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A JAB WELL DONE

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Waikerie Health Service worker Dr Kellie Mibus (left) became the first person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the Riverland on Monday morning.

Barmera's Anzac Day cancelled again

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BACKPACKER SHORTAGE: Local resort to become seasonal worker quarantine hub...

SAFETY FIRST

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

HEALTH and security measures will be put in place to prevent seasonal workers – quarantining at a new Riverland facility – from spreading COVID-19 in the community.

The State Government on Sunday announced a \$7 million initiative to convert the Paringa Resort into a quarantine facility for backpacker workers participating in the Commonwealth Seasonal Worker

Programme and Pacific Labour Scheme.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said participants would receive a COVID-19 test upon arrival to South Australia, plus regular tests while staying in the Riverland.

"This will be done in a professional and safe manner, with oversight from both SA Health and SAPOL, and the Transition Committee," Mr Whetstone said.

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THE Murray Pioneer’s Waikerie office is remaining open via appointment, despite roadworks occurring in front of the building.

The office, situated on 12 Peake Terrace, is open from 8.30am to 5pm weekdays. To make an appointment with journalist Erin Williams or advertising representative Ashlea Cole, call 8541 2060.

The office is expected to be back to normal operations from next week.

Local drug program funding gone

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND methamphetamine addiction program will remain closed for the foreseeable future after the State Government decided against providing further funding.

PsychMed’s Riverland MATRIX pilot program, a 16-week intensive outpatient recovery trial based in Berri, ended last December after pilot funding from the State Government ran out – although four participants still enrolled in the program will be able to complete their treatment.

A Government spokesperson said the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) had been engaged in 2019 to evaluate the 24-month trial and measure its progress.

“The MATRIX pilot program in the Riverland has concluded

following the completion of a two-year trial, with an independent evaluation finding the pilot did not meet the expected program outcomes,” they said.

“A range of alcohol and other drug programs will continue to service the region, including alcohol and other drug counselling provided by SA Health which includes outreach service to Barmera, Berri and other towns determined by service demand.

“Outpatient counselling and six residential rehabilitation beds are also funded by SA Health and provided by Uniting Communities in the region.

“Statewide alcohol and other drug services are also available to people in the Riverland.”

PsychMed psychologist Dr Quentin Black, who was instrumental in bringing the program to the region, said final outcomes

from the trial were still being measured, with a research paper being prepared for publication.

“People on the program have not quite completed yet and we have not given the report to Government as of yet, or heard that they have ruled out future funding, although we are happy they funded a pilot,” he said.

“It was a shame COVID fell in the middle of it but, nonetheless, it has produced significant and positives outcomes for the individual participants, their families and the community, and provided some very valuable lessons which we hope will help others establish similar treatments successfully in regional Australia.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said it was “very disappointing” the program was unsuccessful.

“An independent evaluation

found the program didn’t meet the outcomes that were promised,” he said.

“SAHMRI got limited feedback from PsychMed, with some of the data that they provided not sufficient to satisfy the evaluation process.

“I also met with SAPOL officers and senior SAPOL personnel and they didn’t endorse it.

“They’re seeing firsthand the impacts on the ground, and they said it wasn’t the program that they think we needed.

Mr Whetstone said he would work with the Riverland Drug Action Group to look for a more permanent solution for the region.

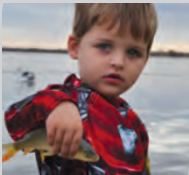
“We’ll just have to explore what other opportunities are out there,” he said, “so we can find something that meets the Riverland’s needs.”

MP


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Calls to end complacency...

The winter of discontent

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A LEVEL of “complacency” among Riverlanders is preventing the region from eradicating current fruit fly outbreaks – which will now last throughout the winter – according to a local MP.

The State Government last week announced fruit fly quarantine restrictions at Renmark West and Cooltong would be in place until October, after the latest detection of larvae triggered an “over-winter” period.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said rules surrounding the movement of fruit within quarantine areas had been disregarded by some community members.

“It’s an ongoing battle (and) I’m still quite concerned there’s a level of complacency in the Riverland,” Mr Whetstone said.

“I’m concerned about people not standing up when asked questions about moving fruit, or giving fruit out (and) I know there are people still giving fruit away.

“People love to share their fruit... as the Riverland culture is, but we have to accept and understand the risk that’s putting the region under.

“Everyone in the Riverland should fully understand the impacts of fruit fly and what it means to the industries up here.”

Further detection of fruit fly larvae has also seen a quarantine period in Monash extended to May 17.



Bachra Produce operator Balwinder Kaur, pictured with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, says the cost of treating citrus for fruit fly will economically impact his business this season.

PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

Renmark-based citrus grower and Bachra Produce operator Balwinder Kaur said the process of treating fruit would add extra costs for his business.

“It’s going to cost more money because you need to do extra things to the fruit,” Mr Kaur said.

“Throughout the winter we’re going to have to do what’s recommended by packing sheds.

“It’s not straightforward anymore. Usually the crop is ready, then we pick the fruit and put it on a truck. Now we’ll have to treat the fruit before it can leave the orchard.”

Mr Whetstone said continued detections – now at a time when fruit fly could survive the winter – had put South Australia’s fruit fly free status at risk with international export markets.

“We, and particularly the citrus industry, are now going to have to deal with working

through this through the wintering period,” Mr Whetstone said.

“The cost of treating fruit now is significant, and our export markets are looking very carefully at the Riverland.

“We have to be seen to be doing everything we can... to show we take this issue seriously.”

Mr Whetstone advised Riverlanders it was crucial that any fallen fruit from backyard trees was cleared.

“We’ve got to give serious consideration to removing any host material from our backyards, because all of these outbreaks are in backyard trees,” he said. “If we’re not vigilant, we will still be talking about it and trying to eradicate it in 12 months’ time.”

Quarantine periods are now set to be in place at Cooltong until October 19, and in Renmark West until October 25.

“I’m concerned about people not standing up when asked questions about moving fruit...”

- Tim Whetstone

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Stupid 7 caught in long weekend blitz

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

SEVEN locals and travellers to the region had their vehicles impounded and are set to face court after being caught by police for driving offences during the March long weekend.

A Toyota sedan was stopped by police on Nineteenth Street, in Renmark, around 9.30pm on Saturday, March 6, when the 41-year-old male driver – of Renmark – returned a positive alcohol reading of 0.112.

Police issued the male with a six-month immediate loss of licence.

A 44-year-old Loxton woman was stopped while driving by police at about 10.35am on Sunday, March 7, when she tested positive for methamphetamine.

The car was found to be unregistered and uninsured, while further checks revealed the woman’s licence was disqualified.

A 34-year-old Berri man was stopped by police around 2.20pm on Clark Street, in Berri, and was found to be driving without a licence.

Police then stopped a 19-year-old man driving on Edgar Bartlett Drive, in Waikerie, about 4pm, when he returned an alcohol reading of 0.170.

The man was issued a 12-month loss of licence.

Police stopped a vehicle around 9.20pm on Crawford Street, in Berri, where the interstate driver was found to be in possession of a disqualified licence.

A 36-year-old Mile End man was also stopped on the Sturt Highway at Cobdogla, about 10pm, and returned a positive alcohol reading of 0.204.

Police issued the man an immediate 12-month loss of licence.

A Nissan station wagon was also stopped by SAPOL on the Sturt Highway – near Renmark – just after 3am on Tuesday, March 9, with police alleging the unlicensed female driver provided false details.

SAPOL Murray Mallee officer in charge, Superintendent Scott Denny, said this behaviour put the lives of other road users at risk.

“Despite ongoing education and advice to the public to drive responsibly, we continue to see foolish behaviour on our roads,” Supt Denny said.

“This was particularly evident this past long weekend when police from the Murray Mallee Local Service area detected a high number of motorists driving with a prescribed concentration of alcohol in their blood, and some of those also detected with an illicit drug in their system.

“Those who make foolish decisions on the road will be detected and will face very heavy penalties, which include large monetary fines through to seizures of vehicles, instant loss of licence and even arrest for the more serious offending.”

It is understood all drivers had their vehicles impounded and will appear in court at a later date.



STEPHANIE THOMPSON and PAUL MITCHELL

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The RSL state body says it has left decisions on 2021 commemorations up to individual sub-branches. A spokesperson for the Barmera and Berri sub-branches said residents would still be able to mark the sombre day appropriately.

“(It) is important for people to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of our service people on Anzac Day,” the spokesperson said.

“Consequently we are encouraging the general public to support the ‘Light up the dawn’ program. This year to commemorate the RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force) 100 years, we are asking people to shine a torch up into the air from their driveways etc.”

The spokesperson said memorial spots had also been set aside across both towns for people to lay floral tributes on April 25.

Despite the cancellation of the Garden of Memory event, the Loxton, Renmark and Waikerie sub-branches all intend to stage Anzac Day events this year.

Renmark RSL past president Ray Hartigan said his sub-branch was planning its 2021

commemorations “under COVID-19 requirements”.

“It’s our plan to hold a service and a march...” said Mr Hartigan, who also doubles as the RSL’s Riverland state representative.

“The state body has asked us to submit our COVID plan to them for approval, which we’ll do.

“Regardless of approval, we’ll be running ahead with it at this stage, unless the State Government comes in over the top of it.”

Mr Hartigan conceded staging Anzac Day events was often a labour-intensive exercise for RSL sub-branches.

“There’s a lot of work in it,” he said.

“And if you haven’t got the people around you, it’s very difficult.”

RSL South Australia commemorations manager Keith Harrison said decisions on Anzac Day 2021 had been “left up to the sub-branches”.

The Waikerie and Loxton sub-branches also indicated their intentions to forge ahead with ceremonies.

“We have our COVID-safe plan for the event,” said Waikerie RSL sub-branch president Paul Croft. I think it’s important to show that we are trying to maintain as normal life as we can. The message around Anzac Day hasn’t changed and it’s something we need to do to keep the flame alive so to speak.”

Loxton RSL sub-branch secretary Lorraine Masters was equally positive about 2021 Anzac Day.

“Personally, I am hoping we get more people out this year, but not to be shoulder-to-shoulder,” she said. “I think it’s important we keep commemorating Anzac Day...”

“Even just seeing it probably exceeded our expectations - Select Harvest, South Australia”

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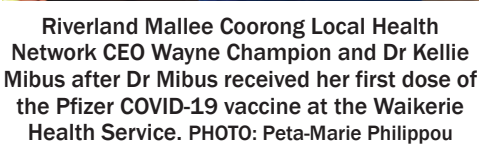
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It's a job well done

JOSH BRINE and PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

RENMARK'S front-line workers and aged care residents are receiving their first coronavirus vaccine dose today, after a Waikerie doctor became the first person in the region to receive the highly-effective Pfizer vaccine on Monday.

Vaccinations are beginning today at the Renmark Paringa District Hospital, with the rollout to continue across the region in the coming days and weeks.

Dr Kellie Mibus, a 39-year-old doctor from the Waikerie Health Service, was first Riverlander in line to get the jab, and said she “absolutely” recommended others follow her lead.

"I'm excited that it's started and I'm confident they've done the testing they need to do and it'll be fine," she said.

"I think this gives the community extra insurance that the coronavirus pandemic is getting under control, and eases fears for us about hospital cases in our small community."

The Pfizer vaccine, which uses cutting-edge mRNA technology, has shown 95 per cent effectiveness in long-term clinical trials, compared to 82 per cent for the AstraZeneca vaccine – the other jab currently approved in Australia, but suspended from use in several countries this week due to unproven claims about associated blood clots.

The Murray Pioneer understands both

Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines will be distributed to Riverland providers to meet the region's needs

Dr Mibus said she was nerve-free before receiving the first dose of the vaccine.

"I trust that the testing has been done well – it's obviously been used in many countries before us so we're certainly not the very first ones," she said.

Nearly 100 frontline workers and aged-care residents received the vaccine on Monday, with several rooms in the hospital set up specifically for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade said the arrival of COVID-19 vaccine in the Riverland continued the “strong progress of the vaccination rollout across the state”

“This vaccine will start to be administered to frontline healthcare workers and aged care residents throughout the Riverland region this week,” he said.

“The Marshall Liberal Government is pleased the vaccine is rolling out broadly across our regions and we are proud of our frontline staff and aged care residents who are rolling up their sleeves at the first chance to receive it.

“Starting vaccinations in the Riverland is the next step in ensuring that this vital vaccine is reaching more of our regional-based healthcare, quarantine and border workers, and aged care residents in state-run facilities before the program then expands to more priority groups and, eventually, all South Australians.”

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) chief executive officer Wayne Champion said staff were excited to receive the vaccine and begin administering it to other frontline healthcare workers across the Riverland.

“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 as our clinics continue to open across the RMCLHN,” he said.

● **Stephen Wade**

“Our staff know how important it is to roll up their sleeves and 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.”

"I'm proud of how the rollout is continuing and know our staff are looking forward to playing their part in getting this safe and effective vaccine out to their peers and the wider community as we move through each phase."

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone welcomed the arrival of COVID vaccines to the region

“The vaccines are rolling out in regional South Australia now and the Riverland is part of that early process,” he said.

“It’s good to see our frontline service personnel getting the first of the Pfizer jab, which will be the first of two doses.

“I thank all of our frontline personnel for the great work they are doing, and that’s why they’re getting that jab first.

“They are the most exposed to the risks of COVID-19 and I think rightfully so that they get their vaccines first.”

During phase 1a of the Federal Government rollout, vaccines will be administered to medi-hotel and airport staff, front-line healthcare workers, quarantine and border works, and aged care staff and residents.

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VACCINE ROLL-OUT

Doctors ask patients to double-check eligibility

ERIN WILLIAMS

WAIKERIE’S medical centre is rolling out COVID-19 vaccinations – and local doctors are asking the community to ensure their eligibility before making an appointment.

Medical centres across the Riverland will start administering COVID-19 vaccinations from next Monday, and Dr Ken Wanguhu, of the Waikerie Medical Centre (WMC), said a strict number of vaccinations would be dropped at each centre every week.

“To begin with, we will have 80 vaccinations available each week, the number of which will be raised as time goes on,” he said.

“There’s very strict guidelines for who can have the COVID-19 vaccination, and a priority list that we have to follow.

“The WMC will be starting with health-care workers – doctors, nurses and staff, police and pharmacy staff. We will also start with those at highest risk as per the guidelines; for example, those with severe chronic disease, immunocompromised, severe chronic lung disease, blood disorders, et cetera.

“However, given that next week is our first week rolling this out and there is much unknown, we’d like to start with those who aren’t at severe risk, so that we can nail down the system before asking those more vulnerable to come out.”

Others who can also receive the current roll-out include people over the age of 70 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over 55 years, people over 18 years with an underlying medical condition or disability, and licensed meat processing workers.

The COVID-19 vaccination is being rolled out free of charge, and this first round will be one of two injections patients must receive.

While appointments for the vaccine are limited every week, Dr Wanguhu said no rush is necessary as South Australians have done a “great job” with prevention, given COVID is not a strong presence in the community.

“Patients who have any concerns or questions need to make an appointment with a GP before they book an appointment to get the vaccine, so as to allow the clinics to run efficiently on the day,” he said.

“We’re asking the community not to call us up and ask their questions over the phone – if you have any medical queries, you need to make an appointment and speak directly to a GP for a detailed discussion.

“When calling the Waikerie Medical Centre to make a vaccination appointment, we ask that you call between 11am and noon, any day.”

People who have been cleared to receive the vaccine must fill out consent forms



Waikerie Medical Centre Dr Ken Wanguhu and intern Eloise Vaughn discussing the Australian Government’s COVID-19 vaccination program information in preparation for next week’s first drop of vaccines. PHOTO: Erin Williams

provided by the medical centres, and Dr Wanguhu said information leaflets would also be provided for those with an appointment either at the WMC or Waikerie Pharmacy. Forms and detailed information are available at www.waikeriemedical.com.au

“If patients have a blue vaccine card, bring it in on your appointment day,” he said.

“Or, to make things easier for the medical centre staff, download the Medicare Express app on your phone.

“We will be updating our website and Facebook page, so please check online for any additional information.”

Dr Wanguhu said the Rotary Club of Waikerie would be assisting by setting up a waiting area in the WMC carpark, complete with its coffee van.

“Coffee will be available for those waiting for their vaccine appointment, and those who have just had the injection – you must stay for at least 15 minutes after being administered the vaccine,” he said.

“A donation for the coffee would be appreciated. We are very glad to have the Rotarians with us to help make this roll-out a bit easier.”

For any further information on the COVID-19 vaccination, including eligibility, speak with your GP. To make a vaccination appointment at the Waikerie Medical Centre starting next Monday, call 8541 3500 between 11am and noon on weekdays.

The vaccine will be rolled out in other Riverland medical clinics in coming weeks.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

A talking point, but pickers are needed

THE mood of 2021 will ensure plenty of discussion about the State Government’s decision to house up to 1200 seasonal workers in the Riverland to help deal with the shortage of fruit pickers in the region.

This story has a few spicy ingredients, including the fact the workers will come exclusively from the Pacific Islands and take positions that a certain number of able-bodied unemployed Riverlanders could be filling – but are disinclined to do so.

Even set within a ‘normal’ news cycle, the scenario would have sparked lively debate, mostly centring around why the jobs cannot be filled by Australians, given the current unemployment rate.

From there, the counterpoint would have included commentary about pay rates for such work and while some of these concerns may be valid, the wildly inaccurate figures being bandied about on social media in the hours after the State Government’s story broke – via the city-based Advertiser – suggest a level of unwarranted ignorance and distrust about fruit growers in the Riverland. The past sins of a very few have tarred the many, it seems.

Of course, expecting city dwellers to uproot and move to a region like the Riverland for a seasonal job is somewhat unreasonable – though plenty of people advocate for that. But, as mentioned above, able-bodied locals receiving unemployment on a long-term basis could be viewed somewhat differently.

And that argument will continue.

However, COVID-19 is what elevates this jalapeno-level debate to Carolina reaper status (Google them, but don’t eat them).

The State Government can sniff the mood. The opening line of its media release said these seasonal workers would “safely arrive” in South Australia and be housed in a “quarantine facility”.

The fourth sentence mentions “strict safety standards”, while COVID-19 finally gets a specific mention in the sixth sentence.

“We know that many Pacific nations have seen low case numbers of COVID-19 but protecting the wider community from any risk has been at the forefront of our planning,” says Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, David Basham.

And we can take that statement to the bank, because imagine if the Riverland became a COVID-19 outbreak area. It would fast become a public relations disaster for the Marshall Liberal Government, which to date has observed and pursued the ‘lockdowns equals popularity’ phenomenon – baffling as it is to some – as strongly as any Australian state government.

But underlining all this politics is the bottom line: Riverland growers need to get their fruit – which is their livelihood – picked.

Without these seasonal workers, Riverland growers would take substantial economic hits. They simply cannot afford that to happen, and neither can our region.

So, we can argue all we like about the scheme: its merits, what it says about certain members of our community, and whether or not it poses a safety risk.

But we cannot argue that we need more people willing to pick fruit in the Riverland.



Early tractor-drawn machine harvester with accompanying tote bin, Luther Road, Loxton, 1975: During the current Riverland wine-grape season, our region is harvesting the largest portion of the nation’s wine-grapes, amounting to more than 20 per cent of Australia’s grapes and some 60 per cent of South Australia’s total. The days of handpicking are long superseded. In an innovative global first, from the late-1960s the now rather finely-tuned machine harvesters were first developed for commercial production by – among others – CSIRO Merbein, Victoria, scientists Dr Peter May and Peter Clingeffer in collaboration with USA colleagues including Dr Nelson Shaulis, Cornell University. For the machines to work effectively, the vines needed to be retrained on specifically designed trellis systems. This development corresponded with the growing of grapes on vine rootstocks, native to eastern-USA and resistant to pests like phylloxera and nematodes and to soil factors like lime or drought. This required a significant change in vineyard production systems but allowed the new harvesters to pick up to 200 tonnes of fruit in the cool of night in air-conditioned comfort, whereas good hand pickers could harvest about one tonne a day, enduring both the heat of late-summer afternoons or the cold of frosty autumn mornings. PHOTO: Gary Luitjes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bypass no business of other councils

I CONCUR with your comments in the latest Murray Pioneer editorial (‘Renmark bypass serious, or folly?’, 10/3/21).

It is interesting when this raises its head as a topic.

When the bypass option was first raised, then Berri Mayor Margaret Evans was desperately opposed to the idea as it may have impacted on the building of the Berri Bridge.

That would of course been the ideal time to have built such a bypass instead of the difficult-to-access Berri Bridge.

I wonder if the deviation of the road trains through Loxton has excited Mayor Leon Stasinowsky’s motion to push for the changing of direction?

There are cases for and against the possible bypassing of Renmark but it hardly seems fair that councils from other districts enter the discussion as it really does not impact on their area, especially if they are already bypassed.

They cannot cite the accident record attributed to predominantly trucks accessing the Paringa Bridge as it has been many, many years since such an event has happened there.

It appeared that the Riverland councils were finally getting on with items that directly impacted their constituents and ignoring what appears to be a little parochial interference in others affairs.

Come on guys, govern your own areas.

DAVID TURNBULL
Murtho

Sturt Highway over Springcart Gully?

I SUBMIT this as a resident of the Riverland and the views expressed are my personal views.

It is good to see the Loxton

Waikerie Council wanting a duplication of the Sturt Highway, for this is the prime safety issue we face in terms of road safety.

I do wonder why the focus has been so much on a Spring Gully option when others exist.

Was there a discussion held around a Wentworth Road/Government Road option?

It is interesting also to read the comments in the article regarding allowing government to decide on options, yet the motion is quite distinct in naming Spring Cart Gully.

It would be good to work through this together.

I can appreciate the safety issues arising due to the extra heavy truck movements through Loxton. This certainly needs to be addressed as well, probably in the short term, rather than wait for a bridge, which even if planning started this year could be 15 or more years away.

It is worth reflecting on why we have such a large number of trucks on our roads.

We need to consider that the closing of the railway alone created some 30,000 extra truck movements on our Sturt Highway each year. This massive increase, caused by the lack of political will to support a train network in South Australia, has compounded our safety issues, as well as increasing the damage to our road network.

We all feel uneasy each time we hear of another preventable crash on Sturt Highway. Was it one of our friends or family? This must be the priority.

PETER HUNTER
Renmark

Town meeting over Berri river front

WELL, 2020 was a mongrel of a year, with borders closed, open and closed again, like some big game the states were playing.

And the game Berri Barmera Council was playing with that abomination called Riverview

Drive continued.

At the end of the year ratepayers got a thinly veiled attempt at intimidation, using what can only be called an ultimatum, with council virtually saying it was not going to listen to the people its represents.

Either the council gets its way, or we get nothing. Pretty childish really, but it worked. The ratepayers fell for it and a very few answered the ultimatum.

Council wonders why it has lost any form of relationship with the ratepayers, other than one of intimidation, and distrust.

Well, 2021 has started out even worse.

I actually do read councillor Trevor Norton’s Conduct Becoming column and – on some points – I have actually started to agree with him.

His column about the river fronts is right.

They do belong to us all, not just the town’s council or tourists.

No one owns them exclusively, although some corporate bodies seem to think they do and expect to have a major say in what happens to them, especially if it is going to benefit their business.

I voted against the Berri Hotel buying that land, and the sale should be looked at closely.

Are the blocks bought at the offered price the same size as originally offered?

Why did council sell the first four blocks to the hotel on the Tuesday night before the ‘no offers’ auction.

In the mess of changes made to Riverview Drive. who got the greatest benefit?

What happened with the promises made by both parties over parking? Who kept theirs and who still hasn’t?

And who got the greater benefit?

The ratepayers got the bill. Then came the half page article from Collis Marrett (‘Council disregards its community on ave-

nue of incompetence’, Murray Pioneer, 24/2/21).

Damn, I agreed with him. I had to, because I’ve been saying the same thing for years.

The council must have a public meeting so they don’t make the same mistakes again.

Riverview Drive now is not, in my opinion, what we as councillors agreed to. Lots of subtle changes made a huge mess.

When is this council going to understand the tourists they so desperately try to accommodate come to the Riverland because of the fact we are the Riverland. Some have been coming here camping for generations. They love the laidback lifestyle, free camping and the friendly atmosphere of the district. They do not want it turned into a pretentious tourist trap or a copy of the city.

On social media outlets, including council’s own, there have been comments about the council losing the trust and confidence of ratepayers.

I can remember stating I had people contacting me at 5.30am and 11pm, and all other times, and I would often be stopped in the street by ratepayers.

There were some who insinuated I was exaggerating, and two weeks later at a meeting they were whining they could not have lunch in the Riverland Central Plaza because of the people interrupting them to ask questions and discuss issues.

Council was never a sometime job, and if it meant you ate on the run between appointments so be it.

I worked hard to make myself approachable and available to the ratepayers.

I firmly believe before the Berri Barmera Council digs up one more shovel of dirt along the river front in Berri, it should hold a town meeting and listen to the ratepayers. It might actually learn something.

After the example set by council so far, they should do no more damage to the Riverview

STEPHEN LYNCH
Loveday

MB
Renmark

What is the Murray Pioneer's editorial position regarding the promulgation of falsehoods, conspiracy theories and anti-vaccination nonsense ('Before you get the COVID-19 vaccine',

SEE STORY PAGE 3.

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IN recent decades “our” ABC has become a pampered left-

10/3/21)? Does the paper believe it has any social responsibility to fact-check falsehoods?

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The 'feminazi' – that's a child of a great and wonderful shock jock – has now got the most awesome weapon. It's 'the allegation'. Watch out if you're subject to one – your life as you know it is over.

JM
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VIV FORBES
Washpool, Queensland

Ms Holgate's solution of an Australia Post bank would provide financial services and security especially for regional Australians whose savings would be safe and could support Australia's economic development.

Cartoon comment by **Tony Hersey**

Submissions close this Friday, March 19. Call shareholder ministers: Senator Simon Birmingham (02 6277 7400 or 08 8354 1644), Paul Fletcher (02 6277 7480 or 02 9465 3950).

I always believed that rent increases were connected to the CPI rates, when in actual fact, that can't be true. You have to wonder how many more households are affected by this sort of increase.

KEVIN DATSON
Waikerie

Good to get on the front foot and target the Sims Parade area ('Hot spot residents urged to attend', Pioneer 10/3/21).

If the workers bring COVID-19 to Paringa, I won't say I told you so.

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10 years ago March 16, 2011



SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, TEARS... AND \$10,000: The sleepless nights, tears and – ultimately – shaved head were all worthwhile for Jenna Crowther, after her Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser smashed through the \$10,000 barrier on Saturday.

20 years ago March 16, 2001



WINERY SALE: Normans Wines is likely to be sold next week for up to \$50 million. The entire Normans company, including its Monash winery and McLaren Vale vineyards, is set to merge with another major Australian wine company.

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

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Commonwealth Bank closes Renmark branch

THE Commonwealth Bank (CBA) is closing its Renmark branch – including its on-site ATM – permanently and has directed customers to the town’s Australia Post outlet or the bank’s Berri branch.

CBA has attributed the decision to a 44 per cent drop in transactions in Renmark over the past five years.

“We regularly review our branch locations across Australia to help us make informed decisions on where to open new branches, where to renovate or upgrade existing branches, and in some instances where to close branches,” said Sally Gubbin, CBA’s regional general manager.

“Following a recent review, we made the difficult decision to permanently close the Renmark branch.”

The Ral Ral Avenue branch and its ATM will both close on June 4, however the CBA confirmed yesterday its off-site ATM at the Renmark Square Shopping Centre would remain operational past that date.

While online banking has become increasingly popular, particularly since the advent of COVID-19, Ms Gubbin admitted that “some older customers do prefer to do their banking face to face”.

“We’ve ensured customers who prefer over-the-counter service still have access to



Renmark’s Commonwealth Bank branch is set to close, including its on-site ATM.

this option,” she said.

“For Renmark customers, we have another branch in the region at Berri. We’ve also found that nearly 20 per cent of customers from Renmark are already visiting this branch.

“Additionally, the Renmark LPO Australia Post outlet a few doors up the road is available for customers to conduct personal and business banking transactions such as withdrawals, deposits and bill payments including passbooks during normal

business hours.”

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said he was “very disappointed” about the decision.

“It means there’s another empty shop in our town and we certainly don’t need that,” he said.

“(I am) disappointed that any customers there – especially the older community who go in quite frequently – will have to either look at changing their bank, doing things online, which is hard, or travelling to Berri.”

Mr Martinson said disgruntled Commonwealth Bank customers could take their business elsewhere.

“If they’re not happy with the Commonwealth Bank service they’ve received after the bank has pulled out of Renmark, then they should seriously consider changing to one of the three other banks that we have in the town,” he said.

“This will also make sure that those banks are maintained and kept open.”

Before COVID-19, the CBA says around two-thirds of its customers were using digital channels for their everyday banking needs, like transferring funds, making payments and checking account balances, however since the pandemic only 6 per cent of customers visited its branches for these tasks.

Local resort to become seasonal worker quarantine hub

Continued from front

“When they get off the aircraft in Adelaide they will be tested, then they will be taken to a facility to be processed. We will know their swab results before they get to the Riverland.

“Currently there are over 2000 Pacific Islanders in Australia, and there have been no positive tests to date.

“They will be swabbed on arrival, on day five and day 12, and they will have daily saliva tests.”

SA Health chief public health officer Professor Nicola Spurrier said the layout of units at the resort made it possible to quarantine workers in groups.

“People can quarantine within those units and not come into contact with our staff, or any South Australian,” Prof Spurrier said.

“It’s our responsibility in health to make sure there’s no incursion of COVID into our community.

“It’s not possible for us to use the same (medi-hotel) model for seasonal workers, so we’ve had to think outside the square. We can maintain the safety of South Australians using this model.”



The Paringa Resort will be converted into a quarantine hub for seasonal workers, arriving in groups of around 200 at a time, in the Riverland. PHOTO: Josh Brine

It is understood the facility – usually used by the Costa group – is estimated to be operational by March 25, with the first group of 216 workers set to arrive on April 8.

Mr Whetstone said the Paringa Resort would utilise similar security measures to Adelaide’s medi-hotels.

“The facility will be compliant with medi-hotel type security, so we’ll see all the cabins individually fenced-off (and

extensive CCTV,” he said.

“There will be a control centre at the resort and everything will be done in accordance with what the community expects to keep them safe.

“There will be a light shone on this facility and everyone will be watching with anticipation.”

Mr Whetstone said co-operation between State Government and local accommodation providers would be required to house workers following the

two-week quarantine period.

“Once these people have been quarantined, after two weeks we need to put them in accommodation,” he said. “It’s a complex situation, because the 250 beds at the Paringa Resort will not be used for accommodation.

“We’ve got to ensure a high level of co-ordination with all the approved employers and contractors.”

PAGE 14 Trevor Norton’s column

Police call for Renmark car crash witnesses

RIVERLANDERS have been asked to provide any information that could assist police investigations into a four-car crash that occurred earlier this month.

Four vehicles were involved in a collision on the Sturt Highway – near the Renmark Speedway – about 6.50pm on Wednesday, March 3.

It is understood no life-threatening injuries were suffered as a result of the crash, however occupants of the vehicles were all taken to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Any locals with information relating to the crash are asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).

All information can be provided anonymously and will be treated in confidence.

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Opening up Howard’s amazing life story

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A BOOK highlighting the incredible life of Loxton World War II veteran Howard Hendrick was launched on Sunday.

More than 120 people gathered at the Loxton RSL for the launch of Full Circle-A Memoir of Howard Hendrick, written by his eldest daughter, Margaret Davis.

The book tells the tale of Mr Hendrick’s early days, growing up in Renmark, before joining the air force in 1942.

“When I first suggested to Dad, quite some time ago, that I would like to write about his life, Dad grinned and was a bit dismissive,” Mrs Davis said.

“He said, ‘I wouldn’t bother, dear. Really that’s not that much

to write about’.

“Two years down the road, I discovered lots, including the fact I could have actually written the memoir of Howard Hendrick, volumes one to six without any trouble at all.

“It was a great advantage, of course, having as my subject someone who has a phenomenal memory.”

The book was officially launched by Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.

Mr Hendrick, 97, was a RAAF pilot in the 460 Squadron, Bomber Command, and flew 31 missions from Binbrook, England.

He went on to become a RAF instructor and a pilot with British Overseas Airway Corporation,

charting new routes to Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Mr Hendrick and his wife, Win, then took on a Riverland block under the Soldier Settlement Scheme and raised a family.

The book also includes stories about Mr Hendrick’s father, Tom, who was a World War I veteran and fought in Gallipoli.

Mr Hendrick still resides in Loxton, where he volunteers weekly at St Albert’s Catholic School and is actively involved in the community.

Proceeds from the book raised almost \$400 for the Loxton RSL Hall’s memorabilia room.

To purchase a copy of the book, call Mrs Davis on 8379 8662.



At the launch of *Full Circle-A Memoir of Howard Hendrick* on Sunday were Mr Hendrick (left), Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and author Margaret Davis. Ms Davis is Mr Hendrick’s daughter. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:
The Riverland Red Cross recently farewelled three volunteers with a combined 30 years of service. Pictured are Ken Schwartz, Jim Walker and John Formby. PHOTO: supplied

Murray Mallee police issue scam warning

MURRAY Mallee police have issued a warning to residents to be careful of a scam involving unlawful access to email accounts.

Scammers have tried to gain access to the bank accounts of victims by sending them fake invoices which appear to be from a legitimate company.

The email will request the BSB and account number from the victim, which the scammers then use to steal money from bank accounts.

South Australia Police have reminded the community to be suspicious if an offer seems too good to be true.

“Avoid giving out your personal information over the phone or internet when you cannot determine the legitimacy of the contact,” a SAPOL spokesperson said.

If you have been the victim of this type of scam, report it at your local police station or online at www.cyber.gov.au

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WARBURTON'S BUTCHERS



MAIN PHOTO: Loxton’s Denzel Hurley was one of 810 fishers who caught more than 2200 carp during the 2021 Carp Frenzy in Barmera last weekend.
INSET LEFT: Barmera’s Suchenko family with their catch.
INSET RIGHT: Max, 3, of Adelaide visited the Riverland for the competition.
PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham

2277 carp caught at ‘fantastic’ frenzy

LOCALS and visitors to the Riverland enjoyed a “fantastic catch” at South Australia’s biggest carp fishing event last weekend.

A total of 810 fishers caught 2277 carp and raised \$18,838 at the 2021 Carp Frenzy held in Barmera last Saturday.

Event organiser Kym Manning said unfavourable weather conditions meant the number of fish caught was a surprise.

“I really didn’t expect that many people to come, and I didn’t expect to catch that many

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carp,” Mr Manning said.

“The weather wasn’t looking the best for us early, with showers and strong winds, but the good fishermen turned up.

“They don’t care if it’s sunshine or rain, they hang in there and they know with fishing anything can happen.

“It started out flat calm... but lot of people said when the change came in, the fish fired up.”

Colin Higgs won the biggest overall carp award with an 80cm catch, with Bonnie Klinge’s 73cm carp winning the women’s category, while Marijan Birjan claimed the most carp award with 74 caught.

Mr Manning said both local and visiting participants ensured all camping areas were kept clean.

“Two groups went around the lake and

nearly every single campsite on Sunday, and we did not find a scrap of rubbish,” he said.

“It was a great example by the campers.”

Mr Manning said the expanded competition area – to now include Loch Luna and Chambers Creek – would be maintained for future events.

“Now the event is growing, having the extra area is good for us,” he said.

All results from the 2021 Carp Frenzy can be accessed by visiting the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SACarpFrenzy).



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LEFT: Campers around Lake Bonney caused damage to native vegetation over the Adelaide Cup long weekend. RIGHT: A wire fence installed by Berri Barmera Council near the lake to protect native plants and block access was cut and driven through by a camper. PHOTOS: supplied

Plan to combat lake vandals

JOSH BRINE

A POPULAR Riverland tourist destination was damaged by campers over the long weekend, prompting a local council to threaten offenders with fines.

Four-wheel drives caused damage to native vegetation around Barmera’s Lake Bonney, including in areas blocked by a wire fence that had been cut to gain access to the lake.

Berri Barmera Council CEO Karyn Burton said the behaviour of some campers was disappointing, particularly with the council working to preserve the area through the Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan.

“The fencing is about restricting vehicle access for those reasons, so the fact they cut the fence and just drive through shows a disrespect and disregard for what the people of

Barmera want around that lake,” she said.

“You get the irresponsible people who do these sorts of things, and it just ruins it for everybody else and makes the whole area there not a good place to be.

“It’s obvious to most people if there is a fence that you can’t go that way...

“I think most residents of Barmera are pretty annoyed by that sort of behaviour down there.”

Ms Burton said signage would be used to remind lake users of their responsibilities, and allow for council to punish people who fail to comply.

“We are in the process of putting signs around the lake which will give us the ability – if we catch people – to expiate people for any breaches,” she said.

“What we’re trying to get people to understand is... the cultural signifi-

cance of the lake and the work we are putting in to make sure the environment is preserved.

“We will still be allowing camping access points... people are not going to be blocked right off.

“There will be designated camping areas, but it is all about maintaining the environment we have down there for future use.

“The signage also gives us the ability to take things a little bit further and fine people for their disregard, because people can’t say that they didn’t know.”

The council also reported littering and damage to native vegetation by campers around Lake Bonney over the summer school holiday period.

Council is calling on campers to respect the cultural significance of the area, take home rubbish and stick to camping access points.

Council seeking permission for new Lake Bonney project

JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL council is seeking State Government permission to continue with plans to create several new campsites and preserve the environment around a Riverland landmark.

Berri Barmera Council lodged applications under section 21 and 23 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act to work on seven camping and day sites at Lake Bonney, and to create a multi-use track around the lake.

Berri Barmera Council CEO Karyn Burton said council had worked closely with the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation (RMMAC) to develop the plans as part of its Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan.

“The applications are about getting permission for council to continue the work that council is doing around the lake with regards to camping sites and other works,” she said.

“It’s also about having areas identified that are a no-go so we don’t inadvertently do something that could have

ramifications under Native Title.

“It’s a process that we must go through to ensure we are doing the right things.”

Ms Burton said council had been careful to respect the cultural heritage of the area with works completed so far.

“Any works that we do undertake are overseen by RMMAC monitors to ensure there is no excavation,” she said.

“Most of the significant sites are not necessarily easily visible for people who don’t know they are there, so we do need monitors there to make sure we don’t accidentally disturb anything.

“A lot of the work we are doing has a no-excavation policy with no digging, but everything we do needs to have an indigenous ranger monitoring.”

The application is currently open for public consultation until Friday, March 19 at 11.55pm.

For more information or to provide feedback, visit your-say.sa.gov.au/decisions/lake-bonney-nature-and-cultural-tourism-project.





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Waikerie’s silo art is one of 10 SA sites set to suffer if a Victorian council trademarks the term “silo art trail”.
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SILO ART TRADEMARK RISK

ERIN WILLIAMS

WAIKERIE is one of 10 rural SA towns that could see a drop in tourist numbers if a Victorian council is granted permission to trademark the term “silo art trail”.
Yarriambiack Shire lodged a 400-page submission to Federal Government agency IP Australia in 2017 to trademark the term “silo art trail”, and acknowledge that it started in its region.
If the submission is accepted, any community with silo art would need permission

from Yarriambiack to use the term on signs and advertising.
Waikerie silo art spokesperson Liz Frankel said the move would be detrimental to many silo art towns.
“That council is adopting a self-centred attitude,” she said.
“While I think that (Yarriambiack Shire) should be acknowledged for beginning the term ‘silo art trail’, they shouldn’t have the exclusive right to the term and be able to decide who else gets to use it.

“It’s like trying to trademark ‘fresh fruit and vegetables’.
“Many groups, communities, and towns benefit from silo art trails – having to go through the channels to seek permission from one body to use the term ‘silo art trail’ is unfair and selfish.
“Silo artwork links many towns and tourists should be able to follow the trails easily.”
Australian Silo Art Trail website owner Annette Green – whose Facebook page has 50,000 followers – told The Advertiser that

the proposed trademark, if approved, would leave her business in limbo.
“I do make money from the website and that goes towards making maps and the \$1000 a year it costs me to run the site,” she said.
“I worry about these little towns that maybe have nothing more than a pub to offer tourists and have really had to rely on these silos and water towers to bring them back to life.”
IP Australia is expected to make a decision on the trademark later this year.

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Paringa’s silo art a ‘delight’

By
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THE completion of new silo art in the Riverland has “delighted” locals and already drawn tourism attention to the area.

Painting of the Paringa Silo artwork was last month completed by Adelaide-based artist Jack Fran.

Paringa Silo Art project manager Les Webb said it was a “world class” display.

“We’ve been working on it for some time and to have the whole package now is fantastic,” Mr Webb said.

Mr Fran – who began painting the silo in December but was interrupted due to health concerns – said the assistance of fellow artist Sam Brooks was key to the process.

“The idea was to capture images which really represented the region,” Mr Fran said.

“I just love painting, so being up there every day and painting was fun.

“It can get pretty (lonely) sometimes up there by yourself, so having my assistant Sam really helped.”

The Paringa Silo Art committee last September received \$60,000 through the Federal Government’s Tackling Tough Times Together program to fund the project.

Mr Webb said using the art to highlight local landscapes was a priority for the committee.

“The committee had determined a criteria we wanted the artist to achieve and he’s done that particularly well,” Mr Webb said.

“We wanted to capture the wonderful sunsets we have here and he’s done that too a tee.

“We’ve got lots of local characters represented, so it couldn’t have been better.”

Mr Webb said the completed artwork had quickly begun to generate attention among silo art followers.



The Paringa Silo Art was completed last month by artist Jack Fran (left), whose work “delighted” Paringa Silo Art project manager Les Webb (right).
PHOTOS: supplied



“It’s been a long haul, at least three years, and there’s been ups and downs during that period,” he said.

“It’s a great feeling to have it all behind us now and completed. There’s some big

parts of the project still to happen, but we’re delighted. There’s a lot of talk in the silo art fraternity that we’ve got an outstanding (display) here and of course it’s so perfectly positioned.”

Lions get behind Paringa silo art

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

MAXIMISING the tourism potential of a new silo art display is the purpose of a local community group’s donation to the project.

The Renmark Lions Club last week announced it would donate \$10,000 toward the construction of a viewing platform for the Paringa Silo Art project.

Renmark Lions Club president Celeste Pettigrew said group members agreed to donate \$5000, with the remaining \$5000 coming from an Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) grant.

“Our club members were amazed at the work already done by the Paringa Silo Art Committee in getting the silo’s artwork completed in recent weeks,” Ms Pettigrew said.

“We were aware of funds being available from ALF for community projects and felt we could apply for a grant to boost our donation.

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

Paringa Silo Art project manager Les Webb expected work on the first viewing platform would begin in winter.

“At this stage we’re thinking work will start on it in July,” Mr Webb said.

“We’re planning two platforms. The one at the front will be supported by the Lions Club and we’re still looking for support for the one at the back.

“There’s (different) faces at the back... so we need a viewing platform back there too.”



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Pacific Island crew a boost for growers

THE announcement over the weekend that workers from the Pacific Islands will be quarantined at a specialised facility at the Paringa Resort has provided a timely boost for Riverland citrus growers.

Two hundred workers are expected to arrive early next month as part of a \$7 million program projected to bring 1200 seasonal workers to the region.

Co-funded by the State Government and industry, it is the latest in a tranche of support for seasonal labour in regional South Australia. Another program announced late last year offered incentives up to \$2000 for students moving to regions to take up seasonal jobs.

Primary Industries SA, SA Health and SA Police have been working closely together for over a month to develop protocols and safety standards to ensure all risks have been mitigated and addressed at the Riverland quarantine centre. Workers will be tested on arrival in Australia before direct transfer to the site to spend two weeks in communal isolation.

The Paringa Resort facility will operate much differently and more assuredly than the troubled medi-hotels in Adelaide. Workers will be housed together in small groups, will be predominantly self-contained and have minimal contact with outside staff during the 14 days quarantine.

Citrus, unlike mechanically harvested almonds and wine grapes, is wholly dependent on manual labour to get the fruit from tree to a packing house.



Oranges are in the main picked by twisting and snapping, one in each hand. Mandarins on the other hand must be snipped close to the calyx to prevent damage at the time of harvest and to other fruit during transport and handling.

To provide some perspective – mandarins one at a time using both hands, oranges as quick as you can grab them with both hands – being an octopus would have advantages.

The Riverland mandarin crop has expanded exponentially over recent years as demand has increased overseas and in Australian markets for these “easy peel” citrus varieties.

Almost 3000 Pacific Island workers have come to Australia since the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak a year ago and none have tested positive for the virus on arrival.

This is a great initiative for the region and – fingers crossed – an opportunity to solve not only the citrus harvest conundrum but potentially labour challenges in tourism and hospitality.

A year of responding to the adversity of this pervasive disease has proved many things but perhaps the most poignant has been our ability to chart a different course at short notice.

○ 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.

“This is a great initiative for the region and an opportunity to solve not only the citrus harvest conundrum but potentially labour challenges in tourism and hospitality...”

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Loxton Waikerie council has welcomed Andrew Waters to its team. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

New face at Loxton Waikerie council

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL council has welcomed a new face to its team in a significant role.

Andrew Waters joined the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) last month as the new director of commercial and community services.

Mr Waters said he was looking forward to ensuring Loxton’s multi-million dollar sporting precinct is well utilised.

“It’s a massive investment into the community,” he said.

“We need cars in the carpark and people going through the door.

“We have a vibrant com-

munity who want to use it, but we need to set it up properly to benefit them.”

Mr Waters was previously based in the Adelaide Hills, where he worked for Belgravia Leisure.

He has also worked at Tennis Australia as a talent manager and as the recreation and lifestyle manager at Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

Mr Waters said he plans to draw on his previous experience to ensure The Precinct is well utilised and hopes to bring “major sporting events” to Loxton.

Mr Waters and his wife, Amelia, have moved to the

Riverland with their three young sons.

“We are a very sporty family, so we will get into the sporting community,” he said.

“I grew up in Port Pirie and that was a key decision to move into a regional community because we want our kids to grow up in the country.”

Loxton Waikerie council has been without a director of commercial and community services since July, following the resignation of Gordon Thomson.

Mr Waters will be based at both the Loxton and Waikerie council offices.



CRASH IN RENMARK HOT SPOT: Police and emergency services were called to a two-vehicle accident in Renmark on Friday, near the Twenty-first Street and Sturt Highway intersection. The incident involved a sedan and an SUV and occurred just before 3pm near McDonald’s, adjacent the recently constructed slip lane. The driver of the vehicle travelling along the Sturt Highway was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. PHOTOS: supplied

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Safety in (baby) numbers at Loxton

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

RIVERLAND women can feel assured birthing services will continue in Loxton, provided baby numbers remain steady, according to a local spokesperson.

A low number of babies born at Waikerie Hospital – believed to be around 30 last year – could be impacting the facility’s ability to retain staff, with the shortage forcing the suspension of birthing services in the town earlier this year.

If Waikerie Hospital permanently loses its capacity to birth babies, it will follow in the footsteps of Renmark and Barmera hospitals, leaving just Berri and Loxton to facilitate Riverland deliveries.

In the past five years, Loxton Hospital Complex has averaged



over 82 births per year and Loxton and Districts Health Advisory Council (HAC) presiding member Sally Goode said she was confident the figure, along with measures to retain staff, would prohibit Loxton from going down the same path.

“We have always made a conscious effort to be welcoming to pregnant mums,” she said.

“We have done so much with our family-friendly rooms and we were the first (SA) country hospital to be accredited as baby friendly.”

Ms Goode said the Loxton Hospital Complex was facing a mid-

wife shortage about five years ago.

“We were alerted to the fact that midwifery numbers were looking a bit precarious because our midwives were reaching retiring age,” she said.

“That’s why the HAC then consciously started providing scholarships.”

The Loxton HAC has since provided funds – derived from community donations – to have four midwives trained.

“We specified it had to be local people,” she said.

“It was specifically to attract local people because statistically, local professionals are the ones who stay in the country.”

“We personally felt that investing in the community’s donations in education, to promote young-

er staff, was a very good way of investing it.”

Ms Goode said making the Loxton Hospital Complex desirable to new mothers and families was pivotal to retaining staff.

“There are a number of people from outside the Loxton area who come to Loxton specifically to have their babies,” she said.

“Anecdotally we know that women come across the river and of course, we have people coming from Pinnaroo and Lamerook to have their babies.

“If you are a qualified midwife, you need to be delivering babies regularly; you have to keep your skills up.”

Last month, Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion told the

Murray Pioneer that birth numbers typically impact staffing scenarios.

“Midwifery staff need to participate in a certain number of birthing processes to maintain their skills over the course of their career, but we can rotate staff through a number of other hospitals from Loxton and Berri to the Women’s and Children’s Hospital, to help maintain (midwife) skills,” he said.

“Generally speaking, people become midwives because they want to be involved in supporting mums and new babies, and therefore, busier places in terms of birthing are more attractive to them.”

The Murray Pioneer understands a decision regarding the future of Waikerie birthing services will be made at the end of the month.



Renmark High School this month held a ceremony to rename its D Block building after former student and Australian chief of army, Lieutenant General Rick Burr (left), with school principal Mat Evans. INSET: Mr Burr gave a speech at the Chaffey Theatre to RHS students. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

Army chief Rick’s Renmark High honour

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

AN ex-Riverlander, who is now Australia’s highest-ranked member of the military, was honoured by his former high school recently.

Renmark High School earlier this month renamed its D Block building after former student and Australian chief of army Lieutenant General Rick Burr.

Mr Burr hoped the renamed building – and his former achievements at the school – would inspire current Renmark High students.

“It’s incredibly humbling,” Mr Burr said.

“I’m really honoured by what has happened today, and I hope this can serve as an inspiration for the generations that follow.

“If they work hard, study hard and be good people, they can do anything.”

Mr Burr entered the military in 1982 and was promoted to chief of army in July 2018.

Mr Burr said high school experiences formed the foundation for his future military success.

“These are our foundational

years at high school, and growing up in a town like this, they were wonderful years,” he said.

“It really helped me become who I am in terms of values, character and knowing what’s important.

“That’s carried me through a life of leadership in the army, which I’ve really enjoyed.”

Renmark High had also renamed the school’s gym after the Mickan family in December 2019.

Mr Burr – who attended Renmark High during its transition from Ral Ral Avenue to the

current site on Thurk Street – said the school’s core values still remained.

“I had three years out at the old school and two here,” he said.

“What doesn’t change? It’s an environment of learning, with amazing teachers who try and do their best to let students grow and prepare them for the future.

“That doesn’t change, and that should never change.

“It’s a wonderful environment and I wish all the best for Renmark High School in the future.”

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Community group ‘left in the lurch’ by lease cancellation

A RIVERLAND mental health group was recently forced to find a new home, after a State Government service ended its lease on a building used by local community groups.

Until recently, the Riverland Rainbow Connection group met at 9-11 Seekamp Street, Berri – also known as the Riverland Resource Centre – each week, with about 15 members usually in attendance.

The building was leased by the Riverland Community Mental Health team, which rented the building to a range of groups over the years including the Riverland Rainbow Connection, the Riverland Women’s Cancer Support Group and Ethnic Link Services.

However, building users were informed in July 2020 that they would need to seek new premises, as SA Health was letting the building’s lease expire.

Riverland Mallee and Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) chief executive officer Wayne

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Champion said groups had been given advanced notice and were supported in finding alternative locations for their meetings.

“The Riverland Community Mental Health team have relocated to the Community Health Building, and consequently, the leased Seekamp Street building was no longer required by the LHN,” he said.

“The co-location means patients will be able to more easily access a range of health services under the same roof.”

Rainbow Connection group coordinator Judy Hutchinson said “it would have been nice” for SA Health to consult user groups before making the decision.

“We met there until March last year when we had to stop because of COVID, then when we thought we’d be able to go back to



SA Health decided to let the lease expire on the former Riverland Resource Centre at 9-11 Seekamp Street, Berri, displacing several community groups. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

Seekamp Street we found out they weren’t renewing the lease,” she said.

“We were lucky enough to re-establish ourselves at the Berri Senior Citizens Club building. “At that building we are paying rent – which is understandable – but when we were at Seekamp Street we had an agreement with Community Mental Health that we would maintain the garden, and that would be our way of paying

for the room...

“This move has resulted in an extra rental expense of \$260.

“All the groups now have a new home, but it would have been nice to be involved in the decision making and be asked.”

Ms Hutchinson said the Rainbow Connection group was non-profit and operated without State or Federal Government funding, relying on raffles and small entry fees to raise funds.

“This group provides support for both the carer and the consumer,” she said. “The importance of the group is shown by the fact that in the past six years none of the members of Riverland Rainbow Connection Incorporated have been hospitalised.

“This indicates the importance of the support members receive from the group, which also saves government money...”

\$100,000 grant delivers positive mental wellbeing to Mid Murray

MID Murray communities can now access mental health wellbeing plans, initiatives and education programs via a \$100,000 total grant boost delivering positive wellbeing outcomes for the region’s residents.

A total of \$100,000 in grant funding will help kick-start a new community-led mental health and wellbeing plan created by the Mid Murray Council (MMC) community to deliver positive wellbeing outcomes for the region’s residents.

Mid Murray Our Town spokesperson John Robertson said hundreds of people from diverse backgrounds generously shared their experiences, stories, ideas and information with the team to form the foundation of the new mental health

and wellbeing plan.

“Despite COVID-19 restrictions making face-to-face engagement challenging, our team connected with almost 400 people,” he said.

“We are so grateful to everyone who worked with our team to speak honestly about their experiences, their concerns, for our region and their ideas for community-led options to create positive wellbeing outcomes.”

Mid Murray Our Town plan options outlined:

- Growing community connections: supporting and activating local community clusters by using neighbourhood place-making principles. Creating opportunities and capabilities for genuine connections.

- ‘Mental health is everyone’s business’ mixed-media campaign: a creative and innovative mixed-media campaign to improve community awareness, acceptance, advocacy and community empowerment to reduce mental health stigma.
- Mental health training, education and upskilling: identify relevant and useful mental health and peer support education programs and deliver them free to the community.

The funding will be used to begin implementing the plan from January to June 2021.

For more information or to speak with the Mid Murray Our Town team, visit the group’s Facebook page.

Christian music getaway this weekend

LOVERS of Christian music will have a chance to enjoy a wide range of Christian artists at this weekend’s Shalom Music Festival in Murrayville – across the border from Pinnaroo.

The Christian music event will be held at Jacob’s Well Retreat, the site of Murrayville’s former Consolidated School.

It will feature 10 acts, with the headline group Mildura’s Kingdom Worship Culture.

Artists have trav-

elled from as far as Queensland to perform, with all acts keen to perform live music after COVID-19’s lockdown on the performing arts community.

Accommodation is available at Jacob’s Well Retreat, Murrayville caravan park, Murrayville Hotel Motel, along with Pinnaroo’s caravan park, hotels and motels.

Gates open Friday from 3pm and Saturday from 12 noon, with tickets available onsite.

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Lee and Toby back in business



Loxton yard dog competitor Lee Mickan with his dog Toby, who recovered from a spinal cord injury to win the open category at the Mundulla Show and Yard Dog Trial. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

LOXTON yard dog competitor Lee Mickan and his dog Toby have returned to the winners' circle – taking out the Open category at the recent Mundulla Show and Yard Dog Trial.

It was a welcome return to form for Toby in his first trial back since a spinal injury sidelined him for about 18 months.

Toby scored a 96 out of 100 in his first run, and 95 out of 100 in his second, bringing him to a combined total of 191 out of a possible 200 points, and meaning he won the contest by seven.

Mr Mickan said the competition was hard fought.

"We had some good handlers and good dogs, and the sheep made it tricky," Mr Mickan said.

"They were little first-cross lambs that didn't necessarily want to go where they were told, so that made it a test, but yes, it was good fun.

"Toby is a big black and tan kelpie dog, and goes very well in his livestock job.

"I was quite happy for him to get up and win one last week, because he had that pretty bad back injury about 18 months ago.

"This was his first win getting back to the top since then, so I was very stoked."

While Toby escaped surgery, he is still to return to 100 per cent health.

"He hasn't quite got to 100 per cent, but I figure he is at about 90 to 95, so he's pretty close," Mr Mickan said.

"As soon as I brought him back to work he

had a big grin from ear to ear."

Mr Mickan said like many sports and activities, the yard dog competition calendar was quiet in 2020.

"Last year we competed at the Australian Yard Dog Championships at Lucindale in March, literally the week before the country got shut down, and we didn't get to another yard dog trial until they held one in Lucindale again in November," he said.

"So we only did two yard dog trials in the

whole of last year, and Mundulla was our first for this year."

Mr Mickan is currently running five dogs in yard dog competitions, with his eldest, Nelly, nearly nine years old.

"She is still kicking around having fun running the course, so we will keep going while she wants to," Mr Mickan said.

"I have always loved yard dog competing. I have been doing it for nearly 20 years now, and it has virtually taken my dogs to the next

level in their work.

"It really helped me improve my stockmanship and my working dog skills, so that is what I love about it – and the camaraderie, catching up with mates that work in the same line that you don't see every week.

"We always have a good time, and a party afterwards usually, so it is fun."

The South Australian State Yard Dog Championships will be held at the Karoonda Farm Fair in April.



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Give me a home among the gum trees

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON’S newest accommodation option is already proving popular with tourists, with the “glamping” tents booked out for Easter.

The Big4 Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park’s four new tents arrived late last year and landscaping was completed earlier this month.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) CEO David Beaton said the glamping tents provided another option and would potentially attract different visitors to the town.

“It’s something different than our existing cabins,” he said.

“The tents have a kitchen and ensuite, but it is a different sort of environment and feel; you can hear the birds in the morning.”

The glamping tents are located near the existing riverfront cabins and also feature water frontage.

“It’s in tune with what we have here, which is nature, big trees and views down the river,” he said.

“(Previously) we weren’t

utilising this piece of land.”

The glamping tents are for two people and include a queen bed, bathroom, kitchen facilities and a balcony, plus a private barbecue featuring a river view.

The glamping tents were funded by the Federal Government’s Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program to the tune of \$500,000, while DCLW contributed \$65,000.

Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park manager Julie Buchanan said she was already receiving positive feedback about the cabins.

“It’s been pretty amazing and they are proving to be very popular,” she said.

In 2019, DCLW elected members moved for council to revoke the community land status of the Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park, with the intent to offer the land for sale.

Mr Beaton said selling the caravan park was still on the table.

“Council has medium-term plans for private investment,” he added.



With the new Big4 Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park glamping tents are District Council of Loxton Waikerie director of commercial and community services, back (from left) Andrew Waters and CEO David Beaton. Front: Park managers Julie and Bronte Buchanan. INSET: Loxton’s new glamping tents feature river and sunset views. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

Big fines for non-compliant water users

RIVERLAND irrigators are being warned to remain within their allocations, with fines of more than \$1000 for those who fail to submit water readings on time.

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) general manager of water licencing, Mike Fuller, said South Australian irrigators are “renowned for doing the right” and should continue to closely monitor their use throughout the water year.

“Water users can submit an online meter reading at any time and elect to receive a water usage advice statement... by email or SMS,” he said.

“The majority of South Australia’s River Murray users do the right thing and remain within their available allocation.

“Only a very small number of River Murray water account holders (less than 1 per cent) exceeded the allocation available on their water account at the end of each quarter of 2019-20 and 2020-21, to date.

“Those water users who operate within the terms of their water account and ensure a credit balance at all times are not impacted by compliance actions such as penalty changes.”

Water users along the River Murray are required to read their meter, or meters, in the first 14 days of April and submit the meter reading to DEW by April 30, 2021.

Failure to submit a meter reading on time will result in a \$1090 expiration notice being issued for breach of authorisation to take water.

Compliance action will be taken in all instances where the volume of water taken for quarter three is in excess of the available allocation on a water account at March 31, 2021.

In order for a water trade to be considered for quarter three of the 2020-21 water-use year, the application must also be submitted to DEW before 5pm on March 31.

Meter readings can be submitted online at any time by going to www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/water/water-licences-andpermits/water-reporting.

For more information or to access the online meter reading form, visit the DEW website (www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/water/watermarkets-and-trade/fees-and-charges).

Flinders’ Renmark campus to host open night next week

A RIVERLAND university campus is set to host an open night next week to showcase its staff, students and facilities to prospective students, interested families and members of the community.

Flinders University’s Renmark Campus open night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, from 5pm to 8pm, with attendees set to learn about the different medicine, nursing and health degrees available and hear the experiences of current students.

In addition to presentations by support staff, students and educators, the different options

for students will be explained, including rural sub-quotas, scholarships and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pathways.

Information stations with staff from both the Renmark campus and the Bedford Park campus will also be available to answer questions, and a light meal will be supplied.

Registrations for the open night are essential.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
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 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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
Loxton Charity For All Bingo is for the Berri Army Cadets.

Thursday, March 25, is for Mill Corner Precinct. Eyes down at 7pm at The Loxton Club. Supper and raffles available. All welcome, please come along and support these worthy fundraisers. For more information contact Mandi 0408 846 124.

MONDAY, MARCH 22
WEEKLY – Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street

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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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23
Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club meeting. 10am start. Waikerie Bowling Club. (Brian Coats Scrap Art sculpture guest speaker).

TUESDAY MARCH 23
Bingo at the Barmera RSL Club in aid of the Barmera Lions Club. Lots of raffle prizes and supper available. Eyes down at 7.00pm. Come along for a fun evening.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27
Renmark Lions Club 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark NO.2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, BBQ, doughnuts. 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.



Sam Butterworth (left), of Barmera, with Brock Verrall, of Monash, and Brandon Uren, of Barmera, at the Acoustic Vibes music festival in Barmera recently. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



Charmaine Bartsch (left), from Adelaide, attended Acoustic Vibes with sister Rhianna, of Barmera.



Glenda Clements (left), of Barmera, with Gaynor Kregar, of Winkie



Mark Wilden (left), of Barmera, with Craig Moore, of Loveday, and Chris Pfennig, of Barmera.



Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show will be performed at the Chaffey Theatre this weekend. PHOTO: supplied

Beloved Bluey comes to Renmark

RIVERLAND families have been invited to see one of the world's favourite children's characters perform locally this weekend.

Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show – a new theatrical adaptation of the award-winning children's television series – is set to be performed at the Chaffey Theatre on Sunday.

Director Rosemary Meyers said the show would feature an original story by Bluey creator Joe Brumm and new music by composer Joff Bush.

“Like the rest of Australia, we love

Bluey and it's a thrill and a privilege to bring these brilliant characters into the three-dimensional world,” she said.

“We can't wait to see fans across South Australia and beyond in 2021.”

Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show will be held at the Chaffey Theatre in Renmark, on Sunday, May 21, beginning at 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

All tickets cost \$45.90 and can be purchased by visiting the Country Arts SA website (www.countryarts.org.au/events/blueys-big-play-the-stage-show/).



Visiting the Riverland for Acoustic Vibes were Seane Headland (left), and Robert Roelofs, of Mildura.

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Claire Roissetter, of Loxton, with Chloe Grove, of Berri.



Emma and Tony White, of Monash.



Nicole Swan (left), with friends Alison Taylor and Grace Armstrong, all of Loxton.



It was slim pickings early on for Berri teenagers Zy Heinrich, Josh Krendl and Mitchell Cawse, all 13, at Barmera's Carp Frenzy on Saturday. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Cadell Club gears up for a festive Easter

ERIN WILLIAMS

CADELL is preparing for an Easter to remember as it sets up for its popular Easter Family Fun Day, with competitions to enter, prizes to win, wine tasting and a twilight tea.

While the event was one of the victims of last year's COVID-19 lockdown, Cadell Club Easter Family Fun Day spokesperson Julie Dawson Daniels said the 2019 event saw hundreds of visitors

"Due to COVID restrictions, Easter 2020 could not be celebrated with a community event," she said.

"However, we're making up for that this Easter, with live music, a wide variety of stalls, wine tasting, a lucky wheel and raffle,

Cadell Easter Family Fun Day schedule of events:

- Lunch noon to 2pm
- Stalls noon to 4pm
- Cake bake-off, preserves and brew-off competition, Easter bonnet and junior colouring judging 3pm
- Twilight tea 5.30pm to 8pm

decorated Easter bonnet and hat competition, a huge Easter egg hunt for the kids, and much more.

"Our very popular cake bake-off will be joined by preserves and brew-off competitions, and we're excited to see the variety of cakes, biscuits and slices joined by the finest beers and ciders. It's free entry

and open to juniors and adults.

"Games will also be run throughout the day: forget egg and spoon races, try beach spades and ping-pong balls, toy bunny throwing into buckets for the little ones, and barrel rolling for the more adventurous.

"The games are fun and popular and provide laughter for contestants and spectators alike."

The event will be held at the Cadell Club and surrounding grounds on Sunday, April 4, from noon to 9pm.

For more information on stalls or the courtesy bus, call the Cadell Club on 8540 3286, or message its Facebook page.

SEE CLASSIFIED NOTICES

Peter Coad captures Memorial Bush Ballad awards for album and vocals

PETER Coad captured two Stan Coster Memorial Bush Ballad awards at the annual Bungendore Country Music Muster announced online.

The award winners were announced online this year.

Album: *Full Circle* - **Peter Coad OAM**; Male Vocal: **Peter Coad OAM** – *Lonely Outback Moon*; Female Vocal: **Dianne Lindsay** – *Graveyard Hill*, (written by **Joy McKean**); New Talent: **Shane Butterworth** – *The Guitar Man*; Duo or Group: **Justin Standley** / *Virginia Coad* – *Camooweal*; Instrumental - **Lindsay Waddington** – *Roadworm*; Songwriter: **Wally Brummell** – *Barcoo Waters* (recorded by **Tracy Coster**); Comedy: *I Wanna Go Home* - **Patricia Thompson** (sung by **Graham Rodger**).

These results were announced via YouTube, with the committee acknowledging the expertise of **Lindsay** and **Reegan Waddington** of Kross Kut Records in keeping the iconic awards "alive".

It was so much better than just hearing the results on the radio, or reading them on Facebook, wasn't it?

So, well done to the organisers for going down this path. Hopefully the annual Bungendore Country Music Muster will be able to go ahead as normal in 2022.

By

ROBYN MCINTOSH

MY KIND OF COUNTRY

The ninth annual Kyabram Country Music Festival was postponed last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, but is set to go ahead this November, virus permitting.

An impressive line-up of artists has been released, with headline artists being **Owen Blundell, Don Costa, Grant Luhrs, Kiara Rodriguez, Don Costa and Ged & Trudy Hintz**.

They will be supported by **Sharon Benjamin, Country Horizon, Evan Platschinda, Sandie Dodd, Lachie & Georgia, George Farnham, Joe Musico, and Rod & Rhonda**.

A RV-friendly town, Kyabram is located between Shepparton and Echuca in north-central Victoria's Goulburn Valley, with the festival having become a popular destination for RV and caravan enthusiasts.

Kyabram Showgrounds is the venue for the event that runs over four days, from Thursday, November 4 to Sunday, November 7. Kyabram's annual bush market happening in the main street on Friday, November 5.

For campers and caravaners, the showgrounds will open for a full week

(from Monday, November 1) to accommodate travellers who want to spend a few extra days in town before or after the festival.

Although advertised traditionally as the Kyabram RV Country Music Festival, the event is open to the general public.

For admission prices and camping details, check their website kyrvcountry.com.au, phone Aileen or John on 03 5853 2933 or email ky47347@bigpond.net.au.

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This Sunday, March 21, is the Playford Country Music Club social day, running from 12 noon until 4pm, with entertainment by **Jukebox Boys** and **Tiffney Reynolds** the guest artist.

The venue is Lot 806, Forrestall Road, Elizabeth Downs, SA. Entry is from Main North Road, being via Unley Road, Hamblynn Road, and Forrestall Rd.

The April social day has entertainment by Heartland with guest **Bev Branson**.

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On Saturday April 3, **Steve Bartell Band** will be at the British Workingmen's Club, 11/9-15 Davis St, Wingfield, from 7.30pm-11pm, and on Sunday, April 4 they are playing at the Willaston CM Club, Willaston Football Clubrooms, Gawler River Road,

Willaston, from 12 noon to 5pm.

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Dates for the 2021 Lameroo Country Music Festival are April 30 to May 2 (pending public health restriction and border closures).

This event was established by Big River Entertainments in 2010, as a part of its Awareness of Rural Towns projects.

It has become one of our state's most successful festivals and is staged entirely in the Lameroo Memorial Hall, with both ground floor and tiered seating, thus having a dance floor.

An added bonus is the supper room, which is very suitable for the easy listening side of our music, including solo and duo acts, and if playing an instrument themselves. It shows their talent, as not all singers are capable of performing like that.

On Friday the entertainment is in the main hall from 6.30pm to 9.30pm, with a BBQ meal and refreshments available for purchase from 5.30pm, prior to the show commencing.

On Saturday a variety of local and interstate artists will appear in both venues from 11am-10pm, including the **Heartland** band, **Craig Giles, Kinta, Grant Luhrs, Jamie Nielson, Sherrah Trio, Graeme Hugo, Kerran Keats, Company Of Two, The Austins, and John Ramke**.

A farewell breakfast and light entertainment will be on the menu for Sunday from 8.30am-11am, with breakfast and entertainment included in the ticket price.

Admittance for Friday night is \$10, Saturday is \$30, and Sunday is \$15. It will pay to pre-book tickets due to COVID restriction numbers.

Meals, snacks and refreshments are available at reasonable prices and all profits after all costs are taken out are distributed to various local organisations and community projects.

The COVID plan is in place and approved, so dancing on the Friday and Monday could well be permitted.

With last year's event having to be cancelled, as you can imagine organisers are hoping for a good turnout for this one, so they can keep the festival going.

For ticket, caravan and camping inquiries phone Kath on 0409 690 688. All other inquiries to Roz at Big River Entertainment (rozbigriver@gmail.com).

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As we are well aware, the virus can put a stop to any of the events listed in this column at a moment's notice. I may not be able to include changes if I find out late in the week prior to its publication.

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Ramco Primary School reception and year 1 students travelled to Illawonga, which is based at Swan Reach, for an overnight camp recently. Pictured is Olly.
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Quincy (left), Declan, and Brandt.



Chloe.



Madison.



Emily.



Rhiannon.



Country music singer Tom Curtain brought his interactive show to Waikerie on Friday night, performing before a crowd of hundreds. PHOTO: supplied

Tom goes riding on the horses at Waikerie

ERIN WILLIAMS

OUTBACK musician and animal trainer Tom Curtain performed his interactive show of music, animal demonstrations, and hands-on audience participation before an audience of 400 in Waikerie earlier this month.

The interactive show Tom Curtain: In The West Tour brought the multiple Golden Guitar winner and

his dogs and horses to the Riverland for the first time

Performing at the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club, Tom led a two and a half hour performance of music, horsemanship, dog training and audience.

In his first trip to the Riverland, Tom said he and the crew enjoyed staging the show.

“We had a great crowd on Friday night, lots of

people participating and singing along,” he said.

“Bringing out the dogs and horses after the show for people to get up close with is always a highlight, and it’s great meeting locals. This was our first time to the Riverland and the only downside was that it was too short – next time, we’ll plan to stay a bit longer and get out on the river during our stay.”

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The Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival will celebrate two achievements at the Berri Traders Easter Parade next month. PHOTO: supplied

A dual celebration for schools' music festival

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

THE Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival will celebrate a major milestone and a noteworthy achievement next month. The festival will celebrate its 25th birthday, plus its 2020 Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award by participating in the Berri Traders Easter Parade on Saturday, April 3. Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival musical director Cindy Ridley invited past and pre-

sent choir members along with anyone who had been part of the event to join the celebration. "We have a float organised for the Berri Traders Easter Parade and we would love for people to join us," she said. "All you have to do is wear your band uniform, choir T-shirt or costume, if it still fits, and walk with us. "Before the parade, we will be singing a few songs and we would love some extra voices. "There will be a rehearsal on Thursday, March 25, from 6pm to 7.30pm in the Monash Primary School music room 12." Ms Ridley said due to COVID-19 restrictions, participants must register. "We would love people to pass this information on to anyone who has been part of this amazing festival but you must register," she said. "For more information or to do so, contact me via email (cindy.ridley513@schools.sa.edu.au)."

Local artists brave weekend weather



Adelaide artist Rod Bax (fifth from left) with the Riverland artists he guided through a weekend of art instruction (from left) Alannah Cheshire, of Ramco, Theresa Andrew, of Berri, Maureen Goodwin, of Paringa, Bev Hartigan, of Renmark, Kate Yates, of Paringa, Leonie Vriends, Phil Rosenthal and Cheri Gray, all of Renmark, and Mary Wagnitz, of Paringa. PHOTO: supplied

NINE Riverland artists endured the wind and occasional drop of rain, to sketch on the banks of the Berri Marina, under the guidance of Adelaide artist Rod Bax on Saturday morning. Group members then spent Saturday afternoon at the Monash Hall, developing their sketches by improving the composition and tones. "Sunday was an exciting day, as the sketches were translated into colour, using gouache on watercolour paper," a spokesperson said. Mr Bax was head of Creative Arts at Westminster College and St Peter's College, exhibits widely within Australia and has won numerous art prizes. These include third prize in the painting section of the Waterhouse Natural History Exhibition.

Pumpkin competition's fate decided: PAGE 25

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SNAZZY SIGN:

I was driving past Renmark High School recently and noticed something special: a brand-new digital sign outside the front. Many schools have upgraded to digital signs, which is fantastic, because it means they can promote many more things at once rather than one sentence. We will now be able to find out about events, photographs and much more. I cannot wait to see the school start using it. PHOTO: supplied

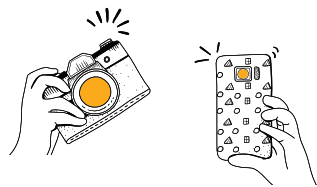


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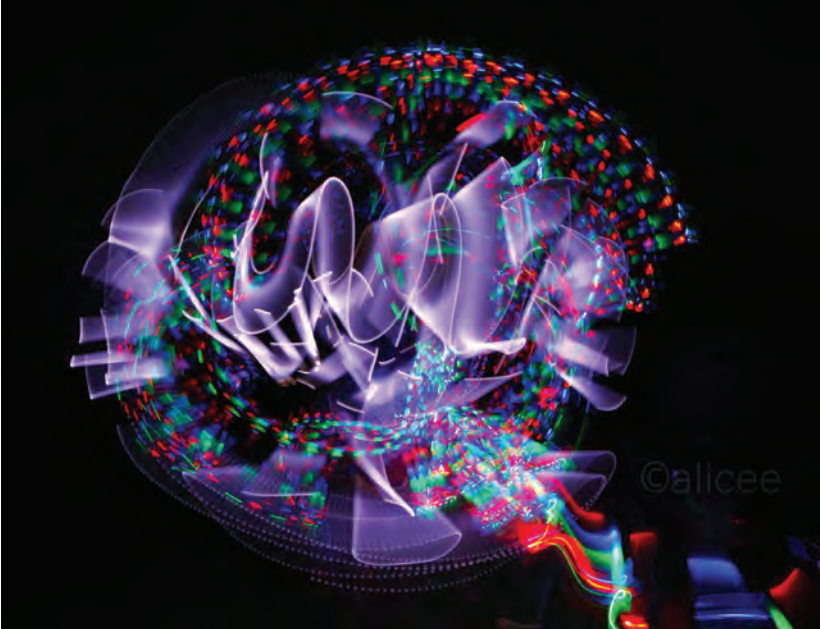
Renmark's famous photographer Grant Schwartzkopff has collated all the photos he's taken of the Berri Warriors Baseball Club over the past 10 years and created a pictorial history book, which is 260 pages long. Copies will be available to purchase after the 2020/2021 grand final. PHOTO: supplied

Picture this!

Peta's pic of the week




#picmepeta




FAR LEFT: Renmark's Patty Panagiotopoulos captured this incredible shot recently.


LEFT: Renmark High School student Alice Esam, 15, took this amazing light painted photograph recently.

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



the quarantine quiz





1. What city did The Beatles come from?

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2. In nautical terms, what is the opposite of windward?

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3. Which film was the first to be recognised as part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

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4. In what year was Heinz established?

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5. What is Queen Elizabeth II's surname?

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6. In the film "The Lion King", what kind of animal is Timon?

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7. What are the names of Harry Potter's parents?

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8. Who does Bridget Jones eventually marry?

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9. How many Academy Awards did 1994 film Forest Gump win?

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10. Which TV detective lives in the village of St Mary Mead?

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11. What famous man became president of his country after being in jail for 18 years?

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12. In which country did the Mojito cocktail originate?

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13. In what year of the 1990s was the first PlayStation console released?

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14. What is the strongest sense in humans?

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15. What is the highest-grossing Pixar film?

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16. What is the capital of Alaska?

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17. In Zootopia, what kind of animal is Flash?

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18. Which fictional wizard said: "It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live?"

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19. Who won the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019?

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20. What is the most expensive spice in the world by weight?

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BONUS QUESTION:

How many sixes did Don Bradman score in his Test cricket career? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 35

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TOM TRIFONOFF

Pumpkin competition to run virtually



Karen Naicker, of Wongulla, SA, won the 2020 Virtual Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition with a pumpkin estimated at 190kg.
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ERIN WILLIAMS

A POPULAR pumpkin competition is still on the calendar, as organisers reach out to the wider community and gauge interest in virtual entries, to win cash prizes.

Cadell and Community Tourist Association (CCTA) chair Jason Lukacs said the committee decided it was important to continue the Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition this Easter, based along the same virtual guidelines as the 2020 event.

“Last year, all the COVID-19 shutdowns happened right in the lead-up to the pumpkin competi-

tion, which made for a lot of very last-minute changes,” he said.

“This year, to keep things simple, we’re doing the same thing and holding a virtual competition – that way, pumpkin growers from interstate can enter as well, and we’re hoping to get some more interest from upriver growers too.

“MGA Insurance Group has again sponsored the event and are helping to extend the competition interstate via their contacts. MGA are putting up the prize money and hope to give away the major prize of the trip overseas again someday.”

Mr Lukacs said the winners may not be the biggest or heaviest, but

may be the most creative picture.

“By running the competition virtually, interstate pumpkin growers can still enter while following all COVID-19 and fruit fly restrictions,” he said.

“The CCTA will continue to include a virtual aspect to the competition into the future.

“We’re encouraging people to get creative with their entries – maybe dress the pumpkin up a bit or have it in a funny position, but absolutely no digital altering will be allowed.

“Last year, we held a live video presentation to announce the winners and sent the prizes out via

mail, which was quite successful.

“With no access to winners’ seeds last year, it was very difficult to supply free seed this year, but we hope to access some for next year’s competition.

“We’re out for any expressions of interest from people across the Riverland and beyond.”

Entry is free, and the photo must contain the entrant’s name and something clearly identifying the day it was taken, such as the front page of a newspaper.

For more information, visit the Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition Facebook page, or call Jason Lukacs on 0407 515 245.

THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

Pelargoniums / geraniums

LIKE me, you may be unsure which of these plants is which.

After doing a little research, I believe that the common name “geranium” is misleading as they seem to all belong to the “pelargonium” family.

Zonal pelargoniums are the plants we commonly called geraniums.

There are a number of types that come under this banner:

Single: Not more than five petals.

Semi-double: Having more than five petals but less than eight.

Double: More than eight petals.

Rosebud: As the name suggests the flowers resemble a rosebud.

Quilled: Sometimes called cactus or poinsettia due to the quill-like petals.

Bird’s egg: Spotted flowers.

And that’s to mention just a few.

It is the regal pelargonium that we commonly call pelargoniums.

They are larger, bushy and almost shrub-like. The flowers are often likened to azalea and their best flowering times are spring and summer.

Pruning is an essential part of keeping your plants lush and healthy, and like many other plants the start of autumn is a good time to do this. It will allow you to shape the bush, promote healthy growth and encourage more flowers.

The flowers are produced on each new shoot, therefore the more shoots the more flowers you will get.

They can actually be pruned at any

time of the year, but autumn is the optimum time.

You will be left with a bucket of healthy plant material, which can be used to propagate new plants or given away to gardening friends.



Regal Pelargonium ‘Joan Morf’
Bearded iris / flag iris

Here is another old-fashioned plant that is tough, hardy and an excellent choice for our climate.

You may remember them from your grandmother’s garden, if you are of my vintage.

They were generally blue, but these days they come in an amazing array of colours. When you think of them do you conjure up the iris paintings of Vincent Van Gogh?

These are the iris germanica or tall bearded, and are most popular among our roses.

These days many are bi-coloured, with standard petals and pendulous fall petals in contrasting colours.

The plant has slender, sword-like leaves that are grey-green in colour.

Autumn is again the season to lift and divide your rhizomes.

You can make fresh plantings to rejuvenate them, and still have many to share with friends.

Plant them in full sunlight and well-drained soil. The rhizome needs to be at ground level.

They can be secured with wire from an old coat hanger until roots appear. The sun and the cold on the rhizome are essential for flowering.

There are many other forms of iris but none quite as tough or prolific as this one. You may have even seen them continuing to flower in old gardens of abandoned farm houses. Just so tough.

Garlic

Garlic is a bit like coriander: you either love it or hate it.

For all those out there who never think one or two cloves in a recipe is enough, it is now time to plant it.

It is fairly easy to grow, stores well and you don’t need much space.

You will be delighted at harvest time at not having to purchase supplies, many of which are imported.

There are more than 1000 cultivars worldwide, but only about 100 are grown in Australia. You will need to



Some of the many colours of the bearded iris.

source the best cloves.

A few varieties are red toch, inchelium red, New York white neck and Idaho silverskin.

With a little research or seeking out a grower you will find others.

Garlic needs plenty of sunshine and well-drained soil with rich organic matter.

March to May is the best time to plant.

Garlic planting guide:

1. Prepare your soil using compost and fertiliser.
2. Choose the largest, healthiest cloves to plant.
3. Plant 7cm deep and 10cm apart.
4. Water and cover with 10cm of straw.
5. When shoots appear in three to

10 days water regularly.

6. Fertilise every eight weeks with blood and bone. Apply fish emulsion every two weeks.

7. Harvest when the bottom leaves start to brown.

8. Dig and shake off the soil and hang in a dry, airy spot, undercover to cure.

This will take about one to two months.

When the bulbs are firm and the skin is papery and dry they can be stored in a cool, dark, airy spot until you are ready to use them. Enjoy.

Autumn

Autumn is a busy time in the garden, tidying up, pruning and planting for spring. So get out there.

Gardening has so many health benefits, one of which is the calories burnt. On average you use 306 per hour.

I guess it really depends on the jobs you are doing.

Don’t forget to plant those sweat pea seeds. St Patrick’s Day is the traditional day to do this.

Quotes to make you smile:

“Feel free to talk to the plants. They understand and don’t answer back.”

“Gardeners know all the dirt.”

Until next time, stay safe and well – and fruit fly free.

HERE we are: it’s mid-March and as the leaves and flowers start to fall from the trees, giving us a carpet of colour, the reality is that AFL footy starts tomorrow night at the MCG with Richmond vs Carlton. Thanks to the Murray Pioneer we are all systems go with our tips for 2021. Make sure you get your tips in for round one.

There has been great excitement in town thanks to the results of the Riverland basketball grand finals on the weekend. Congratulations to Waikerie, which won the division one men’s and women’s titles. Well done.

The weather was perfect for the Waikerie District Garden Club’s annual plant sale, and wow, it was an amazing success, particularly the introduction of the fete section. Congratulations to the committee and supportive members. The Ramco Hall venue was ideal, having the added advantage of plenty of outdoor area for the stall holders. Outdoor stalls appeared to have more

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open-space area than indoor ones, particularly the plant section, which made purchases easier for patrons.

Beautiful handmade ornamental garden features were for sale in the Ramco Hall, as well as permanent arrangements, glass and chinaware, personalised treasures, and so many more creative items by many talented members of the community. Afternoon tea was served under the marquees with tables and chairs and with deli-

cious home-cooked sweet or savoury delights, efficiently catered for by the parents and friends of the Ramco Primary School. Many of the comments to me by those present were how pleased they were to have decided to attend, not only to purchase their goodies, but to catch up and have a chat with those friends and residents who were there for the event as well.

Diary dates keep coming, so enter them in your diary today for the coming week. I previously mentioned the AGM of the Waikerie Flower Show committee recently, but here is another reminder: it’s on next Tuesday, March 23, from 7.30pm at the Ramco Hall. So, show your support to this creative group so that 2021 Flower Show will be another exciting event for our town. For further details contact Glennis Crawford.

The Waikerie District Cancer Support Group will meet next Friday, March 26 from 10am until noon. Come and join in or listen to the conversations of local residents who have used the various accommodation and facilities that are avail-

able to families and friends. These meetings are held at the Waikerie Youth Hub in McCoy Street, adjacent to the Waikerie Uniting Church. This community group aims to provide a supportive, caring, environment for those people with cancer, their relatives and their friends.

The community extends sincere sympathy to Neville and Barb Taylor upon the passing of their son Kym at Flinders Medical Centre, now at peace after a long and courageous battle. Friends and mates of Kym care, and share the loss with his much-loved family.

This week began with Waikerie Health Service being the first in our region to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Staff and residents in care received the vaccine on Monday.

Thought for the week:
Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.

- Seneca

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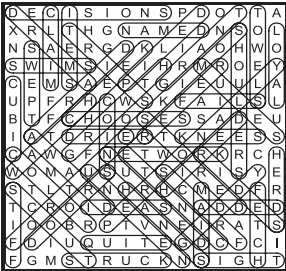
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Last Week's Solution



Crossword

ACROSS

2. Former Australian prime minister

7. Talent

9. Prescribed quantity

11. Efficiency

14. Beneath

16. English college

17. Hanging ornaments

18. Sob

20. Stain

21. Outer seed coating

22. Doleful

23. In the midst of

26. Kind

28. Wash for gold

30. Drug

32. Woman's name

33. Positive electrode

34. Mound of earth

36. Faithful

37. Desire wrongfully

38. Proclaim

DOWN

1. Drowsy

2. Throngs

3. Worried

4. Garden of Adam and Eve

5. Distant

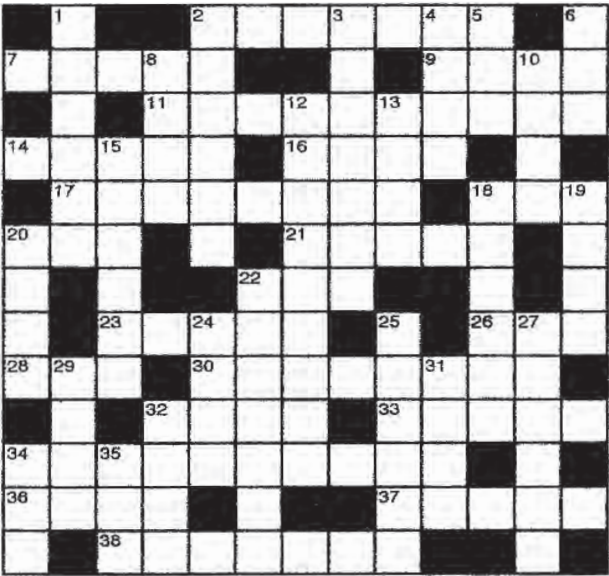
6. Charge

8. Religious image

10. Cicatrice

12. Five-pointed star

13. Pitch



15. Town in Western Australia
18. New South Wales town
19. Yellow part of an egg
20. Wet
22. Breathing tube
24. Portent
25. Opportunity
27. Book of accounts
29. Culmination
31. Within
32. Valley
34. Antiquity
35. Evil

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



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March 2021 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A recent comment may help you to understand yourself a little better. Make sure that you follow your own advice. **Romance.** You will soon have to choose between two people, both of whom are very interested in you. Decide which person you are more attracted to and stick to your decision.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

A friend who is certain that they are right may actually be completely wrong. Don't believe them just because they sound so confident! **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Neptune may make you a little dreamy. You will be in a romantic mood, and will enjoy spending time with your partner.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

Don't forget to reply to a letter which you received recently. This person has been looking forward to hearing from you, and will be disappointed if you don't get in touch soon. **Romance.** A chance remark by your partner will help to make recent events make more sense. A few probing questions will give you the chance to settle the matter once and for all.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A difficult aspect to Saturn could slow you down a little this week. This will not be the best time for ambitious ideas – stick to something that you know will work. **Romance.** A more realistic approach will stand you in good stead over the next few weeks. Wait until you are both in the right mood before you address a recent misunderstanding, however.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

You have been doing a lot recently, and have been under a fair bit of stress. A short trip away from home will help you to recharge your batteries. **Romance.** A person who has been interested in you for some time may finally pluck up the courage to express their feelings directly.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A powerful aspect to Jupiter will help to give your confidence a boost. Don't be afraid to say “no” to somebody at work who has been pushing you too far. **Romance.** An important decision will make much more sense when you have had a chance to talk it through with your partner.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

An air of mystery will only carry you so far: at some stage, you will have to tell everybody else what is going on! A powerful aspect to Pluto later in the week will bring some of this energy to the surface. **Romance.** A person who has admired you since you first met will notice your frisky mood.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A successful business transaction will help you to get your financial situation under better control. Use this windfall to buy something which will save you money in the long term. **Romance.** You need security, but must make sure that your partner doesn't feel controlled.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

You have a couple of stressful weeks ahead of you: make sure that you take care of your diet, and get plenty of rest. A friend will help you to make an important decision. **Romance.** Your partner would respect you more if you expressed your feelings more directly, and disagreed with them from time to time.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A powerful aspect to Pluto may bring a secret into the open which has been under wraps for several months. So long as you are completely honest about what has happened your friends will forgive you. **Romance.** Don't be so concerned about a person's appearance that you miss other, more important things about them.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

A positive aspect to Jupiter will give you the confidence you need to get down to a project which you have been reluctant to even start. **Romance.** A fleeting glance from an admirer will show you that they are much more interested in you than they will admit. Decide how you feel about this person before the situation escalates.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A recent comment may not reveal everything that you need to know. A person whom you are depending on to be honest is actually trying to pull a fast one. **Romance.** This should be a good time for meeting people. A social event towards the end of the week will give you a chance to make a new friend.

SUDOKU No.318

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

2	3	6	4	7	9	8	1	5
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6	4	3	2	8	7	5	9	1
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9	2	8	7	6	4	1	5	3
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Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box.

Level of Difficulty: Medium

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Guest speaker McGrath breast cancer care nurse Rebecca Semmens (left) with Waikerie Ladies Probus Club members Ros Simpfendorfer and Cheryl Davies at the club's February meeting. INSET: Waikerie Ladies Probus Club treasurer Pauline Kalms with newly inducted member Ellen Collett. PHOTOS: supplied

Probus members get facts on cancer

BREAST cancer risk factors, rumours and awareness were discussed during the Waikerie Ladies' Probus Club's recent meeting.

Riverland McGrath breast cancer care nurse Rebecca Semmens spoke at the club's February meeting, highlighting facts and figures, and dispelling rumours about breast cancer.

Ms Semmens highlighted that every year, 19,731 women and 178 men across Australia are diagnosed with breast cancer. Patients have a 90.8 per cent chance of surviving at least five years after diagnosis, and after another five years, have a reduced chance of the cancer reoccurring.

Risk factors include:
☐ age
☐ smoking
☐ family history of breast cancer

Ms Semmens said widely-held rumours of breast cancer causes such as using deodorant, having breast implants or reductions, giving birth or breast feeding, are untrue.

She said Riverland cancer support groups include the Caroline Bristow Wig Library at the Barmera Hospital, Women's Cancer Support Group, and Young Breast Cancer Survivors.

The Waikerie Ladies Probus Club's next meeting will be March 23 at the Waikerie Bowling Club, with the annual general

meeting starting at 10am. Local artist Brian Coates will speak about his scrap art sculptures following the AGM, and attendees will be invited to visit his garden and workshop with a two-course lunch to follow.

For further details and information on car-pooling, call Maxine on 0402 008 752 or Chris on 0428 412 495. Non-members are welcome to attend.

The April 27 meeting will include a bus trip to visit Rocky's Hall of Fame in Barmera, as well as the art and craft display at the Bonney Theatre, followed by a talk and lunch at Bella Lavender Estate. Bookings are essential to Chris Hoffmann.



Re-elected Renmark Ladies Probus Club president Hazel Hart with Trudi Haynes.



Renmark Ladies Probus Club president Hazel Hart bestows life membership on Joy Checker. PHOTOS: supplied

Changing of the guard at Renmark Probus

THE recent AGM of the Renmark Ladies Probus Club featured a considerable changing of the guard, with several retirements and new committee members being appointed.

President Hazel Hart was re-elected unopposed and Helen Cenko was nominated as vice-president.

Jenny Twyford remains as treasurer, while other committee members are Jenny Natrass, Val Tucker, Joy Checker, Karen Trobbiani, Brenda Dowling and Pam Hurley.

Joy Checker was awarded life membership for her outstanding contribution to the club.

Since joining the club in 2012, Joy had held the position of vice-president, then president for two terms, while also serving on the management committee for numerous years and being the club's newsletter editor.

Several ladies achieved significant membership milestones and were also presented with anniversary badges.

Twenty-five-year anniversary badges were presented to Jenny Sanders and Pam Pearce, and 20-year anniversary badges were presented to Helen Cenko, Claire James, Judy Pfeiffer and Cynthia Thomas.



Renmark Ladies Probus Club anniversary badge recipients.



Claire James, Peg Cropper and Helen Cenko at the Renmark Ladies Probus Club's recent annual general meeting.

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WAB members tour Renmark RSL clubroom

HEATHER EVERINGHAM

VIETNAM veteran Roger Edmonds welcomed members of the Paringa Women in Agriculture and Business to the Renmark RSL's premises in 15th Street near the Renmark Hotel for a special presentation recently.

Roger spoke of the history of the Renmark RSL, which began in 1918 when the first meeting of returned WW1 servicemen met in a private home and later in a Church of England hall, until 1923 when the extension to the Institute was completed and re-named the Renmark Soldiers Memorial building. The foyer of this building today displays honour rolls and murals depicting wars of the past 120 years.

Servicemen met in the upper story of this building until 1956, when new clubrooms of Mount Gambier stone were completed on Tolarno Street. This building was designed with many facilities to support the growing membership of returned servicemen and



Paringa Women in Agriculture and Business members Jenny Curtis and Sally Black of Paringa with guest speaker Roger Edmonds. PHOTO: supplied

served this purpose until 2017 when it was sold.

The sales proceeds are held in a trust fund which provides generous scholarships and bursaries to many local schools. Currently the Renmark RSL members hold their monthly meal and meeting in the Renmark Hotel. Their large collection of military records, flags, medals and artefacts from battlefields are displayed on the walls and in display cases at their 15th Street clubroom.

WAB's usual meeting was held in the home of Mary Wagnitz in Paringa. The

main topic of discussion was the WAB Murraylands Regional Conference to be held in the Renmark Paringa Civic Centre on March 30, with a maximum attendance allowed of 45 people. Catering and guest speakers were organised; the theme chosen for the display of the day will be "back to basics" – kitchenalia from the past.

The group's next meeting will be held at the home of Ruth Christie, in Renmark, on Tuesday, March 23, at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is Brenton Morrell, talking about U3A.

Medicare bulk-billing rates continue to grow

RIVERLANDERS are among those continuing to take advantage of Medicare bulk-billing, with new data showing an all-time high in GP visits provided with no out-of-pocket cost.

Across Australia Bulk-billing rates reached a record high for the year to December 2020, covering nearly nine out of 10 GP visits.

Across all Medicare services, including specialists, more than eight out of 10 visits were bulk billed. Minister for Health Greg Hunt said Medicare had paid benefits for 3.3 million COVID-19 video consultations and 41 million COVID-19 phone consultations provided by GPs, specialists and allied health professionals.

Wills and estates on the agenda at local businesswomen meeting



At the latest Riverland dinner for the Women in Business Regional Network were, back (from left): Chioma Amaechi, Julie Day, Tia Ingle, Lorena Lyon, Sheree Cameron, Lynn Hand and Carolyn Huckel, with (front) Elyssa Thurmer, Rebecca Knowles and Jo-anne Cain.
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WILLS and estates were the focus at the latest Riverland dinner for the Women in Business Regional Network. Loxton lawyer Chioma Amaechi, of CA Legal & Migration, outlined the reasons for a will, advance care directive and power of attorney, and was generous in giving her knowledge to answer the many questions. “There was much discussion about who could potentially challenge a will, and many were surprised to learn that an ex-partner or spouse could be among those who tried to make a claim on an estate, even after divorce or a property settlement,” a group spokesperson said. Ms Amaechi also explained that a will need-

ed to be kept up to date and that a marriage could void a legal will. Blended family arrangements created added complications when wills were prepared and she encouraged spouses to work together on their wills to be sure their wishes were covered. Although off-the-shelf do-it-yourself wills were available, Ms Amaechi said there was a risk they wouldn’t be valid if just one of the rules of will making wasn’t followed. “As this was a businesswomen’s event, she also reminded those present that company assets were not automatically personal assets in an estate and consideration needed to be given to succession planning

with regard to assets owned by a business,” the spokesperson said. This was the first network gathering in the Riverland for 2021. The next dinner is scheduled for Monday, May 3. The topic and venue will be announced at a later date. The Women in Business Regional Network is open to business owners, managers, staff and those dreaming of owning their own business. You don’t have to be a member to attend events, but bookings are essential via Eventbrite.com.au. For more information about the Women in Business Regional Network visit www.wibnetwork.com.au or phone Carolyn on 0435 432 203.

Local learner motorcyclists dodge minimum age rise

RIVERLANDERS who need to use a motorcycle for essential travel will be exempt from an incoming increase to the minimum required age for a learner’s permit, the State Government announced recently. The new legislation, passed by the State Parliament earlier this month, will see the minimum age for learners rise from 16 to 18 years old. The minimum age for ‘R-Date’ licences, which are similar to a P-plate licence, will rise from 17 to 19 years old, and unrestricted ‘R’ licences will rise from 19 to 21. Regional South Australians will still be able to obtain a learner’s permit at 16 for the purpose of travelling for education, work or sport, and provisional car licence holders will be able to obtain their motorcycle learner’s permit at 17 years old. Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone welcomed the changes to the legislation and the exemption for regional residents. “Motorcycle learner permits can often be the difference between employment or unemployment for young people in country areas,” he said. “We have ensured that regional voices were heard and the importance of young people having access to transport is recognised in this reform. “Unfortunately, there have been too many young lives lost on motorcycles and these changes will be a key step in improving road safety in our state.” Road Safety Minister Vincent Tarzia said the State Government was proud to deliver the changes to the motorcycle licensing scheme. “Exemptions will be in place for regional motorcyclists because we acknowledge access to public transport in regional South

New motorcycle licence laws

Learner’s permit:

- Minimum age – Increase from 16 to 18 (17 if holding a provisional car licence, 16 if living in regional SA and travelling for education, work or sport).
- Restrictions – Zero alcohol, no passengers, prohibited from towing, no riding between midnight and 5am if under 25, restricted to motorcycle with automatic transmission only if tested on one.
- Period on learner’s permit – Minimum 12 months in all circumstances.

R-Date licence classification:

- Minimum age – Increase from 17 to 19.
- Restrictions – Zero alcohol, restricted to motorcycle with automatic transmission only if tested on one.
- Period on an R-Date classification – Two years.

R licence classification

- Minimum age – Increase from 18 to 21.
- Restrictions – Restricted to motorcycle with automatic transmission only if tested on one.

Australia can be limited,” he said. “This Bill strikes the right balance between improving road safety outcomes and recognising the limited alternative transport options in the regions. “The key changes delivered by this Government will save lives and reduce trauma on our roads.” Six motorcyclists have died on South Australian roads so far in 2021.

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

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Wishart Contractors is a family owned and operated company proudly serving the Riverland and Murraylands with bulk freight services for over 40 years. Wishart Contractors pride ourselves on quality, reliable service to our customers, always striving to achieve growth through superior service to our clients.

Workshop Manager

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Please register your attendance with Emma Warner by phoning 8580 3000 or email grants@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

Application forms and grant guidelines will be available to download from 22 March on Council's website: www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/community/grants

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A Position Description is available by contacting Triana Hill or via Council's website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au and further information in relation to this position is available by contacting David Hassett, Director Infrastructure & Field Services, on 8569 0100.
Applicants are required to submit a written application addressing the key responsibilities of the position and a CV demonstrating their suitability for the role. Applications marked "Confidential Executive Assistant (Infrastructure & Field Services)" should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238, or thill@mid-murray.sa.gov.au by 12:00 noon on Tuesday 6 April 2021.

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DEATHS

ARHONTIS, Panagiotis.

Passed away at home on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.
Aged 90 years.
Loving husband of Panagiota.
Father and father-in-law of Mary, Flora and Bill, and Michael.
Grandfather of Sarah.

Your heart of gold stop beating, Your working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to take you, He always takes the best.

Papou,
We will always remember that special smile, that caring heart, that warm embrace you always gave us, you being there for us through the good and the bad no matter what.
You were one of the strongest, hardworking, loving and giving men I knew.
We will always remember you because there will never be another one to replace you.
I am so blessed to have had you as my papou. I cherish every moment we had.
You will always live in my heart.
Sarah.

DEATHS


BOSNJAKOVIC, Berislav 'Barry'.
Passed away peacefully with family present, after a short battle with illness at the Renmark Hospital, on Sunday, March 7, 2021.
Aged 77 years.
Loved husband of Jana.
Loving father of Daniella, Susan, Lilly, Jasmina, Mary, Melissa and their families.

Rest easy, we will see you in the morning.
LEIGH, Ellen Florence Dawn 'Polly'.
Passed away March 10, 2021 with her family by her side.
Aged 85 years.
Devoted wife of William 'Bill' (deceased).
Loving mum and mother-in-law to David and Delia.
Loving nan to Kelly and Jamie, Amy and Matthew, Matthew and Renae.
Loving great-nan to Florence and Cooper.

Loved, admired and deeply missed.

A private funeral service will be held to celebrate Polly's life as per her wishes.

DEATHS

LEIGH, Ellen.
Passed away surrounded by family.
Much-loved and respected aunty and great-aunty of Brian, Joshua and Joel.
Reunited with Uncle Bill.
VICE, Ann Marie.
Passed away in Loxton on March 8, 2021.
Aged 81 years.
Dearly loved wife of Harry Otis Vice (deceased).
Loving mother of Timothy and Sean.
Grandmother of Susan and AJ.
Great-grandmother of Zoe and Sam.
Friend to many people.
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COLLINSON, Shirley Fay.
The family would sincerely like to thank our relatives and friends for their support, flowers and cards on the passing of Mum. A special thank you to the staff at RRH ED, RRH and RPDH for their care and compassion to mum and our family during this sad time.
TSOROTIOTIS, Sharon.
We are sincerely thankful to the many friends who have given us support and comfort during this time of loss. Carol Pickering and family.
WARREN, Roma.
The family would like to thank everyone for their love and support following the passing of our beloved mum. Special thanks to Dr Smith for years of care and support, and also Dr Eske.
Very special thanks to the wonderful nurses and carers at the Renmark Hostel for their loving care of our mum and also their wonderful support to us.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Sunday, March 21

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Current storage: 18%
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Failed water-saving plan gets replaced

A FAILURE to meet expected environmental water targets has seen a Murray-Darling Basin Plan initiative ended. The Federal Government earlier this month announced the Water Efficiency Program (WEP) – run under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan – would end. Barker MP Tony Pasin said new water-saving programs would aim to minimise impacts on water entitlements for local irrigators. “Our government is doing what we said we’d do – getting on with the job and putting the focus back on local communities and irrigators,” Mr Pasin said.

“This is another common-sense change that provides farmers and irrigators with the certainty they need to plan for the future.

“By putting an end to buybacks and investing in off-farm water efficiency, we’re prioritising and protecting our communities and farmers.”

The WEP had previously provided financial incentives for South Australian farmers and growers to upgrade on-farm water infrastructure.

However, Minister for Water Keith Pitt said the WEP would have failed to meet environmental targets set by the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

“The WEP has not worked as it was expected to – not for returning water to a healthy river and certainly not for communities who deserve as much water as possible to remain economically and socially productive, and to underpin local jobs,” Mr Pitt said.

“The WEP has recovered just 0.2GL since 2019 - that’s 0.04 per cent of the 450GL target of additional water for river health outcomes that our government is committed to recovering.

“Off-farm water recovery means we can actually progress our river health targets and, unlike on-farm programs, we do not reduce water availability in the consumptive pool.”

State Opposition spokesperson for water Susan Close said changes made to the WEP in 2018 – by then State Minister for Water David Speirs – made the scheme unsustainable.

“(The) program has reached its logical conclusion following the capitulation by David Speirs in December 2018 on the criteria applied to assessing these water-saving projects,” Ms Close said. “This decision means South Australia will almost certainly miss out on the environmental water so desperately needed at the bottom of the river.”

Mr Pitt said funding for on-farm projects would still remain available, depending on assessments from the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council.

“Through the new Off-farm Efficiency Program we will make \$1.33 billion available for state-led off-farm projects as well as \$150 million in direct grants, Mr Pitt said.

“\$60 million will enable those states who wish to pursue limited on-farm water efficiency to continue to do so, providing the strict social and economic neutrality test set by the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council is met.”

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WATER TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

RENMARK
SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2021

Notice is given that pursuant to Section 26 of the Harbors and Navigation Act 1993, Department for Infrastructure and Transport has granted an Aquatic Activity Licence to the Riverland Dinghy Club to conduct dinghy racing on an area of the River Murray at Renmark as follows:

On the River Murray and at Renmark commencing from a point 200 metres downstream of the PS Industry mooring to 100 metres upstream of the marina at the front of the Renmark Club with a marked 4 knot passing lane on the far side of the river.

An access corridor with a maximum speed of 4 knots to be provided on the Eastern side of the River Murray from the PS Industry Mooring to 100 metres up stream of the marina to allow non-participating vessels passage through the area when it is safe to do so

For safety reasons, vessels and persons other than those participating in the events are prohibited from entering the above area of water between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 20 March 2021.

Riverland Dinghy Club Inc

RZ9934




LOXTON AND WAIKERIE SWIMMING POOL SEASON CLOSURE

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie and Belgravia Leisure wishes to advise residents that the 2020/21 pool season at the Loxton and Waikerie Swimming Pools will be closed from Monday 29 March 2021.

We thank you for your patronage this season and look forward to seeing you all again next season.

David Beaton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LZ13204



Notice on behalf of BERRI and BARMERA RSL Sub Branches

ANZAC DAY

Those people who have a desire to lay a floral tribute at a memorial are encouraged to do so at one of the following locations throughout the day.

Memorials at Berri:
Malayan and Indonesian Plaques are at Riverview Drive Berri opposite the Caravan Park
WW1 and WW2 Wade St Berri
Post WW2 memorial Vaughn Tce Berri

Memorials at Barmera:
Garden of Memory Cemetery McKenzie Rd Barmera
ANZAC Cross at the lake front Barmera
Light Horse Trough Barwell Ave Barmera
Barmera RSL Club gardens Nookamka Tce Barmera

BZ9857



Community Development Grants NOW OPEN

Information kits are available at either the Berri or Barmera Council offices or via our website at www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/grants.

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Bookings essential.
BOOKINGS TAKEN FROM Wednesday 31st March 2021.

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Starting the week of
13th April 2021 for Over 65's
All other age groups commencing in May.

Under the National Influenza Vaccination Program, the following people are eligible to receive a free influenza vaccine

- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months to less than 5 years of age
- All ATSI persons over 6mths
- Medical at risk persons aged 6 months and older
- Persons aged 65 years and older
- Persons classed as Homeless

Persons who don't meet these requirements incur a payment to be paid by credit card on the day for the vaccine only.

Please note.

- **Due to Covid-19 You will be required to come at the allocated time and no earlier.**
- **Due to Covid-19 Consent forms for vaccinations will be filled in by staff at the time of your vaccination. (you are not required to collect them)**
- **Patients will be required to wait for a period of time after the vaccine is administered and it is advisable that you refrain from driving or operate machinery for at least 30 minutes following your vaccination.**
- **If you are at all unwell please do not attend or enter the building. Phone the reception to reschedule your appointment.**
- **During these clinics Covid-19 strict guidelines apply at the Loxton Health Centre.**

LZ13203



Mid Murray Council Representation Review

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, notice is hereby given that the Mid Murray Council has prepared a Representation Options Paper that examines the advantages and disadvantages of various options available to the Council with respect to its composition and ward structure.

Copies of the Representation Options Paper are available for inspection and/or purchase at the following locations:

- Council's website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au
- Council's offices located in Mannum, Cambrai or Morgan

Interested persons are invited to make written submissions to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council by close of business 5 May 2021 by email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or by post PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238.

Information regarding the Representation Review can be obtained by contacting Mr Ben Scales, Chief Executive Officer, by telephone (08) 8569 0100 or by email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

A copy of this notice can be inspected at the following website address: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

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CENTENARY GRANTS SCHEME NOW OPEN

Barmera, Monash and Glossop 2021
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Round 2 of the Centenary Grants Scheme is now open.
Information kits are available at Berri Barmera Council Offices and Libraries or via our website www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au

Enquiries to the Berri Library on (08) 8595 2666

Applications close Friday 30 April 2021



BZ9854

RIVERLAND BASEBALL A GRADE GRAND FINAL SERIES



INSET BELOW: Berri Warriors Baseball Club farewelled Paul Reid with a guard of honour after 15 years of service to the club.

Riverland Baseball Association A grade premiers Berri Blue (back row from left): Mel Bristow (scorer), Tony Halupka, Luke Sutherland, Issac Arnold, Cole Hawker, Lachlan Peltz, Mick Gray and Jamie Frazer. Kneeling: Alex Arnold, Fiona Gray, Will Cox, Randell Pope and Steven Goldspink. Front: Bat boy Lachlan Gray. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopf

Blues clean sweep series

BERRI Blue completed a clean-sweep of the Riverland A grade baseball grand final series, beating local rivals Berri Red two games to nil at Glassey Park.

Berri Red had everything to play for in keeping its premiership hopes alive, after last week’s crushing defeat came at the call of the mercy-rule.

Paul Reid, in his swansong, brought home the first run to get Red on the scoreboard.

Another home run to Zac Joannou helped Red get on the front foot with a three-run lead at the end of the second innings.

However, Blue turned it on with the bat in the third innings, smashing five runs.

Red managed to score another three runs off relief pitcher Steve Goldspink to level the score-line six-all at the end of the third innings.

Jamie Frazer came back to the mound for Blue in the fourth innings to steady the ship, pitching his 10th innings for the grand final series.

Red managed a single mid-way through the fourth, however Blue managed to go ‘tit for tat’ levelling the score again, this time seven-all at the bottom of the innings.

The second stanza of the game was a tight affair, with Blue’s Alex Arnold scoring the only run across the six, seventh and eighth innings.

Berri Red let a chance go begging with two runners left on base



LEFT: Blue’s Steve Goldspink had three safe hits in game two of the Riverland baseball grand final last Friday night.

in the eighth inning.

With just two runs separating the teams in the final innings, Blue blew the game wide open.

A safe hit to Luke Sutherland was followed up by a walk to Fiona Gray. Tony Halupka’s hit to third baseman Liam Kambouris then put the pressure on, and Kambouris’ overthrow proved pivotal as Gray ran home.

The final nail in the coffin came after Red dropped a fly-ball over right-field and Goldspink’s safe hit brought home the final runs for Blue.

Stand-in coach Goldspink said Blue were able to claim the series off the back of Frazer’s consistent pitching. Frazer was named best on ground.

“It was a very hard-fought game,

both teams had a few errors in the field,” he said.

“But Berri Blue just stuck it a bit better than Berri Red did and came out on top late in the ninth innings.

Meanwhile Berri Red and Berri Blue held a guard of honour to mark the retirement of Paul Reid, after 15 years of service to the Berri Warriors Baseball Club.

Goldspink commended the long-time clubman after his farewell.

“It’s always sad when someone that instrumental to the league and the club steps aside, but all the best to him, he’s a great bloke,” he said.

RESULTS

A grade grand final

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
Berri Blue	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	1	4	13
Berri Red	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7



Jamie Frazer was best on ground for Berri Blue after throwing five strike-outs across 10 innings in the grand final series.



Berri Red’s Tom Brook threw four strike-outs in the grand final series decider on Friday night.

Stage set for darts finale

COBDOGLA Eagles advanced to the Riverland darts summer season grand final after beating Monash 7-1 in the preliminary final last week.

Monash matched Cobdogla one-all after the doubles round, before the Eagles won the next five games straight.

The Eagles will now play hot favourites Barmera Rebels in the grand final tomorrow night at the Barmera Club.

So far this season, Barmera has come out on top in all three encounters.

However, Cobdogla tested the minor premiers, going down by just one game in the semi-final.

The stage is set for a blockbuster grand final with key match-ups across evenly-matched teams.

Rebels' Darcy Crane's match-up against Eagles' Darren Parfitt will be one to watch in the singles.

The ever-reliable Jeff Broekers is likely to play a pivotal part for Cobdogla.

Meanwhile Eagles' Gloria Dyer's match-up against Corey Wagener could be a turning point for either team.

Preliminary final results:
Cobdogla Eagles 7 (D. Parfitt 140 x 4, 122, 100 x 5, J. Broekers 140, 100, S. McKinnon 134, 100 x 4, G. Dyer 121) d Monash Wanderers 1 (W. Bonham 121, 100 x 3, R. Stemp 121, 100, K. Hayes 105, 100, A. Martin 100 x 3).

Gillespie's season opener

THE Waikerie Field and Game Club held its 75-target shoot event on Sunday, March 14.

The event was the club's first of the year, with blustery conditions making for interesting competition.

Meanwhile the club's next field and game shoot will be at Renmark this Sunday, March 21.

Results:
AA grade: 1st- B. Gillespie 62/75, 2nd- R. Pash 58/75. A grade: 1st- J. Hefford 51/75 2nd- B.J. Jensen 49/75. B Grade: R. West 48/75 tied with R. Maywald 48/75. C grade: 1st- C. West.

Lloyd on target

THE final round of the Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club's Mark Cresp trophy was held at 20 metres on March 11.

Colin Hopkins won the handicap event and Nigel Lloyd won the off-rifle event.

Lloyd won the trophy based on the past four weeks' scores.

Results:
C. Hopkins 97.7, 95.0, (8) 200. N. Lloyd 100.3, 100.3, (0) 200. M. Cresp 99.3, 96.1, (2) 193. R. Ward 95.1, 96.1, (2) 193.

Berri advances after washout

BERRI advanced to the Riverland A grade cricket grand final and Waikerie-Ramco was eliminated, after both semi-finals were abandoned mid-match due to rain.

The blockbuster second semi-final between Berri and Renmark North was abandoned after the first innings, with higher-ranked Berri automatically advancing to the season-decider.

Renmark North now faces Loxton in this weekend's preliminary final.

Before rain stopped play, Berri had posted 6/124 after 40 overs, propped up by first-drop Brad Rosenzweig's 58.

Rosenzweig's wicket fell on 103, when he was caught by Wade Coombs off the bowling of Josh Kenyon.

Berri's middle order plodded along for the remainder of the innings with each batsman scoring in the low-teens.

Renmark's Tarque Williamson was the best of Renmark's bowlers taking 2/20 off eight overs.

In the other A grade match, Loxton advanced to the preliminary final after its first semi-final against Waikerie Ramco was abandoned after 30 overs.

Meanwhile in the B grade match between Wunkar and Brown's Well was abandoned after 38 overs.

Wunkar now advances to the grand final, while Brown's Well moves to the preliminary final.

In the under 15 match Waikerie Ramco won by 17 runs over Renmark North.

A GRADE
Berri 6/124 drew with Renmark North (match abandoned).
Berri 6/124 (M. Barber 0, J. Fielke 2, B. Rosenzweig 58, J. Sandhu 10, W. Scadden 12, J. Willis 13, J. Preece 11no, J.W. Frankel 13no, T. Williamson



Brad Rosenzweig scored 58 in Berri's abandoned Riverland A grade cricket semi-final against Renmark North on Saturday. Berri has automatically advanced to the grand final as a result. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

2/20, J. Kenyon 2/22, B. Files 1/26) drew with Renmark North (R. Burgess 0 not out, D. Harding 0 not out).

Loxton drew with Waikerie Ramco (match abandoned).
No details received.

B GRADE
Wunkar 5/150 drew with Brown's Well (match abandoned).
Wunkar 5/150 (T.B. Eagle 0, J. Evans 16, K.W. Smith 21, H. Campbell 8, L. Pontt 47no, M. Falting 31no) drew with Brown's Well.

UNDER 15
Waikerie Ramco 205 (J. Thiel 4, M.A. Carter 21, T. Waanders, H. Fridd 5, F. Andrew 55no, I. Leske 3, H. Nitschke 13, R. Waanders 5, A. Blyth, C. Werner 8, H. Thomas 7, C. Carter 1, no bowling details received) d Renmark North 9/188 (no batting details received, R. Waanders 2/21, H. Fridd 3/5).



Renmark's Sam Bradbrook in Riverland A grade cricket action on the weekend.



TRIPLES CHAMPS: The Lawns capped off a record-breaking year winning its first division one pennant and a mid-week triples crown. The triples team finished 25.2 points clear of second-placed Waikerie after 21 rounds of the 2020/21 season. The Lawns' all-conquering triples squad (from left): Russell Lawton, Steve Symonds, John Knight, Noel Skinner, Steve Ivanovic, Dominic Catalano, Peter Lawton, Gerrit Schepel, Jeanie Kelly, Ron Adam, Mal Inglis, Fred Nickodem. PHOTO: supplied

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Waikerie win first ever double

WAIKERIE has won the first Riverland Basketball Association double in club history, after its men’s and women’s teams won both division one grand finals last Friday in Renmark.

The Warriors men’s side completed a dramatic finals run, coming from as low as fourth on the ladder during the regular season to beat Loxton by four points and win its first ever division one men’s championship.

Waikerie built a decent eight-point lead in the second quarter by slowing down Loxton’s high intensity fast-breaking offence with strong interior defence, forcing the Supercats to shoot from the outside.

The Warriors found more success in the second half, increasing their advantage to as much as 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Loxton began to battle back, outscoring Waikerie 22-10 in the last six-and-a-half minutes of the game, but the Warriors held on to win 59-55.

Waikerie guard Mitchell White was named best on court, scoring 16 points including two three-pointers, while centre Steven Parfitt scored 13.

Riley Stasinowsky top-scored for Loxton with 18 points, while Jesse Will and Rogan Kennedy both added 12.

Meanwhile Waikerie’s women’s side won its fourth division one crown, riding an impressive defensive performance to an eight-point grand final victory.

The Warriors led narrowly after a back and forth first quarter, but stifled the Lakers’ offence in the second quarter, giving up just three points during the period to head into the half with an 11-point advantage.

Things were looking up in the third quarter for Barmera, with its scoring picking up and with Waikerie’s Hannah Lehmann relegated to the bench after picking up her fifth foul with about 15 minutes left to play.

Barmera tried to close the gap in the final quarter, scoring four three-pointers in the last

five minutes, but Waikerie managed to keep pace and hold off the Lakers 49-41.

Waikerie’s 13-year-old star Sienna Lehmann was voted best on court after a 17-point performance, with her mother Hannah scoring 11 points in two-and-a-half quarters of action.

Barmera’s Lacey Hill top-scored for her side with 17, while Ashlee Wutke scored 11 points including three three-pointers.

The Lakers were without solid contributor Chelsea Wutke in the grand final.

Waikerie’s men’s side made the final by beating Barmera in last Wednesday’s preliminary final.

Waikerie got off to a hot start offensively, scoring 21 points in the first quarter to head into the break up nine points.

The Lakers kept pace with the Warriors throughout the rest of the game, but were never able to seriously dig into the lead, with Waikerie eventually winning 67-58.

Mitchell White led the scorers for Waikerie with 18, while Jack Sullivan scored 17 for the Lakers.

Meanwhile, Barmera’s women’s team qualified for the grand final in extraordinary circumstances, being declared victors against Loxton in the preliminary final, after a leaking roof at the Waikerie stadium forced a mid-match abandonment.

Barmera had led all night and was up by eight points in the third quarter when a leak – courtesy of heavy rain outside – appeared on court. The surface was declared too dangerous to continue, and Barmera given the match.

Interestingly, had the match been abandoned before half time, Loxton would have progressed to the grand final, as it finished the minor round higher on the ladder and anything less than a completed half fails to constitute a match, under the association’s rules.

Hill and Ashleigh Haigh each scored 13 points for Barmera in the shortened game, with Mackella Hogan leading the way for the



Waikerie's division one basketball team celebrates after winning its fourth women's championship in club history. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Supercats with 15 points.

RESULTS

MEN

DIVISION ONE Grand final

Waikerie	12	27	43	59
Loxton	11	19	30	55
Points: Waikerie – M. White 16, S. Parfitt 13, K. Ling 11, T. Morgan 11, S. Smyth 5, D. Leuders 3. Loxton – R. Stasinowsky 18, J. Will 12, R. Kennedy 12, T. Wagner 6, B. Whitelaw 4, L. Phillips 2, J. Tschirp 1. Best on court: Mitchell White, Waikerie.				

Preliminary final

Waikerie	21	37	55	67
Barmera	12	29	42	58
Points: Waikerie – M. White 18, T. Morgan 13, K. Ling 12, S. Parfitt 11, L. Exton 6, S. Smyth 4, D. Leuders 3. Barmera – J. Sullivan 17, Dillon Millard 16, Danny Millard 12, K. Wright 8, A. Smith 4, S. Butterworth 1.				

DIVISION TWO

Steamers 45 d Allstars 35 (Best on court – Zachary Gartery).

DIVISION THREE

Lakers 42 d Barmera 35 (Best on court – Dylan Eleftheriadis).

DIVISION FOUR

Loxton 50 d Barmera 31 (Best on court – Tallyn Eagle).

WOMEN

DIVISION ONE Grand final

Waikerie	14	26	34	49
Barmera	12	15	26	41
Points: Waikerie – S. Lehmann 17, H. Lehmann 11, Y. Liu 8, K. Phillips 8, N. Liebich 3, A. Curtis 2. Barmera – L. Hill 17, A. Wutke 11, A. Haigh 6, L. Martin 4, T. Dillon 2, T. Hill 1. Best on court: Sienna Lehmann, Waikerie.				

Preliminary final

Barmera	25	37	49	
Loxton	15	24	41	
*Match abandoned in third quarter, Barmera declared winner				
Points: Barmera – A. Haigh 13, L. Hill 13, A. Wutke 10, L. Martin 4, T. Dillon 4, C. Wutke 3, T. Hill 2.				

Loxton – M. Hogan 15, T. Dahlitz 12, S. Smith 7, B. Hahn 2, P. Roberts 2, S. Edwards 2, T. Tickle 1.

DIVISION TWO

Barmera 26 d Loxton 22 (Best on court – Kayla Tsortiotis).

DIVISION THREE

Supercats 28 d Barmera 18 (Best on court – Lyn Sweeney).

DIVISION FOUR

Berri 36 d Blazers 26 (Best on court – Kyla Wade).

BOYS

U18

Div 1 Loxton 58 d Renmark 27 (Best on court – Jack Oates). **Div 2** Supercats 44 d Waikerie 34 (Best on court – Jacob Evans).

U16

Div 1 Barmera 38 d Loxton 35 (Best on court – Ayden Hodgson). **Div 2** Berri 48 d Barmera 16 (Best on court – Harrison Campbell).

U14

Div 1 Renmark 43 d Barmera 37 (Best on court – Tony Drogemuller). **Div 2** Loxton 42 d Waikerie 28 (Best on court – Ayrton Giles).

U12

Div 1 Barmera 33 d Renmark 25 (Best on court – Ivan Ness). **Div 2** Waikerie 27 d Supercats 9 (Best on court – Parveen Singh Sandhu).

GIRLS

U18

Renmark 44 d Barmera 43 (Best on court – Zoe Siviour).

U16

Loxton 37 d Berri 33 (Best on court – Meg O’Leary Fletcher).

U14

Barmera 37 d Loxton 22 (Best on court – Macy Bourton).

U12

Div 1 Loxton 22 d Barmera 20 (Best on court – Shaya Whitbourne). **Div 2** Tigers 21 d Warriors 19 (Best on court – Amelia Miller).



Loxton's Riley Stasinowsky faces tough resistance as he puts up a shot against Waikerie in last Friday's Riverland Basketball Association division one grand final. PHOTO: Brendan Lines

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Waikerie division one men's and women's coach Dan Leuders celebrates with Renee Hahn after the Riverland basketball women's grand final on Friday night. PHOTO: Brendan Lines

Dan lands dream coaching double

BRENDAN LINES

WAIKERIE'S division one men's and women's basketball premierships marked the club's first grand final double – and the rise of senior coach Dan Leuders.

Friday night's history making double was underlined by Leuders coaching both the division one men's and women's teams.

The rise to become the Riverland Basketball Association's super-coach comes as a humbling achievement for Leuders.

Amid the emotion of Friday's celebrations, Leuders said he "can't take too much of the credit".

"Full credit to both teams – I like to be more of a manager than a coach, I suppose," he said.

"I'm just that bit of a guiding hand, but everyone has come so far (and) they put in so much work."

Leuders said the season for the men's team was anything but smooth sailing.

"We had really interrupted start to the season," he said.

"We've got three guys travelling back for university and work in Adelaide, so it's hard to be productive at training but we get there in the end.

"Just the improvement that they've had since the start of the year is just incredible.

"We've been together for about three or four years now, and it's just been all working towards this.

"We were lucky enough to pip Renmark in the last round to move up to third, we were in fourth, but we did it the hard way."

Lueders' coaching double paralleled another feel-good story for the women's team after its win.

"It's a really proud moment for us with all the girls pulling it off," he said.

"But Hannah and Sienna Lehmann playing as mother-and-daughter grand final winners was special too."

Friday's wins marked a historic moment for the club after a turnaround Leuders said had spanned 10 years

"We've come a long way from not being able to have a division one team for a long time," he said.

"Within 10 years we've won both. It feels pretty good."



Riverland Basketball Association division one men's premiers Waikerie. Back: Mitchell White, Terry Morgan, Steven Parfitt and Kyle Ling. Front: Daniel Leuders (player-coach), Kieran Hahn, Luke Exton and Shaun Smyth. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



Division one women's premiers Waikerie. Back: Daniel Leuders (coach), Sienna Lehmann, Cody Turner, Hannah Lehmann, Alicia Curtis, Nikki Liebich and Taya Jolley. Front: Sarah Campbell, Kara Phillips, Renee Hahn and Ya-Wen Liu.



Division two men's premiers Renmark. Back: Angus Dayman, Geordie Franks, Tyson Renshaw, Zachary Gartery and Hayden Twyford. Front: Adren Herrador, Fraser Peters and Grady Obst. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Division two women's premiers Barmera. Back: Renee Gay, Tiah Gillespie, Emma Reichstein, Sue Whitbourne and Peter Szabo (coach). Front: Kelsee Britten, Kayla Tsorotiotis and Tilly Albrecht.



Division three men's premiers Barmera. Back: Dillon Vandergiesen, Dylan Eleftheriadis, Dylan Richter and Jordyn Freeman. Front: Zac Hamood, Matthew Wilden and Dimitri Kanakaris.



Division three women's premiers Loxton. Back: Cara Venning, Danni Stasinowsky, Amy and Leah Lange and Lyn Sweeney. Front: Helen Drake, Indee Drake and Jill Lange.

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Division four men's premiers Loxton. Back: Crispin Mitchell, Kobi Thompson, Jeb Loxton, Cody Schutz, Lane Smith and Lucas Short (coach). Front: Boyd Hampel and Talyn Eagle. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Division four women's premiers Berri. Back: Kate Taylor, Christene Eleftheriadis, Dana Riddle and Helen Taylor. Front: Whitney Peters, Missy Blanck and Kyla Wade.



Under 18 division one boys premiers Loxton. Back: Jack Oates, Ethan Wagner, Lachlan Stephens, James Boughen, Rogan Kennedy and Shane Phillips (coach). Front: Kai Miller, Dylan Petch and Caleb Schaefer. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou



Under 18 division two boys premiers Supercats. Back: Blake Tonkin, Deegan Rothe, Riley Pontt, Jonah Wooldridge and Ben Rothe (coach). Front: Jacob Evans, Jai Mickan and Cade Loxton. PHOTO: supplied



Under 18 girls premiers Renmark. Back: Derek Martinson (team manager), Zoe Siviour, Breea Martinson, Matilda Rothe, Georgia Kennedy and Anthony Rothe (coach). Front: Kalyn Ratcliffe, Alice Esam, Jade Crook and Amina Rahimi. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou



Under 16 division one boys premiers Barmera. Back: Nigel Dillon (manager), Campbell Marks, Ayden Hodgson, Lucas Alder, Rory Moore and Steve Marks (coach). Front: Lucas Warnett, Lachie Marks, Fletcher Dillon and Tyler Whitbourne. PHOTO: Brendan Lines



Under 16 division two boys premiers Berri. Back: Dimitri Hronopoulos, Paul Dale, Luke Noack, Harrison Campbell and Ryan Dale (coach). Front: Liam Watson, Jaydee Butler, Brock Wenman, Brayden Pankhurst and Brayden Mapley. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou



Under 16 girls premiers Loxton. Back: Amanda Rodden (manager), Paige Roberts, Tenaia Tickle, Scarlett Drogemuller, Kaitlyn Rodden and Kai Miller (coach). Front: Jenna Vowles, Taya Schlein, Indee Drake and Lilla Pannell. PHOTOS: Brendan Lines



Under 14 division one boys premiers Renmark. Back: Callan Ivanovic (manager), Jackson Bentley, Angus Watkins, Lachie Keynes, Angus Pitman, John Alexandropoulos and Tony Watkins (coach). Front: Hugh Riedel, Lennix Ivanovic, Blake Siviour and Noah Martinson.

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Under 14 division two boys premiers Loxton. Back: Charmaine Goldsworthy (team manager), Lachlan Carter, Tyler Marlaw, Ethan Lawson, Nick Magiarapis and Will Schultz (coach). Front: Brok Duthie, Tom Martin, Ayrton Giles and Jasper Evans. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



Under 12 division one boys premiers Barmera. Back: Cassie Bowers (team manager), Ivan Ness, Briley Johnson, Cooper Klingbiel and Emma Sweet (coach). Front: Tyson Burford, Mason Clarke, Logan Bowers and Jake Sweet.



Under 12 division one girls premiers Loxton. Back: Andrew Tullett (coach), Layla Hutchinson, Sophie Tullett and Elise Cameron. Front: Anwen Dalzell, Yasmin Westbrook, Nyah Uren and Piper Montgomery.



Under 14 girls premiers Barmera. Back: Tayla Douglas, Macy Bourton, Ebony Johnson, Ayla Gilgen, Shaun Kelly (coach). Front: Meg Kassulke, Layla Moore, Amahli Kelly.



Under 12 division two boys premiers Waikerie. Back: Zack Gay, Tyler Gale, Darcy Bald, Parveen Sandhu and Chris Gale (coach). Front: Jayden Gale, Zachary Micke and Caleb Fridd.



Under 12 division two girls premiers Loxton. Back: Zoe Hughes (coach), Hollie and Piper Edwards, Sophie Angeleski and Tilly Groth. Front: Nelly Edwards, Amelia Miller, Chloe Seaman and Molly Thiele.





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‘Joker lap’ is serious business

BRENDAN LINES

ROUND two of the Riverland Dinghy Club’s championship series hits the water at this Saturday’s circuit race in Renmark.

The circuit race format will be held for the first time since 2019 and has attracted 124 entrants across 62 boats, including interstate boats from Western Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

Renmark brothers and business owners, Kris and Daryl Smith, have both taken a break from racing this year, but have stepped up as major sponsors of the event.

Daryl Smith said local businesses are helping to promote events that get “people travelling back to Renmark”.

“Coming off last year with COVID-19 and the Dinghy Club season being put on hold, it’s good to see all the boats back out on the water,” he said.

The brothers are also

backing Renmark-based entrant Shaun Jenke.

Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke said support from local business wass essential.

“Both guys were competing in dinghy racing so I guess you could say it was a given they would take up sponsoring a round,” he said.

“I know I speak for the committee when I say we don’t take for granted the contribution sponsors make to our club and the local community.

“Sponsorship funding and stakeholder support is an essential component of our club’s survival.”

This year’s racing will feature a ‘joker lap’ which all competitors must complete at least once.

Grids for each race will be drawn randomly, with all competitors to race twice on the day.

The top four fastest boats in each class will enter the finals.

Mr Jenke said the addi-



Dinghy racing brothers Kris Smith (left) and Daryl Smith (middle) have stepped up to back this week’s round of Riverland Dinghy Club championship series and Renmark driver Shaun Jenke. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

tion of the ‘joker lap’ would make for interesting racing.

“I think the key thing is the circuit race has predomi-

nantly been won and lost in the hole-shot to that first-turn buoy,” he said.

“But I think what we’ll

start to see this year is no matter where you are on track it comes down to that driver decision on when

the right time is to actually make that call and do the long lap and when to do the short lap.”

Renmark’s A grade hockey shock

BRENDAN LINES

RENMARK Hockey Club could be without an A grade men’s team unless a plan to enter a combined, Renmark-Mildura team goes ahead.

Club secretary Rebecca Keynes said the plan may help the club’s struggling numbers.

“There may not be one (a team) this year depending on numbers,” she said.

“We haven’t got a coach yet at the moment either.

“We are looking at options on having a combined side. We did have some players from Mildura coming over to play, but we don’t know if that is an option or not yet.”

Mrs Keynes said the club’s situation was not solely due to COVID-19.

“It could be a little bit about that, but also just changes in the ages of people and lack of volunteers that are available with their time,” she said.

“Some have gone off to university, so some of our younger players have moved on to Adelaide.

“We still have quite a few players who are keen, but finding a coach is a hard thing.

“It’s a big commitment for someone to make.

Riverland Hockey Association president Tim Vivian said the local competition was “not alone” among country regions facing challenges.

“I know there’s a few players in Mildura and I’ve spoken with the association secretary over there,” Mr Vivian said.

“They’re fighting similar bat-

tles with what we are here, when it comes to player numbers in a dying association.

“Although it would be nice to combine, the distance is obviously a problem.

“But there is a contingency of players looking for a game. I can’t see why the association can’t support that.”

Mr Vivian said the association will work with Renmark to avoid a three-team competition.

“We’re very much in favour of them doing everything they can,” Mr Vivian said.

“I think the other three clubs would support that, knowing what the women’s competition went through last year.”

Mrs Keynes said the plan will help the club’s preference of filling a true A grade side.

“Our ultimate goal is to have

an A grade side,” she said.

“We are able to put in a B grade team. However, we’d rather have A grade players playing in the A grade competition rather than have a couple fill ins come from the B grade, because we like to challenge them (A grade) to the best of their ability.”

But should Victorian players be unable to pick up their sticks for Renmark, Mr Vivian said a combined A and B grade side should be explored.

“There was a lot of talk going around that they couldn’t fill a B grade side without an A grade side,” he said.

“And we’ve looked into that and said ‘no’ we want people to play hockey.

“If it comes down to putting in a B grade side not an A grade, then that’s better than nothing.”

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

Taylor-made ace

BARMERA Golf Club held its opening day headlined by a pinehurst event won by Tom Graetz and Phil Ashton.

Club patron Brian Frost officially teed-off the club’s summer season.

Over at the Loxton Golf Club captain Michael Taylor lived out every golfer’s dream, hitting a hole in one.

Taylor’s ace came on the 12th hole in Friday’s monthly medal competition, after hitting a perfect eight-iron shot 145 metres.

This Sunday sees the start of the men’s pennant season with Loxton playing Berri at Barmera.

BARMERA

Pinehurst, overall winners: T. Graetz, P. Ashton 71, runner-up - P. Selve, L. Hefford 71.7, T. Jackson, G. Denton 71.9, C. Neilson, S. Stavrou 72.2, M. Rumball and M. Cenko 73.5. Mixed winners: P. Hamood, N. Hamood 74.75, runner-up - S. Thomas, B. Finn 76. Ladies winners: S. Wickstein, L. Wickstein 78.5. Brian Frost Handicap matchplay: Winner – N. McPherson 3/2, runner-up – I. Girdler Stableford, Gavin Kelly Memorial: K. Martin 38, 36, 38 (112), Bob Mudge 111, E. Van Hensbergen 110. Par, John Thomas Memorial: E. Van Hensbergen +4, D. Hodgson +3, T. Jackson +1. Stroke Cup: P. Keane 72, 71, 68 (211), S. Knight 217, B. Finn 218. Holes-in-one: R. Wurth – 17th, E. Van Hensbergen 6th.

BERRI

Stroke, Wednesday, March 10: C. Foreman 65 pts, C. Hyde 68, P. Cummins 72 (cb), W. Thiele 72, M. Rumball 73, J. Adams 73 (cb), L. Berry 73 D. Zelff 73, R. Knight 74, I. McHugh 75 (cb), L. Campbell 75, K. Wyman 75. Stableford, Sunday, March 14 G. Chisholm 41 pts, W. Hocevar 32, I. Bradshaw 31 (cb), J. Skinner 31.

LOXTON

Monthly medal: A grade winner M. Modlinski 77 net 70, runner-up A. Hume 71 net 70. B grade winner D. Sunman 86 net 70, runner-up R. Koch 89 net 73. Ladies Monthly Medal: Winner C. Arndt 99 net 77 (cb), runner-up J. Patching 105 net 77. Wednesday, March 10: A grade winner P. Harman 36 pts, runner-up J. Reynolds 35. B grade winner S. Semmler 39 pts, runner-up P. Richardson. Women’s Orange: Winner B. Rollbusch 84 nett 69, runner-up S. Grein 74 nett 70. Friday, March 12: Winner D. Unferdorben 34 pts, runner-up A. Hume 34. Sunday, March 14: Winner A. Pfeiler 80 net 78, runner-up B. Albrecht 104 net 79.

Jenni Morell (left) with Eddie Van Hensbergen, winner of the Morell Clan Shield and Stephen Morell. Van Hensbergen also won the John Thomas Memorial Trophy and came third in the Gavin Kelly Memorial. PHOTOS: supplied



Neville and Pat Hamood had a couple’s day out winning the mixed pinehurst event.



Barmera Golf Club’s opening day pinehurst competition was won by Tom Graetz and Phil Ashton.

Renmark faces grand final mountain

RENMARK Tintra will attempt to climb the mountain by taking on Cobdogla in this weekend's Riverland division one tennis grand final.

Cobdogla has been the dominant force all season and will start this Saturday's grand final as the hottest of hot favourites.

Coming off a hard-fought win over Loxton in last Friday night's preliminary final, Renmark's best chance of an upset – or even a competitive showing – centres around the early doubles match-ups, where it must somehow grab a few unexpected sets to keep the decider alive going into the singles.

To qualify for the decider, Renmark edged past Loxton 9-6 in a match that was still alive going into the reverse doubles.

Renmark led seven sets to five, but managed to pick up two of the remaining sets to clinch victory. Veteran John Pick played a more prominent role in the preliminary final, featuring in three doubles sets – all of which Renmark won.

The singles featured a couple of tremendous battles, none more exciting than at the top men's, where David Strongman edged past Phil Smith in a tie-breaker. Nadia Kruger won three of her four sets for Loxton, losing the other in a tight 5-7 doubles encounter.

Meanwhile in division two, Berri-view will face Waikerie in the grand

final. Berri-view edged past Moorook 8-7, with doubles combination Jeremy Sweet and Emily Matthews clinching the winning set, beating Daryl Hill and Emma Reichstein 6-2.

The division three grand final is between Loxton Bashers and Moorook.

DIVISION ONE

Renmark 9-72 d Loxton 6-66.

Doubles: D. Strongman/W. Hill d P. Smith/H. Peberdy 6-2, D. Schumann/J. Pick d J. Lane/S. Gillett 6-2, K. Schumann/T. Adamczyk lost to N. Kruger/T. Smith 2-6, Strongman/D. Schumann d P. Smith/Peberdy 6-1, Hill/Pick d Lane/Gillett 6-3, K. Schumann/T. Adamczyk lost to Kruger/T. Smith 1-6, Strongman/Pick d P. Smith/Peberdy 6-3, D.-K. Schumann d Lane/Kruger 7-5, H. Beavis/T. Adamczyk lost to Gillett/T. Smith 4-6. Singles: Strongman d P. Smith 7-6, Hill lost to Peberdy 3-6, D. Schumann lost to Lane 5-7, Beavis d Gillett 6-4, K. Schumann lost to Kruger 1-6, Adamczyk d T. Smith 6-3.

Grand final: Cobdogla v Renmark Tintra

DIVISION TWO

Berri 8-76 d Moorook 7-63.

Doubles: S. Smith/S. Macpherson lost to N. Flight/A. Segui 6-7, S. Vallelonga/J. Sweet d T. Griffin/D. Hill 6-4, C. Martin/E. Matthews d M.-H. Hill 6-1, Smith/Macpherson lost to Flight/Segui 2-6, Sweet/R. Mason lost to Griffin/D. Hill 3-6, Martin/Matthews d M.-H. Hill 6-2, Macpherson/Vallelonga lost to Flight/Segui 5-7, Mason/Martin lost to Griffin/M. Hill 4-6, Sweet/Matthews d D. Hill/E. Reichstein 6-2. Singles: Smith lost to Flight 3-6, Vallelonga lost to Segui 5-7, Macpherson d Griffin 6-3, Mason d D. Hill 6-1, Martin d M. Hill 6-4, Matthews d Reichstein 6-1.

Waikerie 9-73 d Barmera 6-55.

Doubles: J. Smith/R. Smyth lost to J. Bannear/P. Jericho 2-6, R. Kleeman/G. Fulwood d M. Henwood/T. Charlton 6-3, K. Bannister/A. Hull lost to C. Wright/M. Jericho 5-7, Smith/Kleeman d Bannear/Henwood 6-0, Smyth/Fulwood d P. Jericho/Charlton 6-1, Bannister/Hull lost to Wright/M. Jericho 1-6, Smith/Smyth lost to Bannear/P. Jericho 2-6, Kleeman/Bannister d Henwood/Wright 6-3, Fulwood/Hull d Charlton/M. Jericho 6-4. Singles: Smith d Bannear 6-2, Smyth d P. Jericho 6-1, Kleeman d Henwood 6-2, Fulwood lost to Charlton 5-7, Bannister lost to Wright 4-6, Hull d M. Jericho 6-1.

Grand final: Berri v Waikerie

DIVISION THREE

Loxton Bashers 9-56 d Loxton Smashers 1-27.

Doubles: M. Roberts/J. Rubarth d H. McDonald/H. Gibbs 6-2, G. Amaechi/R. Hentschke d W. Gillett/J. Haenan 6-4, Roberts/D. Goodhand d McDonald/Gillett 6-3, Rubarth/Hentschke d Biggs/Haenan 6-1, Roberts/Amaechi d McDonald/Haenan 7-6, Rubarth/Goodhand d Gibbs/Gillett 6-0. Singles: Roberts d McDonald 6-2, Rubarth d Gibbs 6-0, Amaechi d Gillett 6-3, Hentschke lost to Hanean 1-6.

Moorook 6-54 d Paringa Red Dogs 4-34.

Doubles: D. Kassulke/R. Thomson d N. Rover/N. Rivers 6-3, F.-J. Logos lost to C. Gardner/T. Rover 4-6, Kassulke/F. Logos lost to N. Rover/D. Roesler 6-7, Thomson/J. Logos d Rivers/T. Rover 6-1, Kassulke/J. Logos d N.-T. Rover 6-0, Thomson/F. Logos d Roesler/Gardner 6-3. Singles: Kassulke lost to N. Rover 5-7, Thomson d Rivers 6-0, F. Logos lost to Gardner 3-6, J. Logos d Roesler 6-1.

Grand final: Loxton Bashers v Moorook



COUNTRY CHAMPIONS: Cobdogla Primary School students won the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Country Championship in Adelaide recently. A spokesperson said the students who represented the school played well as a team and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. The team defeated Maitland Lutheran School 6-2 in the final. Shane Nettle coached the team and was supported by Will Swinstead. Pictured are team members (back, left) Logan Bowers, Ivan Ness, Tom Nettle and Cooper Klingbiel. Front: Tyler Klingbiel, Zoe Drogemuller, Matilda Wegener and James Swinstead. PHOTO: supplied

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Waikerie has won the first Riverland Basketball Association double in club history, after its men's and women's teams won both division one grand finals last Friday night in Renmark. PHOTO: Josh Brine



Hockey shock

BRENDAN LINES

RENMARK Hockey Club could be without an A grade men's team unless a plan to enter a combined, Renmark-Mildura team goes ahead.

Club secretary Rebecca Keynes said the plan may help the club's struggling numbers. "There may not be (a team) this year depending on numbers," she said.

"We haven't got a coach yet at the moment either.

"We are looking at options on having a combined side. We did have some players from Mildura coming over to play, but we don't know if that is an option or not yet."

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Price: \$185,000



WAIKERIE



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3.5kW solar system

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Price: \$249,000



WAIKERIE



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