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**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER** 

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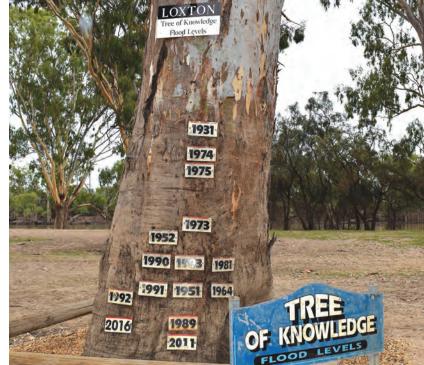
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# Flood of critics, but tree name to stay

#### ALEXANDRA BULL

THE seemingly unpopular decision to rename Loxton's iconic Tree of Knowledge is set to stand.

The name was officially changed to Loxton Flood Tree of Knowledge by the Loxton Community Assessment Panel in February, as the tree attracted significant attention during the recent River Murray flood event.

The name change decision has since been mainly criticised on social media, variously described as "ridiculous" and "dumb".

However, Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton has gone into bat for the new moniker.

"When you look up 'Tree of Knowledge' on social media, up pops Loxton," Mr Norton said.

"So the first request was to change it to the 'Loxton Flood Tree' and during the meeting I guess a compromise was sought to call it the 'Loxton Flood Tree of Knowledge'

"The word 'Loxton' was put on the tree





A LOXTON icon is set of where a name change. By ALEXANDRA BULL • The Murray Pioneer 1/3/23

during the flood because it just had Tree of Knowledge on it.

"And because it was being shared so much on social media we put the word 'Loxton' on a sign sort of halfway between the 1931 and 1956 levels.

"It's good to have the word 'Loxton' on it, for when it is being shared on social media." Mr Norton said changing the name would

incur no significant cost to ratepayers. "It needed to be re-signed anyway after

the flood, so (there is) minimal costing in changing the name," he said.

"I guess the upshot of the whole thing was when these requests are made in the future, that everything be considered before any changes are made, including nowadays social media platforms and how far they reach.

"Because that in effect is advertising the town and region.

"You have to be careful (when) you change the name of things like that, as to whether they enhance it or whether they diminish it."



More than 1100 locals and visitors attended the festival's dancing events, held for the first time at Riverland Sunfresh, in Renmark. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



The event was headlined by Brisbane band Little Stevie and the Tail Fins. PHOTOS: supplied



Riverland Sunfresh operator Con Sourtzis and Tia Papageorgiou.



Members of the Renmark Rocks On committee with the band.

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Renmark Rocks On attendees providing a dancing demonstration during the Renmark Riverfront Markets, and classic car show, last Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



This year's Renmark Rocks On festival was described as the "biggest ever" by organisers. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

# **Rockin' all over Renmark**

#### **HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

ORGANISERS of an iconic Riverland festival say its return to the annual calendar was marked with its biggest attendance so far.

More than 1000 locals and visitors celebrated the 11th Renmark Rocks On last weekend, after the event's cancellation in 2022 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Renmark Rocks On committee member Lyn Leuders said enthusiasm was high for an event finally held without social restrictions.

"It exceeded all of our expectations," Mrs Leuders said.

"We had over 1100 people for the four events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and the Sunday breakfast.

"Seeing everyone enjoying themselves and having a fantastic time was great. The dancefloor was continually full and the band was very professional.

"We couldn't speak highly enough of (the band). They really enjoyed the crowd and when everyone gets out on the dancefloor they raise the bar."

The festival was staged for the first time at Riverland Sunfresh, in Renmark, on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, before the River Rock Dance Club night at the Monash Hall on Monday. Mrs Leuders expected the event

would remain at the new location next year.

"We've had nothing but good reports about the fantastic venue," she said.

It exceeded all of our expectations... - Lyn Leuders

"Everybody loved the atmosphere and the beautiful decorations. The stage, dancefloor and lighting were tremendous.

'We're continuing our discussions with the owner, and ultimately we hope to be able to continue holding it there."

Mrs Leuders said maintaining the familiarity between attendees would remain a priority for future years.

"There's definitely room in that venue to expand," she said.

"We had plenty of space to increase (the event) if we need, but I don't know if we want much more than what we had, because you don't want it to become impersonal.

"You want to be able to get around and meet everyone and have a chat."





FLASHBACK: The scene at Gurra Road earlier this year. A section of the road remains closed for repairs, however Renmark Paringa Council says it could be reopened by the end of the month. PHOTO: supplied

# **Battered Gurra Road** still being repaired

"SIGNIFICANT damage" caused by the recent flood event has forced a Riverland council to keep an important local road closed.

Renmark Paringa Council on Monday announced Gurra Road would remain closed due to impacts from the flood.

However, a Renmark Paringa spokesperson said the council expected the road to be reopened by the end of March.

"Staff and contractors undertook a proof roll test today along Gurra Road

### **FLOOD EVENT**

after the road has been rebuilt following the significant damage caused by the flood," the spokesperson said via a Facebook post.

"The 1.8km section of road fared well for the majority, however there are segments that require minor repairs.

"This results in the road remaining closed to all traffic from Martin Road while these repairs are undertaken. "The other portion of Gurra Road, closer to the Berri township, is progressing well, with the road rebuilding well under way.

"These works are estimated to be completed by the end of next week and are anticipated to be open shortly after."

Gurra Road was initially closed in November, with council raising a section to allow residents access to Berri via Bookpurnong Road, adjacent the Berri Bridge.

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER



#### Riverland almond growers face bee shortage...



Riverland almond growers are facing a shortage of bees, required to pollinate trees, due to movement restrictions in place to prevent varroa mite incursions in South Australia.

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"We're still trying to quantify how many bees we're going to be short," Mr Jackson said.

"We're probably still a month away from knowing the footprint of almonds we've got.

"We're doing a huge spatial mapping project and we'll get the details from that... then we'll be able to cross reference that with how many bees we'll need.

"We know last year we



Almond Board of Australia CEO Tim Jackson

were short...(and) if we lock the borders we're creating this artificial supply-anddemand imbalance, where people have to pay more for bees."

Varroa mite, previously described by PIRSA as the "greatest threat to Australia's honey and honey bee pollination plant industries", was initially detected in New South Wales in July 2022, with restrictions on bee movement into South Australia subsequently put in place later that month.

Mr Jackson said developing a system to allow bees from New South Wales into South Australia was crucial for Riverland growers.

"New South Wales have a situation where they still have varroa mite in the quarantine area." he said. "All the states have been working towards a harmonised way of moving bees up and down the eastern seaboard, but we still haven't got South Australia on board. "Victoria and New South Wales have a system in place, (but) South Australia still hasn't agreed to open the borders.

"We're working... to hopefully get that sorted sooner rather than later."

Mr Jackson said ongoing expansion of the Riverland almond industry meant commercial bee hives were increasingly challenging to access.

"There's only a certain number of bees (and) more than 50 per cent of the commercial bee hives required for pollination are in New South Wales," he said.

"The growth of the industry means we need bees from interstate."

Last year the Riverland produced 138,650 tonnes of almonds, further strengthening the industry's position as a major driver of the local economy.

Earlier this year Renmarkbased Almondco officially unveiled its new \$36.6m dedicated value-adding and raw material processing facilities.

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THREE DESIGNS: The three preliminary concept designs for the Barmera jetty, set to be presented to Berri Barmera Council for endorsement before going back out for community feedback.

# Jetty designs head to council, then community

PRELIMINARY concepts for a redeveloped Barmera jetty will be unveiled for public feedback if endorsed by elected members next month.

Nearly 300 submissions were received during the first phase of community engagement from December 22, 2022 to January 31, 2023, with three preliminary concept plans developed based on the submissions and feedback.

More than three quarters of submissions were by people under 25, with suggested jetty activities to include jumping and diving, swimming, fishing and watercraft use.

The three options presented to council's new Planning and Strategy Committee



included an L-shaped design and two U-shaped options.

All three preliminary designs included a swim ladder, terraced seating and a swimming pontoon.

In a report to the committee, council's Place, Space and Activation project manager Chloe Drogemuller said cost estimates and engineering on all three preliminary concepts, including their structural feasibility and "maintenance implications", had commenced.



"A report will be presented to council for endorsement of the three concept plans in April 2023," she said.

"Phase two consultation will commence end of April 2023 where the community will

be asked to select their preferred design. "Like-for-like replacement will be includ-

ed in phase two community consultation as a commen

Berri Barmera Council undertook intitial community consultation regarding a potential replacement for the jetty earlier this year. The structure suffered damage in 2020 when one of the wooden posts broke during a storm. PHOTO: Facebook

reference point.

"Phase two consultation will be a minimum 21-day engagement period.

"Following the outcome of phase two consultation, the preferred option will be refined and presented to council for endorsement. Detailed design documentation can then commence."

# Campsites in 'disrepair' to remain closed

#### JOSH BRINE

CAMPSITES around Barmera's Lake Bonney that have suffered significant damage from high water levels during the recent flood will remain closed "for the foreseeable future" while the local council prepares cost estimates.

Barmera locals Jack Miller, Robin Bawden and John Bannear last week told The Murray Pioneer that Lake Bonney's north shore had been left "desecrated" by stones eroded or washed away from tracks and campsites in the area.

After inspecting the campsites last week, Berri Barmera Council CEO



Erosion to tracks and campsites has left the north shore of Barmera's Lake Bonney stony. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Dylan Strong said campsites had been left in various states of "disrepair" by the high water level in the lake.

"Council is aware that some of the sites and sections of trail are heavily eroded and stony," he said. "Works are planned to reopen some sites by the Easter long weekend, however others requiring significant remediation remain closed for the foreseeable future while the costs estimates are prepared."





OPINION

### EDITORIAL THE YEARS GO BY

# Optimism, reality around the lake

THE exciting prospect of a new jetty goes part-way towards tempering the sobering facts about the state of Lake Bonney's post-flood foreshore and its short-term future.

Encouragingly, a broad cross-section of the community is enthusiastic about the possibilities for a replacement jetty and what it could bring to the town.

The three preliminary concept plans to replace the existing, near-derelict, unsafe and unusable structure are diverse enough to spark debate, and hopefully response, during Berri Barmera Council's upcoming community consultation period.

As an enclosed structure, either of the two U-shaped designs would open up possibilities to conduct jetty activities similar to those enjoyed during the lake's halcyon days. Nostalgia aside, the U-shaped designs have the scope to create something of a swimming centre, harnessing the lake's unique Riverland status as a safer, more controlled freshwater swimming spot than main river channel options elsewhere.

The L-shaped design may not present any/ many practical advantages over the U-shaped options, but it would surely be substantially cheaper. Indeed, the entire project looks likely to be reliant on grant funding, given the council's tight financial position – only made more acute by the 2022-23 flood.

In a case of reality bites, this could mean the dream of a new jetty remains just that for much longer than locals expect.

Nonetheless, the chances of ever replacing the jetty would be zero without council's current initiative (and its \$80,000 budget allocation).

If the plan comes to fruition, it is easy to imagine the impact a sparkling new jetty – particularly a U-shaped structure – could have on local tourism. Years ago council woke up to the fact the lake was a hidden tourism jewel, and commenced a long, methodical and overall successful redevelopment of the foreshore and adjacent facilities.

Which brings us to the darker side of the lake's current challenges, or the north side, to be more accurate.

As highlighted in The Murray Pioneer last week, the disconnection and reconnection of the lake during the flood has taken a toll on the north shore in particular.

A once-pleasant swimming area is now much less user-friendly, with several experienced locals pointing the finger at the stones and clay used – erroneously in their opinion – to construct campsites and tracks.

These locals say council has ignored their views throughout the development process of these campsites and tracks, and is now paying the price.

Regardless of the validity or otherwise of that claim, since the lake's management plan was released in 2018, council has been in partnership with an indigenous group, the RMMAC (River Murray Mallee Aboriginal Corporation), in its planning and decisions on Lake Bonney.

Indeed, the Lake Bonney Barmera Caring for Country Management Plan spells it out clearly, stating that the group was formed to support the ongoing management of Lake Bonney lands under "the intended joint care, control and management of RMMAC and the Berri Barmera Council".

It would be naïve to think the RMMAC has failed to substantially influence council's Lake Bonney policies and actions since, for better or for worse, and it may be an example worth considering by the pro-yes side positing that Aboriginal Australians are currently without a voice.



Berri

**Planola, manufactured about 1930:** Pianolas, or player-pianos, are operated without need to touch the keyboard. The machine allowed a musically unlearned or unpractised operator to play tunes at will, in private dwellings, public houses, halls and institutes. Most pianolas were operated by the pumping of bellows by foot pedals or hand-crank. Developed in 1895 by Edwin Votey in Detroit, the bellows created a vacuum that could be directed to any of the piano's 88 notes. The playing of a note was controlled by tiny holes in a perforated paper scroll (roll). Each hole triggered a series of levers that caused the piano hammer for that note to strike its string. Individual rolls were loaded through doors at the front and were perhaps between seven and 30 metres in length. The pianola was an amazing mechanical advancement in its day, when the only other mechanism for community music – apart from radio and live performances by trained musicians – was provided by the playing of wax or vinyl records on some form of gramophone. Each side of these records would last for but a few minutes whereas the pianola could 'play' a full recital at a tempo and volume controlled by the operator. PHOTO: Magarey Collection

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

#### Well done, Pioneer

I WOULD like to congratulate The Murray Pioneer on an

excellent paper each Wednesday. Thank you so much for cov-

erage of information and also sports each week. ELAINE JENKINSON

# Enough to make your blood boil

CHANNEL 9 TV show Hello SA on the weekend promoted the Riverland and lower Murray as tourist destinations now that the flood waters have returned to pool level.

It makes my blood boil that so many tourists cancelled their holiday bookings during the floods because of irresponsible, sensationalised reporting by the Adelaide media.

It seems the only true facts regarding the flood waters were printed by The Murray Pioneer, and they should have been consulted by the Adelaide media before our premier and his government, who have absolutely no idea.

If it was not bad enough that tourists were listening to the media and cancelling their park bookings (although many were safely above the flood water), the premier and his advisors had to put in their two bob's worth, sending up a contingent of police officers to keep the locals off the banks, and ban small craft in backwaters.

Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but shouldn't the government have been encouraging people to come up here and see the river at its very best, instead of bringing in martial law?

I lived through the '56 flood and this one was almost as high as that. And it was magnificent to see the creeks and backwaters getting their first real soaking since the '74 flood.

Most of the trees on the flood plains have long since died because of the lack of water.

Seeing the river so healthy was good for the soul. Young saplings will spring up as a result of the flood, but unless they are provided with a regular environmental flow they will just die. I guess one of the things which made me so angry was Riverland people being treated with contempt.

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Locals who have lived on the river through floods and high waters have more idea about the river than all the experts put together, but were they consulted? No.

And while I'm on my bandwagon I would like to bring people's attention to the fact that it is not just other states plundering water from the Murray-Darling Basin, it's ours too.

Both Liberal and Labor governments have been taking water out of our river to fill their dams in the hills – providing water for the metropolitan area and redirect it around the state – for many years.

At the height of the drought our growers were reduced to less than 70 per cent of their annual allocation and many had to take an exit package because they could no longer afford to buy excess water to keep their plantings alive.

They had to pull out all of their plantings, remove their very expensive computerised irrigation system, and give up their water rights.

Nor were they entitled to replant for seven years. No wonder so many young families had to move away. I would like to know where the water rights went.

Meanwhile the river was at normal pool level above Lock 3 because the government was storing water to fill reservoirs for households, businesses and factories in the metropolitan area, despite the fact that their rainfall is far higher than ours.

And despite the fact that we are the oldest and most effective and efficient irrigation system in the country, the Riverland was expendable.

We are one of the biggest fruit and vegetable bowls in the nation. Now our premier is boasting of building all these new housing developments, but where is the water coming from?

Another gripe I have is all the water licenses owned by people who have no irrigation land, but are making a fortune at the expense of the growers.

It is time for the Riverland

people to demand a fair go, and for our Federal Government to establish an independent organisation to look after the health and distribution of water in this country.

And finally I am not surprised that billions of fish are dying upstream in the Darling, because every time the rice and cotton syndicates open their pumps, the Darling flows backwards.

The Darling was dying before the flooding rains last year, so who cares?

Well, I do, and I sincerely hope other people feel the same way and are sick of the present system of making as much money as possible and bugger the consequences

the consequences. ROSEMARY GOWER Cobdogla

#### Voice-like body already exists

I'VE learnt in recent days that in 2019 the National Indigenous Australians Agency was established.

Its mission statement or reason for being reads almost word for word like the words Prime Minister Albanese is using to explain why he supports the idea of a voice.

I urge every Australian to do an internet search of the National Indigenous Australian Agency and read for yourselves about their aspirations and their purpose for being and you will see that they tick all the boxes that the voice proposes to cover.

The National Indigenous Australian Agency currently costs taxpayers close to \$2bn per year and already has offices all over Australia, with staff numbers close to 1600.

To me the pragmatic thing to do would be to simply continue with this body and forget about the voice.

The less sensible option would be to dismantle the current NIAA and introduce the voice.

But surely we don't need two organisations that would each cost the nation \$2bn per year pursuing exactly the same agenda?

JEFF KNISPEL Wigley Flat

#### Don't need constant Morgan negativity

I WRITE regarding the letter in the recent edition of The Murray Pioneer headed 'Is Morgan dying, or will it thrive?' (1/3/23).

What a negative attitude. It's such remarks that have people who are considering

moving to Morgan think twice. The three people lost to Morgan (because primary schools now only go to year 6) were not lost just for education, but also to play sports that are not offered here.

They still have a business and house here in Morgan, and return on a regular basis.

When houses come on the market in Morgan they are snapped up very quickly, not always by people looking to live here on a permanent basis, but to use them as holiday housing.

That is why the town seems like it is dying. People choose to use the housing for weekenders, rather than living here full time.

If you want to write about our town of Morgan please get your facts straight and stop being so negative.

BARB PRIEST Morgan

#### New school changed my grandson's life

IN mid-January 2016 my wife Chris and I took over the care of one my daughter's children.

He was a high-functioning seven-year-old child with autism, and had moved with his mother to Adelaide two years earlier.

Because he had done pre schooling at Renmark West Primary School (RWPS), before the first term started I approached principal Judith Cottam and she agreed that he could start school first term at RWPS.

His issues were mainly sensory.

He could not tolerate noise. He did not like anyone touching him or being too close.

In class he sat up the back of the class with headphones on and sometimes if something upset him he would run from the class and hide in the scrub nearby. "Locals who have lived on the river through floods and high waters have more idea about the river than all the experts put together, but were they consulted? No..." - ROSEMARY GOWER

Leaving the school grounds meant that my grandson had to be kept in sight.

In their ranks the school had a fleet-footed SSO. I recall her telling me one day she was running up the road after him and kids were yelling, "faster, he's getting away from you".

I left the educating and managing of him at school to principal Judith Cottam. Naturally I spoke with staff

but any directives about my grandson came from Judith.

Obviously Judith delegated but I took no role in managing him at school.

I did this because I had faith in the principal and her staff. I am so glad I did.

Within a few short years my grandson was doing most things others students did at school and in 2021 graduated to Renmark High School.

He graduated because of the unwavering determination of the staff at RWPS to give him the opportunity to embrace learning.

It gives me great pleasure to thank them publicly for their efforts, which went far and beyond what was expected of

**ROB JOHNSTONE** 

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#### **Understand a** little bit more

them.

WALKING along Ocean Street, Victor Harbor, I look to my left to where my son could have been, had he not been killed in a car crash.

Looking right, holding my hand, is my wife, bravely battling multiple sclerosis.

Further right, with her two young children, is my daughter, recently diagnosed with terminal breast cancer.

Looking to the sky, my eyes welling up, I take a deep breath of fresh, cool air and say softly to the people of this area, "You don't really have any problems, do you?".

That was 10 years ago. My daughter has since passed away. Without going into detail, we cannot visit our grandkids and

thus my wife has subsequently given up on her wellbeing. Life is hard but manageable.

We are self-funded retirees and lavishly enjoy a 40c an hour government subsidy.

My point is, my daily routine. I prepare coffee in the morning for both of us, breakfast ready to eat, make the bed,

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Neil savs.

More letters from Neil Elliott,

please. What a ripper ('Idealistic

nitwits', Murray Pioneer, 15/3/23).

And I agree with almost everything

In reply to Heather Francis's letter

15/3/23) I empathise and agree

with her opinion. I believe and feel

million dollars in superannuation is

('Putting some money aside for

retirement', Murray Pioneer,

that anyone who has over one

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#### You've gotta be joking! Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey HOW TO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT STORY PAGE 5 WE'VE INITIATED, RECOMMENDED, CONSULTED, COMMUNICATED, INCLUDED, BARMERA EXCLUDED, PLANNED, A DISECTED, ENGAGED, SUBMITTED, CONCEPTED PLANNING & STRATEGY COMMITTEE BUT ALL WE WANT IS ENGINEERED, AND SOMEWHERE TO SWIM, WERE ONLY AT DINE & FISH STAGE ONE. URMISCU 300 YOU CAN PLEASE SOME OF THE PEOPLE SOME OF THE TIME, CHAR BUT NOT ALL OF THE PEOPLE AT ANY TIME.

sweep the floor, do the dishes, and walk the dog.

I shower, prepare lunch, tend to household repairs or maintenance as required, pay bills, manage finances etc., walk the dog (again), then prepare dinner.

On top of this is the constant frustration shown by my wife, but then I love her and mend her. My message to those who

don't realise: just look around and maybe help and understand

a little bit more. GARY MITCHELL Waikerie

#### **Some basic facts** on climate change

LET'S get down to the basics on climate change.

Most Australians will now be aware that the main cause of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels to produce energy, which results in releasing massive volumes of greenhouse emissions into the atmosphere.

Why is this not being stopped, or at the very least being seriously curtailed, many will wonder.

The answer is that big money and big corporations will not allow it to be stopped.

Surely the Federal Government should step in here as they, one would of thought, have an obligation to protect the people of Australia?

As shocking as it sounds it appears the actions of the Federal Government, in pouring billions of dollars into the fossil fuel industry, have made it perfectly clear to the people of Australia that the financial rewards resulting from a continuing fossil fuel industry are more important than stopping the terrible problems caused by human-induced climate change.

Yes, this is a disturbing conclusion to make, but the actions of our Federal Government make it quite clear that there is no other conclusion that could be fairly reached.

**BRIAN MEASDAY** Myrtle Bank

#### **Russia and Ukraine**

THESE past six years, Ukraine's military - which I consider to be neo-Nazi - has killed thousands of Russian and Ukrainian civilians in the breakaway east Donbass area. The mainstream media does

not mention this. In 2014 the American CIA overthrew Ukraine's legitimate

government for what I consider a neo-fascist government. President Vladimir Putin

wants a neutral Ukraine non-aligned to NATO and the European Union.

Russia did not invade Crimea. The people of Crimea had a

referendum to stay with the Russian Federation. They did not want to get involved with Ukraine's NATO and European Union politics.

Britain, America and Australia are currently sending arms for what I believe is Ukraine's neo-Nazi military.

After the Bolshevik Revolution, Ukraine lost its autonomy.

Between 1930 and 1933 the Georgian communist, Joseph Stalin, killed 5 million Ukrainians in a man-made famine. The Ukrainians hated Stalin and the Soviets.

In 1941 the Nazi German army invaded Russia/Ukraine. Ukraine partisans fought with the Nazi Germans against the Soviets.

The Eastern Front was a war within a war.

After World War II, Ukraine longed for independence from Moscow. The unfortunate thing was that Ukrainian Nationalism had been tainted with Hitler's National Socialism.

I hope President Putin can retreat from Ukraine. I feel sorry for the Ukrainian people that in 2014 the American CIA overthrew their legitimate government for a neo-fascist government and neo-Nazi military. L.P. BAKER

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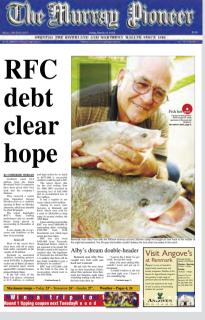


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SHEEP THRILLS: Barmera's awardwinning Running of the Sheep event – which gained international attention in 2011 – will be back again this October. Last year's event was cancelled only weeks before it was scheduled to run, but organiser Bob Clark said it was "definitely going ahead" this year. He said the run would be held on Saturday, October 5. "The only reason it didn't run last year is because I didn't run the trial," he said. 'It was run by the South Australian Working Sheep Dog Association and the organisers didn't want to do (the sheep run), but I'm back running the trials again now so it's going ahead.'

20 years ago March 21, 2003



RFC DEBT CLEAR HOPE: Creditors owed \$2.9 million from the failed Riverland Fruit Co-operative have been given their first look into the company's finances. They received a report from liquidator George Divitkos prior to a creditors meeting at Berri on Monday afternoon, which was attended by about 80 people. The report highlights RFC's shaky trading performance just six months before being placed in receivership in December of 2000. It also details the co-op's assets and liabilities at the time of receivership.

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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totally obscene. The extreme costs of placing anyone (one does not have to be an older person) in an aged care facility are also obscene. In the words of Mark Knopfler's song "Money for nothing and cheques for free ... '

> DB Barmera

Glad to see a local school leading the way with banning mobile phones in classrooms ('Fine without our phones', Pioneer, 15/3/23). Half the teenagers

these days can barely write, so having a phone next to them distracting them all day is the last thing they need. CHRIS

Renmark

Hope the CEOs of these power companies enjoy their "filthy lucre" and it brings them immense joy and happiness with their million dollar-plus salaries. JM

Waikerie

Sorry to break the bad news to you,

#### **TEXT LINE**

Brian Measday ('Political donations and climate change', Murray Pioneer, 15/3/23), but Australia's tiny emissions have zero impact on climate change. We're a drop in the ocean. old son. ROB

Berri

Thank you, Centrelink, for the \$37 increase in the pension. It will just cover the \$20 increase in my Housing SA rent. Wonderful. YS NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 22, 2023

POLICE are searching for three suspects who fired a gun at a Renmark home during an attempted home invasion this week.

Two occupants of a house on Murtho Street, in Renmark, were awoken by three men trying to break into their property about 12.45am on Monday, March 20. The suspects were unable to gain entry and subsequently discharged a gun shot at the front of the house.

It is understood the projectile hit but failed to penetrate a glass window, with no injuries sustained by the occupants.

The three men then left in a vehicle.

A SAPOL spokesperson advised Murray Mallee CIB detectives were investigating the situation.

"Crime scene investigators attended and examined the scene overnight," the spokesperson said.

"Although the investigation is in its early

stages, it is not believed to be a random incident."

Locals who saw or heard any disturbance, or vehicles in the area, are asked to contact Crime Stoppers by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (https://www. crimestopperssa.com.au/).

#### New flood research

SCIENTISTS are conducting a series of research projects to determine how River Murray environments are responding to the 2022-23 once-in-a-generation flood.

The Department for Environment and Water is working with the Goyder Institute for Water Research and its partners to fill knowledge gaps to inform the future management of riverine, floodplain and wetland habitats.

Researchers are capturing data while high flows continue to exit the Murray mouth to better understand environmental responses to the flood.

This is in addition to the work being undertaken to further enhance river monitoring and flood forecasting.

The DEW says outcomes of the research will improve understanding of environmental responses to a wider range of flow conditions, which in turn will inform future environmental water management, including improved forecasting of river conditions, monitoring and environmental watering priorities.

"While the high flows will create many positive environmental responses, blackwater events and potential pest species may pose a significant risk to endangered and threatened species," said Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Dr Susan Close.



Model Jamila Main, with life drawing workshop participants Nicole and Karl (and Riot, the Riverland Youth Theatre's resident cat).





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Adelaide woman Taryn Brumfit's message of rejecting body shaming was mirrored at a recent "life drawing" workshop – featuring a nude model – for 16 adult artists at Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT).

After the initial challenge of drawing a nude model, RYT creative producer Fleur Kilpatrick said participants gradually relaxed as the session proceeded – and something interesting started to happen.

"Some people talked about feeling a bit kinder towards their bodies," she said.

"Just the sense of sitting there and being able to look fully at a body and draw it made them think 'my body is carrying me around and is doing a good job'.

"So I think it was just a nice sense of

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Australian of the Year and body positive advocate, Taryn Brumfitt. PHOTO: Twitter

appreciating what our bodies do for us." Ms Kilpatrick said the participants enjoyed tackling something completely different.

"It is a really beautiful part of practicing art as an artist, and not something we can do up here very often," she said.

"I had some conversations with some of the artists in our 'queer 18-plus group' and they really liked the idea."

However, Ms Kilpatrick said the prospect of having a local model held some trepidation for the group.

"So I put out the feelers on Facebook to see if I knew any life-drawing models in Adelaide," she said.

"And Jamila put up her hand."

Ms Kilpatrick said participants came from across the Riverland to take part.

"They were really keen (but) there were only a few people who had done life drawing before," she said.

"So there were a few slightly nervous looks...

"But I talked everyone through it, and Jamila is such a pro as a model as well, she made it feel so comfortable.

"It was just about relaxing and enjoying the process, not just focusing on the product.

"At times I also threw people challenges such as asking them to draw without taking the pen off the page, or without taking their eyes off the model and not looking at what they were doing, to get away from the sense of having to get it perfect."





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# **'Oarsome** to be back'

#### **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

THE River Murray has dropped to a safe enough level to enable Waikerie rowers to recommence their season.

On Sunday, Waikerie Rowing Club captain and coach Leslie Lennell had his first paddle at Waikerie since December.

Mr Lennell said he enjoyed returning to the river in a double scull with fellow member Katrina Webber.

"The river is good – there's still a fair bit of flow in it, but it's back to pool level," he said.

Mr Lennell said the river bank, used as a launch spot for rowing vessels, remained muddy from the flood.

"It is a bit boggy underfoot," he said, "You sort of get stuck in the clay a bit."

Club members also moved their boats and oars back to their shed, which they had emptied prior to Christmas due to concerns about the flood.

Mr Lennell said during the flood's duration all sculls and oars were stored in the sheds of club members.

"We made a decision to safeguard the equipment due to the high levels predicted," he said.

"A lot of money had been invested there and we couldn't afford to lose our boats."

While pleased to finally be back on the water, Mr Lennell said having such a short rowing season was disappointing.

"We virtually had no season, we got started and then we had to stop," he said.

"I went for a row in the river in December and bumped into something rather large and

we decided that it was time to pull the pin. "It just wasn't worth it. It was too dangerous and there was too much debris coming



Waikerie Rowing Club's captain and coach Leslie Lennell says conditions in the River Murray are good for rowing again. PHOTOS: supplied

down and too much flow."

The sole rowing event Waikerie members participated in this season was when the temporary inlet to Lake Bonney was reopened to allow River Murray water to flow back in.

Waikerie, Berri and Renmark Rowing clubs all took part in the event, held in January, to celebrate the reconnection.

Mr Lennell said Rowing SA loaned Waikerie members rowing machines to maintain their fitness and skills.

The club's rowing season usually runs from October until the end of April. Training sessions are now being held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30pm.

For more information contact Mr Lennell on 0408 981 628.



Leslie Lennell moving the sculls and oars back to their headquarters on the riverfront on Sunday.

# **Council in recovery**

ALEXANDRA BULL RECOVERING community infrastructure is at the forefront of flood recovery for Loxton Waikerie council.

CEO David Beaton says restoring infrastructure to pre-flood state is a priority, but will take a while. "The riverfronts are dry-

ing up, the boat ramps are getting better access and the roads are starting to dry out, (so) we are getting back to that sort of status," he said. "The other sort of things are community-based issues. "We have got Paisley (near Blanchetown) which wasn't able to have a levee bank to protect it, so it's had major flooding. We have written off half a year's rates for them to try and



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# **Murtho home to** latest outbreak

RIVERLANDERS have been advised backyard trees are again posing a risk for fruit fly after the region's latest outbreak was linked to a residential property.

PIRSA last week declared a new fruit fly outbreak in Murtho after maggots were found in backyard apples.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said the new outbreak area, labelled as Murtho C, would add further economic pressure to more local growers.

"All host fruit must be treated and certified before leaving the Murtho C outbreak area," Mr Size said.

"If you are a grower in the new outbreak area go to the fruit fly website and you'll find lots of useful information about the restrictions now in place and what you need to do."

Meanwhile, a new outbreak was also declared in Cadell last week, following the detection of fruit fly maggots in peaches grown on a commercial property.

PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response Nick Secomb said summer and autumn fruits were both currently a fruit fly host risk

"If you grow fruits like late season peaches and plums, or autumn fruits like apples, pears, pomegranates and citrus like mandarins, persimmon, limes and



The detection of fruit fly maggots in backyard apples led to a third outbreak of the pest being declared in Murtho. **IMAGE:** supplied

oranges, these will all start coming into season so now is the time to be alert and pick fruit off the tree as soon as it ripens," Mr Secomb said.

"Removing fruit from the tree and the ground is critical in breaking the fruit fly lifecycle – it removes the opportunity for fruit fly to sting it and lay eggs, or if eggs have already been laid it prevents maggots from digging into the ground and developing into flies.

'PIRSA staff will be visiting on properties within the Murtho C red outbreak area to collect any fallen fruit off the ground, check fruit on trees for maggots, apply bait and deploy traps."

Local growers impacted by fruit fly outbreaks are encouraged to contact the Family and Business Support service by phone on 0411 633 085, 0419 848 672 or 0439 409 430, or by visiting the website (pir. sa.gov.au/fabs).

Up to date outbreak advice and other fruit fly information can be found by visiting the website (https:// www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au/).

Removing fruit from the tree and the ground is critical in breaking the fruit fly lifecycle...

- Nick Secomb, PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response

# mode

assist them through the process.

"We are trying to organise with Green Industries to have some skips and things like that to get access for people to be able to clean up their shack area and get rid of their debris as quickly and easily as possible.'

With major inundation experienced in towns such as Loxton and Waikerie, cleaning up the riverfront has been a major focus of council during the flood recovery process.

"Getting lawns back, reinstating barbecues, cleaning shelters, getting the paths back up so they can be walked on, getting power back into different areas, getting the toilets up and running (have been prioritised)," Mr Beaton said.

"There's consistent jobs and things that need to be done and persisted with until we get back to the normal standard that we had."

Numerous projects have also been put on hold to make way for flood recovery



Loxton Waikerie council has begun works to recover community infrastructure damaged during the River Murray flood. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

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Mr Beaton also encour-

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"I would suggest that

works, including upgrading that we have got done at the the Loxton houseboat marina.

"Obviously all the extra work that is required in those areas drains the availability that we have got through our workforce," Mr Beaton said.

"(However), we have been trying to use contractors in other areas to make sure that some of the other projects

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RIVELANDERS will be asked to air their views on the fruit fly management strategy at a series of upcoming local meetings.

All local residents, including growers, have been invited to meet with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) and peak grower industry bodies for an update on the response and to ask questions, raise queries or share their thoughts.

As the number of outbreaks soars past 30, impacting scores of locals, including businesses, community meetings will be held in five fruit fly outbreak areas: Loxton, Berri, Renmark, Waikerie and Swan Reach.

"The fruit fly community meetings will give locals a chance to hear where eradication is at and the likely path going forward," said PIRSA's general manager of the fruit fly response, Nick Secomb.

"There will be a panel of speakers who will share insights and answer questions.

"PIRSA and peak grower industry bodies are keen to hear from the community to better understand and, where possible, address their concerns and queries, as well as explore any ideas or thoughts they have on working together to achieve eradication."

Panel members will include representatives from the Fruit Fly Response program, and Riverland Fruit Fly committee and industry bodies, while "lived experiences" will be shared from local individual grow-



#### **Riverland fruit fly** community meetings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29: Loxton Hotel, 2pm to 3.30pm Berri Senior Citizens Club, 6.30pm to 8pm

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30:** Renmark Hotel, 1pm to 2.30pm Waikerie Hotel, 6.30pm to 8pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 31:

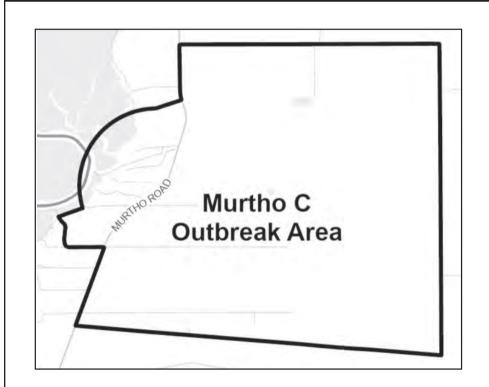
Swan Reach Hotel, 10am to 11.30am

ers and home gardeners.

No bookings required and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information about fruit fly visit the website (fruitfly.sa.gov.au) or call the Fruit Fly Hotline (1300 666 010).

### FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK **MURTHO C**



Queensland fruit fly has been found in Murtho causing a new outbreak called Murtho C.

A 1.5 km radius outbreak area has been established in Murtho.

If you live in these areas, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions in place.

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

An eradication program has begun in the area. PIRSA field staff will be carrying ID and entering properties to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

Discuss special arrangements for moving commercial produce from the Murtho C outbreak area by calling the industry hotline on 1800 255 556.

What you need to do:

- Keep fruit on your property do not share, sell or give it away.
- · Provide access to your garden so we can do our work quickly and efficiently.
- · Pick your ripe fruit and vegetables.
- · Collect fallen fruit. Dispose of it safely for your area – visit the fruit fly website or call the Fruit Fly Hotline to find out how.
- Check your fruit for blemishes and maggots.
- Call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 if you find any maggots in fruit, seal the item in an airtight bag and arrange collection.

Don't let fruit fly under the radar, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au or call 1300 666 010.



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### **Police spike stolen Holden in Loxton**

A MAN will appear in a local court after police were forced to spike a car in a Riverland town last week.

A Holden Rodeo ute parked at a petrol station on the Old Princess Highway, at Murray Bridge, was stolen around 6am on Friday, March 17.

The ute was then seen heading east on Karoonda Highway towards Mindarie, then again on the Karoonda Highway, near Loxton.

Police set up road spikes and successfully spiked the car in Loxton, where the driver – a 36-year-old male of no fixed address - was apprehended.

The man was expected to be charged

with illegal use of a motor vehicle, aggravated driving dangerously to avoid police, and driving while disqualified. It is under-



stood he was refused bail and appeared in the Berri Magistrates Court last week.

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Moorook Primary School's whole-school photo from 2022 (back, from left): Brenton Poole (pastoral care worker), Dinah Wisniewski (SSO), Sam, Kirrielee, Charlotte, Paulene Dawe (teacher) and Brigit Frazer (SSO). Front: Belle, Eden, Sonya Warren (principal) Caleb and Aynsley. **PHOTO:** supplied

# Sad end to a century of schooling

A CENTURY of education at Moorook Primary School will be celebrated this weekend, while also bidding farewell to the site as the doors officially close.

In 2022, Moorook Primary had seven students, and with enrolment numbers anticipated to drop lower for the 2023 school year, extensive consultation was undertaken to decide the fate of the site.

A Moorook Primary parent community voted late in term 4 on a proposed voluntary amalgamation with Kingston-On-Murray Primary School (KOMPS), with a vast majority of parents in favour of the move.

The amalgamation was submitted to the Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer earlier this year and approved this month.

Former Moorook students began the school year at KOMPS, where they were also joined by principal Sonya Warren, who took over as principal at KOMPS while Kara Voigt takes maternity leave.

"The Moorook Primary School has been a focal point in the local community for a century, so it's understandable that we are sad to see the classroom doors close," Ms Warren said.

"It's a decision our school community did not take lightly, with extensive consultation undertaken before resolving to amalgamate with Kingston-on-Murray Primary School.

"I would like to thank the school's Governing Council, parents and staff for their professionalism and support during this transition period."

An open day at Moorook Primary School this Saturday, March 25 – Moorook Memories - will celebrate 100 years of the school, and the end of an era, from 3pm onwards.

Classrooms will be open with various memorabilia from the past 100 years on display and afternoon tea available before catering begins at 5pm.

At 6pm, Ms Warren will officially welcome guests, students will perform Schooling Through the Years, and a 100th birthday cake will be cut, followed by speeches from past and present principals, teachers, parents and students.

"The Kingston-On-Murray community have welcomed us all with open arms and our students have really settled into their new school," Ms Warren said.

"The open day will be a fabulous opportunity to bring our community together to celebrate and share our memories of Moorook Primary School one last time."

Skeleton staff will remain on site at Moorook to facilitate the closure, while the Department for Education will ensure regular maintenance of the school grounds, including safety checks of the buildings, before the site's future is determined.

# 2023 build for Renmark independent units?

#### HUGH **SCHUITEMAKER**

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A RIVERLAND community group is helping ease pressure on housing affordability in the region while also ensuring locals live comfortably in their retirement years.

The Renmark Paringa Independent Living group is currently finalising approvals for its next set of units, to be built on Murtho Street, in Renmark. Renmark Paringa Independent

Living chair Peter Hunter said providing retirement residences meant other properties would be available for young families seeking to move into the community.

"We potentially free up six houses with every build," Mr Hunter said.

'That's six houses or units for individuals or families to move into.

"It's opening up the market." Mr Hunter, who is also Renmark Paringa Mayor, said strong demand remained for new independent living units.

"We've got a waiting list just short of 100 at the moment," he said.

"That's across eight different categories and 17 sites. There's 102 units.



Renmark Paringa Independent Living chair Peter Hunter opening the organisation's group of units on Seventeenth Street, in Renmark, in November 2020. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

"The ones by the Chaffey Theatre are mostly single bedroom, so the pressure on those is a bit less."

Mr Hunter expected construction on the next group of units to begin within 2023. 'We've got an absolute short-

age of houses and available land" he said "We've almost got all the

approvals for Murtho Street...

we've just about finished all that, so we'll come back with tender documents in the next couple of months hopefully, then we can start building later this year."

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# Local brands say 'hallo' to German market

RIVERLAND winemakers have received a State Government grant to take part in a German trade fair to help local businesses expand into new markets.

Five Riverland wineries, including Ricca Terra and 919 Wines, were represented at ProWein in Dusseldorf this week, thanks to a \$25,000 grant and Riverland wine funding, in an effort to promote the region's reputation.

"Our state's winemakers and grape growers are forward-thinking, innovative and at the forefront of sustainable winemaking,"

than last year.

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know what's happening over

working really hard on our

the four-day weekend, so we're

Easter lift-out this year, which

"Local businesses are also

keen to get on board and show-

case what they have to offer to

locals and visitors over Easter."

will be inserted free inside next

Meanwhile, the Pioneer is

again featuring its annual Easter

The entry form is on page 23

In addition, the entry form will

of today's edition and this year,

the prize packs are even more

also feature in the Easter in the

Riverland 2023 liftout next week.

Colouring-In Competition.

week's edition of The Murray

'Easter in the Riverland 2023'

will be 12 pages – four more



CIT's Greg McCarron, Minister Clare Scriven, Mallee Estates' Jim Markeas, CIT's Rosalie Auricht and CCW's Jim Godden. PHOTO: supplied

said Nick Champion, SA Trade and Investment Minister.

"South Australian wine has a reputation for its premium quality across surge."

the globe, and we want to ensure we are at the forefront of reaching out to the low/zero alcohol markets, which are set to



COLOURING -IN COMP:

winner runner-up (left) in The Murray Pioneer's Easter Colouring-In Competition.

Graham Weckert of Eudunda (left) holds up a bottle of wine during the charity auction conducted by BML Auctions' Budgie Schiller at the Terminus Hotel at Morgan on the weekend. PHOTO: supplied

#### PTSD emergency worker fundraiser **CHRISTINE WEBSTER** Mr Jenkins will be supporting

COMMUNITIES from the Barossa Valley and the Riverland have raised more than \$4500 in a charity auction at the Terminus Hotel in Morgan to increase awareness about how posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) affects some emergency services personnel.

Hosted by comedian Sarah G, the event featured live music by Nathan Bruhn, while the charity auction was conducted by Budgie Schiller from BML Auctions in Eudunda and drew a crowd of about 50 people.

Event organiser Dale Jenkins said the fundraiser was an initiative of the Feathers Racing Team, which is competing in the motocross section of the Finke Desert Race in Central Australia in June.

The four team members are from Eudunda and Truro, among them a former paramedic who suffers from PTSD.

the team, which includes his son Liam.

He said the money raised would be used to support the motocross riders and also the Sirens of Silence Charity, which backs emergency services personnel with PTSD.

Mr Jenkins said a diverse range of items including bottles of wine, a bar fridge, fire pit, and angle grinder - all donated by businesses from the Barossa Valley and the Riverland - were up for auction.

He said the Finke Desert Race would also be an opportunity to boost awareness about how PTSD affected emergency services workers.

"It brings a lot of people to the area from across Australia," Mr Jenkins said.

He said emergency services personnel played a crucial role in people's lives, especially in regional areas.

#### **Pioneer's popular Easter lift-out** "We're keen to let everyone

THE Murray Pioneer will again present its popular Easter lift-out in next week's edition.

The 12-page supplement has become the definitive guide to enjoying Easter in the Riverland. In addition, the 2023 long

weekend is set to be the first since 2019 to escape the impact of Covid-19 - meaning a vintage Riverland Easter is on the cards.

The lift-out will again be a comprehensive guide to Easter activities across the region, from the traditional Berri Traders Easter Carnival (on Saturday, April 8), to celebrations in the Riverland West area, and long weekend events in the other main Riverland towns.

'I suspect that this Easter is going be particularly special in the Riverland," said Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager, Glenda Malinovski.



The prizes for the (above) and

# **Berri Traders MARKET & EASTER FESTIVITIES VAUGHAN TERRACE, BERRI** SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023

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# **Riverfront vehicle access restored**

#### **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

VEHICLE access to parts of the Waikerie riverfront has been recently restored.

Leonard Norman Drive and Edgar Bartlett Road had been closed since late last year, due to the River Murray flood.

Earlier this month Leonard Norman Drive was reopened to one-way traffic with entry via Peake Terrace and the exit via the Waikerie Football Oval.

The ramp was opened ahead of the March long weekend.

Loxton Waikerie council infrastructure services director Greg Perry said a section of the levee had also been removed to allow access to the Number 1 boat ramp. "Hopefully this will now bring more peo-

ple to the area," he said. Mr Perry said people wanting to access

this section of the riverfront could park in the carpark between the Waikerie football oval and Waikerie Holiday Park.

He said the levee around the holiday park was expected to remain for the foreseeable future.

Mr Perry said it had been built on an existing levee, which had been "a very low one".

"It was more of a walking track scenario," he said. "We had to make it a lot wider and

higher."

Leonard Norman Drive along the Waikerie riverfront was reopened to vehicles prior to the March long weekend.





Waikerie's Number 1 boat ramp, which was closed late last year due to the flood, was reopened earlier this month. PHOTOS: Christine Webster

Mr Perry said part of Edgar Bartlett Drive was also open to vehicles, but the section leading to Waikerie's Number 2 boat ramp was still closed earlier this week and the ramp was also still closed.

Mr Perry said the flood had caused minimal damage to the Waikerie riverfront. "The lawn areas have been impacted the

most," he said. "The infrastructure such as tables, chairs,

and barbecues we were able to removed." Mr Perry said parts of Edgar Bartlett Drive and some other roads that were inundated with water in the district needed to be resealed.



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# **TAFE SA seeking locals for new committee**

A NEW regional committee is set to advise TAFE SA on skills and training opportunities in the Riverland and Murraylands.

TAFE SA's Regional Skills Advisory Committee will be established as part of its ongoing commitment to the region's education and training needs.

The committee will play a key role in identifying skills needs and working with TAFE SA to ensure regional training is sustainable, viable and relevant to local employers and industry.

Nominations are currently being accepted from industry and community members interested in joining the committee. TAFE SA chief executive David Coltman says it is an exciting opportunity for members of the community to contribute to the planning and development of training in the region.

"TAFE SA is looking forward to strengthening our engagement with the local community through the new Regional Skills Advisory Committee," he said.

"We welcome nominations from industry and employers, schools, community service providers and others with an interest in developing a skilled workforce that meets the region's needs now and into the future."

The establishment of the committee is a direct response to feedback from TAFE SA's draft Regional Plan 2021-22, released in September 2021.

The draft plan provided a framework for a new way of working with regional communities and industries.

"Through the consultation and feedback process it was evident that communities wanted to be involved in TAFE SA decision making at a local level and be able to provide suggestions, identify improvements and highlight future skills needs," Mr Coltman said.

"South Australian regions are diverse and have different needs and aspirations. The Regional Skills Advisory Committee will enable the local community to engage with TAFE SA and have a greater say in the training provided in the Murraylands and Riverland."

For further information and to nominate for a position on the Murraylands and Riverland Regional Skills Advisory Committee, visit the TAFE SA website (tafesa.edu.au/abouttafesa/regional-skills-advisory).



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ONE of the most important parts of a job application, to some hiring managers, is the cover letter.

Cover letters are a brief note allowing you to share with prospective employers a little bit about who you are, why they should hire you, and help you stand out above other candidates.

Across the internet are countless websites and forums on how to curate the best cover letter, however it is important to note that changes can be made based on your industry.

Simple steps to remember

when making a fresh cover letter for each job – yes, fresh, but you can keep a template to make it easier – are as follows.

Address your cover letter to the hiring manager, preferably by name. The traditional way to address a cover letter is by including a title and the person's full name. Titles can be left off to avoid inadvertently misgendering someone, but avoid using generic greetings such as 'To whom it may concern' or 'Dear sir or madam'.

Craft an opening paragraph

to hook your reader. You want the stage set for the whole cover letter with a memorable, friendly, conversational paragraph that is hyper-relevant to the job. Consider introducing yourself with a snappy paragraph that highlights your excitement about the company you are applying to, your passion for the work you do and/or your past accomplishments.

Let them know what you can do for the company. Show you understand what the organisation is looking for and spell out how your background and experience lines up with the position. Select three to five important qualifications you feel you exemplify best and detail them, avoiding generic references like "great fit for your organisation" or "team player".

Finish with a strong conclusion. It is tempting to finish the cover letter with "I look forward to hearing from you", but your closing paragraph is your last chance to share enthusiasm for the position. You can use the last paragraph as a chance to state you are willing to relocate for the job, or include other important details about yourself.

Re-read and revise. While your computer might do the bulk of your spell checking, remember that a computer scanning for typos is not the same thing as editing. Set your letter aside for a while then read it with fresh eyes, or maybe ask someone close to you to read it over and check for mistakes. You can also use this opportunity to ask them if the cover letter sells you as the best person for the job.

# A good resume makes a world of difference

YOUR resume is often the first impression you get to make and a good resume can be the difference between standing out from the crowd or being tossed aside and forgotten about.

Resumes contain your relevant work experience, educational background, accomplishments and skills.



Whether you have years of experience, or are newly joining the workforce, learning how to create and maintain a good resume can help impress prospective employers and increase your chances of being contacted for an interview.

Follow these tips to help master resume writing:

- Review resume templates from your industry. Look for any common features or layouts that people use, as well as the typical order of resume sections.
- □ Choose a professional layout and font. Make sure the resume is written in sections, with each section relevant to the specific employer. Use an easy-

to-read font in 12 point for normal text, and around 16 point for headings.

- □ Include common keywords used in job descriptions. These keywords and phrases show what the employer is looking for in an ideal candidate, so including them will help you stand out from other applicants.
- Prioritise important information. Managers and recruiters have many resumes to view at one time so make sure your important information is first. Your most impressive accomplishments and relevant skills should be where the employer can find them easily.
- □ Optimise your skills section. Look through the job description to assess what skills and qualifications the employer is looking for. List your relevant hard (teachable and measurable

abilities such as literacy, numeracy or IT proficiency) and soft (traits that make you a good employee such as etiquette, communication and listening, or ability to work in a team) skills you have and see which ones match the role you are applying for.

- □ Include up-to-date contact information. Use personal email addresses, but avoid using it if it sounds unprofessional and create a new one with your first and last name. Links to professional websites, portfolios, LinkedIn and relevant social medias can also be included.
- □ Update your references. References boost your chances of getting a job, but be wary of how you include them. Make sure you have the permission of each referee, and make sure their contact details are correct.

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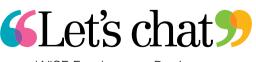
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FLOOD-impacted residents along the River Murray are having their power restored within 48 hours of receiving notification their property is safe.

SA Power Networks has restored over 665 properties so far and has reminded customers to request reconnection via their energy retailer.

"For a customer impacted along the river, SA Power Networks currently is averaging reconnection at around two days following receipt of a request from their retailer," said Paul Roberts, SA Power's "Manage and anti-

"Many properties sadly are beyond repair or will be unsafe and uninhabitable for some time and power reconnection will need to follow on from repairs and other building works.

"However, as the clean-up progresses, and more roads become accessible, additional resources are being deployed to river areas to assist local crews in tackling the reconnection work."

As flood waters continue to recede and major roads reopen

along the river, access to some areas remains a "significant issue" due to road damage.

"Already, all the major backbone powerlines that were turned off due to unsafe clearances have had power restored and about twothirds of the transformers that supply localised areas that were disconnected due to inundation are now able to supply power to customers," Mr Roberts said.

"We will re-energise the remaining transformers as we get access. "Where we can, we will restore



electricity supply to the customer's switchboard and leave instructions advising the property owner of whether they can turn on their power or whether they will need to arrange a licensed electrician to undertake checks and do corrective work before turning on their main switch."

Mr Roberts reminded property

SA Power Networks is working to restore power to impacted properties across the Riverland now flood waters have receded. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

owners to take every precaution when visiting their properties and to contact their electricity retailer to raise a reconnection service request.

SA Power Networks held a community information hub in Morgan yesterday, with others to follow today in Mannum and tomorrow in Murray Bridge.

# Curtain's outback experience hits Waikerie

WAIKERIE will host multiple-Golden Guitar winner Tom Curtain next week, when the country music star tours his awardwinning outback show, celebrating the release of his fifth studio album, Nothin's Gonna Stop Us. Curtain's Katherine

Outback Experience comprises an hour of horse training and working dog demonstrations, including hands-on fun for the kids followed by live music by himself and fellow singer songwriters Chris Matthews (2022 WA Country Artist of the Year) and Melissa Fraser.

"Our show on the road is a snapshot of the experience we provide in Katherine," Curtain said. "It's more about the

training of the animals and we are passionate about making it really family orientated.

"It's raw and real. Guests love the interaction with the animals and feel like they get extra value for the training tips we share."

Nothin's Gonna Stop Us debuted at No.1 on the Australian iTunes Country Music Charts late last year, and Curtain said he last toured South Australia three years ago, due to Covid outbreaks and lockdowns.

Despite the challenges of the past few years, Tom hasn't slowed down, and

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Horse training and working dog demonstrations are part of country music star Tom Curtain's Katherine Outback Experience, coming to the Waikerie Pony Club on Saturday, April 1. PHOTO: supplied

has enjoyed chart success, with the first two singles released from the Nothin's Gonna Stop Us album both going to No.1 on the Country Songs Top 40 Australian Airplay Chart.

Curtain's tourist attraction, Katherine Outback Experience, won 2021 Best Tourist Attraction in Australia at the National Tourism Awards and more recently was awarded 2022 Best Tourist Attraction at the Northern Territory Tourism Awards for the fourth consecutive year.

Curtain and his team have already performed over 45 shows since leaving Katherine in late October 2022 with his two youngest children, three-year-old Harry and one-year-old Lottie, wife Annabel, three staff, eight horses, 12 dogs and three

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goats. "Logistically it's a bit tougher this year, with two busy toddlers on the road, but it's all part of the adventure," he said.

"This is the sixth consecutive summer we have toured and every year we are getting better at it, with small improvements and new technology."

In addition to his touring, Curtain is also an official ambassador for Dolly's Dream, using his music and shows as a platform to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and wellbeing in rural communities.

Curtain and his team will perform at the Waikerie Pony Club on Saturday, April 1.

Tickets are on sale now via (https://www.tomcurtain.com.au/tour/).



TOM CURTAIN

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RIVERLAND DASH 4 CA\$H







The Dash 4 Cash returns next Friday, with high octane action set to enthrall viewers in front of the Renmark Club. **PHOTOS: Grant** Schwartzkopff

#### **BEN LENNON**

High flows have failed to derail the 2023 Riverland Dinghy Club season, with the Dash 4 Cash once again set to light up the Renmark riverfront this March.

The club's flagship event and traditional season opener was delayed due to the flood, but action is set to return on Friday, March 31, as the 2023 season begins.

The Renmark Club is again partnering the event, with the club's balcony overlooking the river sure to have the hottest seats in town come the end of the month.

Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke was around for



the first Dash for Cash and said the dinghy club's relationship with the Renmark Club has been important over the years.

"From the day we pitched the

very first one, the Renmark Club has been the inaugural people involved with us," Mr Jenke said.

"We realised early that there was a lot of people that couldn't go up and see the derby or the other rounds during the year whether they didn't have a boat or they were just visitors to the area.

"We wanted an event where anyone can walk up and watch. 'They've been brilliant as

venue hosts and we've seen great balcony sessions out the front. They've had a few different formats over the years and it's been great.

"I know during the day if you get there and get a seat, you want to stay in that seat because they don't hang around too often if you get up.'

This year's action looks to be as frantic as ever, with racers from across the country eager to get back into action following the season's delayed start.

The course starts and ends to the left of the club's riverfront balcony, with the competitors racing towards a buoy before turning around in pursuit of the finish line.

Mr Jenke believes it to be one of the most exciting events on

the calendar, with plenty to look at from the deck.

"It's a two-lane sprint race, with close action decided in under 30 seconds sometimes," he said.

"Some of the podium placings are decided by hundredths of a second, so it really is exciting.

"A lot of the top names in the classes are there and there's been a lot of people from the lower classes feed up to higher classes so it's going to be a healthy competition."

Dinner service will function as normal inside the club, with bookings a necessity, while the action takes place on-deck from 1pm 'til late.



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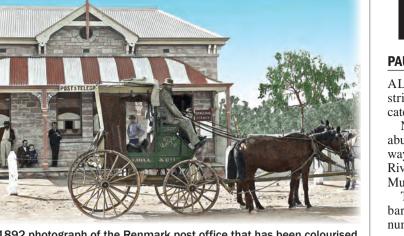
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An 1892 photograph of the Renmark post office that has been colourised by former local Richard Mast. Mr Mast will host a meeting next week aimed at establishing an historical society for Renmark and Paringa. **PHOTO:** supplied

# **Public meeting to help** preserve local history

#### **HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

**RESEARCHERS** and enthusiasts of Renmark and Paringa history are encouraged to attend the inaugural meeting of a potential new community group.

Former Renmark resident Richard Mast will next week hold a public meeting at Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum aimed at establishing a Renmark historical group.

Mr Mast, who is also currently co-authoring a book containing colourised photos of the town's establishment, said it was crucial to prevent historic artefacts being lost or destroyed.

"Along the way we've realised there's an extraordinarily large amount of historical data in the Renmark and Paringa communities, or with people who used to live there," Mr Mast said.

"A lot of it is being lost or deteriorating, and that's a waste because the local history is very rich and incredibly well documented.

"As we've been going around and looking for photographs, we realised there's hundreds of photos, films, journals and all sorts of documents sitting in boxes and cupboards.

"The idea of there being a historical association kept coming up in conversations as we were going around the community."

Mr Mast said forming the group would allow locals to share each other's historical materials. "There's a lot of interest in pres-

ervation and looking after the history," he said. "People we've seen who have lots of photos and film are very excited about the idea of being able to share it.

"There are extraordinary photographs of the history of Renmark and Paringa, and understandably the only people who ever saw those photographs are members of that family.

"The whole town's history is represented in those photos... we think it's a communal resource and a national resource."

Mr Mast said an archive of history of Renmark and Paringa would also be a valuable resource for future research.

"It's part of the tapestry of the entire nation," he said.

"You start cataloguing the history and you can preserve as much as possible, while also acting as a way of showing people where to find the (information) if they are looking for it.

"There's years of work to do to document what currently exists, but I think you need to set up mechanisms to start formally recording components of what happens every day.

"Instead of the history of Renmark and Paringa being a giant jigsaw puzzle with most of the pieces missing, most of the pieces could be in place."

The public meeting will be held at Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum, on Thursday, March 30, from 7pm.

"The town's history is represented in those photos... - Richard Mast



#### **PAUL MITCHELL**

ALMOST all Riverland mallee trees stripped of foliage by the rampant looper caterpillar will recover, a local expert says.

Native to Australia, the loopers have been abundant in recent months, working their way through eucalypts from one end of the Riverland to the other, stretching to the Mid-Murray district and beyond.

They typically leave gum trees looking bare and unhealthy, and the explosion in numbers sparked media claims that permanent environmental damage was possible.

However, local environmentalist and Australian plant expert Andrew Walladge allayed those fears, explaining that defoliation is "not necessarily a long-term problem".

"The affected mallee almost look like they'll die," he said.

Thankfully, they are incredibly resilient plants and I have no doubt the vast majority of trees will reshoot high in the canopy once we receive cooler temperatures, which will slow the looper caterpillar breeding cycle.

'Severely affected individual trees may reshoot from their lignotuber or 'mallee root' and the occasional tree may even succumb altogether, but I suspect some that do would be under stress for other reasons.

"So while the appearance of affected mallee is disconcerting, I doubt there will be ongoing problems for our local native vegetation.

Looper caterpillars were reported in Gluepot Reserve, north of Waikerie, around two years ago, and Mr Walladge said they had spread far and wide in recent months.

"I have observed them over summer from Waikerie to Berri, along the Sturt Highway, from near Morgan to Monash, along the Goyder Highway, and most back roads with roadside vegetation throughout the Berri Barmera district," he said.

"The Southern Mallee district appears largely free of them.

'While there are many species of looper caterpillar, it is unusual to see one species in such large numbers in native vegetation.

'They are literally stripping green leaved local mallee trees bare of leaves while leaving our local eucalyptus - or cyanophylla Murray valley mallee - alone."

An unusual weather pattern is likely behind the proliferation of loopers, Mr Walladge believes.

"The caterpillars are attracted to softer, younger leaves which have been a result of above-average rainfall locally during 2022," he said.

"Interestingly, this also coincided with higher-than-average rainfall, flooding in the eastern states and our recent high river.

"But local river flows have no bearing on the looper caterpillar population."

Mr Walladge said birds and other predatory insects had impacted the number of looper caterpillars, which transform into moths.

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# survive all-conquering caterpillars



Local environmentalist Andrew Walladge surveys the scene near Berri, part of the destructive path of the looper caterpillar through the Riverland. However, Mr Walladge says most trees will fully recover. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

# On the march, in their thousands

INDIVIDUALLY, they almost look cute, but marching in their thousands towards your house might be a different story.

The looper caterpillar has left a stark visual impact on the Riverland in recent months, and local environmentalist and Australian plant expert Andrew Walladge has heard some stories.

"I heard one report from Monash that hundreds of caterpillars were moving en masse on the ground towards a dwelling, causing some concern," he said.

The small "looper" moves around by gripping the surface with its forelegs, then arching its back as its



moves its hind legs up to just behind its forelegs, creating a 'loop'.

"They then grip with their hind legs and reach forward to repeat the process," Mr Walladge explained. "The adult moths move around by flying." - PAUL MITCHELL



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THE 60 FOUR: The 60 Four band's Pay It Forward campaign for their Riverland show was hugely successful, with 150 people admitted free of charge to the Chaffey Theatre on Saturday night. The packed-out show was the last stop in the group's Adelaide Fringe tour and was described by one local as "absolutely brilliant". PHOTOS: Glenda Malinovski





Charli Nitschke, Caicee Lehmann, Kylie McDonald and Peter Lehmann, of Glossop, spent time at the Riverland Auto Street Party in Barmera recently. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Milena, 9, Sarsho, 12, Alisa, 7, and Wayne Elliott, of Renmark, enjoyed the combined SES and MFS Open Day at Renmark recently.



Chris Gardner, William Gardner (front), 4, Lisa Adamczyk, Abbie Gardner, 8, and Chelsea Gardner, 11, of Paringa at the Renmark MFS and SES Open Day.

### **COMMUNITY DIARY**

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

#### WEEKLY

Guided tours of The Pines Historic House are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903). WEEKLY

#### Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery

in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506).

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

#### WEEKLY

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

#### WEEKLY

Loxton Senior Citizens Club meet every Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm at RVCC, corner of Bookpurnong Road and View Street. New members welcome. Please phone Jean (8584 7313). WEEKLY

Line dancing at the Monash Club every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.

#### WEEKLY

Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising. WEEKLY

The Barmera Community Men's Shed is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are welcome. Not open on public holidays. WEEKLY

The Loxton Legacy Widow Group meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall. WEEKLY

Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.

#### The SACWA Loxton District Branch

meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace. Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft. WEEKLY

#### Riverland Concert Brass Band. Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians welcome. WEEKLY

Loxcare Community Hub free mobile phone/tablet/computer questions and answers on the third Friday of each month from 10am. Enjoy a cuppa and learn about your devices as part of the Be Connected Network.

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WEEKLY Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584 6954.

#### WEEKLY

Riverland Woodworkers at the old Renmark High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun (0400 253 572)

#### WEEKLY

Riverland Youth Theatre has a range of classes and activities on offer this term for all ages including arts and crafts, movie making and music and movement for babies, plus special events.

#### WEEKLY

The Berri Community Men's Shed is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114. WEEKLY

#### Social badminton is played at the

Barmera Recreation Centre every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000). WEEKLY

The Renmark Senior Citizen's Club meet every Tuesday at their clubroom, 75 Ral Ral Avenue. New members welcome. Please call Marina (8586 3331). WEEKLY

Ukulele every Thursday during school terms, from 5.15pm to 6.45pm at the Monash Hall supper room. Inquiries to Margot (0407 796 508).

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm, so don't be late to join in the fun. SATURDAY, MARCH 25

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

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 27**

Riverland Stamp Club meeting, 10am at the Berri library.

#### FRIDAY. MARCH 31

Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group meeting, 10am to 11.30am at the RSL on Thompson Street, Waikerie. Please join us for coffee, cake and a chat. **SATURDAY, APRIL 8** 

Easter Alive Day at the Loxton Historical Village. Working exhibits, demonstrations, donuts, Devonshire tea and other food stalls, kid's activities, Easter egg hunt, whip cracking, blacksmith, printing, tractor parade and more.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

**U3A Riverland** presentation by Daryl Lang at the U3A clubrooms from 1pm. Caring for your gardening tools. Bring tools, rags and linseed oil. RSVP to Marian (0412 649 766).

# **18th National Caravan Rally beads to Barmera**

#### **ELYSE ARMANINI**

A GATHERING of almost 400 caravans from across the country is set to bring a major cash injection to the local economy when they arrive in Barmera next Monday.

The 18th National Caravan Rally will see around 800 people staying at the Riverland Events Centre – home of the Riverland Field Days – and visiting towns across the region from March 27 to April 5, in the group's first national rally to be held in South Australia.

The rally was postponed from 2022 to this year due to Covid-19 outbreaks at the time.

The opening night on Monday will see special guests and dignitaries joining in the festivities, including all three Riverland mayors, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Senator Anne Ruston, Minister for Tourism Zoe Bettison and several guests from the South Australian Tourism Commission, among others.

National Rally chairman John Anderson said Barmera – and the wider Riverland region – was chosen seven years ago during a state rally held in Loxton.

"The reason we chose Barmera at the time is that we were looking for sites in South Australia to hold the event, and we had to have an area to hold 500 caravans – which is what we expected at the time but that's become less because of Covid and a whole number of other things," Mr Anderson said.

"We happened to be having our state rally up at Loxton at the time and we went for a drive and saw this bit of lawn in the middle of nowhere and said, 'Ooh that looks like a good spot'.



"At that stage it didn't have the function pavilion built, or the extra bits and pieces that have been added to it now – including the shower block, which we helped pay for to do that.

"It's the perfect site, it's in the right spot. We all said at the time that it's an area of South Australia that never gets promoted properly and that was another reason."

Members of the visiting group will look to visit the towns around the Riverland, with multiple Sealink tours offering the best the region has to offer, including Banrock Station, Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery, Overland Corner Hotel, Renmark Paringa Community Museum, Loxton Historical Village, PS Industry cruises and more.

A Trade Fair – on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 – will be open to the general public with a gold coin donation going towards Make-A-Wish Australia.

"People will also just get out and drive around during the day," Mr Anderson said.

"Loxton Chamber of Commerce are running a bus across to Loxton on a couple of the days... and we have some vouchers for people to use at the commerce shops.

"We have a few things happening on site, if people want to stay back on a particular day. National Caravan Rally will roll into the Riverland Events Centre in Barmera early next week. PHOTO: Glenda Malinovski

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"Our main entertainment is at night. We have entertainment every night from 7pm to 10pm with artists on stage.

"We've tried to pick Riverland people, or other South Australians, to do the entertainment for us. It's going to be great, we have some good entertainment lined up.

"Our final night, on April 4, we'll have a big dinner catered by Salt & Pepper Catering – who are also doing a seating of 100 people every night in the function pavilion for those who want to eat on site.

"We can't wait to come out to the Riverland. A lot of us are already in South Australia in preparation."



### **EASTER COLOURING-IN COMPETITION**

Does your child love to colour in? Do they love chocolate Easter eggs? Do they love LOTS of chocolate Easter eggs?

If you answered 'yes' to all three questions then don't miss today's Easter Colouring-In Competition. On this page you'll find our giant Easter Colouring-In Competition, offering the most delicious Easter prize going around.

The best colouring in entry will win an incredible basket load of Easter chocolate, valued at around \$150 and supplied by Koch's Foodland and the Murray Pioneer. It includes Cadbury, Red Tulip, and more. Prizes will also be awarded to second, third and fourth place. All items packed inside the basket are available at Koch's Foodland Renmark and Loxton.

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#### by Loxton Garden Club

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

For further information contact Jacque Schulz 0402 158 759 or lan Cass 0428 876 220. Email: loxtongardenclub@gmail.com

#### **Giant Pink Pig Face Plant**

They may not have the most attractive of names, but the pig face plant (carpobrotus glaucescens) has some stunning blossoms. Many of you may be familiar with its daisylike flowers in bursts of pink, red, and purple Its name derives from the pig-like shape of the fruit, which it produces after flowering. It is perfect for a touch of colour in your garden

whether among rocks, under shade, or in a hanging basket. Pig Face is a creeping, flowering succulent - hence the chubby leaves - that grows as ground cover. It's mostly native to South Africa, but several species are native to Australia. Pig face plants are highly tolerant of salt and wind, which is why they commonly grow in Australian coastal areas, but they'll thrive inland as well! As you would of notice there are plenty in the Riverland and Murray Mallee areas

Pig face plant have squishy tube-like, bluegreen leaves that poke up from the soil. In spring and summer, they produce a longpetaled flowers, which will later wilt and turn into that signature piggy-shaped fruit. Unlike the prickly cactus, pig face doesn't have spikes or scales, so it's perfect for child friendly gardens.

The root system is the most significant part of pig face plants. Under the ground, the roots hold fast, preventing soil and sand from slipping down inclines. That makes them great soil stabilisers.

The piggy-shaped fruit is edible. Pig face is a bush food that has long been a food source for our First Nations Peoples. The fruits make an excellent jam or jelly, but you can eat the leaves and flowers too. Add them to your salad for a salty kick or cook them as a salt substitute. Pig Face can be used for relieving burns.

Much like aloe, another succulent, the juice from pig face leaves can help soothe bites, burns, and stings on your skin. You can also mix it with water as a gargle treatment for sore throats.

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#### Bitumen bandits' spotted in Renmark "BITUMEN bandits" have

returned to the Riverland, preying on flood victims. The State Government has warned that shonky operators have been spotted "on the prow"

in Renmark, seeking to dupe customers into low-cost, poor quality bitumen work. "With the damage suffered by many in the Riverland dur-

ing the recent floods, we want to ensure no one needing repair work is taken advantage of," said Andrea Michaels, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs.

The state's consumer watchdog, Consumer and Business Services, has received two reports over the past week of the scammers soliciting bitumen work door to door in Renmark.

Dubbed "bitumen bandits". these unscrupulous operators target both businesses and individuals, claiming to have bitumen left over from a job – offering to use the remainder for cut-price bitumen work.

In some instances, they claim the work can be done "on the cheap", but significantly inflate the cost when giving consumers the final bill.

Ms Michaels said the work is almost always poor quality and by the time the consumer realises, they have moved on to their next target.

"Given the recent floods, I'm concerned there may be a number of people in the region who may be vulnerable to offers of cheap repairs from these dodgy operators," she said.

"People should never hire anyone going door to door purporting to have leftover bitumen and offering to do work unsolicited.

"The offer of cheap work may seem tempting, but you may end up paying a lot more in the long run.

"The work is often low quality and you may need to pay a licensed professional to replace it at a far greater cost.

Commissioner for Consumer

Affairs, Dini Soulio, said the offenders are typically "highly organised"

"And (they) often use highpressure tactics to try and pressure consumers into shelling out their money for poor quality work," he said.

"Don't be pressured. Call legitimate businesses to get quotes.

"If one offer stands out as being significantly lower, there's good reason to be suspicious.'

Anyone who believes they may have encountered these individuals are encouraged to phone Consumer and Business Services (131 882).

#### Stalls popular at Waikerie plant sale and mini fete

The types of handmade

goods on sale included

paintings, terrariums featur-

ing different layers of sand

art, sculptures made from

A VARIETY of stalls were on offer at the Waikerie and Districts Garden Club's annual plant sale and mini fete, held inside – and outside – the Ramco Institute on Sunday.

The fete was introduced as part of the plant sale three years ago and has become a traditional event for the Riverland West community

Publicity officer Carole Walker said the event attracted a "good crowd", with many people coming to purchase lunch at the Ramco Primary School Parents & Friends stall.

"It was a mixture of good



Organisers were happy with the turnout at the Waikerie and Districts Garden Club's annual plant sale and mini fete. **PHOTOS: Paul McCormick** 

weather, some interesting rusty reused bolts and materials and jewellery. stalls and good food," she

Mrs Walker also ran an Easter biscuit decorating workshop and her traditional German honey biscuits sold out.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

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The United Trikers of Australia toured the Riverland on Friday and over the weekend and visited the Waikerie RSL Museum. **PHOTOS:** supplied

### Trikers on a trek through Riverland

#### **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

ABOUT 100 people from the United Trikers of Australia visited the Waikerie RSL Museum on Friday, to launch their group's AGM weekend in the Riverland.

Waikerie RSL president Paul Croft said the Waikerie visitors were mainly ex-servicemen and their partners.

He said they visited the museum by appointment and each of them gave gold coin donations.

Mr Croft said people from all over Australia often visit the local RSL museum.

"We get quite a few groups coming through, usually through prearrangement,' he said.

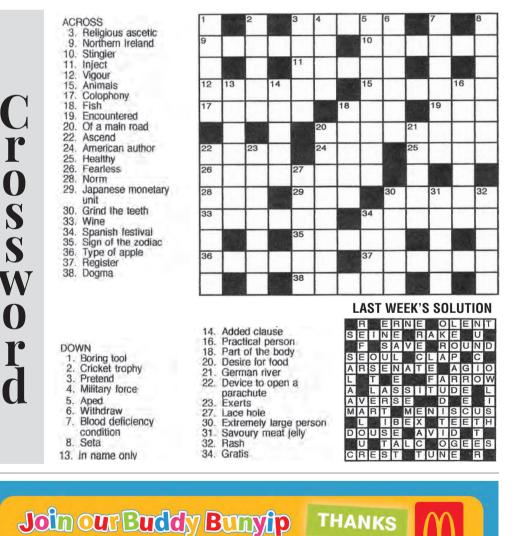
"We are happy to welcome anyone that is happy to look at the museum."

The trikers travelled from across Australia for the weekend, and visited Barmera and Loxton, among other locations, on Saturday.

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

A few friendly remarks will go a long way. Don't be afraid to use them liberally when the need arises! **Romance**. A close friend will appreciate your advice about a personal matter. You are a good person to ask, because you understand this person very well and know exactly what to say.

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

A change at work may have implications which are not obvious at this stage. Do your best to consider all the possible angles before you get started. **Romance.** Your positive mood will help to attract a new admirer. If you spend time with this person you will be pleasantly surprised how much they have to offer you.

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

A positive aspect to Jupiter will help to bring some more luck your way. A small, well thought through gamble could pay off handsomely. **Romance.** Your emotions will be especially strong at the moment, and you may be a little reckless. Don't do anything without thinking it through.

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

A powerful aspect to Mercury early in the week will help you to deal with a long-running dispute. Listen carefully to the other person's point of view. **Romance.** A meeting with an admirer will go better if you manage to contain your enthusiasm for them. Play it cool, at least at first!

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

Two powerful aspects to Uranus could bring some unusual people into your life over the next few weeks. Learn as much as you can from these encounters. **Romance.** A happy memory will give you a boost of confidence. Don't forget how well your relationship has gone in the past.

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

You don't have to do things differently just in order to please other people. You have your own approach which is right for you: stick to this. **Romance.** A kind gesture by your partner will show you how much they really care for you. A favourable aspect to Venus will bring you closer together.

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

A number of small events will eventually form a pattern which will be difficult to miss. Don't ignore the links which hold everything together. **Romance.** A boost to your self-confidence will lead to improvements in your love-life. You should not be afraid to make a bold move.

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

A challenging aspect to Mars could cause friction for a while. You may be a little on-edge at times, and should do your best to avoid scenes. **Romance**. A slightly erratic period in your relationship will soon pass. Your partner has many strong qualities which you sometimes forget about!

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

A boost to your career will come from an unexpected direction. A person whom you helped in the past has not forgotten you. **Romance**. Don't let a flattering remark make you self-conscious. You need to take compliments in your stride and accept what other people think of your appearance.

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

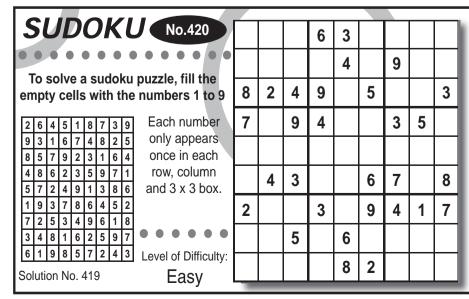
You don't enjoy being told what to do – especially from somebody much younger. However this time it might be better to give in rather than cause an argument. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Mercury will make communications with your partner especially rewarding.

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

Your co-workers will respect your impartiality. This week your sense of fair play will be put to the test when you are asked to sort out a dispute between two friends. Don't take sides, no matter how strongly you feel. **Romance.** Recent events will have long-term consequences which may be difficult to predict.

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

If you can't make sense of what your colleagues are doing you should not be afraid to question them and, if necessary, go your own way. **Romance.** Your partner may seem to be a little distant at times this week. Make sure that your own actions are not partly to blame.



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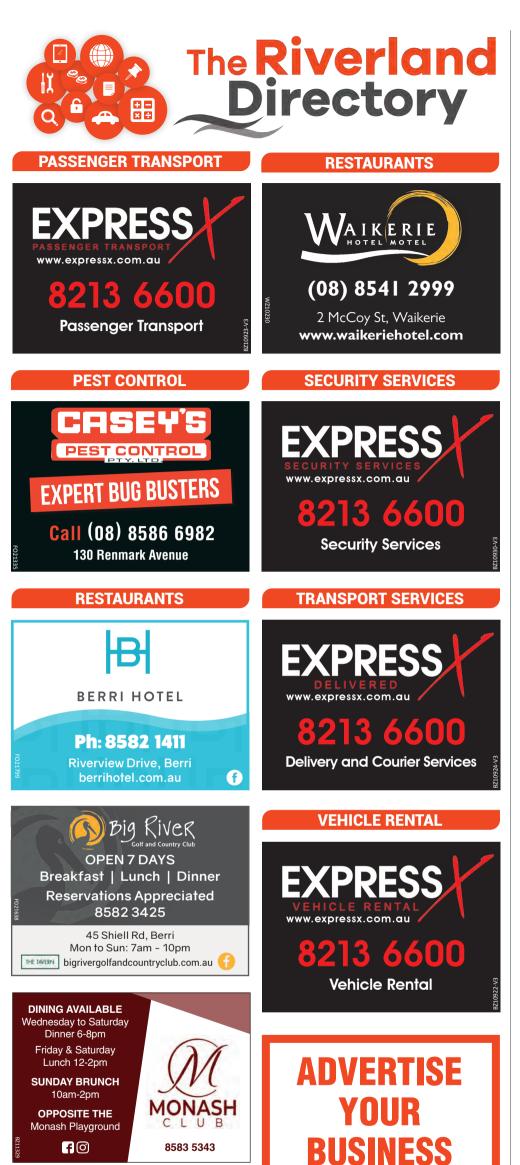


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PRIMARY school students from Cobdogla and Barmera have gained a unique insight into life inside a World War II internee camp.

The session followed a symposium and exhibition, titled German World War II internees from Persia and Their Fate in Australia, held earlier this month, featuring the history behind the Loveday Internment Camp (LIC) and Tatura Internment Camp (TIC) in Victoria's Goulburn Valley.

Children of World War II German internees from Iran (formerly Persia) detained at Loveday and Tatura spoke about their parents' experiences to about 80 students from Cobdogla Primary School and Barmera's St Joseph's Primary School.

They also shared anecdotes about growing up in Australia after World War II.

Among the speakers at the workshop was Helga Griffin, 87, who was interned as a child with her father, mother and two brothers at Camp 3 at Tatura.

Ms Griffin is the sole female German internee from Iran still alive. She is an academic who lives in Canberra and has published extensively.

Ms Griffin told the primary school students about growing up in detention. She told them she still has the recorder she learnt to play while at Tatura, and played a tune to students.

The students also heard from John Wulff, of Sydney, and Doris Frank and Ingrid Stephen, both of Melbourne, whose fathers were all interned at Loveday during World War II.

In addition, Riverland historian Rosemary Gower gave the students an insight into the history behind the Loveday Internment Camp.

An exhibition of photographs and memorabilia from the families of the German internees portraying life at Loveday during World War II featured as part of the symposium, and was displayed to the children.

Berri Barmera Library Manager Peter Ison also showed a film about the LIC to the students and encouraged them to dis-



Helga Griffin, 87, of Canberra who was detained in Victoria's Tatura Internment Camp as a child, plays the recorder to Cobdogla Primary School students. PHOTOS: Berri Barmera Library



Riverland historian Rosemary Gower tells students from Barmera's St Joseph's Primary School about the role the Loveday Internment Camp played during World War II.



The daughter of a Loveday Internment Camp internee, Ingrid Stephen, of Melbourne, Ms Griffin, 87, of Canberra, a former internee from Tatura in Victoria, and Melbourne woman Doris Frank, whose father was interned at Loveday, told primary school children from Cobdogla and Barmera about their experiences during and after World War II.

cuss the information they had learnt. The Barmera symposium was convened and curated by Western Sydney University Adjunct Professor Pedram Khosronejad in collaboration with the LIC committee and Berri Barmera Council.



Celebrating the recent delivery of 20 new low-back classic chairs were Loxton SA CWA members, back (from left): Pam Easther, Roma Mewett, Dulcie Schneider, Ann Dunbar, Kath Gillard and Pauline Harrison. Front: Tracey Orr and Carol Beswick (Loxton District Branch president). PHOTO: supplied

# Loxton CWA pulls up a chair (or 20)

MEMBERS of the Loxton District Branch of the South Australian Country Women's Association are delighted to have taken delivery of 20 new lowback classic day chairs.

"Added to those the branch already had, everyone is assured of comfort and posture support while attending meetings, doing handicraft and just chatting over a cuppa," a spokesperson said.

The purchase of the chairs was facilitated by the application and receipt

of a grant from the SA Government's Department of Human Services.

However, because of the time lapse between the grant application, in May 2022, and its approval in November, a product price increase meant only 19 chairs were able to be purchased.

"A kind donation from the supplier, Riverland Mobility Equipment, enabled the branch to receive the 20th chair," the spokesperson said.

The SACWA Hall has undergone lighting

#### upgrades recently, while work is scheduled to begin on other parts of the hall.

"The front door and inner entrance to the hall will be changed and what used to be the 'male' toilet at the rear, will become a new female toilet with a compulsory airlock which will have direct entry from the hall," the spokesperson said.

"The unisex/disability toilet will remain as it is.

"Those who hire the hall, as well as the SACWA members, will benefit from all the changes."

#### Loxton non-boring history series returning in May

THE popular Loxton History Sure Ain't Boring series will resume for 2023 at the Loxton Precinct (Mezzanine floor) on Tuesday, May 2, from 7.30pm.

Now in its 11th year, the history event

showcases a range of speakers, all with interesting backgrounds, sharing their local stories. Further details of this year's event and information regarding speakers and their topics will be released in coming weeks.

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# Students across Riverland completing NAPLAN testing

STUDENTS across the Riverland are in the middle of national testing, which will help provide a snapshot in numeracy and literacy development across several year levels, the SA Education Minister says.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across the country began on Wednesday, March 15 and will conclude next Monday.

NAPLAN seeks to evaluate whether young people are reaching numeracy and literacy goals and is tailored to each year level, assessing skills in writing, reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy.

Previously held in May, the testing period was moved to March in a bid for schools to benefit from results being available earlier in the year to inform teaching and learning programs.

Other changes include all exams, previously completed on paper, moved to online, except for year 3 writing, plus the 10-band scoring structure has been replaced by four new proficiency standards.

The four levels of achievement are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support

The standards include a baseline benchmark to identify students who are likely to need additional support, and to help families and carers better understand where their child sits and what, if any, other supports are needed.

"It's important to remind students that it's not about passing or failing, it's about giving it your best," said Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer.

"South Australia supported recent changes to NAPLAN to lift minimum standards, ensure that families have better information to help understand their child's progress and to give schools better information as to which students need additional support.

"These changes are important to ensure NAPLAN gives us the information we need to best support every child and young person.

"We are implementing a comprehensive plan to improve our schools including implementing the Mathematics Improvement Strategy – which saw the inaugural Numeracy Summit this month – as well as investing \$50 million into mental health and wellbeing in our schools, which is critical to seeing every South Australian student achieve their potential."

# www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 22, 2023 NEWS 29 Long weekend police road safety success

A RECENT police operation was aimed at addressing the number of deaths occurring on South Australian roads during the worst year for fatal car accidents in more than a decade.

SAPOL conducted a statewide long weekend traffic operation from Friday, March 10, to

WAB members educated on scams

#### HEATHER EVERINGHAM

THE first 2023 meeting of Paringa Women in Agriculture and Business was focused on recognising scams and how to safeguard yourself and family.

This valuable education was delivered by local police officer Todd Van Dyk, who has served since 2001 with postings in Port Augusta, Berri and Renmark.

Todd grew up on a dairy farm at Jervois and currently resides in Renmark with his family.

All members present had experienced a form of scamming and harassment either by phone, text or email and some had had bank accounts hacked, but fortunately all had been reimbursed by their banks.

Cyber-crime is fast and efficient; within 24 hours your money has disappeared often passing through various accounts making it difficult to impossible to track.

Monday, March 13.

positive for drugs.

A total of 56 drivers

returned positive alcohol

readings from 16,221 breath

tests, while 66 also tested

Police detected 536

motorists speeding, 22 driv-

ing without a seatbelt, 46

using a mobile phone while

driving, and 32 driving with

a disqualified licence.

Scams are constantly evolving and becoming more sophisticated. Some examples were toll notifications, 'officials' working for the ATO, crypto-currency using false celebrity endorsements, Bitcoin (\$70m in losses to Ponzi schemes) and romance scams popular with older males, though not exclusively.

Many scams 'borrow' legitimate logos and originate from overseas. Some of these are immediately identifiable by spelling errors and poor grammar.

Safeguarding passwords by having more than one, being vigilant about divulging personal details and never clicking onto links are obvious ways to safeguard yourself.

In 2022 there were 70,000 reports from scam victims, however the number is high-

While no lives were lost over the long weekend, 14 people suffered serious and potentially life-altering injuries as a result of road trauma.

SAPOL officer in charge traffic services branch, Superintendent Bob Gray, said preventing "the carnage experienced on our roads so far this year" was a top priority. As of Monday, 35 lives had been lost on South Australian roads in 2023, compared to 16 at the same

time last year. A 40-year-old woman lost her life when her Holden station wagon collided with a Ford Mustang in Windsor Gardens last Saturday.



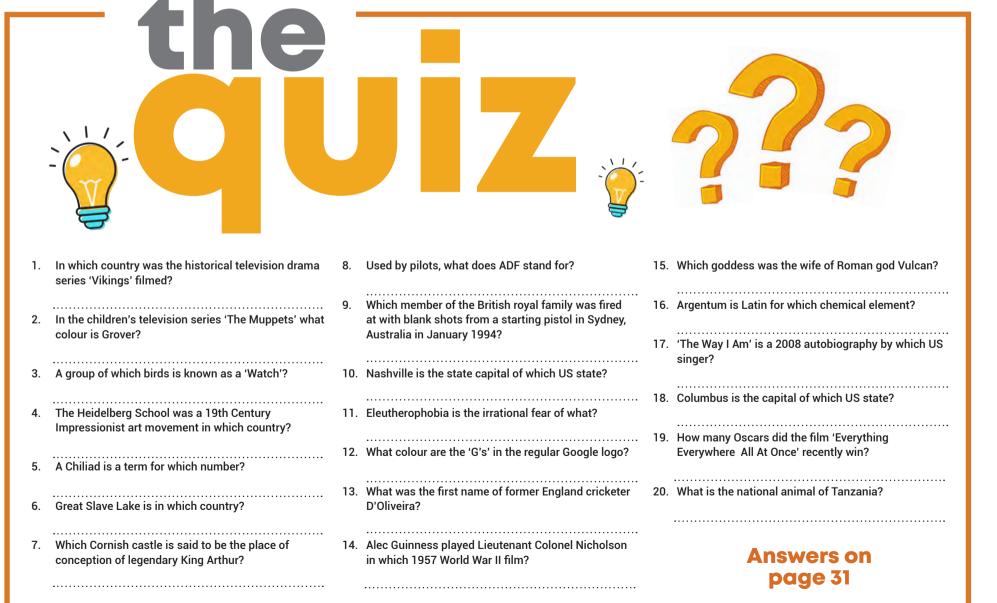
WAB members Heather Everingham and Sandra Daniel with local police officer Todd Van Dyk. PHOTO: supplied

er as many victims suffer embarrassment and are not willing to admit their losses to family and friends. It is also incorrect to categorise victims as only the vulnerable or uneducated.

The WAB Riverland and Mallee Regional Conference will be held at the Coonalpyn Lutheran Hall on Monday, March 27, with registration at 9.30am and a program of interesting speakers commencing at 10am.

Lunch and morning/ afternoon teas are included. Those attending can meet at Renmark Skate Park at 7am to car pool.

Next meeting of the Paringa WAB is on Tuesday, April 4, at 9.30am in the home of Jocie Cooper where Cathy Schier will speak on her guided tours with Murray River Trails.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY QUIZ MASTER TOM TRIFONOFF

BONUS In v QUESTION: Stre

In which capital city of Europe would you find the train station called Tara Street? Answer in next week's Quiz.



The Waikerie Institute Library where many locals borrowed books up until the 1960s. PHOTOS: Waikerie District Historical Society

# **Libraries at Waikerie**

THE evolution of libraries in Waikerie had its infancy with the provision of a private library by Mr J.J. Odgers, who formed a literary debating and improvement society when the Holder village settlement was established.

SA author Jean Nunn in her book, History of Waikerie, Gateway to the Riverland wrote:

"Mr Odgers was held in high esteem at Holder Village where he had been a teacher and community leader. "He facilitated the establishment of a very success-

ful library, debating and improvement society and often arranged concerts."

The next stage of library development in Waikerie was in connection with the Institutes Association of South Australia, which ran from 1860 to 1980.

The Waikerie Institute Library was part of a network of 306 Institute libraries in SA providing country people with access to books through a subscription payment.

Boxed books would be delivered once a month and the library was located next to what is now Waikerie's volunteer-based shop, The Cobweb.

In The Murray Pioneer and Australian River Record February 22, 1924, reference is made to this library:

"The library being transferred to the basement of the Institute Building in Feb. 1924 with a comfortable reading room now open to the public, the librarian at the time being a Mr. T. Baldock."

The main activity of the Institute Committee continued to be managing the library and reading room.

Through the 1960s sources of funding from hiring the hall and supper room declined, due to television. Another consideration was to move the library into the more accessible shop part door

accessible shop next door to attract more borrowers. A Country Lending Service

A country Lending Service also operated in the State Library from 1938 to the early 1980s when free public libraries and school community libraries opened in country areas.

Books were sent by rail free of charge and borrowers could return their books by rail at half price.

The books were chosen by staff at the State Library in North Terrace, where records of borrower preferences were kept on cards.

In the 1960s the SA Government began phasing out Institute Libraries.

It was not until 1977 that the state government actively encouraged local councils to open public libraries by offering to subsidise half the cost.

Eventually, due to a growing population and with limited finance and space, a proposal for a new public library was recommended by the Waikerie Business and Professional Women's Association in February 1978.

A meeting was convened at the Waikerie council chambers with the local representatives and members of the Libraries Board.

The costs, benefits, and subsidies available for the creation of a new public library would have been discussed at the meeting.

The SA Government in 1978 also announced an eightyear program to extend country public library services, resulting in the closing of



•Mr. J.J. Odgers was the first community leader to establish a private library at Waikerie in the village settlement of Holder.



•The Waikerie library was named in honour of the late Rex Coats in recognition of his community service.

Institute libraries.

With the passing of highly respected local Rex Coats, a trust fund target of \$25,000 was set up to go towards the new library, named in his honour to recognise his leadership and tireless work for the district.

The Rex Coats Memorial Library was built as part of the new civic centre, incorporating new council chambers and administration offices.

Its modern architecture would have certainly made an

impression. The building was opened on April 11, 1980 by Waikerie Mayor Don Elliott.

- supplied by the Waikerie District Historical Society



Karen Richardson and Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club member Cheryl Davies during the club's drawing exercise at last month's meeting. PHOTO: supplied

#### Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club:

FEBRUARY 28 was the day Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club learnt about Zonta International and what the Riverland Zonta group does.

Desiree May gave an insightful talk as first speaker at the club's meeting. Zonta is an Native American Indian

Sioux term meaning 'honest and trustworthy' and became the title of the group in 1919.

It started about the same time as Rotary, which was male only.

Zonta, then and now, is focused on women's rights being seen as human rights, and envisages a world where women do not live fearing violence and have access to all needed resources.

THE Riverland group meets on the first Tuesday each month at the Berri Hotel.

It provides horseshoe-shaped cushions for breast cancer survivors, toiletry bags for women fleeing domestic violence, resources for the women's children, birthing kits for women overseas who lack medical support and more.

The group supports White Ribbon Day.

A recent project, Expect Respect, has involved education of high school students of the importance of respectful relationships.

Following an education program by SAPOL, Headspace and Relationships Australia, the students created and displayed their artwork, which was made into calendars with positive messages.

Businesses across the Riverland supported the production of 13 'Expect Respect – say no to violence' community banners which are displayed in all Riverland towns during the 16 days of activism against violence in November-December each year.

Awards are presented to year 11 and 12 students at the Riverland high schools in recognition of service and leadership in the community. Covid has impacted the group's fundraising activities, which included sausage sizzles at Bunnings and Barmera and Berri markets.

Members are particularly proud of the Z Club (a Zonta club for school students) that was formed in the former Glossop High School recently, and while it is currently in recess, hope it will re-start.

DESIREE'S talk was followed by morning tea, then Karen Richardson conducted a drawing class, where everyone was given steps to draw a female face.

It was astounding to see so many variations from the same instruction and many members were amazed at what was created.

There had been some hesitancy at the start, which was soon overcome.

Karen also explained how the face could be changed to a male's and what tools work best and where to purchase them.

She recommended people try drawing another face at home as soon as they could and to go online for drawing exercises and inspiration, as willingness to try overcomes perceived lack of ability.

THE Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club's next meeting will be March 28 at 10am at the Waikerie Bowling Club. The initial focus will be the annual general meeting, where additional committee members will need to be elected to replace the four retiring from the committee (but not the club).

After morning tea Angela Lukacs will give a talk focusing on such health and safety factors as CPR, defibrillation, stroke, heart attacks and alert pendants.

Interested others are welcome to attend.

More detail is available from Chris 0428 412 495 or Maxine 0402 008 752.



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Molly Johal and her husband Saroop, with Renmark Paringa **Mayor Peter** Hunter at the 2023 Renmark Paringa Australia Day celebrations.

strict Punjabi culture and

family I wasn't allowed,"

actors from India came and

they were doing auditions.

I asked my husband and he

very exciting, and I am still

pinching myself that I could

both deeply involved with

the Sikh community and

Molly was one of the key

people behind organising an

annual day of celebrations

for Riverland Sikh women

and sharing it with other

women from around the

Molly said living in

Australia had given her the

opportunity to work hard to

achieve what she wants to

"We have a good life,"

"Australia is full of

opportunity and if you work

hard it can make a differ-

and fulfil her dreams.

"I got the part, which was

Molly and Saroop are

"About three years ago

she said.

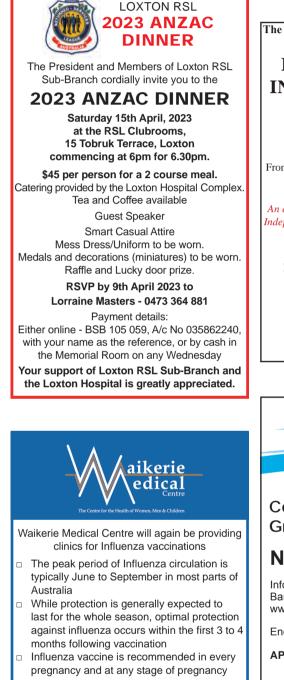
do it."

Riverland.

she said.

said 'go for it'.

#### RENMARK **IRRIGATION TRUST PAYMENT OF WATER** SUPPLY CHARGES Payment of third quarter charges (January to March 2023) are due by: Friday 31 March 2023. Penalty interest will apply to all amounts not received by the due date. R Auricht, Chief Executive Officer LZ1480 LOXTON RSL



Eligibility for influenza vaccines funded by the National Immunization Program (NIP)

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended and NIP-funded for all children 6mths to <5yrs and all adults >65yrs. It is also recommended for all people aged 5->65yrs of age, but only NIP funded in specific populations in this age group due to their increased risk of complications from influenza. These populations include:

- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- People who have certain medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza disease complications as follows Cardiac Disease
  - Chronic Respiratory conditions
  - Chronic Neurological conditions
  - Immunocompromising conditions Diabetes and other metabolic disorders
  - Renal disease
  - Haematological disorders

**Clinics will commence Tuesday 4th April** and run weekly; bookings are essential.

> Please phone 8541 3500 to arrange an appointment.



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Enquiries to the Berri office on 8582 1922.

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17.Eminem 18.Ohio 19.Seven 20.Giraffe **BONUS QUESTION ANSWER** (from last week): Hylophobia is the irrational fear of forests or wooded areas.

# Molly's 50 years of loving Australia

#### **ALEXANDRA BULL**

FIFTY years ago Molly Johal moved to Australia with her family from India and she's never looked back

Molly came to Waikerie from India in 1973 with her mother and siblings. Her father was already living in the Riverland town after moving to Australia in 1951, and made the move to Waikerie in 1971.

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"I never finished high school, because I wasn't allowed to, but I would have loved to," Molly said.

Because she was bright and spoke two languages, Molly was offered a job in the immigration department in Adelaide.

"But Dad would not allow it," she recalled.

Molly married her husband, Saroop Johal, when she was 20 in an arranged marriage, and she continued to work alongside her husband as the couple raised their three children on the property they purchased in Monash.

She and Saroop both encouraged their children to get a good education so they could build successful careers for themselves. She did not want then to be deprived of any opportunities she was unable to enjoy.

Now based in Pike River, Molly said living in Australia had allowed her to pursue her passions, including acting, business and aged care.

She has completed her Certificate III in Business Management, plus a certificate in aged care.

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Molly has lived in the Riverland for 50 years, and currently resides in Pike River with her husband. PHOTOS: supplied

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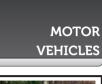
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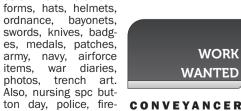
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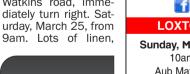


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Division one all-star five:

Jesse Will, Judd Hansen, Dillon Millard, Mitch Wellington, Harrison Campbell

Under 18 champions Berri. **Back: Jono** Hartley (coach, left), Meg Mitchell, Emily Jordan, Milena Sapinski-Keightley and Amelia Morgan. Front: Emily Doughty-Casey, Abby Fenwick, Meg O'Leary-Fletcher and Nikki Pfitzner. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Under 16 division one champions Barmera. **Back: Regan** Kruger (coach, left), Harvey Ness, Tony Drogemuller, Mitchell Johnson, Aiden Scordo (coach) and Carly Johnson (team manager). Front: Brody Scordo, Wes Marks, Dillon Marks and Rhys Scordo. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham LOXTON star Jesse Will edged out Renmark young gun Judd Hansen to claim his third consecutive Riverland basketball division one men's MVP award.

Will finished with 17 votes for the year, three ahead of Hansen and seven clear of Dillon Millard, Harrison Campbell and Mitch Wellington who tied for third. The award capped off a spectacular night for the guard, who dropped 22 points in Loxton's division one grand final demolition of Renmark.

Will claims third straight M

Will said receiving the MVP trophy was "unexpected" due to a shift in his focus for season 2022/23.

"I wanted to put more focus on developing our younger guys this year and making them feel comfortable in the team," he said.

"It wasn't anything I was expecting or hoping for, but I'll definitely take it as a compliment and I'm proud of a good year.

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"Mick (Trussell) said it was my third in a row and to be honest, I didn't even realise that."

Reigning Riverland women's division one MVP Khaleisha

Barnett placed second in this season's count, six votes behind Berri's Bella Gates who took out the award for 2022/23.

Gates' teammate Meg O'Leary-Fletcher led all comers in the women's under 18s race, while Barmera pair Ayden Hodgson and Fletcher Dillon tied for the top honour in the men's under 18s (18 votes each).



Under 18 division one champions Loxton. Back (from left): Zach Nitschke (coach), William Nitschke, Carter Wright, Koen Serafin and Connor Lange (coach). Front: Hunter Westbrook, Jasper Hutchinson, Jonty Koehne. Noah Paull and Cooper Petch. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull



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Under 16 division one premiers Loxton. Back: Maddie Groth (left), Molly Smith, Ava Lange, Holly Paull and Peter Harman (coach). Front: Kiara Harman, Arabella Pannell and Eira Dalzell. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



basketball crown on Friday night. **Brogan Whitelaw** (coach, left), Kai Rogan Kennedy, Tregeagle and Larry Whitelaw

# Third time's a charm

#### **BEN LENNON**

AFTER picking up a head of steam during the regular season, Renmark's train was derailed by an impressive Loxton outfit last Friday night in the Riverland division one men's basketball grand final.

The Supercats atoned for "disappointing" showings in the previous two division one grand finals, running out victors by 32 points in a onesided affair.

Loxton stalwart and regular season MVP Jesse Will impressed with 22 points in the victory, squaring the ledger in his personal grand final record.

"I've won four now in the division one men's competition, but I reckon I might've lost four too," he said.

"Considering the last couple of years, we've been the dominant team during the year and then not played our best in the finals, so it was good to get the win."

Despite his starring role throughout the year, Will played Robin to Rogan Kennedy's Batman on Friday night, with the athletic big pouring in 27 points as the Supercats stormed to victory.

A talented junior in Loxton's last premiership success, Kennedy, now 17 years old and in the midst of pursuing higher honours, brought a new dynamic to Loxton's starting five.

We were lucky with Rogan. He moved away to Adelaide for school and to chase basketball and footy a bit more but in the holidays he came back home and lived back here for a while and he was happy to qualify," Will said. "It's the size that he

brings and he's very athletic, plus he's played a lot of high quality basketball so it just balances out our team a bit more.

"Having that guy where you can be like 'here's the ball, go put it in the hoop' just for a bit of relief if the other side is getting on top a bit.

"Compared to the last



one we won, when he was just a junior, now he's a big, grown man and he's jumping all over everyone, so it definitely makes a difference for us."

The side was aided by a number of young role players in the 2022/23 season, something that Will believes helped freshen the squad up after finishing runners-up for the past two seasons.

"Jasper Hutchinson, Koen Serafin, Carter Wright and Kye Miller, a few lads like that got a crack at the division one side," Will said.

"They gave us a bit of height which is handy, especially against a team like Renmark where their whole team is over six-feet tall.

"They also just balanced out our team a bit, having some youth in there along with a few veteran guys."

Renmark started the match behind the eightball, conceding 31 points in the first quarter, and failed to recover down the stretch.

Declan Johnson topped the scoring charts for the Steamers with 14, but the side's performance was less disciplined than their showing in the semi-final a week earlier, when they pushed Loxton to the limit.

"We felt as a team that the game we played in the first final was one of our worst games for the whole year," Will said.

"We couldn't hit shots. They made us work really hard and their defence was top quality.

"But, it was comforting to know that we could have a bad game like that and still

best in the division one grand final. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Rogan Kennedy

come away with a win.

"Playing at Loxton was nice and it's always good having home court for a final. So we came in with some confidence and we knew that we could hit shots and that would be the difference.

"Once you see the ball go through the hoop once or twice, it eases the nerves a bit and you feel more comfortable with your shot, at least that was definitely the case for me."

Loxton also claimed victory in the division two and three grand finals as well as the under 18s division one, making for an impressive season for the Supercats.

#### RESULTS **PRELIMINARY FINALS Division one**

Renmark 15 33 47 Barmera 14 24 52 62 Points: Renmark – J. Hansen, D. Johnson 15, B. Rover 13, C. Gartery 8, A. Curtis 7, A. Vuleta 5, Z. Gartery, R. Curtis 2. Barmera – M. Wellington 18, D. Millard 11, R. Haigh 10, K. Stokes 8, A. Smith 7, B. Hembling 4, A. Hodgson, L. Warnett 2. **Division two** Barmera 45 d Waikerie 25 **Division three** Blazers 46 d Supercats 37; Loxton 36 d Barmera 32. **Division four** Blazers 32 d Barmera 31. U18 Boys Div 1 Barmera 49 d Renmark 37. U18 Boys Div 2 Waikerie 40 d Supercats 29. U16 Boys Div 1 Barmera 39 d Renmark 38. U16 Boys Div 2 Loxton 24 d Barmera 19. U14 Boys Div 1 Barmera 50 d Loxton 19. U14 Boys Div 2 Supercats 35 d Barmera 24. U12 Boys Div 1 Berri 53 d Barmera 23. U12 Boys Div 2

Supercats 35 d Lakers 19.



Division two champions Loxton. Back: Kyle Worsfold (left), Mike Lueth, Craig Todd, Andrew Tullett and Nick Uren. Front: Roy Yu, Joel Worsfold and Hunter Westbrook. **PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull** 



Division three champions Loxton. Will Schultz (left), Boyd Hampel, Jake Newmann, Brodie Rollins, Lane Smith and Kobi Thompson.



#### **GRAND FINALS Division one**

63 Loxton 31 46 80 Renmark 10 23 42 48 Points: Loxton - R. Kennedy 27, J. Will 22, C. Lange 11, B. Whitelaw 7. J. Hutchinson 5, B. Tregeagle 4, C. Wright, K. Miller 2. Renmark - D. Johnson 14, Z. Gartery 10, J. Hansen 8, A. Curtis 6, R. Curtis, C. Gartery 4, A. Vuleta 2. Division two Loxton 40 d Barmera 27. Best on Court: Andrew Tullett (Loxton) **Division three** Loxton 33 d Blazers 31. Best on court: Lane Smith

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Loxton 22 d Blazers 21.

Division four champions Berri. Back: Matt Wellington (left), Lee Verrall, Bradley Stone, Zac Lawrence and Tommy DeJager. Front: Liam Russack, Haimish Sanford and ack leff

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# **Drought-breaker Lakers**

#### **BEN LENNON**

A STREAK stretching back to the late 2000s was ended last week when Barmera secured a long-awaited division one women's basketball premiership at Loxton.

Barmera took on the home side in a nailbiting contest that ebbed and flowed down the stretch, but the young Lakers emerged victorious by five points to claim a memorable premiership.

Barmera coach Paul Wellington was glad his side was able to overcome pre-game nerves to put together a strong performance in the final match of the season to break the 14-year drought.

"It was definitely great to come away with the win, because it was a bit nerve-wracking there for a minute," he said.

"I didn't realise that it had been 14 years, but it was definitely mentioned after. It was very special and I'm glad we could do it with a good group of girls.

"I've been involved in a lot of preliminary finals and things like that, but it was great to get the grand final win.

"It was a bit of a tussle. We'd get a break and then they'd peg it back. It was a really well-fought game in the end."

Ashleigh Haigh led the way for the Lakers, putting up 16 points in a performance that earned her best-on-court honours.

But, Wellington praised the side's ability to work as a team rather than relying on an individual player.

"Ashleigh deserves congratulations but it was definitely a whole team effort to get the win," he said.

"They all get on very well. Sometimes you can bring people into a team and they don't fit in, but these girls just include anyone, it doesn't matter. They all gel really well together as a team."

Many involved in the win have been playing together for a long time, something that Wellington believes stood them in good stead heading into the game.



Barmera's victory in Friday night's division one grand final marked the end of a 14-year-long wait for the ultimate prize. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

"They're all friends off the court as well as on the court so it certainly does help," he said.

"They've been playing different sports together for quite a few years, so that relationship between everyone is important.

"They're a young group and the advantage of that is they can play at a pretty quick tempo. You've got that speed when you need it but they have that cool head when they need it as well."

Elise Foulds and Bailey Hahn topped the scoring charts for the Supercats, who defeated Berri earlier in the week to qualify for the big dance.

The side remained within touching distance of the Lakers at each of the breaks, but failed to find the scoring power needed to overcome the eventual premiers.

It was a repeat of the second semi-final, with the Lakers taking plenty of confidence from that win into the grand final. "It does help with your confidence when you've beaten them," Wellington said.

"We beat them through the year but they'd beaten us too, so to get the win in the semi, took a bit off their shoulders heading into the grand final."

Berri tasted success in the under 18s division, defeating Barmera by 19 points, with Amelia Morgan the star of the show again.

Division two honours went to Renmark's top side, with the Steamers defeating Loxton D2 by nine points.

#### RESULTS PRELIMINARY FINALS Division one

Loxton 14 30 37 49 Berri 12 21 28 36 Points: Loxton – E. Foulds 13, M. Hogan 12, B. Hahn 10, S. Smith 9, A. Modlinski 4, M. Pfeiler 1. Berri – B. Gates 15, E. Westley 8, L. Westley, M. O'Leary-Fletcher 5, D. Eleftheriadis 3. **Division two** 

Loxton D2 26 d Barmera D2 23.

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#### **GRAND FINALS**

**Division one** Barmera 15 24 35 43 12 18 27 38 Loxton Points: Barmera - A. Haigh 16, T. Dillon, K. Barnett 7, L. Hill 5, C. Wutke 4, J. Kassulke, K. Stavrou 2. Loxton - E. Foulds, B. Hahn 9, S. Smith 7, M. Pfeiler 5, A. Modlinski 4, K. Harman, S. Rucioch 2. Division two Renmark 37 d Loxton D2 28. Best on Court: Lily Haynes (Renmark). **Division three** Catstars 17 d Berri 15. Best on Court: Brooke Durdin (Catstars) **Division four** Berri 32 d Renmark 25 Best on Court: Nicole Hall (Berri) U18 girls Berri 39 d Barmera 20. Best on Court: Amelia Morgan (Berri) U16 girls division one Loxton 36 d Berri 15. Best on Court: Kiara Harman (Loxton) U16 girls division two Waikerie 27 d Loxton 18. Best on Court: Leila Hahn (Waikerie) U14 girls division one Berri 59 d Barmera 35. Best on Court: Mackenzie Pitt (Berri) U14 girls division two Renmark 32 d Supercats 28. Best on Court: Sarah White (Renmark) U12 girls division one Loxton 26 d Renmark 12. Best on Court: Millah Schwarz - da Silva (Loxton) Under 12 girls division two Tigers 15 d Loxton 12

Best on Court: Marlia Serafin (Tigers)

Barmera's Ashleigh Haigh was named beston-court in the Lakers' droughtbreaking win on Friday night. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff





Division three champions Catstars. Back: Chelsea St Clair (left), Joanne Hondow, Brooke Durdin, Georgia Knauer and Jamie Clarke. Front: Rachel Crockett, Arabella Pannell and Emma Reichstein (coach).



**Division two** champions Renmark. Back: Megan Peterson (left), Demi Johnson, Jo Haynes, Melody Haynes and Tegan Moldovan. Front: Sophie Wiese, Lily Haynes and Della Haynes. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Division four champions Berri. Back: Karen Westley (left), Nicole Pitt, Nicole Hall, Helen Taylor and Melissa Miegel. Front: Chrissy Eleftheriadis and Kyla Wade.



Under 16 boys division two premiers Loxton. Back: Kobi Thompson (left, coach), Jacob Ekisa, Harry Lipman, Ethan Lawson, Ryan Noack, Fiona Thompson (team manager). Front: Leeroy Scholz, Ayrton Gilles, Jacob Thompson, Will Lister-White. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Under 14 boys division one premiers Renmark. Kurt Webb (left), Archie Preusker, Jack O'Bryan, Jaxon Curtis, Samuel DePalma, Harry Keynes, Cody Phillips and Donny DePalma (coach). PHOTOS: Ben Lennon



Under 14 boys division two premiers Supercats. Jett Grosser (left), Lucas Deren, Ann Biele (team manager), Clayton Schwarz, Phoenix Biele, Nate Harman, Cooper Kruger, Xavier Bewley, Joseph Bewley, and Stephen Harman (coach).







Under 12 boys division two premiers Supercats. Back: Jill Lange (left, coach), Riley Tree, Caleb Jones, Jesse White, Archie Athanasopoulos, Angus Milton and Maddie Athanasopoulos (team manager). Front: Mason Vowles, Dillon Boughen, Noah Jackson and Beau Elliott.







one premiers Berri. Back: Amy Watson, Elysia Cresp, Elise Cameron, Kenzie Sweet and Meg O'Leary-

Fletcher

(coach). Front: Mackenzie

Ocea

Gartner.

Pitt, Madison Pitt and









Under 14 girls division two premiers Renmark. Back: Zoe Preece (left), Molly Whyte, Sylvie Gill, Emelia Wundenberg, Kristy Wundenberg (coach). Front: Sarah White, Amalia Roberts, Sophie Burnnard, Maegan Hayes.

Under 12 girls division one premiers Loxton. Back: **Ilse Vowles** (left), Nellie Edwards, Hollie Edwards, Indigo Williams, Evie Hondow and Lyn Sweeney (coach). Front: Sienna Uren, Mollie Thiele, Millah Schwartz Da Silva and Isobel Miller.

Under 12 girls division two premiers Tigers. Back: Tenaia Tickle (left, coach), Adelin Angeleski, Matilda Vowles, Amity Cass, Lucy Williams and Elise Foulds (coach). Front: Ivy Cozens, Marlia Serafin, Amberly Bullock and Kailey Wall.

# **SANFL roadshow** to hit the Riverland

TWO Riverland towns SANFLW premiership cup. will receive a visit from four special pieces of silverware tomorrow as part of the AFL and SANFL's Gather Round Community Roadshow.

On Thursday afternoon, the Barmera-Monash Football Club and Waikerie Football Club will host the 2023 AFL and AFLW premiership cups, as well as the SANFL Thomas Seymour Hill Trophy and

Both stops will feature a host of family-friendly activities for locals to enjoy, including a sausage sizzle and 'kick and catch' clinics.

The 24-day roadshow will travel to more than 20 major towns across regional South Australia to connect with locals and create excitement for the upcoming AFL Gather Round, to be held in the state next month.

In addition, the Roadshow will support a new statewide initiative that will see 20 brand-new footballs donated to every regional junior football club across South Australia as part of the ongoing Gather Round celebrations.

The Roadshow will land at the Barmera-Monash Football Club at 4.30pm, with the Roadshow hitting the Waikerie Football Club from 6.30pm.

WOMEN'S WINNERS: Monash Club DV8s took home the Riverland Women's Eightball Association title last Saturday, defeating Waikerie Club 8-6 at the Monash Club. Shelley Garrett (left), Trish Stieler (captain), Liz Threlfall, Di Marshall and Ginny Beech. PHOTO: supplied

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Shirley Hefford	.(8)8
Mark Kilmartin	.(8)8
Brett Plew	.(8)8
Gayle Drogemuller	.(8)8
Adele Johnson	.(7)7
Barry Seagrim	.(7)7
Deb Griffiths	.(7)7
Dianne Morgan	.(7)7
Duani Vowles	
Frank Drougas	

Jaiden Picton Jay Sunstrom Kathy Richardson Marley Fridd Robert Tripp Rosemary Campbell Tracey Grosse Aub Mattner Chloe Brown Chris Evans	(7)7 (7)7 (7)7 (7)7 (7)7 (7)7 (6)6 (6)6	
Chris Evans	(6)6	

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Berri star Brad Rosenzweig was named Riverland Cricketer of the Year after an outstanding campaign with both bat and ball for the Demons. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff





Renmark North all-rounder Colin Packer took out the RivaMallee Super League MVP award.

# Berri's Brad takes out top RTCA honour

RIVERLAND cricket's night of nights took place on Monday at the Berri Hotel, with the RTCA's top junior and senior players celebrated, and a familiar name at the top of the tree.

Berri captain Brad Rosenzweig added to his trophy cabinet, with the all-rounder picking up the 2022/23 Riverland Cricketer of the Year Award following another strong season.

A former recipient of the award, Rosenzweig led from the front for Berri, posting strong numbers with both bat and ball.

He took out the batting aggregate award ahead of Renmark's Tarque Williamson, with the Bluetongues' skipper taking home the batting average trophy.

Josh Norman dominated the bowling stakes in the A grade, picking up 18 wickets at 7.67, while Renmark North's Colin Packer was named the RivaMallee Super League player of the year following a string of strong performances against the Mallee sides.

Berri youngster Archie Peltz took out the Young Cricketer of the Year award and featured in the A grade team of the year, while Naish Andrew was crowned B grade Cricketer of the Year after a strong season with Waikerie Ramco.

#### A GRADE **TEAM OF THE YEAR**

Nathan Scadden Ben Files Brad Rosenzweig (C) Tarque Williamson Wes Frankel (WK)

Reece Lehmann Ben Hoffmann Josh Norman Wavne Scadden **Colin Packer** 12th man: Archie Peltz INDIVIDUAL AWARDS Batting Aggregate: Brad

Liam Jackson

Rosenzweig - 404 runs (Berri CC) Batting Average: Tarque Williamson - 49.88 (Renmark North CC)

Bowling Aggregate: Josh Norman -18 wickets (Loxton CC) Bowling Average: Josh Norman LCC - 7.67 (Loxton CC) Cricketer of the Year: Brad Rosenzweig (Berri CC) All-rounder of the Year: Brad Rosenzweig (Berri CC) RivaMallee Super League Plaver of the Year: Colin Packer (Renmark North CC) Young Cricketer of the Year: Archie Peltz (Berri CC)

**B**GRADE **TEAM OF THE YEAR** Kyle Gillespie David Ireland Jarryd Roberts Naish Andrew

James Patterson Dean Hill Matthew Hampel Adam Cunnah Creagh Patterson Flynn Andrew Brett McPherson 12th man: Thomas Waanders **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS** Batting Aggregate: Kyle Gillespie

376 runs (Monash CC) Batting Average: Kyle Gillespie 37.6 (Monash CC)

Bowling Aggregate: Adam Cunnah 18 wickets (Brown's Well CC) Bowling Average: Adam Cunnah -9.6 (Brown's Well CC) B grade Cricketer of the Year: Naish Andrew (Waikerie Ramco

CC) **UNDER 16S TEAM OF THE YEAR** Flynn Andrew Thomas Waanders **Daniel Zdanowicz** Archie Peltz Mitchell Cawse Paul Dale Jack Coombe

Karmpreet Shergill

Malachi Loyd

Aaron Nobile



Ruben Waanders 12th man: Baljinder Shergill **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS** Batting aggregate: Flynn Andrew 290 runs (Waikerie Ramco CC) Batting average: Thomas

Waanders - 58.0 (Waikerie Ramco

Waikerie

Ramco's

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grade

Andrew

took out

Player of

the Year

award.

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CC) Bowling aggregate: Jack Coombe -15 wickets (Waikerie Ramco CC) Bowling average: Jack Coombe -6.6 (Waikerie Ramco CC

Ben

Hoffmann's

Loxton side

will take on

Renmark

Loxton this

Saturday,

winner to

premiers

for season

2022/23.

**PHOTO: Grant** 

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be crowned grade

with the

North at





#### **Riverland tennis finals pushed back** Green 3

morning last Saturday.

Loxton Millman 6-45 d Berri

Waikerie Slammers 7-37

d Barmera Bombers 1-18:

Cobdogla Falcons 5-31 d

Barmera Blues 2-24.

JUNIORS

Topspinners 2-26.

Green 1

Green 2

SOARING temperatures on Saturday afternoon have caused the delay of several Riverland tennis matches, as the competition nears its boiling point this weekend.

Preliminary finals scheduled for last Saturday will now be played on Thursday evening, with Renmark set to take on Berri for a spot in the division one grand final.

Cobdogla awaits the

winner, with the final match of the season to take place in Barmera at 1.30pm.

Green 4 Renmark 7-43 d Cobdogla Meanwhile, jun-Eagles 1-20: Loxton ior competition surged Deminaur 6-35 d Waikerie ahead, with tempera-2-24. Orange 1 tures cooler in the

Barmera 5-24 d Renmark Koalas 2-20: Loxton Saville 4-27 d Berri 3-25. Orange 2

Barmera 5-23 d Cobdogla 2-19. Yellow Barmera Power 7-46 d

Waikerie 6-36 d Loxton

Hewitt 2-26; Berri 5-40 d

Renmark Kookaburras 2-19.

Loxton Barty 1-31; Renmark Sharks 7-46 d Cobdogla 1-22.

#### **One-day hotspot hampers local cricket** SATURDAY-А

afternoon heatwave granted Renmark North free passage into the 2022/23Riverland Turf Cricket Association A grade grand final, with all fixtures called off last weekend.

The Bluetongues were due to play third-placed Berri in the preliminary final at Renmark Oval on Saturday afternoon, but with temperatures reaching 41C, the match was called off, as was the B grade contest between Waikerie-Ramco and Monash.

The cancellation means Renmark North will face Loxton at Loxton in this Saturday's grand final, while Berri's season is now over, despite a win against the Bluetongues in the



Rivamallee Plumbing Super League final the week prior.

a n d Loxton Renmark North have met three times this season, with Loxton emerging victorious

twice, both times at Loxton Oval.

the Tigers running out

one-wicket victors

The most recent contest between the two was a low-scoring affair in February, with

after chasing down a modest target of 67 set by Renmark North.

Meanwhile. Waikerie-Ramco will take on Brown's Well at Paruna for the B grade premiership.





Young gun Riley Halupka took home the Rookie of the Year award after a strong season with

**Riverland Pirates** 

Berri Red star Jesse Stemberger finished first in Riverland baseball's best and fairest count for season 2022/23. PHOTOS Grant Schwartzkopff

# Berri Red dominates baseball awards

REIGNING Riverland baseball champion Berri Red topped the awards tally at the recent Riverland Baseball Association awards night.

The side picked up a one-two finish in the best and fairest count, with star pitcher Jesse Stemberger taking out the top honour ahead of premiership teammate Jamie Frazer. It capped off a strong season for Stemberger, who was named finals MVP after an outstanding performance on the mound against Renmark.

Red had five players in the team of the year, with Riverland Pirates and Renmark Angels players making up the rest of the line-up. Pirates youngster Riley Halupka took out the Rookie of the Year award after a strong season with bat and ball, while Seth Mancini of Berri Red picked up the Rising Star award. **Best under 18:** Riley Halupka (Riverland Pirates) **Rising star:**  Seth Mancini (Berri Red) **Rookie of the Year:** Riley Halupka (Riverland Pirates) **Home run award:** Jesse Stemberger (Berri Red) **Best and fairest runner-up:** Jamie Frazer (Berri Red) **Best and fairest:** Jesse Stemberger (Berri Red) **Team of the Year** Jesse Stemberger (Berri Red) Jamie Frazer (Berri Red) Tony Halupka (Berri Red) Alex Arnold (Berri Red) Jason Macgregor (Berri Red) Steven Goldspink (Pirates) Riley Halupka (Pirates) David Grenfell (Renmark) Nick Tregeagle (Renmark) **Coach of the year** Jesse Frazer (Berri Red)

#### Local softball titles a team effort

ORGANISERS of a softball event successfully staged in the Riverland over the March long weekend have moved to clarify remarks made in a post-event wrap, and praise the efforts of all local volunteers involved.

The Riverland Softball Association (RSA) hosted the 2023 SA Junior Softball State Championships at Glassey Park, in Berri, over three days.

The event drew 21 teams from across the state, including four Riverland sides, and was reported on in The Murray Pioneer ('Softball carnival a community triumph').

"We would like to apologise for any information that has unnecessarily upset our members, but would like to rectify some areas of confusion," said RSA carnival co-ordinator, Michelle Bradtke.

"There were key members who took on large roles in the organisation of the event, but others added and assisted in other ways.

"Some brought food for the canteen, some collected portaloos, while others coached and umpired for the weekend, just to name a few jobs undertaken.

"We were fortunate to have a junior sub-committee which worked behind the scenes in the lead-up to the event, finding donations, and sourcing names for contacts, saving us hundreds of dollars.

"Those who could, assisted on the weekend to ensure things ran smoothly.

"We also had a number of volunteers over the weekend to set up, pack up, work on the barbecue and canteen, as well as sell our lucky squares.

"Credit goes to our groundskeeper to get the grounds in tip top condition for the weekend.

"Many of our members in our association took on official roles so our children could play the game they love."

Ms Bradtke said the RSA was "very appreciative of those who gave up their time over the weekend to make this event run as smoothly as it did".

"It takes many to run a tournament and without these people it would not have been as successful as it was," he said.

"So, thank you to all for your time and dedication to this event.

"We may be a small sporting organisation but we have a lot of people with a big heart who will do what they can to assist and this is a credit to many of our members all of whom are volunteers, our executive committee included.

"Over the coming weeks we will be listing all our sponsors who also helped make this event a success on our Facebook page."



# **Grand finalists locked in**

LOXTON survived a nail-biting clash against Cobdogla last Saturday to win its way through to the 2022/23 Riverland Softball A grade grand final.

The two teams went head-to-head in the preliminary final, with Loxton running out winners by just one run.

Patty Fournaros-Carney played well in the win, as did Haylee Symens and Emma Nykiel, while veteran Jo Gregory starred for Cobby, with the side's season now finished.

Loxton will take on Berri this week in the grand final, while Cobdogla

will face Berri in the B grade grand final after a strong win over Loxton. Jo Hansen's home run helped keep her side in the contest but Cobdogla, led by Wade Greig and Vanessa Wade, piled on the runs in a convinc-

ing win. Meanwhile, Cobby secured a win in the C grade, despite a loaded bases home run from Berri's Kelsey Goldspink.

All grand finals will be played at Glassey park, Berri, this Saturday.

#### A GRADE Loxton 10 d Cobdogla 9.

Best: Loxton - P. Fournaros-Carney, H.

Symens, E. Nykeil. Cobdogla – J. Gregory, G. Millard, C. Thompson. B GRADE

#### Cobdogla 24 d Loxton 14.

Best: Cobdogla – W. Greig, V. Wade, E. Pech. Loxton – J. Hansen, J. Hucks, A. Martin-Howes.

#### C GRADE

Cobdogla 14 d Berri 13. Best: Cobdogla – B. Passmore, X. Wegener, L. Banks. Berri – J. Fridd, K. Goldspink, L. Chilaris.

#### **GRAND FINAL FIXTURES**

A grade Loxton vs Berri B grade Cobdogla vs Berri C grade Cobdogla vs Loxton

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#### **BEN LENNON**

A PAIR of Loxton High School Students have returned from a trip to Tasmania to represent the state in athletics, and both have come away from the experience with plenty of lessons learned.

Saskia Gibbs and Jarred Lawrie set off as part of the School Sport SA triathlon team just over a week ago to compete against the nation's best young triathletes.

Both completed their courses in new and unfamiliar conditions, which made for a challenging opening leg for the pair.

"It was my first ever ocean swim because the race was on the coastline," said Saskia, 14.

"I tried to stay with the pack and follow them, but with the waves and everything it was definitely weird trying to manage that.

"The experience was amazing. It was very new because the competition was crazy, especially with NSW and Queensland dominating."

Saskia placed 31st in the intermediate girls division, while 13-year-old Jarred came 36th in the junior boys competition.

He too lamented having to swim in the ocean as opposed to the freshwater courses he has become accustomed to.

"The swim leg really killed me because I've never done an open water swim in the ocean, which was very different," he said.

"When I went up for a breath, salt water would trickle into my mouth, so there was obviously something everyone else was doing that I wasn't.

"But overall, I'm really happy with how I went.

"The cycling was all right and I picked up a couple of spots there after I'd fallen back a bit in the swim.

"It was hard though, because the salt water dried out my mouth heaps but I picked up lots of spots in the run in the end."

The pair said the taste of national competition has inspired them to continue their training in the Riverland and in Adelaide, with Saskia already looking to next year's competition.

"Next year I'm hoping to make the team for the championships in WA," she said.

"This year kind of gave me a few ideas as to where I'm at from a bottom-age perspective. The people that were winning were topagers and were almost 16."

The trip was almost off the rails before it began for Jarred, with the youngster facing a nervous wait for the plane to land in Launceston.

"We had a connecting flight in Melbourne and we were put on a smaller plane that was nowhere near big enough for all of our gear," he said.

"Dad was at the back of the plane watching out the window and he messaged me saying a cart just took off with most of the bikes, and as I got that message the engine started, so I thought 'oh no'.

"Luckily my bike and my suitcase were one of the few that made it to Launceston."

The rest of the squad eventually had their bikes shipped across and Jarred and Saskia were able to compete alongside their South Australian teammates in the teams triathlon.

Meeting new people and forming new friendships was a highlight of the trip for both youngsters.

"I met heaps of new people and made heaps of new friends that share the same interests as me," Jarred said, "which is obviously triathlon."



Loxton youngsters Saskia Gibbs (left) and Jarred Lawrie spent last week in Tasmania at the national school triathlon championships. PHOTOS: supplied



Saskia in action during the running leg of the triathlon last week.



Waikerie bowler Andy Fulwood (left) defeated Loxton's John Vaughan in the final of the Bowls Riverland men's champion of champions singles event last week. He is pictured with Monash's Mark Voigt. PHOTOS: supplied





# Waikerie produces trifecta

WAIKERIE secured a hat-trick of Bowls Riverland titles last week, with champion of champions events continuing across the region.

Andy Fulwood capped off a strong summer season with a win in the singles competition over Loxton bowler John Vaughan on Saturday.

Fulwood, who skippered a rink in Waikerie's division one side this pennant season, won the contest by 10 shots after defeating Wayne Collins in the Waikerie singles championship earlier in the week.

Joining Fulwood in singles success was Judy Strauss, who took out the ladies singles title under the dome on Monday.

It was the second piece of champion of champions silverware for Strauss who, alongside Belinda Rogers, won the pairs title last Wednesday at Loxton.

LEFT: Strauss (left) joined forces with Belinda Rogers to take home the ladies pairs title last week.

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# Katrina on a roll at ten-pin state titles

A LOCAL bowler brought home a pair of medals at a recent ten-pin bowling championship, bolstering her chances of a spot in the state squad.

Renmark's Katrina Topperwien arrived in Noarlunga as the only country-based competitor at the recent Disability SA Tenpin Bowling state titles.

Travelling to Mildura fortnightly to compete, Topperwien has been honing her skills and boosting her average, allowing her to compete in events such as the Barossa tournament.

She put together a successful showing at Noarlunga, picking up a bronze medal in the pairs event alongside Robert Turner, as well a silver medal in the ladies singles competition.

Topperwien also managed the highest scratch score for females at the competition, posting a 181 and bowling 15 games across the weekend. with 11 of those higher than her 140 average.

She is primed to be selected in the state squad for national carnival in June, with the squad set to be announced at the end of April.



**Riverland ten**pin bowler Katrina Topperwein recently won two medals at the **Disability** SA Tenpin Bowling state titles in Noarlunga. She now awaits possible selection in the state squad for an upcoming national carnival. PHOTO: supplied

# **Reigning Riverland darts champs right on target**

RIVERLAND darts returned last week for the first competitive fixtures of the winter season, with two early contenders for the title emerging.

Star recruit Darcy Crane helped RC Ones to victory in the first contest of the campaign, defeating Expendables 12-3.

Crane had the best aver-

age for the night, with his 21.32 leading all comers, while Graham Norman pulled off a maximum 180 in his side's loss. Reigning champions

Cobby Eagles got their title defence off to a flying start, running out 15-0 victors over Lyrup Lionhearts.

Meanwhile, Monash

Wanderers secured a comfortable win over the young Lyrup Cubs.

Wayne Bonham starred in the victory, top scoring with a maximum 180.

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#### **RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS**

#### BERRI Wednesday, March 15

Stableford: J. Skinner 39, P. Mudge 39, L. Berry 37, L. Kruger 36, J. Wrigley 35, R. Knight 33.

#### Saturday, March 18

Stableford: J. Burgess 38, D. Ah Chee 36, M. Boon 32, M. Bayliss 32, P. Martin 32, R. Day 32, K. Wyman 32. Sunday, March 19

Stableford: E. Wade 36, P. Jealous 36, S. Wade 35, G. Nunn 34, K. Wyman 34. LOXTON

#### Wednesday, March 15

Men: A grade – T. Sawade 37, M. Lewan (Barmera) 36, D. Unferdorben 36, S. Patching 36, A. Hume 35. B grade - S. Semmler 41, S. Smart (Barmera) 36, B. Skinner 36.

Women: S. Grein 73, K. Wyman (Berri) 73, Y. Tatt 74 Saturday, March 18

Mixed: G. Morrison (Berri) 38, C. Pontt 38, P. Richardson 36, L. Gray 35, S. Grein 35, S. Patching 35, R. Paige 35.

#### RIVERLAND SHOOTING RESULTS

**Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club** 50m shoot: M. Cresp 244.7, R. Ward 240.8, B. Lacey 236.6, N. Lloyd 225.6.





Barmera's drought-breaking division one women's basketball premiership team. Back: Karen Scordo (left, team manager), Ashleigh Haigh, Jemma Kassulke, Lacey Hill, Khaleisha Barnett and Paul Wellington (coach). Front: Katri Stavrou, Chelsea Wutke, Shaya Whitbourne and Tahlia Dillon. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

#### DROU lot of preliminary finals and

#### **BEN LENNON**

A STREAK stretching back to the late 2000s was ended last week when Barmera secured a long-awaited division one women's basketball premiership at Loxton.

Barmera took on the home side in a nail-biting contest that ebbed and flowed down the stretch, but the young Lakers emerged victorious by five points to claim a memorable premier-

ship. Barmera coach Paul

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Wellington was glad his side was able to overcome pregame nerves to put together a strong performance in the final match of the season to break the 14-year drought.

"It was definitely great to come away with the win, because it was a bit nervewracking there for a minute," he said.

It was very special and I'm

glad we could do it with a

"I've been involved in a

good group of girls.

"I didn't realise that it had

things like that, but it was great to get the grand final been 14 years, but it was win. definitely mentioned after. "It was a bit of a tussle.

We'd get a break and then they'd peg it back. It was a really well-fought game in the end."

Ashleigh Haigh led the way for the Lakers, putting up 16 points in a performance that earned her beston-court honours.

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