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Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion at the Riverland General Hospital yesterday with the newly delivered ultra-low temperature freezer that will store COVID-19 vaccines. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

#### JOSH BRINE and DEIRDRE GRAHAM

THE Riverland's first COVID-19 vaccines are set to arrive in the region next week, with the Riverland General Hospital receiving an \$11,000 storage freezer yesterday.

The first Pfizer vaccine shipment is expected to be delivered next Monday, with one tray of about 975 doses to arrive each week.

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The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) expect the number of vaccines shipped to the Riverland to be more than enough to cope with demand.

The newly installed storage

freezer will be able to hold up to 130,000 vaccine doses and is able to operate safely at -70C, which is required to safely store the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

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# T-birds to swoop on Berri

THE Adelaide Thunderbirds will play a Suncorp Super Netball pre-season match in Berri against West Coast Fever next month.

The Thunderbirds planned to host the Melbourne Vixens in the Riverland last April, but the event was cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Almost exactly one year on, the SA side will finally travel to the region for its first competitive hit-out of 2021, on Friday, April 16.

Athletes from both clubs will also host junior clinics at the Berri Netball Club the following day, giving local netballers the chance to meet some of the sport's biggest names.

Netball SA CEO, Bronwyn Klei said the Adelaide Thunderbirds were thrilled to have the opportunity to fulfil plans made prior to the impact of COVID-19.

"A lot of work went in to planning last year's pre-season match with the Berri Barmera Council and the Berri Netball Club and I know all involved were devastated to see the event cancelled last year," Ms Klei said.

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#### Madison correction:

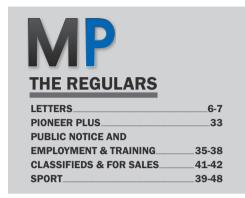
A NAME that appeared in a caption accompanying a photograph in last week's Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The name was published as Madison Bailey. It is in fact Madison Lailey (winner of the Cookery Industry Award at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards).

#### **Syd CFS correction:**

A DETAIL in a caption accompanying a photo in last week's Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The photo of CFS volunteer Syd Villis said that Mr Villis had volunteered for the Barmera CFS, when in fact he had volunteered – for 60 years – with the Moorook CFS









## Steph's back at the newspaper

IN a major boost for Loxton, awardwinning former Loxton News editor Stephanie Thompson has joined The Murray Pioneer team.

Mrs Thompson, who has eight years of journalism experience, is now operating out of the Loxton office every week.

She will provide extensive coverage of all matters related to Loxton, including local events, Loxton Waikerie council news, community news and everything in between.

Mrs Thompson, 29, has been on maternity leave for the past 12 months after the birth of her and husband Aaron's first child, Eloise.

"It's only been a few days, but already I'm loving being back in the office," Mrs Thompson said.

"I'm really looking forward to further expanding the Pioneer's coverage of issues and stories that matter to the people of Loxton and surrounding districts.

"While I've worked for the Taylor

Group for many years, it's nice to be writing for the newspaper that was always on the kitchen table growing up."

Mrs Thompson is a past winner of the prestigious Country Press SA Excellence in Journalism award and also won Rural Media SA's Best Rural Regional Photojournalist award.

Mrs Thompson encouraged locals to contact her at the East Terrace office if they have stories worth covering.

"I'm accessible to the people of Loxton," she said.

"It's so important the community retains that connection to its local paper."

Mrs Thompson's office hours will be Monday and Tuesdays, 9am to 5pm, and every second Friday, 9am to 5pm.

To contact Mrs Thompson during those hours, phone 8584 7271. Alternatively, email her at any time: stephanie.thompson@murraypioneer.



Loxton reporter Stephanie Thompson will bring eight years of journalism experience to the *Murray Pioneer* team.

## Riverland to receive first COVID vaccines on Monday

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Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade said the freezer was vital for the distribution of the vaccine in the region, and that the State Government expected the Riverland hub to begin administering vaccines "in the coming weeks".

"South Australia's COVID-19 response to the pandemic has been world-leading and now we have marked another milestone, with the arrival of this new specialised ultra-low temperature freezer at Berri," he said.

"This brings the Riverland General Hospital hub online and builds on the strong progress of the state's biggest ever peacetime operation.

"Given the scale and complexity of the operation in front of us, we know that there will be road bumps along the way, but we are determined to ensure the safe, efficient and timely delivery of vaccines in a prioritised manner over the course of 2021...

"In line with the Commonwealth Government's Phase 1a, we have already provided more than 3500 vaccinations to quarantine and border staff and frontline healthcare workers.

"These workers will continue to receive the vaccine as a priority through the Riverland General Hospital hub."

The Riverland General Hospital became the state's second regional vaccine hub to come online, after the first AstraZeneca vaccines in Australia were administered in Murray Bridge last week.

RMCLHN chief executive officer Wayne Champion said staff were excited to receive



Brett Jaekel and Bree Hextall from TSS Sensitive Freight move the COVID-19 vaccine freezer into place at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

the freezer in anticipation of the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"The arrival of this freezer signals the readiness of our workforce to establish our Pfizer hub," he said.

"Our vaccination workforce, including administrative and support staff, have already completed the required training and induction programs so they are ready to safely provide the vaccine to frontline staff once our clinic opens.

"We were excited to start administering the AstraZeneca vaccine to frontline healthcare workers at the Murray Bridge Soldiers' Memorial Hospital last week, and are just as excited for this freezer to arrive at the Riverland General Hospital so that we can store and start administering the Pfizer vaccine as soon as supplies arrive from the Commonwealth Government.

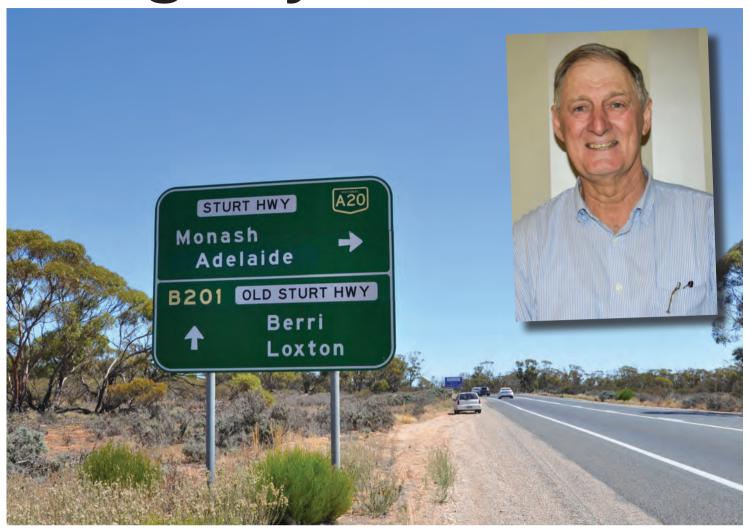
"Our staff know how important it is to vaccinate against diseases like COVID-19 to not only protect themselves and their loved ones, but also to increase protection of those most vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 in our community."

For more information about COVID-19 vaccinations, visit www.covid-19.sa.gov.au.

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# Loxton Waikerie joins push for highway 'bottleneck' fix



The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has backed calls to make the Sturt Highway more suitable for heavy vehicles, which could include the construction of a Renmark bypass. Mayor Leon Stasinowsky (pictured) says he hopes all three Riverland councils will agree on safety measures for the district.

#### **JOSH BRINE**

A SECOND Riverland council has passed a motion calling on the Federal Government to urgently consider options to make the Sturt Highway more suitable for heavy vehicles, including a potential Renmark bypass.

At its most recent monthly meeting, District Council of Loxton Waikerie elected members unanimously carried a resolution moved by deputy mayor Trevor Norton to support "as a matter of urgency" the duplication of the highway and planning for a bridge at Springcart Gully.

The resolution also called for the potential upgrades to be put on the agenda for the Riverland Local Government Forum.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky said concerns over the safety of residents in the region had encouraged councillors to adopt the motion.

"It has been brought up at council before about the safety of residents in the main town of Loxton with road trains and B-triples coming right through the middle of town past the high school, Orana, the playground and houses," he said.

"Then there are also quite a lot of trucks going through Moorook and there have been a lot of residents there who have been quite scared with all these big trucks that have been coming around.

"When they stopped going over the Paringa Bridge they started to come around this way and creating danger, and also damaging the roads.

"The roads haven't been upgraded to take all these big heavy trucks... the Stott Highway has been deteriorating dramatically since these trucks started traversing the area.

"With this motion, council is saying the Sturt Highway is a national highway and there is a real bottleneck in the Riverland for those big trucks to traverse.

"What we're saying to the Federal Government is that the Sturt Highway needs to be upgraded from Nuriootpa to the border to account for the heavier traffic, which is only going to grow and become heavier."

Mr Stasinowsky said councils would leave it to the Government to decide how to fix problems with the highway in the region.

"We're not saying where a bridge should go, because that is for the Government to work out," he said. "We're just saying there is a bottleneck in the Riverland and it needs to be addressed quite urgently.

"It won't happen overnight – it is something that would likely take 10 to 15 years or more – so they need to get started on it now."

Mr Stasinowsky said he hoped all three Riverland councils could get "on the same page".

"All we want is the Sturt Highway to be bought up to national highway standard so that all these big vehicles can traverse that one road," he said.

"I'll be pretty disappointed if Renmark Paringa Council doesn't agree with that."

Berri Barmera councillors passed a similar motion at council's January meeting, also citing safety concerns.

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#### Fatal crash at Morgan

POLICE are investigating incidents leading to the death of a man in a single vehicle rollover at Morgan last week

On Saturday, March 6, police and emergency services were called to a private property after reports of a ute rollover.

Patrols commenced CPR on a passenger in the car until paramedics arrived, but the 26-year-old Campbelltown mas was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver, a 29-year-old Athelstone man, and two other passengers, a 34-year-old Tanunda man and a 29-year-old Klemzig man, were flown to Adelaide with non-life threatening injuries.

The SA road toll is at 21, with three people losing their lives over the long weekend. The road toll this time last year was 17. Over the past five years, the March long weekend has seen six lives lost on SA roads, with five of those lives being on regional or rural roads.

Police implored all road users to take care, particularly in regional areas, and not take unnecessary risks.

#### Council plans big changes

LOCALS have been encouraged to provide community feedback regarding new options for two prominent Morgan locations.

Mid Murray Council yesterday opened public submissions regarding ammendments to the Community Land Management Plans (CLMP) for the Morgan Ferry Reserve and Lot 437 at the Morgan river front.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the potential changes would "pave the way for future development options to be considered".

"The Morgan river front is a beautiful spot that's already popular with locals and visitors," Mr Burgess said.

"Changing the CLMPs to allow leases and licences on this small section will make it simpler for appropriate organisations to potentially use these sites to bring more vibrancy and economic benefits to this area and to the wider Morgan community."

Submissions regarding the CLMPs must be provided to council by 5pm on March

Further information can be found by visiting the website (www.mid-murray.sa.gov. au/community/public-consultation).



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# New river front making a splash

LOCALS and visitors to the region are now able to enjoy a re-installed fountain and outdoor barbecue facilities as part of a Riverland council's redeveloped river front.

Renmark Paringa Council last week opened access to the new Taylor Riverfront Precinct – including the renamed Harry Clark Water Play Area – to the public.

A Renmark Paringa Council spokesperson said the project generated more than \$850,000 for local businesses.

"The project utilised the services of 18 local subcontractors, which therefore invested at least \$898,000 directly into our local economy," the spokesperson said.

Renmark Paringa Council allocated more than \$3.8 million for stage 1A of the UDF in 2018/19, including \$1.4 million from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund – secured with the help of Barker MP Tony Pasin – and \$550,000 from the State Government's Places for People Program.

The spokesperson said 1000 rose plants would also be planted at the river front later this year.

"Planting of the 1000 rose plants will take place in winter 2021 when optimum planting conditions for roses in the Riverland occur," the spokesperson said.

"Our favourite lion will be surrounded by blooming roses in no time and the precinct will be



Sophie Cuteri, 2, from Barmera, with cousin Hannah Slee, 4, of Paringa, enjoying the completed Harry Clark Water Play Area at the Taylor Riverfront Precinct in Renmark. PHOTO: supplied

glorious in time for the Renmark Riverland Rose Festival."

Further information regarding

the Taylor Riverfront Precinct can be found by visiting the council website (www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0029/853229/Taylor-Riverfront-Precinct.pdf).

## Thunderbirds are go as Berri hosts national league match

**Continued from front** 

"We know how important this opportunity is to regional netballers and we're all so pleased to bring our original plans back to life for the Riverland community.

"There's no doubt that country netballers are some of our most passionate fans and we look forward to giving them a first-hand look at the talent of the Adelaide Thunderbirds and the SSN.

"Netball SA would like to thank Berri Barmera Council and Berri Netball Club for their support and allowing us to bring some of the best players in the world to the region to showcase the sport."

Berri Barmera Council Mayor Peter Hunt said the Riverland was home to thousands of netball players and fans who will relish the opportunity to see some of the world's best netballers play on their doorstep.

"Access to Australia's premier netball competition can be challenging for our regional netballers so it is with great excitement we announce that our community will be able to watch the Adelaide Thunderbirds take on the West Coast Fever in a pre-season match at the Berri Toyota Arena," Mr Hunt said

"Aside from giving Riverland locals access to an elite sporting match, the athletes will offer our netball enthusiasts the chance to get up close to their sporting idols when they conduct clinics on Saturday, April 17"

Berri Netball Club committee member Chrissy Eleftheriadis thanked Netball SA and the Berri Barmera Council for bringing athletes from the world's best netball competition to their hometown.

"Sport plays a vital role in country life and we know that our club and the sport-loving public in the Riverland will immensely enjoy seeing the athleticism and skills of the wonderful athletes live in Berri," she said.

"The planned clinics for our club will offer players and coaches outstanding development opportunities and a chance to learn from some highly experienced athletes."

Tickets for the match will be on sale late





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## Easy access' walking trail in sight

#### **ERIN WILLIAMS**

A PARTNERSHIP between a Waikerie community group and local council could see the town's picturesque clifftop walking trail improved and upgraded – possibly for disability inclusion.

The Rotary Club of Waikerie attended February District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) meeting to present a proposal on refurbishing the Rotary Waikerie Clifftop Walk with council's assistance.

The club members held an assessment of the current walking route and identified issues that needed to be upgraded, such as the bridges and shelters.

Council CEO David Beaton said the proposal was "very well presented".

"While more questions need to be asked and information given, the council was very supportive of the proposal," he said.

The Rotary Club had assessed the current walk and brought forward a rough estimate on costs needed, and the work they had already begun to undertake was very supportive of their commitment to the upgrades.

'Council enjoys partnering with community groups who are willing to make changes and take the steps needed to fulfil their projects that will benefit the whole community."

Waikerie Rotarian Steve Dibben said the club had upgraded the walking trail signage recently, and was looking at "fixing up" the bridges and shelters.

One of the shelters along the walking trail was recently concreted in and a ramp installed to make it easier for prams and wheelchairs to access, but there's a lot more work we'd like to do along the trail," he

"Council was very supportive of the proposal presented, and with its help in terms of funding and works, the entire trail could become more easily accessible.

"Right now, we're looking at fixing up the bridges and shelters that are already set up along the trial, but there's a lot more assessment needed before any work starts."

Mr Beaton said



identifying the specific issues along the walk will lead into the budget process.

#### Loxton's path to better walking

LOXTON residents will soon be able to enjoy a safer, smoother route for their daily walks, thanks to a community infrastructure

While a crusher dust path exists through scrub land near Grant Schubert Drive, District Council of Loxton Waikerie CEO David Beaton said the new path would be closer to the river front and existing road.

Mr Beaton said people currently walk on Grant Schubert Drive for fear of snakes in summer, posing a safety issue.

"It saves people from having to walk on the roads," he said. "It will allow for a good, safe walking route."

The new route will see a sealed path from Snake Island to Bookpurnong Terrace via Schubert and Sophie Edington drives.

"When we get to Sophie Edington Drive, we will create something that goes up the hill because it's pretty steep," Mr Beaton said.

The entire loop will be approximately 6km, but Mr Beaton said the route allows "plenty of exits" for people to return to the Loxton township for shorter distances.

Mr Beaton said the path would also allow greater access for residents and visitors.

"It will be suitable for walkers, riders and gophers," he said.

New stairs are being constructed near the town wharf, enabling access between the existing riv-



The staircase being constructed near the Loxton town wharf will enhance the new walking trail. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

William Street.

DCLW received \$859,096 in this Infrastructure Grant, with \$150,000

er-front path and the bottom of year's Federal Budget as part of allocated to the sealed path. the Local Roads and Community

A single unisex disabled toilet will also be added to the route at

Heritage Park, with the project expected to be completed this financial year.

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# OPINION







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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### THE YEARS GO BY

#### **BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY**

## Renmark bypass serious, or mere folly?

PIE in the sky? Or a serious proposal with tangible benefits?

Those are among the many, many questions surrounding plans to build a bridge at Springcart Gully and bypass Renmark with the Sturt Highway.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor, Leon Stasinowsky, has outlined the 'pro' case in today's Murray Pioneer, seeing the issue – understandably – from his council's point of view.

It's a fact that the number of big trucks rumbling through Moorook and Loxton has increased markedly in recent times. Mr Stasinowsky says this upswing is due to the state of the Paringa Bridge, with transport companies keen to avoid the ageing structure whenever possible.

He also mentions the deterioration of the relatively low-volume Stott Highway, but of more concern is the condition of the Sturt Highway, which is surely seeing more traffic now than ever before. Last Friday, ahead of the Adelaide Cup long weekend, it was packed with traffic, including countless trucks.

Perhaps with a touch of premeditated showmanship, Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton's motion advocating for what would be a region-changing move said the Springcart Gully plan should be carried out "as a matter of urgency".

That, of course, will not be the case, as the region's epic journey to secure a bridge at Berri showed. However, only when plans are pressed in a such a manner do decision makers – in this case, the Federal Government – sit up and take notice. So the slightly dramatic language makes sense.

Mr Stasinowsky says he is simply focused on making the Sturt Highway safer and in today's story stops short of declaring his personal preference.

However, the intention is to bypass Renmark, and a similar motion was passed by Berri Barmera Council earlier this year.

The pro crowd will argue that bypassing Renmark would have minimal impact on the town, and point to examples of other towns as

However, to think such a monumental upheaval would be a mere blip on the radar of the town's – and the Riverland's – economic and social ecosystem is a credibility-defying

Renmark would be changed forever, and certain businesses would suffer and almost certainly go under. Renmark would suddenly be off the main drag, like Waikerie or Berri, meaning less people passing through town.

Upsides would materialise, no doubt. Perhaps through a different tourism dynamic or benefits few of us could yet imagine.

However, downsides would also exist – and to ignore them is to ignore a relevant, important and significant part of the debate.

Fuelled in part by the Riverland having three councils, rather than one, the Renmark bypass debate could heat up again in the coming months and years, but don't expect a resolution – or a new bridge – anytime soon.



Les and Barb Campbell hand-picking grapes, Loxton North, February 1988: As the years have gone by, hand picking wine grapes has become a thing of the past. For centuries, wine grapes were grown on low-standing vines or small trellises. So low, that picking, and pruning was often backbreaking. The grapes were hand-picked into dip tins (rectangular, steel-handled tins with a regular array of drainage holes), into Bryce buckets (cube-shaped black plastic buckets), or into circular, black plastic buckets. Before plastic became commonplace, pickers often used squares of hessian laid flat on the ground next to the vine being picked. Grapes snipped from the vine, were dropped or tossed onto the hessian. When the hessians were 'filled', the two picking-partners each lifted two corners of the hessian to form a pod, together carried it to a nearby trailer, then threw the grapes from the hessian into the back of the vehicle for transport to the winery. Hand picking grapes often took several months to harvest an average-sized vineyard, but by machine this now takes only several hours. Machine harvesting wine grapes became widespread from the late-1980s. Picking currant grapes for drying has taken longer to be mechanised. PHOTO: John Petch

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### We must beware of The Great Reset

WHAT is The Great Reset?
It is a proposal put forward by the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the World Economic Forum, who are all very powerful but

who are all very powerful but unelected undemocratic globalist bodies, meaning they want to set up one world government.

They aim to redistribute the world's resources more equitably as they see fit – and demolish and reset capitalism to suit their agenda.

Now that people have become accustomed to autocratic government to combat COVID-19, they are urging member states to extend such government measures to combat alleged global warming.

Note that Joe Biden has said that in the first 100 days he plans to bring all the world leaders to the White House and tell them they have to adopt the same emission standards as the USA. Taxing carbon emissions is a major part of The Great Reset.

The Great Reset is a push towards extreme socialism. One of their slogans is: "You will own nothing but you

"You will own nothing but you will be happy."

Someone has said this is only half the story; the other half is: "We will own everything and get richer."

Which group do you think the faceless bureaucrats in these organisations and the ruling class intend to get into?

Bronwyn Bishop is right: "One rule for socialists, a different rule for the rest of us."

"You will simply rent everything in your life and it will be delivered by drone", because fossil-fuelled vehicles will be banned.

Plainly, some other body or persons own everything – and if these bodies disapprove of your political views, I surmise that deliveries could cease.

The promoters call it "servitisation," which sounds too much like "servitude" which in turn is a less evocative word for slavery.

They reason that by 2030 the United States will be in decline and a handful of countries will

have taken its place in world affairs.

'Big tech' and 'big data' will control every aspect of our lives. For example, Twitter and Facebook censor anything that does not fit with their Leftie political views. In the lead-up to US election they buried any damaging publicity about Joe Biden but not about Donald Trump.

Another comforting slogan this movement has usurped is "Build Back Better". This is part of their vocabulary, including "servitisation," and "stronger cities", plus "the new normal".

When you see these words, take warning. They also claim that capitalism needs a dose of Marxism if it is to survive.

What can we do about it? Our Prime Minister has stated that Australia's national interest must always take precedence over globalist moves and climate alarmism.

We did not vote for people to reset our economy or take away our legal rights so that we could no longer own property.

Write to the PM and contact your local member commending them on their "Australia first" stand and urging them to continue it against this globalist money-power threat.

F. GATHERCOLE Loxton

## Still no Waikerie maternity plans?

REGARDING the Waikerie Hospital maternity closure, I have had replies from Health Minister Stephen Wade, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone's office, Clare Scriven MLC and Senator Anne Ruston.

All the responses are what they hope will happen in the future. What plans have been put into place, please?

Mr Wade acknowledges that the significant upgrades to the hospital were fully funded by local donations.

Local donations paid for compliance upgrades to theatre and recovery area in April, 2017 at a cost of approximately \$140,000.

Country Health SA would not pay for the upgrade. This was considered a compliance issue

and was the responsibility of Country Health SA. I requested for our commu-

nity that we have the \$140,000 returned to our hospital board, but nothing happened.

The flow-on from not having

maternity services is that we will probably lose what little theatre services we have.

We have three two-bedroom flats and two semi-detached homes that are owned by the hospital – so accommodation is not a problem.

The Waikerie community has saved Country Health SA approximately \$1 million – therefore there should be money available to entice nurses/midwives to move to rural areas with accommodation available.

Nurses/midwives need employment security, especially if they are asked to relocate and have no casual contracts. Lack of services equals qualified doctors leaving.

We cannot expect doctors to stay if they are unable to use their skills they worked very hard for.

Talk is cheap, actions speak louder than words.

JANETTE CLEAVER

## Red Cross bus service relief

AS a regular passenger using the Red Cross Service for transport to medical appointments in Adelaide, it was pleasing to read the report in last week's Murray Pioneer ('New Red Cross bus to address drivers' safety fears', 3/3/21).

In November 2020, I wrote to Jai O'Toole, Red Cross SA director, expressing my concerns for passenger safety, and the difficulties for volunteer drivers, which had occurred with the replacement bus.

Mr O'Toole was kind enough to phone me to discuss my concerns. These issues are all raised in the Murray Pioneer article and I am delighted that with the arrival of the new bus, the previous high standard of service will return.

This service is available five days a week, manned by volunteer drivers who deliver passengers to their appointments, which are all over the city and metropolitan areas, and return them to various towns in the Riverland.

With very early departures, and late returns quite often, they can be very long days for drivers.

I would like to express my thanks to the retiring volunteers, Ken, Jim and John for their service and care, and wish them well in the future.

To all the other volunteer drivers who help provide this wonderful service, thank you for giving up your valuable time, and helping those in need.

Perhaps a reminder to patients using the service for the first time: reimbursement for the bus payment is available through the Patient Assurance Transport Scheme (PATS). Forms are available online from a hospital and a specialist's signature is required on one form.

NAN MACKERETH Waikerie

## Before you get the COVID-19 vaccine...

YOU should know about pathogenic priming if you are considering having a COVID-19 vaccine.

These are my notes from Robert F Kennedy Jr's explanation of pathogenic priming.

Coronavirus vaccines are known for their pathogenic priming. This history is so relevant to SARS-CoV-2 right now.

After 2002, there have been three SARS epidemics. SARS is a type of coronavirus and these epidemics led to the creation of 35 vaccine models, from which the best four were chosen and given to ferrets, which have similar upper respiratory function as

The ferrets developed a robust antibody response so they thought they were successful (an antibody response is the basis upon which the FDA issues licences).

When the FDA tests vaccines before giving a licence, it does not give it to 1000 people and send them out to be exposed to the illness. It gives people the vaccine and then test their blood

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for antibodies, or 'serological response'.

It tests again in six or 12 months and see if they still have the antibodies.

If they are robust and durable, then the FDA gives the licence.

However, when the ferrets were exposed to the wild virus, instead of defending themselves, they got horribly sick and died. Unvaccinated ferrets didn't have problems.

Then same NIH (National Institute for Health) researchers remembered a scandal from the 1960s when they had given an experimental MERS (similar to coronavirus) vaccine to 35 children, skipping the animal studies. When the children were exposed to the wild MERS virus they got horribly sick and two died. They terminated the experi-

Then in 2014 Sanofi (one of four big vaccine makers), with assistance from NIH, developed a vaccine for dengue fever and saw some of those signals of pathogenic priming in the clinical trials and they ignored them.

They gave the vaccine to hundreds of thousands of children in the Philippines and when the children were exposed to wild dengue fever, they got horribly sick and about 600 of them died.

On February 21, 2020, The Philippines Department of Justice said it has found sufficient evidence to charge the president of Sanofi over the drugmakers' alleged role in a scandal involving its dengue vaccine (Dengvaxia).

Nineteen public health officials in the Philippines are on trial facing criminal charges because they chose to ignore those signals.

That's the trouble with coronaviruses and that's why you need to do animal studies and do the challenge on them.

Then you do human studies and then do the challenge on human beings. I believe it takes longer than a two-month trial. **HEATHER GIBBONS** 

#### **Lights went ahead,** despite COVID-19

THE Loxton Christmas was able to go ahead this last season through the COVID-19 restric-

Even though Light Up Night, arranged by the Loxton Chamber of Commerce, had to be abandoned we were happy with being able to showcase our Christmas



lights and displays to the locals and tourist who visited.

Our committee and painters have been great to work with over the years and I thank them for their dedication. To the people from Loxton who continue to decorate their homes, many thanks.

Our committee's annual general meeting will be at the Loxton Club on Thursday, March 18, from 2pm. If you would like to join our committee or feel you have something to contribute please come along.

We work for the progress of Christmas lights in Loxton. PETER MANGELSDORF

Chairman **Loxton Christmas Lights** 

#### **Controlled burns** needed for fires

IN recent years I am beginning to wonder if I am still living in the country of my younger years.

Back then, prior to summer we would be advised/instructed to clean up around our family's property.

Now, what I see on TV is "the bushfire season is here – have your bushfire plan ready and ensure all members of your family know it", or words to that

All I see are areas of bushland with undergrowth as thick as the hairs on a cat's back. Why?

I can remember in Victoria back in the 1960s, between Mildura and Melbourne, some farmers used to plough/disc approximately eight to 10 feet between their boundary fences and the roadways. Some even did similar inside their fences.

Why the change?

GETTING THE COVID COLD SHOULDER

Plus, has anyone even sought the advice of Aboriginal elders?

My understanding is they lived on the land of this wonderful country and cared for it.

I believe they carried out controlled burning of small areas that they were capable of controlling. They cared for the trees and other plants, plus our unique and wonderful birds and animals.

I also believed we had four seasons: summer, autumn winter

and spring. Apparently we have gained

another: bushfire season. LOU HUNT

#### About the Duke and **Duchess of Sussex...**

THE Duke and Duchess of Sussex have nothing, constitutionally, to do with Australia.

When visiting this country, other than in regard to the 2018 Invictus Games, they have done so as representatives of the Queen, our sovereign head of

While the Duke is the son and the Duchess the daughter-in-law of the Prince of Wales, by their own decision they have left the royal family as working royals. Accordingly, as far as Australia is concerned, they are individu-

However, the Duke of Sussex was born a prince is the grandson of the Queen and, until the birth of the children of the Duke of Cambridge, was third in line to the throne. As such he and his wife, the Duchess, enjoy a privileged status.

In no way should they use that status to disparage the royal household and in so doing demean the Queen. At 95 years of age with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, in hospital, the last thing she needs is public discontent amongst her family.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex should at all times consider the position of Her Majesty before they give any public interviews.

In Australia, and elsewhere, our focus should have instead been on Commonwealth Day, which fell on Monday, March 8, 2021. On this day the Queen paid tribute to all those courageous hospital, quarantine and other workers on the front line tackling COVID throughout the Commonwealth and the world.

PHILIP BENWELL National chair Australian Monarchist League

TEXT LINE

## Looking back...

10 years ago March 8, 2011





MARKET ON THE MOVE: The Riverland Farmers' Market is looking for a new home. Concerns over rent and the current site's visibility have convinced organisers to consider moving the popular attraction, staged in and around the Berri Senior Citizens hall each Saturday morning.

20 years ago March 9, 2001

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LOLA'S LAMENT: Embattled Moorook Animal Shelter owner Lola McLachlan this week urged Loxton Waikerie District Council to help resolve a year-long dispute that has left her facility with an uncertain future. Council told Mrs McLachlan early last year her facility

did not comply with development regulations after utilising her free service on a regular basis for the previous three years.

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Does anyone at Renmark Paringa Council know how to mow lawns? **CHRIS** 

#### Renmark

Well done, Tony Hersey. Your cartoon in March 3 edition of the Pioneer was hilarious. I loved it.

DOT

So Chris from Berri thinks Dan Andrews has done a great job (Text Talk, 3/3/21). Is it April Fool's Day already?

> RIV Moorook

Congratulations Pat Mickan. Your articles are spot on for my childhood too. Those days in the cutting shed were never-ending, it seemed, from first light, spreading the trays, to almost dark, scraping the dried ones off the trays into sweat boxes. Looking forward to the next trip down memory lane.

Clare The rules committee of the AFL continue to ruin the game. In their wisdom, they have now made a new standing-the-mark rule. All this does is give the third team on

the field the opportunity to have a major impact on the outcome of the game. My garden loves all the rule changes.

#### **RED T** Renmark

Looking at the fantastic new area on the Renmark river front, watching the Ski For Life boats arriving and the number of people enjoying the area, it's obvious a council with vision, good planning and budgeting skills can create and vibrant, usable river front.

TREVOR CHAPPLE Glossop

I see Marg from Berri is at it again (Text Line, 3/3/21). The opposite of her theory about governments ensuring we have a large number of unemployed to keep wages down is that we have minimal unemployment, therefore welfare payments would be down, taxes would be up, people would be spending more and a government would find it very difficult to be unelected. I do wonder what school of ecomics Marg attended.

**RON B** Sunlands 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

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# Fisherama reeling in record numbers

#### **ERIN WILLIAMS**

FISH were on the bite and weather was perfect last weekend at the 2021 Riverland West Fisherama and Boat Raffle, which organisers said drew the "biggest crowd yet".

The coveted \$14,000 boat, trailer and motor package was won by Joel Semmler, with the \$500 cash prize going to Sam Baum

Fisherama spokesperson Kym Thiel said it was the "biggest event yet", with almost 300 people registered to fish on the day.

"Ticket and attendance sales were up at least 20 per cent on previous years – it was our biggest year ever," he said.

"We had a greater number of people from outside the Riverland West attending than we have had before as well, which is probably testament to the advertising team and the up-river businesses who helped sell tickets and showed off the boat up for grabs.

"We also had a wide range of fantastic prizes this year, which helped draw in interested people from all over the region."

Mr Thiel described fishing as "steady" throughout the day, with at least three people reaching the callop bag limit.

"I'm pleased to say that after five or six straight years, Errol van der Kaap has finally been toppled from his position of the



Joel Semmler was the lucky winner of the boat, trailer and motor package valued at over \$14,000 at the end of Saturday's annual Riverland West Fisherama and Boat Raffle.

PHOTOS: supplied

overall biggest bag of callop," he said.

"It became a bit of a running competition over the last few years to beat Errol, and Cooper Mackereth was the man who finally managed it, so they'll have a friendly rivalry next year, I'm sure."

Presentations were held at the Ramco Football Club rooms from 4pm, with winners announced from 6pm.

Mr Thiel said the crowd at the presentations was also bigger than it had been in previous years. "We had fresh cod and chips being sold by Red Earth Farms, and they actually sold out during the afternoon," he said.

"They did a great job, the food was spectacular, and apologies to anyone who missed out on freshly cooked cod.

"A big thank you to our major sponsors, HMF Boats operator Nathan Hart and his team, and Ian Rogers and his team at Waikerie Honda/Mercury Marine, and all other Riverland businesses who sponsored and supported our event."



## Carp comp still growing in 2021

#### **HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

SOUTH Australia's largest carp fishing competition – with expanded boundaries for 2021 – is set to return to the Riverland this weekend.

Around 700 local and visiting fishers are expected to participate in the 2021 Carp Frenzy in Barmera on Saturday.

Event organiser Kym Manning said the competition's boundaries had been expanded this year – to include Chambers Creek and Loch Luna – due to restrictions on some Lake Bonney campsites.

"They reduced the number of campsites around Lake Bonney to protect the sand dunes, so we opened the competition up to Loch Luna and Chambers Creek," Mr Manning said.

"This should help make up for the reduction in campsites, although people will have to book at those areas because they are national parks."

Mr Manning expected cooler weather conditions over the summer would impact the number of fish caught.

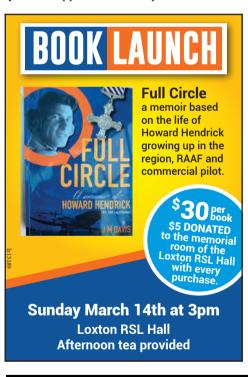
"Carp usually like to bite in the warmer weather, so I'm not expecting big numbers this year," he said.

"However, you don't need to catch a fish to win a prize."

Awards for the 2021 Carp Frenzy include biggest carp caught – from land and boat – and the most carp caught.

Registrations for the event – costing \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and \$50 for a family of four – can be made at the Barmera Club on Friday between 4pm and 8pm, or on Saturday morning from 6am to approximately 12 noon.

Fishing will begin at 6.30am and finish at 3pm, followed by the annual carp-throwing competition at 4pm, and presentations from 5.30pm.





CANINE TEAM VISIT: Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Vincent Tarzia, and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, with the Loxton SES and Canine Team during Mr Tarzia's recent Riverland visit. PHOTO: supplied



CARAVAN RALLY: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left) at the 31st Association of Caravan Clubs SA 2021 State Rally, held in the Riverland over the past week. He is pictured with organising committee and Berri Barmera Council Mayor, Peter Hunt (third from left). The rally was a precursor to the national event to be held in Barmera in 2022, when thousands of caravan enthusiasts will descend on the Riverland for 10 days. PHOTO: supplied





#### Veterans and assistance dogs turned away in Riverland...

## It's a bit ruff

#### **RILEY WALTER**

RIVERLAND veterans accompanied by assistance dogs are repeatedly being refused accommodation when travelling, according to a Returned Services League (RSL) representative.

Chaffey RSL regional co-ordinator, Ray Hartigan OAM, says veterans are being turned away from hotels and motels regularly despite providing documents to show their assistance dogs are accredited.

While Mr Hartigan declined to name establishments, he said incidents had occurred in the Riverland in the past, including recently when a travelling veteran was forced to sleep in his

Mr Hartigan said in most cases establishments denied access to veterans due to an increase in "impersonators" purchasing fraudulent assistance dog equipment online.

"I don't want to shame anybody, I don't want to

blame any organisation," Mr Hartigan said.

"I just want public awareness...

Despite most establishments offering an apology once the issue is pursued further, Mr Hartigan said the discrimination is often repeated.

'Once they're called out they then co-operate, but you don't know the next time...' he said.

"They just capitulate and go ahead and do whatever they want to do anyway."

Renmark veteran John Hume, who served in the Royal Australian Navy for 20 years, has experienced first-hand the difficulty of finding accommodation while travelling with his labrador, Oriana.

Although occurring "randomly", Mr Hume said these incidents continue to highlight the lack of awareness around assistance dogs and their purpose, as well as the legal rights of their handlers.

"I think it's just pure igno-

rance of the law," he said.

Despite the Federal Disability Discrimination Act 1992 guaranteeing access to all public places in Australia for assistance dogs, Mr Hume believes more needs to be done to police the legislation.

Echoing Mr Hartigan's suggestions, Mr Hume believes education is the only way to avoid future discrimination against veterans, particularly with the increase in returned service men and women.

"There's more and more of these veterans coming back from Afghanistan and taking up these things with the dogs," he said.

Mr Hume hopes that speaking out on the issue of discrimination will result in a more understanding approach in the future.

"I don't want to cause any waves or anything like that..." he said.

"All I want is to see the right thing done."



Navy veteran John Hume, of Renmark, says he has found it difficult to find accommodation that will accept his assistance dog, Oriana. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

BUTCHERS

Once they're called out they then co-operate, but you don't know the next time...

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- Ray Hartigan OAM Chaffey RSL regional co-ordinator



# New mobile bone density service now available for locals

RIVERLAND residents now have better access to osteoporosis treatment thanks to SA Medical Imaging's (SAMI) mobile bone densitometry service.

Campus clinical head Associate Professor Dylan Bartholomeusz said the service, which measures bone mineral density, provides reliable and timely service for patients and healthcare providers who may not have had access to the treatment otherwise.

"The SAMI mobile bone densitometry service is good news for thousands of regional and rural South Australians who receive this care every year," he said.

"This is an essential service which has operated continuously since November 1994 and has seen over 30,000 patients, visited more than 50 towns, and travelled more than 100,000km."

A bone mineral density test assesses people for low bone mass or osteoporosis, determines future fracture risk, and measures a patient's response to osteoporosis treatment.

The direct and indirect costs of these conditions account for \$33.6 billion across a 10-year period.

For more information about bone densitometry, visit https://bit.ly/2Oer6qj.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA MEDICAL IMAGING

# Dedicated midwife Club of Loxton to headline women's event

#### STEPHANIE THOMPSON

Riverland women, and local nurses in particular, are being urged to come together for a special event on Sunday morning.

The International Women's Day Breakfast, hosted by the Rotary Club of Loxton, will be held from 8.30am to 10.30am at the Loxton Hotel and features a keynote speaker with a strong nursing and midwifery background.

Rotary Club of Loxton president Jenny Mills encouraged local women to attend the event.

"The benefit of it is that it brings women together in a different environment," she said.

"It focuses on women's achievements and allows money to be raised for charity."

The event, which is organised by Rotary's International Women's Day organising committee, is in its seventh year and will feature Pauline Glover as the keynote speaker.

Ms Glover is a senior lecturer and associate professor at Flinders University and developed the first midwifery program in South Australia

Ms Glover's experience also includes international midwifery experience.

Full breakfast will be served from 8.45am and tickets are \$25 each.

Registration and payment is payable at the Loxton Hotel today.



South Australian nurse, midwife, educator and researcher **Pauline** Glover will be the keynote speaker at Sunday's International Women's Day Breakfast, hosted by the **Rotary Club of** Loxton.





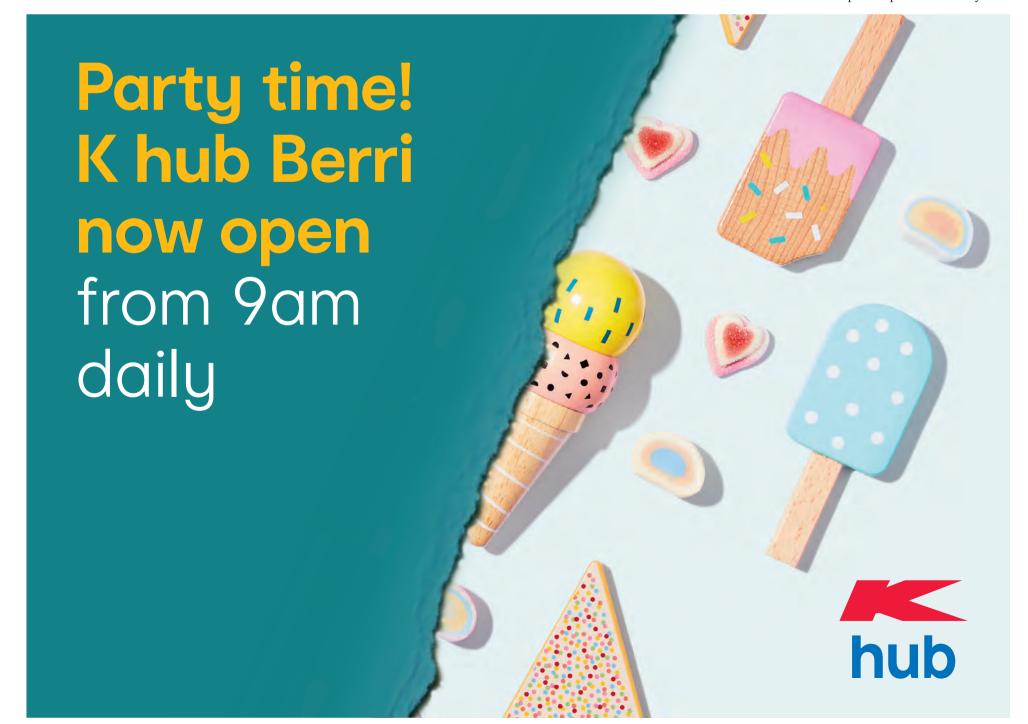
# Plant sale and fete this Sunday

THE Waikerie and District Garden Club is holding a plant sale and mini fete this weekend at Ramco Hall.

The March meeting will be held on Sunday from 1pm, followed by the club's annual plant

commencing at 2pm at the Ramco Hall.

Meanwhile, Judi and Graham Lloyd won the club's Garden of the Month, while Leanne Kroschel won Flower of the Month for her pink double hollyhock.



## Trainee docs feeling the Loxton love

#### **JOSH BRINE**

THE Riverland's newest GP registrars say locals are already turning up the charm to convince them to stay, after the trainee doctors finished the first month of their placements.

Dr Millicent Wells and Dr Nipuni Wanigasekara are starting to settle into the region after beginning their placements at the Loxton Health Centre in February.

Dr Wells said she had enjoyed her first few weeks living and working in Loxton.

"The first couple of weeks have been great, especially everyone here at the clinic who have been extremely welcoming and keen to get us involved," she said.

"Everyone I've come across in town has been lovely and very friendly.

"I think Loxton is quite a vibrant community – there always seems to be people down the main street and events happening which is great."

Dr Wanigasekara said the community and other doctors at the clinic had been "very supportive".

"I'm certainly very happy to be placed in Loxton," she said.

"It's a very social practice and the patients have been very lovely and friendly and asked us how long we are going to stay."

Dr Wells, who grew up in the Mid North, said she hoped to become a rural GP once her training ends.

"The main doctor that I had access to was a rural GP, so that's always been a big influence and

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Dr Millicent Wells and Dr Nipuni Wanigasekara
Joined the Loxton Health Centre earlier this year as
GP registrars. PHOTO: Josh Brine

I've always been working to end up as a rural GP," she said.

"Growing up in the country, I am very acutely aware of the doctor shortage in rural areas so I would really love to be a part of addressing that shortage and giving back to a community.

"I wanted a job where I would be working with people and a job where I would be doing something different every day, and I think being a GP absolutely offers both of those things." Dr Wanigasekara, who moved to Australia in 2018 after attending medical school in the UK, said rural medicine was a "new aspect" for her

"I've never really been exposed to (rural medicine) before because general practice in the UK is very much metropolitan most of the time," she said.

"I am enjoying the rural versus metropolitan because we have the exposure to emergency work as well, which I don't think you get much of a chance to do working in a metropolitan area.

"I think as an international doctor there is a 10-year period where we have to work in rural communities, so I think that will be plenty of experience to test the waters."

Dr Wells said patients had already begun trying to convince her to stay in Loxton.

"One of the great things about working in a rural practice is the continuity of care as well, seeing young patients and old patients and the same patients coming back so you get the chance to build a bit of a rapport," she said.

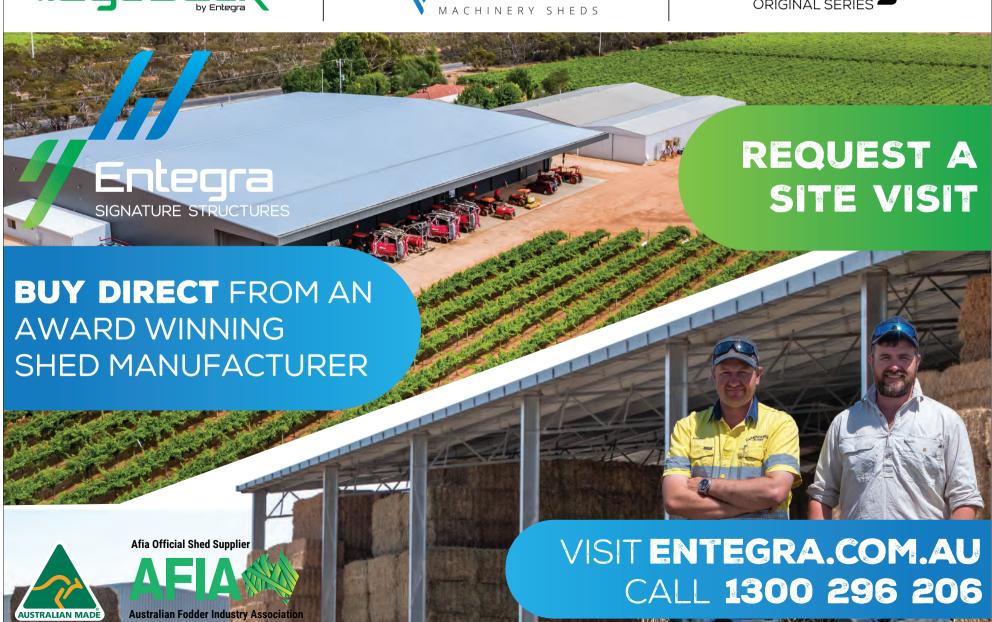
"You certainly don't get that working in hospitals or working in some metropolitan clinics.

"Feeling valued is very lovely, and its great knowing that we are providing a valued service to the community that will help keep it as thriving as it is."









by Loxton Garden Club

The Loxton Garden Club hold monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be held at The Loxton Club - Woolshed Room at 2pm.

Next meeting Sunday 28th Mach 2021 the Club will be taking a bus trip to visit the Agapanthus farm at little Hampton, lunch at the Balhannah Hotel and then Sophie's patch. Please contact Liz for further details. Mobile: 0418 803 650

#### Gardens reduce physiological and psychological stress

There is growing evidence that being in natural spaces - whether while gardening or listening to bird song - has a positive effect on mental health. Being in nature is also linked to improved cognitive function, greater relaxation, coping with trauma, and alleviating certain attention deficit disorder symptoms in children.

There are studies that have found evidence that being in green, or even being able to look out on a green landscape, is linked with better recovery from surgery, less anxiety and depression, better stress management. and many other positive effects. The nice thing about a garden is that it can be right out your front or back door. A lot of our hospitals have many gardens on the site as studies have shown that spending time interacting with nature in a well-designed garden won't cure your cancer or heal a badly burned leg. But there is good evidence it can reduce your levels of pain and stress—and, by doing that, boost your immune system in ways that allow your own body and other treatments to help

The gardens were also valued as a place to relax. Why not get to your local garden centre and start your front and back yard garden if you have not already done this your garden may to contribute to the wellbeing of the community, too.

#### **Quote of the month**

"Never underestimate the healing power of a quiet moment in the garden."



## "Snippets" Hotel breaks ground on multi million-dollar development

A RIVERLAND community hotel has begun work on a \$7 million development that it projects will bring about 7000 additional visitors to the region each year.

The Berri Hotel recently broke ground on the project to construct 20 new high-end units on vacant land along Riverview Drive that the hotel purchased from Berri Barmera Council in 2015.

The project received \$1.5 million in funding through the State Government's Regional Growth Fund and \$500,000 through the Federal Government's Murray Darling Basin Grant program.

Berri Hotel chair Paul Stewart said developing the site had been a long-term plan for the hotel's board.

"Probably for the last 20 to 30 years it's been on the agenda, and we were lucky enough to buy the land six years ago, but it's taken some time for us to do our justification and organise the finance and look at what the opportunities were," he said.

"We are absolutely ecstatic that we can get started now."

Hotel manager Jeremy Sweet said staff were enthusiastic about the new developments.

"I think it is an exciting opportunity for Berri to have Riverview Drive utilised to its full potential," he said.

"We run a few packages, and I've had feedback from local shop owners mentioning how many people have come through on those packages and how wonderful it is to see them out in the town spending money."

Mr Stewart said the new units would provide "unique, high-end and quality accommodation".

"It's focused at the traveller with a bit of extra money to spend, and it will provide accommodation that probably hasn't been available in the Riverland, or particularly in Berri," he said.

"The region generally has been focusing on hotel/motel accommodation and caravan parks... so we think it's pretty unique here in the Riverland."

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the new accommodation completed.



Berri Hotel chair Paul Stewart and manager Jeremy Sweet in front of the hotel's new development along Riverview Drive. PHOTO: Josh Brine INSET: The project includes the construction of 20 new high-end units and is estimated to draw an extra 7000 visitors to Berri each year.

would be an asset for both Berri and the wider Riverland community.

"Our visitor market is growing and is increasingly sophisticated so our region must continue to develop to meet those needs," he said.

"This is also a great example of what can be accomplished through collaboration with our Government and industry.

'The \$1.5 million invested further demonstrates the Marshall Liberal Government understands the importance of regional South Australia to the prosperity of our state.'

The construction of the new units has created 20 direct jobs and more than 30 indirect jobs, with the hotel projecting 12 direct and 19 indirect jobs will be created once construction is

"We are going from 70 rooms to 90 rooms, so there will definitely be more hours on the ground for workers," Mr Sweet

"Each added visitor generates their own income for the town, not just via our community donations, but also in the money they spend in other stores."

At the January meeting of the Berri Barmera Council, Mr Stewart and 1834 Hotels CEO Andrew Bullock gave a deputation to elected members outlining the plan.

Mr Stewart asked council to consider moving the boundary of the hotel's property to allow guests to access the car park for the new units via Depot Street and for a boundary fence or net to be installed between the oval

Mr Stewart said the hotel would

expand its rear carpark, with parking spaces out the front set to be removed as part of council's Riverview drive redevelopment.

"There's definitely a plan for the rear carpark... for us to create substantially more parking," he said.

Mr Stewart said with this project the hotel was only developing half of the land it purchased from council in 2015.

"Once this development is completed we will assess what goes on from there," he said.

"We have a preliminary strategic discussion in the next couple of months about what we are going to do there, but that's very dependent on the outcome of this development. It's pretty daunting but also pretty exciting.

Mr Stewart said the development is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021.

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Riverland recreational fishers attended an OzFish Unlimited event at the Barmera Club last month, featuring presentations from Dr Michael Sierp and Dr Travis Howson. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



RENMARK BINGLE: Police and emergency services were called to a two-car crash on the intersection of Ral Ral Avenue and James Avenue in Renmark last Thursday. The incident occurred around 1pm, when the two sedans collided at what is often a traffic hot spot. The Pioneer understands no one was seriously injured. PHOTOS: Paul Mitchell

## **Healthy** habitats key to future fishing

LOCAL fishing enthusiasts recently gathered for a discussion focused on the health of habitats for River Murray fish species.

OzFish Unlimited last month held a Fish and Fishing SA meeting at the Barmera Club, featuring presentations from OzFish senior program manager Dr Michael Sierp and Onkaparinga chapter president Dr Travis Howson.

Barmera man and recreational fishing enthusiast Kym Manning hoped more would have attended the event, however he expected to see OzFish Unlimited return to the region.

"Having two marine biologists up here to come and talk about habitats, I thought there would be a few more," Mr Manning said.

"I would like to see more people get involved, but (OzFish Unlimited) are talking about coming back up again.

"They're pretty keen to start a group up here. They have six or so other habitat groups around South Australia.

"They are a national body doing some wonderful things right through Australia."

Mr Manning – who has recently spearheaded an effort to re-install fish hotels at local areas of the River Murray - said the health of Riverland fish habitats were a focus of the presentation.

"They were two quality speakers and renowned marine biologists," he said.

"I believe over the years we've pulled out an estimated two or three million snags.

"We need to get that habitat back.

"I've gotten my inspiration from reading what other states are doing, but it's just not happening here on a large scale."

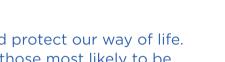
Mr Manning said more effort from both the State Government and recreational fishers was required to restore fish habitats at Riverland sites.

"it's easy to go out and catch fish, but if you want to promote healthy systems, the time has come where we need to put back in,"

"We need to get involved or nothing will happen."



## **AUSTRALIA'S COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM** IS UNDERWAY.



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## **SA** wineries boost

RIVERLAND wineries are set to benefit from new funding targeted at increasing tourism to the region.

The State Government last month announced a \$220,000 funding contribution from the South Australian Wine Industry Development Scheme, aimed at attracting tourism to local wineries and cellar doors.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, David Basham, said Riverland wineries required support after experiencing "challenging times" in 2020.

"South Australia's wine industry has shown great resilience against drought, bushfire, COVID-19 and international market implications," Mr Basham said.

"This \$220,000 funding injection is aimed at attracting more visitors to experience what our wine region has to offer, while strengthening the capability of the wineries to offer diverse experiences.

Mr Basham said investment in the Riverland wine industry would generate benefits for South Australia's economy.

## Using the present to preserve the past

THE heart-breaking decision to permanently dissolve the Lyrup Football and Netball Club last week was one not taken lightly, nor without exhausting all

Time will pass and the community will adjust, but what of the history attached to 112 years of existence?

History after all connects the past with the present. History provides an understanding and if embraced successfully a sense of respectful empathy. It matters.

Recording history – not just of things consigned to the past but also of that which continues – is a challenge in an ever-changing social landscape.

Enter an institute, town hall, sporting or service clubroom, and your eyes will be drawn instantly to the prominence of an honour board and that chronicled. Look around your town and you will find monuments and scrolls of those who served or sacrificed.

The past is inescapable and should be viewed as an asset, not a millstone, no matter the context. Given most is archived physically – cast in bronze, chiselled in



stone or more commonly in gold leaf lettering – just maybe the technological revolution can interface with yesteryear more so than ever before?

A now culture, fast influenced by this revolution, often overlooks the past in a race to the future. But maybe it is the future of antiquity itself?

Books and photographs require careful preservation and space for safe storage and display, but are more readily and widely accessed if provided on digital platforms.

The amount of information able to be captured and made available to everyone can also be exponentially increased using audio visual technology, QR codes and so

Being a baby-boomer, let me not pretend that I understand much of the new. But one thing is certain: my mind is very open even, if my grasp is perhaps firmly on that which I can hold.

I'm also of the belief that embracing the new may just be the best way to allow history to live and be sought by those next in line. Going into recession or moving from an old to new location is not necessarily casting aside the past. Instead, it can be change that may be the catalyst for better acknowledging a more complete narrative and preserving it for future generations.

Or, consider it an opportunity, through circumstance, to put bygone times at the forefront of a present existence and build a better connection with a cherished past.

The most becoming conduct would be to ensure days of yore become the good old days and a nod to the good days to come. Time will tell.

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



MORE than 1 billion bottles of organic wine are set to be consumed around the world every year by 2022 - and a local vineyard is making a significant contribution to the trend.

Australia is leading the way in the increasingly popular Certified Organic wine field, growing at 14 per cent over the past year to clearly outpace the growth of the total wine

Angove Family Winemakers says as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, new data shows an accelerated increase, with people becoming more health and environmentally conscious and increasingly demanding traceability, sustainability and additive-free products.

Additionally, research shows a continued acceleration in certified organics among Australian consumers.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of Angove Family Winemakers, which is now Australia's leading Certified Organic winemaker, farming and making wine under organic certification.

Certified Organic grape growing and winemaking involves crafting wine made from grapes grown without any synthetic chemical intervention - no artificial fertilisers, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides - and independently audited, adhering to strict standards of organic protocol every step of the

Ångove's 300ha Nanya vineyard is now entirely farmed organically, making it one of the most significant organic vineyards in the world.

"Simply put, there is no other way, other than Certified Organic viticulture, to produce the best-tasting wines as well as to take care of the environment and our fellow human beings," said Tony Ingle, chief winemaker for Angove Organic.

"Organic viticulture is viewed as the best way to improve soil quality and optimise water use, which creates stronger, healthier vines and better fruit.

"Certified Organic wineries contribute to the natural eco-systems that they exist on. They naturally use less water (due to the higher amount of compost and organic matter in the soil that holds water more efficiently), and don't pollute the surrounding environment with dangerous chemicals and fertilis-

Mr Ingle said Angove Family Winemakers has expanded to a "taskforce" of natural helpers to support its Certified Organic produc-

"These include bees and microbats," he

"Microbats live amongst the native gums amongst the vineyards, and naturally control insect species. Bees are crucial to a healthy and thriving vineyard. Bees act as insect security guards making the beneficial insects feel safe and protected, encouraging them to stay and 'defend the vineyard'."





# organic wine revolution



Toasting the success of Angove Family Winemakers' Certified Organic wine recently were Angove winemakers Lucia Conti, Amelia Anspach, Paul Kernich and Tony Ingle. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou BELOW: John, Richard and Sarah Angove pictured in the family's vineyard. PHOTO: supplied

Mr Ingle also said Certified Organic wine has "a myriad of health and environmental

"Certified Organic wines do not use any synthetic chemicals and there's nothing artificial added to the wine," he said.

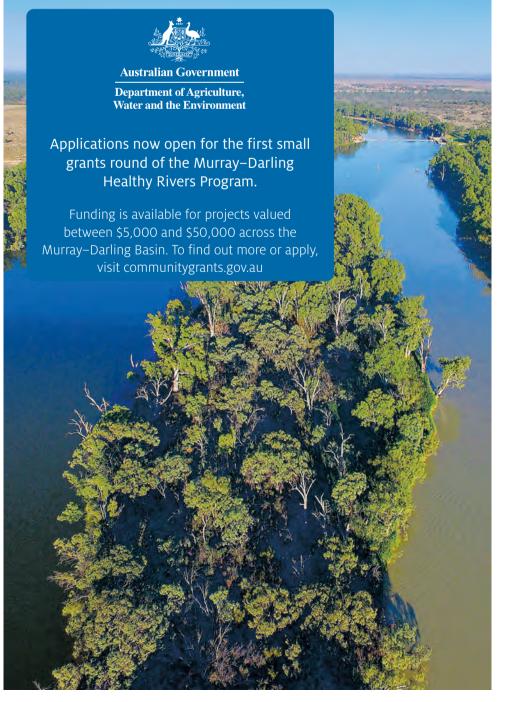
"Without all the chemicals, the vineyards attract lots of native species to the area, which supports biodiversity and protects the natural ecosystem.

"It's critical that your wine has the Bud logo from Australian Certified Organic, or other certifier, which is the only way you can be guaranteed it is truly organic."

Total growth achieved for Angove Organic in the 2020 financial year was 30 per cent growth on the prior year, with the company delivering double-digit growth in Organic wine sales year on year since launching the







## Friends and family say farewell to a Loxton great...

#### STUART ANTHONY 'TONY' AULD: MARCH 15, 1926 - FEBRUARY 19, 2021

Tony Auld

STUART Anthony 'Tony' Auld was born to Stuart and Frances Auld at Mount Lawley, WA on March 15, 1926, together with his surprise twin brother, Pat.

The family moved to Darlington, where Tony attended the local primary school.

He was a very effective student, but on one occasion recalls being caned by the headmaster bringing blood, and a lifelong scar, to his hand.

This episode resulted in the headmaster being expelled from the school.

A move to Claremont was next for the family, seeing the arrival of Tony and Pat's sisters, Mary and Felicity. Tony's mother

died quite young, and his father re-married. Tony's half-brother. William, was born in 1954. In 1939, Tony and his twin,

Pat, travelled alone by sea on the MV Duntroon to Adelaide, where they were to make their new home.

Tony attended Adelaide High and after third year, left high school. He went to Renmark to work for Dick Bennet during apricot harvest and saved some money at last.

He returned to Adelaide in 1942 to work for Davies Coop, by which time World War II was well under way.

1926-2021 TONY was called up in September, 1943, at the age of 17. He undertook a signalman's course at Flinders Naval Depot and worked on a minesweeper, Goolgwai, operating outside of Sydney Heads.

He then worked on the HMAS Norman and HMAS Queensborough, both destroyers tasked with escorting other ships.

Tony was at sea for 23 months out of his 36 months of service and was de-mobbed in September, 1946.

Tony made great naval lifetime friendships, eventually having regular reunions, the last of which was in 2010.

DURING his time at Flinders Naval Depot, Tony met Kathleen at a Friday night dance at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Tony and Kath spent four years in Waikerie under the government's training scheme, learning horticulture, gaining experience with Howell Brothers, and then Max Redman.

During this time, Tony also played football for

In 1951, Tony and Kath moved to Loxton with baby son, Stuart, to take up a war service land settlement scheme

They lived in a Nissen hut while waiting for their house to be com-

Tony planted 20 acres of citrus and stone fruit and also did pipe laying, worked at a packing shed and watered the bowling club

Tony's years on the block proved a formative experience as it did for many, with the ups and downs of fruit prices, yields, and managing fruit pickers.

In 1953, twins Jennifer and Josephine arrived. One expected, the other a surprise.

TONY'S interests throughout life reflected

his upbringing. Boats and water were a big part, including over 20 years of sailing at Lake Bonney.

Tony coached at the Loxton Swimming Club and conducted early learn-to-swim classes in the Murray River and is a life member of the club.

He had many personal interest, ranging from prolific recording of family history, to collecting art, writing a dozen or so family booklets on historical topics, researching local history, collecting stamps and old books, and having an extensive art, wine, exploration and war library.

Tony enjoyed good wine and enjoyed a glass of chardonnay before dinner. In fact, he enjoyed his happy hour chardonnay up until three days before his passing.

Tony shared a special relationship with Kat, as well as their six grandchildren, who have fond memories of life on the block, the tractor, picking oranges and eating freshly toasted muesli.

He would always speak his mind, always positive with a glass-half-full outlook. Tony was a role model and inspiration with his passion for life, laughing and family.

He delighted in the arrival of his six greatgrandchildren.

Tony never quite recovered from Kath's passing in 2018; his glass had become half

Now re-united with Kath, Tony will be sorely missed be family and friends.





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## Free vaccinations available for year 8 and 10 students

LOCAL parents are encouraged to take advantage of the free vaccines available to year 8 and 10 students.

Department for Health and Wellbeing Communicable Disease Control branch manager Dr Louise Flood said students are offered free vaccines through SA Health's School Immunisation Program.

"We know settling into the school year ahead is a busy time for families, and that is why we are reminding all parents to help protect their kids against harmful diseases by getting them immunised," she said.

'Vaccines are our number one defence against diseases such as whooping cough and meningococcal disease and immunisations are a simple, safe and highly effective way to protect people in the community."

Dr Flood said vaccines have significantly decreased cases of common childhood diseases, such as meningococcal disease.

"Since the introduction of the meningococcal B vaccine in 2018, cases have dropped by 86 per cent with only three cases reported last year compared to 22 cases in 2016," she said.

"While less international travel, physical distancing measures and improved hand hygiene practices likely to reflect the drop in lower cases last year due to COVID-19, it is

important we continue to do everything we can to protect ourselves and stop the spread."

As part of the program, immunisation consent packs will be distributed to all year 8 and 10 students in the next few weeks, with information on relevant diseases and consent cards for parents to complete and return.

"If your child is eligible and has missed a vaccination, they can still receive their free vaccine under the School Immunisation Program to ensure they don't miss out," Dr Flood said.

For more information, visit www.sahealth. sa.gov.au/schoolimmunisationprogram.

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### Renmark Neighbourhood Watch reaches out to locals ahead of first meeting of 2021...

# **Hot-spot** residents urged to attend

#### **PAUL MITCHELL**

RESIDENTS living in Renmark crime hot-spots are being urged to join the town's Neighbourhood Watch branch.

The group is holding its first 2021 meeting next week and organisers say those in higher-risk areas of town have extra incentive to join.

"Petty crime, such as thefts from cars, broken windows, those opportunistic crimes where you see cars unlocked, or doors or windows open, are still prevalent and constant," said Neighbourhood Watch Renmark area co-ordinator, Nectaria Richter.

"I've found that petty crime seems to be concentrated in the same sort of

"We've been putting our newsletters in Sims Parade (off Twenty-first Street, Renmark) and the last two times we've distributed newsletters they've actually asked for more.

"So, we hope that generates interest in that area, to perhaps come to our meetings and voice their

Ms Richter said the Neighbourhood Watch forum could also help tackle domestic violence.

"While that's not crime



Renmark Neighbourhood Watch area co-ordinator Nectaria Richter (left) and group member Elizabeth Beech are encouraging those in local crime hot spots, such as Sims Parade, to attend meetings and become a member. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

prevention, it's generating interest from the community to report things or to be more vigilant about what's happening with your neighbour, or down the street," she said.

Guest speaker at next week's meeting is Senior Constable Paul Woods, from SA Police's Riverland Crime Prevention Unit.

"The talk will discuss and cover issues concerning community safety as a whole and points on preventing crime," Ms Richter said.

"The committee welcomes everyone to the meetings and values the community's input.

"Renmark Neighbourhood Watch members urge the community to support local volunteer groups such as theirs and work together for a safer community.'

Ms Richter – area co-ordinator for the past three years - said the group still plays an important role on the local community landscape.

"We still get people who say they didn't know we had a Neighbourhood Watch." she said.

having "But Neighbourhood Watch means there's another community other than police who are interested in crime prevention and safety of the community, and also it can be an in-between or an advocate for the community with issues.

"Things like lighting, for example, we can take back to the police."

A SAPOL representative attends every Renmark Neighbourhood Watch meeting and presents incident reports.

The Renmark branch's first meeting of 2021 will be held at the Renmark Paringa Council chambers on Thursday, March 18, from 7.30pm. All are invited.

#### Rotary Club of Loxton to host drug briefing

#### STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE region's drug use and support options will be front and centre at a meeting in Loxton next week.

The Rotary Club of Loxton has invited Bruce Mellett to guest speak at the event and discuss the current work of the Riverland Local Drug Action Team.

Rotary Club of Loxton president Jenny Mills extended an invitation to the Riverland community to attend.

"We want to open this meeting up to the public," she said.



Bruce Mellett

Mr Mellett said the Riverland Local Drug Action Team continues to advocate for more resources and support to address

issues related to drug and alcohol misuse.

"(It) remains a large problem across the Riverland, especially in the youth demographic," he said.

Mr Mellett said the team is also concerned about the attraction and retention of key staff in the drug and alcohol arena in the Riverland, and the pressure placed on existing resources.

The meeting will be held at the Loxton Club on Wednesday, March 17 at 6pm for 6.30pm. For bookings, call the Loxton Club on 8584 7353.

#### New campaign aims to end 'period poverty'

helps make a difference to those experiencing period poverty launch its biggest campaign on Monday.

Share the Dignity's

A SUPPORT charity that Period Pride campaign on International Women's Day – Monday, March 8 – aims to remove the shame clouding periods, spark discussion and gain an insight into the issue of period poverty.

Its campaign involves a survey and its biennial Dignity Drive, with Woolworths taking donations for the cause.





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# HIPPY now helping our Riverland Aboriginal children

TWO landmark academic studies have found a pre-school program delivered in the Riverland by ac.care to prepare parents and their youngsters for their educational journey has delivered strong outcomes, particularly among Aboriginal people.

National research reports on the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) was launched for Murray Bridge and the Riverland at the ac.care Murraylands Centre on February 11.

The studies showed the HIPPY in-home education program for children aged four to five and their families living in low-income households delivered marked improvements in school readiness, parental engagement in early learning and job readiness for parents.

Chief executive officer of ac.care, Shane Maddocks, said the early childhood home learning program provided parents with "the tools, knowledge and confidence to take responsibility for their children's learning at home"

Mr Maddocks welcomed the report findings, which he said backed what the organisation had long witnessed: children and their parents becoming more confident in engaging in education.

He said the intake of paid HIPPY tutors from the community into the not-for-profit organisation's staff had also contributed to retention of a strong cohort of Aboriginal employees who had progressed into diverse roles within ac.care in the Murraylands and Riverland.

"HIPPY is an important program within our diverse services mix to provide opportunities for life for country people, while also being an entry point for many valued staff members," he said.

"It empowers parents and care givers while making a difference in the lives of



ac.care chief executive officer Shane Maddocks, Riverland HIPPY co-ordinator Katisha Jackson and Barker MP Tony Pasin launch national research into the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) recently. PHOTOS: supplied

children, setting them up for better educational outcomes."

Brotherhood of St. Laurence research and policy centre director Shelley Mallett, who co-authored the HIPPY longitudinal study, said HIPPY was life-changing for those involved across Australia.

"These studies, the largest conducted on HIPPY, show what BSL, the Federal Government and all those involved have known for years: that HIPPY makes a real difference," Professor Mallett said.

"HIPPY means better school readiness, with most kids who started out behind their peers finishing the program with literacy and numeracy skills above the Australian average.

"Parents come through HIPPY more confident and engaged in their child's education, while our tutors receive critical job training, transforming their employment aspirations and job opportunities."

BSL's acting executive director Lucia



Murray Bridge HIPPY co-ordinator Rina Atkinson guides children through activities as the release of national research shows strong results for the childhood education program.

Boxelaar said the program provided strong returns on the Federal Government's investment.

"The program wouldn't be possible without the strong, ongoing support of the Federal Government and we know these studies only add to the proof that HIPPY is

a great return on the Commonwealth's longterm investment in children's education and life outcomes," Dr Boxelaar said.

Barker MP Tony Pasin spoke at the research launch and said HIPPY played an important role in the Riverland and Murraylands communities and was "delivered by locals for locals to tackle intergenerational disadvantage".

"HIPPY is about early intervention with families to assist children and their parents or carers where their circumstances may impede a child's readiness for school..." he said

"This is dozens of families who are being equipped with the skills to give their kids the best start at life and schooling with the assistance of HIPPY and ac.care."

Enrolments are open for this year's fourto-five-year-old HIPPY program in Murray Bridge and the Riverland, which provides free activities for parents and their children to provide the best start for school learning.



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## **Council to rebate artist fees** during statewide festival

**JOSH BRINE** 

BERRI Barmera Council will provide rebates for artists looking to hold activities in the district during the South Australian Living Arts Festival (SALA) this August.

Artists, both local and non-local, who use venues in the Berri Barmera district will receive a subsidy from council, with a total allocation of \$6000 available.

In a report to council, communications administration officer Cathy LeMaistre said increasing the number of festival events in the region would provide an opportunity to "attract visitors, increase tourism, activate our venues and further develop our local artistic culture".

"It is proposed that by providing financial support for local artists to exhibit their work, activate our facilities and offer art workshops during the SALA Festival, we can

take a simple step towards strengthening and broadening the creativity and vibrancy of our district," she said.

"Subsidy recipients will be responsible for the project management of their exhibitions and activities including curation, negotiation with venues, set up, staffing and promotion.

"Council will work in partnership with recipients and the arts community to play a coordinating role to match artists with venues and the possible use of council facilities if required.

"It is believed that this incentive would ensure stronger SALA participation in our the Riverland wide networking that is required to facilitate an active arts community for our

Berri Barmera Council CEO Karyn Burton said council would assist festival organisers and participants where possible.

"Council encourage and assist eligible participants to take part in SALA," she said.

the Berri Barmera area from outside of the "It will obviously provide an economic

"It is another event that brings people to

benefit for the council as well." The SALA Festival is currently scheduled

to run for the entire month of August.



**Karyn Burton** 

visits, as well as to share some of the local road concerns and safety issues in the community. It was important for

#### **Riverland and Mallee Stars**

Hon. Tim **Whetstone MP** 

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**Chaffey Community Column** 

**Minister Tarzia in region** 

The Minister for Police, Emergency Services and

Correctional Services Vincent Tarzia was in the region

recently, his second visit to the Riverland this year. I was

pleased to host him on a number of local SES, MFS and CFS

the Minister to meet with our local emergency service

personnel to understand the needs of the region. We

also had the pleasure of meeting with Syd Villis, who was

celebrated for his 60 years of service in the CFS.

The Riverland and Mallee's top apprentices and trainees were recognised through the annual awards last month. The Awards are a wonderful occasion to acknowledge the efforts of our apprentices and trainees who play an extremely important role in the core part of our region's workforce. It was very encouraging the see families and businesses at the evening supporting these young people. Congratulations to all the finalists and winners. A special congratulations to Breeann Duncan awarded Runner-up Trainee of the Year, who completed her traineeship in my Chaffey Electorate office in January this year



South Australia Volunteer Awards

The South Australian Volunteer Awards recognise achievements of volunteers, volunteer community organisations These Awards acknowledge and appreciate the accomplishments of more than 905,000 South Australians who give their time to volunteering. Nominations for the 2021 South Australian Volunteer Awards are open until Tuesday, 6 April. The awards will be presented at a special Volunteers Day event on Monday, 14 June. For more information on this award please visit www. dhs.sa.gov.au/services/volunteers/recognition/savolunteer-awards

#### **2021 Premier's Certificate of** Recognition

am encouraging locals to nominate an outstanding volunteer they know in the Riverland. The nominations are now open for the Certificate of Recognition, which offer an opportunity for volunteer-involving organisations and community groups to nominate one or more volunteers who have made outstanding contributions in the community or organisation. Nominations close on Friday 26 March 2021. Information and nomination forms are available from the Department for Human Services website www.dhs.sa.gov.au/services/ volunteers/recognition/volunteering-certificates



The Waikerie Photography Club made a donation to the Waikerie Historical Society following the successful sales of its 2021 calendar. Pictured are photography club members Connie Little (right) with the 2021 calendar and Jenni Searle (left), handing the cheque to historical society member Julie Webber. PHOTO: Erin Williams

## **Photo club supporting Waikerie history**

**ERIN WILLIAMS** 

A WAIKERIE photographic club donated the sales of its 2021 calendar to a community historical group

The Waikerie Photography Club passed a \$300 cheque to the Waikerie Historical Society, which member Julie Webber said would go towards helping the group further preserve Waikerie's history.

"We're already planning for History Month this May, and are thinking of holding some history walks around the town and putting some photo prints in shop windows," she said.

"After History Month events were largely cancelled last year, we're hoping to get back into

things and remind the community that we're still here and still preserving our history.

"A huge thank you to the photography club members; their donation is very generous and another example of Waikerie community support.

"The money will go towards archival boxes and photo pages."

Waikerie Photography Club member Connie Little said all photography club members contributed one or more photos to be featured in the 2021 calendar.

"We printed 150 calendars and all of them sold out," she

"We might put out a call for pre-orders for the 2022 calendar early just to see how things are looking before ordering the

prints next time – it's great that the community is so supportive of our projects.

range of photos all taken by locals across the year."

Meanwhile, photography club member Jenni Searle said nine workshops would be held throughout the year, with two successful events already done and dusted.

"We're holding a series of workshops and clinics for amateur and enthusiastic photographers," she said.

"Workshops will take place across the region with photography extraordinaires such as Charles Tambiah and Grant Schwartzkopff, while we will also run clinics with the Rain Moth Gallery at the Waikerie Riverfront," she said.

"Both sets of events are open "The calendar features a wide to members and non-members, and the first two workshops were well attended.

> "Our next workshop will be focusing on sports photography with Grant Schwartzkopff, to be held at the Waikerie Football Club on March 27 – just in time for the beginning of the footy season.

> "All details are on our Facebook page, and if you have any questions, please send us a message on there as well."

The Waikerie Photography Club accepts members of all skill ranges. To join up for its 2021 events, contact the group via its Facebook page.

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## SA's 4th largest crop on record

SOUTH Australia's 2020-21 grain crop is estimated to reach 9.2 million tonnes – the fourth largest harvest on record.

The State Government's latest Crop and Pasture Report tips the production estimate at 9.2 million tonnes from 4 million hectares sowed; well above the long-term 10-year average of 7.9 million tonnes.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said many farmers are buoyed about growing a bumper crop after lower harvests in recent years due to drought.

resilience from our farmers to bounce back after a number of tough seasons," said Mr Basham.

"The 2020-21 harvest is estimated to be the biggest ever crop for several districts, breaking production and yield records including in areas such as the southern and northern Murray Mallee, lower South East and Kangaroo Island, while Lower Murray, Lower North and Upper North all had second grain highest production on record.

"An increase in area grown

"It is a demonstration of for canola, some pulse crops and to a lesser extent wheat has been attributed to good soil moisture reserves and a late switch away from barley crops due to market restrictions.

"Some farmers also decided to crop additional paddocks originally intended for pasture which increased the crop area to over 4 million hectares for the first time since 2013-14.

"A shining light of the 2020-21 harvest was growth in the pastoral zone, with significant rainfall in early August 2020 and late spring contributing to filling water stores and

promoting significant feed regeneration, resulting in animals either being brought back from agistment or new stock being purchased for restocking.'

The report finds that while growth rates of pastures increased with the wetter spring conditions, pasture production was less than normal.

With indications that La Niña in the Pacific Ocean has now likely peaked, the Bureau of Meteorology climate outlook is for a moderate probability of being wetter than average to

# Chamber of Commerce and Industry South Australia

#### **Business SA tour to** kick off in Renmark

LOCAL business operators have been invited to attend an information session aimed at stimulating economic growth in the region.

Business SA last week announced the first of its Strength and Success Seminars would be held at the Renmark Club today.

Business SA CEO Martin Haese said the seminar would provide "practical tools and actions" to support the growth of Riverland businesses.

"This year Business SA is all about growth," Mr Haese said.

"By adopting a growth mindset, our businesses can turn the challenges of 2020 around and seize on new opportunities to help boost the state's economy.

"We know many of our regional towns have been thriving thanks to increases in intra-state visitation.

"However, businesses still face significant challenges such as skills shortages.'

The Business SA Strength and Success seminar will be held at the Renmark Club, today, from 10am to 5pm.

Attendance is free for Business SA members, with tickets costing \$80 for non-mem-

Further information and an itinerary can be found by visiting the Eventbrite website (www.eventbrite.com.au/e/strengthand-success-seminar-riverland-tickets-141209442243).

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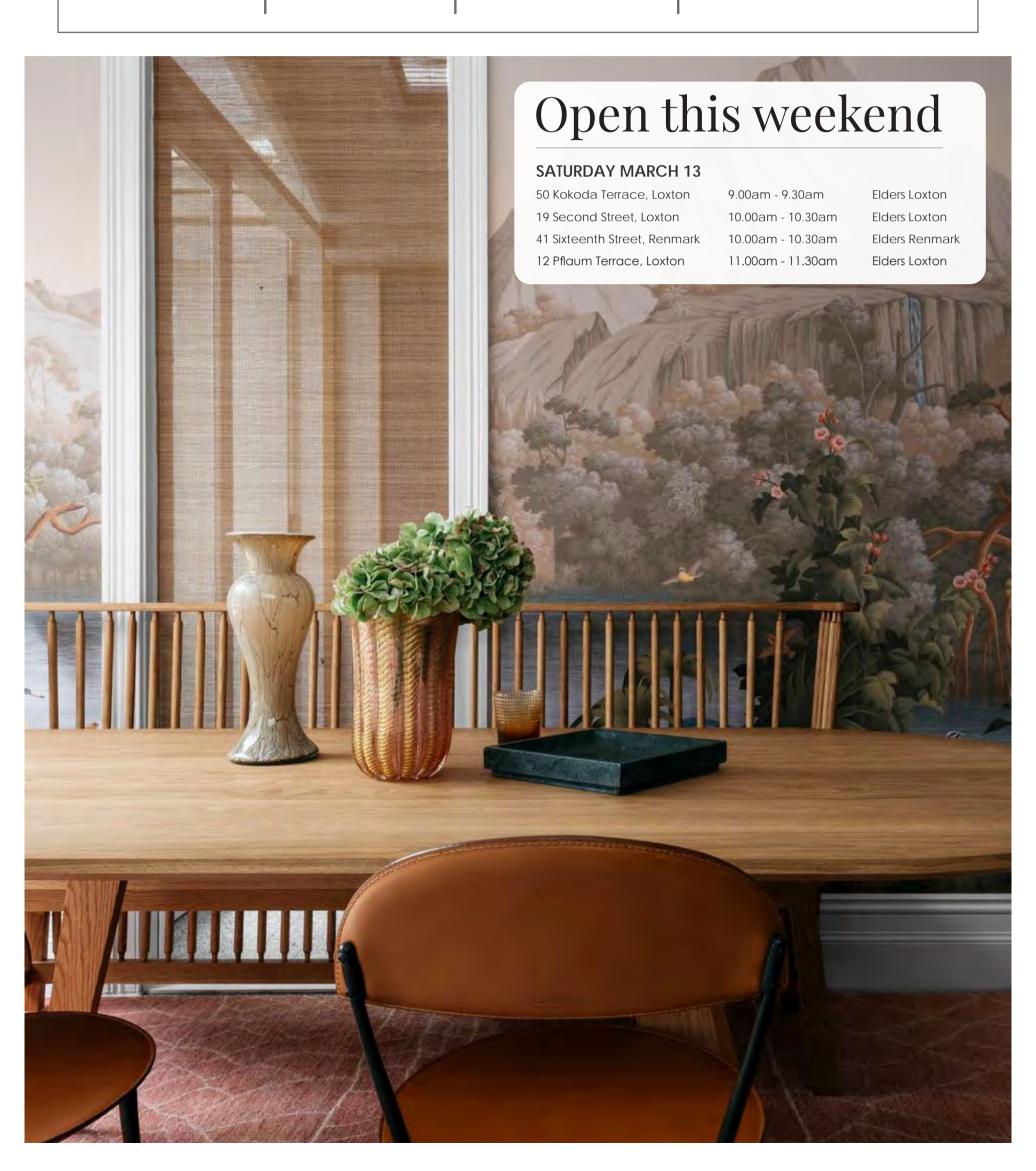
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#### A Perfect Blend of New and Old!

Tucked away discreetly from the street is this beautiful, symmetric cottage. Constructed in the 1920's of limestone, the home exhibits a blend of modern functionality whilst retaining original key characteristics. Holding plenty of street appeal the property instantly impresses with its picket fence, manicured gardens and paved footpath. Enter the home to the formal lounge room which features combustion fireplace, air conditioner and stunning pressed iron ceilings which extend to the kitchen. The kitchen provides timber cabinetry, slate tiles and the vendors have preserved the original wood oven as a centre piece. Dinner parties can be hosted in the formal dining room which opens out to the expansive family room

The sleeping zones consist of three large bedrooms, bedrooms 1 & 2 are the size of a master suite while the master suite provides a beautiful bay window, ceiling fan and en-suite. The main bathroom offers a separate shower, bath and showcases a magnificent leadlight window. Step outside to the outdoor entertaining area, a great place for entertaining guests, family members and the space overlooks the inground concrete swimming pool. Spend the summer months around the pool, the pool is fully automated while featuring stone paving,

water feature which all pears over the manicured gardens and lawned yard. Access to the 3 x bay shed and carport is via double gates. The shed and yard has plenty of space to store vehicles, your boat or caravan and is fully fenced with plenty of off-street parking. Conveniently located just walking distance to the main street, schools, sporting hub and so much more. A fantastic family home located on an expansive allotment and having all the modern conveniences.

#### PROPERTY PARTICULARS:

- Date Built 1922
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- Off-street parking
- Split System heating/cooling
- Land size: 1,023m<sup>2</sup>
- Concrete swimming pool, chlorinated
- 3 x bay shed with carport
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Combustion fireplace in formal lounge

Contact Raphael Liddle on 0405 005 138 for further information or to inspect.

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## **Desire for regional** change shows in new market survey

AROUND 20 per cent of city dwellers would like to "go country" according to a new Regional Australia Institute (RAI) survey.

Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) president Adrian Kelly said while relocation to regional towns was well under way prior to COVID-19, from a real estate point of view, reforms are needed to improve limited supply, inadequate infrastructure and surging housing costs.

"Affordability is a key factor in the regions being seen as better environments in which to raise a family and live a healthier, happier lifestyle," Mr Kelly

"The pandemic and ability to work from home have amplified the attraction, however the trend has created a lack supply of available properties in the regions for both purchase and rent.

"(This) means prices are increasing with a fair amount of veracity.

"This will cause issues for long-term locals who have been used to lower

rents and availability of choice, which are both now on the decline."

Mr Kelly said it was a double-edged sword as regional towns need new residents who spend money, which generates employment, but this adds to the supply issues currently being experienced.

"More work needs to be done about supply and this obviously includes building more homes," Mr Kelly said.

"Municipal councils can play an active role in this by streamlining processes for construction of regular homes in terms of reducing time and costs."

New research released by the Regional Australia Institute (RAI) shows onein-five city residents are looking to move to the regions, with more than half wanting to make the jump within the next 12 months.

"Brisbane respondents came in as the most stressed in the country, followed by Sydney-siders and then those in Melbourne," Mr Kelly said.

More than 69 per cent of all those surveyed said reducing general stress and anxiety is a major driver for considering a life outside our capital cities.

According to the RAI, when asked about the reasons for considering a move, 70 per cent rated traffic congestion as a major factor and 68 per cent want to reduce their cost of living.

"It's the positives of life outside the city limits which resonate even more, with 77 per cent of potential movers ticking both space and connection to nature as reasons to shift.

"The improved general wellbeing that regional life offers is a major drawcard for three-quarters of those surveyed."

While the COVID pandemic has significantly raised the desire to move to regional Australia for 22 per cent of survey respondents, more than half said they were already considering relocation before the pandemic.



## Housing records still falling in 2021

THE January 2021 Lending to Households and Business figures - released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show the value of new loan commitments for housing grew for the eighth consecutive month and reached another record high, according to the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA).

"The seasonally adjusted value of new loan commitments for owner occupier housing rose 10.5 per cent in January and 44.3 per cent for the 12 months, with rises being seen in all states and territories with the exception of the Northern Territory," said REIA president Adrian Kelly.

"The value of new loan commitments to owner occupiers rose 10.9 per cent, the largest monthly increase since August 2020.

"Loans to investors also increased for the eighth consecutive month with the value of loan commitments for investor housing increasing by 9.4 per cent for the month, the largest rise since September 2016, and 22.7 per cent for

the year on the back of improving rental market conditions."

The largest increase in the value of new loan commitments to investors was in Victoria, with an increase of 12.9 per cent in January.

"The number of owner occupier first home buyer loan commitments increased by 9.6 per cent for the month and is 70.8 per cent higher than 12 months earlier," Mr Kelly said.

This is the highest level since May 2009, when the Commonwealth Government's response to the GFC included the temporary increase in the first home-owner grant.

Owner occupier first home buyer loan commitments accounted for 36.5 per cent of all owner-occupier commitments excluding refinancing.

"The increased activity by investors, first home buyers and owner occupiers in the market shown in the January lending figures is impacting on prices and affordability," Mr Kelly said.

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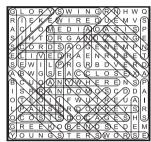
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#### Last Week's Solution



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   Detach
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- Ribbed fabric
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- Large marine mammal Legislative body
- Egyptian goddess Type of motor vehicle (abbr.)
- Pivot
- Kind of glove
- Eluding
- Screen
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- 43. Lawyer

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- 1. Book of the Bible
- 2. Leap
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### March 2021 Horoscopes: week 2

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

A difficult aspect to Saturn may make you a little negative. At times you will find it hard to see beyond the problems. A meeting later in the week will help to give you a fresh perspective. Romance. Time spent alone with your partner will be rewarding. Do your best to go away on a trip together.

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

At times you can be too easy-going for your own good. A person whom you have been helping recently may be taking advantage of your good nature. Romance. Be careful not to let a money problem come between you and your partner. You may need to change your spending habits

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

You may feel that you know exactly what you want. However, unless you are able to explain your needs to other people there will be confusion and you will end up disappointed. Romance. An unexpected remark will help to cheer you up. You may need a more concrete sign of affection before you take this person completely seriously.

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

A powerful aspect to Saturn will help you to keep your feet on the ground. You have a lot of good ideas, but you need to be practical and to put your energy into a project which has a reasonable chance of success. Romance. A person who has recently caught your eye may be much shyer than they seem.

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

A dream will come true in real life, but not in quite the same way. A person who was important in your dream represents a friend who is trying to help you. Romance. A favourable aspect to Neptune later in the week will help to put you in a dreamy mood. A romantic get-together will be well worth looking forward to.

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

You may be in for a few surprises. An incident with a new colleague may end up costing you much more than you expect - although not financially. Romance. A powerful aspect to Venus around the middle of the week will help you to consolidate recent gains in your relationship.

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

Concentrate on what you are doing. You will be able to avert a serious mistake - so long as you don't get too distracted. Be careful not to get bogged down in a matter which you cannot do anything to change. Romance. Don't be afraid to make all the decisions.

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

At times you will just want to be by yourself, and may end up cancelling a meeting with friends. A phone call later in the week will help you to break out of your shell. Romance. Your emotional needs will be a lot stronger than your partner's at times. A favourable aspect to Venus will help to put you both in the right mood.

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

An idea which has been on the boil for some time will finally come to fruition: make sure you follow through with this. A meeting later in the week will give you the chance to clear up any last-minute problems. Romance. A positive attitude will help you to get over a recent difficult patch in your relationship.

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

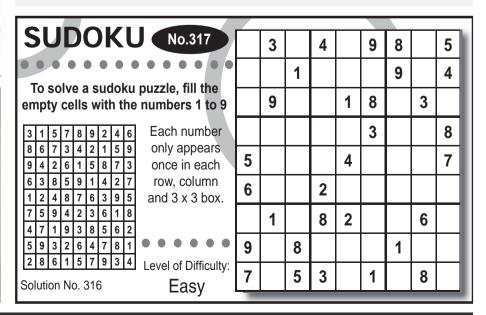
A person with whom you have disagreed in the past will be no easier to meet when you see him the second time around. The only way to avoid trouble is to avoid him completely. Romance. A favourable aspect to Mercury around the middle of the month will help you to communicate your feelings clearly and honestly.

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

Time spent talking with a close friend will help you to understand this person a lot better. They need your advice, but may be too proud to ask you directly. Romance. Someone who has been a platonic friend for many years may want a closer relationship with you.

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

A powerful aspect to Mars around the middle of the week may make you feel a little pent-up. You need to find a constructive outlet for your energy as soon as possible. At times you may feel quite tense, especially with people who waste your time. Romance. Relations with your partner will go well this week - so long as you relax!





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### **Hobbies on display at Senior Cits AGM**

**BERRI Senior Citizens** Club held its annual general meeting recently

"Like most organizations 2020 was an unusual year – stop and start, changes etc.," a club spokesperson said.

"However, we are meeting the challenge."

For this year's AGM, members were asked to bring along a sample of their hobby so it could be displayed, giving members something else to think about, look at and learn about their fellow members.

The spokesperson described the AGM as "a lovely afternoon".

"People got out of their seats, had a look at the colorful displays, learned a little bit of history from Europe and the Riverland," the spokesperson said.

"They were able to find out who does what, what their names are, and see people in a different light, knowing that we are not just a group of 'old fogies'.

When you join a group of 40 plus people from across the Riverland you may find a friend who is interested in the same thing you might be interested in or want to know more about."

Activities enjoyed by Berri Senior Citizens Club members include playing eightball, cards (including bridge, hand and foot, and euchre), Scrabble, Rubbykub or "just socialising while chatting, knitting,





For this year's **Berri Senior** Citizens Club AGM, members were asked to bring along a sample of a hobby they enjoy. PHOTOS: supplied

doing some crochet or other activities".

Locals are invited to join the group any Tuesday afternoon.

"Two dollars will give

you a chance in a raffle, a cup of tea or coffee maybe even a biscuit or cake," the spokesperson said.

"Three hours entertainment - that's a bargain."



Riverland SA CWA members Judith Coventry, Dawn Pendle, Julie Brand (all of Renmark) and Sandy Eitrich, of Barmera.

## Riverland CWA February meeting report

GUEST speaker for the Riverland CWA's February meeting was Jan Sunstrom, who brought along samples of some of her beautiful needlework, spoke about her love of embroidery and patchwork and provided a workshop for the members present, allowing them to try their hand at embroidering a felt bookmark.

Born in Renmark, Jan moved to Adelaide for over 30 years, taking up embroidery and joining the Quilters Guild, and travelling to New Zealand with other ladies from this group.

When she returned home from New Zealand, she opened a shop in Hahndorf with some other ladies. It remained open for eight years and during this time Jan taught embroidery and patchwork at the shop. Jan eventually moved back to Renmark and continued to teach embroidery.

One of the quilts Jan displayed (Calamity Jane) received a second place in the Quilters Guild Professional Festival of Quilts Awards in 2010.

Another was made in Hawaii, where Jan travelled with the Quilters Guild. Riverland CWA members found the night "very enjoyable".

"There was lots of laughter and all learnt a new skill," a spokesperson said.

Plans are well under way for the group's Brides Through the Ages parade and high tea, which was planned for 2020 but had to be postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, and will be held at the Renmark Hotel function room from 1pm.

With over 50 bridal dresses to be modelled or displayed from three decades the afternoon will provide a peek at wedding fashions and trends from the late 1800s through to the 21st century.

The group's own wedding dress extraordinaire, Lorraine Marter, will show her reproductions of Princess Diana and Meghan Markle's wedding dresses, as well as commentating on the dresses during the parade.

The final profit from the group's recent Scone-a-Thon was tabled at the meeting and it was agreed that the profits of \$1500 be donated to the SACWA head office.



## Round

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Essendon		Hawthorn					
Brisbane Lions		Sydney Swans					
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#### **COMMUNITY DIARY**

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

#### **WEEKLY**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

Due to increased popular demand for U3A member yoga classes, Wednesday morning 9.30am to 10.30am.

Members of the public 11am to 12 noon. Usual venue Loxton CWA Clubrooms.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

Loxton Charity For All Bingo this Thursday 11th March is for Friends Of The Hospital. Thursday 18th March is for Berri Army Cadets. Eyes down 7pm at the Loxton Club. Supper and raffles available. Please come along for a very enjoyable evening and support these very worthy fundraisers. All Welcome. For more information contact Mandi 0408 846 124.

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 15**

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.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Renmark Neighbourhood Watch meeting, 7.30pm at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers. Guest Speaker, Senior Constable Paul Woods from the Riverland Crime Prevention Unit. Everyone most welcomed.

#### **CANCELLED - MARCH**

Chaffey Rose Club March event has been cancelled. Inquiries to Dale on 0420 353 948.

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

Berri Church of Christ Autumn market. 1025 Old Sturt Highway from 8am to 1pm. Stall holders welcome, set up 7am. Stalls \$20, contact Trish on 0409 900 380.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Renmark Lions Club 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, BBQ, Donuts. Covid-19 protocols apply. Contact Colin 0419 801 996

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 11**

Chaffey Rose Club April event will be the Barossa Rose and Flower Show. Car pool. RSVP and inquiries to Dale on 0420 353 948 by March 26.



Rick Gibbs (left), Ben Williams, Briley Gibbs, Bailey Charles and Erica Wachtel, all of Loxton.



Annalise, Sheryl and Kimberly Rapson, all of Glossop.



Abigail and Scott Camilleri, both of Waikerie.



Tayla Wainwright and Tyson Kent, both of Berri.



Murray Pioneer's Jane Kuerschner and Ben Taylor (right) are presented with the **SA Country** Press award for Best Newspaper of 2020 by **SA Power Networks** manager country operations **Paul Salter** in Clare. РНОТО: supplied



At the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards at the Berri **Hotel last** month were **Bianca** Shephard, of Loxton, and Kade Harkins, of Berri. PHOTOS: Josh Brine







Scott and Monty Wall, both of Loxton.

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Nicole Starkey, of Sanderston, attended Sunday's Acoustic Vibes music festival with Ally Thomas, of Kingston-On-Murray. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



Sharon Kerr (left), of Kingston-On-Murray, with friend Sapphire Kelbie, of Barmera.



Jill (left), Dean, and Sandy Fletcher, with Tammie Boase, all of Barmera



THE FUTURE OF ART: Local artists – and arts and performance enthusiasts – attended a Country Arts SA digital focus group held at the Chaffey Theatre last week to discuss the delivery of arts programs and initiatives in the Riverland. The workshop was run by Riverland Youth Theatre creative producer Danyon De Buell.



Scottish travellers to the Riverland Douglas Law (back, left) and James Ferguson, with Kristy Wundenberg, of Renmark, Jenna Brown, of Barmera, and Daniel Mitchell-Matthews, of Berri, and (front) Amy King, of Berri.



Visiting the Rain Moth Gallery's current exhibition in Waikerie last week were (from left) Betty Kuchel, Lorraine Fechner and Maureen Phillips. PHOTOS: supplied



Nan Mackereth, Jill Darling and Bet Fulwood at the Rain Moth Gallery's evening exhibition viewing.



Charles Tambiah (second from right) leading a discussion on Hans Koppen's work

## Koppen exhibition at the Rainmoth

AN evening viewing of prominent Adelaide artist Hans Koppen's exhibition, Light and Shadow, was held at the Rain Moth Gallery last week, with around 50 guests in attendance.

Waikerie photographer and Australian

National University science photographer Charles Tambiah led a discussion on the variety of techniques used in Mr Koppen's works.

The exhibition will be held at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery through to the end of the Easter weekend.

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St Joseph's School Barmera middle years students have been practicing their numeracy rotation skills recently. **Pictured** is Ethan. PHOTOS: supplied



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Layla and Elizabeth.



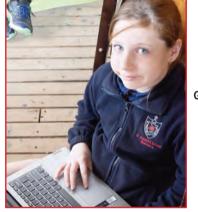
**Barmera Primary School students from** reception to year 5 went swimming at Berri's Hayden Stoeckel Swimming Pool last month.



Barmera Primary School year 6 and 7







Georgina.



The M.A.D. Bar & Bistro held a fundraiser for the Moorook and District Club on Australia Day. Pictured is Steve Pantic. PHOTOS: supplied

Barmera Primary School year 4, 5, and 6 students participated in the Way2Go Bike Education program recently. PHOTOS: supplied



Chris and Louisa Christiansen enjoying a casual Valentine's Day at Viewpoint Cafe last month. PHOTO: supplied

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## **A Renmarkable** vessel to launch from Olivewood

#### **HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

LOCAL boating and history enthusiasts have been invited to attend the launch of a new book examining an iconic

Renmark historian and author Jackson Wickham will hold a Riverland launch for his book A Renmarkable Vessel - focusing on the history of the PS Renmark - at Olivewood Historic Homestead later this month.

Mr Wickham said an initial book launch held on the Goolwa Wharf – near the boat's final resting place last month was attended by approximately 100 people.

"We reckon we sold about 70 copies of the book."

Mr Wickham said encouragement from Olivewood committee president Ann Ryan to write the book – and a display of paddle steamer artifacts at the museum meant it was an appropriate location for the event.

"It was Ann who suggested I turn the story I put on Facebook five years ago into



More than 100 people attended Mr Wickham's initial book launch at the Goolwa Wharf last month.

a book," he said.

"I thought about it for a while and then write the book to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the burning of the boat on February 2, 1951.

"I have a slideshow and will talk a bit about how I wrote the book and the finer details of my research including photo analysis. A question and answer session is also welcomed."

Mr Wickham said the book launch would include a talk from former PS Renmark crew member Trevor Reed, whose father Bob was the boat's last

The Riverland launch of Jackson Wickham's book A Renmarkable Vessel will be held at Olivewood Historic Homestead, on Sunday March 21, from 2pm.

For further information regarding the event, to RSVP, or to order a book via post contact 0415 914 675, or majac04@bigpond.com

Copies of A Renmarkable Vessel will be on sale after the event from the Renmark Visitor Information Centre, and TH Books on Murray

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Renmark author Jackson Wickham will hold a Riverland-centric launch for his book, A Renmarkable Vessel, at Olivewood on March 21. PHOTOS: supplied

## **New Catholic College invites** all to information sessions

ST Francis of Assisi College, the new Years 7 to 12 Catholic secondary college for the Riverland, is hosting its first community information sessions in the

Set to open in 2022, the college is now taking expressions of interest for Years 7 and 8 next year, and Year 9 for 2023.

Principal Nathan Hayes is hosting two information sessions next week, in Renmark and Berri.

Nathan has been busy visiting local primary schools meeting students and parents, but this is the first time a gathering of its kind is being held to share important information about the college.

"We look forward to getting to know and understand what is important to the families and young people in this community and answering any questions people have about the college we are creating for the Riverland," said Nathan.

The sessions will include an update on the college construction and detail the core pillars of Catholic identity, learning, wellbeing and community at St Francis of Assisi College.

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St Francis of Assisi College principal Nathan Hayes will host information sessions for local families about the new school set to open next year.

Port Pirie director and Frankie Roberts, Catholic Education SA education advisor (learning diversity and equity), will also be at the sessions to meet visitors and answer any specific questions relating to college learning and wellbeing.

Tea and coffee will be provided, and there will be onsite child minding for lit-

Everyone is welcome to join the sessions, no matter where your child/children currently go to primary school, and especially those who have a child in Year 7 or 8 in 2022.

The first session is at 7pm on Wednesday March 17, at the Renmark Hotel, with the Berri session at 7pm on Thursday March 18 at the Berri Hotel.

Due to COVID-19 number restrictions, you must RSVP to attend the sessions at cesa.catholic.edu. au/assisi.





## THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

WELL, we have arrived in March, technically the beginning of autumn and for me personally the best of weather in the Riverland.

The daylight hours decrease and the temperatures are usually quite pleasant.

Who can fail to see the joy in the changing of the season as the deciduous trees put on a show of brilliant colours, before they drop their leaves?

#### **AUTUMN LEAF DROP**

This is often considered a problem by many, but collected they enrich your compost, if you have a spot. They can also be chopped up and added to your garden beds as part of the mulching process.

Being a lazy gardener, I am quite happy to have leaves blowing around as they eventually get swept into garden beds and strangely enough I find them guite attractive. I must admit not everyone does, including my better half.

#### **AUTUMN COLOURS**

If looking to plant deciduous trees for their foliage it is best to look in the next few weeks in your nurseries. That way you can choose a tree that is displaying the colours you are after.

It can be disappointing to plant something that in the end does not display the colours as suggested on the label.



#### **ABUTILONS**

This is actually quite a large family of plants which includes hibiscus, lavatera, hollyhocks and even the cotton plant. You only need to look at the flower structure to see the family connection.

Today I want to feature the Chinese lantern. Chinese lanterns have been around for years

and I even remember them in my grandmother's They are an extremely useful shrub, blooming

profusely from early spring right through to late autumn

So, if you are lucky enough to have one, it should be rewarding you with its bird-attracting flowers that are full of nectar.

They are evergreen plants growing to approximately 1-2m high.

They prefer well-drained, fertile soil in a sunny spot, needing protection from frosts.

They will also grow in a shady spot if they get the morning sun.

They are low maintenance, and drought tolerant and the flowers are a huge plus

At this time of the year you may find them in a nursery, allowing you to choose the colour that suits you and your garden.



**Chinese Lantern Abutilon** 

#### IT'S TIME TO...

It's time to start planning for winter and spring. Try planting seeds of calendula, primula, antirrhinum, and lobelia. Be patient as calendula need at least a week of darkness to germinate so a layer of cardboard will do the trick

Winter vegs such as cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage if planted now will give an early crop. Spread a liberal dose of Superphosphate will benefit the root systems.

Seedlings of silver beet and rainbow chard can make good growth now.

Sow seed of the round leafed Lisbon spring onion for a constant supply over winter.

Order your spring-flowering bulbs, but don't plant them vet.



#### Calendula

Remember that children, marriages, friendships and gardens all reflect the kind of care they

And as Rudyard Kipling once said: "Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful and sitting in the shade.'

Until next time, stay safe and well.

HOW did you spend the holiday weekend? We are so pleased that throughout the weekend the Waikerie river front was at full capacity, with happy families and friends in groups with boats enjoying our biggest asset.

Thanks to all who attended the Tom Curtain event, with his team from WA, at the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club on Friday. From those I have spoken to who attended the show, they appreciated that Tom gave this performance to our region, and especially to Waikerie.

This coming Saturday morning, March 13, members of the Waikerie Lions Club welcome you to the Lions Park, and their monthly Lions

auction starting at 9am. If you or someone you know has goods for sale, contact Alex McPherson on 0429 846 940 or David Liebig on 8541 3836 and they will assist you with further details. The Lions members are available from 7am at the auction site to receive items for sale, so come and enjoy breakfast with a few friends and a catch up for the weekend. The catering van is well stocked and ready for the event.

Visitors are most welcome to join with members of the Waikerie Garden Club at the Ramco Hall this Sunday, March 14, from 2pm at their fete/plant sale event. It has a variety of more than 15 stalls for you to peruse and then purchase from including plants, flowers, produce,

local artists talents, sugar Easter eggs, and freshly baked goods. A delicious afternoon tea will be available as well. This is a free entry event with COVID rules and restrictions to apply.

Did anyone have the opportunity to visit WOMADelaide this year? It has been a few years for me but I was excited that we could be there for the opening night, and in the third row from the stage at an aisle seat. The amazing Archie Roach opened the event on Friday. Archie arrived on stage in a wheelchair hooked up to oxygen (he is a lung cancer survivor), but his voice was so strong and clear. Archie speaks the truth to power, and tells uncomfortable stories, but always with love, compassion and power. Included in Archie's songs were Charcoal Lane, Down City Streets (backed by Emma Donovan) and They Took the Children Away. He closed with the Summer of My Life. Archie received a standing ovation. It is expected that would be Archie's final public appearance.

All artists' performances were for an hour with intervals between so that the stage could be reset. The next performance was with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra with singer Lior, who was always a favourite other years at WOMADelaide, and composer Nigel Westlake. Lior completed the hour with his own songs backed by the ASO including his big hit This Old Love. The final artist was Sarah Blasko, who presented her 2009 album As Day Follows Night, backed by a grand piano, upright bass and drums. She closed with a few of her favourites like All I Want, We Won't Run, and Over and Over. It was so different from other years due to the restrictions and COVID-safe rules, however sitting on chairs was certainly better than on a rug on the grass. Maybe it is I am a few years older now. The fairy lights, the colourful international flags of the world flying freely in the breeze, the food stalls and the patrons who love their music were all still there to enjoy.





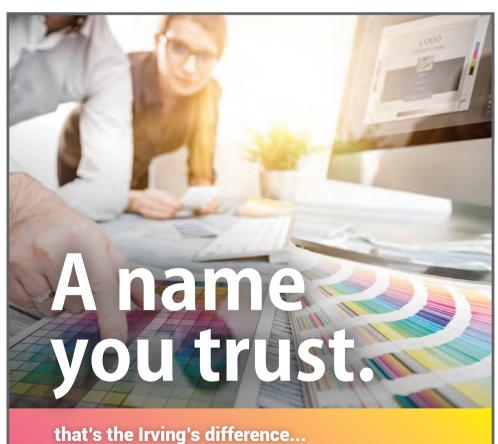
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Waikerie residents extend their sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Mrs Eleanor Steinert upon her recent passing. Our thought are with Melissa, Tony and Craig. Eleanor was nanna to Danielle, Luke, Parker and Poppy. We acknowledge that Eleanor was one of the very first Queen's Guides for the Riverland region, in her Girl Guiding days.

A date for the diary is Tuesday, March 23 at 7.30pm at the Ramco Hall. This will be the annual general meeting of the Waikerie Flower Show committee. As you are aware many events last year were cancelled throughout the region however the group anticipates it will be all go this year and any interested people are most welcome to attend. Supper will be provided. For further details contact Glennis Crawford (0428 911 521 or devdowns@bigpond.com).

It was my pleasure and I was grateful that I had the opportunity recently to visit a former Waikerie resident, family friend Allan Channon at his residential care village in Adelaide. It was a very special time of sharing memories and to the many friends and work colleagues that know Allan he is quite well and looking forward to his 103rd birthday in a few weeks.

Thought for the week: A home-made friend is much better than one you buy.



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# Hugh's cooking adventures SUGODIPOMODORO



THIS week I was able to obtain a large amount of locally grown tomatoes that I plan to enjoy over the next few months in the form of this traditional and versatile Italian sauce. Many of my childhood friends and their families would spend a full day making huge volumes of these sauces and generally, the more time vou can leave it on the stove, the better it will taste.



#### RECIPE

- 4 to 5kg sauce tomatoes (makes around 2 litres)
- 2 stalks basil
- 2 heads garlic
- 100ml olive oil
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons pepper
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Preserving jars



#### **METHOD**

- ☐ Cut any rough spots out of the tomatoes and chop into chunks (I also remove the top of the core).
- ☐ Add olive oil to a large pot, then add tomatoes.
- ☐ Peel then roughly smash garlic cloves, and remove basil leaves from the stem. Add both to the pot.
- ☐ Heat on low, with a lid, for around an hour until tomatoes are breaking down and releasing liquid. Stir every 20 minutes or so
- ☐ Add salt, pepper and sugar.
- ☐ Continue to cook on low with a lid for at least 5 hours (it should reduce by about half).
- ☐ While the sauce is cooking, sterilise



the jars by submerging the lids in a pot of boiling water, and thoroughly rinsing the jars with boiling water.

- ☐ Cook the sauce without a lid for the last 30 to 45 minutes to allow it to thicken.
- ☐ Carefully transfer the sauce to the jars using a funnel. Put on the lids and briefly turn upside down to create an airlock.
- ☐ Store in a pantry or cupboard.

Having this sauce ready to go in the cupboard gives you the perfect head start on making pasta or lasagne dishes during the week. If you don't have any preserving jars on hand, empty beer bottles (that have been sterilised) with sealed lids can also work fine.







- 1. How many days does it take for the Earth to orbit the Sun?
- 2. How many stripes are there on the US flag?
- 3. Where is the lowest natural place on planet Earth?
- 4. What happened on July 20th, 1969?
- 5. Which football/soccer team is known as 'The Red Devils'?
- 6. When was Netflix founded: 1997, 2001, 2009,
- 7. What was Disney's first feature length film?

- 8. What role is played by Josephine Jobert in the TV series 'Death in Paradise'?
- 9. Which Russian town suffered an infamous nuclear disaster in 1986?
- 10. Which famous novel featured Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March?
- 11. What did A.E. Frick invent in 1887, which are now worn by thousands if not millions of people?
- 12. In which English seaside town was 'Fawlty Towers' set?
- 13. In tennis, what piece of fruit is found at the top of the men's Wimbledon trophy?

- 14. What colour is a giraffe's tongue?
- 15. What do you call a group of jellyfish?
- 16. Why was Jane Malysiak in the news recently?

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- 17. Hamlet was the Prince of which country?
- 18. What is the name of the final book in the Harry Potter series?
- 19. Who is the voice of Shrek?
- 20. How old do you have to be to stand for US president?

**Answers on page 37** 

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BONUS OUESTION: Which band headlined the opening/rebranding of the London Dome/O2 in June 2007? Answer in next week's Quiz.

## Another tourism operator gets gov cash injection

**JOSH BRINE** 

A RIVERLAND tourism operator has attracted \$20,000 in State Government funding to assist with a major houseboat refurbishment.

Orlando Houseboat, owned by Ken and Aggie Bampton, will undertake the renovation at a total cost of \$67,000 thanks to partfunding through the Government's Tourism Industry Development Fund (TIDF).

Mr Bampton described the upgrades as a "fairly extensive overhaul".

"Right now, we have a shared bathroom and that will be divided into an ensuite for each bedroom," he said.

"There will also be a kitchen renovation and several other upgrades as well."

Mr Bampton thanked the State Government for its support.

"We are what's known in the industry as an SBO or single boat owner and we operate as part of River Murray Houseboats in Paringa, who manage it for us," he said

"We look after the capital, safety management and a bit of maintenance every now and then.

"It was very good to get this funding from the Government."

Mr Bampton said the houseboat

industry had experienced difficulties in 2020, but recovered well after the lifting of regional travel restrictions.

"For about three months last year, when regional travel was locked down, there was zero income for us," he said.

"But since the latter part of last year things have really picked up.

"There are still issues – there have been interstate bookings that get cancelled on a regular basis... which has been a real nightmare for the manager.

"But even so, South Australian business has picked up so much, which has been really good.

"That is starting to tail off a little bit now, but generally the industry is doing fairly well at the moment."

Nine other businesses also received grants as part of the latest round of funding through the TIDF.

Earlier this year, local tourism operators Murray River Trails and Bluebird Tours received \$180,000 and \$25,000 respectively in funding for upcoming projects.

Premier Steven Marshall said boosting visitation to SA's regions is key to helping the state's tourism industry recover.

"With regional South Australia seeing record occupancy levels in December 2020, it's important we



Orlando Houseboat owners Ken and Aggie Bampton have received \$20,000 in funding from the State Government to complete a major renovation of the vessel. PHOTO: supplied

build on this momentum to help get our visitor economy back to its record \$8.1 billion pre-pandemic level," he said.

"The best way to do this is to invest in new and refurbished accommodation and exciting tourism products and experiences to give people more reasons to keep on coming back to our regions.

"This fund is simultaneously creating local jobs while future proofing our regional tourism sector"

The \$20 million fund runs until March 31, 2022 or until all funds have been allocated.

For more information about the TIDF, visit www.tourism.sa.gov. au/support/tourism-industry-development-fund.

## Healthy rivers at heart of new grants

LOCAL environmental and community groups have been encouraged to apply for a funding program aimed at promoting healthy river systems.

The Federal Government last week opened applications for the \$20 million Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers program.

Healthy Rivers program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the funding would help "deliver practical on-ground projects" to improve the sustainability of local rivers and wetlands

"These grants will help our local farmers and communities ensure the money is going where it's needed most to protect the health of our important waterways," Mr Pasin said. "That could be installing grazing exclusion fences along riverbanks or measures to control invasive plants and animals in wetlands.

"In addition, these grants will help stimulate our local, regional economies recovering from the impacts of drought and COVID-19 by supporting local jobs and businesses in the Basin."

Minister for Water Keith Pitt said funding environmental projects would generate new employment in the region.

"While eligible projects will look different across the Basin, they will all focus on the health of the river and will benefit the Basin, its people, industries and particularly the

environment," Mr Pitt said.

Mr Pasin said input from Riverland communities had been key to the initiative.

"It was also important that we engaged the community to ensure funding meets the on-ground needs of our region and I thank everyone who took the time to share their views, which led to real improvements in the guidelines," he

Applications for the Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program will remain open until March 31.

Further information can be found by visiting the online Community Grants Hub (www.communitygrants.gov. au/).

## Pasin in high gear for road safety

AN ongoing funding program is targeted at research and development projects that would lead to safer roads in the Riverland.

The Federal Government last week opened applications for round two of the Road Safety Innovation Fund.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the initiative would fund "innovative research and technology development" to increase road safety.

"The Road Safety Innovation Fund targets innovative projects designed to further reduce deaths and serious injuries on Australian roads," Mr Pasin said.

"This is the perfect opportunity for local organisations with big ideas that can make a difference on road safety to draw on Australian Government support to help create a safe and sustainable road transport system."

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport, Michael McCormack, said regional road safety and vehicle safety would be priorities.

"Improving safety on our roads is critically important – even one death or serious injury on our roads is one too many, and last year 1106 Australians lost their life to road crashes," Mr McCormack said.

"The Government is serious about driving down death and serious injury on our roads and we are committed to achieving Vision Zero – zero deaths and serious injuries by 2050.

"To get there, we must look at road safety over the next decade in a new way."

Applications for round two of the Road Safety Innovation Fund will remain open until March 29.

Further information and guidelines can be found by visiting the website (www.grants.gov.au/).

## Helping schools bee-come enviro champs

LOCAL primary schools and early learning centres are encouraged to apply for the 2021 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program, which can be used to grow a vegetable garden, composting, worm farm or other environmental projects.

Up to 1000 Woolworths Junior Landcare grants are being offered nationwide for up to \$1000 each.

Schools are also eligible to apply for a Bee Bonus – \$500 worth of extra funding to support the conservation of Australia's bee population.

Woolworths Berri, Loxton, Renmark and Waikerie group manager Cathy Baker said the program would help educate the younger generation about the importance of the environment.

"Our Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program is all about inspiring Aussie environmental champions in the Riverland," she said.

"The Bee Bonus puts the spotlight on the impact honey bees and native bees have on our ecosystem, creating awareness and encouraging positive action. "The grants help deliver programs that not only educate younger generations on how to be more environmentally conscious, but also get Riverland students hands-on and directly supporting the growth of a sustainable, greener future.

"If we work together, we can help support growth of flora and fauna so that bees can continue their vital role in supporting our agricultural systems and improving biodiversity."

For more information or to apply for the grant, visit landcareaustralia. org.au/woolworthsgrants.



Applications are now open for the 2021 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program. PHOTO: supplied

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## A local piece of Australia's wartime history

THIS year marks the 80th anniversary of alien civilian internment in Loveday during the World War II.

To acknowledge this very important part of our local history, I would like to visit all of the schools in the region to address the students about the camp's fascinating history, and also to conduct coach tours of the former camp sites.

This offer is also available to the private schools.

I have researched the history of the Loveday Internment Camp for over 35 years and I would like to address students from grade 4 upwards to share its history.

I think our local war history, in a connection with the internment of overseas and Australian civilians of German, Italian, and Japanese nationals, should be taught to our younger generations, along with other important local history.

THE Loveday group of internment camps was the largest in Australia and during the peak of the war it held nearly 5500 prisoners, and served as base for over 1500 army personnel.

The camps comprised a group headquarters, three separate internment camps, and three wood camps. They spanned 440 acres, which were under production.

The camp was under the command of Group Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Dean, a decorated soldier from World War I, and a man with a farming background, great leadership skills and a visionary. He was respected by his staff and the prisoners alike.

Under his command Loveday was the only self-sufficient internment camp in Australia, and was in fact, profitable. The camp field officers worked closely with the CSIRO and secret projects were established within the camp radius.

Loveday was the largest supplier of raw opium for morphine for the army. The opium came from the poppy fields around the camp that the prisoners cultivated under supervision.

They also grew pyrethrum daisies for insect repellent for the soldiers

fighting in the tropics. Towards the end of the war the nursery was experimenting with rubber-producing

When the camp first opened Lt-Col Dean had the land around the camps planted up with vegetables for camp use. After the bombing of Pearl Harbour, America came into the war against Japan, and all US merchant ships were seconded to the navy, so our supplies of exported seed dried up and Australia became a seed-starved

To rectify this, Lt-Col Dean had more land planted up to vegetables for seed, which was sent around the nation. The camp also had an extensive poultry farm which supplied eggs to the army camps and dressed hens to the army hospitals.

The piggery held around 700 breeding pigs which were fed entirely on scraps from the camp kitchens, and lucerne, and the offspring were sold to the Adelaide Markets after being fattened up by grain. The proceeds from the sale went into army

WOOD camps at Woolenook (upstream from Renmark), Katarapko, and Moorook West provided wood for camp needs and for army requirements, and the rest was sold to the pumping stations along

The internees incarcerated at Loveday were all men.

Uprooted families of internees were placed in a camp at Tatura, Victoria, for their own security.

When young lads - living in the family camp with their parents turned 16 they were sent to Loveday. The other camps at Cowra, Hay and Tatura worked closely with Loveday and prisoners were often exchanged from one camp to another.

Anyone who wanted to have contact with their loved ones in Loveday could get permission at Keswick HQ to travel to Barmera via train from Adelaide and go out to the camp for a visit. Many of the young men who visited their fathers were in Australian Army uniforms.



The entrance to Camp 14 of the Loveday Internment Camp. PHOTO: Hedley Keith Cullen/Australian War Memorial

Among the reasons why Loveday was chosen as a site for the camps was because it was off the seaboard, a train regularly ran to the region, and it could carry prisoners, guards and supplies.

Plus, roads linked it to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, and electricity and telephone connections were in place.

However, the main reason was because the land was suitable for growing food and the area had already been piped for irrigation.

It was only after the end of the war that the internees were released back into the community under two years' supervision, while others were sent back overseas. Then the camp became a staging post for the POWs who had been posted to properties around the country to work the land because of

the shortage of manpower. These men were transferred to Loveday until they could be shipped home.

HAVING researched the history of the camp for so long I have managed to interview former guards and prisoners, few of whom are still alive today. Plus I have collated so many interesting stories which would have gone untold otherwise.

I also have a vast collection of photographs taken at the time.

The Barmera Visitor Information Centre (VIC) has a camp display, open to the general public every day of the week.

There is no charge to browse through the collection and visitors to the region come through in large numbers. I also take tours of the former camp site that can be organised by booking through the Barmera VIC.

We also had a DVD made about the camp and it has live footage that was taken at the time by the former mayor of Burnside, George Botton.

The coloured footage of the camp is the only known live footage to exist. The DVD is available at the VIC for \$20 and should be included in all school libraries.

During History Month in May I will be attending each of the Riverland libraries to address members of the public about the history of Loveday.

Dates for those talks are yet to be arranged, and teachers from the schools are invited to contact me to confirm a time for a visit to address the students.

Contact can be made by ringing me on 8588 7031.

#### **Anzac awards encouraging students to learn**

LOCAL students are encouraged to learn about Australian wartime history by asking the question, 'What does commemoration look like in our community'?

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said the Anzac Day Schools' Awards were now open and were about honouring the service and sacrifice of Australians from World War I to modern day conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

"Australia has a rich military history and the Anzac Day Schools' Awards are an opportunity for students in Barker to learn more about our contribution over the years and how we now commemorate as a community," he said.

"2020 meant the cancellation of many Anzac Day services and we saw communities adapt and find different ways to commemorate.

"The theme centres on



the importance of commemorations and asks students to look at how society and commemorations have changed over time.

"The awards also help ensure our future generations grow up with a recognition and respect for the sacrifice of all who have served in the protection of our country and way of life.

"I encourage all schools across Barker to take part in this competition and I look forward to seeing what students come up with."

Entries for the awards are open and will close Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

For more information, visit the Anzac Portal website (https://bit. ly/3pCvxrL).

#### Teachers preparing year 7s for the big move

A NUMBER of local primary school teachers preparing to move with year 7s to high school next year will be formally upskilled as part of a \$13 million development program.

The initial recruitment process of teachers for the State Government's year 7 move was launched last year and invited application from permanent primary teachers who wanted to make the move.

Education Minister John Gardner said it was "fantastic" to see teachers embracing the move.

"The move of year 7 into high school is a transformational change to our education system that will provide our students with the opportunity to be taught by specialist teachers in specialist facilities, just as the national curriculum is designed to be taught," he

## A school year full of firsts...and lasts

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"The uptake of permanent primary teachers applying for high school positions shows that our teachers recognise the importance of this move and are embracing the opportunities available to

"The next step is to provide these recruits with the best possible support in their new roles.

"Formal professional learning is one of many ways we are building confidence in our workforce so that teachers are ready for the move.

"Our primary and high school principals have been working together, with clear guidance from the department, to ensure our teachers get the most out of their professional learning to prepare them for high school.

"The recruitment of hundreds more high school teachers will also begin during term 2, opening up to all qualified teachers.

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- Your cover letter must tell us why you are interested in the apprenticeship. We would also love to hear about any experience or projects you have been involved in that are related to the trade.
- Only applications with a cover letter and up-to-date resume will be
- Applicants must be able to attend interviews in Renmark SA
- Only successful candidates will be contacted

Application/Cover Letter and CV should be sent to: rodneyh@almondco.com.au by 5:00pm Friday, 21st March, 2021

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To apply, please submit your resume and covering letter to nashly@caudo.com.au before 28/03/21



#### **Board Governance Scholarship Opportunity**

The Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Inc Board recognises both the importance of good governance and the complexity of the Not for Profit Aged Care Sector, and that the governance knowledge of our organisation's future board members is of utmost importance.

We are therefore pleased to offer one board position for a Lutheran person, with a scholarship providing Governance training and membership to the Institute of Company Directors to the value of approx. \$5,000 in exchange for a minimum of 4 years' service on the board of Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Inc. Meeting attendance can be either in person or electronically if the successful candidate is located outside of the region.

Applications should be submitted to ceo@riverviewresthome.com.au by 9pm Sunday 21st March 2021

For further information go to http://www. riverviewresthome.com.au/about-loxtonaged-care-home/employment-opportunities



#### **Venus Citrus Pty Ltd**

#### Requires the following;

- · Forklift Drivers
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Please contact the Office on 08 85847 984 or via email info@venuscitrus.com.au to obtain an Application Form. Applications close 31st March 2021.



#### **ELECTRICIANS REQUIRED**

We are a family owned and run electrical company that employs 20 electricians and we work all over Adelaide and surrounds.

We are looking for an experienced electrician looking for a new challenge who likes working in

You will be expected to work independently at times and to use initiative and to take pride in

You will do a variety of electrical work including data, security, domestic, commercial and shopfitting installations and maintenance.

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#### You:

- · Excellent customer service
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- Sound time management skills
- Team player
- Basic automotive knowledge favourable

#### If this sounds like you then please APPLY NOW!!

Please submit your cover letter and resume to: sales@flightmotors.com.au

Applications close Friday, March 26, 5pm



#### Personal Care Attendant

Riverview is currently seeking 2 Permanent Part-Time Personal Care Attendants.

Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Inc. aims to provide Excellence in Christian Care and is currently seeking 2 experienced and qualified Personal Care Attendants who will be responsible for the delivery of high quality person centred care, delivered with dignity and respect, inline with resident choices and assessed care plan needs, the Aged Care Quality Standards, and the values, policies and procedures of Riverview.

#### **Qualifications and Requirements:**

- Certificate III Aged Care
- Holds and maintains satisfactory police check no more than 3 years' old
- Seasonal influenza vaccination

#### Desirable

- Certificate IV Aged Care
- Previous experience in aged care setting

A copy of the Job and Person Specification can be found on our website under About Us, **Employment Opportunities** 

Applications to <a href="mailto:hr@riverviewresthome.com.au">hr@riverviewresthome.com.au</a>. Applications close 14th March.

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**Our Vision:** To be the Leading Grower and Producer of Australian Wine for the World

# WHS Advisor

We are seeking a Work Health Safety (WHS) Advisor based at our winery in the Riverland, reporting to the Manager – People and Culture. The position of WHS Advisor is a key role, working collaboratively with Managers and Supervisors to drive continuous improvement in health and safety matters

Responsibilities include management of the WHS Management System, providing coaching and technical advice on WHS activities and supporting all levels of the organisation to foster a culture that embodies responsibility and care.

## Key duties include:

- Provide support to operations, engaging workers in conversation about safety in their work.
- Collaborate with workers on safety solutions and improvements to processes.
- Support Managers in application of the WHS Management System.
- Based on incident analysis, develop programs of prevention that will engage, educate, and empower the workforce.
- Measure and report on WHS performance.
- Drive and maintain processes for identifying, assessing, managing, and recording hazards and risks.
- Assist in the investigation of incidents to drive a rigorous approach to root cause identification and close out of corrective
- Assist in the early intervention and management of return to work claims.
- Undertake and participate in compliance audits of the WHS systems and processes.
- Keep Managers and Supervisors informed with up to date knowledge of regulations, codes of practice, guidelines, industry news etc, so they can make informed decisions.
- Assist with induction, training, and education processes, driving the importance of safe work practices.

### To be successful in this role you will have:

- A commitment to best practice safety management and consultation.
- High degree of self-motivation, resourcefulness, and initiative
- The ability to work both hands-on and undertake administrative tasks as necessary.
- A collaborative approach to teamwork, as well as the ability to work autonomously.
- Experience using systems including MS Office and databases.
- An up to date understanding of WHS Legislation including Return to Work and common safety management practices.
- A Degree/Diploma in Health and Safety or related field.

You will be experienced in WHS management and demonstrate capability and willingness to lead and manage the WHS system, influencing stakeholders to drive positive safety and wellbeing outcomes for the Company.

The successful candidate will share the values of our Company; Accountability, Teamwork, Continuous Improvement, Integrity and Respect.

To apply please email your resume and covering letter, detailing your interest and addressing the key criteria of the position to applications@kewines.com.au or apply via our website (click on the 'Careers' tab) by 15 March 2021.

> For enquiries please contact the Manager - People and Culture Jackie Whitehead on 08 8583 0556. Kingston Estate is an equal opportunity employer.

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12. Torquay 13. Pineapple 14. Blue 15. A bloom 16. First recipient of the COVID-19 vaccine in Australia 17. Denmark 18. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 19. Mike Myers 20.35 years of age or older

**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last** week): Oranges are used in Bigarade sauce.



# **DEVELOPMENT ACT 1993 District Council of Loxton Waikerie**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR **CATEGORY 3 DEVELOPMENT** Pursuant to Section 38 (5) of the **Development Act 1993** 

Notice is hereby given that an application comprising category 3 development has been lodged with the Council for development assessment.

## Details of the application are as follows:

Development No: 551/191/2020 Applicant: Ricky Kemble C/-Heynen Planning Consultants Address: Suite 15 / 198 Greenhill Road, EASTWOOD SA 5063 Owner: RP & AF Kemble Nature of the Development:

Construction of an industrial shed for the purposes of fertilizer batching and storage, with an associated office, lean to, loading area, fire-fighting water tanks and rainwater tanks

Subject Land: Lot 126 Cox Road, Sunlands as contained in Certificate of Title Volume 5103 Folio 90

The application may be examined at the Office of the Council located at Strangman Road Waikerie between the hours of 9.00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and any person or body affected may make relevant representations in writing concerning this application to reach the Chief Executive Officer at PO Box 409 LOXTON SA 5333, not later than 5pm Wednesday 31

Each person making a submission should indicate whether that person wishes to appear personally or be represented by another party before the Council in support of that submission.

Please note that, pursuant to Section 38(8) of the Development Act 1993, a copy of each representation received will be forwarded to the applicant for a written response

DAVID BEATON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: Date: 10 March 2021 THIS IS THE FIRST AND ONLY NOTIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION.



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Applications in writing to Secretary PO Box 903 Renmark 5341 Tenders close Friday, March 19 2021 at 3pm.

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Saturday the 13th of March at the Waikerie Club at 11am.

All positions vacant. Would like to see at least 2 players from each team attend as well as any new players. Would also like to have all team nominations in on this day.

> If unable to attend contact Jay Pudney on 0458513721

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR** THE COOLTONG COMMUNITY

- Notice of Community Meeting to wind up the Cooltong War Memorial Community Centre.
- 2. To be held in the Cooltong Hall on Monday 12th Apr 2021 from 7pm to 7.30pm
- 3. Notice of motion to be voted on by community present:
- 4. Motion in accordance with the Constitution Para 34 Funds and Property (winding up) which states interalia; "In the event of the association being wound up or discontinued the whole of the assets and funds after paying all debts shall be transferred to some other public authority, association or local government body, approved by the majority of this association at a general meeting, which has similar objectives to this association or which is capable of undertaking and is willing to undertake to carry out the objectives of this association or substantially similar objectives for the welfare of the community of Cooltong'
- 5. MOTION ONE: That the Cooltong War Memorial Community Centre Inc be wound up in accordance with the constitution.
- 6. MOTION TWO: That the funds and assets of the Cooltong War Memorial Community Centre Inc be transferred to the Renmark Returned and Services Leage Sub-Branch (similar association) in accordance with the constitution.
- 7. MOTION THREE: The Cooltong Memorial Rock be relocated to the Cross of Sacrifice Memorial Garden in Renmark







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Contact: Paul Kinnaird 0431 537 631





# Murrayville (Vic) \*\*\*CAuctionsPlus Online Sale

# Broadacre, Grain, Livestock, General Farming Plant & Equipment

Commencing: Monday 22nd March 2021 at 9.00am, Closing: Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 3.00pm A/c: Estate D.M. Abbetmeyer (Property Sold) 2070 Forsyth Road, Murrayville Vic.

Broadacre Farming Plant & Equipment: NH TR97 twin rotor harvester, w/- NH 971 30' o/front\*Hardi Navigator 5030, 5000lt, 30m boom, hyd. drive, 5500 4 section controller\*Furukawa FL 120-II artic. loader, showing 3,029 hrs, w/- bucket & ROPS\*Case IH 7220 FWA cab tractor, 6-cyl, 18 speed trans, showing 9,512 hrs, Ezisteer w/-Trimble 250 screen\*Chamberlain 306, 2 WD tractor, 6-cyl. diesel, 3 x 3 trans, Robot FEL w/- bucket\*Forks to suit Robot\*Chamberlain 9G-2 WD tractor w/- Gason cab, 4-cyl. diesel, 3 x 3 trans\*Inter 1066 2 WD tractor\*Bush Hog 1415 32' disc harrows\*JS 4150 series 44', 4 row cultivator, w/- seed kit, ridge dividers, double ram on fold\*JS MK3, 33' 3 row cultivator\*Conner Shea 33' Wideline cultivator, 3 row finger harrows\*MF 259 series 42' 3 row cultivator, finger harrows\*HB 57 tyne scarifier\*HB 21 leaf harrows\*Horward 17 leaf harrows\*JS MK3 3t tow-between air seeder\*Stone roller\*10'\*Noble flexi-king 5' 5' blade plough\*Stump plough, 10'6", 5 tyne, hyd. lift.

TRUCKS & TRAILERS: 1993 Volvo NL 12 Bogie drive p/mover, 6-cyl, 12-speed, 408hp, showing 919,890 km, (69444-F)\*1985 Volvo F7 single drive p/mover, 6-cyl diesel, 16-speed, PTO hyd, showing 291,000km, (unreg)\*1971 Volvo F86 single drive p/mover, 6-cyl diesel, 8 speed, PTO hyd\*C1800 Inter truck, 354 Perkins, single drive, 13' steel tipper, 6-cyl. diesel, (unreg) w/- McDonald 120 bag bin, Edbro hoist\*1987 White 34 x 5' alum. tri-axle TOA trailer, spring suspension\*Freighter 26' bogie axle steel tipper, rollover tarp, d/split bin divider\*Single axle 19' tipper, bagging door, belly rope, tarp (unreg)\*Pig tipping bogie axle trailer.

GRAIN STORAGE & HANDLING: Vennings 32' x 7" auger w/-motor\*Kimbal Adley 25' x 6" auger w/motor\*Albulk 32' x 5" auger w/- new winch, motor\*Pencil augers x 3\*Bourne 18' grain/fert elevator\*Bourne  $grain compounds (2 \times 550 \, bag, 2 \times 450 \, bag) * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 13' \, grouper * Heaslip 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 18' \, grain/fert \, elevator * Jets tream 18' \, grain \, elevator * Jet$ grouper, 15'\*Jackman seed cleaner w/- screens\*Jackman pickler\*Sherwell 20t field bins x 2\*Ahrens 20t (240 bag) field bins x 2.

GENERAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT: Berends 3PL x 10' grader blade w/- tilt, Britstand DH7 grader\*5' blade ploughs (new) x 2\*Berends 3PL post hole digger w/augers\*Catford Eng. clip on forks\*Hay forks suit Robot\*NH A55 10' hay rake\*Heavy duty 11' stick rake\*Fuel trailer, 200-gal, elec. pump x 2\*Aust. Trailers 7' x 4'\*Aust. Trailers 8' x 5', tandem w/-crate\*Furphy water tank\*Vintage Clisby single cyl. air compressor & tank (ex-army)\*Silvan 2000lt. tandem axle spray tank, rear boom nozzle\*Rapidspray 600lt. poly tank w/- Honda motor\*Wally McDonald 2400lt. tank on trailer\*70' McDonald booms, manual adj. height, spring suspension x 2\*2 tyne x 5 position ripper, 3PL\*Single tyne ripper\*Berends 3PL pipe layer\*Loxton 13' slasher, 5 rotors\*Crane suit utility, 500kg cap.\*Thrasher, elec. \*2003 Jost turntable, ex-Volvo\*Honda SL200 motor bike, showing 5,095km\*Atomic Rogue 250cc 4-wheel motor bike\*Morris press wheels (new) x 2\*Farm Scan scales, model 3088\*Seeding kit from 4150, risers, heads, brackets, hoses, boots, points.

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# Renmark Open wraps up summer swim season



Bailey White in full flight at the Renmark Open swimming carnival. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Riverland swimming season wrapped up at the Renmark Open's massive two-day event held on February 20 to 21.

A bumper 160-event schedule attracted 260 swimmers representing 26 clubs across metropolitan Adelaide, regional South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria — the biggest event in the state of its kind in the

Riverland swimmers bagged 40 medals for the event. Vitor Renmark's Hugh Riedel and Madelyn Long both came away with six medals each.

Marion Swimming Club won the event by 180.5 points over Mountain Pool, 811 points to 630.5 points.

Grant Muller, of Immanuel, won the male 'dash for cash' while Barossa's Leni Newham won the female event.

Best of the Riverland clubs was fourthplaced Loxton scoring 462 points and Vitor-Renmark in seventh on 339.5 points.

Meanwhile, for hosts Vitor-Renmark, the event saw the unveiling of the club's new shelter made possible with funding trom a Renmark Paringa Council 'pitch in' grant.

In January 2022 Renmark will host the South Australian country swimming championships.

# **INDIVIDUAL MEDALS**

E. Hoffmann (VR): Silver 50m back, Bronze: 100m back. M. Long (VR): Gold 50m free, 100m fly, 100m back, 50m fly. Silver 50m breast. Bronze; 50m back. S. Lyons (VR): Gold 50m free, 50m back, 50m back, 50m breast, Silver 100m breast, 100m free. L. McCargill (VR): Bronze 50m free. H. Riedel (VR): Gold



Vitor-Renmark Swimming Club unveiled its new shelter at the 20221 Renmark Open held February 20 and 21. **PHOTO: Josh Brine** 



Vitor-Renmark's Hugh Riedel won gold in the 100m backstroke at the Renmark Open.

100m back, 100m free, Silver 100m breast. Bronze 50m fly, 50m breast, 50m fly. J. Harding (B): Bronze 400m IM. J. Inglis (L): Silver 200m free. B. Menadue (B): Bronze 200m IM. B. White (L): Gold 50m breast. Silver 50m back, 100m breast. Bronze 50m

fly. D. White (L): Silver 50m free, 50m flv. Bronze 100m fly, 50m back. J. White (L): Gold 50m back, 50m fly, 50m breast. Bronze 50m free. S. White (L) Silver 50m free. L. Swart 50m back.

**Combined team scores:** 1. Marion 811, 2. Mountain



Loxton's Sarah White in butterfly action, Sarah also won gold in the 50m freestyle event.

Pool 630.5, 3. Broken Hill Aquatic 534.5, 4. Loxton 462, 5. Immanuel 454.5, 6. Clovercrest 363.5, 7. Vitor Renmark 339.5, 8. Barossa 333, 9. Mildura Swimming Club Inc. 330, 10. Playford Aquatic 298, 11. Kent Town 284, 12. Gawler 243, 13. Starplex 233, 14. Southern

Performance 164, 15, Berri 154, 16. Silver City 134.5, 17. Masters Swimming SA 91, 18. Murray Bridge 59, 19. Tea Tree Gully 57, 20. Clare Amateur Swimming Club 51, 21. Murray Darling Asc - Victoria 31, 22. Great Southern (S.A).

# Shaddock in form at Barmera

THE Barmera Clay Target Club held its 60-target mixed championship on Sunday,

Trevor Shaddock was the A grade and overall winner hitting 92/100.

Peter Ruston won the 25-target skeet event scoring 24/25.

In the 20-target handicap event Robert Maywald beat Shaddock by one.

Meanwhile Greg Morgan won the highgun event hitting 127/145.

## **EVENT 1:**

25-target skeet - P. Ruston 24/25, G. Morgan, R. Maywald, E. Schmaal 21/25.

## **EVENT 2:**

60-target mixed championship - A grade - T. Shaddock 92/100, G. Morgan 90/100. AA grade - E. Schmaal 88/100. B grade - J. Pankhurst 86/100, B. Morris 84/100. C grade - M. Woosnam 78/100, J. Vithoulkas 67/100.

## **EVENT 3:**

20-target handicap – R. Maywald 19/20, T. Shaddock 18/20. High-gun: G. Morgan 127/145.

# Challenges at Loxton shooting

THE Loxton Field and Game Association held its first 75-target shoot of the year recently.

The event was a low-scoring affair with challenging targets testing all 22 shooters across the event.

Brad Gillespie took out the A grade with a high score of 61/75.

In the other grades, Ian Jones won the B grade, while Victoria's Mitchell Meek won the C grade.

# **RESULTS**

A Grade: B. Gillespie 61/75, A. Marden 59/75, L. Norton 59/75. B Grade: I. Jones 58/75, L. Stockel 55/75, C. Miller 55/75. C Grade: M. Meek 44/75, M. Woosnam 39/75.

# Ward claims Cresp round 3

THE third round of the Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club's Mark Cresp trophy was held at 50 metres on March 4.

Bob Ward won the handicap event and Mark Cresp won the off-rifle event.

R. Ward 99.4, 97.3, (3) 199. M. Cresp 100.8, 100.9, (0) 200, B. Lacey 97.5, 100.8, (1) 198. N. Lloyd 98.4, 99.7, (0) 197. C. Hopkins 84.3, 90.1, (4) 178.

# New shooter on top at Morgan

NEW shooter Lisa Pogoreki was Morgan's top gun last weekend, winning both class 3 rifle and air rifle supported.

Class 3: L. Pogoreki 200:16, P. Helbig 199:12, D. Klemm 197:16, R. Helbig 197:14, T. Hill 197:10, G.

Air supported: L. Pogoreki 183:4, D. Klemm 177:5.

**Meanwhile** this weekend will see the state championships at the state range, Wingfield.

# RIVERLAND **GOLF RESULTS**

# **BARMERA**

Stableford, Wednesday, March 3: C. Foreman 41 pts, A. Hume 39, D. Dawson 35, T. Shearer 34 (cb), G. Calgie 34, B. Redpath 34, S. May 33 (cb), K. Wyman

Stableford, Thursday, March 4: T. McHugh 35 pts (cb), G. Mack 36, L. Smith 31 (cb), W. Hocevar 31. Stableford, Saturday, March 6; J. Adams 38 pts, P. Martin 36 (cb), M. Boon 36, L. Berry 35, K. Wyman 34 (cb), M. Wilksch 34, W. Hocevar 33 (cb), P. Mudge 33. L. Marsden 33. L. Seddon 32 (cb). L. Mudge : D. Zeliff 32.

Stableford, Sunday, March 7: K. Wyman 41 pts, N. Antonopoulos 39, M. Jennings 37, K. Buckler 35, P. Cummins 33 (cb), P. Mudge 33.

# LOXTON

Stableford, Wednesday, March 3: A grade winner J. Reynolds 38 pts, runner-up P. Harman 34 pts. B grade winner P. Richardson 36 pts, runner-up Barry Rollbusch 34. Women's winner K. Nolan 37 pts, runner-up 35.

Stableford, Friday, March 5: winner S. Grein 35 pts. runner up S. Pannell 30.

Stableford, Saturday, March 6: winner A grade K. Rivett 39pts, runner-up J. Searles 38. B grade winner Peter Steele 39 pts, runner up D. Eshman 37 (Future Golf club) (cb) M. Koch 37 (West Lakes Golf Club). Women's winner C. Arndt 31 pts.

Monday, March 8: winner O. Walkley +1, runner-up P. Steele -1.

# **Supercats and Warriors book grand final spots**

LOXTON'S men's and Waikerie's women's division one basketball teams booked their spots in this Friday's grand finals with wins in semi-final action last week.

Loxton picked up a win over Barmera, beating the minor champions by 14 points.

The Supercats took control of the game in the second quarter, outscoring the Lakers 24-7 in that period, and never looked back.

Barmera managed to cut the lead back down to as few as nine points in the final quarter, but ended up losing 65-51.

Riley Stasinowsky top scored for Loxton with 17 points, while Barmera's Danny Millard scored 13 points.

Waikerie ended Renmark's season with a 17-point win in the other semi-final.

The Steamers kept the game close in the first quarter, but strong shooting from the Warriors helped grow the lead to 11 points by half time and 13 points by the end of the third quarter.

Renmark ended the game with just four players on the court due to foul trouble, with Waikerie progressing to the preliminary final with a 77-60 win.

Mitchell White top-scored for Waikerie with 20 points, while Renmark's Declan Johnson scored 30 points, including five three-pointers, in the loss.

Meanwhile, Loxton's women's division one team will have to earn its grand final spot through tonight's preliminary final, after losing to Waikerie last Thursday.

The game was close early, with just two points separating the sides after the first quarter, but an offensive explosion in the second quarter helped the Warriors increase

their lead to eight.

The Supercats managed to narrow the gap back to as few as three points, but more impressive scoring by Waikerie in the fourth quarter helped it seal the 14-point win and a place in Friday's grand final.

Waikerie's Kara Phillips led the way with 22 points, while Loxton's Summer Smith and Marlee George each scored 21.

Barmera kept its grand final hopes alive by edging past Renmark 52-45 in the other semi-final.

The match was a neck-and-neck contest early, with the scores tied at the end of the first and second quarters.

The Lakers went on a 18-1 scoring run in the third and fourth quarters to break out to a 15-point lead, and a late surge by the Steamers came up short.

Barmera's Ashleigh Haigh led all scorers in the game with 20 points, while Tylah Cooper scored 17 points for Renmark.

Barmera will play Waikerie tonight in the men's division one preliminary final, with the winner meeting Loxton in Friday's grand final in Renmark.

In the women's preliminary final, Loxton will face Barmera for the chance to play Waikerie in the grand final.

# RESULTS

## MEN **DIVISION ONE** SECOND SEMI-FINAL

Loxton Barmera Points: Loxton - R. Stasinowsky 17, J. Will 12, R. Kennedy 8, L. Phillips 7, T. Wagner 7, L. Francis 6, J. Tschirpig 4, B. Whitelaw 4. Barmera - Danny Millard



Tight Waikerie defence forces Loxton's Tia Dahlitz into a tough pass in last Wednesday's women's division one semi-final.



Loxton's Riley Stasinowsky grabs a rebound in his team's win over Barmera in last Thursday's semi-final, PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

13, Dillon Millard 12, J. Sullivan 11, C. Marks 7, R. Haigh 4, A. Smith 4.

## **FIRST SEMI-FINAL**

Waikerie Renmark Points: Waikerie - M. White 20, K. Ling 14, S. Parfitt 14, T. Morgan 12, S. Smyth 8, D. Leuders 5, L. Exton 4. Renmark - D. Johnson 30, S. Kavlakoglu 9, C. Gartery 7, R. Curtis 6, A. Haynes 3, T. Johnson 3, J. Brine 2.

## **DIVISION TWO**

Semi-finals: Allstars 37 d Loxton 27; Steamers 29 d Tigers 16.

# **DIVISION THREE**

Semi-finals: Waikerie 42 d Berri 21; Lakers 29 d Barmera 26.

# **DIVISION FOUR**

Semi-finals: Barmera 30 d Loxton 20; Renmark 27 d Steamers 15.

## **WOMEN DIVISION ONE**

# **SECOND SEMI-FINAL**

Waikerie 12 Points: Waikerie - K. Phillips 22, H. Lehmann 18, S. Lehmann 12, Y. Liu 7, C. Turner 6, A. Curtis 4, N. Liebich 4. Loxton - S. Smith 21, M. George 21, T. Dahlitz 7, M. Hogan 6, S. Edwards 4.

# **FIRST SEMI-FINAL**

Barmera Renmark Points: Barmera - A. Haigh 20, T. Dillon 10, L. Martin 10, C. Wutke 6, A. Wutke 6. Renmark - T. Cooper 17, R. Leuders 10, A. Modlinski 7, J. Haynes 5, M. Newman 4, S. Modlinski 2.

# **DIVISION TWO**

Semi-finals: Barmera 37 d Tigers 17; Loxton 25 d

## **DIVISION THREE**

Semi-finals: Supercats 27 d Barmera 12; Lakers 38 d Berri 27.

# **DIVISION FOUR**

Semi-finals: Blazers 29 d Tigers 27; Berri 37 d Allstars 29.

# **BOYS**

# **U18**

Div 1 semi-finals: Berri 36 d Barmera 29; Loxton 51 d Renmark 41.

Div 1 semi-finals: Renmark 36 d Waikerie 22; Barmera 40 d Loxton 37. Div 2 semi-finals: Loxton 35 d Renmark 24; Berri 56 d Barmera 27.

Div 1 semi-finals: Barmera 51 d Renmark 49; Loxton 61 d Berri 14. Div 2 semi-finals: Barmera 32 d Renmark 21; Loxton 29 d Waikerie 14.

Div 1 semi-finals:

Renmark 50 d Barmera 40; Loxton 18 d Berri 16.

# **GIRLS**

Semi-finals: Barmera 41 d Loxton 19; Renmark 34 d Berri 27.

Semi-finals: Barmera 43 d Renmark 21; Berri 26 d

Semi-finals: Barmera 44 d Supercats 22. Berri 29 d

Div 1 semi-finals: Renmark 33 d Berri 20; Loxton 35

# Riverland junior teams find success at country champs



The Riverland's under-18 girls division one side finished runners-up at the SA Country Basketball Junior Championships last weekend. PHOTOS: Facebook



The region's under-14 boys division four side also finished runner-up at the event.

TWO Riverland teams made it all the way to the grand finals of their respective divisions at the under 14 and under 18 SA Country Basketball Junior Championships in Adelaide over the long weekend.

Riverland representative teams finished second overall in both the under 18 girls division one and under 14 boys division four competitions.

The under 18 girls side was unable to avenge the sole loss from its five pool games, losing 47-50 to the Eastern Hills Hornets in a closely contested grand final on Monday evening.

The Riverland's under 14 boys division four team also lost just once in the leadup to its grand final, where it went down 45-50 against Light.

The under 12 and under 16 SA Country Basketball Junior Championships will be held at venues across Adelaide on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21.

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# **DEATHS**

FRAHN, Lyla Margaret. FRAHN, Lyla Margaret

Passed away peacefully at Renmark Residential Aged Care on Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Aged 88 years.

Loving wife of Dudley (deceased).

Loving mother of Graham, Peter and Cheryl, Phillip and Charmaine.

Cherished grandma of 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

> Safe in the arms of Jesus.

FRAHN, Lyla Margaret.

10/12/1932 -6/3/2021

Aged 88 years.

Mother to Graham.

Grandma to Michael and Jacki.

Great-grandma to Mahayla.

Finally at rest.



FRAHN, Lyla Margaret (nee Jones)

> Passed away peacefully on March 6, 2021.

Aged 88 years.

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Peter and Cheryl.

Cherished grandma of Ben and Brit, and Kirsty, and great-grandma of Eddie.

Remembered for her huge contribution to charity work and for making the best quandong pies.

We will miss you and treasure the memories.

Rest in peace, Mum.

Sincere thanks to the staff of Renmark Nursing Home for their dedicated care of Lyla over

the past 10 years.



# **DEATHS**

(nee Jones).

Passed away peacefully at the Renmark Nursing Home.

Loving-mother and mother-in-law to Phillip and Charmaine.

Grandpa to Desiree and Steve, Chanelle and Tarquin.

Swans on every surface, Mud pies in the shack. Cornstarch paint then dress ups, In the caravan out back.

Soda stream and lemon spread, Quandongs on icecream. Cards and scrabble, party games, Badminton in

between.

Crafts in every corner, Crochet, knitting, Christmas boards. A keyboard we could borrow, Teaching Salvo's psalms to all.

> Moments filled with laughter, Memories made with love. Thanks for the adventure. Rest now in peace, Grandma.

Will be remembered with love.

# MORSE, Ethan.

Unfortunately grew his angel wings, and left this life on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Aged 13 years.

Much-loved son of Louise and Daniel.

Loving brother of Jacob, Ace and Ava.

Loved dearly by his large extended family and many friends.

Forever and always in our hearts.

# **DEATHS**



OATES, Patricia Ann

Passed away peacefully in Mandurah, WA.

March 3, 2021.

Aged 78 years. Beloved wife of Martin.

Mother to Graeme, Wendy and Brett.

Grandmother to Anthony, Jaimi and Tahlia.

Great-grandmother to Boston.

She is with the Angels now. RIP.

# PARKER, David Ross.

Passed very peacefully March 2, 2021 at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

He is loved and will be very much missed.

The son of Kevin Ross Parker (deceased) and Betty Emily Parker (deceased).

> The brother of Susan Wilksch.

Wonderful, loved and supportive husband to Jan (Janice, nee 7anker) for 15 days short of 48 years.

Very much-loved father and father-in-law to Karen Archibald and her husband Jared, Ingrid Wilson and her husband Mike, Helen Deutrom and her husband Chris, son James and his partner Adam, Bethany Norman and her husband David,

Murray and his partner Savannah.

Very much-loved Poppy to Jasmine and Fllen Lilli and Zac, Hugo, Spencer and Emma.

> And the journey continues.

# **DEATHS**

SCHAEFER, Christel Joan (nee Kleinig).

> Passed away peacefully at Loxton Hospital, March 7, 2021.

Dearly loved wife of Denis (deceased).

John, Marcus, Naomi,

Loving mother of Rosanne, Robin and Janine.

Stephen, Rebecca and Brendan.

Nickson, Brianna, Sigrid, Jordan, Abigail, Charlotte (deceased). Caleb. Jonah. Isaac. Elise and Jenna.

The family sends a special thank you to the many carers who have supported

Christel over numerous years and especially in the last few weeks.

Restored in the presence of

**TAYLOR,** Kym Neville.

peacefully, March 6, 2021 at FMC.

Loved son of

Loving father of Sarah and Nathan,

Loved brother, (deceased), Craig and Bronni,

Now at peace after a courageous battle.

for funeral details.

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Priest of the Diocese of Port Pirie. Passed away on March 4, 2021.

Loved son of Heather and David (both deceased).

Mary, Little John (deceased). Claire, Susan, Douglas (deceased) and Matthew.

# **DEATHS**

**WARNOCK**, Fr Christopher Paul

In memory of Fr Chris Warnock.

Your love, beliefs and sense of humour always remembered with a smile on our faces.

Love Anne (Warnock) Jennings, and your nieces Bec and Deb and their families.

# **FUNERALS**

# ARHONTIS. Panagiotis.

Relatives and friends of the late Mr Panagiotis Arhontis are respectfully informed that his funeral service will be conducted in the St Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 65-67 Milner Street, Prospect on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 10am.

At the conclusion of the service, the cortege will proceed to the Enfield Memorial Park Cemetery, Orthodox section, Browning Street, Clearview for committal prayers.

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# FRAHN.

The relatives and friends of the late Mrs Lyla Frahn are respectfully invited to attend her funeral Friday, March 12, 2021

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Renmark Nursing Home in Lyla's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

Paringa Cemetery for the committal.

# Riverland \*\* **FUNERALS**

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# **FUNERALS**

PARKER. David Ross.

RIP, March 2, 2021 There will be an open house for viewing and reminiscing David on Wednesday, March 10. funeral service will be conducted at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Saturday, March 13 from 10am to 11.30am, at 74 Mudgeeraba Road, Tallai, QLD.

**SCHAEFER**, Christel Joan (nee Kleinig).

Relatives and friends are advised that Christel's funeral service will be conducted at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 1pm.

Following the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal. Due to Covid restrictions, attendance will be limited.



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# WARNOCK.

The relatives and friends of the late Father Christopher Paul Warnock are advised that his Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Mark's Cathedral, Gertrude Street, Port Pirie on Friday, March 12 at 10.30am. The cortege will proceed to the Gladstone cemetery for the committal.

Attendance to Father Chris' funeral is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, please call Meschke Funerals on 8633 0007 to register your attendance. Father Chris' service will be available to livestream, a link can be found on our Facebook page or at www.meschkefunerals. com.au

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# **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

# MORSE.

Family and friends of Ethan Morse are respectfully invited to attend his memorial service to be conducted entirely at Bert Dix Memorial Park, Paringa on Friday, March 19. 2021 at 11am.



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# IN MEMORIAM

**BARTELS, Pauline** Marie (nee Frahn).

> 27/9/1950 -13/3/2019

Fond memories. Sadly missed by

Colleen and Robert. CARSON, John.

> 13/11/1943 -13/3/2020

In loving memory of John. After a time,

I surprise myself

with a smile. After a time. I found I could talk about you

without tears. After a time, I could go a whole hour without you at

the front of my mind.

After the longest time, I am beginning to heal.

After a time, I will learn to live life for both of us.

Dearly loved and loving husband of Susan. Fond father

and pop. Always remembered.

# **IN MEMORIAM**



JOHNS, Shenae Grace.

4/9/1992 -16/3/2011



To our beautiful Shenae.

Can't believe 10 years have passed since you found your angel wings.

Missing your laughter and beautiful smiling face, your inner strength and beauty, your love and positivity.

You are forever in our hearts and precious memories will never fade.

Keep dancing and watch over

us with Andv.

Love always, Mum, Dad, Jason, Donna, Nathan, Seth and Hayden, Aunty Sandy, Uncle Al, Alex, Matt and

Uncle Peter. WILSON, Reginald James.

> 22/12/1925 -11/3/2016

Loved and missed by his wife Vi. Robyn and Neil. Glenys and Graham and their families. Lachlan, Kendall, Adelle, Linley and Teagan.

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March 4, 2021.

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her Saviour.

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WARNOCK, Fr Christopher Paul 'Chris'.

Brother to Anne,

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**WAIKERIE** Lions monthly auction, Saturday, March 13, 9am start at Waikerie river

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Sunday, March 14

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**Our Lady** of the River Catholic Parish

Saturday Renmark 6.30pm Morgan 6.00pm Sunday Berri 9.00am

Loxton 11.00am Waikerie II.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, March 14

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# **LOXTON**

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# RENMARK

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four-game winning streak with a six-wicket win - with eight overs to spare – over the ladder leader in Riverland A grade cricket on Saturday.

Renmark showed its premiership credentials in the final minor round clash of the season, setting the stage for a ripping semi-final next week.

Berri's top order was without its rock-solid opening combination of Josh Fielke and Riley Herbert.

Replacement opening batsmen Martin Barber and Brad Oakley put up a first wicket stand of 25 runs.

Barber went for 12, while Oakley went on to top score with 29 for Berri.

Renmark's Ben Files knocked over Berri's middle order with figures of 3/24 off eight overs.

In reply, Renmark openers Robert Burgess and Daniel Harding established an opening partnership of 64, putting a hefty dent in the run chase.

Berri's Brad Rosenzweig managed to break up the partnership, getting Burgess LBW on 45.

Berri's middle order had a shaky run as Dan Harding went for a duck, and Rosenzwieg claimed the wicket of Brandon Williss for 7.

Tarque Williamson's unbeaten 22 helped guide Renmark home to victory in the end with eight overs remaining.

In the other A grade game Waikerie Ramco accounted for Loxton with two wickets to spare.

Waikerie's opening batsman Callan Smart top scored with



Renmark's Rob Burgess gets one away through the on-side on his way to 45 in Riverland A grade cricket on Saturday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

26, helping the home team set a respectable 111 in the first innings.

Loxton's Vikasray Patel took 4/20 helping to contain Waikerie's middle order.

Loxton's effort with the bat was less than competitive, with skipper Ben Hoffman (11) the only batsman to post double digits.

Anthony Williams did the damage taking 4/14 off seven overs, steamrolling the visitors.

In B grade, top team Wunkar went down to Waikerie Gold by three wickets.

Second-placed Brown's Well suffered a heavy 61-run loss to third spot Monash.

Meanwhile, in the under 15s Flynn Andrew hit 55 not out in Waikerie Ramco's first innings against Renmark North.

**RESULTS** A grade

Renmark North 4/114 d Berri 7/112.

Renmark North 4/114 (R. Burgess 45, D. Harding 22, B. Willis O, J. Kenyon 7, T. Williamson 21 not out, B. Files 14 not out, B. Rosenzweig 2/16, B.J. Oakley 1/23, J. Willis 1/23) d Berri 7/112 (M. Barber 12, B.J. Oakley 29, B. Rosenzweig 13, J. Sandu 25, W. Scadden 7, J. Willis 0, W.J. Frankel 5, J. Preece 16 not out, L.A. Cotter 3 not out, B. Files 3/24, T. Williamson 1/14, S. Bradbrook 1/17).

Waikerie Ramco 8/111 d Loxton 61.

Waikerie Ramco 8/111 (C. Smart 28, S. Taylor 3, S. Liebich 26, A. Werner 10, N. Andrew O, K. Ziegler 19, M. Waanders 7, S. Quinn, P. Liebich 4, F. Andrew 1, V. Patel 4/20, B. Hoffmann 2/22, B.J. Lynch 1/17) d Loxton (B. Hoffmann 1, L. Biele, L. Zdanowicz 9, T. Hobby 1, J. Durdin 8, T. O'Shaughnessy 8, J. Bergman 1, B.J. Lynch 4, V. Patel 5, D. Zdanowicz 7, J. Launer 4, A. Williams 4/14, M. Waanders 2/14, N. Andrew 1/14).

B grade

Monash 6/134 d Brown's Well 73. Monash 6/134 (M. Smith 0, L. Coy 25, P. Elliot 4, K.R. Gillespie 32, B. Fridd 5, P.J. Roberts 21 not out, J. Roberts 24, T. Charity 1 not out, B. Hampel 2/17,

Josh Kenyon finished with figures of 1/21 against Berri on Saturday.

**Brad Oakley** top scored for Berri with 29 runs on Saturday.



A. Cunnah 2/18, L. Patterson 1/22) d Brown's Well 73 (D. Ireland 2, J. Patterson 13, B. Hampel 26, L. Patterson 0, M. Hampel O, C. Scholz 3, T. Victor 1, A. Cunnah O, J. Evans O, B.G. Hampel 3, A. Formby 4, B. Fridd 3/15, J. Roberts 3/18, K.R. Gillespie 2/19).

Waikerie Gold 7/150 d Wunkar 8/144.

Waikerie Gold 7/150 (B. Falting 4, J. Evans 12, K.W. Smith 27, H. Campbell 1, L. Pontt 69 not out, M. Falting 8, R. Smith 1, J. Pontt 3, K. Evans 6, L.S. Evans 0 not out, C. Gale 3/27, K.R. Matthews 2/31, A.J. Bevan 1/23) d Wunkar 8/144 (R.J.

Carter 28, K.R. Matthews 16, C. Gale 3, A.J. Bevan 39, T. Geeham 4, D.S. Fridd 2, T. Clauson 17 not out, T. Pursche 24 not out, K.W. Smith 2/17, L.S. Evans 2/24, M. Falting 2/31).

Under 15

Waikerie Ramco v Renmark North (1st innings)

Waikerie Ramco 205 (J. Thiel 4, M.A. Carter 21, T. Waanders, H. Fridd, F. Andrew 55, I. Leske 3, H. Nitschke 13, R. Waanders 5, A. Blyth, C. Werner 8, H. Thomas 7, C. Carter 1, no bowling details

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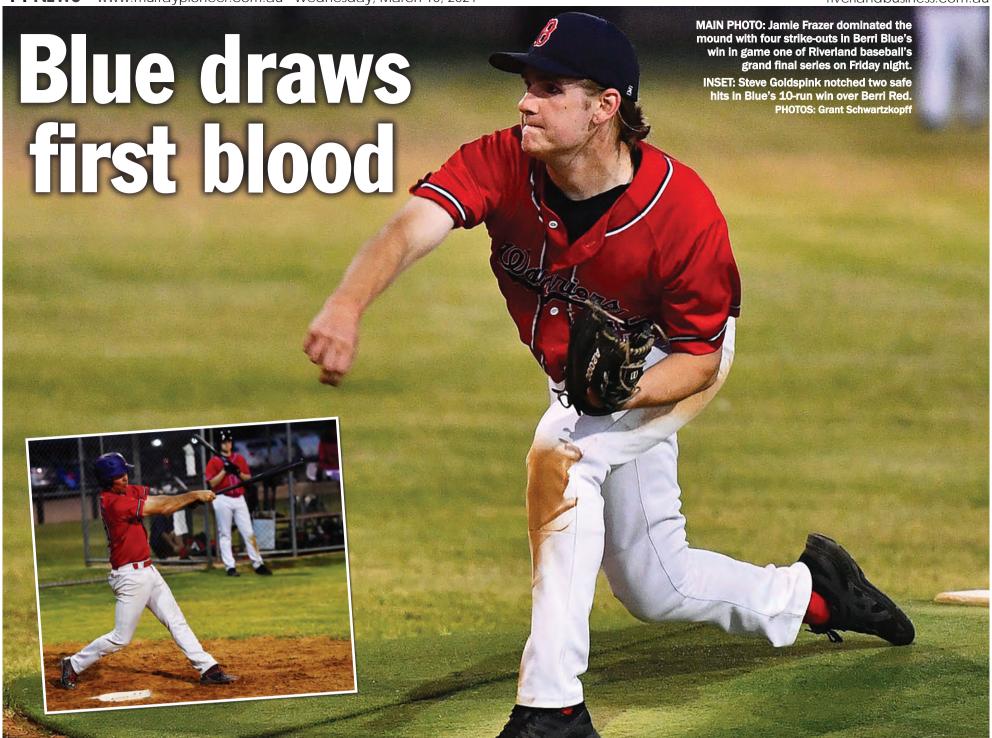


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BERRI Blue drew first blood by winning game one of Riverland A grade baseball's best-of-three grand final series, beating Berri Red by 10 runs on Friday night at Glassey Park.

The mercy rule was called at the bottom of the seventh innings, when Blue's Luke Sutherland's safe hit to centrefield brought home teammate Jamie Frazer.

Frazer's home run helped Berri Blue post an insurmountable 10-run lead to end the game.

Frazer also starred on the mound, throwing heat at Berri Red's batters to keep the visitors scoreless after the first innings.

Berri Blue's first innings got off to a flyer with two safe hits to Steven Goldspink.

Sutherland and Frazer came to the party with

safe hits helping to establish a four-nil lead.

The runs kept coming in the second innings,

as Berri Blue piled on another three runs, extending its lead out to seven runs.

Berri Red scored their first run of the game after a walk to Zac Joannu in the third innings.

In the fifth innings, Berri Red brought Kris Taylor to the mound in the hope of turning around its fortunes.

Taylor managed to hold Berri Blue's batters to a single run in the fifth and sixth innings.

Berri Red was unable to keep a lid on Berri Blue in the seventh. Taylor was retired after Berri Blue took advantage of some walks.

Taylor's replacement, Paul Reid, gave up two safe hits to the outfield allowing Blue to get one hand on the title.

Game two of the grand final series will be played at Glassey Park this Friday night.

# RESULTS

 Innings
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 Berri Red
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 Safe hits:
 Berri Blue
 - S. Goldspink 3, J. Frazer 3, W. Cox
 1, L. Sutherland 2, M. Gray, T. Halupka, A. Arnold. Berri Red - T. Brook 2, P. Reid, A Rogers, C. Joannu.

 Strike-outs:
 Berri Blue - J. Frazer 4. Berri Red - A. Rogers 4, K. Taylor.



The Riverland under 16 girls division one team won the recent Naracoorte Junior Carnival playing in the under 18 division one competition. Pictured are team members (from left) Jemma Kassulke, Summer Smith, Jesse Priest, Paige Roberts, Mijanou Newman, Sienna Lehmann, Chelsea Wutke, Amelia Morgan, and coach Mick Trussell. PHOTO: supplied





# Game-changer: RFL Independent 16-a-side shake-up

## **BRENDAN LINES**

THE RFL Independent competition could be reduced to a 16-a-side format this year.

The radical change has been put to the SANFL by club delegates and follows last week's dissolution of the Lyrup Football Club.

Other proposed changes for the 2021 Independent season include extended benches and a new 'one man in defence' rule.

Riverland Football League president Shane Uren said the proposed changes are aimed at helping "a few clubs still struggling

"It'll give clubs a bit of breathing space coming off a year where there was no football," he said.

"If we can get some football happening it's definitely easier to recruit while you're playing. "So, clubs might be able to put themselves

in a better position come 2022. The proposed changes will be flexible allowing 17-a-side or 18-a-side games to be played, if squad sizes allow, maximising

players' game time. The 16-a-side concept is similar to that used in the VFA to revitalise the struggling Southern Football Netball League in 2019.

Mr Uren said the RFL was looking for directions from the SANFL to enshrine the new rules rather than leave them up to "a gentlemen's agreement".

SANFL head of community football Lisa Faraci said it made sense to endorse the RFL's move, in view of Lyrup's demise.

"We have had discussions with the Riverland Independent Football League regarding Lyrup and it is disappointing that a club with such a long and proud history will not be fielding a team in the competition in 2021," she said

"SANFL supports the RFL's decision to allow clubs to compete with a minimum 16



RFL Independent teams could line-up for 16-a-side games this season under proposed changes by club delegates to the SANFL. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

players per side in 2021.

"We encourage all leagues to be flexible in their approach to ensure every opportunity for the community to participate in football."

Ms Faraci said Mr Uren's new role with the SANFL was "a significant appointment".

"Importantly, SANFL has just appointed former RFL president Shane Uren to the role of football operations co-ordinator - River Murray, Riverland and Mallee," she said.

"This is the fourth appointment of its kind across regional SA to support leagues and

"(Mr Uren) will add an important fulltime resource to help navigate through the challenges that are being experienced in the Riverland"

The changes could be before the Riverland football commission as early as

# Proposed RFL Independent rule changes for 2021:

- 16-a-side games
- Extended benches
- One-man-back in defence
- at centre bounces

# Softball's pitch for Riverland men's comp

SOFTBALL competitions for men and boys could be launched in the Riverland.

Males from across the region are being asked to register their interest at this weekend's Riverland Softball Association (RSA) finals series.

RSA secretary Monica Haaja is encouraging males aged 10 years and over to take up the game in an effort to form junior and senior competitions in the Riverland.

"It would be a good chance for husbands and boyfriends who come to see their partners play in finals to register their interest," she

"We'll find a club to put them in that's close, and suits them."

Ms Haaja said the number of boys is a sign participation is on

the up in the Riverland.

"Out of the five clubs we've got, four have got boys playing," she

"So, participation is actually growing, but we need about 30 boys to actually get a specific boys competition running."

Boys are ineligible to continue playing alongside their female teammates once they turn 16 years old and a significant number are playing in their final sea-

The Riverland's current batch of junior boys are swinging well above their weight.

In February, the Riverland men's team narrowly missed wins against more well-drilled city and regional counterparts at the state champion-

Riverland boys Darcy Venning, Noah Paul, Hayden and Seth Johns have all been named in the state under 16 team.

Hayden Johns was named in the team of the year and earned the MVP award at the championships.

Recently, the Johns brothers were included in the under 15 Australian team.

Ms Haaja said having a local men's competition fed by juniors would be beneficial for player's development and retention of local talent.

"Without a local competition talent of this calibre is at risk of being lost to city leagues," she said.

"We're wanting a men's comp for all our boys who will age out.

"They would play against boys their own age and be a better expe-



Riverland state team members (from left) Seth Johns, Noah Paul, Darcy Venning and Hayden Johns are at risk of being lost to city leagues without the formation of a local men's competition. PHOTO: supplied

rience to prepare them for state championships and nationals.

The drive for more male participation comes in the hope the Riverland can fill an over 35 team at the Masters softball carnival to be held on the June long weekend.

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# Four in a row for ABCDE FC

ABCDE FC has confirmed its supremacy of Riverland futsal, securing its fourth successive futsal men's crown, after the 2020/21 season wound up at Berri on Sunday.

ABCDE FC had a draw in its final match, but clinched the title by finishing on top of the ladder.

The women's title went to Pimms Parade, which had top spot sewn up well before the final round.

Dicky Knees took out the mixed title, edging out Tastes Like Chicken, with both teams finishing on equal

A six-goal haul by Macy Bourton against Banana Slugs helped tipped the goal difference in Dicky Knees' favour after a crushing 19-1 win.

Bridget won the under 16 title after beating Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles by two goals.

Winners in the other junior grades were Hatrick Swayze (under 14), Super Strikers (under 12) and The Pink Marshmallows (under 12 girls).

Meanwhile, the Riverland futsal committee has farewelled its longtime volunteer and photographer Sandy Smith after 10 years of service to the game.

## **RESULTS** MEN

# Cinga FC 10 d FC Fucurodani 4.

Best: Cinga FC – I. Rafie-Goddi, J. Guillen. FC Fucurodani – C. Mitchell, R. Milne. Goals: Cinga FC - V. Vu 4, I. Rafie-Goddi 3, J. Guillen 3. FC Fucurodani - C. Mitchell, T. Mitchell, R. Milne, M. Akaso.

Young God FC 4 drew with ABCDE FC 4. Best: Young God FC - B. Koskinas, L. Psarakis. ABCDE FC - J. Pintilie, K. Barber

Goals: Young God FC - B. Koskinas 3, J.



Blake Koskinas scored three goals in Young God FC's 4-all draw with ABCDE FC in the final round of Riverland futsal on Sunday. PHOTOS: Sandy Smith

Best: Arse-n-all - M. Bourton, H. Beames,

Best: Sam - A. Threadgold, P. Fournaros-

BHC - N. Milne, C. Turner. Goals: Arse-n-all - M. Bourton 6, M. Rayner

2, H. Beames 2, M. Mitchell, K Watkins. BHC

Jeffery. ABCDE FC - J. Pintilie 2, E. Wade,

# ABCDE FC 8 d Cinga FC 4.

Best: ABCDE FC - M. Barber, K. Barber Snr. Cinga FC – I. Rafie-Goddi, J. Guillen Goals: ABCDE FC - M. Barber 4, E. Wade 2, J. Pintilie, D. Greer. Cinga FC- I. Rafie-Goddi 2. C. Cram. J. Guillen.

(forfeit).

## **WOMEN**

Arse-n-all 12 d BHC 2.

Under Construction 5 d Tekkerslovakia 0

Carney. Banana Slugs – J. Abela, K. Skilton. Goals: Sam – J. Grace 5, A. Threadgold, C. Formby. Banana Slugs - G. Skilton, R.

- N. Milne, C. Turner,

Sam 7 d Banana Slugs 2.

# **MIXED**

Tastes Like Chicken 12 d Pimms Parade 6. Best: Tastes Like Chicken - T. Mitchell, C. Mitchell. Pimms Parade - N. Scadden, P.

Goals: Tastes Like Chicken - M. Akaso 4, C. Mitchell 3, M. Rayner 2, R. Mitchell, T. Mitchell, own goal (PP). Pimms Parade – N. Scadden 3, P. Drakopoulos 2, B. Guppy.

Dicky Knees 19 d Banana Slugs 1. Best: Dicky Knees - N. Bourton, T. Albrecht. Banana Slugs - A. Perry, G. Skilton. Goals: Dicky Knees - M Bourton 6, M Barber 4, D Kanakaris 3, Z Hamood 2, N Bourton, T Albrecht, L Abela, C Wright, Banana Slugs - G Skilton.

Red Hot Chillies 10 d Hula Dancers 8.

Best: Red Hot Chillies - J. Bourton, M. Akaso. Hula Dancers - M. Rayner, T.

Goals: Red Hot Chillies – A. Halupka 3, N. Boucher 3, J. Tsonis 2, J. Bourton, M. Akaso. Hula Dancers – T. Mitchell 4, M. Rayner 2, R. Milne, J. Heuzenroeder.

# Bridget 17 d Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles

Best: Bridget – E. Wade, T. Pipinis. Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles – A. Son, K. Kahlon. Goals: Bridget – E. Wade 7, T Pipinis 5, D Greer 3, R Verrall 2. Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles - G. Tsolomitis 5, A. Son 4, K. Kahlon

# **UNDER 14**

Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles 5 d Radical Reds 0 (forfeit).

Super Strikers 11 d Blues Brothers 2.0 3. Best: Super Strikers - K. Ogle, J. Ingerson. Blues Brothers 2.0 - J. Perram, C. Vowles. Goals: Super Strikers - B. Tsakarellos 3, R. Thiele-Butterworth 2. J. Perram 2. A. Flavel 2, S. Perre, C Vowles. Blues Brothers 2.0 -K. Ogle, J. Ingerson.

Wez's Warriors 5 d Block it Like It's Hot 0 (forfeit).

# **UNDER 12 GIRLS**

The Pink Marshmallows 21 d Sunny Side 2. Best: The Pink Marshmallows - M. Bourton, M. Rayner. Sunny Side - A. Kondoprias, C.

Goals: The Pink Marshmallows - M. Bourton 9, A. Perry 4, Aly. Perry 4, M. Rayner 2, M. Mitchell, H. Beames. Sunny Side - A. Kondoprias 2. **Go Getters 3 d Footloose 2.** 

Best: Go Getters - Z. Verco, R. Wishart. Footloose - C. Turner, R. Inglis. Goals: Go Getters - R. Wishart 3. Footloose

# **Riverland Futsal Premiers**

**Men: ABCDE FC Women: Pimms Parade Mixed: Dicky Knees Under 16: Bridget Under 14: Hatrick Swayze Under 12: Super Strikers** 

**Under 12 girls: The Pink** 

**Marshmallows** 

# Barmera wins darts semi-final thriller

BARMERA Rebels have booked their place in the Riverland darts summer season grand final beating Cobdogla 6-5 after a thrilling semi-final comeback win.

The Eagles won both singles and doubles matchups getting out to a threenil lead in the first round.

Rebels wrestled back the contest by winning the next three matches, drawing level at five-all at the end of the second.

Jeff Broekers' helped Cobdogla stay in the contest scoring a maximum

Rebels' Darcy Crane's maximum 180 was enough to snatch victory in the end, sending Barmera off to the big

In the elimination final, Monash Wanderers established a commanding 5-1 lead over Double Jacks in the opening singles and doubles games.

Double Jacks came back winning the first two singles of the second round cutting the margin to 5-3.

A maximum 180 by Double Jacks' Les Platten helped turn the tide.

Ray Wanderers' Stemp's maximum 180 fought-off the oncoming Double Jacks to win 6-3.

Wanderers now play Cobdogla in tomorrow night's preliminary final.

# **RESULTS**

Major semi-final: Barmera Rebels 6 (D. Crane 180, 140 x 3,100 x 3, C. Wagner 140 x 2, 121, 116, 100 x 4, C. Martin 140, 100 x 4, N. Peatey 125, 100) d Cobdogla Eagles 5 (J. Broekers 180, 140 x 4, 121, S. McKinnon 140, 125, 123, 121, 100 x 4, D. Parfitt 140, 121 x 2, 100 x 6, 100 x 4)

# **Elimination final:**

Monash Wanderers 6 (R. Stemp 180, 135, 125, 100 x 6, W. Bonham 140 x 2, 121, 100 x 4, K. Hayes 126, A. Martin 100, D. Hayes 100) d Doubles Jacks 3 (L. Platten 180, 100 x 3, C. Davis 120. 100 x 2, K. Wenske 110, F. Wenske 100 x 3).

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Macy Bourton scored six goals in Dicky Knees' 19-1 demolition of Banana

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# Serving up a storm

# **BRENDAN LINES**

BARMERA table tennis ace Rylan Coppin is among Adelaide's top ranked players — just two years ago he was a novice playing Cobdogla's school principal during lunchbreaks.

Now 13, Rylan has been serving up a storm in Adelaide's Smash Hit junior program.

This year Rylan has joined the state team and is under the eye of a national coach.

Rylan's mum, Kirsty Coppin, said until her son began to play competitively she had no idea about his hidden talent.

"They just had some tables underneath the verandah at school," she

"The principal at that time, Trevor Broughton, would just have a hit in the morning or lunchtime with the

Rylan entered his first competition with Cobdogla Primary School's SAPSASA team, which won the tournament two years in a

After his first taste of competition Mrs Coppin said her son "really



Rylan Coppin is a table tennis star on the rise. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

began to like all this".

"I didn't even know where there was a table tennis club in the Riverland," she said.

"We did some research, got in touch with Dennis Robinson and that just changed Rylan's game around."

Rylan said training with Robinson has put him on the right

"I get to do the coaching other players get in Adelaide with Dennis here," he said. "I master that training and then take it on the court."

Like most Riverlanders, Rylan's family has to travel great distances to compete at the top levels of junior

"We do about 600km a week to play," Rylan said.

Additional setbacks of pandemics and lockdowns have added another layer of complexity to Rylan's jour-

Robinson has helped Rylan overcome these challenges by having coaching lessons via Zoom calls. Rylan said he's adapted quite quick-

"It felt normal in about the first 10 minutes," Rylan said.

"It's good, as the state or national coach can talk with the coach here and give feedback to us."

The training via Zoom is essential preparation for next month's Brighton District junior championships.

In just two short years Mrs Coppin said her son has gone from strength to strength.

"It just snowballed from when he was 10," she said. "Now we've got the national coach 'zooming' us.

"So, you just don't know where something is going to take you."

# Kruger brothers take doubles

# **BRENDAN LINES**

TENNIS Australia held a Silver Australian Money Tournament (AMT) at the Renmark Tintra Lawn Tennis Club over the Adelaide Cup long weekend.

The event attracted 85 players from across the state and Victoria, competing in 150 matches across both senior and junior competitions.

In the junior competition, 35 Riverland juniors entered the tournament, mixing it among the best metropolitan players.

Loxton brothers Cooper and Ashton Kruger went through undefeated to claim the 10-andunder doubles final, winning 6-0 in the decider.

Cobdogla's Hayden Carter finished third in the 16-andunder boys singles and Kierra Schumann placed third in the girls singles event.

Carter also featured in the 16and-under boys doubles final with partner Cohen Battams.

In the 12-and-under doubles Riverland player Tom Nettle and partner Henry Dring finished third.

Emily Carter, of Cobdogla,





Loxton brothers Ashton and Cooper Kruger. PHOTO: supplied

and her doubles partner Angel Mishra advanced to the 12 and under girls doubles final, falling short 6-4, 2-6, 10-7.

Silver AMTs offer \$3000 in prize money across the open events and provide the third highest amount of Australian ranking points.

The men's senior event was won by former Indian Davis Cup player Aswin Vijayaragavan and Chloe Schwartz won the women's event.

Tennis Australia tournament director Hayden Leo commended the host club after the event.

"I'd like to thank all at the Renmark Tintra Lawn Tennis Club who turned out some of the best lawn courts we have seen," he said, "and for all their hard work running a successful event."



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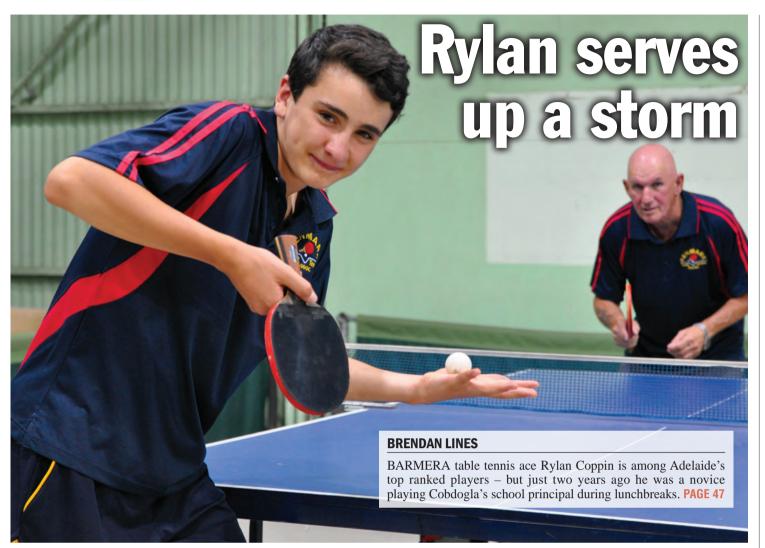
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Rylan Coppin (pictured with coach Dennis Robinson) has been selected in the state under 16 table tennis team. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



# 16-a-side RFL plan

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