



Robin Bawden (left), president of the Cobdogla Steam Friends Society, and Denis Wasley, society secretary, with the Fowler B6 Crane Engine. Both volunteers are concerned about the museum's future, after news this week of a funding cut. PHOTO: Delldre Graham

# OUT OF STEAM?

## Funding withdrawal spells trouble for museum

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

THE future of an established Riverland museum is clouded, after volunteers learned the tourism attraction's main funding source would be cut.

SA Water's decision to withdraw its \$70,000 annual sponsorship of the Cobdogla Steam and Irrigation Museum has been described as "devastating" for long-term volunteers, one of whom lamented

"wasted years" of his life.

However, SA Water has pledged to help the museum explore other options to replace the sponsorship, which will cease at the end of June.

Cobdogla Steam Friends Society president Robin Bawden said the funding had been integral to the museum's operation.

"The agreement was we would run it for (SA Water) and they would finance it on an ongoing basis," Mr Bawden claimed.

"It was general funding to pay for the insurance, pay for the upkeep of the museum, and pay to keep it running. It's a small museum and insurance is an enormous cost.

"They are going to continue funding for another six months, and in that time they are going to look for other sponsors, but it's virtually the end of the line."

Mr Bawden said the announcement was "devastating" for the

museum's team of approximately 25 volunteers.

"We've probably expanded the museum by double with things we've done over the years," he said.

"People have literally put in tens of thousands of hours. A number of people in the community have also helped us over the years, all for nothing, because they thought it was a community museum that was worth supporting.

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## Anti-social river front 'repelling tourists'

**JOSH BRINE**

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour in Berri's CBD could be costing the town tourism dollars, with a local man claiming a number of houseboat owners had been scared away from a river-front area.

John Vandeleur, of Cadell, said about a dozen boats from the River Murray Boat Owners Association (RMBOA) had intended to moor in Berri last year when they were confronted by "intimidating" people on the river bank at the foot of Vaughan Terrace.

"We had all the boats in line to pull up there and there were these inebriated people up the top of the bank and they were behaving very badly to say the least," he said.

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## Tree pull suggestion defended

TIM Whetstone has hit back at critics – and taken a swipe at PIRSA – after floating the idea of backyard tree pulls to combat fruit fly outbreaks.

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# Riverland balances not so super

RIVERLANDERS have some of the worst superannuation account balances in the state, according to the latest national data.

The latest report from the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA) shows Riverland residents have an average \$129,121 in their super accounts, tracking well below the state (\$147,198) and national (\$147,425) averages.

Three Riverland towns fall in the bottom five major postcodes for Barker superannuation balances.

Renmark is worst, with an average balance of \$100,725, with Berri (\$111,711) and Loxton (\$125,422) not far behind.

ASFA deputy CEO and chief policy officer, Glen McCrea, encouraged Australians to check their super balance before the end of the financial year to consider if the balance is where it needs to be to meet long-term retirement goals.

“Superannuation is a great long-term financial instrument to help Australians enjoy a comfortable and dignified retirement,” Mr McCrea said.

“To get a sense of how they are individually tracking towards their goals in retirement, we encourage people living in the Barker electorate to check their super before June 30, by using a retirement tool such as our SuperGuru Retirement Tracker.”

To use the SuperGuru Retirement Tracker visit: [www.superguru.com.au/ExternalFiles/calculators/retirement-tracker/](http://www.superguru.com.au/ExternalFiles/calculators/retirement-tracker/).

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## Personal notice correction:

A DETAIL in a personal notice that appeared in last week’s Murray Pioneer was incorrect, due to a production error.

The death notice for Christopher Telfer said he was the late son of Cuth and Elise Telfer, of Cooltong. It should have read Cuth and Elsie Telfer.

The Pioneer apologises for the error.



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left), with Costa Riverland citrus packing operations manager Mick Trussell, state opposition leader David Speirs, and Riverland-based MLC Nicola Centofanti during Mr Speirs’ recent visit to the region. PHOTO: supplied

# Tim defends tree-pull idea

TIM Whetstone has hit back at critics – and taken a swipe at PIRSA – after floating the idea of backyard tree pulls to combat fruit fly outbreaks.

In last week’s Murray Pioneer, the Chaffey MP said the drastic measure could be required to halt the momentum of consecutive Queensland fruit fly incursions across the Riverland, where 12 outbreaks are currently declared.

His suggestion sparked plenty of both negative and positive feedback, particularly on The Murray Pioneer’s Facebook page, but Mr Whetstone was this week unrepentant, arguing that all possible solutions need to be considered to protect the region’s \$1.4bn agriculture production industry.

“We need to have the conversation,” Mr Whetstone told

ABC Riverland.

However, the Liberal MP also said backyard tree pulls would be targeted and only occur after residents give the green light.

“It’s about understanding where the hot spots are for the detections, and looking at the culprits – and that appears to be abandoned backyard trees or people that are not maintaining their trees,” he said.

“This is not about going into every person’s backyard and removing fruit trees or vegetable patches.

“It’s about individual cases, repeat offenders, and it’s about volunteering those trees in your backyard that you deem you’re not using, or that you’re not prepared to prune or maintain and pick up the fallen fruit.”

Following last week’s Pioneer article, Mr Whetstone said a

## FRUIT FLY WAR:

## Backyard tree pulls next step?

FORCED removal of backyard fruit trees could be the next drastic measure employed

• The Murray Pioneer 15/6/22

PIRSA (Primary Industries and Resources SA) spokesperson said such measures were off the table.

Mr Whetstone said he had quizzed Primary Industries and Regional Development Minister Clare Scriven about the state government’s fruit fly strategies

in this week’s budget estimates hearings.

“I am frustrated with PIRSA using comments like that it’s not on the table,” he said. “I would say to them, as I asked the minister (on Monday) in budget estimates, what is on the table? What are they prepared to do?”

“For the department to say it’s not on their radar, well I can say... what we’re currently doing is fighting an uphill battle.

“And unless we look a little bit outside the square, we can’t just keep pouring money into the fire.”



















PIRSA’s general manager of fruit fly response, Nick Secomb, told The Pioneer it would be “a difficult argument to make that it’s lawful to be able to make people get rid of... trees.”

- PAUL MITCHELL

PAGE 13 Fruit fly crusaders unite

“It’s about understanding where the hot spots are for the detections, and looking at the culprits...”

- Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone

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Barmera Bowling Club member and project co-ordinator Trevor Marshall in front of the club's newly upgraded green. PHOTO: Josh Brine



# Roll up to see bowling club's new greens

**JOSH BRINE**

A RIVERLAND bowling club is hoping to attract more members, with the installation of its new greens almost complete.

The Barmera Bowling Club is in the process of upgrading its facilities via new lighting for one of its greens and synthetic turf for both.

The project, costing at more than \$300,000, is being supported by Berri Barmera Council through a \$162,000 loan to be repaid over 10 years – a decision supported unanimously by elected members.

Club president Kelvin Carter said contractors had finished laying one of the greens, and would have the other completed in about two weeks.

“At this stage we just need to wait and in about three weeks and we’ll be out there

bowling,” he said.

“The old greens were worn out. They’re only guaranteed for 10 years but we got 15 out of them because we looked after them well.

“They were just starting to get some defects in them, so we tried to get a couple grants, but we missed out.

“They’re not cheap – it’s fairly expensive to do it – but we borrowed money from the Berri Barmera Council... they’ve been very helpful.”

Mr Carter said he hoped the new greens would bring new players and competitions to the club.

“A lot of people have said our greens were fairly quick because once they get a bit threadbare they start to quicken up,” he said.

“Ours are now the exact same as what



Aerial shots of the Barmera Bowling Club's A green before being upgraded (left) and B green after the new turf was laid (right). PHOTOS: supplied

Renmark has put in. We’re really looking forward to it.

“We’ve got a carnival in the spring.

“Hopefully we are up and running and everything is going by then...”

“At this stage it’s looking really good.”

# Locals feeling flat after tyre-slashing spree

**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

A LOCAL man has coughed up more than \$400 for repairs after he was among the victims of a recent tyre-slashing spree in a Riverland town.

Six vehicles in Renmark had tyres damaged between Sunday, June 5, and Monday, June 6, with another 10 also damaged during

the evening of Saturday, June 11.

Renmark man Darren Whitaker – a victim of the first spree – said a tyre on his vehicle was slashed between 5.30pm and 10.50pm.

“I am a shift worker so I parked my car on the curb front of my house in Myrtle Street so as not to make noise with gates, as I leave at night to start midnight shift,” Mr

Whitaker said.

“Around 10.50pm on Monday, June 6, I found a flat tyre on the car. A hole had been poked into the sidewall.

“It was frustrating and not at all welcomed.”

Mr Whitaker said the crime added further financial burden to Riverland families already strug-

gling with increased living costs.

“The cost of the repair was \$420 because I couldn’t get a matching tyre,” he said.

“(The mechanic) said I needed to buy a pair because it’s on side-wall and it’s not repairable.

“It seems whoever did this may know just where to make his mark.

“I could fix my car, but for others

it would have been heart-breaking.”

A SAPOL spokesperson said police were “following positive lines of enquiries”.

Riverlanders with information that may assist the investigation are asked to contact Crime Stoppers – anonymously – by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).



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Mid Murray Council is warning residents about rising waters due to increased flows this month.



# Council warns of ‘flood risk’

MID Murray Council is urging river users and property owners on the River Murray to be prepared for rising waters, which are forecast this month due to increased flows.

The council area covers one of the longest stretches of the River Murray of any local government jurisdiction in Australia.

River Murray flows into SA reached 36GL per day last Friday with the rising waters due to several factors.

Heavy rains in the eastern states have led to increased flows in the Murray-Darling Basin, and water has been released from storages including the Menindee Lakes to manage these inflows, resulting in increasing flows into SA.

Mid Murray Council said flows of up to 40GL into SA were at the upper level of the normal range and once they exceeded this, the risk of faster currents and submerged debris increases.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said river users, river-front property owners, and residents needed to be aware of higher flows and the possibility they could increase further.

“We are fortunate to enjoy some of the most beautiful parts of the River Murray right here on our doorstep and it is fantastic to see it looking fuller and healthier after droughts only a few years ago,” he said.

But Mr Burgess warned if water levels

continued to rise some areas could risk a minor inundation.

“It also changes the river’s behaviour and this is something all users should be watching out for,” he said.

“Faster currents present a danger for those on or in the water, and there is also the risk of submerged threats such as fallen trees or other debris that can be moved by the stronger water flows.”

He said anyone living on or near the water should keep up to date with river level forecasts and check on their properties and river assets such as boats, pontoons, and jetties regularly.

“If you’re out on the river, be mindful that conditions have changed,” Mr Burgess said.

“Even if you know a particular swimming, kayaking, boating or fishing spot well, there is always a risk of strong currents or new underwater dangers.”

Mr Burgess said river users should check their surroundings thoroughly, wear appropriate protective gear such as a personal floatation device, and inform others of their intended movements.

Mid Murray Council will continue to monitor river flows and levels, and will take precautions to protect its own infrastructure in low-lying areas if required.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



Cobdogla Steam Friends Society president Robin Bawden is concerned about the future of the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum after SA Water cut funding for the group.  
PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

## Cobby museum out of steam after funding cut?

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“We’ve put in these hours, and I personally put in these hours, on the understanding it was ongoing.

“Now I feel like I’ve been had, and I’ve virtually wasted years of my life.”

An SA Water spokesperson said other possible operating models for the museum would be explored.

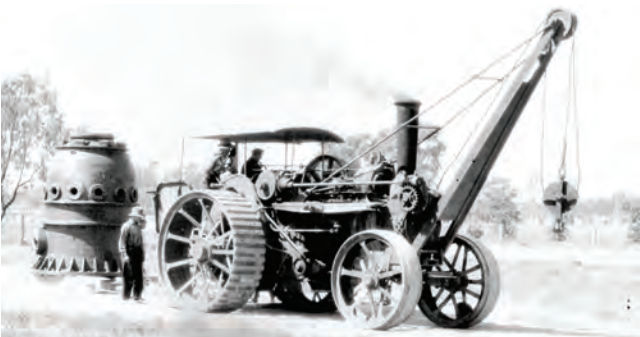
“The sponsorship agreement entered into between SA Water and the Cobdogla Steam Friends Society ends on June 30, and noted that alternate sources of financial support would be required after this date,” the spokesperson said.

“We are committed to working together with the Cobdogla Steam Friends Society to explore alternate options for the future of the local irrigation and steam museum site.

“We have confirmed to the society that we will provide continued financial support for the next six months while we work together to find and assess potential funding and operating models for the future.”

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the “world-renowned” museum provided a connection to the Riverland’s irrigation history.

“The Riverland commu-



The steam museum is the home to the world’s only working Humphrey pump (pictured), which was delivered to Cobdogla in 1923.

nity has and will again rally behind one of its most beloved historic icons and the world-renowned Humphrey pump,” Mr Whetstone said.

“However, it’s obviously a huge blow to the Cobdogla Steam Museum and every volunteer has invested blood, sweat and tears into keeping it operating.

“It is an icon of the South Australian irrigation fraternity and an icon of Australia’s history with irrigation. It is recognised by world-renowned engineers, and this is the reason that it has so much commitment from the community and afar.

“I am urging the state government to take immediate action to have SA Water continue to support the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum to facilitate

the ongoing operation of the Humphrey pump and museum.

“The passionate volunteers who operate the museum and the pump deserve much better.”

Mr Bawden said the museum – which is home to the world’s only working Humphrey Pump – attracted visitors to the region.

“We feel it’s a fairly important exhibit for the Riverland,” he said.

“It’s a tourist attraction, it’s got a lot of community support, and it would be a sad day for the Riverland to see it fold.

“(SA Water) have been supporting us to the amount of \$70,000 each year, which sounds like a bit, but when you think about it, it’s probably less than the cost of a caretaker.”

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# Mask irony heralds post Covid era

PAUL MITCHELL

ANDREW Lloyd Webber would surely enjoy the unintended irony.

A group of Riverland musical enthusiasts is casting aside the unmistakable emblem of the Covid years and instead embracing theatre’s most iconic mask for their 2022 production.

Dogged by Covid restrictions since 2020, the Riverland Musical Society hopes to fill the Chaffey Theatre next month for its production of The Phantom of the Opera, when the titular character’s mask will thankfully be more prominent than the medical variety now a household item.

It has been 18 long months since the RMS successfully staged Mamma Mia!, delayed due to Covid concerns and hampered by associated seating limitations at the Chaffey.

But finally unburdened, local Phantom cast members are busily rehearsing and are “very excited” about finally returning to the stage.

“This time without Covid restrictions,” said RMS publicity officer Josie Robertson.

“However, it still hasn’t been without its challenges during the rehearsal period, with many cast and crew having to be absent with the virus or as close contacts.

“But as restrictions have eased things have become much easier and it is fantastic to know we can fill the Chaffey Theatre with patrons this year, unlike in 2020.

“The year 2021 was a long, dry year for those who love the stage and the camaraderie that you get when being part of a group like the Riverland Musical Society.”

Early ticket sales for the July 15-24 production suggest the Riverland public is also eager to return to pre-Covid normality.

“Tickets went on sale last Wednesday and judging by the early bookings, things are looking very positive that we will have full houses,” Ms Robertson said.

“I think the general public are very keen to finally have the opportunity to get out and see live shows again, especially in our local region with our very own local talent.”

The Phantom of the Opera is arguably English composer Andrew Lloyd Webber’s most popular musical and is the longest-running show in Broadway history.

The story of a mysterious masked musical genius who lives beneath the Paris Opera House and becomes obsessed with a beautiful soprano was the perfect choice for this year’s production, and has served to highlight the depth of musical talent across the Riverland, according to Ms Robertson.

“It is certainly a significantly different musical from Mamma Mia!, which was a happy, well-known and sing-along musical, that ended up being perfect following all the lockdowns and restrictions of the Covid



Andrew Talbot will play the Phantom and Belinda Binney will play Christine Daae in the Riverland Musical Society’s upcoming production of The Phantom of the Opera.  
PHOTOS: Italo Vardaro



Estelle Rivell as Carlotta and Mark Skewes as Ubaldo Ping.



Joey Haenen as Raoul Vicomte de Chagny and Belinda Binney as Christine Daae.

years,” she said.

“The quality of the singing, and the acting of these remarkable amateur Phantom performers is something to behold.

“Auditions many months ago were breathtaking and (it is) unbelievable that this was amateur, that this is just Riverland talent.”

To be directed by Loxton woman Sally Goode, The Phantom of the Opera will be performed at the Chaffey Theatre, in



## Council to write off overdue library fees

ALEXANDRA BULL

LOXTON Waikerie council will write off nearly \$31,000 in outstanding library fees.

Following a decision at last Friday’s monthly meeting, council will write off library debts that have been outstanding since the end of 2019, but also attempt to recover outstanding debts from 2020, 2021 and 2022, amounting to \$8909.

A joint report by Loxton Waikerie council’s library and information manager and its chief finance officer said long overdue items which have not been returned remain on the library catalogue, and provide an inaccurate figure of items held by libraries.

“To have a true reflection of library items on the catalogue it is good practice to remove items that have a low chance of being returned,” the report said.

Once a library borrower’s debt is over \$30, they are blocked from further borrowing until the debt is paid or the items are returned.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

## Even less horsing around if club folds

OWNING a horse is no picnic. Like other pets, horses requires love and care – and feeding. But they also require dedication, attention to detail and selflessness. And that’s every day. And they can be expensive. Perhaps those extra factors go some way to explaining the likely demise of the Renmark Horse and Pony Club, for which the last rites will seemingly be read at a meeting next week. During its halcyon days, up to 25 local riders would take part in the club’s regular rallies, held on its superb grounds, just outside Renmark. Olympic champions have graced the turf, passing on their knowledge and experiences to keen locals. It has long been a place for enthusiastic and talented horsemen and horsewomen, all animals lovers, pursuing a shared interest. However, without an unlikely surge in membership, and more particularly rider numbers, it seems the club will be wound up next Tuesday, June 28. Unfortunately, it will go the way of plenty of other country-based pursuits, ultimately falling victim to steadily declining membership and interest. Owning and caring for a horse is a lifelong – for the animal – commitment, not to be taken lightly. Young people learn plenty of valuable life skills from being responsible for pets, and those lessons are magnified with horses, which require more than just a daily tin of food and being let outside in the morning. If the club does fold, the Riverland’s already below-par base of ‘horse people’ and related activities will be further eroded. It is an anomaly that the district is without a racing club, with the once vibrant Berri racecourse – and others dotted around the place – now resigned to history, despite the well-meaning but always-doomed contribution of a would-be entrepreneur who presented to a local council group not that long ago. The activities of horse lovers often overlap. Champion Australian jockey Jamie Kah joined the One Tree Hill Pony Club as a two-year-old, and by 10 was riding at the Mount Pleasant Pony Club. She is regarded as a gifted equestrian and for all her racing success has stated that she retains an ambition to ride at the Olympics. Horse lovers tend to congregate around events that feature horses, essentially sharing their love of the animal. Fortunately, the Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club has survived a near-death experience and will again stage its ‘Melbourne Cup of the Mallee’ meeting this September. But it was a close call. Also, a Renmark-based riding therapy operation appears to be thriving, helping special needs children develop, both physically and mentally. It continues the work carried out for years by the Riverland Riding for the Disabled group – which unfortunately has now folded – and again underlines the role horses can play in improving people’s lives. In addition, the Riverland is home to a couple of other active riding clubs, which are presumably in a better state than the Renmark club. It will be a great shame if the Renmark Horse and Pony Club closes, but hopefully the benefits of horse ownership continue to be recognised and experienced locally.



Butcher AB (‘Ben’) Tschirpig and team, East Terrace, Loxton, 1915-16: It wouldn’t be allowed today but take a look at the shopfront. By hanging the sides, legs and sausages, exposed to the fresh air (and flies) of the day, the locals could at least see what they were going to purchase. Ben operated his butchery in Loxton from 1910-1916, weighing his meat on the large set of scales on the shop counter. At right are the ‘cutting carts’ (delivery vans) of yesteryear: a horse-pulled buggy and a two-horse delivery wagon. At left is his then latest model, a 1915-16 T Model Ford modified as a delivery van. The shop was located on the site now occupied by Bank SA. “If ever a family deserved a nod of respect it would have to be the Riverland clan of Tschirpigs,” said the SA Master Butchers. Ten family members have accumulated 260 years’ service as Riverland butchers: Traugott (20 years), Ben (20), Oswald (32), Norm (35), Alwyn (30), Norm Darkie (25), Dean (45), Ian (8), Ren (15) and Chris (30). Their story began at the turn of last century when brothers Ben and Traugott started butchering from this shop in Loxton. PHOTO: Dean Tschirpig

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Removing trees would be a big call

BIG call regarding removing fruit trees from people’s backyards Tim Whetstone, especially when you’re now on the opposition benches (‘Backyard tree pulls next step?’, Murray Pioneer, 15/6/22). You couldn’t make this call earlier because you might lose votes? I believe the failure to control fruit fly outbreaks sits squarely at your feet. You were – for a period – the minister responsible. The role of PIRSA should be examined carefully. This current scheme is inefficient, ineffective, and wasteful of taxpayers’ money, and it happened on your watch, Mr Whetstone. You mention those backyard growers not doing the right thing could have their trees removed. What would the criteria be? Fruit left on the ground? Would that apply to commercial growers? They leave small citrus on the trees to drop because they are commercially unviable to pick. Stonefruit that drops is left to rot and eventually ploughed in. The Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size previously said that “commercial growers know what to do”. Don’t make me laugh. Not all growers use best practice. We still have growers using 18th century irrigation practices – furrow and flood on large blocks – who don’t pick up their fallen fruit or leave fruit on the vine. They are the biggest culprits. Under this idea, I presume anybody not ‘doing the right thing’ would have their trees removed, whether commercial or home orchard. You can have my trees when you uncurl my cold and lifeless fingers from the branches. TONY ELLIS Renmark North

### Our council cares, but for whom?

THROUGH our church outreach we try to help the homeless.

We have two caravans, both donated by caring people, however, our main hurdle is where to site them. I believe the Renmark Paringa Council does not want the homeless here. Plush’s Bend is no longer free, is available to self-contained vans only and has a time limit on the length of stay. This is the case with the SS Ellen Park and TW Price Park. Council only wants tourists. We have been told that the homeless can go to the river bank – where the only toilet is the river. Great. The grounds and toilets at the old high school would be ideal but those have been denied us despite not being used for many years. We could have done a lot to improve the appearance. So, our council cares, providing you’re not homeless. KATHLEEN TUBB Renmark

### It’s their job to critique the budget

I READ with interest Trevor Norton’s praise of Tony Pasin in his column (‘Tick for Tony, but not for Nicola and Tim?’, Murray Pioneer, 15/6/22) and agree with his positive comments about Tony. However, I was a little confused though regarding his criticism of Tim Whetstone and Nicola Centofanti. Isn’t it their job to point out the flaws in the state government’s budget regarding the Riverland? Would Trevor have criticized them if they had not pointed out the reduction in the Labor government’s budget to regional SA? Some information that Trevor omitted: Tim Whetstone has been promoted to shadow minister for police and community safety, road safety, corrections, mental health and suicide prevention. Nicola Centofanti has the portfolios of primary industries, regional SA, water resources and

the River Murray. Her role as the Opposition leader of the Legislative Council means she is part of a team that looks after the whole state, not just the Riverland. TONY SPIERS Renmark

### I have a plan for my local council

WOULD you like me to spoil the ending? I have just read the Mid Murray Council Long Term Financial Plan (2022-2032), and the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-2023. We find ourselves about \$23m in debt (liabilities), with an operating deficit for the next year of about \$5m. The current fix seems to be that we should all pay 6 per cent more on our rates. But there is a happy ending: in 10 years we will be in surplus. I cannot see a clear strategy for that happening though. In one of the documents there is this line, “strategies will be developed”. Even if that were to happen, there is usually nobody free to make the strategy happen. In my view, all council workers are fully occupied already. So maybe the ending is a little fictional, considering we are coming off record-low interest rates and inflation is starting to percolate. However, good news, I have a plan, I have a strategy. And I have the energy to make things happen. Just remember to enrol to vote before July 29 or you will miss your chance to vote for me in the November council elections. Chat to me anytime about my take on things. JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

### Howard an example of this precious life

WHEN my husband and I were out walking over the weekend we passed St Albert’s Catholic School where a chap was on his hands and knees weeding.

We called out to him, “You can come to our place when you have finished here”. To our great surprise, when the gardener stood up it was Loxton’s Howard Hendrick, our much-loved 98-year-old World War II veteran. His cheeky reply was: “You couldn’t afford me. I charge by the minute.” After a laugh and a wave he was back on his knees again, tending to the garden. It made me realise that these small precious moments make living worthwhile and we should value and treasure them. LILLIAN MATTNER Loxton

### Imponderable flatus

OH dear, the farting tax is back in discussion again, targeting livestock producers. The silliness of city-centric politicians is beyond measure. What about the native fauna (kangaroos, emus, wombats, dingoes etc.) and feral animals such as pigs, camels, horses, goats and buffalo? They don’t fart? Two legged farts too. JEANETTE STAEHR Barmera

### Why you actually don’t need electricity

IT seems Riverlanders and Australians in general are upset at the cost and availability of electricity. I can do nothing about the availability, but the cost is simple to solve. Nobody “needs” electricity. We have all been advised to turn off certain appliances at certain times. I suggest you turn off all your appliances and leave them off. For example, your fridge. Right now, since it’s cold, it’s warmer in your fridge than outside. You certainly don’t need a freezer. That is the supermarkets’ problem. Heating appliances are hoaxes, when you can adequately rug up against the chill in six jumpers, three pairs of pants, three



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pairs of socks, and a blanket over your head. You probably won't be able to move around much in this attire, but if you're on well-fare like me, it won't matter.

The next appliance you can well do without, is your television set, which is mind-numbing dribble. I will miss the ABC news.

You don't need hot water. Your morning and evening coffees will taste adequate with cold water and powdered milk.

If you've got one, get rid of your car, and let the supermarkets deliver what you need.

At night, hop into bed in a sleeping bag, covered by a doona or two.

Go to bed when the sun goes down and arise when the sun comes up.

Remember, none of these tips are new. They are currently being practised by the poor wretches in the Ukraine.

**FRANK SCHUIITE**  
Waikerie

**Energy policies are self-inflicted pain**

JUST like parents who want to be friends with their children instead of offering measured discipline and “tough love” when required, it seems the modern political class placates the noisiest and most demanding constituents, regardless of how that will impact the electorate.

While I am fully in favour of transferring Australia's energy production to renewables, I am dead against committing to emissions reduction targets while the means of achieving these targets remains unknown, and we do not have the practical means of achieving them.

The situation is worsened by spoilers on the political Left banning any consideration of fracking for gas, the means by which the US has drastically reduced its emissions, or nuclear, currently the only emissions-free source of reliable base load power.

This most recent commitment by the federal government to further emissions reductions during an energy crisis is a clear picture of things to come.

We appear to be on the path of a Venezuelan self-inflicted



destruction of our national economy.

**ANDREW WEEKS**  
St Peters

**Pioneer writer not taking it seriously**

IN response to Collis Marrett's letter, 'Climate Change bunkum exposed again' (Murray Pioneer, 1/6/22), I suggest he do some research about climate change in Australia and the planet.

Instead of referring to people most likely sponsored by the fossil fuel industry, which is responsible for about 70 per cent of climate misinformation, I suggest he go to the world-class site, the CSIRO.

Our CSIRO has long-term predictions about how the climate in southern Australia is predicted to change and it's not pleasant reading for rural industries.

Mr Marrett wrote this: "Mr Rapisarda goes on to state that 'students understand concepts such as tipping points where irreversible changes occur'.

The only way students could possibly understand these concepts is if they are spoon fed this information from their teachers, which only serves to substantiate Mr Douglas's claims that green activism has infiltrated our education system."

I supervised a maths class for year 7 students and a quiet girl sat at the front of the class, put up her hand and said: "I've finished the work, sir. Can I go on with my own work instead?"

I said sure and she promptly put her year 7 maths book in her bag and took out a year 12 maths book and began to do calculus exercises.

That girl demonstrates the sort of talent found in classrooms and the sort of brainpower that is employed by organisations such as the CSIRO.

Fortunately right wing political groups that don't take climate change seriously got whacked in the past election and maybe residents of Queensland who are living with extremes of climate are the reason such groups were ignored.

Those who want to believe climate change is bunkum, and the world hasn't been heating up in the past 15 years, are in for a serious reality check.

Maybe they could listen to a few school kids who know better?

**ALF RAPISARDA**  
Elwood, Victoria

**Sneak preview**

IN the amusement advertisements for attractions at various Riverland cinemas and drive-in theatres ('Looking back at 130 years', Murray Pioneer, 8/6/22), The Sound of Music is captioned as screening in 1960.

That would have been quite an achievement, because the hugely popular musical was not released until 1965. In this state, its exclusive season commenced the following year at the Hoyts Paris Theatre in Adelaide, and ran for a record 107 weeks.

Therefore, it is very doubtful if the spoonful of sugar could have followed every rainbow to your region before 1968.

**ALAN BELL**  
Meribah

**Looking back...**  
10 years ago June 22, 2012



GOING DOWN: The Riverland's population has fallen by 2.7 per cent since 2006, while South Australia recorded a 5.4 per cent rise over the same period. According to the results of the 2011 Census of Population and Housing, released yesterday, the region has 31,115 residents – about 1.9 per cent of the state's total. The Berri and Barmera local government area recorded the biggest downturn, with a 3.2 per cent decrease bringing its population to 10,583.

**20 years ago June 21, 2002**



BRL'S PAY CUT PLAN: BRL Hardy is seeking to reduce payments to its growers for grapes delivered this vintage. The wine company, Australia's largest, is in negotiations with grower groups to partially reduce payments for the three premium grape varieties. BRL Hardy managing director Stephen Millar has pinpointed the massive increase in grape tonnage it received, 60,000 more than anticipated, for the decision to re-negotiate prices.

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

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**TEXT LINE**

Well said, Trev (Text Line, 15/6/22). And China are building more coal-fired power plants.

**CROCKETT**  
Renmark

Excellent column from Trevor Norton ('Tick for Tony, not for Tim and Nicola?', Murray Pioneer, 15/6/22), particularly where he said Tim Whetstone and Nicola Centofanti had "turned to attack and negatives" on the SA Labor Government. They are finding it hard to come to grips with losing the election. But then we pick up *The Pioneer* this week and Tim is at it again ('PATS spat risking health of locals'). Yes the Liberals had four years to increase the PATS rebate and did nothing. Going back three years ago, the talk of the Riverland was Mr Whetstone promising a food and wine centre. In that period there was so many grants worth millions of dollars available. Surely

that could have gone to a food and wine centre, which is badly needed to help the tourism industry?

**K. DATSON**  
Waikerie

The Berri Barmera Council plan was a draft. We were invited to give feedback, staff and elected members listened and have responded. That is what consultation is about. It's not a backflip as per your headline (Murray Pioneer, 15/6/22), but a step in an open process. I'm glad our opinions were valued.

**JULIE AHRENS**  
Berri

Regarding Berri Barmera Council rates, it's unbelievable how much we are paying living here. If it was easier to move I would, but I like the areas. I think council needs to look where it could save money to reduce rates, or at least keep them the same. Council cannot keep on

being so uncompetitive. We are bleeding dollars paying these crazy rates.

**EJK**  
Berri

It has been great to read in *The Murray Pioneer* some sound common sense regarding all this 'carbon-free' hype. Congratulations and thanks to Collis Marrett and Viv Forbes for their recent excellent letters. If only people would pay heed, especially the polities.

**ER and LR**  
Loxton

I agree 100 per cent with Tim Whetstone's suggestion ('Backyard tree pulls next step', Murray Pioneer, 15/6/22). I know of at least two local families nearby who are still sharing backyard fruit. If people aren't going to do the right thing, action needs to be taken.

**CHRIS**  
Renmark

Yep, if people don't keep their trees up to scratch, get rid of them. Growers will be the big losers if fruit fly gets worse, like it is across the border.

**BOB**  
Barmera

Loving the In Depth feature in Renmark at the moment. I took my two little nieces to it last Friday night and they were so excited. Well done to Renmark Paringa Council and everyone else behind it. If you haven't seen it already, make sure you have a look at night time.

**PETER**  
Berri

Happy to agree with the decision to fly the Aboriginal flag on the Sydney Harbour Bridge. But to do it is apparently going to cost \$25m. It's hard to understand that cost, but it's probably to do with red tape.

**RED T**  
Renmark



# Local health sector's Covid battle continues

JOSH BRINE

THE region's local health network is continuing to deal with the impacts of Covid-19, including the recent temporary closure of a Riverland maternity service and another outbreak at an aged care facility.

Maternity and obstetric services were halted at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri at 8am on Thursday, June 9, due to a staff shortage, with services resuming on the morning of Saturday, June 11.

During that time maternity patients were diverted to the Loxton Hospital Complex.

"Obstetric services in the Riverland are primarily provided by GP obstetricians and we have arrangements in place to cover the on-call roster to ensure ongoing care to the community," a Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) spokesperson said.

"(The recent) temporary birthing and obstetrics service suspension at Riverland General Hospital was due to urgent unforeseen personal circumstances affecting the availability of the obstetri-



Maternity and obstetric services were redirected away from the Riverland General Hospital due to staffing shortages recently.

cian who was rostered on-call.

"During this period, maternity patients who required care at Loxton Hospital were accompanied by their usual Midwifery Group Practice midwife to ensure continuity of care."

The spokesperson said the RMCLHN had been unable to fill the roster from the local medical workforce as other obstetricians were unavailable due to leave or Covid-19.

"On this occasion, we had to book a locum who was on-call from 8am Saturday, June 11," they said.

"We work collaboratively with local GPs and surrounding hospitals within our Local Health Network to ensure we can continue to deliver safe and high-quality birthing and obstetric services to the community.

"We are always exploring ways to further strengthen our medical workforce and we have recently recruited a second salaried obstetrician gynaecologist who will assist with the on-call obstetrics roster in mid-July."

Meanwhile, Barmera's Hawdon House residential aged care facility was again closed to visitors over the weekend following a Covid-19 outbreak among residents.

The RMCLHN has encouraged families to use FaceTime in the interim, while visitation may be granted on compassionate grounds by the RMCLHN's director of nursing and CEO.

The facility was previously closed to visitors from April 26 to May 8 due to a Covid-19 outbreak.



A member of the River Murray Boat Owners Association says group members were verbally abused after arriving at the Berri wharf following a cruise. PHOTO: Josh Brine

# Town's CBD problems 'driving tourists away'

By JOSH BRINE



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ANTI-social behaviour in Berri's CBD could be costing the town tourism dollars, with a local man claiming a number of houseboat owners had been scared away from a river-front area.

John Vandeleur, of Cadell, said about a dozen boats from the River Murray Boat Owners Association (RMBOA) had intended to moor in Berri last year when they were confronted by "intimidating" people on the river bank at the foot of Vaughan Terrace.

"We had all the boats in line to pull up there and there were these inebriated people up the top of the bank and they were behaving very badly to say the least," he said.

"They became pretty intimidating as well, saying it was their river and they should set our boats on fire and so on.

"We didn't want to hang around – most of the guys never even pulled in.

"Berri lost a fair bit of business. They would have lost in the vicinity of about 26 to 28 meals at the pub that night.

"I know it is not the end of the world, but it's a significant bit of icing on the cake for them when you have a big mob of strangers coming through."

Mr Vandeleur, 79, said he notified the visitor information centre of the incident, with police arriving 15 minutes later to move the group along.

"By that time, it was too late and all the other boats had decided they weren't hanging around," he said.

"Later... I went around to the council office and I reported it to them as well.

"I made it known in reasonable terms that it's really bad news and unacceptable and the town had lost some business out of it because of the fact they were so intimidating as well as being rather abusive."

Chaffey MP and state opposition spokesperson for police, Tim Whetstone, said he had spoken with constituents and local businesses about safety in the Berri town centre

and anti-social behaviour deterring visitors.

"Those responsible for any type of anti-social behaviour need to know that it is unacceptable and simply shouldn't be tolerated," he said.

"Our community's safety is priority and I know that our local SAPOL officers do what they can."

"Tackling anti-social behaviour is certainly a complex issue and there needs to be a multi-agency approach in the search for a solution.

"Our region is an amazing place to live and visit. We rely heavily on our tourism industry, and we need to be doing everything we possibly can to guarantee that our towns are safe and appealing for visitors, as well as our locals."

Mr Vandeleur said the opinion among houseboat owners was that Berri was seen as "not a place to stop over".

"It's probably difficult for authorities of any sort to be able to sort it out," he said.

"Some years ago, Waikerie had a similar reputation.

"We had some lads in their late teens causing a lot of mischief... so for some years, no houseboat would moor overnight in Waikerie.

"(Loxton Waikerie) council addressed that in the end and now you can stay there overnight without any problems.

"It's such a shame because we find Berri is a great supply point.

"It's been to the detriment of Berri businesses as well."

The latest claims follow a member of the public questioning Berri Barmera Council on what actions it was taking to curb behavioural problems along Vaughan Terrace at council's April ordinary meeting.



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# Straight to the top

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

THE announcement of 100 per cent water allocations for Riverland growers and irrigators is expected to ensure confidence in local horticultural production for the upcoming year.

The state government last week confirmed SA River Murray irrigators would begin the 2022-23 water year with full allocations.

Renmark Irrigation Trust general manager Rosalie Auricht said the announcement would help local growers offset other economic challenges.

“It is great to have a 100 per cent water allocation prior to the start of the next irrigation season,” Ms Auricht said.

“Irrigators relying on South Australian allocation can have full confidence in water availability for their horticulture businesses.

“Growers are already feeling the impact of high inflation and low prices for red wine grapes.

“There will be communal relief that irrigation water will not be another business

pressure in the year ahead.”

It is understood Murray-Darling Basin storages are currently at 94 per cent capacity, which is 27 per cent above the long-term average for the end of June.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone believed the possible re-introduction of buy-backs in order to complete the Murray-Darling Basin Plan would be an unnecessary burden on local irrigators.

“The news that irrigators will now have access to 100 per cent of their water entitlements is good news and a positive for Riverland business confidence,” Mr Whetstone said.

“Soaking rains in the catchment providing certainty with full opening allocations is welcome news for all South Australian River Murray irrigators.

“I call on both federal and state Labor governments to provide initiatives to achieve the final piece to the Basin Plan, the 450GL into the southern-connected system.

“With low commodity prices, buybacks should not be a part of the solution.



Renmark Irrigation Trust general manager Rosalie Auricht (right), pictured with presiding member Humphrey Howie, says the confirmation of 100 per cent opening water allocations will help local irrigators and growers deal with other economic challenges.

River communities have done their part, as have our food producers.

“I want to see other methods to achieve the 3200.”

However, Water Minister Susan Close said delivery of the 450GL would be vital to securing South Australian

irrigation through future drought conditions.

“I’m pleased that the state’s water users will begin this water year with the security of a full allocation,” Ms Close said.

“Much of our state’s prosperity and environmental

sustainability comes from the River Murray which is why our government is committed to making the Murray a priority for South Australia again.

“I also look forward to working with the (federal) government to deliver the

Murray-Darling Basin Plan in full, including delivering the final 450GL, which federal Labor has also committed to.”

The announcement of a 100 per cent opening allocation means private carryover will be unavailable for 2022-23.



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## WARBURTON'S BUTCHERS



# After 49 years, Fred’s finally out of fashion

PAUL MITCHELL

TIES and pants of wildly varying widths, the decline of “apro” and the rise of serial browsers.

Loxton man Trevor ‘Fred’ Petch has seen it all during an enduring 49-year career in the clothing retail game that officially ends next week.

Fred started at The Loxton Men’s Store as a fresh-faced 16-year-old way back in 1973 and has been with the business – through several name changes – ever since.

“Things do tend to go in cycles,” he says.

“Pants go skinny, then wide, then skinny again. Ties are the same and I’ve seen that happen numerous times.

“And polo-fleece-pattern jumpers that we had in the ’80s and ’90s are now back again.”

Fred purchased the business in 1987 from the retiring Doug Mutton, not long after it relocated from the opposite side of East Terrace to its current spot.

He and daughter Jodie Williams hand over the keys to Surf to Suit next Wednesday, ending the family’s long association with the business. Fred thanked his family members for their support over the years, including wife and non-staff member Deb, who “helped



‘Fred’ Petch starting out his employment journey.  
PHOTO: Facebook

out at busy times and quite often on Saturdays and long weekends etc.”.

In the lead-up to the era ending, Jodie has been posting vintage photos from the store’s fashion history on social media, sparking plenty of good-natured commentary.

“The ’80s were probably the worst era,” Fred says.

“I couldn’t believe some of the stuff in the Mensland catalogues from back then.

“And happy pants – that was a pretty bad era too.”

Despite the current business name, suits and formal-wear are less popular now than ever, Fred says.

“I used to wear a tie to work every day, then in the late ’80s I started to feel like I was overdressed for the majority of what we sell,” he says.



Trevor ‘Fred’ Petch is nearing the end of his stint in fashion retail, after starting as a 16-year-old Brown’s Well Area School graduate in 1973.  
PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

“We sell a lot less suits now, to the point that even for weddings, a lot of people wear chino-type pants. Some still wear suits, but the dress code has got a lot more casual over the years.”

Fred and Jodie both noted that the unswerving John Vaughan, of Vaughan’s Shoe Store and Sewing Centre, is the last man in Loxton who “wears a shirt and tie down the main street”.

Also gradually disappearing is the quaint, country-

town custom of buying items “on apro”, short for “approval”.

“Going back a few years a lot of women would do the shopping for their husbands – it still happens, but not to the same extent,” Fred says.

“We used to do a lot of apro, where they’d come in and Mrs Smith would say, ‘Bill needs this and this and something else’.

“And we’d know their size, so we’d get 10 or 15 things together and write it on a docket, send it home. Bill would try it on, then she’d come back with what they didn’t want.

“There was a lot of trust involved in that, but it’s phasing out. It’s a country town thing – you’d never do it in the city.”

Naturally, fashions have changed over the years, but so have customers’ shopping habits, Jodie says.

“Many people want to browse now,” she says.

“You still make a point of asking them if they need help, but even if they need it, they’ll say ‘no’.

“But older customers will still ask for help. They like and expect that service.”

Fred, 65, concedes he will miss the customer contact, and says after a few months he might look for some part-time work around town. More immediately, however, he will relish the absence of pressure to always dress sharply.

“I even think twice if I’m in the garden on a Sunday and I want to duck down

to Baker’s (Loxton Home Timber & Hardware) and get something,” he says.


“I think, ‘Oh, do I look like I can go and do that?’.”


Fred looks back fondly on the positive rapport he enjoyed with the lengthy list of staff members over the stretch, and is toying with the idea of having a reunion. Incredibly, he has kept all employee timebooks since the late 1980s.

Jodie was just five when Fred bought the store and has worked there for many years.

Three generations worked together for a while, when Jodie’s daughter Georgia was on board.

Local couple Jake and Mel Albrecht are taking over Surf to Suit.





Trevor (Fred), Deb, Jodie and Chloe would like to sincerely thank the people of Loxton, the Riverland, the Mallee and further afield for their support over the past 35 years.

We wish Mel and Jake every success in their new venture and trust that they will continue to receive the same level of support that we have.

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COOL MAN: Some of the 1980s fashions stocked at the former Loxton Mensland, now Surf to Suit. Jodie Williams, Fred Petch’s daughter, has been posting a selection of images on Facebook.



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Loxton's Vocal Locals joined together for their orientation meeting last Friday. They will begin their weekly wellbeing coaching next week. Pictured are back (from left): Mark DeCaux, Travis Flight, Brenton Kroehn and Peri McIntosh. Middle: Stephen May, Tim Paschke and Darren Letton. Front: Chloe Oldman and Leanne Kaesler. Absent: Sam Hentschke. PHOTO: supplied

# Loxton locals getting vocal

ELYSE ARMANINI

A NEW initiative in Loxton aimed at spreading positive mental health and wellbeing-related messages in the community began last Friday.

The Vocal Locals program kicked off with a workshop, run by Mental Health Partners, at The Precinct, Loxton.

The workshop invited community members to join the Vocal Locals and learn new skills and practical strategies to manage their mental health and wellbeing.

Vocal Locals local co-ordinator John Gladigau said the community showed a “great response” at the workshop.

“We had a maximum of 25 people and we actually exceeded that, so we had all the people we were chasing – which was fantastic,” he said.

“It went very well. I think everyone was really impressed with how open and engaging all of the people who came along were.

“We were looking at things like anxiety and depression, and normalising the discussions around that.

“It was very positive, and all of those who came from the community – outside of the Vocal Locals – had a really strong response.”

Mr Gladigau said the workshop allowed for “a lot of engagement” from community members and the Vocal Locals alike.

“There were certainly a lot of practical stories,” he said.

“But there was also a lot of engagement from within the group itself, and some small group stuff as well – where people got together and came up with their own thoughts and theories and shared them back with the group.”

Following the workshop, the Vocal Locals came together for the first time for an orientation meeting.

Over the next two months, Vocal Locals participants will complete free, evidence-based online modules through the farmer wellbeing program ifarmwell.

“They’ll be starting with the wellbeing coach (next week),” Mr Gladigau said.

“They will begin their one-on-one sessions with her and will be starting their whole online journey from that point on.

“Some of them don’t know each other very well, so it’s about them getting on the same page and feeling some confidence, or comfort, in sharing between each other.

“While they won’t be sharing all about their private lives online, they’ll certainly be looking to lean on each other as they go through this shared experience.”



Members of the Loxton community joined the Vocal Locals for a mental health workshop, run by Mental Health Partners, last Friday. PHOTO: Facebook

# Drink driver hits 155km/h

A RIVERLAND man lost his licence and had his car impounded after he was found speeding more than 40km/h over the limit while drunk.

A Berri police patrol conducting mobile radar duties detected a Nissan utility travelling on the Sturt Highway, near Monash, at 155km/h in a 110km/h speed zone, around 7.30pm last Wednesday, June 15.

The driver – a 50-year-old man from Renmark – was stopped and allegedly produced a blood alcohol reading of 0.149.

The man was reported for speeding and drink driving, and issued with a six-month instant loss of licence, while his vehicle was also impounded for 28 days.

It is understood the man will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.



A Renmark man was caught speeding more than 40km/h over the limit, while drink-driving, in Monash last week. PHOTO: supplied

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# Council reps head to Canberra

LOXTON Waikerie council is the sole Riverland council to decide against sending representatives to an annual local government event in Canberra this week.

Over 800 mayors and councillors are attending the 28th National General Assembly of Local Government (2022 NGA), which started on Sunday and finishes today.

Renmark Paringa Council's deputy mayor Henry Du Rieu and CEO Tony Siviour are among those in attendance, along with Berri Barmera Council Mayor Peter Hunt and councillor Adrian Little.

Loxton Waikerie council told The Murray Pioneer it would be without a representative in Canberra.

Each attendee is charged \$1099 to attend the event, while those who choose to stay home and take in the proceedings virtually are charged \$689.

The neighbouring Mid Murray Council has sent CEO Ben Scales and Mayor Dave Burgess.



● Renmark Paringa CEO Tony Siviour



● Renmark Paringa deputy mayor Henry Du Rieu



● Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt



● Berri Barmera Cr Adrian Little

Renmark Paringa Council told The Pioneer its duo would also attend a dedicated regional event. "Council will... be attending the ALGA regional forum on Sunday due to the particular focus on the regional housing crisis and natural disaster miti-

gation," Mr Siviour said. Organisers describe the 2022 NGA gathering as "the peak annual event for local government". "This event provides a unique opportunity for local government to engage directly with the

federal government, to develop national policy, and to influence the future direction of our councils and our communities," ALGA says on its program.

The theme for the 2022 NGA is Partners in Progress.

Monday's program included an address from Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. The keynote address, titled 'Local government and productivity', was delivered by Marcus Spiller, of SGS Economics & Planning.

Yesterday's program included an address by prominent journalist and author Stan Grant titled 'Global democracy', while attendees were also able to attend a session titled 'Local governments tackling climate change'.

Senior Australian of the Year Valmai Dempsey is delivering today's keynote address on driver first aid, after a session on the indigenous initiative 'Closing the gap', among other topics.

Attendee dinners were held at the National Museum of Australia on Monday night and Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) last night.



## Good food and company, and good Riverland wine

DRINKING good wine with good food in good company is one of life's most civilized pleasures.

And so it was on Saturday night, when bon voyaging good friends about to journey overseas for a few months.

All guests knocked with their elbows, which assembled a carte du jour of vino to partner the plentiful fare.

Tasmanian sparkling, Clare Valley riesling, Adelaide Hills chardonnay, Barossa shiraz, Coonawarra cabernet and McLaren Vale grenache were all members of the cast – each variety from its acknowledged peak production region.

A couple of Riverland wines also lined up for the sampling, prompting some in-depth comparison.

You might think this a little unfair, but a well-constructed, local Touriga Nacional Tempranillo more than held its own with the more well-known plonk.

Good company always means good conversation and after plenty, all but one circled to two agreed conclusions.

### Number one:

Riverland wine should not be competing with, nor be compared to, the same varieties from other districts, which each have far better climate and soils for production.

In other words, don't grow shiraz in the Riverland and expect to topple more than 180 years of Barossa Valley shiraz. It's the same trying to outpoint the Coonawarra's terra rossa soil, which is perfect for cabernet sauvignon.

With similar thoughts in mind, some leading producers in the Riverland have for quite some time sought to tack a direction to varieties suited to hot, dry summers, sandy soils, and irrigation.

This has required seeking grape types that do well in similar conditions overseas, with Spain and the Mediterranean a good template. It has also seen a slight return to the past and to those requiring fortification.

Several Riverland wineries now produce some very good wines, albeit not with familiar names.

Fiano, durif, sparkling and still, the aforementioned touriga nacional – with or without tempranillo and the fortified aperas – are but a few.

Another note from dinner discussion was that only a couple of north-of-the-river establishments list these lesser-known wines.

### Number two:

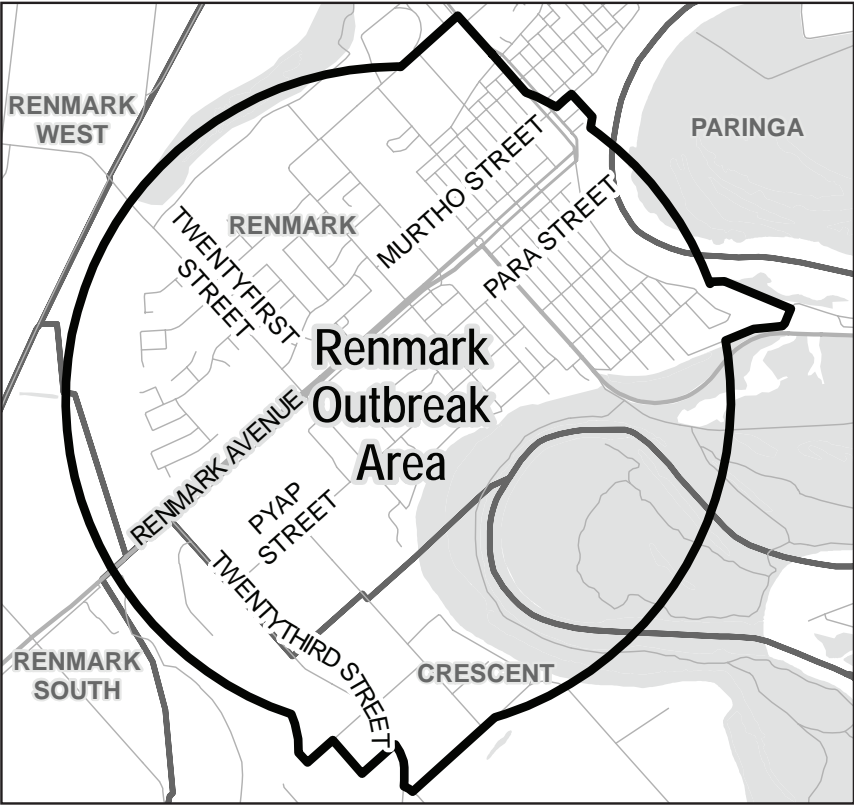
It is well overdue for our community hotels and clubs to play their part and add them to their wine lists and bottles shops.

Despite being well aboard the wagon since a health scare more than four months ago, I was totally immersed in the wine discussion, mostly from memory and some extensive nosing.

My current choice is water, with a light sparkle. A most underrated drink, but not so the next morning following a night like the above.

○ 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.

## FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK RENMARK



Queensland fruit fly maggots have been found at Renmark.

A 1.5 km radius outbreak area has been established.

This will apply until at least 23 December 2022, if there are no further detections.

If you live in the area, visit [fruitfly.sa.gov.au](http://fruitfly.sa.gov.au) to understand the restrictions in place.

Some fruit and vegetables cannot move from properties in the outbreak area.

An eradication program has begun in the area. PIRSA staff wearing orange overalls and carrying ID will be entering front and back yards to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

Call the industry hotline on 1800 255 556 to discuss special arrangements for moving commercial produce.

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## Regional tourism marketing boost

THE Riverland tourism industry will receive an additional \$15,000 for marketing to help the region recover from the impacts of Covid-19, the state government announced yesterday.

Almost \$500,000 has been committed to marketing regional tourism, with each of the state's 11 tourism regions receiving \$15,000.

The funding is on top of the existing \$20,000 baseline support each region receives from SATC, plus \$10,000 in one-off support received in 2021 during the height of Covid-19 restrictions.

SA Tourism Minister Zoe Bettison said the additional funding would help the regions increase their promotional activities in a "very competitive market".

"During Covid it has been very clear that regional tourism has been the exception, with more South Australians than ever exploring our state, staying longer and spending more across our regions," she said.

"Regional tourism now makes up 60 per cent of South Australia's total visitor expenditure – up from 44 per cent at the end of 2019.

"It is a critical pillar for our visitor economy, so now that borders are open, we need to make sure we give the regions all the assistance we can to showcase themselves more broadly to potential travellers into SA."



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# Fruit fly crusaders unite

PAUL MITCHELL

AN Avengers-like group of industry participants emerged from a special fruit fly meeting in Loxton last week optimistic the potentially economy-destroying pest can be eliminated in the Riverland.

Amid an unprecedented succession of district-wide outbreaks, council representatives, primary industry figures, PIRSA staff and local growers met to thrash out a plan ahead of the traditionally risky spring period.

Nick Secomb, general manager of the PIRSA (Primary Industries and Resources SA) fruit fly response, said the exercise uncovered some fresh thinking.

“We’ve been talking with industry and local government for a while now, but this was the first time we’d really sat down as a group and thought about an operational plan, and about how we’re going to put together all the pieces of the puzzle,” he said.

“There was a fair bit of optimism in the room... and there was definitely some new perspectives.

“I made the comment at the end to a few people that I certainly could never have come up with what we came up with on my own.

“I think it was good to have all those different voices. It was a really good mix. We had a few scientists, we

had local government, we had growers, we had industry reps, and between us we found some pretty good ground.”

The Riverland currently has 12 concurrent outbreaks and Mr Secomb said the extraordinary situation had coloured the meeting.

“We know we need to put all the tools on the ground in the springtime and we planned this meeting about a month ago,” he said.

“It wasn’t necessarily linked to the outbreaks, but I suppose they made it a bit more complex...”

“It was great to have so many minds on the job because we were trying to juggle six or seven different tools across 12 different outbreaks.

“We’ve already got a plan we’re implementing now. We’ve got 80 people out there every day, they’re doing work, even though it’s a quieter time of year.

“We know (fruit flies) are out there now. They won’t be thriving, but they’ll be surviving and what we do between now and then could set us up for a good spring.”

Mr Secomb said following the meeting a plan would now be formulated for a springtime assault and be ready for release in two to three weeks.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size was among those at the meeting and said the partnership between industry, com-



Pike River stonefruit grower Michael Trautwein, general manager of PIRSA’s fruit fly response Nick Secomb, and Waikerie avocado grower Sarah Tucker-Boehm discuss strategies outlined at last week’s special fruit fly meeting in Loxton.  
PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

munity and government was essential to eradicating the region’s fruit fly outbreaks.

Local stonefruit grower Tim Grieger was also on hand and was similarly optimistic about the future.

“We know it can be done,” Mr Grieger told ABC Riverland.

“We’ve seen what’s happened in the metropolitan Adelaide system in the last few years where we thought that was a massive challenge but (control) has been achieved.

“And there’s no doubt in my mind that we can achieve the same result here over the next coming 12 months or so.”

However, Mr Grieger also said those running the fruit fly campaign needed to communicate more with the Riverland public, given most of the latest outbreaks have occurred in backyards.

“I think we can do a lot more in terms of information awareness to the general public – the home gardener – as to what their role can be to help us achieve that goal,” he said, “and what they can do to reduce the risk of outbreak, of fruit fly infestation.”

## Silver lining from bulk outbreaks

THOSE tackling the Riverland’s fruit fly problem may have found a classic silver lining among the 12 concurrent outbreaks stretching across the region.

Nick Secomb, general manager of the PIRSA fruit fly response, said while unwanted, the proliferation of outbreaks and declared zones could make life a little easier for those involved in the eradication campaign.

“I know this isn’t the positive spin, but when you’ve got the Riverland PFA (pest-free area) there’s rules around what you have to do if you find a fly,” he said.

“And one thing about having 12 outbreaks is we’ve got this area that is suspended and we’ve got some freedom to do more work than we otherwise would be able to do... under the rules of the pest-free area.”

## That’s not council on the phone

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

RESIDENTS of a Riverland town have been warned to be wary of a scam caller pretending to work for the local council.

Renmark man Raymond Whatman last week received a phone call from someone impersonating a Renmark Paringa Council worker.

Mr Whatman said the caller tried to gain his personal information.

“I had a call around 1pm from a woman with an Indian voice, claiming to be from Renmark Paringa Council,” he said.

“They said they were doing a population

survey, and started to ask me for my name, address and other details.

“When she started asking that I said, ‘How do I know you’re not a scammer?’, and she hung up.

“Fortunately I didn’t give them the chance to ask for financial details.”

Renmark Paringa CEO Tony Siviour advised “members of the community should always be mindful and ask themselves why council, or anyone else for that matter, is ringing them and whether they are expecting a phone call”.

Mr Whatman said the mobile number he received the call from was 0485 881 253.

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## Entries open for enviro wine awards

RIVERLAND wine producers focused on environmental sustainability have been encouraged to apply for an annual industry award.

The South Australian Wine Industry Association last week opened entries for its 2022 Environmental Excellence Awards.

SAWIA chief executive Brian Smedley said the awards would highlight wineries that adopted “substantive and quantifiable improvements in key areas of environmental sustainability”.

“The South Australian wine industry has demonstrated excellence in environmental stewardship for many years, leading to a strong clean and green reputation,” Mr Smedley said.

“But we can always do better as an industry. The SAWIA Environmental Excellence Awards aim to highlight members who demonstrate leadership in areas such as energy and carbon, land and biodiversity, water and waste.

“The program also helps us to identify the current environmental issues facing the Australian wine industry and community, so that we can find and share practical solutions to those issues.

“SAWIA understands the significant challenges to the wine sector in the past year, and the program is seeking to provide recognition of the significant improvements in environmental management...”

Mr Smedley said the 2022 awards – presented in small/medium wineries, large wineries, and viticulture categories – were focused on leadership in the face of tough operating conditions brought on by Covid-19 and other external factors.

Further information regarding the awards, and entry forms, are available by visiting the SAWIA website ([www.winesa.asn.au/news-resources/environment-sustainability/environmental-excellence/](http://www.winesa.asn.au/news-resources/environment-sustainability/environmental-excellence/)).

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# Students make beautiful music with ASO

ALEXANDRA BULL

NOT many students can say they have written music played by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO), but for a handful from Berri RSC and Loxton High School, their dreams have become a reality.

As part of the ASO’s Silos & Symphonies composition project and coinciding with the recent National Reconciliation Week, a year 9/10 music class from Loxton High School and students in years 7-11 from Berri RSC had the opportunity to compose two pieces of work.

Working with composers Julian Ferraretto and Belinda Gehlert as well as Robert Taylor, a proud Ngarrindjeri, Nganguraku, Kurna and Narungga man, students created new music inspired by Mr Taylor’s cultural heritage.

After visiting Riverland schools in March, students joined Mr Taylor, Mr Ferraretto and Ms Gehlert in May to workshop their music, with some attending in person and others connecting via live stream.

Students from Loxton High School worked with Ms Gehlert and Mr Taylor to compose a piece called Carving the River, which was inspired by Mr Taylor sharing his dreaming of the Ngarrindjeri people and how the River Murray was created.

Loxton High School performing arts teacher, Cheryl Burgemeister, said the experience had been the highlight of her career.

“Seeing normally-quiet students in the class come out of their shell and interact with Mr Taylor and Ms Gehlert showed how music truly connects people,” she said.

“Music stirs something in our soul that gives us confidence to interact and share in an environment we feel safe and comfortable in.

“I was enormously proud of the way the students interacted with the composition process, being given the opportunity to take the lead in shaping a piece of music and workshoping with the composers Ms



Berri RSC students watch on as the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra plays their piece Ponde in May. PHOTO: supplied

Gehlert and Mr Taylor to tell the Dreaming story through musical ideas.

“Being a regional school, our students don’t get the same opportunities that their peers in the city have and having the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra reach out to country schools helps to lessen the gap.

“I can’t thank the ASO enough for the opportunity to be part of this program, and after seeing and hearing my students’ reactions to, and reflections on the experience, I wish we could be part of this program every year.”

Students from Berri RSC, along with Mr Ferraretto and Mr Taylor, composed a piece titled Ponde, inspired by the Dreamtime story when Ngurunderi travelled down the River Murray in a bark canoe, chasing and attempting to spear the giant Murray River cod, Ponde.

Music and media teacher at Berri RSC, Brenden Baldock, said he was always looking for opportunities to connect his students with the music scene.

“This was one of those once in a lifetime opportunities for many of our students, and to see the joy on my students’ faces when they attended the rehearsal and hear their piece of music being performed by live musicians was priceless,” he said.

“These are the kind of learning experiences that bring the curriculum to life and bring purpose, authenticity, value and connection to learning.

“For students to write a piece of music to be played by a live, world-class orchestra, is amazing.

“The personal interactions that my students had with the ASO’s musicians inspired many of our students to continue their music journey and to consider further career opportunities in the arts.”

Created in 2020 in response to Covid-19 restrictions, the project was conceived to enable the orchestra to work with students regionally, utilising technology to connect students with the ASO via Zoom and live-streamed performance.

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## Lions supporting lymphoedema education



Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks (right) presented a donation of \$2500 to the Riverland's McGrath Breast Care nurse Rebecca Semmens recently, to assist with her lymphoedema therapy training. PHOTO: supplied



Lee Mickan and his dog Weekeroo Paddy working the sheep at the Barmera Sheep Dog Trials. PHOTOS: Shadow's Farm Photography

# Serious-Lee, trial star Mickan does it again

ALEXANDRA BULL

LEE Mickan is no stranger to the Barmera Sheep Dog Trials, having competed in them several times before.

However, this year was arguably one of his best.

Mr Mickan's dog Kelvale Gus won all three trials he contested, novice, improver and open, while Weekeroo Paddy took out the Trans-Tasman trial, meaning the Loxton resident won all four events over the weekend.

"Competition was solid and tough and we had some good handlers there," Mr Mickan said.

"The sheep were tough which is what makes the trial tough, and probably made my dogs sort of stand up a bit, as they are used to working tough sheep all the time.

"There were good crowds, lots of people were sitting around in their cars and sitting out the front of the footy club and it was good atmosphere all around there."

Mr Mickan is a big advocate of the South Australian Yard Dog Association, especially yard dog trialling, which he has been doing for around 20 years.

"I have won four state South Australian Yard Dog championships and had several

dogs be South Australian yard dog of the year," he said.

"To come out and win everything at the Barmera trial, I was pretty chuffed with that.

"I don't do anything particularly special with them. I did do a bit of practice at home with a few sheep in a bigger area.

"Most of my work is yard work, so we did a little bit of sneaky training the two weekends prior to the trial just to remind the boys that they are allowed to work the paddock on a few less sheep."

Mr Mickan, who had six dogs entered in events over the long weekend, practically lives and breathes kelpies.

He received his first kelpie when he was 18, and now owns Mickan's Working Dogs, training and working his own dogs, and others.

"I love their (kelpies) zest for life and their natural ability to work," Mr Mickan said.

"Their drive is unbelievable, these dogs that I have got here will go for hours and do it days in a row at work and then still pop up on the weekend and be competitive there too.

"I have loved them since I was a kid, and I always said my first dog was going to be a black and tan kelpie and he was, and now I have got a team of them."



Lee and his dog Waramara Joker working the sheep during the Trans-Tasman trial at the Barmera Sheep Dog Trials.

A LOCAL community club has donated \$2500 to a Riverland nurse to assist in financing her lymphoedema education and training.

Renmark Lions Club presented Riverland McGrath Breast Care nurse Rebecca Semmens with the donation – which will go towards her lymphoedema therapy training with Lymphoedema Education Solutions – in Renmark last week.

Lymphoedema is a condition which causes swelling in parts of the body, usually an arm or leg, due to lymphatic system blockages.

The donation will help Ms Semmens attend level 1 lymphoedema training, which is recognised by the Australasian Lymphology Association (ALA), to aid her in providing treatment

to those diagnosed with lymphoedema.

Following the training, Ms Semmens will be able to prescribe compression garments under the Lymphoedema Compression Garment Subsidy Scheme, allowing clients to obtain two garments free each year.

"I have felt for a long time that there has been a gap in the service for people who have lymphoedema, with there being only a private practitioner available in the Riverland," Ms Semmens said.

"This has meant that many people do not have access to this service since the cost is prohibitive.

"I am extremely grateful for the support of the Renmark Lions Club. I am very excited to soon com-

plete the training and be able to provide this much needed service."

Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks said the club is "always supportive of women's and men's health issues".

"We became aware of Rebecca's concern regarding the limited service in the Riverland for people who have lymphoedema, and that she was planning to attend training to allow her to give treatment to those people in addition to her breast care service," he said.

"Our members are proud to be able to assist Rebecca in this way so that lymphoedema patients have more choice in their treatment options."

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Loxton Waikerie council is keen to attract a commercial developer to lease the former Waikerie Bond Store on Waikerie's river front. PHOTO: Christine Webster



# Invitations open for ex-Lions Den

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

LOXTON Waikerie council is inviting business operators to submit expressions of interest for the future lease of the former Waikerie Bond Store, formerly known as The Lions Den.

Submissions opened last week and applications close on August 31.

Council's director of commercial and community services Andrew Waters said the criteria for applicants has been left open, to encourage business operators to come up with ideas on how to best utilise the historic building.

He said some of the ventures suitable for the prime location could include a restaurant, bar, cellar door, or river equipment hire.

"We are open to any ideas that are part of the expression of interest," he said.

Mr Waters said council was keen to attract a business that complemented the potential of the Waikerie river front, now in the third stage of its redevelopment.

"That has been the idea, to get some economic development down there," he said.

"We want to draw people into Waikerie so that it is a destination or a hive of activity."

Mr Waters said council had done substantial work over the past few years in enhancing the river front. It has so far spent \$2m on the project, which began in September 2020.

The first two stages included new paths, turf, picnic areas, seating, car parking, landscaping and shelters stretching from Boat Ramp No. 2 to the Waikerie ferry, plus a bike pump track.

The former Bond Store is the only building left standing from the original Waikerie Co-op Distillery, which began trading in 1914.

Until 1975 the distillery predominantly produced wine, fortified wines and brandy.

Mr Waters said it was envisaged some renovation of the building would take place.

"Depending on what the purpose or idea is, there is scope for renovation," he said.

"If there are any major changes, a development and planning application would have to be lodged."

Mr Waters said not being heritage listed meant the building could undergo some changes to suit the needs of the business developer.

"It is an iconic and beautiful old building and I think any renovations would need to keep in theme with the history of it," he said.

The building was the Waikerie Lions Club's home for 30 years, until April, when council decided to evoke the service club's lease and make the premises available to commercial developers.

The Waikerie Lions Club subsequently relocated to the former Apex Club shed, as planned earlier this year, and is using the Waikerie Community Meeting Room near the Men's Shed for gatherings.

“It is an iconic and beautiful old building and I think any renovations would need to keep in theme with the history of it...”

— Andrew Waters

## Waikerie Lions Club celebrates 50 years

THE Waikerie Lions Club is celebrating its 50th birthday with a celebratory dinner at the Waikerie Bowling Club this Saturday.

The club was officially chartered on January 10, 1972.

Waikerie Lions Club president Pam Stendara

said Covid-19 restrictions meant members were unable to organise a bigger community celebration in March as originally planned.

She said about 45 invited guests would include Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton and Lions District 201C2 zone chair Terry Mullens.

Representatives from the Berri and Morgan Lions Clubs and the local CFS will also be attending.

Mrs Stendara said Waikerie Lions Club founder Jeff Moss, now in his 90s, would be a special guest at the dinner.


- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Do you have a rose petal jam recipe?

LOCALS are being encouraged to share their rose petal jam recipes to be published in the upcoming Riverland Rose and Garden Festival 2022 official program.

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# Mental health training now available in the Riverland

LOCALS can now access Mental Health First Aid in the Riverland and Mallee, with bookings available for the life-saving training.

Mental Health First Aid allows people to talk about mental health freely and helps to identify others who may need support and guidance.

Kaizen Business Support is now offering Standard Mental Health First Aid in the Riverland and Mallee and facilitator Suzi Evans said the course teaches valuable skills both in the workplace and personally.

“It’s how to have those conversations and how to refer people who may be struggling,” she said.

Through the training, you will learn how to assist an adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received.

You will be able to recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems and acquire the toolkit which will enable you to feel confident to help.

Each year, one in five Australians experience a common mental illness and many organisations and businesses are finding worth in appointing an accredited Mental Health First Aid officer to the workplace.

Kaizen Business Support offers the two-day course in a group setting throughout the Riverland and Mallee and Suzi said it would be beneficial for all locals.

“It’s more about knowing how to handle



Kaizen Business Support facilitator Suzi Evans is now offering Riverlanders the chance to take Standard Mental Health First Aid, to help identify others in the community who may need support and guidance. PHOTO: supplied

people and how to give them advice,” she said.

Suzi said she was proud to be offering the training to those working and living locally.

“You shouldn’t have to travel to Adelaide for the course, or wait for the once or twice a year it is offered in the Riverland,” she said.

“Being a local myself, I can run a

course anywhere, anytime.”

Suzi encouraged those working in the agricultural sector to consider taking part in the training, particularly those who are in contact with farmers and other clients.

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## SA regional roads a budget ‘afterthought’

THE state opposition says it fears funding for SA’s regional roads is “an afterthought” for the Malinauskas Labor government.

Liberal regional roads spokesperson Adrian Pederick claims regional roads initiatives make up just 6 per cent of the total roads budget, with just \$467m of the \$7.83bn budgeted for roads over the next four years going to those in regions.

“Peter Malinauskas is leaving regional roads to crumble by shunning rural investment,” Mr Pederick said.

“Around 30 per cent of South Australians live in country areas, but only 6 per cent of the roads budget is going towards the regions and that’s not good enough.



● Adrian Pederick

“Approximately half of the budgeted funds will be spent on the South Eastern Freeway and the Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package, leaving just \$242.4 million for the many thousands of kilometres of country roads across the state.

“The regions are the backbone of our economy and home to many major transport routes. There’s also a high concentration of vehicle accidents in country areas, so proper investment in our regional roads is essential.

“The former Liberal Government made a good start on repairing more than a decade of Labor’s neglect on regional roads, upgrading more than 4800 kilometres.

“Minister for Regional Roads Geoff Brock might say the ‘days of city-centric politics need to end’ but his actions certainly aren’t showing that’s the case when it comes to this year’s State Budget.”



Rivergum Christian College staff member Joanna Whitehead taught students from year 3 to 6 in a combined lesson last week, due to staff shortages and absences. The school is still calling for relief teachers to apply and join the casual staff team. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

## School seeks teacher shortage relief

ELYSE ARMANINI

A RIVERLAND school recently put the call out for any available temporary relief teachers (TRTs) in the region to help cover staff shortages.

Rivergum Christian College, at Glossop, posted to Facebook asking for any qualified TRTs to join the “pool of casual staff” and take subjects across foundation to year 12 on June 3.

Principal Jessica Richards said the need to ask the community for TRTs arose due to multiple reasons.

“We had some openings when we lost teachers on the vaccination side of things because of the change of legislation,” Ms

Richards said.

“Which means we leaned on our TRTs that were on our list to help cover that, and then we had some teachers leave.

“We’ve just been getting a shorter and shorter list for TRTs, so we thought one way we could at least promote it a bit was by asking if anyone was interested in joining our TRT list.”

Ms Richards said just one fully-qualified TRT had applied to the school so far, but community members had also offered support.

“Thankfully that TRT has been quite flexible, so we’ve mainly been using them in secondary, which seems to be our highest need at the moment due to Covid and people being sick,” she said.

“Ideally we want to have about three or four that we can call on, that are more regularly available, to keep the consistency with the students.

“We’ve had some interest from people just wanting to support the school – asking if they can volunteer or help – and it’s been really great to see that interest from people

with a heart for the school.”

Members of the Rivergum leadership team with non-contact time have been covering combined classes so lessons would not be cancelled, however the main concern for the school is that model is “not sustainable” long-term.

“We just wanted to have a few other options for covering so we could still get the leadership side of things done at the school,” Ms Richards said.

“We’ve had quite a few other schools in the area close year levels, but we’ve tried to avoid that because of the impact on parents.

“Given that we’re a small school – our class sizes are quite small – it felt like we are able to do that. We have been able to easily combine classes.

“Things have changed quite a lot and we’re hopefully getting back into it now and people have passed the issues with Covid...

“But with cold and flu season it’s always a bit of a worry.”

Ms Richards stressed that other schools statewide suffering from a lack of relief teachers were experiencing the same issues.

## Novavax now approved for booster jabs

RIVERLANDERS are now able to get the Novavax Covid-19 vaccine as a booster, after it was provisionally registered for people aged 18 and over by the TGA.

The protein-based vaccine was first approved for use in Australia in January for the first two Covid-19 vaccine doses.

“(The) provisional registration for Nuvaxovid as a booster in Australia is an important step in ensuring broad global access to diversified vaccine options,” said Stanley Erck, Novavax president and CEO.

“As Covid-19 continues to persist and evolve,

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we are pleased to be able to offer the first protein-based Covid-19 vaccine registered for use as both a primary series and now booster regardless of previous vaccine history.”

The Novavax vaccine is available for people aged 18 and over at selected SA Health vaccination clinics, GPs and pharmacies.



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Riverland SES volunteers taking part in the road crash rescue course earlier this month.  
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# New skills to save lives

## HUGH SCHUITMAKER

**VOLUNTEERS** for a Riverland emergency service recently gained new skills aimed at saving more lives from road accidents.

Riverland SES volunteers undertook the road crash rescue course at the Loxton station earlier this month.

Loxton SES deputy unit manager, Dan Gilgen, said the course involved a number of simulated crash scenarios for crews to work through.

"We had 12 participants from around the region come together in Loxton," Mr Gilgen said.

"We cut up 13 or 14 cars for the weekend's training package, and now there's another 12 qualified and registered road crash res-

cue personnel within the Riverland.

"We did everything from stabilisation, through to door removal, casualty areas, and how to manage cars that are upside down, on their side, or on top of other cars.

"As the weekend goes on the participants get more and more confident."

Mr Gilgen said increasing the number of road crash-trained SES volunteers in the Riverland meant more lives could be saved in emergency situations.

"It's very important that we continually improve and update our road crash capability," he said.

"It makes the region a lot healthier in rescue situations.

"Road crashes are some-

thing we live with these days, and you need those qualified members to be able to assist in the most effective way they can."

Mr Gilgen said members of the public had also been invited to view the training tasks, with the service still seeking to recruit more local volunteers.

"We had an open doors day on Saturday and Sunday," he said.

"We don't generally allow the public in when we're doing these trainings, but we opened it up for the weekend.

"We're always on the lookout for new recruits around the region."

Riverlanders interested in volunteering for the SES are encouraged to contact 1300 364 587.



A total of 12 SES participants underwent the course, which simulated a variety of road crash scenarios.



# TAX TIME

## Key ATO changes for 2022

NEW measures and key changes have been introduced by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) about what can and cannot be claimed this financial year for individuals.

If you received a Covid-19 disaster payment during 2021-22 because health orders prevented you from working, the payment is exempt from income tax and does not need to be included in your tax return.

However, if you received a pandemic leave disaster payment, this must be included in the tax return as income – Services Australia can tell you the amount you received.

Covid-19 test costs incurred during the 2021-22 financial year can be claimed as a deduction.

However, this is only if the test – any registered under the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods such as a PCR or RAT – was used for a work-related purpose, such as determining whether you could attend or remain at work.

To claim the deduction, you must have records to prove that you incurred the cost – such as a receipt – and were required to take the test for work purposes.

Working holiday makers may have had tax withheld from their pay and will be required to lodge a tax return.

Since July 1, 2021, capital gains tax (CGT) does not apply when a granny flat arrangement is created, varied or terminated.

### Why you should use an accountant at tax time

USING a registered tax agent or accountant at tax time can take a lot of the stress out of preparing and lodging your

tax return.

According to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), a tax agent is a qualified professional who can help prepare and lodge your tax return.

Tax agent services can be engaged online or face-to-face.

### Choosing a tax agent

In choosing your tax agent, make sure they are registered with the Tax Practitioners Board.

This ensures they:

- ☐ meet and maintain the required standard, or qualifications and experience
- ☐ comply with the Code of Professional Conduct

Discuss the services they can provide you in preparing and lodging the tax return so you both know what to expect.

Utilising the ATO myDeductions tool can help keep copies of your records to share with your tax agent when it comes time to prepare the return.

The tool allows individuals and sole traders to keep track of:

- ☐ general expenses, such as gifts and donations to deductible recipients
- ☐ work-related and sole-trader deductions (and business income)

### Tax agent due dates

Most registered agents can lodge returns for clients after the usual October 31 deadline.

The due date for your tax return will depend on personal situation, plus when you engage your tax agent.

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# First Riverland agtech bootcamp hailed a success

ELYSE ARMANINI

AN agriculture technology bootcamp was held in the Riverland for the first time last week, attracting budding agriculture scientists and curious locals alike.

The AgTech Innovation Bootcamp was delivered by the University of Adelaide – in partnership with ThincLab Loxton and PIRSA – and held at the Renmark Club last Wednesday and Thursday.

University of Adelaide ThincLab director, Zrinka Tokic, said 85 people attended across the two days and the bootcamp “exceeded everyone’s expectations”.

“It was a huge success,” she said.

“We didn’t know how it would go, because we had a mixture of people... high school students, and university students that are based in the Riverland, and we even had locals turn up just to have a look and that was really great.”

Three challenges were set for teams to come up with innovative ideas to improve specific agricultural issues in the Riverland and beyond:

□ Picking approaches (spon-

sored by AusIndustry) – to find ways to improve picking and harvesting processes

□ Activating Renmark Irrigation Trust vacated land (sponsored by RIT) – to find creative and productive ways to activate vacated land

□ Access to data and digitisation – to make data more accessible, usable and valuable to the farming community

First place and a prize of \$2000 went to Brendan Dobson’s team EcoSystem Farms for his innovative solution to the RIT challenge – using soilless agriculture to grow a variety of high-value crops such as ginger, lemongrass and orchard trees in gravel using minimal clean water.

Second place and \$1000 went to team AG-gave, made up of three Adelaide University Bachelor of Agriculture Science students, which included Courtney Lean, of Renmark and Emma Knowles, of Loxton.

AG-gave plans to grow and harvest drought-tolerant agave plants to produce tequila and take advantage of the rise in boutique alcohol distilleries in the Riverland as another



A large group of people attended the first-ever regional AgTech Innovation Bootcamp, held at the Renmark Club last week. PHOTOS: supplied

solution to the RIT challenge.

“The first, second and third-prize winners will win incubation, either in ThincLab Loxton or Adelaide – wherever they want to choose to develop their product or service – and we hope to help them develop (their ideas) further,” Mrs Tokic said.

Following the success of the first AgTech Innovation Bootcamp, Mrs Tokic said the university and ThincLab were “looking forward to opening it up even further”.

“We hope to have even more local businesses take part, maybe next year, to see what they come up with,” she said.

“I think initially locals came to have a look, see what it was all about and they loved it – so they’d love to see it again next year.”



Pictured with University of Adelaide pro vice-chancellor Professor Noel Lindsay (left) are team AG-gave, made up of Alex Newbold, Courtney Lean, of Renmark, and Emma Knowles, of Loxton, who received second prize for their solution to the Renmark Irrigation Trust vacated land challenge.

“We hope to have even more local businesses take part next year...”

– University of Adelaide ThincLab director Zrinka Tokic

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## Call for women councillors

SOUTH Australian women are being encouraged to nominate for their councils at the upcoming 2022 local government elections.

Nine free information sessions, titled ‘Women leading locally – it’s time’, will be held across SA in the coming months urging more women to stand for council.

The nearest council for Riverlanders thinking about the idea will be at Mannum, on Thursday, July 23.

After SA’s 2018 elections, 35 per cent of South Australian councillors were women.

“There are so many capable women in our communities who, when equipped with information and encouragement, will make wonderful advocates for local residents,” said ALGWA SA (Australian Local Government Women’s Association SA) president, Julie Woodman.

“It is also important, as an inclusive society, that the composition of councils reflects the diversity of the communities they serve.”

Nominations open on August 23 and close



ALGWA SA secretary Christine Barnett and board member Erika Vickery PHOTO: supplied

on September 6.

More information about ALGWA SA and its ‘Women leading locally - it’s time sessions’ is on the website (algwasa.org.au).

In the Riverland, Berri Barmera has the highest current percentage of female representation on council, with three of the seven councillors women. However, this figure is skewed by the recent retirement of Mike Fuller, who was not replaced ahead of the November 2022 elections.

Three of the 10 Loxton Waikerie councillors are women, while two of the eight Renmark Paringa councillors are women.

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# Lack of support poised to sink local Pony Club... Equine exit likely

PAUL MITCHELL

A SHORTAGE of riders is poised to sink the Renmark Horse and Pony Club.

Established in the 1970s, the club is set to fold after a last-ditch plea for new riders and members – issued in February – failed to deliver any newcomers.

The club is staging a meeting next Tuesday, June 28, and secretary Sue John said anything short of a miracle would seal the club's fate.

"We think it's going to fold," said Ms John, a member for over 40 years.

"Unless something



● The Murray Pioneer, 16/2/22

comes up at our June 28 meeting, we'll go into the process of disbanding.

"We'd love some-



A lack of members and riders is set to sink the Renmark Horse and Pony Club, much to the chagrin of member Zoe John, 12, pictured with her horse Foxy.  
PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

thing to happen, but at this point we're out of ideas."

Ms John said a Murray Pioneer article in mid-February sparked several phone calls from potential members, but disappointingly nothing materialised and the club still has just five riders.

If members decide to disband at the upcoming meeting, plans will be made to disperse assets

situated at the club's Bookpurnong Avenue grounds.

"We'll have to make plans after that date to see where we're at, and where all our stuff has to go," she said.

"We've got equipment and grounds, plus some money. Hopefully some other clubs can get some benefit."

The club boasts a proud history and some of the state's best facilities, but a lack of

members and active riders has made maintaining and financing the grounds unsustainable.

Ms John said her daughter Zoe, 12, was "pretty devastated" by the prospect of the club folding.

"It's always been just down the road for us, and Zoe's been there since she was three years old," she said.

"It's been part of our family for a long time, but these things happen."

Ms John said while her family would join the Waikerie club, the remaining members could end their involvement with the Horse and Pony Club Association of South Australia, which has over 40 member clubs.

"We'll probably go to Waikerie now, depending on what weekends their events fall," she said.

"It won't be the same, because we've

always been really involved in our club.

"I'm not sure about the others. I think a couple are considering EA (Equestrian Australia) and getting out of Pony Club altogether."

**Note:** The Renmark Horse and Pony Club's meeting is at the Pony Club grounds, on Bookpurnong Avenue, Renmark, on Tuesday, June 28, at 7pm.



## Threads opens in Chaffey foyer to coincide with NAIDOC Week

INTERWOVEN threads of dreams and memories will be the focus of an art exhibition, opening in Renmark this week, exploring "surviving and living with trauma".

Local artist Kat Bell will host her exhibition, titled Threads, in the Chaffey Theatre

foyer until the end of NAIDOC Week.

Through painting, basketry, beading, embroidery and crocheting, Bell has created a collection of work that represents threads of dreams and memories in relation to her thoughts on surviving and living with trauma.

Contrary to the darker, central topic of the exhibition, pieces are made using bright colours, playful imagery, and a childlike presence. Threads runs until Friday, July 8. For inquiries email [chaffey@countryarts.com.au](mailto:chaffey@countryarts.com.au) or phone 8586 1800.

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## Country music features in 2022 Queen’s Birthday Honours

By **ROBYN MCINTOSH** **MY KIND OF COUNTRY**

CONGRATULATIONS to several country music identities honoured in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours with Order of Australia Medals (OAMs).

Coffs Harbour-based broadcaster Graham Bell was recognised for his service to community radio and to country music.

Leading singer/songwriter and ‘Coodabeen Champions’ member Greg Champion was recognised for his service to the performing arts and to radio.

Following on from her recent Roll of Renown induction, Beccy Cole was recognised for her service to country music.

Bendigo-based performer and broadcaster Florence (Floreena) Forbes was recognised for her service to country music and to radio presentation.

Both Graham and Floreena were inductees to the Australian Country Music Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Vika & Linda Bull, blues and soul artists, who sometimes align themselves with the country sector, also received OAMs.

Bev McShanag was born Beverly Levien on November 11, 1936, at Geelong in Victoria, where the family lived until 1941.

Bev started school at Maldon, the area they moved to, and as she rode her bike to and from school, she always sang and yodelled.

Following the neighbours telling her mother what a good singer she was (Bev never sang at home), her mother bought her a lap-steel guitar and arranged lessons with a local teacher, but after a few lessons she had mastered it so well that she was outplaying her teacher.

The following year she entered and won, Dick Fair’s *Australia’s Amateur Hour* on 3DB singing *My Pinto And I*, scoring the most votes ever recorded on the show.

Many offers came after this, including a month’s residency at the Theatre Royal, Hobart. with Graeme Bell’s Jazz Band and Willie Fennell. Here she was billed as Australia’s youngest female yodelling star, and eventually won many talent quests in Victoria, earning a cabinet full of trophies.

Some of her achievements in the 1950s included appearing on Channel 7 in Melbourne as support act to the Dave Clark Five, and with her friend Olive Bice as regulars on Dick Cranbourne’s Hillbilly Show. She was also at the Victorian Banjo Club’s Hillbilly Ball at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Also in the 1950s she went to Sydney and did shows on the McKean Sisters’ Harmony Trail Show and the Reg Lindsay Show, and recorded several 78rpm recordings including *Fool Such As I* – all while still a teenager.

After having been married and widowed when her husband died of throat cancer, in the 1970s she re-married and moved to Darwin where she resumed her singing career. She appeared on NTD8, as well as doing guest spots on touring shows, including Buddy Williams and Barry Thornton.

In March 1985 Bev was offered a recording contract with R&H Studios in Geelong, to record on the Morning Mist label. It featured harmony yodelling with Olive Bice on *Yodelling In Harmony*.

At the same time Bev put down tracks for her first solo album, *Yodelling Country Girl*.

A few of the songs she recorded have been *Daddy Was a Yodelling Cowboy* (included on the compilation CD), *Yodellers From Down Under*, *My Shoes Keep Walking Back To You* (included on *Hot Top Country* in the Northern Territory).

She also recorded *I Wouldn’t Change You If I Could*, featuring her two daughters, Lyn and Barbara, and her grandson Billy. Bev performed at many Tamworth festivals, and in the 1990s was inducted to both the Australian Country Music Hall at Tamworth, and Rocky Page’s Hall of Fame and Avenue of Honour in Barmera.

In 2021 Bev was still performing locally in Darwin for special events with her long-time bass player, Mike Foley, who also wrote the story of Bev’s life, *Presenting Beverley McShanag*.

Bev McShanag passed away in May 2022.



Enjoying the Biggest Morning Tea at Riverside Estate, held earlier this month, were Colleen Goodfellow, of Paringa, Shann Hausler, of Renmark, and Lorna Taylor, of Paringa. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull



Liam Wilson, 9, of Taylorville at the Rainbow Animal Farm stall at the Waikerie market recently. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



The Murray Pioneer’s advertising manager Glenda Malinovski (right) presented Renmark North School principal Mary Shannon with a \$560 donation towards the school’s playground equipment fundraiser last week. Pictured on one of the newest installations, the argonaut, are students Beau and Jackson. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

**WEEKLY**  
Every Sunday at 2pm – guided tours of The Pines Historic House, 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen 0421 601 903.

**WEEKLY**  
The Berri Community Men’s Shed is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 12 noon. Men welcome.

**WEEKLY**  
Every Thursday and Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery on Barwell Avenue is open for sales. Inquiries to Ruth 0428 899 506.

**WEEKLY**  
Riverland Brass Monday nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All welcome.

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

and drinks available from the bar.

**WEEKLY**  
Berri Seniors meet every Tuesday from 1pm–4pm at the club rooms at 4 Draper Road, Berri. Pool, cards, games, computer or just socialise. Everyone welcome.

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

**WEEKLY**  
Tennis Doubles at the Berri Tennis Club. Every Saturday afternoon at 1.30pm and also Thursday mornings at 9.30am during school terms 2 and 3. All welcome.

**WEEKLY**  
Social badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy 8588 8000.

**WEEKLY**  
Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. Inquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people, good times.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23**  
Bingo at the Loxton Club this week is raising funds for the Loxton Junior Football Club. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and raffles available. All welcome.

**MONDAY, JUNE 27**  
Riverland Stamp Club meeting at the Berri Library from 10am.

**MONDAY, JUNE 27**  
Moorook and District Biggest Morning Tea supporting Cancer Council, at the Moorook Community Hall from 10am. Morning tea \$10 per person, teapot competition \$2 entry, bring and buy table. Inquiries: 0467 735 969.

**SATURDAY, JULY 2**  
Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council

quiz night fundraiser for men’s health and the Riverland General Hospital Urology Department. 7pm for 7.30 start at the Berri Hotel. Quiz master is Tom Trifonoff.

**SATURDAY, JULY 2**  
Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar, 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

**TUESDAY, JULY 5**  
Loxton Neighbourhood Watch will hold its AGM at 7.30pm in the Kekwick Room, Loxton Hotel. Guest speaker is Lori Fielke on ‘weddings and funerals’. All welcome.

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**  
Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar, 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.



# Camp pie, Amscol ice cream & Sonnies drinks



*A letter from yesterday*

written by Pat Micken

KNIVES were gratefully put down in the apricot-cutting shed on the occasions that afternoon tea was served.

Taking a seat on an upturned dip tin, a thermos of tea is poured through a strainer into mugs for adults, and for us, Cottee's orange cordial and Ginger Snaps (yuck) or Iced VoVos (better) and Monte Carlo biscuits (now you're talking).

Cracker biscuits with cheddar cheese, sliced tomato or gherkin, also went quickly.

At dinner (now lunch), we'd pull together home-grown tomatoes, lettuce, tinned peas and uncaredfully cut cheddar cheese from its renowned Kraft blue pack.

A tin of Tom Piper camp pie, with its attached key that would open the lid, or sliced fritz (the smiley variety yet to show its face) with Rosella tomato sauce souped on, rounded out lunch.

And what of school snacks? Mum occasionally bought Johnnies apples from Eudunda Farmers, and she'd ruefully observe that only about half made it from the car to the house, such was her children's predation.

Immediately after Bellbird, tea was held, seven of us rather tightly packed around the kitchen table. The most prodigious meal across the land featured sausages and lamb chops from the frying pan, carrots, peas and mashed potato seasoned with lashings of butter and milk.

White, sliced bread and butter (with margarine not yet common) gifted volume to eager stomachs.

Brazen mums might try to hide pumpkin in the potato mash, but the moment a yellow tinge appeared in the white potato, the game was over.

As someone once said, 'Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first.'

And our dessert's hero was always Amscol ice cream from its familiar metal can, accompanied by preserved apricots, peaches or pineapple and the juice thereof.

Or after church, exquisite lime ice-cream and bananas, bought from the high school shop, followed the traditional Sunday roast meat and veggies.

Alternatively, Sunday lunches might be at our grandparents in Lyrup, featuring rabbit stew or beer-battered callop, thanks to Pop's bush and river instincts.

Not that we knew it then, but neighbouring Greek families were sitting to a dinner of spanakopita or moussaka with tzatziki on the side. Oh, the very wonder of it now.

Chicken, usually one of our own, was

reserved for Christmas dinner. The first time watching a headless chook scuttling around the backyard seemed funny, the second was enough.

Special gatherings, like large Christening celebrations, were sumptuous and joyful feasts, the aunties fashioning cream-filled brandy snaps; sponge cakes with strawberries; cream-filled lamingtons; caramel tarts with cream and banana; and trifles with jelly, custard and fruit, all laid out on a central table, now filled with memories.

In preparation, dads would replace a crate of empties at the Sonnies' factory with a dozen of lemonade, creaming soda and pineapple for the kids, while beers and a couple stouts were picked up at the hotel bottle-o on Murray Avenue.

The delight of a '60s child was the corner shop in the hunt for a bag of mixed lollies.

One could stand before the glass-fronted counter and point at your selections: "Three raspberries, three Sherbies, one penny stick, two milk bottles, two freckles and one false-teeth, plus a bag of Wizz Fizz, please."

"That's three pence, thank you."

Kids standing on a chair over the wood stove, basically dissolving sugar in hot water, or toffee making, was tooth-achingly common, Mr Koch the town dentist, earning a fair quid from our follies.

In all, food transports us to another time, and yes, back then it was predictable and unsophisticated. But what we inherently know is that our parents served up the fullness of love and devotion with every single morsel of that food.



● Amscol ice cream



Loxton Rotary Club committee member Craig Dowling at the group's latest meeting announcing the formation of a satellite club.  
PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

## Removing barriers to Rotary

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Loxton Rotary Club is removing the barriers to joining Rotary via the creation of a satellite club.

Satellite clubs function as a short-term, transitional step on the way to becoming a full, independent Rotary club.

A satellite club must have at least eight members, and can operate under its own rules, with the sole focus being what the local community wants.

Loxton Rotary Club committee member Craig Dowling said Rotary faces numerous challenges in developed nations, including sustaining members.

"One of the challenges

here is that we don't see an absolute need for service clubs like you do in Third World countries," he said.

"The other challenge is that Rotary is seen to be a fairly traditional organisation.

"Rotary International said 'Let's remove the barriers to entry', and people can join Rotary through a satellite club in a less traditional way."

Loxton Rotary's satellite club will focus on what the club has derived from community consultation: youth wellbeing and providing support for those with a disability.

As soon as the club has identified eight suitable members, the satellite club

will form under the guidance of the Loxton Rotary Club.

"This is the first time in 64 years that that we have gone to the community and asked what needs to be done," Mr Dowling said.

"We will work out all the paperwork and rules, and will set up the club for members to pursue these projects for youth wellbeing and disability support in a way they think is beneficial for the club.

"It is a gateway to explore all the resources that Rotary International have.

"This is an opportunity to give back to the community, local and global, and take some of our own luck and give back to the people who are less fortunate."

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# Moorook marvel: A love of family, block life...and tennis

A LIFELONG Moorook resident, Geoff Battams loved his family and his block – and tennis.

In 59 consecutive years playing for Moorook, he missed just four matches, all from injuries sustained while wielding the racquet. He even played on his wedding day in 1959, finishing his match, getting changed, then heading off to the St Peter’s Lutheran Church in Moorook to marry his sweetheart Norma Will.

One of eight children, Geoff was born to Elsie and Fred Battams on their 25-acre Moorook property in 1931.

He attended Moorook Primary School, then Glossop High School, before leaving school and starting work on the family property as a 14-year-old.

He eventually acquired his own property, near the family homestead, and set about building his own home, just as his father had done.

With love interest Norma helping on the mixer, Geoff made every brick by hand and completed the majority of the build himself. As his family grew over the years, so did the house.

He purchased the family block in 1966, then the block next door in 1978. The couple was blessed with four children, eldest Craig,



Moorook man, the late Geoff Battams (front), said his proudest moment in tennis came when he and wife Norma (front) were able to play in the same team as their four children, back (from left) Danielle, Craig, Nigel and Nicole.

Nicole, Nigel and youngest Danielle.

Aside from his love for his family, extended family and friends, Geoff was an avid sportsman, playing football for Moorook and Waikerie in the 1960s, plus table tennis and golf.

However, tennis was his passion and his record at Moorook Tennis Club, both on and off the court, will never be matched.

His unbroken run as a

player was littered with countless highlights, including winning one of the highest individual honours in Riverland tennis, the ‘most singles wins’ trophy, on three occasions. He represented the Riverland at many country carnivals, including at veterans level, while also contesting Easter tournaments dotted across the state.

He won the Moorook Perpetual Cup, for the club’s most consistent player, at



Geoff Battams in action during his playing days for Moorook Tennis Club. PHOTOS: supplied

least seven times, and won local championship doubles titles with sons Craig and Nigel, plus Norma.

He had several stints as Moorook Tennis Club president and vice-president, and was made a life member in 1985/86. He was also made a life member of the Riverland Lawn Tennis Association in 2004/05.

He played his final competition match in 2003/04, but continued coaching Moorook juniors until 2010, after starting in 1978.

He was club patron and in 2009 was given the honour of opening Moorook’s new courts.

Interestingly, from 1945 to 2022 at least one Battams family member has been playing in the Riverland Lawn Tennis Association, with

some of Geoff’s children and grandchildren still involved.

Geoff cherished the chance to watch his children and grandchildren play, and he witnessed his final local tennis matches earlier this year in Loxton, where son Nigel and grandson Cohen won their 2021/22 grand final while playing for Cobdogla, and granddaughter Ainslie played for Loxton on the same day.

However, his proudest moment came in the 1991/92 season, when he played with Norma and all four of the couple’s children in one team. Son-in-law Tom Graetz also played.

Away from tennis, Geoff enjoyed being a grower and upon his death, his family wondered how many tonnes of grapes, apricots, peaches,



●Geoff Battams loved working on his block. He once took out a pruning competition.

tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and pumpkins his hands planted, picked, washed, cut, dried and pruned over his 91 years.

Geoff was renowned for being a softly spoken gentleman, music lover and avid reader, armed with a sharp sense of humour and able to see the best in others. He enjoyed working with his hands, making items such as benches, and fixing items around the property.

He was born and lived in Moorook, and as his family noted, accomplished his last wish of “going out in a pine box in Moorook”.

He lived in the same home he built all those years ago up until the day of his passing, on Friday, March 25, after taking ill earlier that day, while enjoying his daily ritual of morning tea with Norma and Craig, and on this occasion Nicole.



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**BUS TOUR CORRECTION:**

A caption printed with the above photo in last week’s Murray Pioneer was incorrect. The photo was taken during the Loxton Historical Village’s inaugural history bus tour last month. Pictured at the Bugle Hut Institute site were Roselyn Sincock, Helen Hobbs and Dawn Fielke. PHOTO: supplied

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### Last Week's Solution

S P O O N S Q U I C K Z A B P  
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R P O P P E D S L E N D E R V

Crossword

ACROSS

1. Expanse  
5. Rent  
10. Detest  
11. Site of the Taj Mahal  
13. Compel  
14. Prospect  
15. Ruff  
16. First public appearance  
18. Large volumes  
21. Minor planet  
22. Lively  
25. Locust tree  
26. Perennial herb used in making vinegar  
29. Expense  
31. Long-billed bird  
32. Speed  
33. Upright structure in a winding staircase  
35. Made suitable  
37. Plenty  
38. Shaft bored in the ground to obtain water  
39. Riddle  
40. Fewest  
41. Wear away

DOWN

2. Appropriate  
3. Desert plant  
4. Winner of four Magarey medals  
5. Emerge  
6. Outburst of lava  
7. Highly seasoned sausage  
8. Self  
9. Timber tree  
12. Waken

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16. Small depression  
17. Stream  
19. Sphere  
20. Moral significance  
22. Wisdom  
23. In favour of  
24. Appointment  
25. Headwear  
27. Indirect effort  
28. Small wave  
29. Quieter  
30. Impassive  
32. Lift with effort  
34. Conduct a newspaper  
35. Boring instrument  
36. Entire amount

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

T A B D U C T V M  
B U G L E R R A I S E  
R L A T E R I T E S  
S T R U T D I S O W N S  
O L I D M O D E L E  
L E V E R C L A W S  
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S P A R R O W O R D E R  
I W I D E N I N G T  
T R A D E E C E D E D  
E Y D O R S E T R

### ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A positive aspect to Mercury at the beginning of the week will help you to think clearly and logically. Use this time to sort out your options for the next few days: you have some important decisions to make. **Romance.** Your partner will be grateful for an unselfish gesture which you make.

### TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

A powerful aspect to Jupiter will make you feel on top of the world, at least for a while. This will be an excellent time for a little adventure. **Romance.** A friend at work may have quite a different idea from you about what is acceptable behaviour. Rather than trying to convince this person that you are right you should steer clear of them.

### GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A positive aspect to Uranus will make this a good time for coming up with new ideas. You will be very creative, but should not ignore a friend's advice. **Romance.** Your partner may be a little forgetful at the moment. They have other things on their mind and you should not be too hard on them.

### CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

You won't have much will-power at the moment and may find it difficult to push ahead with a project which you are still uncertain about. **Romance.** A phone call which comes from out of the blue may make your partner quite jealous.

### LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

You should be especially kind towards animals this week. They will find plenty of ways to show their gratitude. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Neptune will make you especially sensitive to other people's feelings. A person who has been interested in you for some time may finally manage to make contact with you!

### VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

Tensions at work may spill over into your family life. Be careful not to let a minor issue blow out of control. **Romance.** You may have more interests in common with a new friend than you originally realised. A trip away from home will help you to get to know each other better.

### LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

A recent disagreement between two long-standing friends may finally come to a head this week. If you don't hide your feelings you will be able to resolve the conflict. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Venus will help to bring a new person into your life. Events may move quite quickly from then on!

### SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Friends whom you have not seen for a while will want to spend more time with you: don't be shy about getting these people more closely involved in your life. **Romance.** A chance encounter in a public place will help to put you in touch with somebody who has been dying to meet you.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A get-together with friends will help to make up for a long period when you haven't had the time to be very sociable. An offer to get together at the weekend will be worth looking forward to. **Romance.** You need to decide whether to trust a person who has let you down once already.

### CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A comment by a colleague at work may upset you for a while. Don't let this person's anger get to you, however: they may have tensions in their life which you are not aware of. You shouldn't let any of this spill over into your life. **Romance.** Your partner will be in a suspiciously good mood!

### AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

A message which you receive from a friend will help to give you a boost. Your friend thinks the world of you and isn't afraid to show it! A meeting with this person later in the week will go especially well. **Romance.** Some of your partner's views may seem old-fashioned. Don't be too quick to pass judgement, however.

### PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A set-back should not be an excuse for you to give up completely. Re-assess your plan and take your time working out what went wrong the first time. **Romance.** A situation which is not in your best interests may nevertheless be worth pursuing. You won't see the advantage until your plan unfurls.

## SUDOKU No.382

To solve a sudoku puzzle, fill the empty cells with the numbers 1 to 9

6 3 4 9 5 7 1 8 2  
9 8 1 6 2 4 5 7 3  
5 7 2 1 8 3 6 9 4  
7 2 5 4 3 9 8 6 1  
1 9 6 8 7 2 4 3 5  
3 4 8 5 6 1 7 2 9  
4 1 7 3 9 8 2 5 6  
2 5 9 7 1 6 3 4 8  
8 6 3 2 4 5 9 1 7

Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box.

Level of Difficulty: Medium

Solution No. 381

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BUDDY BUNYIP BIRTHDAY LIST

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!

Harrison Fletcher 23/6/2015

Interested in appearing on Buddy's Birthday list?

Contact: Murray Pioneer 8586 8000

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LOOKING BACK AT 130 YEARS



2007

Big sponsors chase down young rider

By CRAIG TRELOAR

Promising Lyrup motocross rider Koen Attard, 13, has attracted the attention of two major companies in the form of sponsorship.

Currently studying year 9 at Glossop High School, Koen said he was "very surprised" when the sponsors called.

"I was pretty shocked, but it is really good," he said.

"Yamaha is sponsoring me and helping me out with bikes, which is great.

"And Fox have sponsored me with some clothing."

Koen has only been riding for three years, but is improving with every race.

"My dad bought me a bike when I was 10 and it has just gone from there," he said.

"But ever since I got the Yamaha I have improved heaps - I go heaps faster.

"I practice about twice a week at a friend's place in Loxton.

"The thing I need to work on is my corner speed."

Koen said his greatest ambition was to compete in motocross internationally.

"I would love to go to the United States to compete," he said.

"But right now just winning some more races here would be good."

Koen's next event is a two-day competition at Swan Hill combining supercross and motocross.

ABOVE: FUTURE LOOKS PROMISING: Teenage motocross rider Koen Attard, of Lyrup, has attracted the attention of two major companies as sponsors.



1990

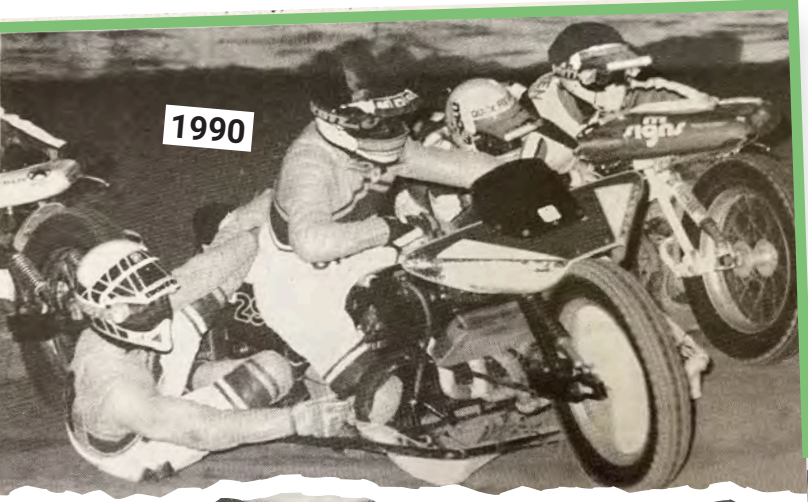
ABOVE: Renmark's Leon Menz moves on the inside of Neil Hoffmann.

Thrilled by the speedboat action



1990

ABOVE: The Speedboat Spectacular provided some exciting action for the spectators at Martin Bend at Berri on Sunday. Enjoying the action are Roy Page, Mark Harrington and Adam Bradley, all of Berri.



1990

LEFT: LOCALS IN FRONT: Local favourites, Peter Fleet and Greg Black show how it's done in the sidecars at the Riverland Speedway meeting last Saturday night.



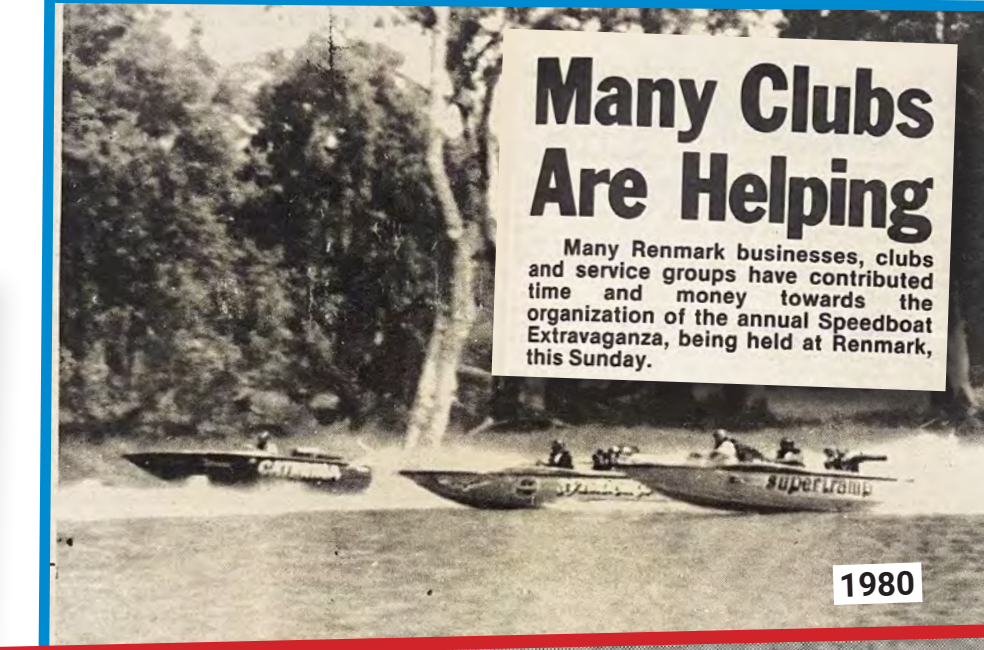
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ABOVE: Current Australian champion, Neil Hoffmann, of Berri, is among the strong field nominated for the SA street stock title showdown at the Riverland Speedway tomorrow night.

Speedboats hit the Riverland



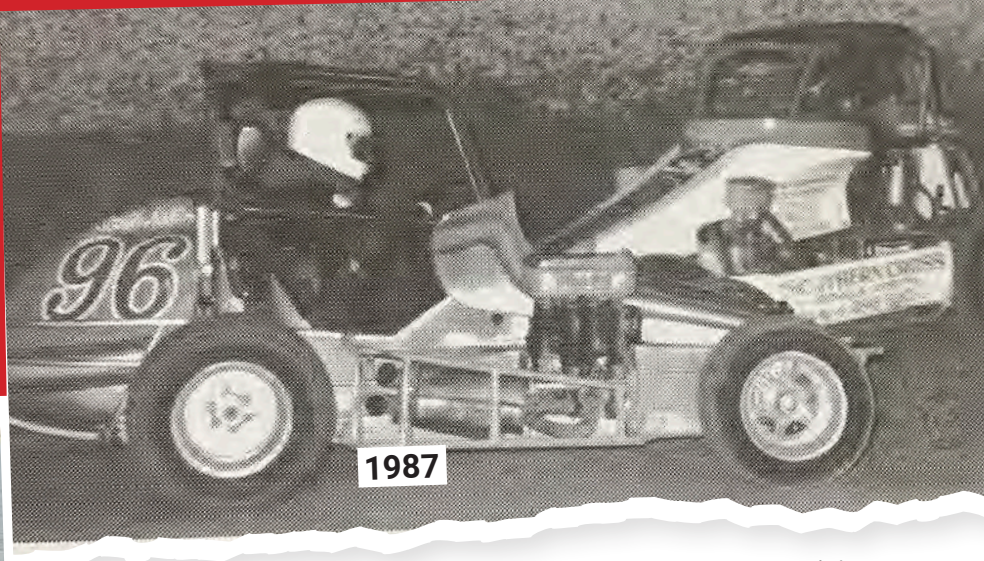
2008



Many Clubs Are Helping

Many Renmark businesses, clubs and service groups have contributed time and money towards the organization of the annual Speedboat Extravaganza, being held at Renmark, this Sunday.

1980



1987

ABOVE: Mike Buxallen, right, is about to pass Barry Smith, who has spun out during a speedcar event at the Riverland Raceway on Saturday night.

LEFT: Berri will host two days of action-packed racing when the Speedboat Spectacular hits this riverfront this weekend.



# WAB visits the Riverland's newest educational facility

HEATHER EVERINGHAM

MEMBERS of the Paringa branch of WAB (Women in Agriculture and Business) recently met at Renmark's St Francis of Assisi College, which opened in January 2022.

The group were welcomed by executive administrator Claire Smith, who conducted a tour of the buildings and grounds.

First stop was the Technology Centre, comprising woodworking and metal workshops, where students were observed learning to work with woodworking tools to create planter boxes from recycled timber.

The next building was the Encounter Centre which is multi-purpose with a large area for assemblies/mass, science and food technology and a designated section for a future canteen. The grounds are landscaped, with

plants providing neat ground cover, an indigenous-themed sculpture and a shelter inspired by the design of the traditional grape drying rack.

Sports facilities include netball/basketball courts under cover, a soccer/football field and tennis courts. A stadium and new classrooms will be completed before next year's student intake.

The final building visited was the administration block, with offices and a suite of rooms available for allied health professionals. All buildings have been designed to maximise natural light through the use of glass classroom walls and other features.

Currently 75 students attend the college, with two classes each of years 7 and 8 with approximately 20 pupils in each class.

Year 9 will be offered in 2023. Over 40 students use the school bus network travelling from



WAB members Di Scheiner, Lorraine Pinyon, Marg Duggin, Jocie Cooper, Jenny Curtis, Ruth Christie and Heather Everingham with Renmark's St Francis of Assisi College executive administrator Claire Smith. PHOTO: supplied

Barmera, Glossop, Berri and Paringa.

This sensitively designed college is an asset to the Riverland in all respects, which is reflected in the ethos of St Francis of Assisi of 'caring for the poor, our environment while nurturing growth and

leadership amongst ourselves'.

The next meeting of WAB will be held at Olivewood museum on 21st Street, Renmark, on Tuesday, July 26, at 11am.

Lunch will be provided and the AGM will be held adjacent to the museum's wedding display which

covers 150 years of clothing.

The branch's 56th birthday will be celebrated with a cake. Members are invited to bring any wedding memorabilia from family or friends (e.g. clothing, photos, cake decorations, invitations) and share stories.

## SMS and email taxation scams

IN the past 12 months, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) says it has identified and taken action against 595 websites impersonating its online services.

These fake sites are designed to steal passwords, personal information and identity documents, such as passports and driver licences.

"Right now, we're

seeing a lot of SMS and email scams leading to fake myGov sign-in pages – we've had more than 360 of these scams reported since April 2022," ATO's Tim Loh said.

Scammers are always looking for new ways to convince unsuspecting taxpayers into divulging personal information, such as bank details, usernames and passwords."



## New service creates nine jobs

THE provision of a new customer service will see a local supermarket employ up to nine new people.

Coles Berri is offering home delivery for the first time and store manager James Stratford said the expansion would create jobs for personal shoppers

and delivery drivers.

Mr Stratford said a dedicated van would be engaged to service Berri seven days a week.

"We are excited to launch this offer for Berri customers who are looking for a more convenient shopping experience," he said.

LEFT: Coles Berri staff members Tracey Williams and James Stratford, with the new van that will be used for the store's home delivery service. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

# the quiz



1.

In what movie and TV series does Dr. Richard Kimble try to find the one-armed man who killed his wife?

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2.

What was St. Petersburg known as between 1924 and 1991?

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3.

Which playing card is also known as a knave?

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4.

What does P stand for in 3:00 PM?

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5.

Which Canadian province has the abbreviation BC?

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6.

What is the name of the magical nanny who can fly using her umbrella?

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7.

Who first appeared in the 1928 animated short "Steamboat Willie"?

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8.

What is the most widely-used file format for digital images?

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9.

On the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, who is God reaching out to touch with his index finger?

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10.

What construction did the Greeks use to sneak into the city of Troy?

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11.

What song's lyrics say "we haven't had that spirit here since 1969"?

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12.

What European country is the world's only remaining "Grand Duchy"?

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13.

What device was used to connect a computer to the internet via a telephone line?

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14.

What country is mostly located in Africa, but has a small amount of territory in Asia?

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15.

What is the largest type of musical instrument that is commonly used?

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16.

What is the Italian word for love?

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17.

What comes in lead-acid, nickel-cadmium, and lithium-ion varieties?

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18.

What country was once led by general Augusto Pinochet?

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19.

What is the most common men's' name in Spain that starts with the letter C?

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20.

What movie characters were portrayed by Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves?

.....

**BONUS QUESTION:** What was the breed of US television detective Columbo's dog? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 38

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# Waikerie cruise operator awards finalist

WAIKERIE-based Rivergum Cruises has been announced as a finalist in three categories of the Australian Rural Business Awards 2022.

The inaugural awards are an initiative of online marketplace operator for rural small businesses, Spend With Us.

The initiative recognises the talent of regional small businesses.

Rivergum Cruises is a finalist in the Micro Business Excellence, Service Based Business of the Year and Positive

Impact (Making a Difference) categories.

Rivergum Cruises owner/managers Sandra and James Schober said they were excited and honoured to not only be nominated for three awards but to also be finalists in all three categories.

“We love what we do and feel that we are a great service to our town of Waikerie and make a big impact with the amount of visitors that we bring to our region,” Mrs Schober said.

“We have worked so hard to build up our busi-

ness and are now into our eighth year of cruising.

“We love that we are the faces that our passengers see and talk to, and that we can share our passion of the river.”

The winners of the Australian Rural Business Awards for 2022 will be announced during an online event this Friday, June 24 from 7.30pm.

For more information on the Australian Rural Business Awards visit (www.spendwithus.com.au/the-australian-rural-business-awards/).



Rivergum Cruises owner/managers James and Sandra Schober. PHOTO: supplied

## See my vests, says SAPOL

THE Malinauskas Government is allocating \$6.5m in the state budget to fund 1500 new multi-purpose load-bearing vests (MPLBVs) to protect front-line SAPOL officers and protective security officers carrying out their duties.

Budget funding also includes installation of storage facilities and the purchase of undershirts which will be worn under the vests, at a total cost of \$2m over four years.

ARE you aware that yesterday, June 21, was the Winter Solstice? Yes, from today onwards, we start to enjoy more daylight in the lead-up to spring, as the year starts to slide by.

Someone once said to me, “What do you do in a small rural area?”. Wow, what a question. Where do you start? Is it with family, schools, community needs, volunteering activities or sporting interests? The list goes on. As we know, at times we think it is difficult to get things happening in our communities, however, mostly we endeavour to support our region and the groups that plan these events.

If you’re looking forward to a great night out, it is time to pre-book your night at the Waikerie Bowling Club on July 16 (7pm-9pm) when Music on the Deck brings you Kevin Sullivan, one of

### KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN WEBBER



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pre-payment for the meal and the entertainment are essential to Susan Santella (phone 0417 854 972).

Completing the weekend is a coach trip to Renmark’s Chaffey Theatre on Sunday, July 17, for those who would like to attend the matinee performance of the Riverland Musical Society 2022 feature The Phantom of the Opera. Congratulations and thank you to RMS members for the presentation of this popular musical for us to enjoy. Patrons are asked to book their own tickets online from the Chaffey Theatre. The coach leaves the Waikerie Uniting Church at 12.45pm (\$20pp). Further inquiries to Jan (phone) 0448 893 055.

The Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group welcomes supporters to a big screen day at the Loxton Club’s Woolshed Bar on

Saturday, July 23 at 1pm. The Sydney vs Adelaide game starts at 1.15pm and finger food will be supplied at half time. To assist with catering please confirm your attendance with Lyn Appleton by July 17. A bingo night will be held at the Loxton Club on Thursday October 20. This is a great night to share with others and support our group, so we can then give our support to organisations in our region.

As the days go by Riverland gardeners and organisations are preparing their plans for the forthcoming Riverland Rose and Garden Festival in all towns, from October 14-23. Throughout our region there will be so much to see and enjoy. The festival’s official opening is on October 15. Event co-ordinator Michelle Dominic will be pleased to know of activities being planned in your community.

The Waikerie community extends sincere sympathy to the Noll family, especially Albert, upon the recent passing of dear Gladys. She was a much-loved and admired community volunteer. Together with Albert they were a great team in helping others.

If you support the Rotary Op Shop at Waikerie and have recently donated a fleece jacket with a coloured zip you may be looking for something. A flash drive was found in the pocket. If it is yours please call the Rotary Op Shop and identify the colour of the jacket and the zip. Thanks to the person who returned the flash drive to the Op Shop.

Thought for the week:  
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Waikerie Rotarians Claudie Jacobs (left), Colleen Andrew and Betty Kuchel at their Biggest Morning Tea earlier this month. PHOTOS: Christine Webster

## Waikerie Rotarians raising funds for Cancer Council SA

MORE than 30 Waikerie Rotarians and friends gathered for a Biggest Morning Tea earlier this month to help raise funds for Cancer Council SA.

The June 8 event at Lucy Quintel’s residence was held instead of the Rotary Club of Waikerie’s regular dinner meeting.

Organiser of the morning tea, Letchemi Velauthapillai, said a “generous amount” was raised.

She said participants paid \$10 each and funds were also raised through a raffle, lucky squares, and the auctioning of a bottle of wine and homemade apple cake.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



Waikerie Rotarians Letchemi Velauthapillai and Lyn Oliver helped raise funds for Cancer Council SA at a Biggest Morning Tea event at Waikerie earlier this month.



Participants of the Rotary Club of Waikerie's Cancer Council SA fundraiser earlier this month.





**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Correctional Services

## CAR AND/OR TRUCK LICENCE SUPPORT

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) Volunteer Unit is recruiting volunteers to provide practical support to prisoners to help them obtain their car/truck drivers licence in the Driving School Program at the Cadell Training Centre.

The volunteer will be required to attend weekly visits for approximately 3 hours.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Unit on 8440 3620 or email [dcs.volunteerunit@sa.gov.au](mailto:dcs.volunteerunit@sa.gov.au)

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### Waikerie Office Location

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Applicants possess Certificate III or above in Disability or have valuable life experience interacting with persons with a disability. Applicants will also require a Senior First Aid Certificate.

Applicants are willing to work after school hours, some weekends and overnight shifts as well as during school holiday periods

**Applications and resumes to**  
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Salary will be commensurate with the applicant's experience and qualifications.

**Send resume to:** [lesleigh@scherer.com.au](mailto:lesleigh@scherer.com.au)

RZ11308

## Administration Officer

**Casual or Part Time – Renmark based**

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- Data entry
- Office stock control

**Successful Applicant must have:**

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- Excellent communication skills
- Well presented, punctual and be able to work unsupervised

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## Cellar Coordinator

To enable us to meet our growing customer requirements, we are seeking an enthusiastic Cellar Coordinator to join our Cellar leadership team.

Cellar Coordinators are actively involved in the training and development of staff, contributing to improvements in the cellar as well as ensuring compliance with our management systems including wine quality and WH&S.

**Key responsibilities include:**

- Rostering employees.
- Plan and co-ordinate daily work tasks.
- Monitor and manage staff performance as required.
- Ensure employees acquire the skills necessary to perform tasks safely and efficiently.
- Responsible for ensuring all equipment is appropriately maintained and operating at maximum efficiency.
- Promptly identify and resolve problems as they occur in liaison with other stakeholders
- Ensure the provision of adequate stocks and supplies.
- Drive continuous improvement in the Cellar operations while ensuring quality, WH&S and environmental compliance is maintained.

**Preferred candidates will ideally possess:**

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To apply for either position please email your resume and covering letter quoting the specific role title you seek to apply for and detailing your interest in the position by addressing the key criteria to [hr@kewines.com.au](mailto:hr@kewines.com.au) or apply via our website (click on the 'Careers' tab) by **8 July 2022.**

For all enquiries contact the Human Resources Advisor, Sean Leesue on 08 8583 0568.

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**TRAINING SALARY:**  
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The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) offers career opportunities that are challenging, demanding and rewarding. DCS contributes to building a safe, just and fair society where the supervision and rehabilitation of offenders is humane, and the rights of the victims are respected.

Trainee Correctional Officers work in South Australian institutions performing a range of duties related to the security, safety and welfare of prisoners. This is a unique opportunity to provide a positive role model to prisoners. You will contribute to prisoner rehabilitation efforts to reduce the risk of re-offending on return to the community.

DCS is a socially inclusive employer that recognises the benefits of having a workforce that reflects community diversity and culture. We strive to achieve a diverse range of Correctional Officers and encourage applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTQIA+, and women.

Part time positions are available as part of the SA Government's commitment to diversity and workplace flexibility.

Candidates must be aged 18 years or over, be a Permanent resident or Australian citizen and possess a current unrestricted driver's licence.

An information night will be held at the Waikerie Hotel Motel, 2 McCoy Street, Waikerie SA 5330 on Monday 27 June 2022 at 5:30 pm and at Berri Town Hall, 19 Wilson Street, Berri SA 5343 on Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Please register your attendance at [one](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/correctional-officer-career-information-session-for-cadell-training-centre-tickets-362807265297?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse) of the venues below:

**Information Session in Waikerie:**  
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**Information session in Berri:**  
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For further information and application packs please visit:  
<https://www.corrections.sa.gov.au/careers/Working-with-prisoners-and-offenders/correctional-officers>

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WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

Due to Costa's recent expansion of citrus, wine grape and avocado operations in the Riverland SA, an opportunity has become available for a Maintenance Fitter to join the maintenance crew at the Renmark Packhouse Chowilla Street Renmark SA. You will work well as part of a high performing maintenance team with a good collaborative culture, supporting continuous improvement to achieve maximum levels of maintenance and safety. You will have a strong history of maintenance experience in a manufacturing environment and enjoy taking on a strong level of responsibility for this.

WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING

You will be responsible for:

- Ensuring the achievement of defined maintenance quality standards and meeting planned maintenance and operational requirements, whilst ensuring that all Health and Safety and Food Safety Standards are adhered to.
- Preventative maintenance on machines and equipment; as well as responding to emergency machine break downs throughout Renmark Packhouse.
- Overhaul and repair of machines and equipment.

WHAT YOU'LL BRING TO THE ROLE

- Have experience in machine troubleshooting / problem solving and fault finding.

ENQUIRIES: For more information, please contact:  
Peter Klonaris Maintenance Manager on 0438 751 295.  
Job and Person Specifications available by emailing:  
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- Preparation and processing of customer invoices; processing customer payments
- General housekeeping functions for reception area

To be successful in this role you will have the following skills and attributes:

- Self-motivated with a positive attitude
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- Have excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Be a clear and logical thinker, able to comprehend issues and work to resolve them effectively
- Be organised, able to multitask and prioritise workload
- Attention to detail
- Be able to work unsupervised, autonomously and in a team
- Be competent on all mainstream IT operating systems
- Have the skills and knowledge to work well under pressure

As an employee of **Laser Electrical Renmark**, you will enjoy the many benefits of working for an industry leading Organisation. We believe in developing our employees and enabling them to reach their full potential.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a recent school-leaver looking to start their career

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Vineyard Manager

This position would suit an experienced Vineyard Manager looking to broaden their skills and capability in larger scale viticulture operations. Located in the Mildura region, and reporting to the Group Viticulturist, this position will assume full responsibility for the Nangiloc vineyard encompassing 160 hectares. Utilising modern equipment, this position is responsible for all facets of vineyard management including team development and leadership, operational planning and execution, quality, target yields, cost control, innovation and a journey of continuous improvement.

Preferred candidates will be proactive, be hands on and results focused and aspire to deliver best in class outcomes, taking pride in their team's contribution. Ideally candidates will have had at least 5 years' previous experience in a similar vineyard management role. A highly competitive package, including generous performance incentives, will be offered to attract the highest quality candidate, with the potential to progress further, for the right candidate.

Regional Viticulturist

As the Regional Viticulturist you will be responsible for providing technical support to the Riverland Vineyards sites by monitoring, sampling, researching and assisting with development work and block plan preparation, introducing leading edge viticultural innovations and performing other vineyard operations as required. This position will provide support to our six vineyard sites in the Riverland Region and support production of a range of grape varieties.

Regional Viticulturist will be responsible for providing early identification of production limiting targets, maintaining the environmental management plan and other record keeping systems and databases, assisting in irrigation management, soil nutrition, pest and disease and yield estimation programs to achieve yield and quality targets and providing technical support to managers at other intra and interstate vineyards, coupled with managing people to assist in your responsibilities.

Preferred candidates will ideally hold tertiary qualifications in Horticulture or Viticulture and have a thorough understanding of warm climate viticulture and regulations effecting viticulture and grape supply practices. With excellent written and verbal communication skills, successful candidates will have the ability to prioritise, plan and manage time to meet deadlines, the ability to track and present accurate data and reports, be able to demonstrate a high-level attention to detail, be highly proficient in the use of MS applications and hold a current driver's licence and chemical handling certificate.

Successful candidates will share the values of our Company:  
**Accountability, Teamwork, Continuous Improvement, Integrity and Respect.**

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**Advocate - (full-time or part-time)**

**About the position**

ARAS is seeking applications from suitably qualified candidates for the role of Advocate in the aged care sector (full-time or part-time, multiple positions) for our new Riverland [Berri] office.

Successful applicants will be required to attend our Dulwich office for induction and training for a period of up to 2 months, after which time they will be based at our new Berri office.

**About the Organisation**

Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) offers a free, confidential and state-wide service to older people, or their representatives.

The ARAS website provides information about the range of work that ARAS undertakes.

A position description is available; [www.sa.agedrights.asn.au](http://www.sa.agedrights.asn.au) ARAS is the South Australian component of the National Aged Care Advocacy Program, and is funded by the Australian Department of Health.

**Specific employment requirements**

- A tertiary qualification in a humanitarian/ social justice discipline.
- National Police Clearance (less than 12 months old).
- Working with Vulnerable Persons clearance (less than 12 months old).
- COVID-19 vaccination and current Influenza vaccination is mandatory.
- Current driving license and willingness to drive for work purposes.

Applications can be addressed to ARAS Corporate Services Manager and made by email via [humanresources@agedrights.asn.au](mailto:humanresources@agedrights.asn.au) Applications will close on 24th June 2022. Only applicants shortlisted will be advised. For additional information, please phone 0436 283 818.

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# ASSISTANT MANAGER

Boscaro Farms is a progressive, family owned horticultural business located at Bookpurnong in the Riverland. We require an assistant manager to help share all management responsibilities especially irrigation control. The role is a full time salaried position with shared weekend and out of hours responsibilities.

**The property consists of:**

- 370 HA almonds
- 62 HA wine grapes
- Fully automated, direct diversion irrigation system - all on drip line.

The successful applicant will be well presented with good communication skills and several years experience in horticulture and relevant certification.

Applications to:  
**Ben Taylor**  
[bt@murraypioneer.com.au](mailto:bt@murraypioneer.com.au)  
MOB: 0419 833 517

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## Electrical Technician

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**WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**

Due to Costa's recent expansion of citrus, wine grape and avocado operations in the Riverland SA, an opportunity has become available for an Electrical Technician to join the maintenance crew at Costa. The successful applicant will be based at Costa Renmark, within the Riverland Region of South Australia. A permanent role will be offered to the right applicant with the ability to use initiative and make sound decisions. You will work well as part of a high performing maintenance team with a good collaborative culture, supporting continuous improvement to achieve maximum levels of maintenance and safety. You will have a strong history of electrical maintenance experience in a manufacturing environment and enjoy taking on a strong level of responsibility for this.

**WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING**

You will be responsible for ensuring the achievement of defined maintenance quality standards and meeting planned maintenance and operational requirements, whilst ensuring that all Health and Safety and Food Safety Standards are adhered to.

**WHAT YOU'LL BRING TO THE ROLE**

- Trade Certificate 3 in Electrotechnology (Electrician).\
- Knowledge/Experience in Programmable Logic Controller's (PLC's).
- Have experience in machine troubleshooting / problem solving and fault finding.

**ENQUIRIES:** For more information, please contact:  
Peter Klonaris Maintenance Manager on 0438 751 295.  
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Select Harvests continues to play an important role in our ongoing efforts to improve our rural and regional communities across VIC, NSW & SA. Each year, we invite applications from local charities, community groups, education and sporting clubs to apply for these financial grants as a way to thank these organisations for servicing our local communities.

This year, we are proud to announce that our Community Donations Program supported the following organisations in SA: Loxton Hockey Club, Waikerie Football Club Inc, Loxton North Netball Club and Girl Guides SA Berri District.



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## COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2022

4pm -7pm

105 FIFTEENTH St RENMARK

WALK THROUGH THE NEWLY DEVELOPED  
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## SA State Manager

Full Time – Renmark based

BusBiz is currently searching for an enthusiastic team member for our vacant position! This position is ideal for someone who prides themselves on strategic thinking, excellent time management and organisational skills. This position provides a fantastic opportunity for someone to gain a rewarding career in passenger transport.

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

- Overseeing the management of staff
- Data entry
- Quoting
- Liaising with customers and clients
- Some after hours on call requirements
- Weekly/Monthly reporting

**Successful Applicant must have:**

- Drivers Licence; heavy vehicle licence and experience preferred but not essential
  - Computer experience
  - Excellent communication skills
  - Well-presented
  - Punctual, self-starter
  - Be willing to travel away from home on occasion for entire days or up to 2 nights
- Remuneration for this role will be in accordance with the relevant award.

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, gender, race, religion or belief.

Please email [HR@busbiz.net.au](mailto:HR@busbiz.net.au) with a resume or details of experience.

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Applications end 24th June 2022



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80th  
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**SCHUTZ,** Margaret June ‘Grandma!’  
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Congratulations for 80 incredible years on this Earth!  
You have such a special place in our hearts!  
Love you heaps, your grandkids, Danika and Sabastien.

90th  
BIRTHDAY

**COLE,** Vera.  
June 22.  
Congratulations on reaching your 90th.  
Thanks for being a lovely mother and mother-in-law.  
Lots of love, Tania and Geoff.  
**COLE,** Vera.  
June 22.  
To a special aunty. Happy 90th birthday.  
To a truly wonderful person, your kind heart will stay with me forever.  
Love you, Dianna ‘Didy’.

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**BRALEY,** Martin James.  
Passed away suddenly at the Flinders Medical Centre on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.  
Aged 70 years.  
Cherished husband of Trish.  
Dearly loved dad and father-in-law of Adam and Jodi, Simon and Michelle.  
Loving poppa of Imogen, Tyson, Lila, James and Jessie.  
Loved brother-in-law of Max, Rob and Chris.  
Uncle Marty to Toni and Cameron, Sally and Matt, Belinda, Abbie and Jason, and their families.  
Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.  
Dearly loved brother and brother-in-law of Annette and the late John.  
Loved Uncle Marty of Lauren and John, Alex and Mel, Max, Eliza, Jack and Archie.  
Reunited with Mum and Dad. Rest peacefully, dear brother.  
“Only love can break your heart.”  
- Neil Young.

DEATHS

**KELLY,** Judith Lorraine ‘Judy’.  
It is with a sad and heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of our amazing, inspirational, brave and loving mother, wife, friend, daughter, sister and nanna.  
She passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 12, at Barmera Hospital.  
Thankyou everyone for your outpouring of support and love.  
Loving wife of Gavan (deceased).  
Loving mother of Michael, Ben, Josclin.  
Loving mother-in-law of Amy and Deb.  
Incredible nanna to Sara, Dan, Grace, Laila, Abigail and Lewis.  
Your suffering is over, your heart is free.  
Reunited with the love of her life.  
Forever loved, forever missed, forever in our hearts and minds with loving memories so precious.  
We are so proud of you, Mum.  
Farewell, Godspeed.

**LANGCAKE,** Helen.  
Passed away June 8, 2022.  
Beloved mother of Sharmaine.  
Nana to Ryan, Kendra and William.  
Eternally in our hearts forever, no words can express our loss but know that you will always be cherished and loved by us, your family. xxx  
Miss you Mum, love you. xxx  
A private cremation will be held for Helen with her family.

DEATHS

**LANGCAKE,** Helen Sandra (nee Pfeil).  
Passed away on June 8, 2022.  
Aged 72 years.  
Loved daughter of Sylvia and James Pfeil (both deceased).  
Sister to Caryll, Gloria (deceased), Jenny, Kenny (deceased), and Glen.  
Privately cremated. Resting in peace.  
**MAITLAND,** Isobel.  
Passed away peacefully with family present on Thursday, June 9, 2022.  
Aged 87 years.  
Loving mother of 7 children and partners.  
Loved grandma of 15, great-grandma of 24 and great-great-grandma of 7.  
Will be sadly missed.

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**MORGAN,** Kim Wayne.  
23/8/1953 – 14/6/2022  
Dearly beloved brother, brother-in-law and uncle of Allan, Dianne, Daniel (deceased), Leanne, Aaron, David, Mariya, and their families.  
So sadly missed and always remembered.  
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DEATHS

**NAIRNE,** Darren John.  
We lost you unexpectedly on May 27, 2022 when your beautiful big heart stopped beating.  
Aged 58 years.  
Best friend and partner of Helen.  
Loving son and best mate of Ken and Ros.  
Kind, generous, and big-hearted brother of Tara and Jason, Kelly and Mark.  
Loving uncle of Kieren, Jaiden, Archer and Jorjette.  
“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”  
- A. A. Milne  
Darren’s funeral was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the Barmera Club.

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**NOLL,** Gladys Elva (nee Kassulke).  
It is with much sadness we say goodbye to our beloved Gladys.  
5/7/1934 – 15/6/2022  
Dearly loved and loving wife of Albert for 66 years.  
Adored and loved mother of Peter (deceased), Meredith, Sharyn (deceased) and Letchemi.  
Mother-in-law to Greg, Bill (deceased) and Swee Poh.  
A caring soul with a loving heart. Strongly committed to her faith and church. A generous and dedicated supporter of her community.  
In our hearts forever.  
Reunited with her loved ones.

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**NOLL,** Gladys Elva.  
Gladys’ family and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service commencing at 10.30am on Friday, June 24 in the Waikerie Lutheran Church. Refreshments will follow the service. A committal will take place in the Murbko Cemetery at 2pm.  
The funeral service can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/gn240622>  
If desired, donations in memory of Gladys to the Royal Flying Doctor Service would be appreciated. Donation envelopes will be available at the service.

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**BRALEY.**  
The relatives and friends of Martin James Braley are respectfully informed that his funeral service will be held in the Ewart Tennyson Chapel, Skinner Family Funerals, 1 Frances Terrace, Moonta, on Thursday, June 23, 2022, commencing at 2pm.  
SKINNER FAMILY FUNERALS  
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Moonta  
(08) 8252 5028

**KELLY.**  
The relatives and friends of the late Judy Kelly are respectfully invited to attend her memorial service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday, June 24, 2022 at 11am.  
In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Judy’s memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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The memories you have given us, Will be forever in our hearts.  
We will always love you and miss you, Josh. Every second, of every minute, of every day.  
All our love, forever and ever.  
♥  
Mum, Dad, Kate and Meg.  
♥  
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**NOLL.**  
In loving memory.  
Robert Arthur ‘Bob’ 3/11/1929 – 20/6/2021  
Lorna Elizabeth 18/5/1936 – 3/6/2020  
Philip Robert 24/3/1957 – 23/6/2012  
Time passes by. The river keeps flowing. The love in our hearts for you keeps growing.  
Karen, Steven, David. Amy, Tom and Milly.

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IN MEMORIAM

**GILLESPIE,** Joshua Mark.  
Josh.  
“Our beautiful boy.”  
Born May 24, 1985.  
Left us June 23, 2010.  
Forever 25.  
12 years have just faded away... Yet it only feels like yesterday... That our hearts and lives were shattered, And will never be the same again.  
Our hearts still ache for you, And the emptiness and rawness of losing you, Is still so painful, there are no words...  
Our lives are forever changed.  
As we smile, through our tears, We know there is something of you, In everything that we do, But we just miss you, so, so much!

**JAEGER,** Christopher.  
Valerie and family would like to thank those who showed their love and support following the passing of their beloved husband, dad and poppy.  
Thanks for all the cards, phone calls, and personal visits. A special thanks to the community nurses and palliative care team, it was truly appreciated by all of us. Please accept this as our personal thanks.  
**LAWSON,** Hilda.  
Andrew, Deb, Melissa and family would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, flowers, cards and attending Hilda Lawson’s funeral.  
Your kind words of sympathy meant a lot to us all.

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**AGM** - Waikerie Red Cross. Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 1.30pm at the Waikerie Club.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** required. Local author seeks photographs of former Lake Bonney-Barmera regulator and associated infrastructure circa 2010. Phone 0413799091.

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# CHURCH

## NOTICES



**Lutheran Church**  
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**Sunday, June 26**

Barmera 11am Combined

Pastor H. Schilling

All Welcome  
Phone 8582 1853

### LOXTON

**3rd Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sunday, June 26**

St Peter's 8.30am HC 10.30am HC

Concordia 10am HC da Costa

Myrla & New Residence No Service

Bookpurnong 8.30am HC da Costa

Rest Home Wed, Jun 29 10.30am HC

**Lutheran Ministry Centre**

**Phone 8584 5522**

Pastor Darrin Kohrt

(Concordia and outlying)

Pastor Jason Sander

(St Peter's)

### RENMARK | PARINGA

**Sunday, June 26**

Renmark 9am

Paringa 10.30am

All Welcome

Pastor Roland Adams

Phone 0460 300 492

### WAIKERIE

**Sunday, June 26**

Waikerie 10am

Lowbank 8.45am

Ramco 8.45am

All Welcome

Phone 8541 2689



**Anglican Church**  
Riverland

**Sunday, June 26**

**9am - Barmera**

**St Edmund's**

**9am - Loxton**

**The Resurrection**

**9am - Renmark**

**St Augustine's**

**11am - Waikerie**

**St James**

**Contact:**

**Fr. David Patterson**

**8586 3288**



**Sunday, June 26**

**10am**

**Loxton Senior**

**Citizen Hall**

**25 Tobruk Terrace**

**Ps Red Elliott**

**0439 507 098**

**Ps Sheryl Giles**

**0423 884 002**



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### LOXTON

**Sunday, June 26**

**10am**

**Darryl Knowling**

**Contact**

**Rev Linda Forsyth**

**0401 815 488**

### RENMARK

**10am**

**Renmark Ave**

**8.30am**

**Renmark West**

**Ian Forsyth**

**Phone 0401 815 488**

## Catholic Church Mass Times

**Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish**

### WEEKS 1, 3 & 5

**Saturday**

Renmark 6.30pm

Morgan 6.00pm

**Sunday**

Berri 9.00am

Loxton 11.00am

Waikerie 11.00am

Barmera 6.00pm

### WEEKS 2 & 4

**Saturday**

Berri 6.30pm

Waikerie 6.00pm

**Sunday**

Renmark 9.00am

Morgan 9.00am

Barmera 11.00am

Loxton 6.00pm



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**Sunday 10am**

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### Loxton Show Society

Conveners needed for the 2022 show for the following sections:

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Amateur Winemaking

& Brewing, Scarecrows

and Vintage Machinery,

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Please call

0497 147 890

for more information.

### Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of National Trust)

are seeking able

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for more information

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# RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUST

## SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

**Valid: 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 (Rate Notice 45)**

This is the date from which each individual charge applies unless otherwise specified

FIXED SERVICE CHARGES		
Charge Name	Description/Amount	
Access Charge	\$384.60 per rated hectare per annum. Minimum Charge \$384.60 per annum	
Domestic Service Charge	Irrigator (connection on rated land)	\$150.60 per Supply Connection per annum
	Non-Irrigator (connection on non-rated land)	\$303.40 per Supply Connection per annum
Industrial Service Charge	Mechanical Meter (small)	\$303.40 per Supply Connection per annum
	Electronic Meter (large)	\$606.60 per Supply Connection per annum
Private Diverter Service Charge	Mechanical Meter (small)	\$303.40 per Supply Connection per annum
	Electronic Meter (large)	\$606.60 per Supply Connection per annum

VARIABLE CHARGES		
Charge Name	Description/Amount	
Water Delivery Fee	Irrigation-Low pressure	\$51.20 per ML used
	Irrigation-High pressure	\$128.10 per ML used
	Industrial-Assessed customer	\$51.20 per ML used
	Industrial-Unassessed customer	\$92.60 per ML used
	Casual use (e.g. unrated floodplains)	\$92.60 per ML used
	Domestic	\$51.20 per ML used
Water Use Over Domestic Allowance	Domestic (Non-Irrigator)	\$0.45 per kL (1,000 litres) used in excess of the fixed domestic allowance. Charged in addition to Water Delivery Fee
Water Levy (Landscape Board)	Class 3 – Irrigation Class 5 – Industrial	Not available at time of publishing
Water used above allocation	Financial penalties will apply to any unauthorised taking of water as per penalty rates declared under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i>	

OTHER CHARGES						
Charge Name	Amount					
Termination Fee	\$3,846 (plus GST of \$384.60) per hectare terminated					
Meter and Chamber Removal	\$600 – \$1,000 (cost may vary from this range in exceptional circumstances)					
Meter Only Removal (Irrigation Meter only)	No Charge					
New Supply Connection	25mm	\$1,580*	80mm	\$6,300*	150mm	\$10,500*
	40mm	\$2,630*	100mm	\$7,890*		
	*Cost may vary in exceptional circumstances					
Supply Connection Lock Down Fee	\$67 per Supply Connection for each occasion of lock down					
Entitlement Transfer Administration Fee	\$340 (incl GST) per transfer for external transfers off licence					
	\$37 (incl GST) for internal transfers					
Drainage Fee	\$95 (incl GST) applies to customers who do not pay an Access Charge					

INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS (INCLUDED IN ABOVE CHARGES)	
Rehabilitation Contribution	\$0 - Rehabilitation Loans Paid in Full
Future Asset Replacement	\$500,000 will be reserved in 2022-23 for future asset replacement

### NOTES

1. The fixed and variable charges of this Schedule of Charges relate to the River Murray and are covered by the South Australian River Murray Water Allocation Plan.

2. All fixed and variable charges are billed quarterly as follows:

	Billed	Due for Payment
First Quarter	1 July 2022	30 September 2022
Second Quarter	1 October 2022	31 December 2022

All amounts outstanding for more than 90 days from the date of invoice will have interest charged at 1% and then additionally at 1% each month thereafter on the accumulated total outstanding.

Accounts that remain unpaid after 180 days without a payment plan will have their Supply Connection locked down.

Customers who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the Trust to organise a payment plan.

3. All charges are GST free unless specified.

4. The Water Levy for the remainder of the year is payable in full if any volume of entitlement is transferred (i.e. sold).

DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES/TERMINOLOGY	
Access Charge (Water Delivery Right)	Fee to access Renmark Irrigation Trust’s water delivery infrastructure.
Assessed Customer	A person or entity that owns or occupies land that has been assessed by the Trust as all arable land within the boundaries of a land title.
Domestic (Non-Irrigator)	Customers receiving water through a domestic meter who reside on land not rated by the Trust and do not pay an Access Charge.
Drainage Fee	Fee to customers who do not pay Access Charges to use drainage infrastructure for the removal of excess water from a property.
Entitlement Transfer Administration Fee	Costs for transferring water entitlement on behalf of entitlement holders.
Meter and Chamber Removal	Costs for removing a meter and associated Supply Connection infrastructure.
Meter Only Removal (Irrigation Meters only)	Relates to removing the meter only. All other Supply Connection infrastructure remains in place. There is no charge to have a meter removed or put back in.
ML	Megalitre (equivalent to 1,000 kilolitres or 1 million litres).
New Supply Connection	Costs for installing infrastructure and meter at a new water supply point.
Service Charge (Domestic, Industrial, Private Diverter)	Recovers the cost of operating and maintaining Supply Connections. The charge applies to each Supply Connection at a property.
Supply Connection	An irrigation, domestic, industrial or private diverter water supply delivery point incorporating a water meter.
Supply Connection Lock Down Fee	Costs for isolating Supply Connections from Trust infrastructure. Applicable upon non-payment of accounts after final notice given.
Termination Fee	Charged to a customer who holds a right of access to Renmark Irrigation Trust’s Infrastructure, in relation to that right or part of that right being terminated or surrendered.
Water Delivery Fee	The cost associated with delivering water to a supply point.
Water Levy (formally NRM Levy)	As per section 76 of the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> , all water entitlement holders contribute to the Water Levy. The Levy is determined by the Minister for Environment and Water and is collected by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) on behalf of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board. The Levy is charged to the Trust in July and is recouped quarterly, at the same rate, from customers who hold water entitlement. Visit the Landscape for Murraylands and Riverland website for further information.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**Determination of Charges**  
Discussed at Annual General Meeting of Members and approved by the Member elected Trust Board.

**Dispute Resolution**  
Disputes regarding charges can first be rectified by contacting the Trust’s main office. If a customer is unsatisfied with the result then they can be referred to the General Manager. If a resolution cannot be reached, it can be referred to the Trust Board for final determination of the Trust position.

**Interpretation of this Schedule of Charges**  
Information contained in this Schedule of Charges should be read in conjunction with all other Trust policy and procedure documents available at the Trust Office or online at [rit.org.au](http://rit.org.au).

**Location of Renmark Irrigation Trust and its assets**  
All Renmark Irrigation Trust assets, including land and infrastructure, are located on the River Murray or its anabranches in South Australia (predominantly in the Renmark/Paringa Council District) and are covered by the South Australian River Murray Water Allocation Plan.

Rosalie Auricht  
Chief Executive Officer

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## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE WILSON STREET, BERRI

Please be advised that Wilson Street in front of the Council office will be closed to traffic for the purpose of high works, from 6.30am to 9.30am **Friday 24 June 2022**.

Excludes all vehicles, with the exception of Council vehicles, emergency services vehicles and relevant contractor vehicles.

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922.

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## Waikerie Lions Club Auction

### To The Community around Waikerie

Due to the current situation the Lions Club of Waikerie have decided to **temporarily postpone their Riverfront Auctions** until after winter when the Lions Club will endeavour to bring back a revitalised Riverfront Auction format.

The Lions Club have greatly appreciated the valued patronage of all that have participated in the auctions and look forward to resuming when possible.

We apologise for any inconvenience

**Henry Stendara**  
Secretary / Treasurer  
Lions Club of Waikerie



## the quiz answers

1.The Fugitive 2.Leningrad 3.Jack 4.Post 5.British Columbia 6.Mary Poppins 7.Mickey Mouse 8.JPEG 9.Adam 10.Trojan Horse 11.Hotel California 12.Luxembourg 13.Modem 14.Egypt 15.Pipe Organ 16.Amore 17.Batteries 18.Chile 19.Carlos 20.Bill and Ted

**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER**  
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Lana Gregoric's (left) 40-goal effort against Loxton defensive duo Lydia Schwarz-Johns and Leah Uren failed to get her side over the line as the visitors triumphed in last Saturday's round of A1 netball. Photos: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Loxton moves up as netball returns

RIVERLAND netball returned with a bang following its week off for the junior country championships over the June long weekend, as three thrilling fixtures helped shape the ladder for the second half of the year.

Loxton picked up a vital win over Berri in the mid-table clash that had major ramifications on each side's place on the table.

The match was neck and neck throughout, with home side Berri trailing by just two goals at the end of both the first and third quarters.

It was played at a high tempo, leading to a number of mistakes from both sides, including some inaccuracy in the goal circle.

Lana Gregoric partnered the undersized Charlie Gates up front for Berri and did the bulk of the scoring, pouring in 40 goals in a strong showing, but it was not enough for her side to come out on top.

The expert play of Mackella Hogan at the opposite end helped Loxton to a seven-goal win, taking IT one match clear of Berri in the standings.

Loxton star Emily Beaton played in just her second match of the season, donning the wing attack bib and providing silver service to the Loxton goalies.

Elise Foulds also starred in the win, teaming up with Beaton and making for a dominant Loxton mid-court.

Meanwhile Renmark continued on its merry way, defeating Loxton North by nine goals after pulling away in the final quarter.

The sides went goal for goal in the

## A1 LADDER

	W	L	D	P	F	A
RENMARK	8	0	0	16	521	352
BARMERA	7	1	0	14	465	354
LOXTON	3	4	1	7	434	402
LOXTON NORTH	3	5	0	6	387	376
BERRI	2	5	1	5	460	433
WAIKERIE	0	8	0	0	258	608

first half before Lauren Collins got on top in the Renmark goal circle, with the star scoring 35 times in the win.

Strong, driving play from Shenae Rucioch amplified Collins' impact, with the energetic mid-courter able to feed the ball in to both Collins and Sonja Modlinski with ease.

Loxton North was able to find some resistance in the form of Sara-Jane Wharton and Jenna Barry, while Ellie Thomas provided a target in the goal circle as the side went toe-to-toe with the reigning premier.

Eventually, Renmark's class shone through and its relentless pressure paved the way for a number of Loxton North turnovers as the game wore on.

Waikerie remains the only winless team in the A1 competition after another loss last week, this time to second-placed Barmera by 41 goals.

The sides went into the clash without key players, with Barmera's Tahlia Dillon and Waikerie's Chelsea

Helbig both out for six weeks due to injury.

Barmera started best even without its star centre, establishing an early lead in the first and second quarters, with its quick ball movement a highlight of the first half.

Khaleisha Barnett played well while the evergreen Sue Whitbourne put in another impressive showing on the wing.

Waikerie came out firing in the third quarter, with goalie Taylah Gore able to impact the match, scoring 25 times in a strong outing.

Barmera curtailed the Waikerie comeback by controlling the tempo of the game and maintaining possession when necessary and by the end of the match, the margin had blown out to just over 40 goals.

The Precinct will play host to two intriguing fixtures this week with Barmera taking on Loxton and Waikerie doing battle with Loxton North, while Renmark faces off against Berri at home.



Loxton star Emily Beaton returned to the fold for her second match of the Riverland A1 netball season. Her mid-court expertise helped her side to a seven-goal win over mid-table rivals Berri.

### A1 RESULTS

RENMARK	V	LOXTON NORTH
RENMARK	15	27 42 55
LOXTON NORTH	13	24 35 46
BEST: Renmark - L. Collins, S. Rucioch. Loxton North - S. Wharton, J. Barry.		
LOXTON	V	BERRI
LOXTON	15	29 42 57
BERRI	13	26 40 50
BEST: Loxton - M. Hogan, E. Foulds. Berri - L. Gregoric, E. Westley.		
BARMERA	V	WAIKERIE
BARMERA	18	38 54 75
WAIKERIE	8	15 27 34
BEST: Barmera - K. Barnett, S. Whitbourne. Waikerie - T. Gore, J. Golding.		

<b>A2</b> <b>Renmark 58 d Loxton North 27.</b> BEST: Renmark - S. Wiese, T. Moldovan. Loxton North - K. Waechter, M. Athanasopoulos.	<b>Barmera 60 d Waikerie 20.</b> BEST: Barmera - L. Moore, A. Gilgen. Waikerie - A. Kafexholli, G. Gay.
<b>Berri 33 d Loxton 28.</b> BEST: Berri - I. Linnett, A. Felini. Loxton - T. de Wet, M. Hicks.	<b>Loxton North 35 d Renmark 32.</b> BEST: Loxton North - S. Gibbs, H. Paull. Renmark - K. Watkins, L. Rothe.
<b>Barmera 47 d Waikerie 46.</b> BEST: Barmera - G. Tsorotiotis, L. Hill. Waikerie - N. Afford, B. Wilksch.	<b>Renmark Blue 20 d Loxton North 19.</b> BEST: Renmark Blue - C. Gadaleta, L. Lambert. Loxton North - M. Martin, E. Boucher.
<b>B1</b> <b>Loxton North 47 drew with Waikerie 47.</b> BEST: Loxton North - E. Ramos, J. Whitelaw. Waikerie - N. Liebich, A. Lloyd.	<b>Renmark White 37 d Barmera 29.</b> BEST: Renmark White - K. Atwal, A. Babaniotis. Barmera - M. Nagy, S. Eleftheriadis.
<b>Loxton 63 d Cobdogla 36.</b> BEST: Loxton - M. Pannell, A. Wehrmuller. Cobdogla - K. Fletcher, J. Gregory.	<b>Renmark Purple 75 d Cobdogla 18.</b> BEST: Renmark Purple - M. Shorrock, C. Smart. Cobdogla - T. Polst.
<b>B2</b> <b>Loxton North 46 d Renmark Blue 44.</b> BEST: Loxton North - B. Charles, S. George. Renmark Blue - M. Hopper, H. Ranson.	<b>13A</b> <b>Loxton North 36 d Renmark 6.</b> BEST: Loxton North - K. Harman, M. Smith. Renmark - O. Gartner, M. Lock.
<b>Loxton 70 d Renmark White 38.</b> BEST: Loxton - B. Hopper, L. Madigan. Renmark White - T. Le Cornu, J. Bond.	<b>Barmera 55 d Waikerie 2.</b> BEST: Barmera - H. Brattoli, M. Kassulke. Waikerie - C. Salt, K. Gore.
<b>Berri 46 d Barmera 38.</b> BEST: Berri - B. Talbot, J. Howe-Kruger. Barmera - S. Walter, A. Martin.	<b>13B</b> <b>Berri 24 d Loxton North 18.</b> BEST: Berri - I. Jordan, A. Heward. Loxton North - A. Semmler, M. Paull.
<b>C1</b> <b>Loxton North 34 d Renmark Blue 27.</b> Best: Loxton North - C. Mitchell, J. Worsfold. Renmark Blue - A. Byrnes, C. Greer.	<b>Renmark 44 d Cobdogla 20.</b> BEST: Renmark - M. Poole, E. Long. Cobdogla - M. Wegener, M. Kassulke.
<b>Barmera 28 d Renmark White 24.</b> BEST: Barmera - M. Bourton, S. Albrecht. Renmark White - L. Dunne, N. Jones.	<b>13C</b> <b>Renmark Blue 29 d Loxton North 23.</b> BEST: Renmark Blue - E. Lang, E. Warren. Loxton North - L. Arnold, S. Angeleski.
<b>Berri 42 d Loxton 29.</b> BEST: Berri - N. Bryan, S. Braun. Loxton - R. Brown, T. Mitchell.	<b>Loxton 21 d Renmark White 7.</b> BEST: Loxton - M. McDougall, K. Schutz. Renmark White - A. Roberts, I. Wutke.
<b>C2</b> <b>Renmark 50 d Cobdogla 20.</b> BEST: Renmark - A. Sarti, B. Sadlier. Cobdogla - S. Tanner, T. Polst.	<b>Berri 21 d Barmera 16.</b> BEST: Berri - K. Swart, C. Knight. Barmera - E. Ivanovic, L. Parrotta.
<b>Berri 58 d Waikerie 26.</b> BEST: Berri - J. Guihenneuc, L. Campbell-Collard. Waikerie - A. Gill, S. Gore.	<b>11A</b> <b>Renmark 19 d Loxton North 17.</b> BEST: Renmark - A. Roberts, C. Pearce. Loxton North - I. Williams, I. Miller.
<b>Barmera 51 d Loxton North 42.</b> BEST: Barmera - R. Hembling, T. Paralla. Loxton North - J. Falland, D. Venning.	<b>Berri 49 d Loxton 21.</b> BEST: Berri - M. Pitt, K. Sweet. Loxton - M. Schwarz-da Silva.
<b>17A</b> <b>Renmark 36 d Loxton North 32.</b> BEST: Renmark - A. Esam, A. Young. Loxton North - E. Clayton, K. Makris.	<b>Barmera 26 d Waikerie 17.</b> BEST: Barmera - J. Wright, G. Trigg. Waikerie - G. Zarmbalas, E. Stevens.
<b>Berri 54 d Loxton 16.</b> BEST: Berri - A. Morgan, D. Campbell-Collard. Loxton - M. Hicks.	<b>11B</b> <b>Waikerie 9 d Renmark White 8.</b> BEST: Waikerie - C. Golding, N. Cartledge. Renmark White - E. Hammond, S. Nikolis.
<b>Barmera 45 d Waikerie 37.</b> BEST: Barmera - G. Tsorotiotis, A. Koumbarakos. Waikerie - S. Thomas, T. Gore.	<b>Cobdogla 12 d Renmark Blue 7.</b> BEST: Cobdogla - C. Ogle, J. Sparkes. Renmark Blue - W. Tippet, C. Camplin.
<b>17B</b> <b>Renmark Blue 39 d Loxton North 15.</b> BEST: Renmark Blue - P. Martinson, C. Milne. Loxton North - S. Drogemuller, M. Kempthorne.	<b>Berri 21 d Loxton North 7.</b> BEST: Berri - E. Knight, S. Jury. Loxton North - A. Angeleski, B. Jachmann.
<b>Renmark White 55 d Waikerie 33.</b> BEST: Renmark White - S. Thompson, G. Thompson. Waikerie - Details not provided.	<b>Loxton Gold 25 d Barmera 6.</b> BEST: Loxton Gold - H. Webb, C. Andriske. Barmera - J. Edwards, C. Parrotta.
<b>15A</b> <b>Loxton 44 d Berri 21.</b> BEST: Loxton - B. Hahn, I. Drake. Berri - B. Gates, M. Mitchell.	<b>Loxton Black 33 d Loxton Tigers 1.</b> BEST: Loxton Black - I. Cozens, S. Tonkin. Loxton Tigers - A. Vowles, M. Roissetter.



# Bek brought it home

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOXTON high school student took home a gold and a bronze medal at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in May.

Bek Thomson, 18, competed at the Australian Gymnastics Championships on the Gold Coast in the trampolining portion of the event, and walked away with a gold medal in the team event and a bronze medal for her individual efforts.

Bek, who trains several times a week in Adelaide and Berri, is part of the Gymnastics South Australia High Performance Program for trampolining, picking up the sport when she was nine years old.

“We must trial and meet the qualification scores to be eligible to be selected as part of the state team,” she said.

“We then wait to be notified by Gym SA to let us know if we have been successful, and once we know we have made it, it is then a matter of getting the uniform, and arranging travel and accommodation to the Gold Coast.”

Bek won a bronze medal for her individual efforts, competing in the U22 junior international individual female trampolining event.

“We complete two different routines in qualifying, and the top eight go through to the finals,” she said.

“I was nervous in both qualifying and finals, but once I got through my routine in the final I just had to wait for everyone to compete to see where I came, which I must admit, was a little stressful.

“Winning the bronze medal at nationals was a great achievement for me; I couldn’t wipe the smile off my



Loxton High School student Bek Thomson recently took home a gold and a bronze medal at the Australian Gymnastics Championships. PHOTO: supplied

face for days.”

Bek said that after sustaining a few injuries over the last couple of years, including rupturing the ligaments in her elbow recently, she was happy to see that she was competitive with gymnasts from around the country.

Not only did Bek walk away with a bronze medal, she also took home a gold medal after her team finished in first place for the individual trampoline international team female final.

“Each state nominates four gymnasts to compete in the team final, and the SA team was made up with gymnasts who had the top scores from the state championships which was held at the end of April,” she said.

“I was lucky enough to be one of the four, and this year the team was made up of all my teammates, which made it

even more special.

“I just didn’t want to let my teammates down, so I was trying extremely hard just to get through my routine as best as I could.

“When I saw my score go up, I couldn’t believe it. It was a ‘PB’ for me, which if I did in my U22 final, I would have placed first.

“When we saw we had won gold, it was the best feeling. Knowing I had now won two medals at nationals, it was just an unbelievable experience.”

As for what is next for Bek in her gymnastics career, she said her goal is to get to the world championships, and the Olympics one day.

“I like how gymnastics gives me the opportunity to learn new skills and I can strive to be the best I can be.”

## Barmera’s best fill their boots

ROUND six of the Riverland soccer season saw the competition’s four clubs take to Berri on a cold Sunday afternoon, with Barmera emerging as the day’s big winners with an 18-0 results.

After failing to field a side the week heading into the bye, Loxton scrambled together a team in the open men’s competition last week.

A host of juniors and female players filled in, including club stalwart Patty Fournaros-Carney in goal, only to be put to the sword by a relentless Barmera.

Marty Barber led the charge on the Loxton goal, scoring five times in the contest, while teammates Jacob Trudgian and Tony Mitchell put in seven between them.

It was as one-sided a contest as it comes and it allowed Barmera to jump Renmark Olympic in the overall standings, with United now boasting a +39 goal difference.

Renmark was able to remain level on points with the top side after coming from behind to deal a 2-1 defeat to Berri on its home turf.

Josh Sawyer’s opener was cancelled out by a Chris Miller double, with one of the talismanic forward’s goals coming in familiar fashion as he weaved his way through the Berri defence with expert dribbling.

A last-gasp free kick from Berri almost brought the side back to level pegging but the experienced Michael Cartwright in the Renmark goal was able to make an impressive save, moments before the final whistle blew.

Loxton’s struggles continued in the women’s competition as the side slumped to its fourth consecutive loss, this time at the hands of Renmark.

Amelia Koumbarakos netted her first hat-trick of the season, as the number nine put in a dominant display to sink United.

Berri’s 3-2 win over Renmark in the under 16s has brought it to within touching distance of second position on the ladder, with Barmera establishing its dominance over Loxton in a 5-0 rout.

Loxton did manage a win in the under 14s, but it was Berri that stole

the show, putting seven goals past Renmark in its win.

### RESULTS

#### Women

##### Renmark 5 d Loxton 0.

Goals: Renmark – A. Koumbarakos 3, C. Gadaleta, A. Pavlomanolakos.

#### Men

##### Renmark 2 d Berri 1.

Goals: Renmark – C. Miller 2. Berri – J. Sawyer.

##### Barmera 18 d Loxton 0.

Goals: Barmera – M. Barber 5, T. Mitchell 4, J. Trudgian 3, D. Kanakaris 2, J. Tsoriotiotis, K. Beams, J. Pintilie, Y. Zhou.

#### Under 16s

##### Berri 3 d Renmark 2.

Goals: Berri – D. Hronopoulos 2, P. Dale. Renmark – N. Adam, C. Demou.

##### Barmera 5 d Loxton 0.

Goals: Barmera – K. Kenefick 2, N. Boucher, A. Garoufalidis, J. Tsonis.

#### Under 14

##### Berri 7 d Renmark 2.

Goals: Berri – Z. Hronopoulos, C. Vallelonga 3, A. Martin. Renmark – B. Altundag, L. Ivanovic.

##### Loxton 3 d Barmera 0.

Goals: Loxton – A. Flavel 2, C. Williams.

#### Under 12s

##### Berri 6 d Renmark White 3.

Goals: Berri – K. Krendl 3, D. Heuzenroder 2, B. Exarheas. Renmark White – L. Brown 2, I. Atsaves.

##### Barmera 5 d Loxton 1.

Goals: Barmera – J. Sweet 2, J. Hunter, J. Garoufalidis, E. Bascomb. Loxton – J. Ingerson.

played off in the girls final, with St Albert’s emerging victorious after finding the back of the OLOR net twice.

Will Stokes (St Joe’s Barmera) and Anton Pumpa (Loxton Lutheran) were awarded with the boys Good Sport awards, while Emily Darby of Renmark received the award in the girls division.



Barmera Open 2022 champions Chris Murrell (left) and Craig Davis. PHOTO: supplied

## Waikerie stalwart’s drought-breaking Open

WAIKERIE’S 10-time club champion Craig Davis and Goolwa golf legend Chris Murrell won the annual Barmera Open on the weekend.

Davis beat a high-class field after setting up his win with a one over 73 on Saturday. He held a three-shot lead over Loxton champion Andrew Hume going into the second round on Sunday.

The pair played in the same group and went shot for shot all day in a classic showdown of the highest standard in chilly conditions. When Davis bogeyed the short par-3 17th from the front edge, they were all square and the Open title came down to the last hole, the par 5 18th.

Hume teed off first and pulled his drive left onto the first hole fairway, while Davis found the 18th fairway with a controlled fade.

Hume tried to hit high across the tree line with his second but clipped a branch and took two more shots to get within chipping distance.

Davis hit a perfect three wood to 50 metres and then hit to within three metres of the pin at the back edge.

Hume needed a par to take the open to a play-off but his classy chip lipped out and Davis was able to two putt for a one-shot win.

It was a drought-breaking victory. The 2 handicapper had last won a local open in 2014, coincidentally his first Barmera Open.

Davis has been the greenkeeper at Waikerie for 24 years and is renowned for his matchplay record. He knew Hume would be his biggest threat on Sunday and the two enjoyed a tight tussle all day.

“I missed a three-foot birdie putt on 16 that would have sealed it and then my drive on 17 came up short,” he said.

“It was a good day. I enjoyed going head to head with Hume.”

Davis finished with 77 on Sunday and Hume 75. The next best was Broken Hill’s plus-three handicapper Josiah Trinder, a further six shots back. Barmera’s home town hope Doug Johns was fourth, two shots further back, with rounds of 78 and 81.

Murrell carded two rounds of 92 to finish three shots ahead of long-time friend Meredith Williams, who had 94 and 93, to win the women’s event.

Mabel Crouch from Mildura was next best nine shots back.

Murrell admitted after the win that she is a Barmera Open regular.

Her win came as no surprise to her rivals, with the 14-time South Lakes club champion renowned for her steady game.

“It is all about keeping out of trouble when you get to my age,” she said.

Murrell, who in her hey-day played on a handicap of five, remains a formidable opponent and paid tribute to tournament organisers.

“I love coming to Barmera. The course is always lovely, but it is the friendly members that make the biggest difference,” she said. “They do anything for you and always make you feel so welcome.”

Other locals to do well included Sheila Wickstein, who carded net 73 and net 81 to finish one behind Williams in the handicap division. Sheila also won the Saturday round with 35 stableford points, while Carol Pickering won Sunday’s event with 39 points.

Lefthander Chris Nielsen won the open handicap division with net 73 and 71 on his eight handicap, while Thaxted Park’s Roger Zammit (75-73) won B grade and Shane Uren (75-76) came up trumps in C grade.

## Kids get a kick out of SAPSASA soccer

REMARK played host to one of the region’s most popular come and try events last Friday, when 23 teams took to the pitch to compete in the Riverland SAPSASA soccer carnival.

Perfect conditions greeted the youngsters, with the games all played in great spirit as the SAPSASA motto of learning to play and playing to learn shone through.

Games were split into two halves of six minutes and included modified rules, with both teachers and experienced students playing the role of coach for the day’s action.

Cobdogla picked up the overall win in the boys division after Ivan Ness headed in a Kane Ogle cross to secure the win over Berri.

St Albert’s Loxton and OLOR



# Brett from Berri brings up 400 games in style

**BEN LENNON**

BERRI hockey stalwart Brett Stokes brought up his 400th senior match for the club with a win over Loxton in last weekend’s round of Riverland A grade hockey.

It was a true family affair, with fellow members of the Stokes clan, Lachlan, William and Kye, joining him on the team sheet for the historic achievement.

He is well-known among the Riverland hockey community as someone always willing to lend a hand, having served on committees and coached a number of junior and senior teams.

Stokes’ Berri A grade side helped him celebrate in style, running out 10-1 victors against Loxton in a dominant display.

Jordan Burgess starred with a four-goal display, while Matt Wheeler bagged the only goal for Loxton.

All four Stokes men were named as the best players in a fitting tribute on a special occasion.

Elsewhere, Waikerie and Renmark played out an entertaining match, with the former finishing on top after the contest ended 7-5.

Jacob Mackenzie was busy in the Renmark goal as the Waikerie onslaught was maintained over four quarters.

Kobi Lowe hit the scoresheet twice for Renmark but failed to drag his side over the line, as three goals from Rowen Hope sunk Renmark’s chances.

In the women’s A grade division, Berri won the only match of the weekend by four goals against Renmark.

Dakota O’Callaghan’s three goals proved vital in the win, while Maddy Spano also found her way onto the scoresheet, scoring past Kylie Radloff in the Renmark goal.

Radloff was named best for Renmark, while O’Callaghan’s hat-trick saw her named best afield for Berri ahead of Madison Martin.

## RESULTS MEN

**A grade**  
**Berri 10 d Loxton 1.**  
Best: Berri – B. Stokes, K. Stokes, L. Stokes, W. Stokes. Loxton – J. Haslett, C. Morgan, J. Lange.  
Goals: Berri – J. Burgess 4, K. Stokes, M. Spano, K. Butler-Kerridge, J. Roberts, B. Stokes, R. Burgess. Loxton – M. Wheeler.  
**Waikerie 7 d Renmark 5.**  
Best: Renmark – K. Lowe, J. Botten, N. Hocking. Waikerie – Details not provided.  
Goals: Waikerie – R. Hope 3, L. Hocking 2, D. Schmidt, J. Smith. Renmark – K. Lowe 2, D. Grenfell, B. Cutts, C. McNaughton.

**B grade**  
**Waikerie 2 d Renmark 0.**  
Best: Waikerie – E. Johnson, B. Kroehn, J. Brewer, R. Edwards. Renmark – B. Harding, K. Selga, K. Lowe, H. McDonald.  
Goals: Waikerie – R. Edwards 2.  
**Berri 7 d Loxton 1.**  
Best: Berri – T. Herbert, R. Vallelonga, A. Stiles, A. Sugui. Loxton – Details not provided.  
Goals: Berri – Z. Arruzzolo 2, A. Sugui, S. Button, M. O’Callaghan, R. Vallelonga, R. Herbert. Loxton – T. Cass.  
**Under 17**  
**Loxton/Renmark 3 d Waikerie 0.**  
Best: Loxton/Renmark – D. Everett, I. Schaefer, J. Botten. Waikerie – G. Matulick, E. Rayner, A. Blyth. Goals: Loxton/Renmark – D. Everett, C. Hennig, T. McDonald.  
**Berri 8 d Waikerie 2.**  
Best: Berri – K. Stokes, F. Vallelonga, S. Martin, R. Ingerson. Waikerie – Details not provided.  
Goals: Berri – K. Stokes 4, F. Vallelonga, R. Ingerson, S. Martin. Waikerie – A. Channon, H. Gogoll.

## WOMEN

**A grade**  
**Berri 4 d Renmark 0.**  
Best: Berri – D. O’Callaghan, M. Martin, E. Schaefer, K. Hibberd. Renmark – K. Radloff, L. Hoffmann, A. Spence, K. Trautwein.  
Goals: Berri – D. O’Callaghan 3, M. Spano.  
**B grade**  
**Waikerie 5 d Renmark 0.**  
Best: Waikerie – L. Matulick, A. Kroehn, A. Nitschke, B. Leske. Renmark – L. Fourie, K. Richardson, S. Stevens.  
Goals: Waikerie – A. Nitschke 2, L. Matulick, N. Rayner, C. Waye.  
**Berri d Loxton (forfeit).**  
**Under 17**  
**Berri 7 d Loxton 4.**  
Best: Berri – E. Rothe, D. O’Callaghan, L. Vallelonga, A. Herbert. Loxton – E. Schaefer, H. Dubberley, B. Geraghty, Z. Geraghty.  
Goals: Berri – L. Vallelonga 3, C. Camilleri 2, D. O’Callaghan, A. Herbert. Loxton – E. Schaefer 4.  
**Waikerie 5 d Renmark 0.**  
Best: Renmark – K. Richardson, K. Smart, B. Kimberley. Waikerie – Details not provided.  
Goals: Waikerie – S. Kroehn 2, J. Kroehn, O. Ebert, T. Jolley.

**MIXED**  
**Under 14**  
**Berri 6 d Renmark 0**  
Best: Berri – C. Camilleri, W. Stokes, Z. Heinrich, L. Bowers. Renmark – S. Golding, J. Richardson, D. Fitzpatrick.  
Goals: Berri – C. Camilleri 3, H. Martin, W. Stokes, L. Gray.  
**Under 12**  
**Berri Red 1 drew with Berri Blue 1.**  
Best: Berri Red – L. Bowers, L. Bascomb, C. Camilleri, A. Bowers. Berri Blue – W. Stokes, H. Martin, L. Gray, K. Sweet.  
**Waikerie 3 d Renmark 1.**  
Best: Waikerie – M. Palin, C. Loffler, S. Kroehn, H. Gogoll. Renmark – S. Golding, J. Hardwick, A. Preusker.  
Goals: Waikerie – M. Palin 2, S. Kroehn. Renmark – J. Hardwick.



Brett Stokes starred in his 400th senior match for Berri as his side picked up a 10-1 win over Loxton. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Waikerie’s Rowen Hope celebrates one of his three goals in his side’s 7-5 win over Renmark.



Jacob ‘Doc’ Mackenzie had a busy evening in the Renmark goal as Waikerie continued to test the shot-stopper.

# First innings up in the air for veterans cricket

**BEN LENNON**

TIME is of the essence if the Riverland is to field a team in the 2022/23 SA veterans cricket season, with the cut-off declaration date of June 30 fast approaching.

The idea to include a Riverland over 50s team was pioneered earlier this year by Berri Cricket Club stalwart Paul ‘Dougie’ Stewart and since then has garnered interest from the region and even across the border.

“As much as we have local interest, we also have interest from Sunraysia because they’ve had a number of guys playing in it before for Adelaide Hills teams,” Mr Stewart said.

“They’ve got a lot of numbers from Mildura and because of Covid and the distance, the league was reluctant to give them their own side.

“So instead of their home team being in the Hills, they’re keen to be involved with us and play for the Riverland.

“But we certainly want to be recruiting guys from the Riverland as well.”

Mr Stewart said he would need another 10-15 Riverlanders to register their interest in playing for the side to give it legs for the 2022/23 season.

This, on top of the players already interested from Mildura, would give Mr Stewart a “good amount” of players to call upon each week, pending availability.

The competition is played entirely on turf, with players expected to don full whites for a 40-over match, played with a four-piece ball.

Games are played every second weekend on Sundays, with one in every two matches to be played in the Riverland.

“The model that works for the Sunraysia guys is that they’ll play alternate games between them, so it’s only one per month for them,” Mr Stewart said.

“So the key to it is for us to get plenty of numbers so we can get that rotation going.

“I have had some general interest already



Action from this year’s veterans cricket exhibition match in Waikerie. PHOTO: supplied

and it’s been positive, but it’s a big step from them saying they’ll play to us putting in a team, so we’re looking to solidify those numbers.

“We’ve got a lot of contacts of guys in this age group as well that have left the region and are playing in Adelaide that might be keen.

“It’s a combination of being relatively

competitive and fairly relaxed, which is probably the best way of looking at it.”

Mr Stewart stressed that if the Riverland is to put in a side, it will still need to be assessed and accepted by the veteran’s cricket committee.

He said anyone interested in playing or being involved should contact him via email on dpsberri64@gmail.com.



# Riverland narrowly misses out on top 10 darts finish

A NUMBER of Riverlanders took to Kadina to represent the region in this year's darts country championships, with the Riverland finishing 11th overall.

Calib Martin was the stand-out performer, finishing in 22nd position overall, while Allen Hargreaves scored five maximum 180s across the tournament.

Meanwhile the Riverland singles tournament took place recently, with Martin again on song, picking up the win over Jeff Broekers of Cobby Eagles.

The win is the latest in a string of strong results for Martin, who secured the Riverland doubles title earlier in the year.

Akira Barnes of Expendables took home the ladies title ahead of Tamara Phillips of RC Ones.

In round seven of the Riverland regular season, a forfeit from Cobby Eagles handed Monash Wanderers the win, while RC Ones emerged victorious after its battle with Expendables.

**RESULTS**  
**Riverland darts**  
RC Ones 12 (N. Flack 180, 140 x 3, 116, 100 x 4, High Peg 116, T. Stoneham 140, 134, 121, 103, 100 x 3, L. Rasheed 140, 100 x 4, C. Wagner 121, 100 x3, T. Phillips 103, 100 x 3, W. Schwartzkopff 100 x 4) d Expendables 3 (A. Weidenhofer 137, 134, 114, 100). Monash Wanderers d Cobby Eagles (forfeit).

# Lyrup duo falls at the final hurdle

LYRUP duo Tracy Altschwager and Wessel Swart narrowly missed out on victory in the Rose Rice Memorial pairs eightball tournament in dramatic fashion, losing to Shawn Salmon and Stephen Kruger in the grand final.

The two teams enjoyed impressive tournaments that saw them play off in the final match of the night and it came down to the wire, with

all the pressure on Swart at the end of the game.

A mistake from the youngster saw him pot both the eightball and one of the opposing team's balls in the same shot, costing his side the victory.

The night was deemed a success overall by the association, with 61 people entering the tournament and raffles and lucky squares sold throughout the night.



Wessel Swart (left) and Tracy Altschwager lost narrowly in the Rose Rice Memorial tournament to Stephen Kruger and Shawn Salmon. PHOTO: supplied

## BERRI GOLF RESULTS

**Wednesday, June 15**  
Shylie Rymil foursome: K. Wyman/J. Parker 73.5, J. Skinner/K. Tanner 76, G. Mack/L. Smith 76, L. Seddon/W. Hocevar 77, J. Curran/D. Ramsay 77.5.  
Stableford: K. Traeger 38, A. Thurmer 36, S. Palat 34, G. Morrison 33, C. Foreman 33, C. Berry 33, R. Nagy 32.

**Saturday, June 18**  
Stableford: K. Traeger 38, P. Wood 37, S. Pitt 36, J. Parker 36, S. Wade 35, D. Gregoric 35, C. Smith 35, A. Thurmer 34, G. Mack 33, R. Keightley 33, C. Hyde 33, R. Sully 33, P. Efthimiou 33, R. Nagy 33, L. Campbell 32.  
Sunday, June 19  
Stableford: K. Wyman 39, S. Wade 37, M. Gray 34, N. McVicar 33.



## Round 15

Points margin in highlighted game:

Entries close Thursday, June 23 at 4pm

Melbourne		Brisbane Lions	
Western Bulldogs		Hawthorn	
West Coast Eagles		Essendon	
Carlton		Fremantle	
Geelong Cats		Richmond	
Sydney Swans		St Kilda	
North Melbourne		Adelaide Crows	
Collingwood		GWS Giants	
Port Adelaide		Gold Coast Suns	

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Barmera Newsagency
- Loxton Newsagency  
New Land Bakery, Waikerie  
Murray Pioneer (Renmark)

# ROUND 14 RESULTS

Frank Drougas .....	(5)84	Thiel Boys.....	(3)81
Trevor Flint .....	(4)84	Marlene Schultz .....	(3)81
Noah Warner .....	(3)84	Tony Milgate .....	(3)81
Mark Kilmartin .....	(5)83	Chloe Brown .....	(3)81
Ross Campbell.....	(4)83	Cohen Battams .....	(2)81
Paul Reid .....	(4)82	Dianne Morgan.....	(2)81
Duani Vowles .....	(3)82	Clive Fisher.....	(4)80
Baker Boys .....	(4)81	Jasmine Harris .....	(4)80
Sam Koskinas .....	(4)81	Raelene Schutz .....	(2)80
Chris Schutz .....	(4)81	Brandon Martin .....	(5)79

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Top two weekly tipsters plus a bonus meal voucher drawn each week.

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**RIVERLAND A GRADE**

	LOXTON		BERRI		
					
<b>TIGERS</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.11</b>	<b>4.12</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>DEMONS</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>32</b>

**BEST:** Loxton - W. Gutsche, L. Evans, L. Salmon, B. Hill, R. Romeo, J. Evans. Berri - L. Teasdale, M. Corbett, H. Gregar, J. Grieger, J. Westley, W. Frankel.  
**GOALS:** Loxton - L. Harder 3, J. Will. Berri - J. Westley 2, J. Egel, I. Woolston.



	RENMARK		LOXTON NORTH		
					
<b>ROVERS</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>14.14</b>	<b>19.20</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>PANTHERS</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>9</b>

**BEST:** Renmark - R. Garrett, A. Haynes, Z. Gartery, T. Woolford, M. Woolford, H. Brown. Loxton North - J. Obst, J. Worsfold, B. Beswick, A. Shapley, W. Schultz, W. Lehmann.  
**GOALS:** Renmark - A. Haynes, M. O'Loughlin 3, T. Charlton, R. Garrett, J. Rowe, M. Woolford 2, D. Austin, J. Austin, H. Brown, J. Vater, T. Woolford. Loxton North - J. George.



	WAIKERIE		BARMERA-MONASH		
					
<b>MAGPIES</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>14.12</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>ROOS</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>66</b>

**BEST:** Waikerie - T. Geehman, S. Braun, S. Hausler, J. Bee, J. Spencely, M. Spencely. Barmera-Monash - B. Drogemuller, S. Butterworth, M. Wutke, M. Mock, M. Middleton, J. Freeman.  
**GOALS:** Waikerie - M. Spencely 4, J. Grieger 3, K. Hilton, C. Mackereth 2, J. Burgemeister, M. Hahn, B. Moon. Barmera-Monash - R. Lehmann 3, M. Middleton, T. Packer 2, T. Bantolas, S. Butterworth, B. Drogemuller.



**INDEPENDENT**

	BSR		PARINGA		
					
<b>REDBACKS</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>10.11</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>SWANS</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>32</b>

**BEST:** BSR - D. Gribble, J. Mapstone, J. Orr, D. Oakley, C. Horstmann, N. Laver. Paringa - F. Peters, H. Sanford, S. Frahn, I. Frahn, S. Menz, B. Smith.  
**GOALS:** BSR - J. Medhurst 3, N. Laver, M. Martinson, J. Verrall 2, J. Coleman. Paringa - D. Hill 3, M. Recchia, J. Sutherland.

	SEDAN-CAMBRAI		WUNKAR		
					
<b>MAGPIES</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>13.12</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>BULLDOGS</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>8.10</b>	<b>58</b>

**BEST:** Sedan-Cambrai - B. Hutchings, J. Schultz, C. Thompson, J. Voigt, J. Le Couteur, P. Hefford. Wunkar - J. Wood, T. Renshaw, T. Schulz, O. Winen, L. Verrall, M. Worsfold.  
**GOALS:** Sedan- Cambrai - J. Grace 4, J. Le Couteur 3, P. Hefford, S. Kain, C. Thompson 2. Wunkar - S. Schulz 3, T. Renshaw, T. Shculz 2, J. Wiseman.

	BROWN'S WELL		RAMCO		
					
<b>BOMBERS</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>20.10</b>	<b>27.12</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>ROOSTERS</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>35</b>

**BEST:** Brown's Well - M. Fitzgerald, B. Edmonds, H. Chandler, B. Hampel, B. Dubrich, T. McKenzie. Ramco - M. Baddack, B. Vanderbiezen, C. Brown, N. Hart, B. Fridd.  
**GOALS:** Brown's Well - M. Fitzgerald 10, H. Chandler 6, B. Edmonds 3, L. Abraham, S. Cocks, S. Martin, T. McKenzie, J. Miatke, B. Schulz, B. Victor, B. Dubrich. Ramco - M. Baddack, J. O'Callaghan 2, B. Wilksch.



**OTHER GRADES**

**B GRADE**

**Loxton 7.9 (51) d Berri 5.4 (34).**  
BEST: Loxton - N. Uren, R. Smith, B. Yeomans, J. Norman, M. Guidolin, P. Portolesi. Berri - J. Staunton, B. Pickering, D. Centofanti, P. Minchella, A. Page, T. O'Reelly.  
GOALS: Loxton - B. Yeomans 3, K. Hewitt 2, N. Uren, N. Flight. Berri - T. Newton 2, A. Dayman, Z. Joannou, J. Milburn.

**Loxton North 9.13 (67) d Renmark 3.6 (24).**  
BEST: Loxton North - M. Lidgerwood, Z. Lueth, R. Proud, M. Arnold, M. Schinckel, D. Proud. Renmark - J. Bonner, A. Mills, H. Beavis, H. Twyford, R. Menz, M. Edwards.  
GOALS: Loxton North - R. Proud 4, D. Proud 2, J. Neumann, M. Schinckel, J. Vowles. Renmark - D. Johnson, A. Mills, C. Munn.

**Waikerie 9.10 (64) d Barmera-Monash 1.4 (10).**  
BEST: Waikerie - T. Bevan, J. Sutton, F. Twigden, A. Thompson, L. Exton, D. May. Barmera-Monash - J. Kleinig, M. Abdulla, T. Schrapel, J. Stemberger, D. Bates-Weetra, J. Pintilie.  
GOALS: Waikerie - A. Thompson 3, R. Turner, R. Kafexholli 2, S. Meredith, B. Burgemeister. Barmera-Monash - D. Clarke.

**UNDER 18**

**Berri 9.10 (64) d Loxton 5.6 (36).**  
BEST: Berri - H. Johns, R. Kruger, S. Johns, C. Erceg, K. Bishop, H. Campbell. Loxton - T. Blaser, D. Rothe, Z. Huddleston, C. Loxton, S. Johnston, J. Boughen.  
GOALS: Berri - R. Kruger 3, J. Kelly, T. Morris 2, K. Bishop, M. Foulds. Loxton - S. Johnston 2, H. Campbell, K. Evans, T. Blaser.

**Loxton North 12.9 (81) d Renmark 8.9 (57).**  
BEST: Loxton North - E. Wagner, J. Koehne, J. Meaney, T. Hobby, D. Petch, D. Obst. Renmark - L. Harrington, A. Herrador, R. Curtis, D. Orr, J. Hansen, M. Kroemer.  
GOALS: Loxton North - E. Wagner 4, T. Psarakis 3, Z. Zimmermann 2, T. Kerr, J. Meaney, S. Uzzell. Renmark - A. Herrador 4, R. Curtis, J. Hansen, K. Kroehmer, D. Orr.

**Barmera-Monash 10.4 (64) d Waikerie 7.5 (47).**  
BEST: Barmera-Monash - A. Hodgson, S. Vanderwoude, L. Marks, C. Marks, R. Moore, R. Ivanovic. Waikerie - C. Daniels, J. Trandafil, N. Andrew, M. Carter, S. Trandafil, B. Loffler.  
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - C. Marks 4, A. Hodgson, R. Ivanovic, K. Liddell, L. Marks, T. Ogle, N. Richardson. Waikerie - B. Burgemeister, C. Daniels, R. Turner 2, M. Carter.



**UNDER 15**

**Loxton 7.5 (47) d Berri 6.4 (40).**  
BEST: Loxton - D. Zdanowicz, K. Evans, J. Marlor, R. Tripp, I. Cox. Berri - B. Wenman, Y. Exarheas, A. Peltz, D. Hronopoulos, M. Cawse, C. Blanck.  
GOALS: Loxton - M. Sexton 2, I. Coz, K. Evans, J. Marlor, R. Montgomery, C. Rankine. Berri - B. Reid-Fletcher, B. Wenman 2, C. Blore, L. Watson.

**Renmark 12.7 (79) d Loxton North 3.3 (21).**  
BEST: Renmark - I. Morgan, M. Petersen, L. White, C. Goodman, H. Schwarz, A. Schumann. Loxton North - J. Hutchinson, E. Obst, R. Wooldridge, D. Gray, J. Petch, M. Hall.  
GOALS: Renmark - L. White 4, C. Goodman 3, I. Morgan, H. Schwarz 2, H. Flett. Loxton North - C. Jaeschke, A. Lloyd, K. Serafin.

**Barmera-Monash 10.7 (67) d Waikerie 1.3 (9).**  
BEST: Barmera-Monash - T. Drogemuller, J. Dymmott, J. Fridd, W. Nuske, F. Dillon, M. Johnson. Waikerie - T. Hess, A. Hashemi, T. Edwards- O'Cass, C. Carter, F. Andrew, B. Loffler.  
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - T. Drogemuller 4, M. Richter 2, F. Dillon, W. Marks, W. Nuske, B. Rashleigh. Waikerie - Details not provided.



**\*ALL RESULTS MUST BE POSTED ONLINE BY MONDAY MORNING TO BE INCLUDED**

**LADDERS**

**A GRADE**

	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
<b>RENMARK</b>	7	1	0	633	309	14	204.9
<b>LOXTON</b>	6	2	0	563	380	12	148.2
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	5	3	0	535	462	10	115.8
<b>BERRI</b>	4	4	0	588	475	8	123.8
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	2	6	0	438	710	4	61.7
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	0	8	0	328	749	0	51.8

**INDEPENDENT**

	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
<b>BSR</b>	8	0	0	763	326	16	234.0
<b>SEDAN-CAMBRAI</b>	5	2	1	707	401	11	176.3
<b>WUNKAR</b>	5	3	0	574	548	10	104.7
<b>PARINGA</b>	2	6	0	438	688	4	63.6
<b>RAMCO</b>	2	6	0	442	812	4	54.4
<b>BROWN'S WELL</b>	1	6	1	506	655	3	77.1



	W	L	F	A	P	%
<b>B GRADE</b>						
<b>LOXTON</b>	8	0	663	240	16	276.3
<b>BERRI</b>	5	3	603	283	10	213.0
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	5	3	476	354	10	134.4
<b>RENMARK</b>	4	4	454	401	8	113.2
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	2	6	294	521	4	56.4
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	0	8	139	830	0	16.7

	W	L	F	A	P	%
<b>UNDER 18</b>						
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	6	2	587	338	12	173.6
<b>RENMARK</b>	5	3	455	316	10	143.9
<b>BERRI</b>	5	3	415	339	10	122.4
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	5	3	373	343	10	108.7
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	2	6	309	476	4	64.9
<b>LOXTON</b>	1	7	190	517	2	36.7

	W	L	F	A	P	%
<b>UNDER 15</b>						
<b>BERRI</b>	7	1	420	194	14	216.4
<b>RENMARK</b>	6	2	636	238	12	327.7
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	5	3	420	299	10	140.4
<b>LOXTON</b>	4	4	292	359	8	81.3
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	2	6	299	365	4	81.9
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	0	8	100	712	0	14.0

	W	L	F	A	P
<b>UNDER 13</b>					
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	8	0	755	41	16
<b>RENMARK</b>	6	2	417	129	12
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	4	4	296	271	8
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	4	4	390	415	8
<b>BERRI</b>	2	6	154	522	4
<b>LOXTON</b>	0	8	78	712	0

**RWFL LADDER**

	W	L	F	A	P
<b>RWFL</b>					
<b>BERRI*</b>	6	0	371	30	12
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	4	3	240	274	8
<b>RENMARK*</b>	3	3	323	173	6
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	3	4	275	189	6
<b>LOXTON NORTH*</b>	0	6	37	580	0

\*Denotes bye



**MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD**

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
<b>W. Gutsche</b>	L	5	25
<b>M. Spencely</b>	W	0	18
<b>M. Hodge</b>	B	0	17
<b>D. Woolford</b>	R	0	15
<b>Z. Gartery</b>	R	4	15
<b>L. Teasdale</b>	B	4	15

**RWFL RESULTS - Round six**

**RESULTS**  
**Renmark 18.9 (117) d Loxton North 0.1 (1).**  
BEST: Renmark - C. Kenyon, F. Morgan, S. Coombs, A. James, G. Peberdy, J. Butters. Loxton North - T. Smith, T. Mitchell, L. Pickett, E. Hogg, C. Pannell.  
GOALS: Renmark - C. Kenyon 5, A. James 4, T. Bragg, G. Peberdy 3, F. Morgan 2, S. Beer.  
**Waikerie 9.5 (59) d Barmera-Monash 7.5 (47).**  
BEST: Waikerie - S. Campbell, G. de Crespigny, J. Oakley, B. Meredith, R. Smith, N. Campbell. Barmera-Monash - S. Venning, D. Troy, J. Linsell, B. Caddy, K. Watson, S. Albrecht.  
GOALS: Waikerie - N. Campbell 3, S. Campbell, B. Kafexholli 2, J. Oakley, R. Smith. Barmera-Monash - S. Albrecht, D. Troy 2, G. Kelly, S. Priest, S. Venning.





Lachlan Evans drives Loxton into attack during the Tigers' four-point win over Berri in last weekend's round of RFL A grade football. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Millard's Tigers square the ledger

BEN LENNON

A COMEBACK in the second half helped Loxton topple Berri in last week's RFL A grade match of the round, with the Tigers emerging four-point victors at the end of the day's play.

The win solidified Loxton's position in second place on the ladder, still just one win behind league leaders Renmark, while Berri dropped below Waikerie into fourth place.

The Demons won the previous encounter between the two sides back in round three, but it was Loxton that had the last laugh on this occasion, levelling the head-to-head record for the year.

It was a low scoring encounter played in top-notch conditions at Berri Oval, with the home side having the better of things early in the piece.

Loxton coach Dillon Millard said his team's ability to adapt to how Berri set up on the day was crucial to his side's resurgence after the main break.

"The boys responded really well in the second half, it was a nice comeback," he said.

"It wasn't really a personnel thing. Berri actually came out with a really good game plan.

"We were able to see what was going on with that and adapt to what they were trying to do.

"They dropped an extra guy back so that was mainly the battle, trying to get through that floating player, but once we figured that out it was better for us.

"But definitely the guys picked up their energy and effort in the second half, so it was good to get the win."

Both teams ended up with extra numbers behind the play, but it was Loxton that was able to pierce through more frequently, the Tigers boasting 16 scoring shots to Berri's 12.

But, poor foot skills and inaccurate kicking meant that the game remained tight throughout, with the final score of 36-32 indicative of a tough day at the office for both teams.

One of the shining lights for Loxton was Will Gutsche, who continued his stellar season with another best-on-ground performance for the Tigers.

The midfielder was able to impact the contest and win the footy, with his endeavour a standout from Millard's perspective.

"What more could you ask for really?" Millard said.

"His effort, not just in the contest but he springs back up as well and his second and third efforts, are outstanding.

"He's really leading the way and I'm super happy with how he's going."

Wingman Lachlan Evans also produced another impressive display, driving the Tigers into attack, allowing Luke Harder to impact the contest in the forward 50.

Harder kicked three goals in the win, while Brodie Hill's season continued to go off without a hitch as he put in another strong, defensive performance.

The loss is a major setback for the Demons who continue to search for consist-



Loxton's Drew Kassulke (centre) takes a strong, contested grab in his side's win over Berri last Saturday.

ent form, but Clint Ridgway will know that his side was right in this contest until the end.

Luke Teasdale was a ball magnet in the middle of the ground, amassing plenty of touches with little fuss, while Michael Corbett and Jacob Grieger ran the half forward and wing rotations well.

Hugo Kregar had arguably the most difficult task on the ground, lining up on the experienced Harder, but did well to restrict

the key forward to three majors despite plenty of Loxton entries.

Jason Westley kicked two goals and continued to establish himself as Berri's main threat forward of the ball in another impressive outing.

The Tigers host Barmera-Monash this week and will be looking to improve their record to 7-2, while Berri faces the stern test of reigning premier Renmark on its home turf.

# Magpies moving on up after home win

WAIKERIE moved into third place on the RFL A grade ladder after picking up a vital win against a gallant Barmera-Monash side last Saturday afternoon.

The Magpies endured a topsy-turvy start to 2022 and went into last week's bye in unfamiliar territory, outside of the top three and staring up at Berri.

But, the five-goal win over the Roos has momentarily steadied the ship and at the heart of it was skipper Tristan Geehman, whose run and carry off of half back propelled his side into attack.

Geehman has been consistent for the Pies all year, as have the Spencely brothers, Jake and Matt, who both excelled in the contest against the Roos.

Matt kicked four goals, bringing

his tally to 31 for the year, while Jake was at his physical best for Damian Stevens, who was coaching in place of his brother and regular coach Shayne, who was out of action.

The Roos were right in the contest, particularly in the first half, with some of their stars bringing their best to the contest.

The interleague trio of Matt Wutke, Ben Drogemuller and skipper Sam Butterworth were named in Barmera-Monash's top three players last Saturday, all putting in strong showings.

Butterworth was at his silky best, while Wutke went goalless but was able to apply pressure in the forward half.

Mason Middleton played a forward role along with spending time



in the ruck to great effect, with the big-man booting two in the loss.

Waikerie continued to blood some fresh faces, as has been the case all year due to Covid protocols and injury, with Kade Hilton the latest to taste success.

Hilton debuted in round one and has played two games since, but came to life in the contest with the Roos, kicking two goals in the win.

Jack Grieger kicked three from midfield, his first majors for the year, while Cooper Mackereth bootied two in his first A grade match of the season.

Steven Braun and Stephen Hausler were again in the thick of things in the Waikerie defence and were able to effectively nullify many Barmera-Monash attacks, particularly in the second half.

	
96	66
5 Tristan Geehman	W
4 Steven Braun	W
3 Sam Butterworth	BM
2 Ben Drogemuller	BM
1 Jack Grieger	W

**MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD**

The Roos now sit two wins adrift of the Demons who occupy the fourth finals position and without great improvement, finals football seems a bridge too far for 2022.

They have looked likely at points but have failed to produce four-quarter efforts.

The Magpies will be looking to continue their resurgence next week when they take on the winless Loxton North away from home.



## Paringa's plan for a new era

RFL independent club Paringa began planning for the future last week, with a clubhouse redevelopment now in the works.

The upgrades to club facilities are in the very early stages of planning, with the Swans working with an Adelaide architect before bringing their proposal to the SANFL in hopes of assistance with funding.



# Drought is over at Brown's Well

**BEN LENNON**

ONE of the longest active winless streaks in South Australian football came to an end last weekend as Brown's Well pulled off a memorable victory over reigning premier Ramco.

The previously unthinkable result was highlighted by an astounding margin of 139 points as the Bombers ran riot in front of their home fans.

The streak lasted a staggering 1057 days and coach Aaron Bullard said that the way it all played out was "surreal".

"It was a massive shock because we had a few pull out before the game and we were scrounging around for a few players," he said.

"To come out like that from the start, we were all pretty shocked, but during the third quarter we sort of knew that we had the win.

"Afterwards, you couldn't really put it into

words, everyone was over the moon.

"To be able to look up at the scoreboard and see that after all the hard work we'd put a win on the board was great."

The reward for effort was felt particularly by those that have been at the club through the good and the bad over the years.

"We had a few guys in the side that were around for the last win and 'Rowdy' (Brian Hampel) as well, who coached through last year, they were all over the moon," Bullard said.

"You could see it meant a lot to them and to the locals that have been there for their whole careers. You couldn't wipe the smile off of everyone's faces after the game."

The Bombers were showing signs of improvement from week-to-week in the lead-up to their clash with Ramco but had no premiership points to show for it.

The week before the bye, Covid ran ram-

nant through Sedan-Cambrai causing its match with Brown's Well to be cancelled, gifting the Bombers their first points of the year.

Now, they find themselves in finals contention for the first time in recent memory, just one point behind fourth-placed Paringa.

While careful not to get "big-headed" after a single win, Bullard admitted that there is a sense of excitement around the club following the victory.

"After Saturday everyone is just keen to come to training, and there's a bit of belief that we could get up there on the ladder if we win a couple more," he said.

"Between fourth and sixth, there's nothing in it, so it's not looking too far away.

"We're pretty excited at the moment."

Meanwhile Paringa pushed the undefeated BSR to the limit in the first half of their clash at Paringa Oval, before the Redbacks

came out firing after the break.

Alan Harvey's side kicked three goals in a matter of minutes to start the third term and was able to hold off the Swans in an entertaining clash that saw plenty of sparks fly.

Elsewhere, Sedan-Cambrai returned to action after two weeks off due to Covid and the bye and did so in strong fashion, regaining second spot on the ladder with a victory over Wunkar.

The Magpies now sit one point above the Bulldogs in the standings and boast the second best percentage in the competition behind the all-conquering BSR.

It's a battle of the birds next week with Sedan-Cambrai welcoming Paringa, while Brown's Well will look to make it two on the bounce in unlikely fashion against BSR.

Ramco faces Wunkar as both sides seek redemption following disappointing results last time out.

# Goliath flattens David

NOT even a bye could derail Renmark's barnstorming start to 2022 as it registered its second consecutive mammoth win, defeating Loxton North by 125 points in last Saturday's round of RFL A grade football.

Sporting a predominantly white guernsey for its annual charity round, Renmark made light work of the Panthers, with the victory the second match in a row where Josh Vater's side has conceded just one goal.

That goal, courtesy of Jonah George, came off the back of two consecutive 25m penalties against Renmark, with the Panthers unable to break down Renmark in open play.

Going the other way, the load was shared, with six Rovers able to register multiple goals in the contest.

Promoted perennial B grader Matt O'Loughlin kicked three goals in his first A grade hit-out of the year, with Alex Haynes

also booting three majors.

The inaccurate kicking that has plagued the Rovers all season remained, with the score of 19.20 still leaving a lot to be desired, but coach Josh Vater will be pleased with such a sizeable victory coming off of the bye round.

Tim and Dan Woolford picked up where they left off in the interleague contest at Murray Bridge last week, with both having a major impact playing across the middle of the ground.

Ruckman Zac Gartery also starred, with 'Hairy' now the front-runner for the ruckman spot in the team of the year ahead of Barmera-Monash's Mason Middleton.

For the Panthers, bright spots were few and far between, but they came in the form of some familiar faces.

Despite the enormous total kicked by Renmark, backman

Jack Obst was the travelling side's standout performer, cur-tailing a number of Renmark attacks.

Joel Worsfold also put in a solid performance, covering a lot of ground from the centre position.

The win is a percentage booster for the Rovers, who remain one win ahead of Loxton at the top of the RFL ladder, with the side's only loss coming against the Tigers three matches ago.

Personnel management will continue to be key for the Rovers as we reach the mid-point of the season, and with the B grade struggling more than usual, their depth will no doubt be tested in the coming weeks.

As for Loxton North, the search for the side's first win in over 1000 days continues and with Waikerie waiting in the wings next week, it remains unlikely to end any time soon.



Renmark's Jaryd Rowe booted two majors in his side's mammoth 125-point win over Loxton North in last Saturday's RFL A grade fixture. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Golfers from across the region flocked to the Loxton Golf Club to help raise money for the McGrath Foundation. PHOTO: supplied

# Loxton Golf Club pretty in pink

MID-WEEK golf took on a distinctly pink hue at Loxton Golf Club's recent fundraiser for breast cancer on Wednesday, June 8.

This year's chosen charity was the McGrath Foundation, with money donated going towards providing support from breast care nurses to individuals and families going through breast cancer.

Players got into the spirit by dressing up in pink, with some innovative and colourful costumes on show from the 46 competitors

who took part in both individual and team events.

The team event involved having alternate hits with a pink ball, with the winners Sabine Grein, Sue Pannell and Owen Walkley logging an impressive 39 points.

There were Caudo Pink Moscato tastings to start followed by pink sandwiches and pink doughnuts supplied by the local baker, with the day deemed a resounding success, raising over \$1000 for the cause.

**RESULTS**  
**Wednesday, June 8**  
**Men**  
1st T. Williamson (Berri GC) 38 cb, 2nd M. Boon (Berri GC) 38.  
**Women**  
1st S. Grein (Loxton) 35, 2nd W. Hocevar (Berri GC) 34.  
**Saturday, June 18**  
**Men**  
A grade: A. Lodge 39, J. Walker 37, B. Proud 36, S. Pietrolaj 35, R. Koch 35. B Grade: J. McInnes 35, P. Rohrlach 34, P. Richardson 33, A. Hucks 31, S. Patching 31.  
**Women**  
Stableford: J. Sawade 34, D. Harman 34, J. Ling 33.



Renmark's Dennis Robinson picked up three titles at the recent table tennis country championships. PHOTO: Ben Lennon

# Dennis' hot form continues

REMARK table tennis produced another successful country carnival campaign, proving its mettle as one of the strongest clubs in country SA.

Club stalwart Dennis Robinson was in fine form, picking up three titles at the event, while the duo of Geoff Haby and Steve Watson was able to secure the over 50s doubles crown.

Robinson and his partner, Nigel Stoeckel, narrowly missed out on the A grade doubles crown, while youngster Rylan Coppin put in an impressive showing, finishing second in the under 18s.

Back home in the Riverland competition, Crushers and

Desperados secured close wins over Top Guns and Double Fish.

Robinson led Crushers to victory, maintaining his unbeaten start to the season, while Coppin shone for Top Guns in a one-on-one contest with Godfrey Amachi.

**RESULTS**  
**Country carnival**  
**Winners**  
Over 50 doubles – Geoff Haby/Steve Watson  
Over 50 Mens Singles – Dennis Robinson  
Over 60 Mens Singles – Dennis Robinson  
Over 70 Mens Singles – Dennis Robinson  
**Runners Up**  
A Grade Doubles – Dennis Robinson/Nigel Stoeckel  
Under 18 – Rylan Coppin  
Over 50 singles – Peter Rogers



# Berri’s young star on the big stage

BEN LENNON

A STAR in the making has been unearthed in the last 12 months, with Berri junior Oscar Kregar’s growth earning him a spot in the South Australian team at this year’s under 18 national football championships.

The grandson of Riverland sporting legend and Hawthorn premiership player Malcolm Hill, football is in Kregar’s blood.

He spent the majority of his junior career playing for the Demons before finding his way into the West Adelaide fold a number of years ago.

Since then, he has gone from strength to strength, and in 2022 took the biggest leap in his development, thanks largely to a conversation with Westies talent manager and under 18 coach, Paul Streatfield.

“I’ve known Oscar for around four years now during my time at the footy club and he’s been coming through,” Streatfield said.

“I coached him last year and am coaching him this year as well.

“Last year was interesting because he showed some good signs playing off half back, but we had a strong defence so he didn’t play as much footy as he would’ve liked.

“Over this pre-season we had a good chat and he said he thought he could offer more higher up the ground on a wing, so we tried him there in pre-season and he hasn’t looked back.”

The pre-season chat with his coach proved fruitful for Kregar, as the 193cm running machine has gone on to play every game for the under 18s this year.

As much as his on-field displays have been impressive, Streatfield lauded Kregar’s dedication off-field and his maturity at such a young age.

“He was actually the one that initiated our chat, which is a good indicator of his maturity,” Streatfield said.

“He’s a really switched on and down-to-earth young man which is great and he’s settled in really well here.

“He’s super organised with his school-work and his footy and he just takes everything in his stride to be honest, so he’s pretty minimal fuss.

“Quite often if people don’t play as much footy in their under 17 year they can get a bit down, but he’s really shown that he wants to be the best he can be and will work hard to do it, which is great.”

This year saw another change for Kregar



Berri youngster Oscar Kregar (left) in action for the West Adelaide under 18s side earlier this year. PHOTO: West Adelaide Football Club

as he made the move to the city to be able to continue his schooling and train full-time with West Adelaide.

Last Sunday’s match against the Allies was the first of the under 18s tournament for

South Australia and Kregar played a notable role, fitting into the side’s wing rotation.

The win sets his side up well for this Sunday’s clash with Vic Country at Thebarton Oval.



Kym Manning (right) presented awards to Brad Temple (left, 3rd), Clint Bambrick (2nd) and Mick Gray (1st) following the Mark Manning Memorial race. PHOTO: supplied

## Mick wins memorial race

LAST Sunday marked the final instalment of one of the region’s most popular races, with nine riders taking on the Riverland Cycling Club’s Mark Manning Memorial race in wintry conditions in Barmera.

Mick Gray kicked things off, leaving the starting line first for the 50km race, followed by Lee Rasheed and Steve Jaensch, with others joining in at various intervals.

The scratch trio of Clint Bambrick, Lee

Stevens and Brad Temple fought tirelessly to catch Gray but to no avail, as the first man to start became the first man to finish.

Kym Manning was on hand to present Gray with the trophy as well as medals for Bambrick and Temple.

### RESULTS

Mark Manning Memorial race: M. Gray, C. Bambrick, B. Temple, L. Stevens, S. Jaensch, L. Rasheed, R. Strout, A. Ylia, P. Weston.



Riverland footballing superstar Russell Ebert was upgraded into the legends category last week at the AFL’s Hall of Fame dinner. PHOTO: supplied

## AFL makes Ebert’s legend status official

THOUGH many have been doing it for years, Riverland champion Russell Ebert can now officially be called a legend, after the superstar was elevated to legend status in the Australian Football Hall of Fame last week.

Held annually, the Hall of Fame dinner has become one of the most celebrated nights on the football calendar since its inception in 1996.

Ebert was an inaugural member, after a stellar career with Port Adelaide as both a player and a coach.

To be elevated to legend status, the Hall of Fame Committee need to deem that the person in question has caused the game to change for the better.

To this point, it is a wonder that Ebert was not elevated sooner, with the stamp

he left on South Australian football felt long after his playing and coaching days ended and especially since his tragic passing last year.

His CV speaks for itself, but his legacy as a larger-than-life figure that perhaps shines brightest.

Ebert’s son Brett, who himself played 166 times for Port Adelaide’s AFL side (including a few alongside cousin Brad Ebert), accepted the award on his father’s behalf at the 2022 dinner.

Brett told the Port Adelaide Football Club that his champion father rarely spoke about himself and was more interested in helping others.

“He was such a humble individual that he didn’t speak about his career at all,” Brett Ebert said.

“In the last year I’ve

focussed more on it and watched some videos and spoken to people about his on-field efforts.

“I see a lot of Travis Boak in how he prepares and the leadership and what he does off the field, I just think that to me is my dad. Just a great all-round human.”

### RUSSELL EBERT’S HONOUR ROLE

Playing career: 1968-1985  
Games: 416 (Port Adelaide 391, North Melbourne 25) Goals: 310  
Player honours: Magarey Medal 1971, 1974, 1976, 1980; Port Adelaide best and fairest 1971, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1981; Port Adelaide leading goalkicker 1968; Port Adelaide captain 1974-1978; Port Adelaide premiership player 1977, 1980, 1981; South Australia 35 games.  
Coaching career: Port Adelaide (1983-87) 116 games, Woodville (1988-90) 64 games  
‘Legend’ status in both the South Australian Sport and Australian Football Hall of Fame



SPEEDWAY WIN: Riverlander Nick John (left) acted as swinger with Rob Kemp, of Broken Hill, when the duo won the HRD/JAP sidecar title at the Classic Speedway Championships held at Olympic Park Speedway, Mildura on June 12. On another bike the pair finished second in the two-stroke sidecar class. PHOTO: Robyn McIntosh



# Ron's up and Adam

**BEN LENNON**

AFTER years of trying, Ron Adam of The Lawns Bowling Club emerged victorious from the Riverland men's champion of champions tournament this year, but not without a few bumps along the way.

The oldest competitor in the field, Adam had to overcome obstacles to make it to the final, with a number of injuries sustained in the lead-up to the tournament.

An accident on the tools left him with major cuts on his left hand, and dwindling eyesight in his left eye meant that if he was to win, it would be against the odds.

Adam's journey to the final left him in need of medical attention, but at no point did he throw in the towel.

"It's mainly my age that makes it crazy because I'm 84 years old," he said.

"I was up against all the other club champions who were around 50 or 60 and one younger one who is about 35.

"I had to play two rounds to get to the final. The first and second

round I had comfortable wins, but I started cramping up against Dennis Treloar in that second game.

"I ended up having a physio who is involved with the footy clubs, he had me up on the billiard table, massaging my legs to get me going.

"He loosened up one of my calves but the other one was tight as a drum, so I knew I'd be in trouble."

Following his early-round victories, Adam found himself in the final against Waikerie's Andy Fulwood, but by then the pain was well and truly starting to set in.

"In addition, both of my calves and my thigh went and I went down like a bag of wheat in the middle of the green during the third end," he said.

"They came out with ice and massaged me and all that for seven or eight minutes."

Lawn bowls laws state that leaving the green for over 10 minutes without your opponent's permission disqualifies you from the match, but thanks to a technicality, Adam remained in the contest.

"All the Waikerie supporters were saying, 'He's done, he's been out for 10 minutes', but the umpire said, 'Well actually, he's still technically on the green'.

"So anyway, two fellas stood me up and I didn't know if I could walk."

The match was on the line and despite the advice of event organisers and the opposition fans, Adam made one final push for the title.

"The organiser, rightly so, said 'you can't continue like this', but I said to them 'All the bowls are up here, I've got to carry them back anyway, I'll play back towards the club and if I don't collapse, I'll keep going'," Adam said.

"I scored two shots on that end and I didn't go down, so I kept going.

"I was walking like a duck. He'd walk and wait for me down the other end and I thought, 'No, if I go quick I'm going down'."

Pushing through the pain barrier, Adam still had a hurdle to overcome, with Fulwood holding a three-shot lead and just one shot away from victory.



Bowls singles champion Ron Adam in action during the 2021/22 Riverland pennants season.  
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

"It was top quality bowls, and I just thought 'I've got to hang in'," he said.

"On that final end I was holding shot about a foot short, but directly in line with the jack.

"Andy turned around and bowled perfectly in between the jack and my bowl, much to the delight of the Waikerie supporters.

"Keep in mind, there was a lot of them there on his side, and my two supporters saw me collapse on the ground, thought 'Oh, Ron's done', and went home.

"Anyway, by pure luck or skill, whatever you like to call it, I missed his bowl by a cigarette paper and picked the jack up on the way."

Adam had knocked the jack toward his two bowls, giving him the three-shot advantage he needed to secure the title, but the match was not done yet.

"By then I was really starting to feel it, so I was wandering around the back, not really paying any attention," he said.

"I never actually saw his last bowl. I turned around and before I knew it, he was there shaking my hand saying I played well and I'd won."

It was Adam's first title after numerous times finishing second best in the tournament, with the result a fitting reward for his resilience and determination on the day.

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# STOKED

ONE of the Riverland's most loved sporting figures notched a massive milestone last weekend when Berri Hockey Club's Brett Stokes brought up his 400th game for the club.

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Riverland hockey stalwart Brett Stokes (centre) celebrated his 400th game in style last weekend, surrounded by his family Lachlan, Owen, Ali and William. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# All is Well

BEN LENNON

ONE of the longest active winless streaks in SA football came to an end last weekend as Brown's Well pulled off a memorable victory over reigning premier Ramco.

The previously unthinkable result was highlighted by an astounding winning margin of 139 points as the Bombers ran riot in front of their home supporters.

The losing streak lasted a staggering 1057 days and coach Aaron Bullard said the way it ended was "surreal".

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# Room for wrinkles at batting crease

BEN LENNON

TIME is of the essence if the Riverland is to field an over 50s team in the 2022/23 SA veterans cricket season, with the cut-off declaration date of June 30 fast approaching.

The idea to enter a Riverland side was pioneered earlier this year by Berri Cricket Club stalwart Paul 'Dougie' Stewart and since then has garnered interest from the region and even across the border.

Mr Stewart said he would need another 10-15 Riverlanders to register their interest in playing for the side to give it legs for the 2022/23 season.

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