well up forward, so it's worked out well."

Charlton sits second on the RFL A grade leading goalkickers tally with 13 after six rounds.

Against Loxton most recent-



Renmark's Jack Agostino came back to the club this year after playing 50 SANFL games with West Adelaide.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

ly, he accumulated 32 possessions around the midfield and attacking 50, topped off with four goals, and was influential in handing the Tigers their first defeat of 2021.

Waikerie's Brendon Moon recruited with Scott Mumford from Gumeracha in the Hills Football League - had an immediate effect in the Magpies' line up with four goals against Berri in round one.

Moon has been a consistent performer, stepping up in a season marred by injuries for his club.

The 2019 Gumeracha premiership player was influential (23 possessions, two goals) in the Magpies' 47-point win over reigning premier Renmark in round five.

Ben Fisher was a headline signing at Barmera-Monash, after a 118-game SANFL career with West Adelaide across nine seasons.

Barmera-Monash football manager Mark Henwood said the 36-year-old former West Adelaide vice-captain's leadership was valuable.

We have a few younger fellows (and) the way he instructs and talks, because he's played a lot of league footy, is fantastic..." he said.

Since being appointed Loxton coach, ex-Barmera-Monash star Dillon Millard has blossomed into a playing coach

bow

"He really launches us across



Riverland players (From left) Dylan White, Jordan White, Kade Harkins, Mitchell Hahn, Jesse Thackery, Will Hawke and Jack Sullivan played in West Adelaide's recent four-point win over Glenelg in the SANFL under 18 competition. PHOTO: supplied

Westies' Riverland connection strengthens

THE Riverland's latest crop of junior talent has caught the eye of West Adelaide's coaching staff, with eight of the 11 on the club's under 18 list having broken into SANFL ranks this season.

After a win recent win over ladder leader Glenelg, Paul Streatfield, West Adelaide talent and development manager paid tribute to the Riverland connection.

"It is fantastic and hopefully shows all country players that there is a pathway at the club if they are committed enough and willing to put in the effort required," he said.

Of the five inclusions to the Bloods' side against the Bays, three Riverlanders, Jordan White, of Renmark, Waikerie's Will Hawke and Barmera-Monash's Jack Sullivan played their first games of under 18 football at SANFL level.

Waikerie's Mitchell Hahn and Jordan White - who joined his brother Dylan, who has played every game this season - played roles up forward, while Berri's Kade Harkins was important in a hectic

finish on his wing. Jesse Thackery, of Loxton North. was best with 31 disposals, and one

goal for the match. Since that win, Berri's Darcy

Minchella has become the eighth Riverland player to don the black and red this season, against the Eagles last Friday.

Tim Jackson, West Adelaide Riverland academy co-ordinator, said training sessions at Lyrup Oval over summer, after last year's Covid-affected season, helped to contribute.

"This gave them some structured training and additional fitness work to help them out," he said.

"It seems to have worked pretty well and Westies seem pretty happy with it. "The idea was to optimise their chances."

The sessions were organised with

input from West Adelaide. "It was a credit to Paul (Streatfield) that he saw potential here and was able to pursue a date to start training up here," Jackson said.

"Not only for playing at Westies, but to reduce the expense and the time to be involved in an elite program."

Jackson said the additional training has helped bridge the gap between playing in country and city leagues.

"Up here they go out there and get plenty of the footy," he said.

"Whereas when they go down there (Adelaide)... it's a lot more structured and refined type of footy.

"Through the training they are getting, they're starting to hit their straps.

'Both Jesse Thackery and Dylan White are coming under consideration

role, adding punch to the Tigers' half-back line.

Millard and Lachlan Evans recruited with his brother Jack Evans under previous coach Leigh Kruger before last year's Covid-cancelled season - helped set up the Tigers' ninegoal first quarter against Berri in round three.

Evans showed great resilience with 27 touches and a goal during Loxton's loss to Renmark.

Berri welcomed defender Evan Penaluna, from Airport West in Victoria, and utility Tom Finlay, from Adelaide.

Berri coach Brian Gates said Finlay had several strings to his

"He's certainly a good ball user and a pinch hitter in the ruck," he said.

half back, but he's not a lockdown centre half back, he can create for us too."

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Roos' legends etched in history

BRENDAN LINES

THE Barmera-Monash Football Club is encouraging members past and present to take up a one-in-a-hundredyear chance to have their name permanently etched in its history.

This weekend the club celebrates its centenary across round seven of the RFL.

After Covid took its toll on centenary celebrations and finances in 2020, the club's centenary wall initiative was created to commemorate its centenary and raise funds.

Individuals are being encouraged to buy a plaque baring their name and their contribution to the club, with applications open to any past or current players, coaches, officials, runners, or volunteers. The plaques will be permanently fixed to the centenary wall.

Centenary wall coordinator, past player and life member Kym Manning said the initiative was "a different way to raise some money".

"We did quite a lengthy renovation on the club for about \$900,000 and we didn't have income last year because there was no footy," he said.

"It was no good doing a chook raffle where you're going to pick up \$1000 here and there. We needed to do something much more serious.

"We come across ideas of engraving the pavers out the front. "I just happened to

walk out the back door



BMFC centenary wall co-ordinator, past player and life member Kym Manning said the club had to think "differently" about raising funds for its renovations after Covid postponed its centenary celebrations last year. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

of the club with Des Drogemuller, who was a star back in the day and a reserves Magarey Medallist with Port Adelaide. We turned around and looked at the wall.

"But instead of buying a brick, I did some research and found the latest stuff in the US, which is a stainlesssteel shim. "We got on to a company in Sydney that

pany in Sydney that imports it and got some samples sent over. "I was really happy

with it, because I had seen other stuff that was engraved which would tarnish and fade. I want this to stand for another

hundred years."

"We're after the history," Mr Manning said. "We don't just want somebody's name, we want the plaque to tell us something about you.

"We want the wall to tell a story, so at halftime or the end of the game you can look back, or visitors might come to town, and say I remember playing with that bloke in the 1950s, 60s, 70s, and 80s, or whatever (period) it may be."

So far, the club has sold approximately 100 plaques.

One of the stories told on the wall is that of past player Joe Hermanson's father and uncle, both Rats of Tobruk.

"They grew up on the lake here, Dad was born in a tent on the lakeshore," Mr Hermanson said.

"Uncle 'Froggy' was a great swimmer and he played in the 1937 grand final."

"Dad was a little bit spo younger and started on playing in 1938-39. Bo "They both went to of war. Uncle 'Froggy' on

war. Uncle 'Froggy' on went to Gallipoli, the

then they were Rats of Tobruk.

"And when they came back, Dad came home to Barmera, and Uncle 'Froggy' stayed in Adelaide."

The wall pays homage to the club's connection with the

Monash Football Club. Club legend John Henwood, 87, said the clubs' shared history goes back further than the 1957 merger.

"There were Monash players in the first premiership team in 1921," he said.

"There was a bloke by the name of Mortimer, who rucked."

The club will host a sportsman's luncheon on July 17, while The Bonney Ball, a fixture of its social calendar, is on this Saturday night at the club.





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Barmera-Monash Football Club stalwarts (front, from left), Kym Manning, John Henwood and George Manning, with (back) Graham Gilgen, Tony van der Biezen, Joe Hermanson and Jason Kassulke, in front of the club's centenary wall. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



BRENDAN LINES LOXTON North's Alex Hill has been named among Australia's 38-strong squad of rowers for the Tokyo Olympic games.

The 2016 Rio silver medallist (pictured with parents Michelle and Peter) was presented his team kimono by his grandfather Malcolm Hill at a ceremony held in Adelaide on Sunday.

The 28-year-old was farewelled by his family on Monday at Adelaide Airport, before heading to Canberra in preparation for the games.

Michelle Hill, Alex's mother, said she was a "bit teary" seeing her son off. "Mums are allowed to that," she said.

"We certainly won't be able to see him again for a while. We're very happy and very sad at the same time because we can't be there."

Mrs Hill said the Tokyo games would be "very different" to previous Olympics, with crowds expected to be limited or absent altogether, due to Covid-19 concerns.

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