

Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke (left), Summerfruit Australia board member Jason Size, Liberal MLC Nicola Centofanti and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone have advised Riverlanders to strip back-yard trees of fruit in order to prevent further fruit fly outbreaks in the region. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

State Government splurges \$4.3m on Riverland 'shovel-ready' projects...

CASH FOR COUNCILS

NEW river-front football Government yesterday. clubrooms at Waikerie, major upgrades to Barmera Oval facilities and houseboat-proofing the Renmark river front.

They were among a bumper \$4.3 million of funding announcements for Riverland councils unveiled by the State

Part of a stimulus package, the grants – aimed at specific projects - will be matched dollar-for-dollar by local councils.

The Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program also included \$1.55 million for the neighbouring

Mid Murray Council.

Statewide the State Government will provide \$107 million to help fund 57 "shovel-ready" projects, as part of its response to the economic downturn resulting from COVID-19 lockdowns.

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\$1.5m for Waikerie Community Hub \$1m for Renmark river front \$360k for Barmera Oval facilities



COVID vaccine correction:

A DETAIL in a story appearing in last week's edition of the Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The story 'A jab well done' stated that Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines were administered at the Waikerie Health Service.

Due to delays with delivery of the Pfizer vaccine, it was in fact the AstraZeneca vaccine that was administered.







Local councils to share more than \$4.3



HUGH SCHUITEMAKER, JOSH BRINE and STEPHANIE THOMPSON

NEW grant funding is set to support local councils in upgrading a local river front, improving road safety and constructing new sporting infrastructure

The State Government announced yesterday the three Riverland councils – plus Mid Murray Council – would share in more than \$4.3 million in grant funding through the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program (LGIPP).

The initiative – with funding to be matched dollar for dollar by councils – will see Renmark Paringa Council receive \$1 million, \$1.5 million for the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, \$361,285 for Berri

Barmera Council and \$1.55 million for Mid Murray Council.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said the funding would be used for a \$2 million reinforcement of the Renmark river front against damage caused by incoming houseboats.

"Council is very pleased to receive the grant and we thank the State Government for the initiative to provide it," Mr Martinson said

"The exercise of upgrading the river front will be well worth it, to help protect the wharf when houseboats come in to moor.

"It's reinforcing the wharf to make sure there is no damage to council infrastructure."

Berri Barmera Council will use its

\$361,285 funding allocation for a major upgrade of the changeroom facility and lighting at the Barmera Oval.

Council will also use funding received through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program to match the State Government grant dollar-for-dollar.

The project, expected to cost more than \$700,000, will allow for the main oval to be used for night games, create a non-sealed car park that will expand parking at the oval, and expand the functionality and community use of the changeroom and toilets.

Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt said the council was "very grateful" to receive funding for a "great project for the whole

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Barmera community".

"It will bring so many community groups together and it will beautify the area," he said.

"A lot of sporting clubs have been working hard, for a long time, to make this happen and it will be another great way to mark Barmera's centenary."

The changeroom expansion will accommodate netball, lawn bowls and football players and officials, and make the facility more female-friendly, while half of the current changerooms will be upgraded and converted into an umpire changeroom and

LGIPP grant. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

District Council of Loxton Waikerie secured \$1.5 million for a community hub also set to be the new home for the Waikerie

The \$3 million Waikerie Riverfront Community Hub will allow all residents to access activities, programs, and services such as sport and exercise sessions, committee meetings, cultural events, social gatherings, speaker events and workshops in a high-quality and modern facility.

Waikerie Football Club redevelopment committee chairperson Brendan Sidhu said football club rooms are utilised by the wider community, with the Waikerie High School formal taking place over the weekend.

"Just about every week, there is something there," Mr Sidhu said.

In addition to the latest funding, Waikerie Football Club secured a \$1.3 million loan through Loxton Waikerie council, bringing total funds for the project to \$2.8 million.

Mr Sidhu said remaining costs will be derived from the Waikerie Football Club and other grant and funding avenues.

"We still need to go to our members and make sure they are happy for us to take that bit of extra debt on," he said.

"Thank you to Loxton Waikerie council chief executive officer David Beaton and the whole council and also Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone.

"The next step is to get the development approval done and then we will hit the ground running."

The cost of the project includes the demolition of the current club rooms.

Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton said the project would be of "great benefit" to the town.

"It's a real collaboration between council and the community," he said.

Meanwhile, Mid Murray Council will receive \$1.5 million to upgrade eight kilometres of Murraylands Road - between Blanchetown and Morgan - to enable larger freight vehicles to travel in the area.

The State Government's LGIPP will see \$106.9 million used to fund 57 shovel-ready projects throughout South Australia, and including council and government funding – is estimated to total a stimulus of \$270 to \$290 million.













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Riverland residents told how to help fruit-fly outbreak...

STRIP TREES

RIVERLANDERS have been advised to strip backyard trees in an effort to stop the spread of fruit fly, after two more local outbreaks were declared last week.

Outbreaks of Queensland fruit fly were last Wednesday declared in Berri - after maggots were found in home-grown fruit and Pike River, where larvae was discovered in a commercial consignment.

Riverland-based Legislative Council Member, Nicola Centofanti, said removing potential host material from backyards would reduce the risk of fruit fly spreading across

"Each fruit fly detection triggers a suspension zone whereby fruit within that zone cannot be moved outside of the zone," Ms Centofanti said.

"Unfortunately, many local growers are in a suspension zone, meaning they can't get their fruit to market without costly treatment.

"Please consider stripping your backyard fruit trees to remove host fruit (and) ensure none is left on the tree or the ground.

"We are attacking the outbreaks head-on and by abiding by the outbreak restrictions the community can help the Riverland keep our pest-free status which is our region's unique strength."

Ms Centofanti's Liberal Party colleague, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, said co-operation throughout the community was required to keep the region's fruit fly free status.

"Fruit fly is one of the world's most destructive pests and the Riverland horticulture industry has spent decades working to



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- ☐ Renmark West 16 November 2021.
- ☐ Cooltong 9 November 2021.
- ☐ Monash 16 November 2021.
- ☐ Berri 16 November 2021.
- ☐ Pike River 6 November 2021.

Fruit fly is one of the world's most destructive pests...

- Tim Whetstone, Member for Chaffey

achieve and maintain a fruit fly free status," Mr Whetstone said.

"The five Riverland fruit fly detections have all been in backyard fruit trees, which is why we are urging the community to strip fruit off their trees and ensure nothing is left on the ground.

"If you're living in a suspension zone you shouldn't be moving any fruit, residential grown or commercially bought from outside of that zone.

We're also asking that backyard grown fruit not be removed from the property regardless of whether it is in a suspension zone or not."

PIRSA Biosecurity SA executive director Nathan Rhodes said more than 61,000 kilograms of fruit - mostly from backyard trees had been collected across Renmark West, Monash and Cooltong.

"Immediate eradication activities are under way in the outbreak areas in Berri and at Pike River, including organic baiting and fruit checking, with additional staff assisting in a bid to get on top of these new outbreaks," Mr Rhodes said.

"In the Renmark West, Cooltong and Monash outbreak and suspension areas there are almost 8000 residences, so it is critical we ask people to check their backyard fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

"The Department is working closely with affected producers so they can continue to meet export requirements for their produce and I must reiterate the Riverland's fruit fly free status remains in areas outside of the

Further information regarding suspension zones and quarantine periods in the Riverland can be found by visiting the PIRSA website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au).

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Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left) with Riverland Mallee Coorong **Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion** as he receives the Pfizer vaccine. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

JOSH BRINE and PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

A LOCAL registered nurse became the first person in the Riverland to receive the Pfizer vaccine in Renmark last Wednesday.

Deborah Webb received her first dose of the vaccine after completing a night shift, and said she was "grateful that it's now available".

"I would 100 per cent recommend for people to get the vaccine because it has been well researched and deemed safe," she

"It's a relief that we may now be getting back to normal."

The clinic, located at the Renmark Paringa District Hospital, was the second in the region to open after Waikerie health care workers received their first doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine last Monday.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion said the Waikerie clinic received the AstraZeneca jabs due to vaccine availability at the time.

"We were hoping that we would be doing Waikerie with the Pfizer vaccine - that changed because the Pfizer vaccine delivery schedule didn't quite work for us," he said.

"We stuck with the vaccination dates and, of course, we already had the AstraZeneca vaccine available to us through Murray Bridge."

After receiving his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine at the Riverland General Hospital





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on Monday, Mr Champion said COVID-19 immunisation would "protect everyone".

"I'm really excited to get the vaccine... well, as excited as you can be to get a needle in the arm," he said.

"This is us starting the rollout of phase 1b – so to health workers more generally – and obviously I've been watching eagerly as all the people in phase 1a... have had their vaccine.

"Getting vaccinated is a step towards protecting the community because it means that if one of my close associates gets COVID-19 hopefully I can block that train of transmission and stop it from spreading to the rest of the community.

"We've had a very positive response.

"I guess health workers are more educated around vaccination and what it means and how it works than the general public so it's great to see so many health workers lining up and rolling up their sleeves to help protect the community.'

During phase 1b of the Federal Government's vaccine rollout, which began on Monday, people aged 70 years and over, health care workers, indigenous people over 55, adults with specific medical conditions, and workers in high-risk or critical industries - including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing - may now be vaccinated.

LINE UP: Local doctors start giving COVID jabs

JOSH BRINE

GENERAL practices across the Riverland began taking bookings for COVID-19 vaccinations this week after the Federal Government's vaccine rollout progressed to

GP clinics in Waikerie, Loxton, Renmark, Berri and Barmera all joined the vaccination program on Monday, along with more than 1000 practices across Australia.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the clinics would play a "vital role" in the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

"Phase 1b of the rollout will see 1000 general practices and respiratory clinics across Australia delivering COVID-19 vaccines for our elderly and immunocompromised, progressively increasing in number to more than 4000 by the end of April," he said.

"Australians eligible for phase 1b will be able to find a vaccination provider through the new national vaccination information and location service, at the Department of Health website.'

"This will enable people to locate their nearest general practice providing vaccinations and link through to their online booking system or phone number to make the appointment.'

"Vaccines are the game-changer in our fight against the COVID-19 virus and I urge everyone in Australia to come forward and get vaccinated when they are able to.

"It will protect themselves, their family, and their community."

The opening of clinics at general practices follows the delivery of the first doses of the Pfizer vaccine to the Riverland General Hospital in Berri last Tuesday.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion said State Government-operated vaccine clinics across the Riverland would distribute the Pfizer vaccine, except in Waikerie where the AstraZeneca jab is being distributed.

"We will also use AstraZeneca at all of the Mallee and Coorong sites," he said.

"There are two hubs: a Murray Bridge hub for AstraZeneca and a Riverland hub for

"This has been determined by location, logistics and a little bit about the timing of the vaccine availability.

"Now that the Pfizer vaccine has been delivered to the Riverland General Hospital, it is now being distributed to the surrounding

"The Commonwealth Government will organise the vaccination of the broader community in phases, probably through GP prac-

"We are still learning what their plans

Mr Champion said the timing of the second vaccine dose differed depending on which brand of vaccine is administered.

"It's three to four weeks between the Pfizer vaccinations so the people who are vaccinated today will be fully protected in a month's time, whereas it's 12 weeks for AstraZeneca," he said.

"It will be three months before the people in Waikerie will be fully protected."

Mr Champion said SA Health was responsible for distributing the vaccine to aged care residents in State Government-run nursing

"The Commonwealth Government has an independent provider that has been contracted to do the private aged care homes,"

"Aged care residents will have received the vaccine either last week or this week, depending on the location they are in.

"There will be clinics set up (to administer the vaccine) on aged care facility sites."

Mr Champion urged people to receive the vaccine as soon as they can once eligible.

"It's really important for the whole community that people get vaccinated for their own health and wellbeing, to reduce the risk of severe complications with COVID-19 for themselves and to protect other people around them and their loved ones," he said.

"Being vaccinated breaks the transmission chain and reduces the threat of someone else catching COVID-19 off you, and therefore



Riverland General Hospital pharmacists Michelle Penny and Anthea Mausolf deliver the first doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine last Tuesday. PHOTO: supplied

protects the whole community.

"I'm hopeful that people will pick up that

"The risks are very low and the benefits to the whole community and economy, in terms of opening up, freeing up exports and opening international tourism to Australia, are immense."



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATUTES AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF SEX WORK **OFFENCES) BILL 2020**

A Select Committee of the Legislative Council has been established to inquire into and report on the Statutes Amendment (Repeal of Sex Work Offences) Bill 2020.

The purpose of the Bill is to abolish offences relating to prostitution.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee, or to register an interest in presenting oral evidence, is invited to do so by Friday, 7 May 2021.

Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Secretary to the Committee, C/- Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001, by telephone on (08) 8237 9490, or e-mail at rswo@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Copies of the Bill are available on request from the Committee Secretary or can be accessed at www.legislation.sa.gov.au

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Public-notice decision not good for communities

WITHIN Australian politics, the proper noun, Liberal, is misleading, given it is the name of the nation's dominant nominally-conservative party.

In the US, for example, the progressive Democrats are often referred to as liberals, while the Republican Party is the home of traditional conservatives

Nonetheless, the Liberal Party here is associated with conservative politics and policies, while the Labor Party is the primary force in progressive politics, with the further-left Greens usually averaging around 10 per cent of votes at major elections.

The Liberals have longed referred to themselves as "centre right", but more recently the term "sensible centre" has crept into their collective lexicon, eager as they are to disassociate themselves with "right wing", which the media often blithely and incorrectly labels "extreme right".

But the conservative moniker has seemingly never been more malleable, given the events of the past 12 months and the extraordinary, generational spending unleashed by the Morrison Government to deal with COVID-19.

Conservative governments have traditionally espoused careful spending and have declared bringing budgets into surplus a priority. Not anymore.

The trend has followed at state level. Only days ago we saw Liberal Premier Steven Marshall pledge to build a \$700 million, 15,000-seat innercity stadium in Adelaide, should the Liberals win the 2022 State Election. The State Opposition is yet to publicly endorse the plan, but Opposition Leader, Peter Malinauskas, has already suggested the state should have different priorities.

The Labor Party has certainly endorsed plenty of big-spending and big-government initiatives, but in this case it stands in a different corner, temporarily or otherwise.

In at least one way, albeit on a much smaller level, a similar role reversal is happening via the State Government removing the requirement for councils to print their public notices in country newspapers.

Rural and regional areas have long been a stronghold for the SA Liberals, and many country newspaper editors have – most often inaccurately – been accused of running defence for the party, whereas Labor has often been labelled citycentric and unable to "see past Gepps Cross".

But in recent times, it has been Labor fighting to ensure the local government is compelled to print its public notices in newspapers, rather than post them online. The scenario continues a concerted push by the Malinauskas-led party to better engage with the state's rural areas, even though many seats within these regions are, on the face of it, unwinnable.

Riverland-based Legislative Council Member, Nicola Centofanti, voted along party lines in rejecting the Labor-proposed amendment. Ms Centofanti is a member of the outnumbered conservative faction within the Liberal Party, which is now dominated by moderates, and has already shown she is prepared to stand for her beliefs via her outspoken criticism of proposed abortion law reform in SA.

One suspects Ms Centofanti may have been in favour of the Labor amendments, but is being careful to pick and choose her battles. And in the Liberal Party's defence, reining back the spending of government – at any level – is among the party's core beliefs, though councils will spend the money elsewhere anyhow.

But ultimately the amendment was defeated, and country newspapers – and their communities – will suffer as a result.

Political junkies, meanwhile, will make their own judgments.



Neuenkirchen's, or simply Neuen's, Loxton, in the late 1940s: Hans and Hilda Neuenkirchen ran a valued Loxton grocery for nearly 40 years. Hilda (née Martin), born in Norwood in 1885, and Hans, born in Mile End in 1891, married in Mosley Square Methodist Church, Glenelg in 1919. Moving to Loxton in 1923, they bought David Noble's former general store, one of Loxton's first shops. It was in the Loxton Hotel's current picnic and pool area. In 1925, enjoying the town and active in the community, the Neuens employed Waikerie's Charlie Schaefer to build a substantial home across the road at 62 East Terrace (currently home to Geoff and Robyn Furness). A 'gaping hole' at the rear had provided sand to build the town's Institute in 1910. Hans filled the hole to form a subsequently much-used tennis court, while the Neuens also established a home garden that later was highlighted in Loxton's 1936 SA Centenary celebrations. In 1937, the Neuens moved their business up East Terrace to the site of the now vacant IGA shop. It was sold to Woolworths in 1960. Recent sorting in a storeroom at the Loxton Historical Village unearthed a Neuen's sign likely once on the veranda of these premises. PHOTO: LHC

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Handballing the risk over to irrigators

FOR so long as I can remember, and I'm now 68 years old, I cannot recall a time when South Australian irrigators had to give up irrigation water to ensure that people on mains water got 100 per cent of what they needed.

That was until the four years from 2006 to 2010 (inclusive), and then again the past two irrigation years, when we had limited opening allocations but luckily finished the season with a full 100 per cent.

It would be fair to say then that since the locks were built in the 1920s and up until 2006 we as irrigators have enjoyed a false sense of security with respect to assuming an uninterrupted water supply.

This has now changed because since 2006 we have had four years when the irrigation water has actually been reduced and a further two years with reductions threatened. That is six years in the past 14.

If this is the new trend for irrigation water supply and as our population continues to grow will irrigation water continue to be the final solution to help guarantee water for critical human needs, i.e. mains water?

As an irrigator and a person who runs a business that relies heavily on irrigation for citrus and dairy industry production, any threat to irrigation water supply is a serious threat to my business and the rural communities that I work in.

It is therefore no surprise that I'm continually thinking of ways South Australia could be more efficient with the closely monitored volumes of water that flow into SA from Victoria and NSW.

This problem is not going to go away.

So at Renmark last week when I spoke with the SA Department Of Environment and Water's (SA DEW) manager of water delivery, we got to talking about some opportunities to save water.

A project I have thought for ages is the obvious place to save Murray water would be targeting evaporation losses by returning the Lower Lakes to a tidal waterway controlled by modified barrages in conjunction with the building of a new lock at or near Wellington, the Murray mouth.

It seems SA DEW information is that "there is no water to be saved" with this project. The proposed fresh water that would flow over the Wellington lock from and the conveyance water – water that cannot used for consumption but only for river health – is about equal to evaporation, around 750 to 800GL. Remember the Adelaide desal plant makes just less than 100GL.

If we accept that this is true – that flows that are for river health only are about equal to evaporation in the lakes, so the net result is zero rise or fall in the lakes, then what additional fresh Murray water is used to create the flush effect of the lakes?

This is the water I would be seeking to save.

It was also suggested that the present unique ecosystem would be lost. Well, the present ecosystem has only been in existence since the 1940s when the barrages were build – that's 80 years in many tens of thousands of years.

Furthermore, the RAMSAR status that the lakes enjoy can be maintained with pristine Southern Ocean water. They do not require fresh Murray water to meet RAMSAR protocols.

Finally SA DEW seem to hold the view that to build a structure at Wellington is almost an engineering impossibility.

I find this surprising given that with a technique known as friction pylons the engineers in the United Arab Emirates build 80-story buildings on beach sand. Building a 20-metre high lock structure may be challenging but not impossible.

The state of South Australia is likely to face low inflows more often than not if we look at trend lines. If my suggestions have no substance and our population continues to grow, then what is SA DEW and the Water Minister doing to manage the risk?

Or are they planning to continue with their policy of handballing the risk to irrigators and river communities?

JEFF KNISPEL Deputy chair Water Communities SA

How to deal with Centrelink

MUM is 80 and we are currently going through some Centrelink issues.

Her husband died last year and Centrelink wrote an "unfortunately, but" letter saying they really needed to know the value of her possessions, including curtains and furnishings.

Fourteen pages of questions, with another 14 pages you can opt into.

As a result she got kicked off the pension and we are attempting to make that right again.

I always doubt the sincerity of any "unfortunately" or "regrettably" letter.

And I wonder about how we value work. Mum raised four kids for 18 years, then went to work and got a degree and a job in a library. She went through a separation and bought a house. She has always been happily resilient. Raising kids is hard work. Unpaid work.

I guess it's voluntary for the most part. And that brings with it the whole spectre of no money.

Whereas on the other hand we highly value people who can get rid of people who have become excess human resources.

In one phone call with Mum this year, I questioned her credentials as a mother, when in January all four of her children were unemployed.

It made her laugh. Happily three of us are back in paid work, making the world better.

Anyhow, here are some handy tips on dealing with Centrelink.

Ask them if they have ever been on Centrelink payments. Those who have been, are always better to deal with.

Next, lower your expectations. You are ringing them to have a chat for an hour, so don't expect any results. Next, get comfy, get a coffee, a snack, make sure your phone is fully charged, and have pen and paper.

Next, use this email, hank@ humanservices.gov.au it takes you through to a more knowledgeable section of Centrelink that can help with any questions.

That's it. Be patient and you will win through.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER

Morgan

Constitutional reform in Australia

FOR the following reasons, I consider that the current Australian Constitution fails to properly represent the people of this country, does not address the injustices that have occurred, and should promote the needs and aspirations of all Australians now and into the future.

We must firstly recognise that the British Occupation from 1788, and the subsequent legal fiction of "Terra Nullius", has caused untold grief and heartbreak for the original occupants of this land. It is our duty to try to redress their losses by including them in our new Constitution. Until 1967, they were not even citizens of their own land.

The British did not provide a heritage that any country would be proud to acknowledge, as nothing more than another penal colony. Everything was done in the name of the British Monarchy, for the benefit of Britain or privileged white Australians. Both groups are responsible for demeaning, disavowing, disadvantaging and disinheriting the native peoples. The British also permitted the development of parochial state interests, which were then enshrined in the current Constitution.

The existing Constitution will always be fatally flawed by its failure to represent the indigenous peoples. It also failed to envisage the gross manipulation and misconduct generated by the Federal/state governments dichotomy, nor that the states would act solely for their own benefit, rather than any rational assessment of national interests. Cost-shifting, name-blaming, rorts of every sort, duplicated bureaucracies, trying to entice sport or business from other states, and a lack of national coordination in many aspects of our lives are a few of the costs we have incurred.

As part of the process to write a new Australian Constitution, I would like to offer some suggestions for discussion. These ideas may not fit the expectations of the indigenous population, and would have major impacts on



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our country and its political elements in the short term.

My suggestions:

- 1. We will become a Republic known as Australia.
- 2. The representatives of our indigenous peoples will nominate the Australian citizen of standing to be our head of state, being the president. They will also need to nominate a vicepresident of Australia.
- 3. The president will have controlling powers over the country.
- 4. Current federal and state parliaments and legislatures will be abolished.
- 5. A new Australian Parliament will be created, with sufficient members to fairly represent the peoples of Australia. It is tasked with improving existing legislation and policy, debating issues of the day, planning for the future, and enacting such laws as are required. The president will effectively be the review mechanism to ensure just, fair and effective legislation.
- The Australian Electoral Commission will determine how such members are to be elected by the people. I expect some form of separate districts within major cities, and rural districts based around larger regional hubs
- 7. The Public Service Board will be tasked with delivering the programs as directed by parliament, and providing the supporting staff needed by its members by merit selection.
- 8. Members of parliament will be part of the public service in relation to pay and conditions. Each will be required to exercise ministerial responsibility in at least one area of policy and/or legislation. I would prefer it if members focused on this aspect of the job, and not have electoral responsibilities.
- 9. The president, vice-president and members of parliament can serve a maximum of eight years - that being up to two fouryear terms.
- 10. No additional benefits are payable after completion of the period of service, other than any entitlement to pro-rata long service leave and superannuation rights.
- 11. An Australian water authority will be established to control all our water. The Murray Darling system will be its responsibility, as will be the fair distribution of water across

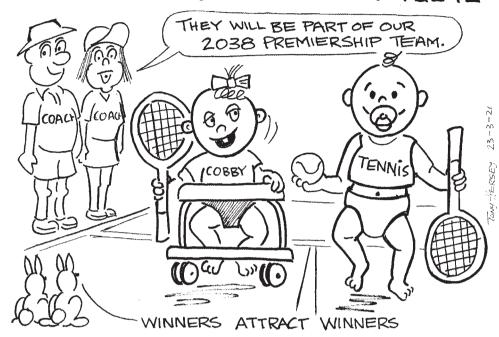
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Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey

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the country. Previous decisions will be reviewable and may be rescinded. Dams, hydro-electric schemes, and redirection of water flows may be considered. The authority would reports to the parliament, but can only be directed by the president.

12. Political parties are not welcome under the Constitution as they, in the past, have sought to manipulate the outcome of voting by members. No person, organisation, religion, country or any other interest group will seek to interfere in the governance of the country or affect any parliamentary vote. Lobbyists may only submit matters to the sitting parliament for consideration, and can only do so through the Public Service Board.

13. No matters of parliament can be designated commercialin-confidence, hidden from scrutiny, or otherwise withheld from the people. Limited exceptions may arise in areas such as national security. The parliament must see itself as responsible to the people, not for them.

14. Education needs to address the critical lack of respect and empathy for women, the disabled, our native peoples and other cultures. Issues surrounding sexuality and consent, mental well-being, respect for

our elders (et al) also come into play. Equality for everyone also needs to be targeted.

MARK ELLETT

Be patriotic and take a holiday

I AM calling on the citizens of Barker to do their patriotic duty and book a holiday as part of the Coalition Government's support package for the tourism sector.

The Morrison Government is funding 800,000 half-price airfares to encourage Australians to take a holiday this year and support local hotels, restaurants, bars, caravan parks and tourism operators.

The new \$1.2 billion tourism and aviation support package will also provide low interest loans to small businesses, and additional support for airlines, airports and ground-handling companies to maintain jobs and capacity.

Tourism is worth \$100 billion to the Australian economy and employs around 611,000 people.

Our Government has supported the tourism sector through JobKeeper as well as targeted support programs, like the \$1 billion COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund.

As we enter the next stage of our recovery, with confidence improving as the vaccine rolls out, our new support package will give tourism operators, regional businesses and airlines a real boost by sending Australians to the regions on holiday.

We can support our worldleading tourism and aviation sectors by booking a holiday this year through a travel agent, flying to a tourist destination, and enjoying a well-earned holiday.

While international borders remain closed, we want Australians to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities to holiday here in Australia and in the process to support a local job and a local business.

The discounted flights will be available through travel agents or directly from the airline's website from April 1.

The half-price ticket program will initially operate to 18 key regions including; the Gold Coast, Cairns and Townsville, the Whitsundays and Mackay region (Proserpine and Hamilton Island), the Sunshine Coast, Darwin, Lasseter and Alice Springs, Launceston, Hobart, Devonport and Burnie, Broome, Avalon, Merimbula, and Adelaide and Kangaroo Island.

TONY PASIN Member for Barker

Looking back...

10 years ago March 25, 2011





CLOSING DOWN: Lack of patronage will see Bredl's Wonderworld of Wildlife close after the upcoming school holidays. Owner Rob Bredl said visitor numbers had hit rock bottom, with a survey showing just nine Riverland people as paying customers over the past three weekends.

20 years ago March 23, 2001

The Murray Pioneer



LOCAL MAN HELPS DRIVER TO SAFETY: Loxton man Peter Lines helped rescue the driver of a fuel tanker that exploded just minutes after overturning near the centre of Loxton early Tuesday morning. The Wunkar Football Club stalwart had been driv ing home from a busy nightshift at the Loxton Hotel just before 7.30am.

TEXT LINE

So Waikerie's stadium had a leaking roof during a basketball the rubbish bins labelled as match (Murray Pioneer, 17/3/21). 'garbage'. Does that mean Waikerie can

> BB Barmera

Geelong cats thought they had the game won before they left Melbourne.

expect a new \$14 million stadium

WC Renmark

The revamped Renmark river front looks great but there are multiple safety concerns. Climbing and slipping on the fountain, jumping from deck into the river, and climbing on and falling from the

lion statue. That's not to mention

HELEN Renmark

Not only has Renmark Commonwealth Bank branch closed, but its its ATM in Loxton has changed ownership, incurring fees for transactions. Disappointing.

JENNI Loxton

Loxton

Great to see the vaccine in the Riverland but should the nurse in the front page image (17/3) have been wearing gloves and a mask?

Every council is in power to protect their area. I'm glad the Berri Barmera Council is supporting a bypass. These B-doubles and B-triples are constantly coming through Berri and going to Bookpurnong. They then drive straight to Yamba. They can be at Yamba in 30 minutes. Bypass roads bypass every town. It makes sense to have a bypass in the middle of the Riverland so it is accessible to everyone.

HELEN Berri

The ABC's gutter journalist, Louise Milligan, doesn't hesitate appointing herself judge, jury

and exucutioner.

JM Waikerie

What lawns are you asking whether Renmark Paringa Council knows how to mow, Chris (Text Talk, 10/3/21)?

CROCKETT Renmark

Shame about the Barmera Anzac Day service (Murray Pioneer, 17/3/21). Fortunately some of the other local towns are holding their events. For many people Anzac Day is the most important day on the Australian calendar.

> **SHAN** Glossop

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State Government vote frees councils from printing important information...

Not so public

A STATE Government decision to abolish the requirement for councils to print public notices - that impact SA country and regional communities - in local newspapers has been described as "extraordinary" and "disappointing".

Councils are no longer obliged to publish community consultations, meetings, development and planning issues, and similar public notices in newspapers and can instead post the same material on websites.

The SA Liberals in the upper house - including Riverlandbased MLC Nicola Centofanti last week joined forces with the Greens and Independent John Darley to vote down a Labor push to insert the newspaper requirement into the relevant legislation.

The move "undermines the value of country newspapers and regional communities", according to Labor spokesperson for local government, Emily Bourke, who spoke strongly for the amendment during the parliamentary debate.

"Keeping this requirement would have proved vital in ensuring when readers are checking the local footy and netball scores, they can also check the public notices published by councils that impact their lives, like development and planning issues," Ms Bourke said.

"Few people will check their local council's website, or the Government's Gazette in search of public notices that could impact their lives, but they do check their local newspaper. "This decision disrespects the core role of local newspapers, which is to share information with the very people the councils' decisions could impact: local ratepayers.'

Labor's amendment called for a minimum standard to be adhered to by local councils: that public notices be published in a paper circulating only within the area of the local council. As a result of the amendment being voted down by one vote - 10 for and 11 against - local government now has the option of publishing either online or in newspapers.

Ms Burke predicted the Liberals' push to publish important public notices on a website could further increase the digital divide and would "hit hard in our regional communities where many do not have access to reliable internet".

"Labor fought to protect regional and remote newspapers – and the jobs of their dedicated journalists – by insisting local information is still published in local papers," she

Ms Centofanti, who was appointed to the Upper House last year, midway through the election



Labor MLC Emily Bourke (pictured with Labor MP Tony Piccolo during a visit to the Murray Pioneer) has criticised the State Government over its legislation that effectively frees SA councils from having to print public notices in rural and regional newspapers.

cycle, voted along Government lines and said councils could still use local newspapers if they

"It's the Government's opinion that local councils should have the autonomy to notify the community of consultation in ways that deem appropriate," she said.

"This could include notices on their website and newsletters as well as using local media.

"It will still be open to all councils to choose to publish information in local newspaper to provide information to their local communities, and the Government expects that they will do so wherever they see their local paper as an effective way to inform their communities."

Immediate past president of Country Press Australia, Ben **Local Government Association** of South Australia

Taylor, owner of this newspaper, said the State Government has "got it totally wrong" by failing to support public interest journalism.

"The feds have spent \$20 million-plus on an ACCC inquiry into how digital platforms – Google and Facebook – are affecting the viability of public interest journalism," Mr Taylor said.

"In a worldwide first the Australian Government is making these digital platforms pay for the news they plagiarise... and at the same time our state government is watering down the need for local governments to support local newspapers and hence the democratic process at grass-roots level.

"Regional newspapers are vitally important to the communities they serve. Only last year we saw a rationalisation of mastheads across SA with several mastheads disappearing, including the Loxton News and the River News.

"This state government is certainly not helping the democratic process at local government level by pushing through this Bill." Publishing local councils' public notices has been a long-standing requirement in the Local Government Act 1999.



New solar farm project set to create local jobs...

A big YES

A NEW solar farm being built by a local construction contractor - as part of a multi-million dollar statewide project - is set to generate 20 new jobs in a Riverland town.

Yates Electrical Services (YES) last week commenced construction on a 5-megawatt solar farm at David Street, in Renmark.

YES managing director Mark Yates said a partnership with Adelaide firm Sustainable Energy Infrastructure (SEI) would see \$36 million of solar and battery projects built across rural South Australia during the next 18 months.

"Pre-COVID we engaged Chapman Capital Partners to undertake a capital raise for the business, seeking investment in a portfolio of projects we had been working on," Mr Yates said.

"Chapman Capital provided us an introduction to SEI, which is funded by London-based Whitehelm Capital and they are fund managers for two large Australian superannuation funds.

"Two months later SEI provided an offer to fund the entire project portfolio, with a commitment of delivering approximately 20 megawatts of new, large-scale (solar and



battery) plants in regional South Australia.

"We've been working hard on the David Street site for almost three years, and it's great to see Australian superannuation funds investing in local projects, so developments like this can come to

Mr Yates said the energy generated at the David Street solar farm would ensure the local electricity supply remained stable and reliable during high-demand periods on the network.

"The solar farm will take the pressure off the network locally in the Riverland," he said.

"Heatwaves during summer put significant strain on the network, and having an asset like this locally will reduce pressure on the network during days of high demand."

Mr Yates said construction of the solar farm would create new employment and benefit the local

"There will be 20 direct jobs generated during the construction



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left), YES managing director Mark Yates and SEI national manager Justin Parker breaking ground at the site of a new solar farm on David Street, in Renmark. PHOTO: supplied

phase of the project," he said.

"Plus there will be other subcontractors, civil contractors and mechanical contractors that will of the plants will also provide form a broader group.

"The operation and maintenance

ongoing local employment oppor-



Riverland butchers claim the sausage crown

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

LOCAL butchers were "humbled" to receive numerous awards at a regional South Australian competition staged in the Riverland last weekend.

Butchers from across the region competed in the Australian Meat Industry Council regional Sausage King and Smallgoods competition, held at the Renmark Club on Saturday.

Warburton's Butchers operator Emma Hawkes said claiming all three placings in the gourmet sausage category - which included 22 entries – was a highlight of the

"We were excited to see Renmark host the regional division of the Sausage King awards (and) to take home six places in our home town makes us proud," Mrs Hawkes said.

"The cherry on top for us was the trifecta – of all three places – in the gourmet sausage class of the awards.

"The Riverland butchers outperformed all the other towns and this really goes to show the calibre of butchers we have.

Riverland Country Style Meats operator



Murray Pioneer journalist Hugh Schuitemaker judging the pork sausage category at Saturday's Sausage King and Smallgoods competition, held at the Renmark Club. INSET: Other local judges for the competition included Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left) and Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson (right). PHOTOS: Glenda Malinovski

Brett Gebhardt – whose business won five awards - said he began experimenting with smoked meat products last year.

"It's quite humbling because we've only dabbled in smoking for the last 10 months," Mr Gebhardt said.

"Last Christmas was my first leg-on-thebone cook, so to come away with first prize was amazing.

"We do a heat-treated mettwurst which is a little bit different in cooking, but the flavours and concepts are the same.'

Local judges for the competition included Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Club chef Josh Henschke and Murray Pioneer journalist Hugh Schuitemaker.

Rollbusch Quality Meats operator Nigel Rollbusch said his three awards - which included best bacon and best fritz - reflected a growing demand for smallgoods.

"We're very happy to get the best bacon, because we're starting to push that into cafes, pubs and clubs as much as I can," Mr Rollbusch said.

'The Barmera shop has a very big production area, and I've upgraded the machinery to do big lots of ham, bacon, and fritz as

"Everybody wants that stuff now. It's

going back to the old school stuff."

Berri North Meat Store operator Shane Muller said receiving recognition for his fermented mettwurst - which requires a licence to make - was personally rewarding.

"It took me four years to get my licence, so it was a long process," Mr Muller said.
"It's made in the traditional way. A lot of

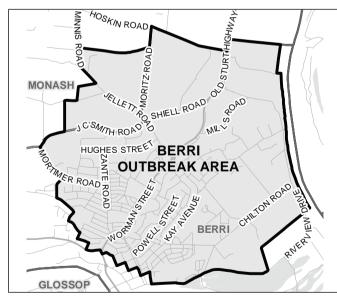
them these days are heat-treated, whereas mine is fermented uncooked.

"I'm the first one to be able to do it since they brought licences in 10 years ago.

"I've been wanting to get to more craft stalls to sell it, so this is a sign it's not too bad of a product.

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK

BERRI AND PIKE RIVER OUTBREAK AREAS Help keep our state fruit fly free



Queensland fruit fly (Q-fly) has been found in Berri and Pike River. been established at both sites.

These will apply until at least 16 November 2021 in Berri and 6 November 2021 in Pike River, depending on any further fruit fly detections.

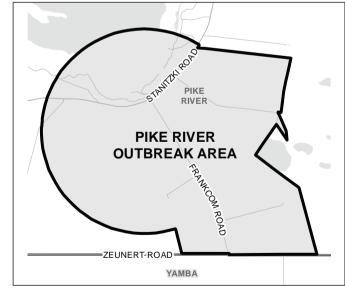
Affected areas include: Berri, Monash and Pike River

If you live, work or go to school in the area, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions in place. Once purchased or picked from the garden, some fruit and vegetables cannot move from your property within the outbreak area.

An eradication program has begun to keep your area fruit fly free and help protect our state's horticultural industries.

Special arrangements need to be put in place for the movement of commercial produce. Industry enquiries call 1800 255 556.

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



What you need to do:

- Allow easy access to your garden so PIRSA staff can do their work quickly and efficiently.
- Pick up all fallen and over-ripe fruit in your backyard as well as remove any remaining fruit from fruit trees. Dispose of unwanted fruit using your kerbside green bin service. If you do not have a green bin service, seal it in an airtight plastic bag and call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 to arrange collection.
- Don't move fresh fruit, fruiting vegetables or garden waste from your property unless via council bin service or PIRSA arrangements.
- Check your fruit regularly and if you notice maggots or fruit flies, seal it in an airtight plastic bag and immediately call the Fruit Fly Hotline 1300 666 010.

Stay informed at fruitfly.sa.gov.au



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Mr Whetstone judging the poultry sausage category.

Riverland 2021 Sausage King award winners:

Rollbusch Quality Meats

- Best beef sausage
- Best bacon
- Best fritz
- Best boneless leg ham

Warburton's Butchers

■ Best traditional pork

■ Best gourmet sausage

Berri North Meat Store

- Best poultry sausage ☐ Best mettwurst (fermented)

Muller's Meat Store

- Best lamb sausage ■ Best gourmet burger

Plaza Quality Meats

■ Best continental sausage

Riverland Country Style Meats

- Best leg ham on bone
- Best mettwurst (heat-
- treated)
- Best cooked sausage in a casing
 - Best deli meat
- Best value added item



At the recent opening of the LivingProof exhibition at Adelaide's Migration Museum were Geoff and Liz Bull, of Renmark, Yuko Nakayama, Hossein Valamanesh, and Italo and Anne Vardaro, of Renmark. PHOTO: supplied

Aged care moments captured by Italo

THE often overlooked moments of aged care including joy, beauty and engagement – are captured in a new exhibition featuring the works of renowned Riverland photographer, Italo Vardaro.

Via Mr Vardaro's pictures and the words of writer Rosa Matto, LivingProof shares the stories of 10 residents, consumers, family members, staff and volunteers of the Adelaide-based Bene Aged Care facility.

The temporary exhibition aims to address what it means to grow older – for individuals, their families and communities.

Ms Matto said the project "sought to give voice to residents, staff and volunteers (and) to ask them to tell their stories one more time, assuring them there was a sympathetic ear".

'We proposed not to relive the chronology of the past, but to find the essence of joy in the present," she

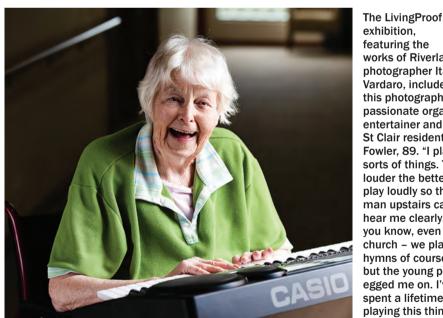
Mr Vardaro said the project allowed him to "connect with strangers who were somehow familiar".

"The power and beauty of the still image is that it captures a split second of awareness that you can never reproduce," he said.

"The process can't be rushed and yet for this project I found myself working in a confined residential home where life was as busy as a beehive.

"I felt a connection, a kinship and an understanding. I came to understand why the staff always talked to me about how privileged they felt to care for the residents, the rewards they received by giving care and receiving love in return."

Stationed at the Migration Museum, on Kintore Avenue, Adelaide, the exhibition opened earlier this month and ends on June 30.



exhibition, featuring the works of Riverland photographer Italo Vardaro, includes this photograph of passionate organist, entertainer and Bene St Clair resident Jean Fowler, 89. "I play all sorts of things. The louder the better. I play loudly so the big man upstairs can hear me clearly. But you know, even at church - we played hymns of course but the young people egged me on. I've spent a lifetime playing this thing."

We had spiders in the shed... and snakes in the long-drop

DO snakes have a sense of smell? I had assumed not because why else would a snake wrap itself around the base of the old, longdrop toilet barrel?

But I have just Googled it and apparently they use their tongues to pick up scents and odours in the air.

When she needed to go, our auntie got a heck of a shock to see a massive brown resting there.

As kids, any job on the long-drop seat was finished up pretty quickly. The spiderinfested outhouse had been built decades before, near the orange trees some 20 metres from the house, and snakes were just one of the uncomfortable possibilities while sitting

Dad went after that brown with the shovel and there was one less Joe Blake around the place. But with open shower drains and a backdoor mostly left ajar, it was just a matter of time before we had company inside the

One day, Mum was re-organising the shoe cupboard in the girls' bedroom when she thought she saw a momentary glint of an eye at the back of the cupboard. With protective instincts kicking in and heart beating fast (but with no sign of panic), she glided outside, got the shovel and swiftly ended that

Funnily enough, two nights earlier a couple of toddlers had visited with their parents. While playing on the lounge room floor, the youngsters pointed under the couch, saying "nake, nake".

No one took any notice.

An aside note, in preference to killing them, apparently snakes don't like the scent of cinnamon or clove oil, nor do they like the smell of vinegar and even human hair.

Snakes feast on rats and mice. And blockers' sheds, with stacks of empty apricot trays, were a haven for rodents.

So it evoked massive admiration for Dad's courage as he picked up rusty old pieces of corrugated iron or bits of timber, knowing a snake could and often would slither out at any moment. Kids are simply in awe of their dads at times like these.

Events in the shed could stir intense fear for many apricot cutters. Huntsman, those massive grey-brown spiders, would utterly terrorise those absently reaching into the tin

Year 7 'transition days'

LOCAL primary schools will be supported to cover extra transport costs for transition days in 2021 thanks to a State Government \$75,000 investment, as both year 6 and 7 students prepare for high school.

The State Government's investment will help alleviate the extra costs of transporting country students from their current primary school to high school on their transition day.



for another apricot. The hairy creature would often dart back into the tin, sheltering among

Once, younger sister Lee, who had an extreme fear of spiders, screamed as she threw down her knife and careered out of the shed, vowing she wouldn't be back until the huntsman in her tin was killed. So two or three of us (but mostly the boys) got together with a plan to find the spider and indeed kill

We then stealthily cut an apricot, removed the stone, gently placed the deceased spider inside the apricot, closed it up and placed it back into Lee's dip tin. When she finally reappeared, Lee demanded to know whether we had killed the spider, and if so, "Where

We assured her it was dead and that we'd thrown it away, then we nonchalantly went about our jobs while aching with rising anticipation as Lee returned to her bench. Some minutes later, it all went perfectly as the spider fell out of the apricot directly into the palm of Lee's hand.

That scream was like no other, and even now, Lee claims we're still not forgiven. But from my viewpoint, she's a deeply loved, beautiful, well-adjusted sister.

Does that get me back into the good books, I wonder?





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Catholic school's site blessed and welcomed

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

EARTHWORKS Renmark's new Catholic high school site were put on hold last week for a special blessing by the Diocese of Port Pirie's newly appointed bishop.

St Francis of Assisi College's site – located on Twentyfirst Street - was officially blessed by Bishop Karol Kulczycki and welcomed into the community last Thursday.

Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie director Nichii Mardon, the school's inaugural principal Nathan Hayes, Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson, Aboriginal elder Howard 'Barney' Lindsay and local priests, students and family representatives attended the blessing, which was one of the first milestones for the new school.

Ms Mardon, who arrived in the Riverland last Monday and visited all four local Catholic schools during her week-long visit, said she looks forward to construction beginning in coming weeks.

"The site blessing was among numerous key milestones to be achieved for St Francis of Assisi College

last week, along with a community information night and the development approval for stage one received from Renmark Paringa Council," she said.

"More than 130 people attended our community information sessions last week in Renmark and Berri to learn more about the school and there was a lot of interest.

"Construction will begin in three stages, with stage one including a middle years learning centre, STEM and arts centre, a design and technology workshop, administration centre and a covered outdoor learning, play and landscaped spaces.

"It's hard to look at the site now and think that in eight months there will be a school here, but there will be and it'll be fantastic."

The college announced its college fees, unveiled its new uniform and discussed transport strategies, which are yet to be decided, last

The annual fee for years 7 to 9 has been set at \$4590, which covers all schoolorganised curriculum and co-curriculum activities such as excusions, camps and a personal laptop for

A 50 per cent discounted fee will be available for lowincome families as well as sibling discounts available for multi-child families.

Mr Hayes said a family's financial circumstances would not be a barrier to enrolment at the college.

"Families experiencing hardship are encouraged to meet with me to discuss a tuition fee arrangement to cater for your individual circumstances," he said.

Ms Mardon supported the approach as it is in line with Catholic Education South Australia's policy of access for all.

"St Francis of Assisi College's comprehensive fee strategy reflects our commitment to provide a reception to year 12 pathway for Catholic education in the Riverland," Ms Mardon said.

"Our aim is to provide families with access to affordable education of the highest quality to enable students to be thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires."

Enrolments for year 7 and 8 in 2022 are now open.

Fill out an expression of interest form at cesa.catholic.edu.au/assisi to arrange a time and meet with principal Nathan Hayes.



ABOVE: At the blessing of St Francis and Assisi College's new site were local priest Father Paul Bourke (left), Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie director Nichii Mardon, Diocese of Port Pirie's Bishop Karol Kulczycki, and St Francis of Assisi College principal Nathan Hayes. BELOW: Bishop Karol Kulczycki blessing the college's site. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



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Primary school teachers ready to make the move

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU and JOSH BRINE

A NUMBER of Riverland primary school teachers were among many statewide who signed up to move into high school next year and be upskilled as part of a \$13 million professional development program.

The initial recruitment process of teachers for the State Government's year 7 move was launched last year and invited applications from permanent primary teachers who wanted to make the move.

Renmark Primary School teacher Penny Golding, who signed up for the move last year, said she is looking forward to the change.

"I've been teaching children from years 3 to 7 for more than 20 years but last year I had the opportunity to teach at Glossop High School and I loved it," she said.

"I was there as a year 8 teacher teaching home economics but I also had a year 10 child studies class, so I had a little taste of what high school was about.

"I really enjoyed working with older kids and forming a more mature relationship with them.

"It was easier to relate to them when it came to social things like sport and their part-time jobs and it was great being around kids who are closer to their pathway and thinking about what their future is going to be like."

Ms Golding said she would use the same teaching skills she employs at Renmark Primary School to Berri Regional Secondary College next year.

"There's a lot of transferrable skills primary school teachers can use once they make the move, one being knowing how to cater for different abilities," she said.

"Some of the teachers at Berri Regional Secondary College also have a primary school background and they'll be great mentors.'

Ms Golding said she looks forward to working at a brand-new



Renmark Primary School teacher Penny Golding will move to Berri Regional Secondary College next year as part of the year 7 high school transition. PHOTO: Josh Brine

"Not only am I making the move to high school, I'm going to be at a brand-new school... not many teachers have that opportunity in their career," she said.

Minister for Education John Gardner said it was "fantastic" to see teachers embracing the move.

"The move of year 7 into high school is a transformational change to our education system that will provide our students with the opportunity to be taught by specialist teachers in specialist facilities, just as the national curriculum is designed to be taught," he said.

"The uptake of permanent primary teachers applying for high school positions shows that our teachers recognise the importance of this move and are embracing the opportunities available to them.

Our primary and high school principals have been working together, with clear guidance from the department, to ensure our teachers get the most out of their professional learning to prepare them for high school.

"The recruitment of hundreds more high school teachers will also begin during term 2, opening up to all qualified teachers.

"There has never been a better time to join our teaching work-

For more information, visit education.sa.gov.au.

100 Catholic school scholarships for SA's children in care

A NUMBER of Catholic school scholarships will be provided for students in care statewide thanks to an innovative partnership between the State Government and Catholic Education South Australia (CESA).

Another 100 children and young people would be offered scholarships, adding to the 113 scholarships provided in term 2 last year.

The first students have already started attending their chosen school.

The scholarships cover the full costs of tuition, uniforms, textbooks, excursion and extracurricular activities, continuing each year until students complete their schooling.

Minister for Child Protection Rachel Sanderson said the State Government's partnership with CESA was a "practical way" to make a difference in a child's life.

"I'm thrilled we have had such a quick and successful uptake of our new Catholic Schools Scholarship Program and that through our innovative partnership with CESA, we're now able to offer another 100 scholarships to children and young people in care," she said.

"There is no doubt completing secondary schooling opens up pathways to an array of career options and further study and these scholarships are supporting many of our children and young people in care achieve their dreams and aspirations.

"I commend and thank CESA for this unique partnership with the State Government that's providing invaluable education opportunities for children and young people in care.

"The State Government remains committed to better supporting children and young people in care, with a focus on improving educational outcomes because we know a good education is the best for future prospects.'

CESA director Dr Neil McGoran said 50 schools statewide had already welcomed scholarship students.

"The response from the children and young people who have taken up scholarships is overwhelmingly positive and a great example of mission in action," he said.

"With the average annual fee across Diocesan primary and secondary schools at about \$4000, the 100 scholarships will provide substantial assistance to children and young people in care.

"We know that a quality education can set

a young person up for life.

"Our aim is to remove any financial barriers so that young people in care have the opportunity to attend Catholic schools and thrive in a positive learning environment."



Parliament of South Australia Select Committee on Land Access

On Tuesday 2 March 2021 the House of Assembly established a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon:

(a) Land access regimes as they relate to mining and mining exploration under the Mining Act 1971, the Opal Mining Act 1995 and the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000.

(b) Such operations of the Department for Energy and Mining as may relate to, or be affected by, land access regimes;

(c) The practices of interstate and overseas jurisdictions as they relate to balancing the rights of landowners and those seeking to access land in order to explore for or exploit minerals, precious stones or regulated substances;

(d) Administrative and legislative options that may help achieve a best practice model in South Australia that balances the rights of landowners and those seeking to access land to explore for or exploit minerals, precious stones or regulated substances;

(e) Measures that should be implemented to achieve a best practice model in South Australia that balances the rights of landowners and those seeking to access land to explore for or exploit minerals, precious stones or regulated substances (to the extent that such measures are not being addressed through existing programs or initiatives); and

(f) Any other related matter

Any person or organisation wishing to make a submission to the Committee is invited to do so by COB Friday 30 April 2021. Written submissions should be addressed to the Parliamentary Officer, Select Committee on Land Access, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5000, or email to: SCLA@parliament.sa.gov.au

All submissions will be made publicly available unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

Further information about the Committee can be found on the Committee's website at: http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au

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Expanded wage scheme 'helping Riverland apprentices'

THE expansion of a national wage subsidy scheme is aimed at supporting the Riverland's recovery from COVID-19 by creating new jobs for apprentices and

The Federal Government last week announced an expansion of the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy program, run under the National Economic Recovery Program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the scheme had already supported 832 apprentices and trainees in his electorate.

"Whether it's the manufacturing, housing d construction, hairdressing or engineering - this wage subsidy gives businesses certainty to hire, and, provides a career path to young school leavers or others looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship," Mr Pasin said.

"Our aim is to provide school leavers and job seekers in Barker with a real opportunity to upskill and reskill through an apprenticeship or a traineeship.

"By expanding this wage subsidy for another 12 months, we'll be helping businesses to create even more jobs, further supporting our National Economic Recovery Plan for Australia."

Under the expanded scheme, businesses would receive a 50 per cent wage subsidy for 12 months – for apprentices and trainees employed before September 30.



Barker MP Tony Pasin says the Federal Government's Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements initiative has supported more than 800 apprentices and trainees in Barker. PHOTO: supplied

Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business Michaelia Cash said providing new opportunities for employees would be vital to economic recovery from

"With 100,000 new apprenticeship positions already snapped up, it highlights the confidence businesses have in the future of the Australia economy," Ms Cash said. "Growing our skills pipeline is an incredibly important part."

Further information regarding the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements initiative can be found by visiting the website (www.dese.gov.au/boosting-

apprenticeship-commencements).

There's a new sheriff in town

MAKING roads and Riverland communities safer for locals are priorities for the region's new topranking police officer.

SAPOL earlier this month announced Superintendent Scott Denny had become the new Murray Mallee officer in charge.

Mr Denny said reducing crime and improving road safety for Riverlanders would be his focus in the role.

"It is an absolute privilege to again be back in a regional policing environment and part of our regional community," Mr Denny said.

"While the type of work we perform as police doesn't differ from metro to regional, it is the way in which we police and the additional expectations of regional police that

"Regional communities tend to have a much closer relationship with their local police (and) as such it is important that regional police know their communities well and understand the needs of each community.

'This becomes particularly important when we look at how we can prevent crime and continue to keep our communities safe."

Mr Denny replaced former Murray Mallee Superintendent James Blandford.

Mr Denny said his past SAPOL experience had included time in the Eyre Peninsula and Yorke Mid North regional areas, plus assistzones caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

"In 2010 I relocated to Whyalla and served as the operations inspector for the Eyre and Western Local Service area, responsible for operational policing across the entire Eyre Peninsula from Whyalla to Pt Lincoln and Ceduna," he said.

"In 2013 I was promoted to superintendent and became the commander for the Yorke Mid North Local Service Area where I served until the end of 2017.

"In 2018 I relocated back to Adelaide where I spent two years working on a regional review project for SAPOL before COVID hit us in early 2020.

"I was seconded to COVID Operations and established the state's hard border closures as well as airport operations, and I also managed the policing overlay in the state's COVID-19 medi-hotels."



Citrus Australia CEO Nathan Hancock says funding for programs trying to attract Australians to harvesting jobs should be spent on increasing quarantine accommodation for backpacker travellers. PHOTO: supplied

Citrus body calls for more accommodation

FUNDING for programs aimed at attracting locals to horticultural work should be used to increase hotel quarantine accommodation, according to a national citrus industry body.

Fruit growers across the region are facing a harvest labour shortage this year due in part – to international travel restrictions posed by COVID-

Citrus Australia CEO Nathan Hancock said 100,000 less backpackers were in the country compared to before the COVID-19 outbreak.

"Backpackers traditionally pick fruit for three months to qualify for a second-year visa and their absence makes a swift government response even more critical," Mr Hancock said.

"National cabinet has already approved accepting more workers from the Pacific Islands outside the cap for returning Australians.

'More than 2600 workers have already been brought into Australia with no cases of COVID detected prior to their departure or during their quarantine in Australia.'

Figures from the Department of Education, Skills and Employment showed a \$17.4 million Federal Government program offering payments to cover transport and accommodation costs for Australians willing to move for horticultural work attracted 268 applications.

Mr Hancock said inadequate numbers of locals entering picking work meant funding should be focused on increasing available accommodation for backpackers in quarantine hotels

"I'd like to call on the premiers of Australia to consider turning some of the funding they have set aside for incentives or advertising for Australians to work and to consider using that to increase the number of available beds in the hotel quarantine systems,' he said.

"We simply don't have enough hotel quarantine available to make sure that smaller growers can bring in seasonal workers as they need them.

"That will be a far better use of our money and we will quickly increase the numbers of people that are coming into the country to work in horticulture.

Mr Hancock said programs

to quarantine workers inside Australia would add extra costs for growers.

"While we acknowledge the efforts of the states to create pathways for additional workers, these are either too expensive, heavily regulated or also hampered by a lack of funding," he said.

"They are asking too much of an industry already stretched to breaking point, putting all the onus on growers to deliver a facility, cover all the costs, and develop all the procedures right before harvest commenc-

"Frankly, we can't wait for the new in-country quarantine pilot to be enacted either, although this may be an answer long-term."



Stadium plan city-centric

LAST weekend on our 5RM radio show, Sports Saturday, my co-host Lachie Winnall and myself, along with contributor and former Murray Pioneer sports editor Joe Schwab, chewed the fat on a proposed new stadium in Adelaide.

Discussion centred on the plan unveiled by Premier, Steven Marshall, for a new boutique indoor city arena at a cost of \$700 million adjacent to Adelaide Oval and Memorial Drive tennis

The latter is currently undergoing a \$44 million upgrade.

Now, I understand the need to replace ageing or broken infrastructure and building for future capacity, but this normally follows a process of extensive planning which should include public consultation.

The closest local example I can point to is Loxton's The Precinct, which despite appearing to some as extravagant, was built to replace a stadium which was over 40 years old and had become unusable.

It had a badly leaking roof and required major upgrades to amenities to comply with today's standards.

Much costing on upgrade versus replacement was calculated, but standards had changed so much since the 1970s, making a replacement necessary and a replacement looking at least as many years forward again.

Considerations also included long-term financial planning for council, taking took into account other assets that will require funding into the future: roads and other civic buildings.

For a political party known for looking past Gepps Cross this Marshall Liberal Government proposal is city centric and not in step with the post-COVID migration to the regions – a trend occurring Australia-wide and globally, and an obvious one at that.

An amount of \$700 million is not much in the scheme of road infrastructure in South Australia, but if leveraged with the Federal Government I wonder how much of the Sturt Highway could be made safer?

These current times of economic duress and recovery have a similarity to those following World War I and the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 – the Roaring Twenties.

Could we be entering another such decade of conomic prosperity and social change?

Further, if nation building opportunities are with us now, they should be grasped. They could change the face of our state, not just how you take in a basketball game or concert when in Adelaide.

Locally, our grasp or priority could be firmly on continuing a dual-lane main road from Nuriootpa to the border – something I think we all agree on?

Becoming conduct would be to promote this together and let the route, including river crossings, be planned on hard data by those looking at the big picture, not on anecdotal observations or parochial interest.

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

Fruit fly outbreaks overwhelming minister, says Labor

IMPROVED leadership in parliament is required to control a "fruit fly crisis" in South Australia, according to a State Opposition MP.

Fruit fly quarantine areas in Renmark West and Cooltong are now set to last until October after further detections of larvae triggered an overwinter period.

Opposition spokesperson for primary industries Clare Scriven said her party was advised by industry the statewide fruit fly committee - organised by PIRSA - had failed to meet in 18 months.

"Minister (David) Basham is clearly out of his depth, given

he doesn't even know whether the statewide fruit fly committee has met, and has taken no action to initiate a meeting," Ms Scriven said. "This fruit fly crisis has been an issue well beyond the Riverland for more than nine months, yet he has not acted to bring them together.

"Consumers and home gar-

deners are confused about the rules about eating and packing fruit and the minister says he has no idea what financial assistance is available to industry.

'SA is at risk of permanently losing its fruit fly free status amid conflicting communication and a lack of leadership from the minister."





Loxton Waikerie council has voted unanimously for more funding to see the remainder of Taplan Road sealed. Meanwhile, works on the first 10km are expected to start in coming weeks. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Council wants more money for **Taplan Road**

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL council will apply for further funding to see Taplan Road completely bituminised.

At the District Council of Loxton Waikerie meeting on Friday, elected members voted unanimously to apply for Special Local Roads Program funding to upgrade the remaining 8km.

Works are set to start in coming weeks on sealing the first 10km of Taplan Road

after the Crase Road intersection, with funding derived from the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

Council received just over \$1 million for the project to bituminise Taplan Road between Crase and Christie roads and matched the initial funding dollar-for-dollar.

At Friday's meeting, road construction and capital projects co-ordinator Domenic Perre said he hopes to see the road sealed by the end of the year, "if not sooner".

"The method of works... is quite rapid and I think you'll see a big difference in the next month or two,"

At Friday's meeting, council also voted to apply for Special Local Roads Program funding for widening and reseal works for Habel Road, Billiat Road, and Maggea Road, along with shoulder reconstruction and reseal works for Virgo Road, Waikerie.

AN Adelaide man will face a local court after being found with more than 90 ecstasy tablets in a Riverland town.

SAPOL allegedly stopped a speeding car on Anderson Road, in Glossop, around 6.50pm on Saturday, March 13, when a male passenger ran away from the car and threw a bag onto the roof of a nearby building.

It is understood police soon apprehended the man, then later found 93 ecstasy tablets, and a small amount of a white substance believed to be cocaine, stored inside the bag

Man arrested after Glossop drug find

The 19-year-old Seaview Downs man was then charged with trafficking a controlled drug and hinder police, and was bailed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on April

Any Riverlanders with information regarding the manufacture, sale and possession of illegal drugs is asked to contact Crime Stoppers by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www. crimestopperssa.com.au).





Berri-based Pathways Financial Planning SA principal Chris Dobbin with financial planner Rashele Debnar (left) and administrator Lyn Murdoch. PHOTO: supplied

Goals-based advice

WE were sitting in our popup boardroom recently, drinking some lovely coffee, while we tossed around some ideas about how we see our long-term future as a financial planning firm here in the Riverland.

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LOXTON NORTH SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

It's wine o'clock... time to stomp

Loxton North School students (from left) Sophie, year 7, Zeva, year 6, Charlie, year 7, and Declan, year 6, are ready to participate in tomorrow's Harvest Festival and Great Stomp. PHOTOS: Peta-

Marie Philippou





PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

A LOCAL primary school will celebrate an annual end of harvest event a little differently tomorrow, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Loxton North School will host its Harvest Festival and Great Stomp tomorrow on the school's oval, limited to only the school

Principal Vanessa Wainwright said she looks forward to tomorrow's event.

"We've made the event more of a school community one this year because it takes almost a year to plan and when we started planning COVID had just hit," she said.

"We were conscious in knowing the pandemic wasn't going to end just like that so we had to put a different plan in place.

"Cancelling last year was tough, so myself and the staff cannot wait to spread some joy to our students and their families

"This year's modifications will also be great for the students because this year everyone will have a chance to stomp, unlike other years where it's only our pre-schoolers and school sports day captains."

Ms Wainwright said the event would start with picking the grapes.

"The Petch family grow a row of grapes just purely for our stomp so the students will collect them first thing in the morning from the family property," she said.

"From there, everyone will gather on the oval, we'll have an opening ceremony and pre-schoolers will start stomping.

"Parents have been asked to put on a sideshow alley for the kids, which will be great, and kids will have the chance get their face painted and participate in some 'grape sports', such as a grape-and-spoon race and archery with a grape to name a few."

Ms Wainwright said in lieu of food trucks, a sausage sizzle, cakes and hot doughnuts would be available.

"We have a coffee van coming for the parents but other than that, we're keeping it basic and having children pay for their food,"

"We've asked parents to also bring prepackaged food to be sold at the school, which is great as well.

"Food will vary from 50c to \$1 and it's a cash-only event so children understand the value of money."

Ms Wainwright said the event was a "fun way" to educate students on wine harvesting and the region.

"Many of our students live on a block while others have parents working in a winery," she said.

"Often they'll see a harvester or truck go by and it's important kids understand why we host an end of harvest festival and what happens during the season – with some kids having their parents work nightshifts at a

Ms Wainwright said local businesses have been generous to donate cash and wine for this year's raffle and wine fundraiser.

"Eleven businesses have donated cash for our raffle and we're forever grateful," she said.

"This year we have also decided to host a wine fundraiser, where we have received wine from the Riverland Wine Centre and had the opportunity to sell it online.

"All the businesses and the wine centre have been nothing but great."

All proceeds will go towards a new nature play area and improving current playgrounds.

To purchase a raffle ticket contact the school on 8584 1369 and to purchase wine for the wine fundraiser, visit https://riverlandwinecentre.com.au/fundraiser/.



LOXTON NORTH SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL



Declan and Zeva, both year 6. and Charlie and Sophie, both year 7, look forward to tomorrow's

The Murray Pioneer is proud to donate the profit from our logo support page to the **Loxton North School's** nature play fund.

Thanks to the generous support of local businesses that took the opportunity to give back to the school.































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Loxton Basketball Club's history on the big screen

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON'S basketball history will be front and centre when a special documentary is premiered this weekend.

The 45-minute film is being unveiled at the Loxton Amateur Basketball Association's 70th anniversary celebrations at The Precinct Loxton on Saturday.

Documentary writer and director John DeCaux, of Six Foot Four Productions, said he was looking forward to the unveiling the film, which has been in the making for the past year.

"It's come together really well," he said.

"It's longer than I anticipated, but it really tells a story about the reasons why Loxton Amateur Basketball Club is special because of the way it started."

In 1949, a single photo in an American sports magazine inspired a group of Loxton locals to try and figure out the rules to basketball.

The Loxton Amateur Basketball Association was then formed and is now celebrating its 70th anniversary with the opening of the new sporting complex.

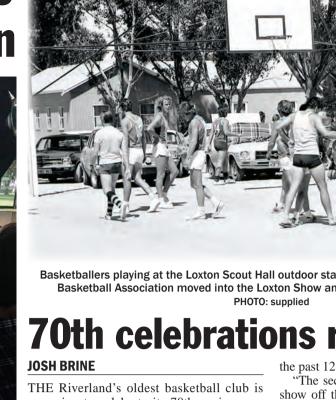
Mr DeCaux said the project was made possible by



A documentary made by Loxton local John DeCaux, which highlights the rich history of the Loxton Amateur Basketball Association, will be unveiled this weekend. PHOTO: supplied

funding from Regional Arts Australia, Country Arts SA, and the District Council of

Loxton Waikerie, along with the tireless efforts of local man Greg Coombs.



Basketballers playing at the Loxton Scout Hall outdoor stadium before the Loxton Amateur Basketball Association moved into the Loxton Show and Recreation Centre in 1975.

70th celebrations ready to go

preparing to celebrate its 70th anniversary, with memorabilia and a new documentary to be showcased at an event this weekend.

The Loxton Amateur Basketball Association's 70th anniversary celebration is scheduled to be held at The Precinct on Saturday, March 27, with official proceedings beginning at 7pm.

Club committee member Jill Lange said the documentary on the club's history, created by local man John DeCaux from Six Foot Four Productions, would be shown in three parts and go back to the club's foundation in 1949.

"The first part will be about the foundation and early history of the Loxton Basketball Club and runs for about 10 or so minutes," she said.

"After that there will be a break where people will be able to mingle and look at all the memorabilia that will be on display, including old photos and information that Greg Coombs has been sifting through for

"The second part of the documentary will show off the middle years and more history of the club. After another little break, the last part will be about the current years of Loxton basketball and where it is at the moment."

The club was formed more than 70 years ago, after the late Esmond Sior saw a photo of people playing basketball in an American sports magazine, which led to the first basketball competition in the Riverland.

Ms Lange said Mr Sior would be made a posthumous life member at the ceremony.

"He was the founder of the club and he never received a life membership before he passed away, so we will be presenting the life membership to his family," she said.

Ms Lange said food trucks would also be at the venue on the night from 5.30pm.

Those interested in attending the event can RSVP by calling Kathy Schliebs on 0429 388 938 or emailing laba70anniversary@gmail.com.

Note: Organisers also utilised records provided to them by The Murray Pioneer and the former Loxton News.

Pasin weaves social security safety net

UPCOMING changes to unemployment benefits are aimed at supporting Riverlanders looking for work while keeping the Jobseeker system fair.

The Federal Government last month announced new measures - including a \$50 per fortnight rise to Jobseeker payments to provide further support and opportunities for unemployed South Australians.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said increased assistance was necessary to support Riverlanders whose employment was impacted by COVID-19.

"As the economic recovery continues it is vital we get the balance right in supporting unemployed Australians while at the same time incentivising them to find work," Mr Pasin said.

Jobseekers would also be required to search for a minimum of 15 jobs per month from April, rising to 20 per month from July 1.

Minister for Families and

Social Services Anne Ruston said changes to Jobseeker obligations would ensure the process remained transparent.

"Since April 2020 our comprehensive payment system will help to deliver more than \$33 billion in emergency income support payments," Ms Ruston said.

"(This includes) the Coronavirus Supplement and four economic support payments, the last of which will start flowing to our pensioners from next week."



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Our Town's plans to bring Berri together

JOSH BRINE

A STORYTELLING project and mentoring program are two areas being explored by a Berri community group focused on improving wellbeing in the town.

Berri was one of six towns in the running for 10 years of funding through the Fay Fuller Foundation's Our Town initiative.

Although the town was unsuccessful in securing long-term support, the local committee did receive a \$50,000 grant and assistance from the foundation to secure additional funding.

Our Town Berri committee member Julie Ahrens said creating a plan to improve wellbeing in the town had been a valuable experi-

"The capacity building of us as citizens has been amazing," she

"We've all been really excited to be on this journey.

"We've had a coach work with us over the year who has helped us with process and building our own capacity to go out to our communities and talk, understand and learn."

Ms Ahrens said the group had used data, interviews and literature research to identify challenges and opportunities in the local commu-

"Berri's changed a lot – we used to be a fruit town but what are we now?" she said.

"There was also some excitement about all the new building in



Our Town Berri committee member David Binney (left), Berri Barmera Council CEO Karyn Burton, committee member Julie Ahrens, Berri Barmera councillor Ella Winnall, Mayor Peter Hunt and committee members Ian Schlein and Donna Safralidis during a community consultation session at the Berri Library last year. PHOTO: supplied

there was over \$50 million worth of building going on in Berri... but what does that mean for us? How do we bring our citizens together?"

Ms Ahrens said the storytelling and mentoring projects were two ideas that came out of the research

"We are in talks with an organisation that creates storytelling projects to work out how we might "A builder told me recently that capture the stories of Berri and

Building a better community

how we might bring generations together to share our stories, with the idea of some sort of artistic presentation that could be part of our town," she said.

"There is a lot of potential about collecting the stories, bringing them together and having them as part of our community.

"The second aspect we want to go after is the mentoring.

"One of the things that came out

of our investigations was that generations wanted to work together, but they weren't sure how to go about that.

"We might smart small – we might have some community volunteers... working with kids in the schools, and the mentoring can work both ways because young people could teach older people to use technology and things like that."

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Ms Ahrens said the Berri community would be consulted and heavily involved in the Our Town projects as they develop over the coming months.

"We're going slow and steady because it's not something we need to rush," she said.

"We're about building wellbeing, which we know will have long-term positive effects for the community."



Loxton cyclists scale new heights

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THREE Loxton cyclists pushed themselves to their absolute limits earlier this month, finishing a prestigious cycling event in Victoria.

Rudiger, Paul Richard James and Kent Spangenberg took part in the 235km Peaks Challenge Falls Creek, which is known as one of the toughest singleday cycling events in the world.

All participating riders are given 13 hours to complete the course and Mr Spangenberg said the three Loxton cyclists were able to successfully finish the event.

"When we set out, all we really wanted to do was survive," he said.

"Paul rode it in just over 10 hours, I rode it in just over 11 hours and Richard rode it in just under 12 hours.'

Known as the 'three peaks', the route includes Tawonga Gap, Mount Hotham and Falls Creek.

The final climb up the

known as 'the beast', with the first 8km averaging 10 per cent gradient.

"That's where a lot of people get into trouble and don't finish," Mr Spangenberg said.

The three men underwent extensive preparations for the event, including a three-day training camp, which included "valuable" nutrition and hydration advice.

"We would all say that that training camp was really significant in the final preparation for us to be able to achieve the challenge," Mr Spangenberg said.

"We also did a lot of travelling in order to ride significant hills, so places like the Adelaide Hills.

"It was a huge lead-up to it, but a real sense of satisfaction and fulfilment to actually achieve it."

Mr Spangenberg said about eight Loxton locals meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, with the small group riding together for about 18 years.

Loxton cyclists Kent Spangenberg, Paul Rudiger and Richard James completed the Peaks Challenge Falls Creek in Victoria earlier this month. The challenge is 235km and consists of over 4km of climbing. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

It ain't boring: Loxton's history night to return

LOXTON'S special history night is back on the calendar after a oneyear hiatus.

Loxton History Sure Ain't Boring will return on Tuesday, May 4, with the initiative now in its ninth year.

The history event showcases a range of well-known speakers with interesting backgrounds, who share their local stories with attendees.

The event will take place at the Loxton Sporty from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Further details of the upcoming event, the speakers and their topics will be released in coming weeks.



























Many people came through Ramco Hall for the annual fete and plant sale, held by the Waikerie and District Garden Club recently. PHOTO: supplied

Garden club's fete earns calendar spot

AN "overwhelmingly successful" fete and plant sale has a local garden club set on making the event annual, as it looks to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Waikerie and District Garden Club held its plant sale and mini fete at the Ramco Hall on Sunday, March 14, with dozens of locals and visitors making their way through the doors across the day.

Club committee president Karen Draper said over 20 stalls selling plants and garden craft, all locally made, were an "overwhelming success".

"Stall holders were very pleased with their sales and are looking forward to coming back next year," she said.

In lieu of this, the committee has decided to make the fete an annual fixture on the calendar

"Ramco Primary School ladies served delicious afternoon tea which could be enjoyed in the perfect weather under a gazebo in a vintage table setting," Ms Draper said.

"It was a lovely way to catch up with friends and purchase something special."

Meanwhile, committee secretary Carole Walker said the club has had a "busy time" since 2021 started.

"Next month on Tuesday, April 13, we are holding our annual general meeting," she said.

"All members and new members are encouraged to attend.

"Natasha Waanders will be our guest speaker and she will be doing a floral display, incorporating citrus.

"This is to inspire everyone to enter this category at the upcoming Citrus Fest.

"The display will be the raffle prize for some lucky person to take home.

"A date for past and present members is Sunday May, 2, when the garden club will be hosting a high tea to celebrate 20 years since the inception of the club. Watch out for your invitation."

The Waikerie and District Garden Club is currently looking for members. If you love flowers, have a passion for your garden and sharing with likeminded people, call Carole Walker on 0417 414 102 for more information.

- ERIN WILLIAMS



Reynell MP Katrine Hildyard (back, right) with members of the Zonta Club of the Riverland at the group's International Women's Day dinner held at the Berri Hotel earlier this month. INSET: The dinner was attended by more than 60 Riverland women. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

Zonta celebrates local women

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE achievements of Riverland women were celebrated at a local community organisation's dinner event recently.

Members of the Zonta Club of the Riverland gathered at the Berri Hotel earlier this month for a dinner celebrating International Women's Day.

Zonta Club of the Riverland president Arunika Hamden said the event was attended by both new and founding members of the group.

"My mum is 91 and she was probably the oldest there," Ms

Hamden said

"There was a range of women celebrating our achievements and celebrating each other.

"We have some younger members now who will continue the work.

"We've been going over 35 years at our club and some of our charter members were at the event."

Reynell Labor MP Katrine Hildyard – who was also guest speaker at the event – said highlighting the need for improved women's safety and equality was a focus of the event.

"For more than 100 years

Zonta's enduring advocacy and service has improved the lives of girls and women locally and across the globe," Ms Hildyard said

"I was honoured to share a little about my journey and my passion for engendering other women's leadership.

"This International Women's Day found many women rightly demanding change – change that will mean every girl and every woman is safe and able to live her life free from violence, discrimination and harassment.

"We spoke about this need for change at the dinner and I

was inspired by the willingness of women at the dinner to work together to achieve it."

Ms Hamden said education and health support for women in regional areas generated benefits for the wider community.

"If everybody just does a little bit, the whole world changes," Ms Hamden said.

"As we improve, other women improve (and) we're standing on the shoulders of the women who came before us.

"When (women) thrive, society thrives... we lift up the community."

Anzac Accolades return after year off

JOSH BRINE

THE Riverland's annual Anzac Accolades event is set to return this Sunday after a one-year absence due to COVID-19.

The event will feature performances by the Barmera Men's Choir, local Filipino singers and Sing Australia Riverland, plus several video performances.

The free event generates about \$300 to \$400 in donations each

year, with funds raised this year going to the Kangaroo Island Mayoral Relief and Recovery Bushfire Fund.

Event organiser Alan Smith said he was excited for the event to return.

"One thing that's happened through sheer coincidence is some of the dawn services being called off," he said.

"There's a lot of people who come to the Accolades because

they can have a seat.

"We do act as an alternative to the Anzac Day service, but we don't take the place of that service."

Mr Smith said his wife Davia would be making traditional Anzac biscuits, while the Renmark Hotel would be providing morning tea.

"There will also be a tribute to Vera Lynn who was well known for singing to the diggers and died aged 103 a few months ago," he said.

"We'll also have some singalongs which are always a bit of fun."

The Anzac Accolades will be held in the Renmark Hotel function room this Sunday, March 28 at 1.30pm with proceedings getting under way at 2pm.

Entry is free, though attendance is capped at 200 people due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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ANIMAL SHELTER FUNDRAISER: Over the past few weeks Renmark man Richard Stewart has held two fundraisers for the Moorook Animal Shelter. The most recent garage sale and sausage sizzle - held at Mr Stewart's United Renmark service station - raised \$440 for the facility. More fundraisers are planned for the future. PHOTO: supplied

Arun, of Barmera, arrived early for the Carp Frenzy at Lake Bonney earlie this month PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



COMMUNITY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

U3A Riverland have vacancies in the following activities held in the U3A clubrooms on Strawbridge St, Berri. Indonesian Mondays - 1-2.30 pm, Card making with a difference - third Wednesday of the month, German -Thursdays 1.30-3pm.

Chainsaw and garden tool maintenance - TBA - contact Brent 8586 5253.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Loxton Charity For All Bingo this week is for Mill Corner Precinct at The Loxton Club. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and Raffles available. Next week Thursday 1st April is the Charity For All Easter Bingo. Lots of Easter baskets and delicious chocolates to win in the raffle. All welcome and bring a friend.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

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.

CANCELLED - MARCH

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Renmark Lions Club 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark NO.2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, BBQ, doughnuts. COVID-19 protocols apply. Contact

Colin 0419 801 996.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 and SUNDAY, APRIL

The PS Industry is steaming for one hour trips at 11am to 12.00noon, 1pm to 2pm and 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Bookings at www.discoverrenmark. com.au. For information phone 1300 661 704.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 and SUNDAY, APRIL

Lake Bonney Sand Sculpture Spectacular. Barmera Lakefront, Dean Drive, Barmera. For further information contact the Barmera Library 8588 2872.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Be in Berri for free 5RM Berri Rotary Breakfast, 7am to 9am. Market stalls, live entertainment, fashion parade, face painting, Kiwi the Clown and Easter Bunny. Easter Parade starting at 11am with a variety of floats.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

10am - 4pm Alive Day at the Loxton Historical Village! Easter Egg Hunt. Food and Craft Stalls, Shearing, Whip Cracking, Blacksmithing, Rope Making & Printing Demonstrations, Kids Art & Craft Activities. Stationary Engines, Tractor Parade and much more! Come for lunch and stay for the day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

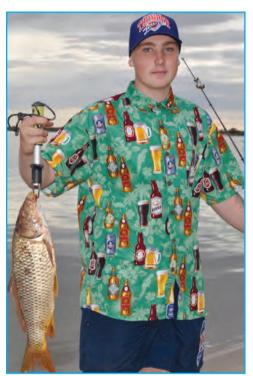
Waikerie Pioneer Museum open day. 10am to 4pm. Free entry, free guided tours available. Refreshments available at small extra cost (subject COVID restrictions). For more info, call Mike Perry 8541 2260.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

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



BOOK LAUNCH: Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone attended the launch of Howard Hendrick's book, A Full Circle, in Loxton recently. PHOTO: supplied



Ajay Amson from Berri with his catch at the Carp Frenzy, in Barmera, earlier this month.



Damon Henderson, from Largs North, had some early luck at the Carp Frenzy.

Riverland kids dancing to a cultural beat

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

PASSING on cultural traditions to a new generation was the focus of recent dance workshops run for young Riverlanders.

Local children last week took part in dance workshops - taught by Djuki Mala dancer Wakara Gondarra and Janelle Egan - run in partnership by Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT) and Country Arts SA.

Ms Egan said working with Riverland children was a personally rewarding expe-

'Teaching might seem like a lot, but when you find the one thing you like to teach it's overwhelming how the kids make me happier," Ms Egan said. "I'm pretty happy to be here."

Ms Egan said participants displayed high levels of confidence in learning, and performing, the hip hop and contemporary dance styles.

"The contemporary indigenous class is more based around cultural aspects, like gathering and hunting," she said.

"It was like the kids already had a lot of training. We did a lot of warm ups with them and they were good, then we improvised the last section.

'It makes you seek more about your identity and have respect towards it.'

Country Arts SA first nations creative producer Nikki Ashby said the workshops ensured indigenous traditions would be learned by younger generations.

"The good thing about both of these



Local children participated in indigenous dance workshops taught by Djuki Mala dancer Wakara Gondarra and Janelle Egan at RYT last Wednesday. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

styles is once they are taught... it gives the young people a sense of pride, belonging and connection to country," Ms Ashby

"They feel like they are on the right path, and they are being inspired by highcalibre professional dancers and teachers.

"They think it's something they can aspire to be in a few years' time and then come back to teach (their) own commu-

"That's what culture is all about. It's about the teaching and passing on of knowledge so the next generations can do the same, and it continues to evolve."

Further information on RYT programs can be found by visiting the website (www.ryt.org.au/).

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Cody Heinrich (left), Elley-Bree and Jayden Logos, all of Loxton, at the **Acoustic Vibes** music festival in Barmera earlier this month. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



Katina (left), and Brett Blackwell, Tarque Williamson, Georgie Peberdy, Ginge Harding and Beth Marsson, all of Renmark.

NUNGA SCREEN

Festival callout for indigenous films

RIVERLAND filmmakers have been encouraged to submit works surrounding the themes of reconciliation to an upcoming indigenous film festival.

Country Arts SA earlier this month opened applications for the Nunga Screen short film festival, aimed at providing an opportunity for emerging and established indigenous film makers to showcase their

Nunga Screen programmer – and Ngarrindjeri man – Josh Trevorrow said the festival would focus on showcasing First Nations actors in feature roles, and unique indigenous stories.

"What an honour is to be representing Nunga Screen 2021, the year that our reconciliation theme is More Than a Word," Mr Trevorrow said.

"It is a time for impactive change and genuine progression.

"Film is one of the most powerful mediums to not only educate, but to also enlighten audiences about our people and culture.'

Applicants for Nunga Screen – which are due tomorrow - must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or the film must focus on reconciliation.

For further information and inquiries contact josh@untoldproductions.com.au.



ABOVE: Jason Maloney and Jason Fiegert, of Blanchetown, were hoping for a big haul at

Lake Bonney when the Carp Frenzy was held

earlier this month.

HAPPY 40TH: Barmera woman Meegan Taylor and her husband, Robert, celebrating her 40th birthday at the Barmera Club on Saturday with family and friends.



Meegan Taylor (fourth from right) celebrating her 40th birthday at the Barmera Club on Saturday night with (from left) Amy Hannaford, Kylie O'Shaughnessy, Hayley Starkey, Karen Nash, Teri Wenske, Kathy Leckie and Jacque Charity.



Ramco Primary School reception and year 1 students travelled to Illawonga, which is based at Swan Reach, for an overnight camp recently. Pictured is Olly. PHOTOS: supplied



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A large group of Waikerie residents took a trip to Mount Mary recently for a soap-making workshop and lunch at the Mount Mary Hotel. PHOTOS: Supplied

Terri Miller (left), watching Saturday's Dinghy Derby circuit race at the Renmark Club, with friends Tia **Drogaris** and Mel Pearce. PHOTOS: Glenda Kelly



Halfway through their soap making at Mount Mary recently were (from left) Donna Manders, Janine Gaskell and Luisa

Falcinella.



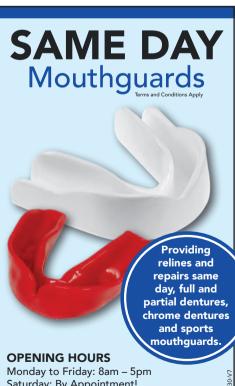
Terry (left) and Sue Rodgers, with Pam and Gregg Tuohy.



Waikerie ladies (from left) Hilary Miller, Judy Maskell, Louisa Christiansen and Chris Pickett enjoying a day of fine weather, food and craft at Mount Mary.



Andrew Troake (left) and Brianna Dowling, both of Mount Barker, watched the Dinghy Derby with Dan Gilgen and Matt Voigt, both of Loxton.



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Bec Leske selling her handmade earrings at the Waikerie and District Garden Club's recent fete and plant sale. PHOTOS: supplied



Outback entertainer Tom Curtain dropped by Ramco Primary School before heading to the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club to perform his tour, Tom Curtain: In The West, before an audience of about 400 people. PHOTO: supplied





The new Riverland Justices Group executive committee elected at the recent AG (from left): David Ward, Sue Jacka, both of Loxton, Tracey Alexander, of Barmera, Jacque Zagotsis, of Monash, Bert Haslam and Lorraine Fielke, both of Loxton. PHOTOS: supplied

Riverland Justices Group holds AGM

TWENTY-FOUR Riverland justices and partners attended the recent Riverland Justices Group AGM held at the Cobdogla

Chairman Bruce Lieven, of Barmera, welcomed all present, acknowledging "how great" it was to be together again after a year without meetings due to COVID.

Two new members, Tracey Alexander and Sue Webber, justices from Barmera, were welcomed to the group.

In his report, Mr Lieven recapped on the previous years with the highlight being a very successfully run state JP AGM and Convention in Loxton in 2019.

He spoke on the added difficulties for folk requiring a JP during COVID-19.

Currently the Riverland Group has 30 members, and Mr Lieven touched on the sadness of losing three prominent longtime Riverland JP members who passed on last year: Wendy Jameison (Monash), Ross Copeland (Waikerie) and Dean Nicholson (Loxton).

SA Groups representative David Ward, of Loxton, reported on all meetings being via zoom with little discussion, as COVID-19 put a stop to most activities.

Secretary Jacque Zagotsis reported that Loxton's signing room was unavailable only when the Loxton Library was closed due to COVID-19 with Loxton justices seeing clients either in their own home or clients' homes as needed.

The room continues to be busy and is cur-

rently manned by justices Tuesday to Friday, from 12 noon to 2pm. Other Riverland towns have been unsuccessful in establishing a signing room as yet.

Ms Zagotsis explained that Riverland Justices are hoping to meet with Lower Murray Justices Group as last year's get together was cancelled. It's hoped a meet can be arranged at Swan Reach in June this year.

Training of justices to keep up to date with current laws will be offered once again in the latter half of this year. Details to be advised.

Election of the group's office bearers resulted in the following:

Chairman: Bert Haslam (Loxton).

Deputy chairman: Lorraine Fielke

Secretary: Jacque Zagotsis (Monash).

Treasurer: Tracey Alexander (Barmera).

Deputy treasurer: Bruce Lieven (Barmera). Group representative: David Ward (Loxton).

Committee members: Sue Jacka and Lynn Hand (both of Loxton).

The group's next meeting will be Angoves Winery, Renmark on Tuesday, May 18. Wine tasting at 6pm will be followed by a meal, after which Magistrate Cathy Deland will be guest speaker. All Riverland justices, partners and new members welcome.

For further information and to book contact group secretary Jacque Zagotsis (phone 0438 839 691 or email riverlandjusticesofthepeace@gmail.com).



The Riverland Justices Group's recent AGM at Cobdogla Club was well attended by JPs from across the region.



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Latest Riverland thefts prompt SAPOL warning

RIVERLANDERS have been advised to ensure valuable items are secured inside homes and vehicles after numerous recent incidents of theft in the region.

A property on the Goyder Highway was broken into sometime between February 12 and March 12, when a 14-foot Dolphin Dinghy – with a 25hp engine – was stolen.

Avenue, in Barmera, was broken into on March 11, although no items were sto-

Between March 7 and March 14 a boy's grey and green-coloured Giant bicycle was stolen from a home on Merritt Avenue, in Berri.

Thieves also entered the rear canopy of a utility vehicle parked on Francis Street, in Waikerie, sometime between 8.30am on March A shed on Lakeside 12, and 7.30am on March, 13. and stole a Stihl model M3170 chainsaw.

A SAPOL spokesperson urged Riverlanders to "keep their property locked at all times and keep records, including serial numbers, of their belongings".

Any Riverlanders with information relating to these incidents is asked to contact Crime Stoppers by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www. crimestoppers.com.au).

Beware of email scam, warn police

RIVERLANDERS have been advised to avoid disclosing their bank details over the internet following the circulation of scam emails throughout the region.

SAPOL has warned cam emails containing fake invoices – appearing to be from legitimate companies - have been received by locals recently.

A SAPOL spokesperson said scammers attempt to gain the victim's BSB and account numbers, which can then be used to steal money from a bank account.

"Police remind the community to be suspicious if an offer seems too good to be true," the spokesperson said.

"Avoid giving out your personal information over the phone or internet when you cannot determine the legitimacy of the contact."

Any Riverlanders who have been the victim of an email scam can report the crime to their local police station, or visit the website (www.cyber.gov.au/).





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CIRKIDS WORKSHOPS:

No plans with your kids these April school holidays? Sign them up for a Cirkids workshop, which'll take place at the Waikerie Lutheran Primary D'Vine Hall at 6 McIntosh Street, Waikerie, from Tuesday, April 13, to Thursday, April 15. Kids will develop a variety of circus skills such as tumbling, juggling, trampoline, acrobatics, balance and more. It is also said to improve co-ordination, strength and flexibility. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/3rUVEvK.



FABULOUS FUNDRAISER:

Loxton North School is hosting a major fundraiser and selling raffle tickets as part of its Riverland Harvest Festival. Eleven Loxton businesses have donated a prize each – starting from \$500 – for 11 lucky winners. Tickets can be purchased at Loxton North School. For more information, contact the school on 8584 1369.

Picture this!

Peta's pic of the week



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FAR LEFT:
Melbourne's
Stacey Long with
her son, Mitchell,
on holiday in
Renmark over the
long weekend.
LEFT: Barmera's
Linda Fletcher
took this incredible
photo at Lake
Bonney recently.

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- 1. What is the national animal of Australia?
- 2. What is one quarter of 1,000?
- 3. Who recently conducted an interview with the Duke and Duchess of Sussex?
- 4. Which London square is famous for its pigeon population?
- 5. What nationwide protest in Australia recently was organised by Janine Hendry?

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6. What is the name of the head teacher in Roald Dahl's Matilda?

- 7. As of 2021, who plays the current Dr Who?
- 8. What is the capital of Peru?
- 9. Tom Cruise is an outspoken member of which religion?
- 10. What is Japanese sake made from?
- 11. What is the point value of the pink ball in snooker?
- 12. Which Canadian artist released 'Man! I Feel Like A Woman!' in 1999?
- 13. What is the man-made canal that splits North and South America called?

- 14. Which band recorded the theme song to the TV series Friends?
- 15. Which King preceded Queen Victoria?
- 16. What is gorgonzola?
- 17. Who directed Titanic, Avatar and The Terminator?
- 18. For which film did Sandra Bullock win her Oscar?

- 19. Who was the first man to go to space?
- 20. Which character lived at Sunnybrook Farm?

Answers on page 41

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BONUS QUESTION:

In the theatre, topophobia is commonly known as what? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Pioneer Hugh's cooking adventures Plus CHOCOLATEMUDCAKE









THIS week's recipe was inspired by a challenge to see if I could make a better version of the classic supermarket chocolate mud cake. This recipe does not need the use of an electric mixer, results in a moist and delicious cake, and also takes just minutes to have

ready for the oven.

RECIPE

250g butter

1 1/2 cups hot water

180g milk chocolate

180g dark chocolate

1/4 cup cocoa powder

2 cups sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla essence 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour

Icing sugar

METHOD

☐ Grease a 30cm cake tin with butter. Line with baking paper and grease with butter again.

☐ Add butter, 100g of each chocolate, cocoa powder, sugar and vanilla essence to a large

☐ Heat on low, while stirring, until butter and chocolate is melted and the ingredients are well combined.

☐ Take off the heat and allow

to cool completely. Preheat oven to 150C.

☐ Lightly beat eggs in a separate bowl and add to chocolate mix when cooled. Add flour and stir thoroughly until no lumps remain.

☐ Pour batter into cake pan and cook in oven for 75-90 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted into the centre.

☐ Remove cake from cake tin and allow to cool. Grate or finely shave the remaining chocolate.

☐ Use a fine sieve to dust the cake with icing sugar, then sprinkle chocolate over the top. The richness of the cake itself means a simple decoration of icing sugar and shaved chocolate can be enough on top, however, a traditional icing is also an option.

THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

THIS week I thought I would showcase a few plants that do well in our garden, but are sometimes neglected for newer varieties and cultivars.

WALLFLOWER cheirianthus

Cheirianthus means "the flower carried in the hand". In days gone by, when baths and showers were few and far between, people carried posies to sniff when they passed among the unwashed.

They were not only a portable deodorant, the scent was supposed to fight disease.

In the language of flowers it means "fidelity in adversity".

I recently planted some seedlings in my garden ready to flower in spring.

Most varieties make a bushy plant about 40cm tall. Some can be double. but the common variety has a single

The name 'wallflower' comes from its habit of seeding on the walls in the ruins of old buildings.

It is a Mediterranean plant and loves sunshine and good drainage.

If you already have them in your garden they will benefit from an autumn prune.

When in flower this short-lived perennial will attract beneficial insects, bees, hoverflies, ladybirds and more. Pruning and removing spent flowers will prolong their life.

They are a good picking flower and when dried are a good addition to potpourri.

If sown/planted early enough in autumn, they should flower in their first spring, but be prepared to wait for

They are in nurseries now.

FEVERFEW chrysanthemum parthenium

This plant has a long history in medicine, being used to reduce fever and agues as well as an antidote for over-indulgence of opium. I cannot find anywhere where this has been used successfully of late.



As its name suggests it has daisylike; chrysanthemum flowers.

They have a long flowering period in summer and although they are perennials are probably best replanted each

Seedlings are in your nursery now. Planting them will give you a head start. In our mild seasons this year mine continue to flower and have also been known to self-seed.

Fly spray is made from its relative, a rather dowdy plant with small white flower heads. Most of this supply is grown in Africa. We know this as pyrethrum.

PLUM GORGEOUS Ioropetalum chinensis

Recently I used the mild autumn weather to cut back a few plants and also plant into my garden some cut-



tings and plants I had been growing in

One such plant was plum gorgeous (loropetalum chinensis).

It has been in a container for three years and rather than re-pot it I have planted it in the garden. I am pleased to say that it does not appear to have suffered for it (autumn is a good time to seek out and plant from your wish

It is a low-maintenance, easy-care plant, which rewards you at all times of the year.

It has beautiful burgundy foliage and in spring and autumn has magenta-coloured flowers.

It is a smallish, compact shrub that can tolerate part shade. It grows approximately 1.5m high and 2m wide. It requires little or no pruning



and is ideal for low hedging.

I have also planted out some of my potted salvias, pelargoniums and daisy cuttings, which hopefully will fill some gaps in my garden.

Sometimes we see or hear of a garden hint which may or may not work, but recently on a garden show it was recommended that you could pull up your tomato plants with the green fruit

I thought it was worth a try as our plants were definitely on the way out.

So out they came, roots and all. We then hung them upside down under

I am pleased to say that it worked. The green tomatoes have ripened and have remained as flavoursome as

Do you have any hints or tips to share with other Riverland gardeners? I would be pleased to hear from you, via The Murray Pioneer.

All the best until next time. Stay safe and well. Keep your COVID plans going and remember to be fruit fly aware. Our region needs to eradicate it as soon as possible. It's up to us all.







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28 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 24, 2021 History on show in Waikerie over Easter

ERIN WILLIAMS

WAIKERIE'S rich history will be on full show at the Pioneer Museum's series of buildings, outdoor displays, walking trail and numerous historic artefacts over the Easter weekend.

The Waikerie Pioneer Museum is holding an open day on Saturday, April 3, from 10am to 4pm, with guided tours being held across the day showcasing the history of Waikerie and surrounding districts.

Comprised of four main buildings and numerous outdoor exhibits, the Pioneer Museum is located at the Doris Odgers Park on Virgo Road, and museum committee chairman Mike Perry said hundreds of objects have been donated to the museum over the years.

"We have everything on show, from domestic household items, to horticultural and farm equipment, and an old carriage that is currently on loan to us from the Morgan Museum," he said.

"Many outdoor exhibits display homely scenes as they were lived 100 years ago, and the park itself has a short, winding walk that leads to a lookout over Ramco and the River Murray."

The Pioneer Museum has been closed over the past 12 months, and Mr Perry said the committee was "eager" to reopen the doors to the public.

"Generally, we only open for bookings, but the Easter weekend is always a busy one for locals and visitors, so it's a great opportunity to have people coming through the gates all day," he said.

"I'm always hearing people commenting that they expected to spend maybe half an hour looking through the museum, and end up taking a jaunt down memory



A 1900s carriage will be on display at the Waikerie Pioneer Museum open day on Easter Saturday. PHOTOS: Erin Williams



An outdoor exhibit of an 'old Smithy' at the Waikerie Pioneer Museum.

lane and are here for two hours or more. There's something at the museum for everyone.

Refreshments will be available during the open day at a small extra cost, and subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Waikerie Pioneer Museum is located at 297 Virgo Road. For more information or to book in a group, contact museum committee chairman Mike Perry on 8541 2260.



The Volunteer Distinguished **Service Award** is Mr Lodge's second such honour, after being awarded the Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service in 2019. PHOTO: **Erin Williams INSET: David** Lodge receiving his latest award from SAAS's lan

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Morgan's 'exceptional' ambo

A MORGAN ambulance volunteer has been recognised for his exceptional and significant service to SAAS and his community.

Morgan-based SA Ambulance Service volunteer team leader David Lodge received a Volunteer Distinguished Service Award for his service to SAAS in and around his community over the past five years.

SAAS country operations executive director Julia Waddington-Powell said David has "worked tirelessly" to recruit, train and nurture new volunteers.

"David exemplifies the dedication of volunteers in South Australia," she said.

"He has been the lifeblood of the Morgan station for the past five years, ensuring that the service provided there has continued.

"He has displayed exceptional commitment and service, not only in his individual role as a volunteer, but to the entire Morgan ambulance team and the community it serves.

"As an ambulance officer, David makes himself available for the local roster at least three nights each and every week.

"I congratulate David on this well-deserved honour and thank him for his continu-

ing dedication and service to SAAS and to his community.'

Mr Lodge was awarded the Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service in 2019, which rewards significant achievement among SA volunteers. He was nominated by SAAS line manager Jason Hughes and Murray Mallee operations manager Gary Pentland, who said Mr Lodge was a hard worker with respect among his team and peers.

For more information about becoming a SAAS volunteer, email saasvolunteer@ sa.gov.au

- ERIN WILLIAMS

AS we enjoy this beautiful autumn weather, we give thanks that we can participate in our local communities, whether it's the beginning of winter sports or the finals of the summer season, a day at the river or a friendly chat with the neighbours in the garden. We think of those families and communities in the eastern states with the horrific weather that has devastated many areas and with the possibility of a one-in-60-year flood. If the walls of the dams cannot hold the water back, it will be unable to stop the deluge of rain and the flooding. Other states are sending manpower support to the affected areas. We, like many other regions of SA, would appreciate just one heavy shower of rain overnight.

Riverland residents, how many of you have taken an hour or so during the evenings to travel to Barmera's Bonney Theatre to see the exceptional feature of Donald Campbell's epic attempt - all those years ago - at Lake Bonney to break the land and water speed record? The story of the momentous attempt is shown on the outside wall of the Bonney Theatre as the sun goes down. Congratulations and thanks to those who created the documentary in such limited time. I am sure, like me, some of you were there for that epic piece of history in our region all those years ago. My family took me up last Saturday evening, and I urge you all to take the



time this week, as it closes this Sunday evening. We appreciated chatting Saturday evening with some locals, including Mike Fuller, who was involved with creating the documentary. It was pleasing to know that students in Riverland schools were learning of that epic adventure as well. Take an outdoor chair with you when you go - we did and it was very relaxing.

The Lions Club of Waikerie advise readers its clearance sale is this Saturday from 9am at 22 Starr Street, Golden Heights, with garden tools, house hold Items, and much more to go.

The Waikerie Senior Citizens Club welcome visitors to an upcoming event this Sunday. A few vacancies remain on the afternoon coach trip to Simarloo Almonds Company to witness almonds being harvested. On the way home, the coach will stop at the Cobdogla Club for tea. If that afternoon out appeals to you, contact Vene on 8541 2313 for further details. To seniors in our community, you are most welcome to the regular meetings at the Senior Citizens Club rooms, next to the Meals on Wheels kitchen, on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Next week, on March 30, the guest speaker will be Joy Vaughan, who will tell of her visit to Norfolk Island. Visitors are most welcome.

We extend sincere sympathy to friends and family of Kay Quinn, especially her daughters Joanne and Katherine, grandson Jack, her brother Ian McLaren and sister-in-law Narelle. and their loved ones upon her recent passing. Kay returned to Australia last year from Arizona in USA and had made Waikerie her home.

Well done to our local band, Highway One, who are enjoying a busy time doing what they enjoy best: playing popular music to their fans. Last weekend it was a great night at Roxby Downs, and now we can see why the "Roadie Title" is evident for popular bands.

All roads lead to Cadell on Easter Sunday, April 4, so check the diary now, It is the Easter Family Fun Day, held at the Cadell Club and

beer garden, tennis court and playground, with variety of stall holders, from 12 noon until 4pm. Stall holders most welcome. If you want a stall, contact Cadell Club (8540 3286). The cost is a \$10 donation per stall. It will be fun for all, with music from Woody, wine tasting, an Easter bonnet competition, a great bake-off during the day, spinning wheel, Easter egg hunt, and much

Here's an advance notice: the Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival will be held at Waikerie on the weekend of April 30, and May 1 and 2. You all know how exciting this weekend is for our Riverland region. This year, the Show 'n' Shine section will include motorcycles, as well as the four-wheelers, vintage and classic cars. All classic, hot rod, and unique motorbikes are most welcome. For further details and registrations, contact Sandra on 0499 097 240, go to their Facebook page, or email waikerieshownshine@

Thought for the week:

Even if you are living a nine-to-five life, you can make it an adventure. We owe it to ourselves to live life to the fullest in whatever we do, and the motivation to do this must come from within.

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sales - according to a recent industry report.

. The HIA New Home Sales report – a monthly survey of the largest volume home builders in the five largest states is a leading indicator of future detached home construction.

'Sales in the three months to February 2021 were higher by 60.5 per cent than in the same three months the previous year. This strong result reflects the significant impact of HomeBuilder on demand for detached housing," said HIA economist Angela Lillicrap.

"HomeBuilder was the catalyst for improving consumer confidence in the housing market.

'A surge in sales was observed following the announcement of Home-Builder in June 2020, which lead to strong sales through to the end of the year.

"In December 2020, there was a near record volume of new home sales as households rushed to finalise contracts to build a new home before the end of the \$25,000 grant.

"The full impact of the extension of the HomeBuilder grant, at a value of \$15,000, will not be observed until the end of March.

"To receive the HomeBuilder grant, construction is required to commence within six months of signing a contract to build. As a consequence, it is possible that builders will delay the signing of some contracts to allow for greater flexibility and more detailed planning of projects.

"For this reason we expect a surge in sales in March. Due to the lower grant offering, this surge will not be as large as the December 2020 surge.

"Record low interest rates and rising house prices are sustaining market confidence into 2021. This strong level of consumer confidence combined with the demographic shift to regional areas is driving ongoing demand for new detached homes.'

Sales in the three months to February 2021 increased across all jurisdictions compared to the same time the previous year.

South Australia was up by 149.7 per cent, followed by Victoria (+69.1 per cent) and Queensland (+60.4 per cent).

New South Wales increased by 46.2 per cent and Western Australia was up by 25.1 per cent over the same period.

Housing and rental prices rise across the country

REAL Estate Institute of Australia's latest report, Real Estate Market Facts, found that in the December quarter 2020, weighted average capital city median prices for both houses and other dwellings increased in the Australian residential property market.

REIA president Adrian Kelly said the weighted average capital city median price increased by 6 per cent for houses and by 0.9 per cent for other dwellings.

"The weighted average median house price for the eight capital cities increased to \$825,205," Mr Kelly said.

"Over the quarter, the median house price increased in all capital cities.

"At \$1,211,488, Sydney's median house price continues to be the highest amongst the capital cities, 46.8 per cent higher than the national average.

"At \$490,000 Perth has the lowest median house price across Australian capital cities, 40.6 per cent lower than the national average.'

Over the 12 months to the December quarter, the weighted average capital city median house price increased by 6.6 per cent.

"The weighted average median price for other dwellings for the eight capital cities increased to \$601,345, a quarterly increase of 0.9 per cent," Mr Kelly said.

'Over the quarter, the median price for other dwellings increased in all capital cities except Adelaide.

Adrian

Kelly

"Over the 12 months to the December quarter, the weighted average capital city median price for other dwellings increased by 0.6 per cent."

According to Mr Kelly the median rent for three-bedroom houses increased in Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra and Darwin and remained steady in Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart.

"Over the past 12 months, the median rent increased in all capital cities except for Melbourne and Hobart where it remained steady," he said.

"The median rent for two-bedroom other dwellings increased in Perth, Canberra and Darwin, remained steady in Brisbane and Hobart but decreased in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

"Darwin had the largest increase over the quarter (6.6 per cent).

"In the 12 months to the December quarter, the median rent for two-bedroom other dwellings increased in Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, Canberra and Darwin but decreased in Sydney and Melbourne.'

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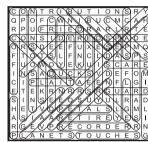
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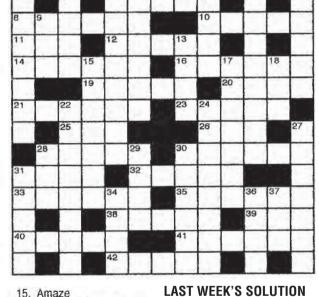
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March 2021 Horoscopes: week 4

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A powerful aspect to Mars will give you a surge of energy, which you must do your best to use creatively. Don't be afraid to explore an idea which you have never tried before. Romance. You may be tempted to take up an offer from a colleague at work - but think twice before you get too involved with this person.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

A change in your routine at work may slow you down for a while. It will be a while before you can see the more positive side to this development. Romance. Your powers of intuition will be working at full strength this month. You will need to read between the lines to work out what your partner is up to.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A difficult aspect to Mercury could lead to problems with communication, especially towards the end of the week. Be especially careful not to rely on a message which you cannot confirm. Romance. A conflict of interest between yourself and your partner will need to be resolved sensitively.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Focus on your most important tasks and try hard to avoid getting sidetracked. A couple of colleagues who are good at wasting their own time will do their best to waste yours as well, if you are not careful. Romance. An extremely frank and direct comment by a person whom you hardly know will give you food for thought.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

Recent changes in your life may seem to be more trouble than they are worth. You will soon see the positive side to them, however. Romance. You will not meet more people unless you make more of an effort to go out. A social get-together with friends later in the week may help to give you

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A recent improvement in your diet will help to give you more energy. Don't neglect other aspects of your health, however. You have been under quite a bit of stress recently, and need to look after yourself properly. Romance. A difficult aspect to Mercury could create problems with communication.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

You will be reluctant to dip into money which you have been putting aside for a rainy day. However, eventually you will have enough to cover your expenses, and you should not be too stingy with yourself in the meantime. Romance. Your emotions will be on overdrive at the moment.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A dream which you have at the beginning of the week will help you to understand events which happen at the end of the week. Romance. Don't compare your partner with other people. They have strengths and weaknesses which it would be difficult to find in anybody else. Focus on the

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A positive aspect to Mars could make your feelings a little more intense than usual. If you manage to use this energy in a positive way you will get a lot done. Romance. A person whom you have been doing your best to impress may have other things on their mind at the moment.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

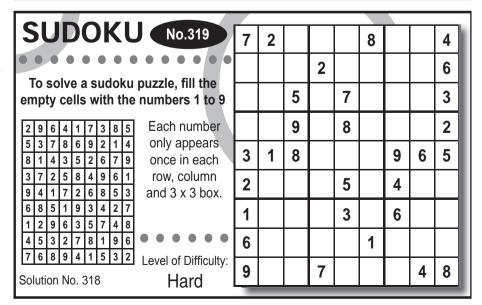
A relative who is much younger than you may have personal values which are quite different from your own. Don't be afraid to stick to what you believe is right. Romance. Wait until you know whether a recent offer is genuine or not before you make a move. You may be let down by someone who does not follow through with a promise.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Be careful not to be too critical of your colleagues. Your standards may be a little higher than those of the people around you: just accept that they have a different code of ethics. Romance. Time spent talking to a close friend will help you to understand your own relationship a lot better. This person's advice is worth following

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A favourable aspect to Uranus will help you "think outside the box". Follow up on an intelligent idea which will save you time and trouble in the future. Romance. Your partner will respond to your changing moods. A disagreement will soon be forgotten, so long as you manage to get over it yourself.





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Applications for grants now open

LOCALS are now able to apply for the 2021-2022 Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants

The program, which is in its 25th year, has supported thousands of projects nationally, including the Riverland.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said he had seen firsthand the "amazing work" that results from the grant funding.

"Barker has a rich military history and each year this community does what it can to ensure we remember those

who served and their efforts in defending our nation and its allies," he said.

'Commemoration is at the heart of our community - something we see on display each Anzac Day and Remembrance Day – and I encourage organisations to apply for funding through the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program.

"Last year had an unexpected impact on our community due to coronavirus, so as we enter into the 2021-2022 grant funding year, let's make sure that we use the support provided by the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program to carry on the commemorations legacy."

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines have also been revised for 2021-2022, which includes more information around coronavirus support and new opening and closing dates.

For more information or to apply, visit communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-service.

Helping schools bee-come enviro champions



Applications are now open for the 2021 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program. PHOTO: supplied

LOCAL primary schools and early learning centres are encouraged to apply for the 2021 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program, which can be used to grow a vegetable garden, composting, worm farm or other environmental projects.

Up to 1000 Woolworths Junior Landcare grants are being offered nationwide for up to

Schools are also eligible to apply for a Bee Bonus – \$500 worth of extra funding to support the conservation of Australia's bee

Woolworths Berri, Loxton, Renmark and Waikerie group manager Cathy Baker said the program would help educate the younger generation about the importance of the envi-

'Our Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program is all about inspiring Aussie environmental champions in the Riverland," she

"The Bee Bonus puts the spotlight on the impact honey bees and native bees have on our ecosystem, creating awareness and encouraging positive action.

"The grants help deliver programs that not only educate younger generations on how to be more environmentally conscious, but also get Riverland students hands-on and directly supporting the growth of a sustainable, greener future.

"If we work together, we can help support growth of flora and fauna so that bees can continue their vital role in supporting our agricultural systems and improving biodiver-

For more information or to apply for the grant, visit landcareaustralia.org.au/woolworthsgrants.

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LAAS Day Options to thrive with new upgrades

DURING the COVID-19 pandemic LAAS used the closure of its Day Options as an opportunity to perform some upgrades to its facilities.

A new addition to its Day Options program is a state-ofthe-art sensory room.

Sensory rooms are designed to stimulate one's senses and help users become more aware of their surroundings, encouraging them to engage with the larger world around them. They provide a calming effect to help channel emotions and improve focus.

Those with intellectual difficulties can strongly benefit from a sensory room to improve concentration levels. Sensory rooms can be instrumental in motor skill, cognitive and sensory development.

LAAS's sensory experience includes LED water-fall lighting, waterbed, bubble tube, sensory wall installations, galaxy ceiling, weighted blankets, mirror stones, dream clouds and aromatherapy items.

"The LAAS sensory room is a safe and engaging space for people experiencing sensory issues," said LAAS chief operations officer Sue Crispe.

"Everything in the space has been carefully selected to include captivating lights and soothing sounds. LAAS is thrilled to offer this experience to people with disabilities in the Riverland - it's like no other in the region."

The sensory room will not



LAAS clients will strongly benefit from this unique sensory experience in the Riverland.



The Day Options upgrades will help LAAS provide highquality services.

only be available to LAAS clients during the week but also for private bookings as well.

LAAS also had its Day Options common room upgraded to now feature sensory aspects within the interior design. This space is where clients can relax in their free time or enjoy social activities.

Other new additions include an IT room where clients can engage with technology for entertainment and educational purposes. A

pamper room for health and beauty needs, and an arts room where clients can get in touch with their creative side.

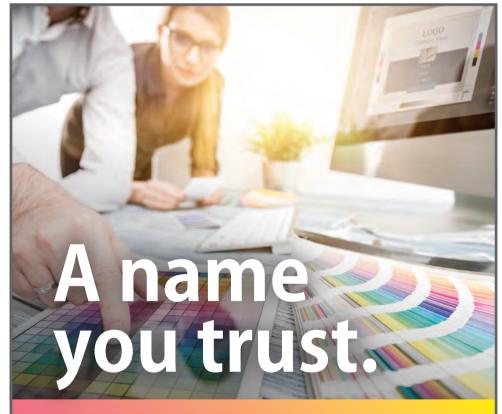
Clients will get to test their cooking skills in a newly renovated kitchen area with modern appliances and wheelchair-accessible benches.

There they will learn to make healthy meals and understand the importance of a balanced diet.

LAAS is looking forward to hosting an official open day to the Riverland community in the coming months. The event will feature guided tours to showcase the upgrades made to the building and the enriching experience that LAAS provides to clients - plus plenty of items to give away.

More details will come soon. Keep an eye out in the paper for when the open day is announced.

To learn more about the LAAS services, head to its website (https://laas.com.



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SNEAK PEEK: Loxton Hotel stage two renovations revealed

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE next stage of Loxton Hotel's highly-anticipated renovations are on track for completion later this year.

Works to a sports bar and another dining area to complement the new bistro have begun following the demolition of the old sports bar and storage room.

Loxton Hotel manager Darren Morrison said he expects the next stage to be "even better" than the first, which included the new 1908 Café, gaming and bistro areas.

"I think it will have a bigger impact," he said.

"The new spaces will give more opportunities for different things."

Mr Morrison said the new dining area would supplement the initial dining area, which was opened last year.

"There will be two open fires and some booth-type areas," he said.

"The space will offer everything from having dinner, to going there for drinks.

"Groups of 20 will be able to go in there and have their birthday parties and later on, that will feed into Pflaum Terrace"

Meanwhile, Mr Morrison said he was looking forward to locals enjoying the new sports bar.

"That will be a good area to come and have a punt, have a few drinks and watch the footy or the cricket, and all of that sort of stuff," he said.

Mr Morrison said the hotel staff and board were "rapt" with the success of



Plans for the stage two of the Loxton Hotel's renovations from Pflaum Terrace.

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stage one of the renovations.

"The trade over Christmas time was just incredible and how much it grew this year versus previous years," he said.

Riverland business, Michael Kregar Building, is undertaking the works and Mr Morrison said using local trades was pivotal.

With the hotel being a building site for the past few years, Mr Morrison thanked locals for their patience and support.

"It's quite awkward at the minute to get into the hotel," he said.

"But once completed, it will definitely open up and be much easier for people to get in."

Loxton Hotel chairman Wendy Mudge said being able to embark on stage two of the renovations during difficult COVID trading conditions was a testament to the hotel's management and staff.

"Darren Morrison and his team worked tirelessly to ensure that we were able to keep our staff attached to the hotel, adjusting operations continuously to cope with the unpredictable circumstances," she said.

"Thus it has been possible to trade through the worst times and, with the confidence of the board and support from our financiers, to embark on stage two of our major renovations project.

"It goes without saying that we are also extremely grateful to our loyal Loxton and wider Riverland communities for their support during those difficult trading times."



Workers
discovered a
large tank,
buried deep
beneath
the Loxton
Hotel, while
undertaking
works for the
next stage of
renovations.
PHOTO:
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The things you find...

RENOVATIONS to the Loxton Hotel continue to offer a glimpse into its historic past.

Loxton Hotel was established in 1908 and manager Darren Morrison said surprise findings were often uncovered during renovations.

"When they (the trades) were digging the trenches, they kept hitting stuff and they didn't know what it was," he said.

"They pulled a whole layer off and then they found a tank.

"It was 5.5m in diam-

eter and 3m deep and it was half-a-metre under the ground, all made with handmade bricks."

Mr Morrison said he believes the tank was a water tank or sewer.

The discovery held up works slightly as the tank had to be removed before ground preparations could recommence.

During the initial stage of the renovations, tradesmen also found brass pipes, vintage red bricks and floor boards, which were incorporated into the finished 1908 Café.

ROSEMARY GOWER has provided the following rundown on fellow Cobdogla resident BARBARA NEINDORF'S 90th birthday recently.

Well-known Cobby resident - and matriarch - turns 90

BARBARA Neindorf celebrated her 90th birthday with a lunch at the Cobdogla Club with family and friends.

She first came to the area in 1953, when Barb, as she is known to her friends, moved to the Lady Weigall Hospital at Barmera to train as a nurse. She soon became a local and was never to leave the area again.

She met her husband Eric when he went into the hospital to have his tonsils removed, and they soon became a devoted couple.

She loved nursing and finished her two years training before having to give it up when she married Eric, because in those days, women did not stay in the work force after they got married.

Eric passed away eight years ago, but Barb still lives in the family home where they raised their children

They had five children, Raymond, Jane, Greg, Brett and Wayne.

She has five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Jane and her brother Wayne were unable to attend their mother's party



Neindorf, top, third from left, with 12 of her 13 brothers and sisters.

Barb

because they live interstate and were in lockdown.

Over 80 people attended the luncheon and Barb mixed and mingled with her guests. Her niece, Tammy Boase, made the cake.

Barb had no idea there would be so many people turn out to celebrate the occasion with her.

Her daughter in law, Carolyn, organised the party, and unbeknown to Barb she invited people who have known Barb for a long time.

Barb said she loved living in the

Barmera area, where everyone was so friendly.

Barb is also a member of the local art gallery and has done some lovely paintings. She also loves to work in her garden.

Barb is still very active and drives her car to Barmera regularly to do her shopping and work in the gallery. She has a warm, generous nature and has always been devoted to her family and committed to her community. Happy birthday, Barb.



grandchildren Michael and
Keryn Neindorf, and great
grandchildren Jordyn and
Kaysi and Steve Farley.

Barb Neindorf with her children
Greg, Brett, Wayne, Raymond and
Jane. PHOTOS: supplied

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

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LOXTON AND WAIKERIE SWIMMING POOL SEASON CLOSURE

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

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

David Beaton CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LZ13204

Berri Barmera COUNCIL



Community **Development Grants NOW OPEN**

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

Enquiries to the Berri office on 8582 1922.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 28 April 2021

Building a better community berribarmera.sa.gov.au/grants



FOR SALE

270 mixed age Merino ewes, 2015 -2017 drop, Kamora Netley Park blood, mated to Ridgeway Merino rams, due to lamb April/May, MTS, October shorn,

\$245 + GST

180 Merino ewes, 2019 drop, mated to Ridgeway Merino rams, due to lamb April/May, August shorn, MTS, \$320 + GST

3 Suffolk rams, 2 years old, \$500 + GST Vetch hay \$120 per ton

Oat hay \$100 per ton

Contact: Paul Kinnaird 0431 537 631

WANTED

Land for sale or lease

Contact: Robin Steen 0428 838 195 Contact: Greg Window 0427 582 177



Loxton Retirement Village Community Building

30/03



BERRI HOTEL

BERRI HOTEL INCORPORATED

Berri Hotel Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of Berri Hotel Incorporated will be held at the Hotel in the Riverview Lounge on Wednesday 24th of March 2021 at 7.30pm.

> A.S. Parker **General Secretary**



The container, which stands behind the RSL Hall on Tobruk Tce, will be open from 9.30 until 11.00 am on Saturday 27 March.

Anyone who believes they have goods stored in the container is welcome to retrieve them at that time.

Afterwards the container will be cleaned out and remaining items will be dealt with at the discretion of the Loxton RSL Committee.



LOXTON RSL

101ST **ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

Combined with the annual

ANZAC DINNER

Saturday, April 17, 2021 6pm in the Loxton RSL Hall **Tobruk Terrace, Loxton, SA 5333**

> A 3 course meal for \$50 per head.

Gentlemen: Jacket & Tie | Ladies: After 5 Decorations (Minatures) to be worn.

Bookings to Lorraine 0414 382 806

Renmark Paringa Council

Public Consultation

Draft Strategic Plans

Renmark Paringa Council is currently seeking feedback on its Draft Long Term Strategic Directions, Community Plan 2021- 2030 and Corporate Plan 2021-2024 documents that outlines what and how Council will deliver community outcomes over the coming years.

Feedback on the draft plans will be reviewed and presented to Council to assist in determining priorities for our future. A copy of the document can be obtained by visiting Council's website https:// www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/council/ consultation or by visiting the Council office at 61 Eighteenth Street Renmark.

Written submissions are invited from the public and should be directed to Renmark Paringa Council, PO Box 730 Renmark SA 5341 or emailed to council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au or via Councils website by close of business Monday 12 April 2021.

Committed to a sustainable future



PAYMENT OF WATER SUPPLY CHARGES

Payment of third quarter charges (January to March 2021) are due by: Wednesday 31 March 2021.

Penalty interest will apply to all amounts not received by the due date.

R Auricht, General Manager



PUBLIC CONSULTATION PUBLIC CONSULTATION POLICY

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has reviewed its Public Consultation Policy (previously named Community Engagement Policy) and is seeking community feedback on the draft Policy.

The Policy sets out principles in regard to public consultation between Council and the community, in line with the Section 50 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Copies of the Public Consultation Policy can be accessed at the Loxton or Waikerie Council Office, alternatively the document can be viewed on Council's website: www.lwdc.sa.gov.au.

Written submissions from the community on the draft Policy are encouraged and can be submitted:

District Council of Loxton Waikerie PO Box 409 Loxton SA 5333 council@lwdc.sa.gov.au

Submissions close 9am Wednesday 14 April 2021.

David Beaton Chief Executive Officer

Berri Barmera COUNCIL



Road Closure Order Barmera Main Street Market

The Berri Barmera Council exercise power delegated to it by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act and through the Instrument of General Approval, part 1, Clause F: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events

- (a) Declare the Barmera Main Street Market to be held on Barwell Avenue Barmera, as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.
- (b) Hereby make an order –
- (1) To close the Road specified in the Schedule (below) to traffic including bicycles and scooters excluding motorised wheelchairs as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Act

THE SCHEDULE

Barwell Avenue 12.00pm Barmera between Sunday 2	8.00pm
Pascoe Terrace and April 202	Sunday 4 April 2021

2) Exempt persons in these areas when thev are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au

KARYN BURTON

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Building a better community berribarmera.sa.gov.au

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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

I can work in a multi-disciplinary team

which helps me to get the best results

for my clients. I am part of a supportive

and caring team environment, where

challenge myself to improve the lives

of country people and their families.

Pharmacy Assistant -

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers

can

...achieve true work life

balance in a country

community

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Candidate Pool

SA Pharmacy

Various Locations

Job Ref: 743786

SA Health

my colleagues are my best friends. There are many opportunities to

diversify my role and continually

I can help to create positive health outcomes through my work. I can work and live within my own community and be part of these changes, celebrating new initiatives and success stories What motivates me is being part of an innovative culture and a friendly team, where I feel supported and can challenge myself to develop new skills and capabilities.

Traineeship Aboriginal **Business Services/** Administration – Berri

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network

Job Ref: 753061

Traineeship Aboriginal **Business Services/** Administration –

Murray Bridge Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Murray Bridge

Job Ref: 753064 www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers



Aboriginal people







Lifestyle Officer

A rare and exciting opportunity exists for a Permanent Part time Lifestyle Officer to join us at Riverview.

The successful candidate will spend one on one time with residents, and also run group recreational and leisure activities that enhance the physical and emotional wellbeing of Riverview residents. The job will also involve documentation of resident participation and engagement levels, and undertaking lifestyle care plan reviews.

Hours of work will be 10.30- 4pm Sat and Sun every second weekend, plus 9-5 Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Essential Holds and maintains a satisfactory police check no more than 3 years' old
- DHS Working with Vulnerable persons check
- Influenza Vaccinated

Desirable

- Certificate IV in Leisure & Health or equivalent (or willing to undertake)
- Previous experience working in Aged Care
- Full SA Drivers Licence

The ideal person will have excellent initiative, and will be outgoing, bright, and bubbly, with a sense of humour and ability to be flexible, who loves brightening the day of others' and making a difference in the lives of the elderly.

A copy of the Job and Person Specification can be found on our website under About Us, **Employment Opportunities**

Applications to hr@riverviewresthome.com.au Applications close Sunday 28th March 2021.

Venus Citrus Pty Ltd

MAINTENANCE PERSON WANTED

Duties to include general maintenance on machinery and production lines, some experience preferred but will consider someone without experience providing they are dedicated and keen to learn.

> Please send Resume to; Venus Citrus Pty Ltd PO Box 1064 LOXTON SA 5333 Or email;

info@venuscitrus.com.au Any questions please call Chris on 0419 800 160 Applications close Friday, April 2, 2021



Client Services Officer

\$28.41 per hour (minimum 50hrs per FN)

11% of ac.care staff are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and growing – WOULD you like to be part of that growth and join a dynamic regional SA team focused on providing quality country services for country people?

ac.care is seeking a Client Services Officer (CSO) to support clients and community members accessing services through positive communication and developing strong relationships. In many instances the CSO will be the first point of contact with ac.care in the Riverland.

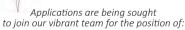
For more information and details on how to apply, please visit our website or www.seek.com.au Or call our HR team at the Berri office on 85805300

Applications close 26th March 2021.

www.accare.org.au



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School



Learning Support Officer literacy and wellbeing

Position specifications:

Contract for 2021; 16-30 hours per week (31 weeks), beginning the 5th April

Job Purpose:

The Learning Support Officer will:

Work with all students from Foundation to Year 7 in a literacy capacity

Work individually and in small groups to facilitate language encoding and decoding skills (Prior Learning in educational support will be an advantage)

Specifically be trained and use the Speech Sound Pics program (prior knowledge of this program would be an advantage)

Maintain the positive ethos and core values of the school, both inside and outside the

Contribute to constructive team-building by supporting teaching staff, non-teaching staff Is an advocate of student health, wellbeing

and agency. Has an interest and passion for IB PYP

A position description and information package are available from our administration officer Melissa Schmidt; Ph: 08 8541 2344; Email: office@wlps.sa.edu.au.

> Applications close on Wednesday the 31st March 2021.



Venus Citrus Pty Ltd

Requires the following;

- · Forklift Drivers
- Machine Operators
 - Shed Hands
- Packers & Sorters

Please contact the Office on 08 85847 984 or via email info@venuscitrus.com.au to obtain an Application Form. Applications close 31st March 2021.



Senior Deli/checkout Assistant

The successful applicant will have:

- Excellent customer service skills
- Confidence in handling money Neat and tidy appearance
- Have initiative and commitment to the position

15 to 20 hours a week. Available over a 7 day roster between 7am and 7pm.

The successful candidate will be required to start immediately

Please drop your resumes including a work related reference to:

Matt (Manager)

Renmark Foodland 25 Ral Ral Ave. Renmark or email: renmarkfoodland@bigpond.com Ph: 8586 6741

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There are many opportunities to

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Pharmacist -

SA Pharmacy

Various Locations

Candidate Pool

of country people and their families. Home Care Package Case Manager Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Riverland Job Ref: 751654









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99th **BIRTHDAY**



VOIGT, Les.

Happy 99th birthday. Sunday, March 28, 2021.

> Celebrating 99 years on this very special day.

Congratulations Dad, Pa and Les on reaching this amazing milestone.

Your birthday is a cause to celebrate all the good things that God has given you.

A special person to all your family. neighbours and friends.

Lots of love from Ken, Regi, Jaz, Cameron, Brad, Helen, Sharyn and Craig.



APPROACHING **MARRIAGE**

JENNINGS BROOKS.

Michael, Sue, Carolyn and Errol are happy to announce the marriage of Lachlan to Vanessa.

March 27.

With all our love to you and the boys.



Riverlanc

85821333 24 Hours

www.riverlandfunerals.com.au Facebook/Riverland Funerals

DEATHS

BOWDEN, Harold HUGHES, Diane Mary. LOGAN, Geoffrey 'Geoff'.

Passed away peacefully on March 13.

Beloved husband of Heather (deceased). Father of Janet. David and lan.

Grandfather of Andrew, Felicity, Sarah, James, Amanda, Georgie and Tom.

Great-grandfather of Leo, Floss, Alex, Finn and Zac.

Father-in-law of Luda, Loretta and Kevin.

Rather than send flowers or gifts, please donate to the Salvation Army, which was a huge part of Geoff's life, via https://community. salvationarmy.org. au/t/melbournesalvos-project-614

A full and happy life and a peaceful end for a magnificent man.

CUNNINGHAM, Tina (nee Logos).

Passed away peacefully with family present on Friday, March 19, 2021.

Aged 105 years.

Loving mother of Christine (deceased), John and Jim.

Loved mother-in-law of Janet and Margaret.

Loved grandma of Katrina and Brett. Rebecca and John. Leanne, Nathan, Aaron and Hannah.

Cherished great-grandma of Georgia, Jacob, Rex, Luke and Flynn.

Too dearly loved to be forgotten.

CUNNINGHAM, Tina.

Very special friend to the Fairbairn family.

A remarkable lady. A memorable life.

So many memories include Tina, be remembered.

Deepest sympathy to the Farrant and Logos families.

Dearly beloved wife of Ron from Waikerie. Tears in my eyes will wipe away, But the love

2/2/1949 -

15/3/2021

DEATHS

is there to stay. Many thanks to the staff at Hawdon House.

in my heart

HUGHES, Diane Mary.

Left us on March 15. Aged 72 years.

You tried so hard to stay with us. Your fight was all in vain. God took you in His loving care, And freed you from all pain.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

Love Sue.

LEIGH, Ellen.

Dearly loved sister of Margaret and sister-in-law of Bill.

No more suffering.

LOGAN, Don.

Passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Aged 81 years.

Dearly loved husband of Judy.

"Gone Fishing."



LOGAN, Donald Clarence.

> 5/7/1939 -17/3/2021

Passed away peacefully at RAH

after a short illness. Loved and loving husband of Judy,

father and step-father of Fiona, Alison (deceased), Paul, Megan, Paul, Tony and Tracy and grandfather and great-grandfather to many.

Don lived a full and rich life to the end and he will be sadly missed by all.



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DEATHS

Clarence.

5/7/1939 -17/3/2021

We will miss the fun family times and your enthusiasm for life.

Your home was always open and you will be missed terribly.

Megan, Mark, Carrie, Taz, Taylor, Sheldon and Lauren Hall.

QUINN, Kay (nee McLaren).

Aged 73 years. Late of Waikerie and Arizona, USA.

Loved and loving sister of lan, sister-in-law of Narelle.

Loved aunty of Kirstie, Jodie, Megan and families.

> Long battle bravely fought.

Rest in peace.

SCHUBERT, Raelene May (nee Tanner).

Passed away suddenly on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Aged 73 years.

Loving mother of Ngari and Wayne, Dione, Katrina, Damien and Ainslev

Loved step-mother of Kenneth.

Loved grandmother of Michelle, Cassandra and Ebony, Tegan, Adam, Natascha, Luke, Stephanie and Cade.

Loved great-grandmother of Daneil, Tommy, Naomi, Luke and Hannah.

> Now in God's arms forever.

FUNERALS

CRABB, Wendy Ann.

A memorial service will be held for Wendy at 2pm, March 26, at the Morgan Sporting Complex.

After a tough year, please come and join family and friends in celebrating Wendy's life.

We will be required to comply with COVID directions, please be prepared to stand outside or bring a mask

FUNERALS

Donald **CUNNINGHAM.**

The relatives and friends of the late Tina Cunningham are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, Renmark on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Renmark Lawn Cemetery for the committal.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

LOGAN.

The relatives and friends of the late Don Logan are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri ON THIS DAY Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Don's memory would be appreciated.

Donations may be made at the service.



8582 1333 Member AFDA

SCHUBERT. The relatives and

friends of the late Raelene Schubert are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Berri Church of Christ, 1025 Old Sturt Highway, Berri on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

IN MEMORIAM

VALLIS, Donald.

22/4/1959 -30/3/2011 Fond memories of

my older brother. Sadly missed.











50thWA 50years



Birds





















are not guaranteed to appear in colour

Classifieds

FOR SALE

ALUMINIUM ladders, 2 year guar-3 leg picking ladders, Pinyon Engineering. Phone 85866057.

CAMPER trailer. \$7500: chainsaw, \$1100; bow \$500; Phone 0498543982.

CAMPER trailer. Kimberly Kampers King of the off road, YDE066. Hard floor, heavy duty canvas and awning, boat frame, outboard mount, excellent tyres, 2 spare tyres, water tank, electric pump, queen bed, bed light, large box and good \$18,500. storage. Phone 0428953286. Renmark.

CAMPER Trailer Cameron, heavy duty, offroad. 2006. Good condition with Drifta kitchen, BBQ, hot-plates, 2 gas bottles, 3 jerry cans, part enclosed annexe. capacity to sleep 4. Two slide-out storage boxes, plus front utility storage. Inspection welcome, registered to 2/5/2021. Phone \$6950 ono. 0419822739.

CANOE Kayak, 14ft, 2 person, as new, POA. Phone 0418839674.

CARAVAN Coromal Corvair 542, 2004, poptop, dual axles, good tyres and battery, twin beds, microwave, 3 gas, 1 electric cooktop and grill, 3-way fridge, TV, radio/CD, air-conditioner, fire extinguisher, 2 x 9kg gas bottles, privacy screen for awning and accessories. \$19,000. Phone 0437620607. Renmark area.

CARAVAN - Jayco Destiny pop top caravan, 2006, 16ft, double bed, air conditioner, TV, fridge, roll-out awning. Very good condition, \$21,000. Contact Max 0438894169.

CARAVAN La Vista 18ft 6", 2019, tandem axle, 170w solar panels, full en-suite, 2 x 95L water tanks, luxury kitchen, 3.5kg washing top-loader machine, 184L 3-way \$55,000. Phone 0409763728.

DINGHY Island flatable, hardly used, 2.9m long, 1.6m wide, 4 person, 450kg capacity, can take up to 10hp outboard. \$850 ono. Phone Mike 0427820815.

FIREWOOD A1 quality redgum blocks, split or round, per bin. 118 Defontenay Road, Barmera. Open 7 days. 85883298, Phone 0401353909 0427883298. We will deliver.

FOR SALE

bow **FIREWOOD** - appoximately 71/2 tonne of split firewood, approximately 80 opaque bags, containing 20kg split sugar gum, with some small logs and occasional smaller pieces, all quality firewood, \$12 per bag. Approximately 400 transparent bags containing 15kg as above, only a little smaller, \$10 per bag. Of the approximately 480 bags, roughly 10% are red gum, 25% price reduction if buying the lot. 78 Trenerry Avenue, Loxton. Contact Malcolm, malcolmfrowe@gmail.com or 0410589544.

> **FIREWOOD** Mal-Phone wood. 85845021, ask for

> **FIREWOOD** mallee stumps. Collect or we can deliver. Phone 0418615099.

> FRIDGE/ freezer - Kelvinator 500L, no frost, in good working order. \$250 ono. Phone 0427954179.

> **GRAFTED** vines, field grown, Shiraz/Ram-Merlot/Paulsen, \$5+gst. Greenhouse potted vines, Shiraz/ Paulsen, Cab Sauv/ Paulsen, Chardonnay/Ramsey plus Phone many more. Yannakoudis Nursery 85846989.

MOBILITY Pride Pathrider, 130XL model (all terrain). Silver on black in colour, 2 x 75amp new batteries, big motor and tyres, high-back swivel seat. Reduced to sell \$3750. Phone 0412898901.

ORCHARD equipment, various. Phone Jason for full list and pricing details 0417811977.

ROSES - Brad's Roses. This year's season of roses have arrived. Phone 0417855014.

SHOPRIDER 4 wheel deluxe, full suspension, excellent condition, good tyres, 2 new 50amp batteries, can carry 136kg, high back swivel seat. Can deliver, \$2800. Phone 0438253986

STORAGE free. Pay 5 months in advance and get one month free on all sites. Renmark Central Storage 0488050482.

STORAGE - we have expanded and now have vacant sites. This means we will give you a good price to fill them. From \$70 per month. Phone 0488050482 Renmark Central Storage.

FOR SALE

TOMATOES Sauce tomatoes, 10kg for 0428903484. Moo-

TRAILER heavy duty, 7x5, off-road, polycoupling with removable solid canopy, 3 sides open, 3 drawers, shelving, ladder for top, 180L water tank, good condition. Was camper, suit tradie, \$4200. Phone Mike 0427820815.

TRAILER - 6x4, good condition, near new tyres and lights, \$750. Phone 0447121897.

TYRES - 4 new Terramax A/T, 265/70 R16, tubeless radials, \$600. Phone 0427954179.

VARIOUS - fridge and freezer, \$100 pair; 3 x post hole diggers \$60; large 4 burner BBO with cover \$80: 3 Davey pumps \$75. each in working order. Phone 0427405017.

WHEELS and tyres, Sunraysia steel wheels and tyres, 50% tread, 16x8, black. \$700. Suit Hilux SR5 or same stud pattern. Phone 0457580433.

> **MOTOR VEHICLES**

CHRYSLER 300. S956ABL. good Phone condition. 85844705.

HOLDEN VN Calais, no motor or gear box, body good, interior very good, silver in colour, mags and tyres, \$1000. Also bench seat to suit HK-HT-HG. blue in colour, good condition, \$250. Also Holden diff parts, negotiable. price Phone 0438698972.

TOYOTA Corolla hatch Ascent Sport, 2016. 78,000kms, S497BMH, \$16,500. Phone 0419815223.

TOYOTA Rav4. 2013, AWD, 790,600km, good S898VFY, condition, Phone 85821787.

TRACTORS AND **MACHINERY**

UNDERVINE weeder with hydraulic ram, \$1200. Front tractor forklift, \$1300. Ring Andy 0417837303.

FOR BEST VALUE CLASSIFIEDS CALL THE MURRAY PIONEER 8586 8000

WANTED TO BUY

ATTENTION

ANTIQUE buyers in area this Friday, March 26. Cash paid. Any old shop or garage signs, old tins, oil bottles, stands, tin display toys, pedal cars, old mini bikes, antique gates, camp ovens, plow seats, workshop manuals, petrol bowsers, rabbit and dingo traps, military items, lamps, clocks, badges, coins, old watches, tea and tobacco tins, stone bottles and jars, old comics, tools, anvils, old house and shed items, anything old or interesting. Phone Robert or Lisa now 0418391084.

DINGHY - looking for old wooden sailing dinghy, prefer Heron Class, to refurb and sail. Old clinker or carvel hulls to adapt ok. On trailer would be nice also. Phone Bill 0438302737. Barmera.

ROTARY hoe - tractor drawn. Phone Mike 0427820815.

GARAGE SALE

LOXTON - 8 Hayward Saturday. Terrace. March 27. 8am - 1pm. Camping and fishing gear, electric heaters, stereo, gardening, bird houses plus lots more.

LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road, open Friday, March 26 Sunday, March 28, 9am - 4pm. Plant sale orders now being taken for stone fruit and ornamental deciduous trees. Bales of straw, \$5 each; lavender, 150ml \$10ea; penstemon, 150ml \$8ea; dahlias, 150ml \$8ea; roses jewels \$10ea. Phone 85841205.

LOXTON - 17 Westbrook Avenue. Saturday and Sunday, 8am. Child's swing, household goods, pot plants, furniture, etc.

RENMARK - Lions Club Fundraising Baundercover ın the W.E Wood Pavilion, No.2 Oval Renmark, Saturday, March 27. 8am to 12noon. Lots of the usual bargains, furniture, bric-a-brac and lots more. BBQ and donuts available. Eftpos. COVID-19 government restrictions still apply. Further information contact Colin 0419801996.

RENMARK - 102 Pyap Street. Saturday, March 27. 9am - 1pm. Kitchenware, books, cushions, household goods, CDs, DVDs etc.

LOST

PEARL bracelet, silver clasp, lost between Renmark Plaza, Bunnings, Aldi or Berri Plaza. Thursday, March 18. 0408934244. ward. Centimental.

PUBLIC NOTICES

AUCTION Lions clearance, 22 Starr Street, Golden Heights. Refrigerator, 2 seater lounge, bookcase, garden tools, galvanised 210lt drums, preasure cleaner, steal bench, trailer, car ramps, chainsaw, 1 tonne endless chain plus much more. Saturday, March 27.

WORK WANTED

CONVEYANCER Cynthia James-Martin. Phone 0419801655.

TO LET

RENMARK - 3 bedroom, centre of town. for family, no animals. References required. Phone 0412515242.



ACCOMMODATION

available at Vineland Motel, 363 Deakin Avenue, Mildura. Check it out at www.vinelandmotel.com from \$98 per night for queen Contact bedroom. Chris and Louise on 0350234036.

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Riverland CHURCH **NOTICES-**



BERRI / BARMERA

Berri, Denny Street Barmera, NookamkaTce Sundays at 10am berribarmerauca.org.au

Enquiries: Rev Sandy Webb 0409 699 995

LOXTON

Sunday, March 28 10am James Robins Office phone 8584 6099

RENMARK

10am Renmark Ave 8.30am Renmark West

Phone 8586 5398



Sunday, March 28 9am - Barmera

St Edmund's HC 9am - Renmark St Augustine's HC 9am - Loxton The Resurrection 11.15am - Waikerie St James HC

Contact: Fr. Paul Devenport 8586 3288



Sunday, March 28 10am

Loxton Senior Citizen Hall 25 Tobruk Terrace

Phone Pastor Red Elliott 0439 507 098



Riverland

19 Sunrise Court, Berri Bible Study 10-11am Worship every Saturday (Sabbath) 11.30am All Welcome

Pastor Andy Krause Ph: 0418 617 582



Call: 8586 8000

BERRI | BARMERA

Sunday, March 28 Berri 9am Barmera I I am

All Welcome Phone 8582 1853

LOXTON

Palm Sunday Sunday, March 28

8.30am HC St Peter's 10.30am HC Concordia 10am Lay reading Myrla 9am Lay reading at New Residence Meribah 10am

Lay reading 9am Bookpurnong Lay reading Rest Home Wed, Mar 31 10.30am HC

Lutheran Ministry Centre Phone 8584 5522 Pastor Darrin Kohrt

(Concordia and outlying) Pastor Jason Sander (St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA

Palm Sunday Sunday, March 28

Renmark 9am HC Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome Pastor Roland Adams Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Sunday, March 28 Waikerie 10am Lowbank 8.45am Ramco 8.45am

All Welcome Phone 8541 2689

Catholic Church **Mass Times**

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

Saturday Renmark 6.30pm

Morgan 6.00pm Sunday Berri 9.00am Loxton 11.00am Waikerie 11.00am Barmera 6.00pm

WEEKS 2 & 4

Saturday Berri 6.30pm Waikerie 6 00n Sunday Renmark 9.00am

Morgan 9.00am Barmera II.00am Loxton 6.00pm

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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Don Bradman scored six sixes in his Test cricket career.





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sultation is now open for locals to have their say on the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Plan 2021-26 draft.

COMMUNITY con-

Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board chair Dianne Davidson encouraged everyone to have their say on the new directions for landscape

management in the region. "The consultation on the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Plan provides a great opportunity for our community to help shape the region's future," she said.

"We are keen to work in partnership with our regional communities to deliver a healthy and resilient landscape and this landscape plan will help us do this."

After discussions with

key stakeholders regionwide, the landscape board has developed a draft fivevear landscape plan outlining how the landscape board will deliver practical, on-ground action for managing regional landscapes with stakeholders and communities.

The draft Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Plan 2021-26 is now open for community consultation. PHOTO: supplied

Locals to have their say

on draft landscape plan

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Plan 2021-26 will focus on:

- ☐ Sustainable agricultural and pastoral landscapes.
- ☐ Sustainable water use. ☐ Healthy rivers, lakes
- and wetlands.
- ☐ Healthy landscapes. ☐ People at the heart of
- landscape management.

Ms Davidson said the board will seek the best outcomes for the landscapes of the Murraylands and Riverland through collaboration and sustainable management of the natural resources with a range of

"The landscape board has listened to the feedback received during the landscape reform process to develop the Landscape South Australia Act 2019," she said.

"We have drawn on recent conversations which focussed on forming a clear and concise plan to deliver on-ground action through partnerships."

Consultation closes April 12, 2021, at 5pm.

For more information, visit the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board's website (www. landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/ get-involved/Public_ consultations).

Sun protection: We rely on temperature, not UV

NEW Cancer Council SA data shows that regional South Aussies are more likely to rely on temperature instead of UV to determine the need for sun protection compared to those in metro SA.

The data, collected as a part of the 2019 South Australian Population Health Survey, also showed a significantly lower portion of South Australians living in country areas (78 per cent), compared to metro areas (82 per cent), consider too much sun exposure an important cancer risk factor.

Cancer Council SA's Diem Tran says skin damage is irreversible and that this damage adds up over time, leading to skin cancer.

"Our message to regional South Aussies is that if you are working outdoors or enjoying outdoor activities, it's important that you check the UV before you head outside and if it's 3 and above, protect your skin," she said.

"A quick search on the free SunSmart app is all it takes."

Ms Tran also encouraged regional South Aussies to use local UV levels, not temperature, to know when to protect their skin.

"The UV can be high even on cool or

cloudy days, so we can't rely on temperature, to determine when to use sun protection," she said.

"A UV level of three and above is high enough to damage all skin types."

While the data showed more regional South Aussies participate in any three or more sun protection behaviours compared to than those living in metropolitan areas, it also showed that fewer reported wearing sunscreen compared with those living in metro areas.

However, more regional South Aussies reported typically wearing hats and sun protective clothing.

"Many people in regional or remote communities are at a greater risk of skin cancer due to the outdoor nature of their work," she said.

"For example, residents in Port Lincoln have melanoma rates at 8 per cent higher than the Australian population, with residents in the Eyre Peninsula 9 per cent high-

Ms Tran said that it's important to use all five sun protection measures together to ensure the best level of protection.

Junior program to keep delivering for Riverland tennis powerhouse...

Six straight for Cobby

COBDOGLA'S sixth straight Riverland division one tennis premiership has been described as a "good reflection" of the club's outstanding junior program.

Cobdogla overcame an early challenge from Renmark Tintra to win Saturday's grand final, played in ideal conditions at Waikerie, and claim its 14th title in the past 18 years.

Rank underdogs Renmark fought hard in the first round of doubles, but saw a potential 3-all scenario slip to a 1-5 deficit and any hope of a grand final upset quickly evaporate.

Cobdogla's Shane Nettle said the club is in a strong position and would continue to focus on encouraging and developing juniors.

"We work really hard with the (local) school to promote tennis and it's really reaping rewards," he said.

"I think we've got about 60 junior members and we had three senior teams this year. We've got a really good group of 10, 11 and 12-year-olds who'll hopefully push through to senior tennis in the next few years, so it all looks pretty good."

Nettle and Will Swinstead helped set up the early doubles dominance, edging past Dean Schumann and John Pick 7-6 at second double, clinching the tie-breaker 8-6.

Renmark managed to snare the top double, when David Strongman and Warren Hill edged out Sam Butterworth and Hayden Carter in a tie-breaker, however Cobdogla duo Sophie Nettle and Jorgia Maczkowiack tipped the balance distinctly in their team's favour by saving a match point at bottom double en route to a 7-5 win over Kierra Schumann and Tianna Adamczyk.

"There was a lot of good tennis in the doubles," Nettle said.

"It was quite a warm day and because it was on hard court there was a lot of physical, longer rallies.

"All through of those three doubles could've gone either way. We were pretty lucky to be 5-1 up."

The singles were smooth sailing for Cobdogla, which won five of the six sets.

Relishing the hard courts against the big-serving Strongman, Butterworth won the top single 6-3, while Carter was far too consistent for Warren Hill at second single.

Battling a slight calf injury and with his team already over the line, Nettle forfeited his single to Dean Schumann to ensure he could fulfil his obligations in the second round of doubles.

"There wasn't really any surprises in the singles," Nettle said. "In that first round of doubles they could've put a bit of pressure on us in the singles, but didn't quite get there."

Nettle paid tribute to his club and its strong culture.

"This year we had 18 five or six-year-olds out there, as part of our Hot Shots program," he said.

"We've got a good committee, really good coaches and role models at the club and hopefully we keep pushing forward..."

Meanwhile Waikerie upset Berri to take the division two title, winning the decider 9-6.

The grand final was level at 6-all going into the second round of doubles, but Waikerie won all three to clinch the premiership.

The division three decider was even closer, with Moorook winning by a single game, with sets even.

The last match on court was the second-round doubles encounter between Loxton duo Jake Rubarth and Godrey Amaechi and Moorook's Fraser Logos and Ollie Ackland.

The Moorook pair needed to win a minimum of four games to clinch the premiership, as their team already had five sets in the bag. They managed to achieve their goal, getting to four-all, before losing the final two games and the set, 4-6.

"I think they just took a deep breath after getting to four-all," said Moorook spokesperson Daryl Hill.

"But we're pretty proud of them and it was a great finish to the season."

DIVISION ONECobdogla 12-82 d Renmark Tintra 3-52.

Doubles: S. Butterworth/H. Carter lost to D. Strongman/W. Hill 6-7, Shane Nettle/W. Swinstead d D. Schumann/J. Pick 7-6, Sophie Nettle/J. Maczkowiack d K. Schumann/T. Adamczyk 6-1, Butterworth/Carter d Strongman/D. Schumann 6-3, Shane Nettle/Swinstead d Hill/Pick 6-2, Sophie Nettle/Maczkowiack d K. Schumann/Adamczyk 7-5, Butterworth/Carter lost to Strongman/Pick 1-6, Shane-Sophie Nettle d D.-K. Schumann 7-5, Swinstead/Mackzowiack d H. Beavis/Adamczyk 6-1.

Singles: Butterworth d Strongman 6-3, Carter d Hill 6-0, Schumann d Shane Nettle (forfeit), Swinstead d Beavis 6-0, Maczkowiack d Adamczyk 6-4.

DIVISION TWO

Waikerie 9-74 d Berri-view 6-63. Doubles: J. Smith/R. Smyth d S. Smith/S. Vallelonga 6-3, R. Kleeman/G. Fulwood lost to S. Macpherson/J. Sweet 4-6, K. Bannister/A. Hull d C. Martin/E. Matthews 7-5, J. Smith/Kleeman lost to Vallelonga/Macpherson 5-7, Smyth/Fulwood d Sweet/R. Mason 7-6, Bannister/Hull lost to Martin/Matthews 2-6, J. Smith/ Fulwood d S. Smith/Macpherson 6-2, Smyth/Bannister d Mason/ Martin 6-3, Kleeman/Hull d Sweet/Matthews 6-4. Singles: J. Smith d S. Smith 6-0, Smyth d Vallelonga 6-2, Kleeman lost to Macpherson 2-6, Fulwood lost to Mason 3-6, Bannister d Martin 6-1, Hull lost to Matthews

DIVISION THREEMoorook 5-48 d Loxton Bashers

Moorook 5-48 d Loxton Basher 5-47.

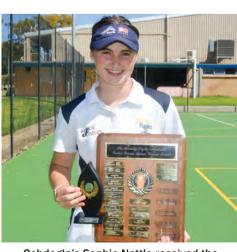
Doubles: D. Kassulke/F. Logos d M. Roberts/J. Rubarth 6-3, O. Ackland/J. Logos d G. Amaechi/R. Hentschke 7-6, Kassulke/Ackland lost to Roberts/D. Goodhand 4-6, F.-J. Logos d Rubarth/Hentschke 7-5, Kassulke/J. Logos d Roberts/Hentschke 6-0, F. Logos/O. Ackland lost to Rubarth/Amaechi 4-6.



DIVISION ONE PREMIERS, COBDOGLA – Back: Hayden Carter, Sam Butterworth, Will Swinstead and Shane Nettle. Front: Jorgia Maczkowiack and Sophie Nettle. PHOTOS: supplied



DIVISION TWO PREMIERS, WAIKERIE – Back: Rohan Kleeman, Rob Smyth, James Smith and George Fullwood. Front: Kirra Bannister and Amanda Hull.



Cobdogla's Sophie Nettle received the 2019/2020 Darnley Taylor Memorial Junior Tennis Sports Person Award at the Riverlaned Lawn Tennis Association's 2020/21 grand final day at Waikerie on Saturday. Sophie accepted the award a year late, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Tasmin Smith received the 2020/2021
Darnley Taylor Memorial Junior Tennis Sports
Person Award. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou

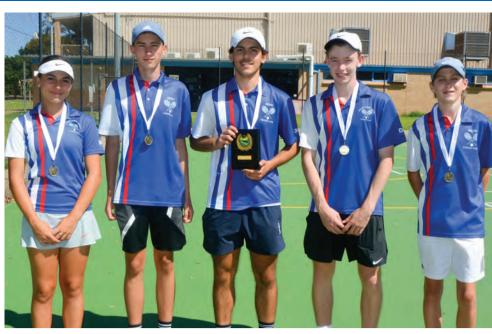


DIVISION THREE PREMIERS, MOOROOK – Ollie Ackland, Fraser Logos, Jayden Logos and Drew Kassulke.

RIVERLAND JUNIOR TENNIS PREMIERS 2020/21



YELLOW 2 PREMIERS, LOXTON THUNDER: Darcy Obst and Carl Vowles, both 16, Brodie Milich, 17, Rhys Loxton, 12, and Ty Roberts, 17. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou



YELLOW 1 PREMIERS, BERRI: Maria Tzanavaras, 14, Stefan Vallelonga, 15, Evan Wade, 16, Eddie Day, 18, and Cohen Battams, 15.



GREEN 2 PREMIERS, BERRI: Hayden Rosenzweig, 13, Brodie Dominic, Noah Barr and Shaun Fulham, all 14.



GREEN 1 PREMIERS, BARMERA BLUES: Harry Banks, 11, Sam Jericho, 12, Dillon Marks, 11, Jarrod May, 12, and Frank Abela, 14.



GREEN 4 PREMIERS, BARMERA SUNS: Nikita, 11, and Liana Andriske, 13, Kuljeet Bhatti, 12, Ocea Higginson, 11, and Jorjette Halliday, 15.



ORANGE 2 PREMIERS, COBODGLA KITES: Judd Ivanovic and Xavier Wagner, both 8. Absent: Joshua Salah.





ORANGE 1 PREMIERS, BERRI: Charlie Blanck, 10, Joel Mason, 12, and Brayden Mason, 10.

O'Shaughnessy's preliminary final heroics for Loxton sees Renmark North ousted...

Last-ball boundary seals GF spot

A TRAVIS O'Shaughnessy four eight runs to win off the final over. from the final ball of the preliminary final has catapulted Loxton into this weekend's Riverland A grade cricket decider.

Loxton needed three for victory to upset favourites Renmark North and tailender O'Shaughnessy was the man of the moment, smacking a boundary through mid-wicket to clinch a memorable win.

Renmark came in as hot favourites but was quickly put on the back foot, being forced to defend 103, after being bowled out in 39

Loxton's Luke Zdanowicz did the damage with the ball taking 4/17 off his eight-over spell.

Renmark's main resistance came from opening batsman Robert Burgess (24) and number five Ben Files (28).

Loxton's run chase got off to a troubled start after opener Tyler Hobby went first ball, leg before

A partnership between Tim Tol and first drop Zdanowicz steadied the ship for Loxton until Tol was caught for 13 in the 15th over.

With Ben Hoffman joining Zdanowicz at the crease, Loxton was 2/42 at drinks.

Hoffman was dismissed soon after play resumed for 13, Loxton was then deep into its middle order when Jake Durdin went for eight, quickly followed by James Bergamin (2).

Loxton was in striking distance, needing 34 off the last eight overs, and Zdanowicz and Brian Lynch ground out a seventh-wicket stand until Zdanowicz went for 30.

Vikasray Patel came and went for a duck, leaving Loxton needing

On the last ball of the final over, number nine O'Shaughnessy took strike, needing three runs to win, as a draw would have seen higher-ranked Renmark through to the grand final.

Much to his teammates' delight, O'Shaughnessy was up to the task, and Loxton will now face Berri in this weekend's grand final.

In the B grade, Monash booked its place in the grand final after beating Brown's Well by 33 runs.

Monash's top order set up its first innings nicely, thanks to Josh Kleinig (61) and Kyle Gillespie

In reply, Brown's Well was all out after 38 overs for 162. Gillespie finished with figures of 3/24, while Peter Elliott took 3/45.

In the under 15s Flynn Andrew posted another unbeaten 76 as Waikerie Ramco compiled 121 on the first day of its game against Berri.

A GRADE

Preliminary final Loxton 8/105 d Renmark North 103.

Loxton 8/105 (T. Hobby 0, T. Tol 13, L. Zdanowicz 30, B. Hoffmann 13. J. Durdin 8. J. Bergamin 2. L. Biele 2. B.J. Lynch 19no, V. Patel O, T. O'Shaughnessy 6no, R. Boon 2/18, B. Files 2/23, T. Williamson 1/12) d Renmark North 103 (R. Burgess 24, D. Harding O, J. Kenyon 11, T. Williamson 14, B. Files 28, T. Bannister 2, M. Aston 5, R. Boon 5, W. Coombs 2, S. Bradbrook 2, Z. Gallo 1no, L. Zdanowicz 4/17, V. Patel 2/15, B. Hoffmann 2/15).

Preliminary final Monash 4/196 d Brown's Well 162.

Monash 4/196 (M. Smith 14, L Coy 18, J.D. Kleinig 61, K.R. Gillespie 77no, J. Roberts 17, B. Fridd 2no, no bowling details received). d Brown's Well 162 (no batting details received, K.R. Gillespie 3/24, P. Elliott 3/45, R. Williams 2/19, J.



ABOVE: Luke Zdanowicz makes his crease during Loxton's thrilling and successful run chase against Renmark North in Riverland A grade cricket on Saturday. Zdanowicz top scored with 30. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Roberts 2/24).

UNDER 15

Waikerie Ramco 121 v Berri (in pro-

Waikerie Ramco 121 (J. Thiel 1, M. Carter 2, H. Fridd 0, T. Waanders 5, F. Andrew 76no, I. Leske, H. Nitschke O, R. Waanders 2, A. Blyth 9, C. Werner 0, K. Thomas O, M. Cawse 6/21, G. Singh 1/5,



Ben Files took 2/23 in Renmark's preliminary final loss on Saturday.

Angels ascend to decider

RENMARK Angels have pulled off a major-round upset, beating Cobdogla 17-13 to advance to Riverland softball's A grade grand final.

After its first semi-final win over Berri last week, Renmark continued its dream run by knocking off the number-two Cobdogla in the do-or-die preliminary final.

The Angels' batters came out swinging, piling on the runs, while Cobdogla was held scoreless in the opening

Renmark's pitcher Breanna Wade was handy with the bat, hitting a home run to right-field and helping the Angels establish to an eight-run lead at the bottom of the fourth.

Cobdogla added another 11 runs to its tally over the back half of the game, to go into the final innings staring down a four-run deficit.

Renmark absorbed the pressure in the final innings, holding back Cobdogla's late charge and booking its place in the season decider against Loxton next week.

In the C grade game, it was a better day for



Cobdogla's Suzie Cook takes an outfield catch in the Riverland A grade softball preliminary final on Saturday.

Cobdogla, which beat Berri 15-10 in the preliminary final.

Heidi Kassulke got Cobdogla on the scoreboard first after a safe hit brought in its first homer.

Cobdogla managed to get another runner home, extending to a 2-nil lead at the bottom of the first.

Berri fought back in the second with a home run to Wyatt Nuske, while Amanda Sampson took the opportunity of a misfield by Cobdogla for another home run.

Berri came back to lead 3-2 after a fly-ball to centrefield brought another runner home in the second.

Safe hits to Monica Haaja and Kassulke allowed Cobdogla's runners to shut down Berri's advance piling on five to lead 7-3 mid-way through the third.

Berri hit back with six runs in the third to take back the lead by three runs when side-away was called.

As the game approached the pointy end Cobdogla kept its composure to score eight runs over the remaining innings, Berri added just one run to its tally.

Cobdogla shut the door on the contest taking a five-run win and will face-off against Loxton Green in this weekend's grand final.

SENIORS

Preliminary final

Renmark 17 d Cobdogla 13 Best: Renmark - B. Wade, B. Smith, H. Watkins. Cobdogla - J. Pech, J. Cook, D. Passmore.

C GRADE

Preliminary Final Cobdogla 15 D Berri 10

Best: Berri- K. Pellosis, A. Sampson and W. Nuske. Cobdogla - H. Kassulke, B. Passmore and





30hp sports class winners Scott and Zac Pogorecki leading Matt Thur and Luke Gordon in the circuit race on Saturday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



High-fives all round as Cameron Price and Luke Gordon win the 30hp rookies class on Saturday.

Pogorecki pair pocket 'joker' win

ROUND two of the Riverland Dinghy Club championship saw the return of the circuit race to the banks of the Renmark Club on Saturday.

The Renmark river front was awash with the thrills and spills of hull-to-hull racing as crews competed against each other and the clock in the heats, vying for a place in the finals.

The 30hp sports class was taken out by derby winners Scott and Zac Pogorecki in a race of high attrition.

After the first turn, the crew of Kodi Morena and Jack Jeffery had their race end abruptly.

Renmark-based driver Shaun Jenke and navigator Ben Kay got off to a cracking start, completing the short and long lap.

A mechanical failure capsized their boat just 20 metres from the finish line, but fortunately the crew was safely extricated from the water soon after.

In the rookie's class Cameron Price and Luke Gordon finished nearly 10 seconds ahead of secondplaced Zach and Shae Lochert, of Waikerie.

Bode Baylis and Drew Gartery ran consistently in the 1:56.00s in the heats then smashed their best time by 1.2sec in the final, over seven seconds ahead of the field in the 30hp super standard class.

A spill at a turning buoy was costly for leaders Ty Wagenknect and Briley Gibbs allowing Tyson August and Braiden Hocking a clear run to the win in a time of 1:59.19.

Cooper Newman and Henry Nuske set a sizzling sub-two-minute lap in the heats of the 30hp standard.

A mechanical failure dealt a cruel blow as Newman and Nuske's boat stalled on the line of heat two, relegating them to the 'last chance' final. They again beat their best time by another two seconds to qualify for the final.

In the end, Newman and Nuske finished third in standard class, although it was a case of what could have been for the first-timers in the biggest class of the event.

In the 25hp class, Cohan Jenke and Ki Shaddock blitzed the field in the heats, then went on to finish just over eight seconds ahead of the field in the final.

Joel Woodrow and Ben Bruhn took out the 300cc class after John Chigros and Riley Harmer capsized in the final.

In the 15hp class the local crew of James Haslett and first-time-navigator Caleb Schaeffer had a win on debut.

After the race Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke said the addition of the 'joker lap' exceeded expectations.

"Circuit racing is a rough and tough sort of race as the wash is building up," he said.

"The overall feedback we got from the racers was how good it was, as far as the changes we made to the course.

"You only had to walk through the club or the spectators on the river and you could hear the buzz of them all talking about who was going to be in front because somebody has taken the 'joker lap'.'

30HP SPORTS

1st S. Pogorecki/Z. Pogorecki (1:44.44), 2nd R. Yard/S. Taylor, 3rd J. Payne/T. Mckenzie.

30HP ROOKIES

1st. C. Price/L. Gordon (1:53.04), 2nd Z. Lochert/S. Lochert, 3rd M. Preen, S. Peck.

30HP SUPER STANDARD

1st. B. Baylis/ D. Gartery (1:54.89), 2nd J. Woodrow/N. Woodrow, 3rd J. Morena/B. Hill.

30HP STANDARD

1st. T. August/B. Hocking (1:59.19), 2nd T. Wagenknecht/ B. Gibbs, 3rd C. Newman/H.

25HP STANDARD 1st C. Jenke/K. Shaddock

(2:12.00), 2nd O. Scarlett/C. Biele, 3rd M. Irvine/J. Bonner. **300CC MODIFIED**

1st J. Woodrow/B. Bruhn

(2:25.46), 2nd N. Wilson/Z. Lochert, 3rd N. Bartel/J. Schulz. **15HP STANDARD**

1st J. Haslett/C. Schaefer

(2:17.16), 2nd J. McInnes/C. Berryman, 3rd H. Pearce/O.

Local slalom skiers a cut above the rest at SA titles

RIVERLAND water skiers collected a swag of wins at the South Australian water ski state titles held at the Bedrock Ski Club in Blanchetown last weekend.

Over two days a contingent of 10 Riverland skiers competed in slalom, trick and jump events, winning 10 events across the various age groups.

Renmark-based father and daughter Drew and Jess Martin won the over 35 men's and under 14 girls slalom events respectively.

Stella Thomas, of Waikerie, took out the under 17 girls slalom event ahead of Demi Flaherty, of Renmark.

Mikadie and brother Fyn Mitchell, of Morgan, headed a family boxed trifecta, both pulling off slalom and trick doubles in the under 10 and under 14 events respectively. Their father Jamie Mitchell was second in the over 45 men's slalom.

Kira Millikan won the over 35 trick event and Ashley Vermeeren won the over 21 men's slalom event.

For the Riverland skiers it was a successful return to



A contingent of Riverland water skiers won 10 events at the state water ski titles held last weekend in Blanchetown (from left): Jessica Martin, Stella Thomas, Jamie Mitchell, Mikadie Mitchell, Kira Millikan, Layton Copping, Fyn Mitchell, Demi Flaherty, Ashley Vermeeren, and Drew Martin. PHOTO: supplied

the water after both state and national titles were cancelled in 2020.

The strong performances will see nine Riverlandbased skiers represent South Australia after qualifying for the national titles, to be held

in Mulwala NSW, over the Easter weekend.

Bedrock Water Ski Club member Stephen Flaherty said water skiing participation in the Riverland is on the rise

"Water skiing has had a

strong resurgence in recent years," he said.

"Anyone who is interested in taking up the sport or competing is encouraged to attend the many ski schools and 'come and try days' at the Bedrock Water Ski Club at Blanchetown starting in September 2021."

Meanwhile the provisional results of the state titles will be finalised with presentations of awards to be made at the club's AGM later this vear.

SA STATE TEAM MEMBERS: M. Mitchell (under 10 slalom. trick), F. Mitchell (under 14 slalom, trick), J. Martin (under 14 slalom), S. Thomas, D. Flaherty (Under 17 slalom), K. Millikan (over 21 trick), A. Vermeeren (over 21 slalom), D. Martin (over 35 slalom), J. Mitchell (over 45 slalom).



Loxton-born Emily Beaton can finally play Riverland netball after growing up in the state's South-

T-bird star lands at Loxton

BRENDAN LINES

FORMER Adelaide Thunderbird and Australian Diamond Emily Beaton will play for Loxton in this season's Riverland A1 netball competition.

A member of the inaugural Thunderbirds National Netball League team, Beaton played in two premierships with the club, in 2010 and 2013.

After retiring from semi-professional netball in 2016, Beaton is looking forward to returning to play country netball in the town where she was born, after growing up in the state's South-East.

"I was born in Loxton but never got to play netball in the Riverland," she said

"I grew up playing country netball and that was kind of my pathway to becoming a professional and I have got the best memories and experiences from playing in the country.

"So, I knew when I retired that I wanted to play in the country again."

Loxton securing Beaton's services represents arguable the biggest ever Riverland netball recruiting coup, the 33-year-old said the move could have gone another way.

"I was actually speaking to Loxton

North and Loxton and I've been trying to decide for about four months," she said.

Aside from her duties wearing black and gold, Beaton said she would share her wealth of experience with other clubs' juniors as Riverland netball restarts after being shelved in 2020 due to COVID-19.

'I'll definitely do some clinics with Loxton, I think just after Easter, but maybe even with some of the other clubs," she said.

"It would've been really hard not having netball down there last year.

"Everyone knows country sport is such a big part of your community, especially for juniors to have something to focus on. That's such a positive thing.

"One thing I that absolutely love about country netball is that younger players get the opportunity to play against older people.

"That's how I developed really quickly and got so much better because I got to play in A grade when I was a young age. I know in our Loxton squad we got I think maybe four or five under 17 players. I can't wait to meet those girls as well and develop into good players too."

Local girls win big at country champs



under 12 division two girls representative team after winning its grand final at last weekend's **SA Country** Basketball Junior Championships in Adelaide. РНОТО: Facebook

THE Riverland's

THE Riverland's under 12 division two girls representative side took home the trophies after a resounding grand final win at the under 12 and under 16 SA Country Basketball Junior Championships in Adelaide over the weekend.

The team dominated the competition over four pool games, outscoring opponents 197-43 to easily qualify for the grand final.

In a rematch with secondplace finishers Mildura in the final, the Riverland girls turned in another impressive performance, ending the tournament with a 35-4 win.

The region's under 12 division one boys team found success on the weekend, making the semi-finals before falling short against Port Augusta

The under 16 division one girls side also made the semi-final, despite missing Riverland division one MVP Sienna Lehmann due to injury, losing to Port Augusta 57-53.

13-year-old Lehmann named youngest ever best and fairest

WAIKERIE'S Sienna Lehmann became the youngest person ever to win the Riverland women's basketball division one best and fairest award when she was crowned on Friday night.

The 13-year-old Lehmann was given the award after being named best on court in the grand final, leading the Warriors to an eightpoint win over Barmera.

Lehmann led the division one competition in both average points and total points, scoring almost 19 points per game, and picked up 21 votes in the best and fairest poll.

Barmera's Ashleigh Haigh finished runner- up with 16 votes, with Renmark's Zoe Siviour (13 votes), Loxton's Summer Smith (11 votes) and Berri's Lana Gregoric (10 votes) rounding out the division one all-star five.

Loxton's Jesse Will won the men's best and fairest with 15 votes, with teammate Riley Stasinowsky, Renmark's Caiden Gartery and Waikerie's Steven Parfitt all named runners-up with 12 votes each.

Last year's MVP Jack Sullivan, of Barmera, rounded out the allstar five with 11 votes.

AWARD WINNERS MEN

DIVISION ONE

Best and fairest - Jesse Will (Loxton). Runners-up - Caiden Gartey (Renmark), Riley Stasinowsky (Loxton), Steven Parfitt

All-star five - Jesse Will (Loxton), Caiden Gartery (Renmark), Riley Stasinowsky (Loxton), Steven Parfitt (Waikerie), Jack Sullivan (Barmera).

DIVISION TWO

Best and fairest - Zachary Gartery

Runner-up - Jasper Hoffman (Tigers).

DIVISION THREE

Best and fairest - Peter Safralidis (Berri). Runner-up - Jack Higgins (Waikerie).

DIVISION FOUR

Best and fairest - Daniel Clarke (Barmera).

Runners-up - Clayton Coppin (Barmera), Jeb Loxton (Loxton).

WOMEN

DIVISION ONE

Best and fairest - Sienna Lehmann (Waikerie).

Runner-up - Ashleigh Haigh (Barmera). All-star five - Sienna Lehmann (Waikerie), Ashleigh Haigh (Barmera), Zoe Siviour (Renmark), Summer Smith (Loxton), Lana Gregoric (Berri).

DIVISION TWO

Best and fairest - Lily Haynes (Renmark). Runner-up - Hollie Bullock (Loxton).

DIVISION THREE

Best and fairest - Kelsee Kregar (Barmera).

Runners-up - Jordan Jachmann (Loxton), Lyn Sweeney (Supercats).

DIVISION FOUR

Best and fairest - Katelyn Hayes

Runner-up - Joanne Hondow (Allstars).

U18 div 1

Best and fairest - Ethan Wagner (Loxton). Runner-up - Jameson Whitbourne

U18 div 2

Best and fairest - Kade Hilton (Waikerie). Runner-up - Jacob Evans (Supercats).

Best and fairest - Ayden Hodgson

Runner-up - Toby Johnson (Renmark).

U16 div 2

Best and fairest - Harrison Campbell

Runners-up - Bryce Rashleigh (Barmera), Tyson Bonner (Renmark).

U14 div 1

Best and fairest - Brody Scordo (Barmera).

Runner-up - William Simes (Loxton).

U14 div 2

Best and fairest - Brok Duthie (Loxton). Runner-up – Reily Fridd (Waikerie).

Best and fairest - Ivan Ness (Barmera). Runner-up - Samuel DePalma (Renmark).

U12 div 2

Best and fairest - Parveen Singh Sandhu (Waikerie) Runner-up - Tyler Gale (Waikerie).

GIRLS

Best and fairest - Zoe Siviour (Renmark). Runner-up - Tahlia Dillon (Barmera).

Best and fairest – Paige Roberts (Loxton). Runner-up - Mijanou Newman (Renmark).



Women's division one basketball best and fairest Sienna Lehmann became the youngest player to win the award. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Loxton's Jesse Will was named men's division one best and fairest.

Best and fairest - Bella Gates (Berri). Runner-up - Arabella Pannell (Supercats).

1112 div 1 Best and fairest - Elise Cameron (Loxton).

Runner-up - Shaya Whitbourne (Barmera).

U12 div 2

Best and fairest - Lucy Valentine (Warriors).

Runner-up - Seraphina Salt (Warriors).



Women's division two best and fairest Lily Haynes, of Renmark. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



fairest Zachary Gartery, of Renmark.



Women's division three best and fairest Kelsee Kregar, of Barmera.



and fairest Peter Safralidis. of Berri. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Women's division four best and fairest Katelyn Hayes, of Berri. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Men's division four best and fairest Daniel Clarke, of Barmera.

THE countdown is on for the muchanticipated bowls Prestige Medley event, which is being held in the Riverland next month.

The event, which involves the best players from 12 regions across the state will be hosted by the Loxton, Loxton RSL and The Lawns bowling clubs on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11.

The two days will be a showcase of the top talent South Australia has to offer, with a mixture of country and metropolitan players doing battle to gain bragging rights for their respective regions.

The 2019/20 event was unable to go ahead due to COVID, with the event making a return this year.

The 12 regions are split into two sections,

with players in each section playing each other once, and matches split into pairs, triples and fours rinks.

The top team from each section will play off in a grand final to decide the men's and women's champions.

President of Bowls said the event was the first of its kind to be hosted in the Riverland.

"It's a great opportunity to see the best bowlers from all over the state, both country and metro, as well as a lot of state-level



Berri skipper Kerry Treloar will represent the Riverland in women's pairs at the Riverland, Des Button, Prestige Medley to be held in Loxton and Renmark. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

players all playing in the Riverland for the first time ever in this event," he said.

"One hundred and eight men and women from across the state all converging up here, it's not only a great way to showcase not only our clubs but to showcase the Riverland as well."

Bowls SA operations manager Matthew Northcott said he is

looking forward to a big weekend of bowls in the Riverland.

"A big thank you to the Riverland clubs

that will be hosting matches and everyone else up there that has helped get this event up and running," he said.

"We are excited to take the event to a beautiful place like the Riverland and I'm sure all the visitors to the area will have a

RIVERLAND TEAMS

Men's

great time."

Pairs: M. Short, J. Voigt. Triples: G. John, W. Collins, S. Roberts. Fours: P. Merritt, T. Curtis, G. Jenke, P.

Women's

Pairs: M. Schutz, K. Treloar, Triples: K. Argent-Bowden, J. Strauss, D. Baker. Fours: M. Atkins, J. John, M. Morrow, S. Lloyd.





Round 2

Points margin in highlighted game:

Entries close Thursday, March 25 at 4pm

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Conrad Howe	(8) 8
Thiel Boys	(7)7
Kosta Kourtis	(7)7
Curtiss Lynch	(7)7
Amy Halupka	(7)7
Luke Drougas	(7)7
Jasmine Harris	(7)7
Frank Douglass	(7)7
Betti Katsaitis	(7)7
Mark Farley	(7)7

Joel Stoeckel(7)7
Gwen Webber(7)7
Ivy Stoeckel(7)7
Melissa Greer(7)7
Sandy Hampel(6)6
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MIXED PREMIERS DICKY KNEES (back row from left): Dimitri Kanakaris, Lee Abela, Neil Bourton, Marty Barber, Zac Hamood, (front row) Tilly Albrecht, Claudia Wright and Macy Bourton. Absent: Cassie-Rae Sutcliffe, Jude Bourton. PHOTOS: supplied



UNDER 16 PREMIERS BRIDGET (from left): Evan Wade, Daniel Greer, Ryan Verrall and Thomas Pipinis. Absent: Ekraj Bains and Josh



UNDER 14 PREMIERS HATRICK SWAYZE (back row from left): Oscar Muller, Brayden Pankhurst, Josh Krendl, Dimitri Hronopoulos and Mitchell Cawse. Absent: Zy Heinrich.

That winning futsal feeling

RIVERLAND futsal's 2020/21 season wrapped up after ABCDE FC took out its fourth straight premiership recently.

This season has again been a family affair for ABCDE FC, with goalie Kev Barber Sr playing alongside sons Marty and Kev Jr.

For under 12 girls premiers Pink Marshmallows, players Macy Bourton and Mikayla Rayner move on to participate in a Football South Australia Adelaide-based training program.

Macy Bourton scored a combined 171 goals across the under 12 girls, under 12, mixed and women's competitions for the season.

The Riverland Futsal Association will hold its presentation night at the Berri Hotel this Friday from 6pm.



MEN'S PREMIERS: ABCDE FC (back row from left): **Kev Barber** Jr, Kallan Head, Kev **Barber** Sr, Marty Barber. **Daniel Greer** (front row) Jon Pintilie and Evan Wade. Absent: Steven Kahlon, Macev **Eleftheriadis** and Ryan Verrall.



UNDER 12 GIRLS PREMIERS PINK MARSHMALLOWS (back row from left): Matilda Mitchell, Hannah Beamed, Macy Bourton. (front row) Alyssa Perry, Mikayla Rayner and Alexis Perry.



UNDER 12 PREMIERS THE SUPER STRIKERS (from left): Sav Perre, Billy Tsakarellos, Jacob Ikesa, Campbell Vowles, Jake Perram, Riley Thiele-Butterworth and Ashton Flavel.

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Pushing the boundaries

BRENDAN LINES

JUNIORS from across the Riverland could be the answer to boosting low numbers of Riverland Football League (RFL) umpires.

Recently, RFL umpire's director Mike Horsman recently appointed Amelia Magiarapis RFL boundary umpire coach, the league's first under-18-aged coach in the role.

The former junior tennis player has embraced the

"I knew 'Horsey' from tennis and he got me in," she said

"So, I jumped on board and it's been awesome, I love it so much.

"On Saturdays you get to go for a jog, you get to socialise and you get a little bit of extra money too.

"All the coaches work around all the commitments you have like netball and tennis.

"My sister Alexis plays netball, and they always find a time around when you play so you can umpire."

Amelia said just about anyone can be a boundary umpire.

"I think everyone should give it a go," she said.

"Once you're out here

you don't think about that it's boys or girls, everyone is very involving.

"You have to work up your fitness, definitely, and know your calls. It's quite simple really, anyone can do it, you just have to give it a crack."

The RFL currently has 50 field, boundary and goal umpires on its roster, a number Horsman said he is hoping to push up.

The problem we have is not all people are available every week for a variety of reasons," he said.

"So, effectively we've only got probably about 16 field umpires, 13 boundary umpires and six goal umpires that are available on any given day and that is not enough."

Horsman said injuries among low numbers could spell trouble as the season unfolds.

"We probably can cover with what we've got but you've only got to have some injuries and those numbers become critical," he

"To handle the RFL, we probably want 22 field, 18 boundary and we'd like to have about eight goal umpires."

Attracting younger



RFL boundary umpire coach Amelia Magiarapis, the Riverland's first junior aged Aussie rules coach, is asking other juniors to join the RFL's umpire ranks. PHOTO: Brendan Lines

umpires requires changing people's perspective of the men and women in white, Horsman said.

"Our approach is umpiring is a lot more fun than people believe," he said.

"We've got quite a few girls now, and we like to push the girls because they always are pretty keen and are very fit.

"There's a reasonable amount of money involved and pocket money for kids, but there's a pretty good return for senior umpires too."

Horsman said for Riverland umpires the pathway into SANFL ranks is a 'very definite one".

"We have really close contact with the SANFL,' he said.

"We've actually had kids go down to Adelaide and they've gone on with their umpiring.

"Riverlanders such as

Chris Cook, from Monash, who has been an SANFL field umpire in recent years.

"So, if anyone does want to go further we're only too happy to pursue that."

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Riverland darts summer season premiers Barmera Rebels (from left): Dave Martin, Noel Peatey, Calib Martin, Corey Wagner and Darcy Crane. PHOTO: supplied

Rebels reign supreme in local darts finale

BARMERA Rebels was crowned Riverland darts summer season premiers after beating Cobdogla Eagles 6-4 on Thursday night.

As expected the grand final was a tight contest between the season's top two teams.

Rebels' Calib Martin and Darcy Crane had a narrow 2-1 win over Eagles' pair of Gloria Dyer and Darren Parfitt in the first round of doubles match-ups.

Eagles' Jeff Broekers and Shane McKinnon levelled the match after beating Dave Martin and Corey Wagner 2-nil.

In the first round of singles, Rebels' Darcy Crane overcame Jeff Broekers 2-1 in the game of the night,

which went three full legs.
Rebels held a comfort-

Rebels held a comfortable 4-2 lead going into the second round of singles, but Cobdogla's Jeff Broekers was determined to turn the tide.

Broekers got his redemption after a semifinal shoot-out with Calib Martin, this time Broekers beat Martin 2-nil.

In the end, the experienced hand of Noel Peaty guided the Rebels to the title after winning his match-up against Darren Parfitt 2-1.

Results
Barmera Rebels 6 (C. Martin
145, 100, D. Crane 140, 133,
100 x 6, N. Peatey 112, 100 x 3)
d Cobdogla Eagles 4 (J. Broekers
140 x 3, 134, 100 x 4, D. Parfitt
140, 125, 118, 100 x 6, S.
McKinnon 140, 100 x 2).

RIVERLAND INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PHOTOS



Glossop High School's Harry Campbell competes in the under 15 high jump. PHOTOS: Erin Williams



Waikerie High School's Haylee Gore competes in the under 16 high jump.

In-form couple's golf win

IN-form couple Neville and Pat Hamood won the Barmera Golf Club's monthly medal on Sunday.

It was the second week in a row the Hamoods tasted success at the club, after teaming up to win the mixed at the season opening pinehurst last week.

Hamood, 67, only took up golf a year ago, but blitzed the field to win his first men's medal round with a net 69 on his handicap of 25.

Hamood's performance also earned him the Privilege Cup after finishing two shots ahead of Markos Stavrou (90-71).

Trevor Hanson had a return to form, winning the A grade competition with a net 74 on a countback over Kevin Martin, who had the recorded the best score off-the-stick of 80.

Pat Hamood had a net 79 to win the women's stroke round.

The Barmera Golf Club will hold the first round of the Morrell Clan Shield (stableford) and a club trophy this Saturday.

BARMERA

Full results: N. Hamood 69 / 94, M. Stavrou 71 / 90, J. Rosbergen 73 / 93, T. Hansen 74 / 88, K. Martin 74 / 80, M. Ubhey 74 / 91, J. Wright 75 / 83, G. Denton 75 / 95, C. Neilson 75 / 83.

BERRI

Stableford, Wednesday, March 17: S. May 37 pts, D. Ramsay 35 (cb), G. Mack 35, P. Cummins 34 (cb), W. Thiele 34.
Stroke, Saturday, March 20: S. Renfrey 68, S. Ormsby 70 (cb), D. Zeliff 70, W. Thiele 70, W. Hocevar 72 (cb), P. Cummins 72, T. McHugh 73 (cb), G. Morrison 73, C. Magor 73, G. Branson 73, D. Gregoric 74 (cb), G. Chisholm 74, C. Berry 74. Birdies G. Tognon 16th, C. Berry 6th.
Stableford, Sunday, March 21: L. Smith 36pts, G. Mack 31 (cb), K. Wyman 31, P. Cummins 31, S. Ormsby 31.

LOXTON

Stableford, Wednesday, March 17, A grade: Winner D. Tyler 38pts (Eagle par 4 7th), runner-up T. Sawade 35. B grade: Winner J. Henwood 34pts (cb) runner-up A. Hucks 34pts. Women's: winner S. Pannell 35pts (cb) runner-up J. Fogden 35 pts

Pinehurst, Saturday, March 21st: Mixed - Winner R. Koch & M. Tyler 81 nett 70.5, runner-up P. Harman, D. Harman 87 nett 72.75. Men's: Winner A. Pfeiler & T. Edwards 80 nett 72.5, runnerup Tim Vivian & Charles Fenwick 89 nett 73.25.



Renmark High School's Isaac Morgan soars through the air during the under 15 high jump.



Loxton High School's Grace Kelly during the under 16 triple jump.



Renmark High School's Rex Kennedy competes in the under 14 shotput.



Stella Thomas from Waikerie High School lands after competing in the under 16 triple jump.

Brown wins 75-target shoot

SHOOTERS from the Riverland and interstate converged on the Renmark Berri Field and Game Association's 75-target shoot on Sunday.

Haydn Brown won the AA grade event hitting 71/75.

Meanwhile Ray Pash shot a possible 25/25 in one round.

Results: AA grade: 1st- H. Brown 71/75, 2nd- R. Pash 70/75. A grade: 1st- L. Stoeckel 66/75, 2nd- C. Miller 59/75. B grade: 1st- L. Simpson 52/75. C grade: 1st-K. Miller 51/75, 2nd- T. Gollen

Pony Club competitors gun for state spots

spots at the state championships were up for grabs when the Renmark Horse & Pony Club hosted the Pony Club Association Northern Zone event on March 6.

The zone comprises the Renmark, Waikerie, Burra, Port Augusta, Broken Hill and The Gums (Marrabel) Pony Clubs and the local event involved 25 horses, all striving to become zone representatives at the PCASA (Pony Club Australia SA) State Championships in April.

Riders competed in dressage, show jumping and mounted games, with several Renmark riders doing well.

Felicity Arnold, her sister Hailey, Paige Rigby and Zoe Preece were among the local riders to excel.

A Renmark 'B' team won the Mounted Games, ahead of a combined Waikerie/Port Augusta

REPRESENTATIVE team. The Gums Pony Club qualified for a Mounted Games A team and dressage in both senior and junior divisions.

> On Sunday a gymkhana was held for zone competi-

> "All clubs did extremely well," Renmark Pony Club spokesperson said.

"The overall high point winner was Hailey Arnold and Mickey Mouse from Renmark Pony Club.

"We would like to thank the businesses that supported our events, our judges and helpers and the competitors.

"It was a great weekend with great competition. We wish our qualified riders all the best at the PCASA state champs in April."

RENMARK **COMPETITORS:**

Felicity Arnold: Won the Prelim 1B dressage under 17 and Horse & Rider of the Year under 17 (dressage, show jumping and

combination novelty). Also won the C grade show jumping on her horse Ballantyne Hunter. Hailey Arnold: On Mickey Mouse came second in the prelim dres-

Paige Rigby: Third in the over 18 prelim test.

Zoe Preece: Won her walk-trot test on her pony Wynara Foxy

WAIKERIE **COMPETITORS:**

Chantelle McCollouch: Chantelle and her horse Rio won the Senior Horse and Rider award and D grade show jumping. She also placed second in the over 17 prelim dressage.

Dom Bertazzo: Dom and Face of Spades were second in the Senior Horse & Rider of the Year award and D grade show jumping, fourth in the prelim dressage and second in Mounted Games

Demi Taylor: Demi and her horse Shory Park Annobrete were first in E grade show jumping, first in prep A dressage, and fifth in senior prelim dressage. Dana Hurst: Dana on Kardinia Graduate was third in the 17 prelim dressage.

Tamika Lane: Tamika on Summer was second in the walk-trot dres-



Renmark Pony Club team at the recent Pony Club Association Northern Zone event, held in Renmark: Adele Arnold (Wynara Celebration), Zoe Preece (Wynara Foxy Lady), Hailey Arnold (Mickey Mouse), Paige Rigby (Master Blaster), coach Belinda Arnold, fifth Games member Hannah Pinyon and Felicity Arnold (Ballentyne Hunter). PHOTOS: supplied



Waikerie Pony Club team: Domenic Bertazzo (Face of Spades), **Demi Taylor** (Shory Park Annabrete) and Chantelle McCollouch (Rio). Absent: **Dana Hurst** (Kardinia Graduate).



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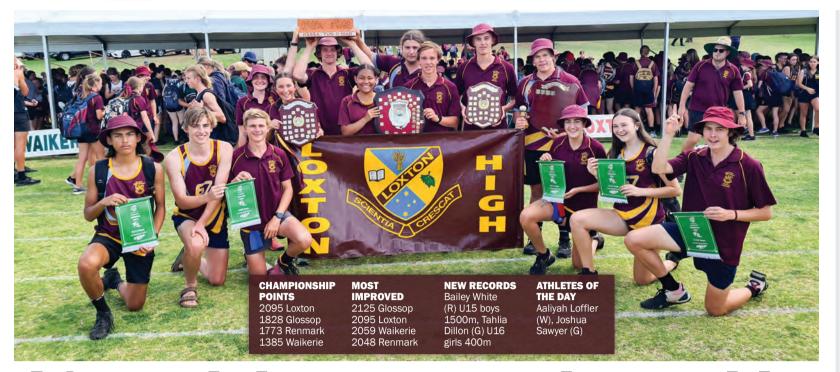
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41 straight as records tumble

LOXTON High School won its 41st consecutive Riverland interschool athletics carnival, held in ideal conditions at Waikerie High School yester-

Loxton High amassed 2095 points to take the Championship Shield, well clear off runners-up Glossop High on 1828 points.

Glossop High collected the Most Improved Shield (formerly the Handicap Shield), ahead of Loxton, Waikerie and Renmark.

Two new records were set, with Renmark allrounder Bailey White smashing the 34-year-old record for the under 15 boys 1500m event, carving nearly 13 seconds of the time set by Loxton High's Karl Hennig back in 1987.

Glossop High School runner Tahlia Dillon set a new record in the under 16 girls 400m event, clocking 1:02.27 – well under the previous mark

of 1:03.97, set by Loxton High's Donna Kupke in 2003.

Waikerie High's Aaliyah Loffler won the female Athlete of the Day award, while Glossop High's Joshua Sawyer won the male award.

Loxton High won both the girls shield and the boys shield – plus the Ballgames Shield for good

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Loxton grabs T-Birds star

FORMER Adelaide Thunderbird and Australian Diamond Emily Beaton will play for Loxton in this season's Riverland A1 netball competition.

A member of the inaugural Thunderbirds National Netball League team, Beaton played in two premierships with the club, in 2010 and 2013.

After retiring from semi-professional netball in 2016, Beaton is looking forward to returning to play country netball in the town where she was born, after growing up in the state's South-East.

"I was born in Loxton but never got to play netball in the Riverland," she said yesterday.

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