



Renmark Primary School celebrated Harmony Day last Thursday, with students and teachers wearing their orange tie-dye creations for the day. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Local winery collapse uncovers \$24.3m shortfall...

THE DEBT REVEALED

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

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Government support ‘urgently needed’

FURTHER financial support is “urgently” needed for Riverland wine grape growers, says the region’s Federal MP.

Barker MP Tony Pasin earlier this month spoke in Federal Parliament regarding the need to support Riverland wine grape growers.

Mr Pasin said economic pressures were having increasing impacts on the local community.

“Government must stop wasting time and must urgently support Australian wine grape growers with a targeted financial support package to help eligible vineyard owners adapt to changing market conditions,” Mr Pasin said. “We want productive, sustainable agricultural sectors that drive economic growth and feed the nation.

“I urge those opposite to support growers in the Riverland to keep growing. Don’t let them flounder until they’ve got no choice but to sell their water as desperate sellers.”

In his speech, Mr Pasin called for “a targeted financial support package for eligible vineyard owners to adapt to changing market conditions”.

Mr Pasin said examples from California, in America, and Bordeaux, in France, illustrated the necessity for government support.

“In the US, industry leaders have called for growers to remove 50,000 acres, around nine per cent, of California’s wine-grape-bearing acreage, to achieve market balance,” he said.

“The president of the peak industry group in California, Allied Grape Growers, says they are ‘structurally oversupplied’ and ‘have to adjust their acreage down’.

“Without government intervention to support growers in this critical period, our sector will experience forced exits; widespread vineyard abandonment, which could lead to significant biosecurity risks; the attrition of younger generations in the affected areas, and adverse mental health consequences.”

Local winery’s collapse uncovers a \$24.3m shortfall...
Salena’s debts revealed

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The Salena Group Business – which comprises Salena Estate Wines, BSF Fruits and Continent Australia – had 19 employees at the time of entering administration.

The Australian Tax Office was listed as an unsecured creditor, owed \$1.4m.



Salena Estate Wines owes close to \$25m after entering voluntary administration last month. PHOTO: Facebook

Minutes from the first creditors’ meeting held earlier this month show that in addition to the five million litres of bulk wine, about 135,000 bottles of wine, including fortified and spirits, are also located at the winery.

The minutes also show 31 questions were asked by creditors relating to the confirmation of employees, seeking clarification on the total amount owed and “whether the personal assets of the directors and family were included in the valuation of assets”.

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According to the minutes, one grower commented that “grape growers want certainty from a general industry perspective that if wineries go into voluntary administration, there are consequences for the company and its directors”.

The administrators stated they decided to proceed with the current vintage to “maximise” the prospect of selling the business.

The wine produced as part of the current vintage is expected to be an additional 2.5 million litres

5 million litres

of bulk wine is equal to the volume of

2 Olympic-sized swimming pools

based on the estimated yield from the grape harvest.

A formal sale process for the business and assets is expected to commence next month.

Salena Estate, based at Bookpurnong near Loxton, was founded in 1998 and has an average annual production of 15,000 tonnes and exports over 400 containers.

In 2022, Salena Estate expanded its offerings to include spirits and liqueurs with Lock 4 Distillery.

Salena Estate opened its restaurant, Cucina 837, in 2019, but ceased trading last year.

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Renmark wine grape grower Amanda Dimas has encouraged fellow growers to seek financial assistance through Rural Business Support. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Local financial counsellors are ‘able to help’

A RIVERLAND grape grower says it is crucial to access financial support programs to help overcome current economic uncertainties.

Renmark-based wine grape grower Amanda Dimas last month began a petition – signed by more than 900 people – calling for government support.

Ms Dimas said growers now utilising available financial counselling services would further illustrate the Riverland wine industry’s challenges.

“I encourage any farmer that is currently struggling to see our Rural Financial Councillors in Berri,” Ms Dimas said.

“They are able to help with the application process, making it simple, and having someone that knows how to get through the paperwork is very helpful

“I can’t stress this enough. If we are not making use of the current government allocation, and showing them we are in financial difficulties, they do not know and – there’s a risk – no other supports will be given.”

Further information regarding rural financial counselling is available by visiting the Rural Business Support website (www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au).

Financial support available for growers

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

RIVERLAND wine grape growers experiencing financial pressures have been encouraged to access the Farm Household Allowance initiative for support.

Rural Business Support business financial counsellor Lloyd Wright said accessing the allowance would assist local growers along the “journey” of economic management.

“It can help wine grape growers who aren’t in profit to be able to keep the fridge full, and their kids going to school events,” Mr Wright said.

“Importantly, it can be used as a stepping stone toward that deeper conversation about finding the best outcome to a situation that seems outside their control, and that’s where we as rural financial counsellors do our best work.

“When something is outside of a grower’s control, they sometimes think they can’t do anything about it, but I do know if we get to spend the right time with people, and they become comfortable with the financial counselling process, we can help them understand that response is still possible.”

Through the allowance growers are eligible to receive a payment of up to \$693.90 per fortnight, per person, for four years within a 10-year period.

The current 10-year period ends on 30 June, however any grower who has already used their four years’ worth of payments can re-apply from 1 July.

Mr Wright advised growers to avoid self-assessing the value of their assets against Farm Household Allowance criteria.

“It’s a Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry payment, administered by Centrelink on behalf of the department, and it has different criteria than people associate with

Centrelink,” he said

“The assets cut-out point for the Farm Household Allowance is net \$5.5m, so it’s designed to understand people might have land, water or farming equipment.

“A lot of people, unfortunately, assume the asset cut-off point is the same as the pension asset cut-off point for instance.

“Don’t make assumptions about eligibility... the criteria is specific to the Farm Household Allowance.”

Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe estimated nearly 500 Riverland growers would meet Farm Household Allowance eligibility.

“For some people this ensures they can put food on the table, pay their bills and receive support as they consider their future and as we work towards a positive solution,” Ms Rowe said.

“Over the past 12 months there has been a doubling in demand for RFCS support, and this is desperately needed. The service has been working with 100 wine grape clients and is available to any business that needs support to navigate their difficult situation.

“We have been calling for immediate support including additional funding, and the Riverland Wine Industry Blueprint Implementation Plan calls for additional counselling.”

Mr Wright – who has worked in the role for 12 years – said support from the allowance could be tailored to the specific business needs of individual growers.

“Some growers will want to sustain their business, while some will want to get bigger – and really analyse their patches, irrigation and whole business plan – and some will want to get out,” he said.

“At the point in time the grower may need

a level of professional advice or training that is beyond our skillset, the Farm Household Allowance provides training vouchers of up to \$10,000 per person to do that.

“It’s the first stepping stone. The work we can do onward is to help people look at what is still inside their control,”

Locals seeking support through free, confidential and independent Business Financial Counselling or the Farm Household Allowance can find further information by visiting the RBS website (www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au).



Rural Business Support business financial counsellor Lloyd Wright has urged Riverland grape growers under financial pressure to utilise available support programs. PHOTO: supplied

Wine industry working group to visit Riverland today

A NATIONAL viticulture and wine sector working group will visit the Riverland today to meet with grape growers, wine businesses, grape and wine industry organisations and other stakeholders.

The group comprises of representatives from the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments, as well as national grape and wine industry organisations – Wine Australia and Australian Grape and Wine.

The Viticulture and Wine Sector Working Group met for the first-time last week after it was commissioned at the national agriculture ministers’ meeting on 8 March.

The group will urgently develop a national approach to address the current oversupply of red wine and acute issues being faced by the sector.

Most Australian wine regions are impacted by the oversupply to some degree, with the most acute impacts in the inland wine regions.

In recognition of this, agriculture ministers from across Australia established the National Viticulture and Wine Sector Working Group following a proposal by Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven calling for a national approach to the challenges at hand.

Ms Scriven said “we know the red wine oversupply is not unique to the Riverland and South Australia, which is why any proposed approach to adjust wine grape supply must be made at a national level”.

“I welcome the establishment of the Viticulture and Wine Sector

Working Group following my proposal for a national approach at the recent agriculture ministers’ meeting and believe it is an important step in addressing the issues being faced by the sector and to support the balance and profitability,” she said.

“I look forward to states and territories working together to support our viticulture and wine sector to address this issue.”

The working group will also travel to other areas heavily impacted by the oversupply, including the Riverina in New South Wales, and Swan Hill in the Murray Darling region, to hear about each state’s perspectives, experiences and impacts.

The working group will report back to agriculture ministers on the situation and potential measures to assist the regional wine industry

manage the immediate financial and mental health challenges.

Actions to support improvement in the grape and wine sector, and its long-term viability will be proposed by the working group at the next agriculture ministers’ meeting.

“I look forward to seeing the findings of the working group when they report back next month,” Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt said.

“This work will build on the efforts of industry and governments to grow new trade opportunities, support growers and provide more transparency around prices.

“As this working group demonstrates, we will continue to work alongside industry and all levels of government to offer support.”



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Riverland Wine reps in Dusseldorf



Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe (third from left) and independent chair Darren Oemcke (left) in Dusseldorf, Germany, earlier this month for the annual ProWein event. Also pictured is Sheridan Alm (third from right) from Starrs Reach Vineyard, near Loxton, and industry figure Danny McMahon (second from left). PHOTO: Instagram

RIVERLAND Wine representatives travelled to the annual ProWein event in Dusseldorf, Germany, earlier this month, to help launch an export program.

Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe and independent chair Darren Oemcke were among the travelling contingent to attend the three-day event, regarded as the world's foremost international trade fair for wines and spirits.

Riverland Wine told its members last week that the Riverland Wine Export Development Program aims to assist levy-paying wine producers who are "ambitious about developing or expanding their export market".

"The program is open to producers who proudly identify their branded wine as originating from the Riverland," Riverland Wine said in its member newsletter.

A Riverland Wine spokesperson said the trip's costs were "being covered by industry partners".

Program participants were put through workshops aimed at "preparing them for the Fair", while other benefits included dedicated masterclasses, marketing guidance, introductions, "networking opportunities", and support from both Riverland Wine and Wine Australia.

In addition to the program, Riverland Wine also used ProWein to "unofficially" unveil a new marketing campaign.

Dubbed "The Riverland runs Free", the campaign aims to showcase stories of "resilient and unconventional growers".

"The active presence of Riverland branded-wine in trade will continue to generate global interest and awareness of the region's stories, wines, and trade

participation by its producers," Riverland Wine told its members.

Riverland Wine said the initiative to provide trade support aligned with its Riverland Wine Industry Implementation Plan.

The program is supported in 2024 and 2025 by funding from the Federal Government Export Development Market Grant, along with a Government of South Australia grant, in partnership with the South Australian Wine Industry Association.

Meanwhile applications have closed for a new paid position within Riverland Wine.

The group has been advertising for an "implementation officer", who Riverland Wine says will play "a critical role in the delivery of the Riverland Wine Industry Blueprint Implementation Plan".

Responsibilities will include project co-ordination, administrative tasks, duties around board meeting and stakeholder meetings, plus liaising with winemakers, grape growers and government.

The new position is fully funded by the SA Government.



More than 40 people attended a community meeting at Gerard on Saturday, when two resolutions were passed, including a call for directors of the Gerard Community Council Aboriginal Corporation to step down immediately. PHOTO: supplied

'No confidence' in Gerard council

COMMUNITY members have passed a vote of no confidence in the Gerard council and have called for the council's directors to step down.

The resolutions were passed at a meeting held at Gerard on Saturday, when over 40 people – including Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Berri Barmera councillor Ian Schlein – gathered to discuss the operations of the Gerard Community Council Aboriginal Corporation.

Spokesperson Tyson Lindsay said the meeting was called in response to concerns about the council and its operations, and what he believed was the need for new leadership among the Gerard community.

One of the resolutions passed declared the gathering had "no confidence in the current" council, and called for all directors to step aside. The resolution also called for an election, and demanded an outcome by 17 April.

The other resolution passed installed Mr Lindsay and Julie Cook to "restore the community as per the constitution objectives and community needs".

Mr Lindsay said he was pleased with the turnout, given the relatively short notice.

He said various topics were discussed at the meeting, including the council's "recent activities", the need for more housing at Gerard, jobs and programs for the Gerard community, and the desire for "strong leadership and governance".

"Being a democracy, it was majority rules, of course," Mr Lindsay said.

Mr Lindsay said organisers intended to hold the meeting in the Gerard Hall, but claimed the council locked the facility the night before.

The Murray Pioneer has asked the council for comment on the meeting, the community's concerns raised, and whether the hall's doors were locked to prevent the meeting being held inside.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Nearing the precipice?

THE major flood events, Tim Whetstone’s election to Parliament, the closing of the Berri cannery. These are periods in time that shaped the Riverland and its future direction. The next three months might have a similar impact on the region. That is if the expectations of some local growers and wine industry figures are to be followed. After a year of relative uncertainty following the 2023 vintage, and prices for grapes in 2024 that are unfavourable to say the least, the edge of the cliff for Riverland growers seems to be in sight. It appears as though the month of May will prove most crucial for decision-making surrounding the future. With vintage in the rear-view mirror, minds quickly begin to turn towards the next season, and the requirements necessary to keep vines healthy and productive heading into, and coming out of, dormancy. This will be the crux for many. Is it worth – or even possible – to invest the necessary money to carry through to vintage 2025? For smaller-sized growers, at the moment the outlook for the future might be more targeted towards exiting the industry, or planting something new. However, the Riverland wine industry’s challenges have garnered an increasing amount of attention since a crisis meeting was held last month in Barmera, and maybe this growing pressure on representative groups and growers is starting to translate into results. The Federal Government’s recent announcement of a funding boost for the Rural Financial Counselling Service is perhaps the starting point to supporting local growers through a further 12 months of economic pain. It points growers who are struggling in the direction of professionals who understand the industry, and the Riverland. Few people are as committed to work that benefits the surrounding community as Lloyd Wright and fellow rural financial counsellors. Mr Wright, particularly, has detailed knowledge and experience within the Riverland, and wants to see a positive benefit for any grower entering his office. It is imperative for growers to maximise the opportunity of accessing these support services. None of the challenges experienced over the past year have been any individual grower’s fault, and a feeling of helplessness at times has probably been understandable. However, it will take a collective effort, of government, industry, support services, and growers, to help those who want to survive make it through to easier times. This has been the first in many, many weeks where writing about the Riverland wine industry has not involved an overall sense of dread, but instead a sense of some optimism. We’ll see if that optimism can grow.



The Mantung Hall (right) houses an excellent community display that highlights the rural and military history of the district. A nearby Avenue of Honour recognises all those who enlisted from Mantung, Maggea, Mercunda and Eastern Well for WWI, WWII or Vietnam. Mantung remains a little township with a big community heart. It hosts annual Anzac Day services to further honour those who served. Located in an isolated part of the Northern Mallee, Mantung lies 8km northeast of Mercunda, on the former Karoonda-Waikerie railway. This line opened on 23 December 1914. Over the years community services were established including the Hall, construction of which began in 1918. Today this is the last of the wider district’s many halls that is still in regular use. The Mantung School was initially held in the Hall until 1964 when a new school was built. This was used for just three years prior to 1967 from when local students attended East Murray Area School. Other township services included tennis courts, a recreation ground for cricket and school sports, two general stores, a post-office, boarding house, and a railway siding with its turntable, saw benches and wheat stacks, railway houses, and a manse for the resident Congregational minister. DETAILS & PHOTO: Mick Evans

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Regarding Paruna letter in Pioneer

THE article ‘What’s happening in Paruna’ published on 10 January 2024 was written by a reader and the text therein is not endorsed by The Murray Pioneer.

EDITOR

A correct criticism?

I BELIVE Nicola Centofanti was correct when she criticised Sarah Game’s proposal to put limitations on the trade of South Australian water. Any economist worth their salt will tell you that when restrictions are put on a market, the value of the traded product diminishes. It’s really very simple right now, and the proposal from the One Nation MLC would be a disaster for Riverland irrigators.

TONY SPIERS
Renmark

Processes of the plan

AS the former chair of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), I have been approached by a number of Riverland irrigators who sought the facts around the possibility of water trade between South Australia and Victoria being suspended. This almost impossible policy change has apparently been floated by Sarah Game as a legislative councillor. Just a phone call to the Adelaide office of the MDBA would have immediately settled the matter. Under the Commonwealth Water Act of 2007, no Basin State can act unilaterally. The Basin Plan is unprecedented. The act was passed through the chambers of all Basin state Parliaments regardless of their political stance at the time. Changes can only be made by the agreement of all Basin states. Any State Government could choose to abandon the Plan and the obligations that state government has under this legislation. However, given the positive outcomes these water initiatives have already delivered, such action is highly unlikely.

The regular delivery and metering of potable water has meant new crops are emerging, production across the Basin is rising and environmental goals are being addressed in places such as Chowilla and Katarapko. Many irrigators and businesses in the Riverland totally depend on open, free and legal water trade. Drought is inevitable and the Riverland community is better placed than ever before to minimise the impact of extended dry periods. In a country as dry as ours, water is gold. The Murray-Darling Basin Plan is not without fault and is constantly being reviewed. Notably, however, it’s impact is envied by international neighbours. As many well-informed irrigators have witnessed, the Californian water authorities long to implement the reforms and efficiencies that water trading have made possible in our region.

NEIL ANDREW
Adelaide

Reasoning for group’s critique

IN response to the Riverland Wine article on Wednesday 13 March (‘Unfair critique?’, page 3). A number of growers in our Riverland community certainly do not feel this organisation advocates effectively for us, nor really represents growers. We know about China, and consumer taste changes, which have always shown changes from whites to reds, and reds to whites, to some degree. Complaints about a lack of action from Riverland Wine, and what is left of the original organisation, Riverland Grape Growers Association, are in our view genuine, fair, justified and even understated. Growers did not hear from you with any substance or strong voice about what we started to face in the years leading to oversupply of the main red varieties. Riverland Wine should have been advocating a long time ago for fair prices, and a major review of plantings.

We have always been trying to keep up with new varieties, but we rely 100 per cent on what the wineries allow us to do. We are not like the little boutique winemaker growers in the region that are able to make their own planting plans and changes. Wise up and do your homework about this. Instead, you spent money from funding on the Resilience exhibition. What actual real and substantial value did that give every genuine grower here? Clever pictures better suited to a tourist brochure, for which Riverland Wine received an award from PIRSA. As stated it “began in 2022 to promote and provide opportunities for small winemakers to develop and expand markets”. Nothing for growers, except the work you were doing leading to grower exits. All the time the photoshoot and exhibition were run, growers were facing worse prices, and grapes were being dumped. Riverland Wine said very little about that. The photo campaign would have been better served if it was on the issues here that we growers deal with every day. Central to Riverland Wine’s advocacy is the 10-Year Industry Blueprint plan. In our opinion it says nothing factual at all. Is it to be like a set of encyclopedias, released one volume at a time, at significant taxpayers’ expense, built around “exiting with dignity”?

Most growers don’t want to exit, so the basis of your 10-year plan is not correct, an insult to long-term growers, and a child’s fantasy with no facts or details. Some of Riverland Wine’s strategic direction includes developing a mandatory code of practice. There have been individual growers here who have worked together last year to send a submission request to Canberra. So they are a little late, but we want to see them outspoken about this in writing to Canberra, to the federal Minister of Agriculture, and the ACCC. Give support to what we growers already began ourselves last year, but don’t pretend you came up with it. We are all good business

people. We don’t need financial ‘models’. We spend money wisely where we get the best return. That’s how we have survived. Not with government funding. We need true advocacy from our representative groups to challenge the wine lobby and demand fairer prices and contract situations. Get involved and speak out loudly against merger talks of major wine companies. Grape prices are controlled enough already, and that is never spoken out about. Drop the Sustainable Winegrowing Australia accreditation until the industry guarantees growers get paid bonuses for wine grapes if they are an accredited grower, and provide contract security for these growers. This was mentioned in several articles by Jason Perrin. Apart from more major markets internationally, not boutique winery sales, sustainable prices need to be an outcome, and so does a major change to grower representation, because growers are sick of the deal we get from – what we see as - a pretend grower representative group at any level, state or national, speaking things that aren’t from us at all. You need to listen, stop with your own ideas, stop with the blueprint, and advocate strongly for fair, sustainable prices for 2025 and beyond, and demand loudly the need for a mandatory code of conduct. Then you can claim you advocate for us. Until then, to us you bear false witness as a representative group with growers needs.

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Renmark Primary Students Lina and William were among those presented with Harmony Day awards last week. PHOTOS: supplied

Renmark Primary embraces Harmony Day

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOCAL primary school celebrated diversity and individuality as part of its Harmony Day celebrations.

Renmark Primary School marked this year's Harmony Day last Thursday by com-

ing together as a school to engage in a variety of different activities, including tie-dyeing t-shirts and learning dances from different cultures.

Students and teachers donned their best orange gear, including their orange tie-dyed shirts, to mark the occasion.

Renmark Primary School student wellbeing leader Dani Woolford said this year students were also asked how they were going to be more harmonious.

"We decided as a school we wanted to be more welcoming, so we spoke about what that looked like for us," she said.

"So how can we welcome families into our school? How can we be more welcoming?"

"So, at the beginning of our assemblies we

are going to use a different language to welcome all the different cultures at our school.

"Then every class came up with one action they were going to do. Some are going to invite people to play with us, or it might be that older students are going to connect with their buddies."

Students also went home to talk to their families about their ancestry to bring that information to school to create artwork about their families and what is special to them.

"The students love Harmony Day," Mrs Woolford said.

"What I have found is the kids love learning about what others do and we kind of talk about how it's so important for us to all be different because it makes us all interesting and it makes us unique."

"The students learn about other people and it's also been good for them to be able to connect with others.

"All of our staff support it as well, so I think that's really special and important."

Mrs Woolford said it is important to make Harmony Day "a really big deal because it's about celebrating all cultures".

"We celebrate it quite prolifically and its a really big deal here because we are such a multicultural school and we have lots of students from different cultures, so it's an important one," she said.

"Particularly because we have lots of new families that are coming to us from overseas, so it's a really important one for us to celebrate."



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WHAT AN EASTER WIN: Ainslee Lipacis, 9, of Loxton, was named winner of The Murray Pioneer's 2024 Easter colouring competition, and received a giant basket of chocolate eggs, supplied by Koch's Foodland from advertising consultant Ryan Smith. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



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The Loxton OTR roundabout store will close for upgrades next month. It will include a C Coffee, Krispy Kreme, and new Moe’s Hotdog when it reopens. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



The Loxton OTR French Road store will remain open while the roundabout store receives upgrades. In July, the French Road store will close for works and is expected to reopen in December.

Major upgrades for both Loxton OTRs

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

TWO Loxton service stations will receive major upgrades this year, with temporary closures scheduled for both.

Beginning next month, the OTR Loxton roundabout will close for upgrades, including improvements to fuel systems, internal and external refurbishments, and the intro-

duction of “updated offerings” such as C Coffee, Krispy Crème, and new Moe’s Hotdog options.

An OTR spokesperson said OTR French Road will remain open for trade during this time.

“To minimise disruptions and inconvenience to the community during infrastructure improvements, OTR will implement the following alternate store clo-

sures of Loxton roundabout (Bookpurnong Terrace) and OTR French Road,” the spokesperson said.

From July, OTR French Road will undergo similar works.

“During this time, the newly refurbished OTR Loxton roundabout store will be open for trade,” the spokesperson said.

“We anticipate OTR French

Road to reopen in December 2024, boasting upgraded fuel systems, new pumps, signage, and both internal and external refurbishments.

“Additionally, patrons can look forward to refreshed offerings including C Coffee, Krispy Crème, and new Moe’s Hotdog and Chill selections.”

The spokesperson said both sites

will reflect the “latest national design concepts and fuel technologies”.

“We appreciate the public’s patience and understanding during these improvements, and assure the Loxton community of our commitment to delivering exceptional service throughout this transition period,” the spokesperson added.

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John’s dahlia legacy still living on

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

DAHLIA growing has seen a resurgence across the Riverland and statewide in recent times, but a late Winkie grower started the trend well over 40 years ago.

Winkie dahlia breeder John Menzel died almost three years ago, but his legacy continues with his raisings being grown all over Australia, while several have found their way to the US and UK.

Mr Menzel’s wife, Anne, continues to grow a smaller number of dahlias each year and said her late husband would be “very happy” with the increased number of local growers.

“He would be pleased more people are growing dahlias,” she said.

“Over the years he gave away hours and hours of information and thousands of tubers.

“He just wanted everyone to grow dahlias.”

Mr Menzel bought 20 tubers as a young man, which ignited his passion.

“40-odd years later, we were growing something like 4000 dahlia plants each year,” Mrs Menzel said.

“Early in his dahlia growing career, John was told by David Ruston that he would



Winkie dahlia grower Anne Menzel in her dahlia patch. Her late husband, John, began growing dahlias in the Riverland almost 50 years ago and Mrs Menzel said he would be “pleased” to see an increase in people growing them locally. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

never be able to successfully grow dahlias in the Riverland.

“David had a point. Dahlias prefer a much milder climate and were not going to grow well here without an appropriate amount of TLC.

“Well, John being John meant he was going to prove it could be done.

“Over the ensuing 40 years John innovated, developed and implemented methods to overcome our Riverland climate and to grow champion dahlia blooms.”

Mrs Menzel said her husband won dahlia championships in Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra and Portland against the best dahlia growers in Australia.

“He became one of Australia’s top dahlia judges and judged in Melbourne, Hobart, Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide, Portland, Shepparton, and at many overseas dahlia shows,” she said.

Mr Menzel developed hundreds of different dahlia cultivars.

In gardening shops, botanic gardens, and flower patches across the world, dahlias can be found with the ‘Winkie’ prefix, signifying they were developed by the Menzels.

Some of the most well-known are Winkie Colonel, Winkie Whopper, Winkie Pat and Winkie Truffle.

Mr Menzel worked tirelessly to achieve the unification of all Australian dahlia societies to form the Dahlia Society of Australia, of which he was president for 10 years until his death.

On the weekend, Mrs Menzel attended the Dahlia Society of South Australia Show and Championships – the third without her husband.

“It’s been hard work without John,” she said.

“His passion and his knowledge were immense.”

Mrs Menzel said her late husband changed the way dahlias were grown.

“Originally they were grown in the open and people would put up umbrellas to shade particular flowers for a show,” she said.

“John said that was too hard and put white shade cloth over the whole dahlia patch.

“Everyone put a single stake per plant. Again John said, ‘Too hard’, so we now grow them on a trellis system similar to vine trellising.

“They used to be flood irrigated, but John introduced drip irrigation and pulse watering.”

Mrs Menzel continues to grow about 350 dahlia plants and sells the blooms to Flowers by Jodie Lee.

Flowers by Jodie Lee’s Renae Bourton said dahlias became popular again about five or six years ago.

“We would go to the Menzels and they’d happily provide all the dahlias we needed,” she said.

“John always loved going out and picking for us.

“They have always looked after us pretty well.”

Thanks to the Menzel’s wealth of information, Mrs Bourton said she has begun growing her own dahlias.

“We’ve planted some ourselves and have got some tubers from the Menzels,” she said.

“Anne is always there for some advice on what to do.”

Mr Menzel wrote an informative book about dahlia growing called ‘Dahlias in Australia - the Winkie Way’, which is still for sale.

“His greatest pleasure was to see new growers developing in their ability to grow quality dahlia flowers,” Mrs Menzel said.

“He was pleased to see the resurgence in the popularity of the dahlia flower throughout Australia and the start of a new generation of dahlia growers.

“His greatest legacy is in his lifelong passion for dahlias, his immense knowledge of all facets of growing and showing dahlias and his dedication and ability to pass that knowledge and expertise to all dahlia growers in so many different ways.”

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The last dahlia that John Menzel cultivated, called Winkie Omega.

Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall at the Riverland Vietnam and Post WWII War Memorial, with Riverland Vietnam Veterans Association member David Langdon (left), vice president Roger Edmonds and secretary Ian Kemp. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull



Veterans ceremony brings countries together

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

RIVERLAND Vietnam War veterans will gather on Friday for a commemoration event believed to be a world first. A ceremony will be held at the Riverland Vietnam and Post WWII War Memorial, in Berri, to commemorate US National Vietnam Veterans Day.

Association Riverland branch president Ian ‘Wally’ Wolter said “mateship” formed with American soldiers during the war was still remembered. “Many of the ex-servicemen in the organisation recall experiences during the war when they were supported or worked alongside American servicemen and women, at times in critical situations where lives were

in danger,” Mr Wolter said. “Some even joined with US forces in one capacity or another in difficult and dangerous operations in the war zone.” It is understood Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall, and Australian-American Association representative Aleta Kelley will be guest speakers at the ceremony, which will be opened with a Vietnam Veterans Prayer

from Father Hau Le. Riverland Vietnam Veterans Association member David Langdon – a former American combat military policeman in Vietnam – hoped the commemoration would become an annual event to “bring veterans and allies from the two countries together in remembrance, unity, and brotherhood”. “Australia’s own Vietnam Veterans Day is commemo-

rated each year on 18 August on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan to honour and remember the sacrifices of all those who served in Vietnam during the war,” Mr Langdon said. “Australia’s annual commemoration is mirrored in New Zealand, but until now, there hasn’t been reciprocal or joint formal commemorations of the day arranged between Australia’s veterans

and their counterparts in the US.” Riverland Vietnam Veterans Association vice president Roger Edmonds invited all interested members of the public to attend the ceremony. The commemoration ceremony will be held at the Riverland Vietnam and Post WWII War Memorial, at Riverview Drive, on Friday, beginning at 10am.

New biosecurity levy set to cost producers \$50m

ALEXANDRA BULL

A RIVERLAND-based politician claims questions surrounding a new biosecurity levy have gone unanswered, however the State Government says the area remains a priority for funding. Opposition spokesperson for Primary Industries, Dr Nicola Centofanti, and assistant opposition spokesperson for regional South Australia, Ben Hood, claimed Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven has refused to give any statement on the impact of a new biosecurity protection levy to be imposed on the state’s producers. Mr Hood, said he asked Ms Scriven if she had advocated on behalf of SA farmers to Minister for Agriculture Murray Watt. “There was shock in the chamber when Clare Scriven point blank refused to answer,” Mr Hood said. “(She) not only refused to talk about impending impact, but she also refused to admit if she supported the concept of the federal levy at all. “This new cost on producers will raise

\$50m from farmers and bankroll activities that assist importers and other risk groups.” Dr Centofanti said “producers are rightly outraged that Minister Watt has essentially shifted the financial burden from importers to our farmers”. “SA farmers say they feel let down by Clare Scriven because of her lack of concern and heedlessness on the issues,” she said. “For Ms Scriven to refuse to answer questions as to how this levy will impact South Australian producers is disrespectful and shows how little the Minister is engaged with her own sector. “She either does not care or is in over her head when it comes to her portfolio – unfortunately either option is a serious concern for our farmers and their future. “Farmers are telling me they are struggling to make ends meet with endless increases to the cost of doing business and that this new tax has the potential to cripple them going forward. “I fail to see how Ms Scriven can cite she has the best interests of farmers at heart and in the same breath deny them support... as

they push forward with yet another hefty tax.” However, Ms Scriven said “it’s disappointing to see the state’s opposition playing politics with our nation’s biosecurity as these new measures are overseen and implemented by the Commonwealth Government”. “Neither Nicola Centofanti nor Ben Hood have bothered to write a letter to the Commonwealth Agriculture Minister to raise their concerns about this matter,” she said.

“The Commonwealth Government recently announced its Australian delivery of more than \$1b over four years, and \$267m per year ongoing from 2027-28, to strengthen Australia’s biosecurity system for the future. “This is the first time ever Australia’s biosecurity system has had consistent, lock in, ongoing funding. This is critical to ensure it has the capability to withstand increasing biosecurity threats.”



Nicola Centofanti says a new biosecurity protection levy will have negative economic impacts for Riverland primary producers.



Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven says funding for biosecurity protection is a priority.



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Governing Board chairs and members sought for South Australia’s public health system regional Local Health Networks

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Deadline for submissions: **Friday 12 April 2024**



Date expert visits Lyrup

ALEXANDRA BULL

AN expert in date palms recently visited the Riverland to hold a presentation on expanding the industry within the region.

Dr Yuval Cohen, from the Volcani Research Centre, in Israel, presented to the Australian Date Palm Association at the Lyrup Club, mainly focusing on medjool dates and how the date industry can expand in Australia.

“The Riverland certainly has the potential to expand the date industry and Australia in general has better potential,” Dr Cohen said.

“It needs to be explored further for the right varieties

to use. The region may be a bit marginal for some of the cultivators and may be better for others, but it’s in the very early stages.

“More cultivators need to be brought in, testing and deciding what varieties fit where, what stays here, what goes to other regions and how to promote to other regions.”

Mr Cohen said Australia is in the very early stages of date production development.

“It is my first-time visiting Australia to see the early stages of development of dates. Australia has a lot of arid lands either here and the Northern Territory, and other places in Australia are suitable for growing dates.”

Australian Date Growers Association secretary Peter Middleton said “the growers association is very lucky to have Dr Cohen present”.

“Dr Cohen is one of the worlds leading date palm researchers and he’s been kind enough to come to the association and present to the association about date palms,” he said.

“As Dr Cohen said, we are a very small industry at the moment and there’s a lot of learnings to be had and I think there’s a lot of learnings from Israel that we can adopt.

“With Dr Cohen’s help, I am sure that in the future we are going to develop a sustainable and strong date palm industry.”



Australian Date Palm Association member Gary Doak, Dr Yuval Cohen and Australian Date Palm Association chair Steve Brauer at the Lyrup Club. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

A number of businesses and tourism operators attended the launch of Destination Riverland’s Riverlanders Part Two campaign last week.

(Back, from left): Jackson Beavis, Hugh Hazelwood and Tom Freeman.

(Front, from left): Sandra and James Schober, Anthony Cresp, Kate Gillespie, Emerson Fielke, Julia Kregar and Mel Hamilton.

PHOTO: Alexandra Bull



Region showcased as new Destination Riverland campaign launched

BUSINESSES and tourism stakeholders came together at Hotel Renmark’s Temperance restaurant last Thursday to celebrate the launch of Destination

Riverland’s Riverlanders Part Two campaign.

The 2023 Riverlanders campaign included a range of videos, blogs, itineraries and social media ads, sharing stories from the people behind some of the Riverland’s much-loved places and attractions.

“We were thrilled to see the Riverlanders campaign do so well last year, it went above and beyond our expectations,” Destination Riverland general manager Kate Gillespie said.

“While we had some amazing results in terms of data, it was also wonderful to see the positive comments from visitors sharing stories of their own positive experiences with Riverlanders and their businesses.

“We’re so excited to continue showcasing what our region has to offer, featuring some more exceptional Riverlanders.”

The timing of the campaign’s release aims to create awareness and boost bookings in the region during the traditionally quieter winter season.



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Riverlanders set for power bill savings

RIVERLAND households and business operators are set to benefit from decreasing energy costs.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) last week released draft cuts to power bills of 2.5 per cent, or \$57, for average households and 8.2 per cent, or \$481, for small businesses.

Minister for Energy Tom Koutsantonis said the saving would assist local families experiencing financial pressure.

“We know consumers and small businesses have been feeling the impact of inflation and cost-of-living pressures, so these price cuts are welcomed because they show energy prices are going in the right direction,” Mr

Koutsantonis said.

“We’ve been saying for months we expect to see reductions in wholesale costs reflected in the retail prices handed down by the Australian Energy Regulator, and that is exactly what has happened.

“The regulator’s reasons for these cuts verify what we have been saying for the past two years – the global gas price shock from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine caused high power prices here.”

Mr Koutsantonis said increasing use of renewable energy sources had put downward pressure on costs.

“We are making SA more resilient... by developing our Hydrogen Jobs Plan and supporting new renewable

generators and batteries,” he said.

“We are getting on with building and supporting a system to deliver and sustain cleaner, more affordable and reliable energy.”

Poles-and-wires network charges in retail bills will increase because of a change in accounting classification for some work performed by SA Power Networks. The charges will include sharing the cost of repairs following the River Murray flood.

The AER has invited comment on its draft determination until 9 April and is due to announce a final decision before the end of May with new prices to take effect on 1 July.



The flattened Ford Ranger ute after being retrieved from the River Murray last week. PHOTOS: supplied



Divers floating the wreckage of Bruce Armstrong's ute, which went over a cliff at Taylorville, north of Waikerie, last month.

Taylorville man's life saved by quick actions

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A TAYLORVILLE man is fortunate to have escaped with only a few abrasions after managing to jump out the ute he was driving before it went over a cliff on private property into the River Murray.

Semi-retired organic fruit and vegetable grower Bruce Armstrong, 76, is still stunned over the recent incident.

He was finally reunited with what was left of his vehicle last week, almost a month later.

Divers engaged by his insurance company used airbags and a compressor to retrieve the vehicle from the depths of the river and tow it to the Ramco Boat Ramp.

It was then pulled onto the boat ramp by a truck and taken away to a wrecking yard.

Mr Armstrong said the retrieval, which included pumping up the airbags and preparing the ute for floating across the river, took the divers about six hours to complete.

The horticulturist was last month driving to turn on his irrigation pump at Taylorville, north of Waikerie, when a large kangaroo jumped out in front of him and landed on the bonnet of his vehicle.

"The track to the irrigation pump's metre box runs along a cliff top and there is a sharp corner that you need to negotiate on the way there," he said.

"As I proceeded to go around the corner doing a maximum of 40km an hour I saw a face and two big arms come up onto the left side of my vehicle," Mr Armstrong said.

"I almost thought it was a person, but it was this big kangaroo.

"It was up in the air, and it jumped and hit the left front guard and sprawled onto the bonnet and was scrambling on it."

Mr Armstrong said after he swung his vehicle away from the marsupial, its tyres hit rocks and it then veered towards the cliff.

"With the kangaroo still scrambling on the bonnet and trying to get up, I couldn't see where I was going," he said.

Mr Armstrong said he was unaware how

close he was to the clifftop and therefore made the decision to exit the vehicle.

"I just jumped out and took a few big strides, crashed into a small bush and then scraped my leg and arm a bit," he said.

"The ute went over the cliff."

"It was a matter of seconds and choices."

Mr Armstrong fortunately had his mobile phone in his pocket and was able to contact his wife, Susan, who took him home.

They contacted police about the accident.

Mr Armstrong said he also thought it was necessary to inform police he had been carrying a licensed rifle, some ammunition, and a spotlight in his car, as he had planned to also go rabbit shooting.

SA Police divers from the water operations unit recovered the rifle from the submerged vehicle last month.

Mr Armstrong said the salvageable parts of his ute would be auctioned.



Bruce Armstrong's ute was floated across the River Murray to the Ramco Boat Ramp.



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Loxton Preschool Centre is one of the local sites identified to take part in a Kindy Care trial, beginning in July. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Kindy trial for local sites

LOXTON, Glossop and Renmark North preschools will take part in a trial program described as a “major win” for working parents.

The three kindergartens are part of 20 locations across the state set to trial an out-of-hours preschool care.

The trial of Kindy Care will start in July following a recommendation from the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care – headed by former Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the program was about delivering services for preschool kids and parents.

“I know first-hand that the current hours of preschool do not always meet the needs of working parents,” he said.

“We want to provide those working parents with options, making it easier for them to manage busy lives, while ensuring their children have the best start to a high-quality education.”

Loxton Preschool Centre, Glossop Community Preschool and Renmark North Preschool all will take part in the trial, starting in July.

Government preschools are run using a

sessional model from around 9am to 3pm.

Mr Malinauskas said the program will allow children to maintain continuity, reduce transitions and engage in out-hours care appropriate to their developmental needs – and will provide valuable feedback to determine a broader rollout.

The Kindy Care trial is being undertaken with the support of the Federal Government, with Education Minister Jason Clare providing provisions for families using the trial to access Child Care Subsidy.

State Education Minister Blair Boyer said Kindy Care is an “exciting reform that will lead the nation”.

“The Royal Commission into Early Education and Care highlighted the need for government preschools to provide care options that meet the changing needs of working families,” he said.

“We have committed more than \$10m to increase support for OSHC services on public school sites and to reform how these services are governed.

“In addition to this, we are also changing the structure of required OSHC qualifications so more staff will be available to ease workforce shortages.”

Local woman arrested following Loxton thefts

A WOMAN has been arrested following the theft of items at Loxton over the past few months.

In December, cash and educational equipment were stolen from a Loxton primary school.



On 16 March, cash and other items were stolen from a sports club at Loxton.

Following an investigation, police searched a Loxton home where they located the stolen items along with five cannabis plants, dried cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

A 54-year old Loxton woman was arrested and charged with three counts of theft.

She was reported for cultivating cannabis and possessing equipment.

She was granted police bail and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on 13 May.

Travel safe these holidays

AS Riverland families anticipate the upcoming school holidays, and tourists start visiting the region, South Australia police (SAPOL) is urging travellers to prioritise safety by planning and preparing for their trips in advance.

Take a moment to ensure your vehicle is ready for the journey, with SAPOL recommending:

- ❑ Verifying that your vehicle is in good working order. Regular maintenance is essential.
- ❑ Check your tyres for adequate tread depth. Worn-out tyres can compromise safety.
- ❑ Confirm that all lights – headlights, taillights and indicators – are operational.

In 2023, SAPOL released a guide that offers prevention tips for holiday planning.

Topics covered in the guide include vehicle security, personal safety, road safety, water safety and remote travel safety.

To access the Holiday Safety Guide visit (<https://shorturl.at/JOY25>).

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An Easter basket will be among the prizes for Renmark Paringa Council’s Easter Photo Competition, running to mark the launch of the Engage RPC online platform.

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Easter comp marks Engage RPC launch

RENMARK Paringa residents will be able to provide feedback on the local council’s projects and services through a new online platform.

Renmark Paringa Council today launched the Engage RPC website.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said encouraging residents to “actively participate in and provide their feedback on council projects, services, and initiatives” was an ongoing priority.

“We are incredibly excited to launch our new digital engagement platform, Engage RPC which will allow the community to participate in interactive and engaging ways that are quick and easy to navigate,” Mr Hunter said.

“While we will always need a mix of traditional and digital engagement methods, implementing a digital engagement platform will take us to the next level in engagement and allow us to reach many areas of our community.”

Council will also run an Easter Photo Competition to mark the launch of Engage RPC, with submissions opening today.

Members of the community are invited to “capture the essence of Easter” and upload a copy of their photo to the Engage RPC site.

From there the community are invited to vote on their favourite photo with a Voters’ choice prize and a Mayor’s choice prize awarded in each of the Youth and 16+ categories.

Prizes for each category include a \$100 gift voucher, Easter basket and a certificate signed by Mr Hunter.

Submissions will remain open until Thursday 4 April, with voting then open from Friday 5 April, to Friday 12 April.

To view Engage RPC and to participate in the Easter Photo Competition visit the website (engagement.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au).

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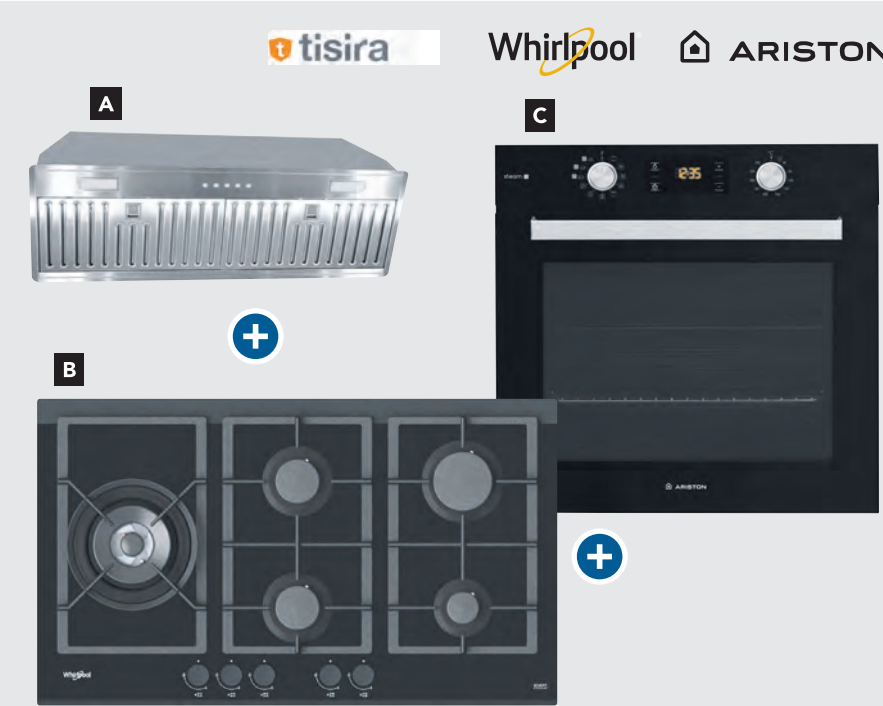
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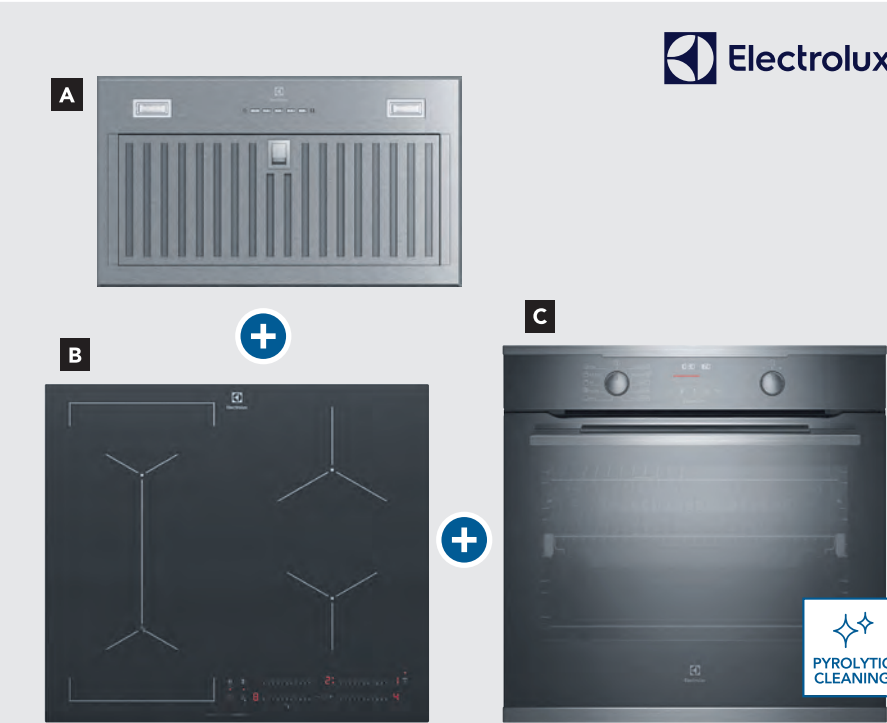
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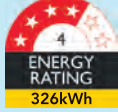
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Locals urged to prepare for autumn risks

RIVERLANDERS are encouraged to minimise potential damage to their homes and properties, as the number of calls for help to the South Australian Emergency Service (SES) continues to trend upwards during autumn.

In 2023 the SES recorded 1719 requests for assistance, its second-highest number for an autumn. This follows year-on-year increases of 925 (2021) and 1587 (2022).

SES chief officer Chris Beattie said many people were often caught unaware in autumn, due to the expectation of milder weather.

“The prior six months of summer and spring is when we all see a surge in the

growth of trees and plants around the home,” he said.

“This growth spurt can result in people being unaware of some changes that have occurred around their property, such as tree branches now reaching over the roof of their home.

“We have all been enjoying the summer holidays, so there will be more children’s play equipment, such as swings or trampolines, as well as outdoor furniture in our yards.”

To prepare for autumn the SES advises:

- ❑ Secure loose items in your yard
- ❑ Trim trees and branches that could fall on your home or property
- ❑ Check your insurance

policy is adequate and covers you for storm damage

- ❑ Fix any damage to your roof
- ❑ Clear gutters, downpipes and drains to prevent blockages
- ❑ Be prepared for power outages

With trees due to start shredding their leaves, it is important to regularly check and clear gutters, downpipes and drains to avoid internal or localised flooding around the home.

For emergency storm assistance call 132 500, and for life threatening emergencies call 000.

For more information on how to prepare for autumn visit (www.ses.sa.gov.au).

The 1971 Myponga Pop Festival. PHOTO: supplied



The 60s and 70s way of thinking

I WAS about 12 when I experienced my first bout of discomfiting anxiety.

Friends told me they’d started gathering tea towels, saltshakers and dinner plates for their glory box and I realised I was failing in my youthful, female responsibilities.

I had done nothing, not even organised a box to put things in. Teenage girls were expected to prepare for marriage in such a way, smoothing the transition into their newly wedded home, and all of it worried me.

Afterall, most girls were married by 21 in the early 70s. Thankfully, my anxiety passed as did any such ambition.

For good reason, the 60s and 70s are romanticised times by us Baby Boomers, but they were also considerably complex.

Traditions were changing, some for good and some not. It still took until 1966, but we finally abolished the White Australia Policy.

Tea, tucked into around the kitchen table, was as a family. These days, in a somewhat sobering statistic, we consume about 24 per cent more calories than we did in the 60s.

After tea, the girls had to do the dishes, then we all went to the sitting room for games, or to listen to a drama, or music on the wireless.

Religious divisions were relaxing slowly, but eyebrows were still raised if a Catholic married a Protestant, and for strict Methodists, their lives were governed by a moral expectation of no drinking, dancing, or smoking.

In contrast, beauty pageants all over the world introduced a new ‘sophistication’ in entertainment. Young women paraded before a panel of judges wearing bikinis, sashes, and high heels, and were asked questions like, ‘Which causes are you most passionate about?’ “World peace” was their hope.

Miss World’s ideal feminine body measured 36-24-36 and as each contestant’s measurements were declared, every woman and girl, including me, became self-conscious about her shape.

News reporting was softer then. Unnerving headlines like ‘horror, shock,



threat, and tragedy’ repeatedly strain our nerves these days and it’s human nature to long for gentler times.

Meanwhile, if indeed ‘the talk’ did take place, sex was discussed mother to daughter in hushed tones and girls were urged to ‘save themselves’ until marriage. The importance of virginity was unquestioned and rested solely with girls.

The 70s generation explored music and marijuana and championed peace and love. A trail-blazing music festival in Myponga drew fans for Jeff St John, Billy Thorpe, and Daddy Cool. For three days, 15,000 young Aussies dived into a new hippie culture that grew out of the US.

If families had a TV, there was one. There was one telephone, one car, one toilet, one bathroom, and one record player. Sharing with siblings was a way of life. It could be argued that such circumstances cultivated a greater patience in that generation.

Shops were in streets, not shopping centres – at least in the Riverland – and we loved wandering from shop to shop and running into people we knew. Those streets helped us all connect to each other.

Watching TV was by far the most popular form of home entertainment. We pulled up our seats to watch Maurie Fields play John Quinney in Bellbird, but once new technology materialised, time on the internet slowly overtook time watching TV.

Fascinatingly, 50 years ago – in the 1970s – thousands of women took to protesting across the country seeking equal pay for equal work. Some things progress achingly slowly – but rest assured we will get there.

Afterall Helen Reddy championed it a long time ago, “I am woman, hear me roar... In numbers too big to ignore”.

Awards showcase horticulture excellence

RIVERLAND horticulturalists are encouraged to highlight their achievements for a national industry award.

Nominations are currently open for the Hort Connection Horticulture Awards for

Excellence 2024.

A Hort Connection spokesperson said the awards – which will be presented at the 2024 Hort Connections Conference, in June – were a “celebration and opportunity for recognition of the game-changing improvements and achievements made by exceptional individuals and companies within the horticulture industry”.

- Categories for the awards include:
- ❑ Grower of the Year
 - ❑ Marketer of the Year
 - ❑ Tech Innovation Award
 - ❑ Young Grower of the Year
 - ❑ Researcher of the Year
 - ❑ Industry Impact Award
 - ❑ Women in Horticulture Award
 - ❑ Community Stewardship Award
 - ❑ Environmental and Sustainability Award
 - ❑ Exporter of the Year

Nominations for the Horticulture Awards for Excellence 2024 will remain open until 30 April, and can be completed by visiting the website (www.hortconnections.com.au/awards/).

NEW ADDITIONS:
Numerous local community groups recently supported the installation of new table and chair settings at Loxton’s Heritage Park. Loxton Rotary Club provided project funding, Loxton Men’s Shed constructed the tables and chairs, and Loxton Apex Club undertook the installation.
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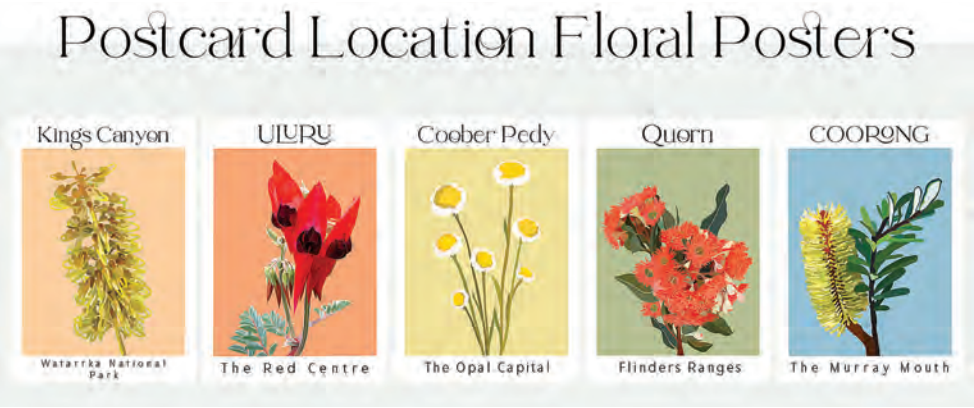
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Former Loxton High School student Scarlett Drogemuller has her design work included in this year's SACE 2024 Art Show. IMAGE: supplied

Opportunity to vote for local art work

FOUR local students have their art work currently on show in Adelaide and online.

Former Loxton High School students Scarlett Drogemuller, Jenna Vowles, Tammy Tran and Mikayla Lehmann have their art and design exhibited as part of the SACE 2024 Art Show.

From last year's class, 130 students from across the state were selected to exhibit their work.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer said art was a "wonderful way for students to express how they viewed the world around them".

"It's an honour to have students' artwork showcased in one of the largest secondary school art and design exhibitions in the state – and I congratulate all those taking part," he said.

SACE Board chief executive Michaela Bensley said the works included detailed mosaics, intricate oil on canvas, digital and anime artwork, and the fusion of ceramic sculpture and street art genre.

"These incredibly talented artists have created beautiful and thought-provoking works,

It's an honour to have students artwork showcased in one of the largest secondary school art and design exhibitions in the state...

- Blair Boyer

with consistent themes in this year's entries including mental health, cultural and gender identity, growing up, body ideals and beauty standards, and the impact of social media," she said.

Members of the public are invited to visit the exhibition in person, or online, and vote for their favourite student work before the Art Show ends on Friday 12 April.

For more information on the SACE Art Show, including bookings and the online gallery, visit the website (sace.sa.edu.au/events/art-show).

Local artists encouraged to enter exhibition

ONE of South Australia's biggest displays of artwork by people living with a disability, the Myriad Art Exhibition, is calling for expressions of interest from Riverland artists for its 2024 showcase.

Expressions of interest for the annual event, presented by not-for-profit disability support organisation Community Living Australia as part of the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival, close tomorrow.

The art exhibition is open to any Riverland artist who identifies as living with a disability and is aged 16 and over.

Artwork must be original to be considered and entry

is open to both single and groups of artists, with artists of all abilities strongly encouraged to register, free of charge.

The exhibition, now in its sixth year, will run from 15 to 29 August, where all artworks will be displayed for two weeks, with numerous artists also choosing to sell their works.

All proceeds from artwork sales go directly to the artist.

The 2023 exhibition featured a record-breaking 698 South Australian artists, 130 feature artists and welcomed over 1300 visitors.

"Myriad is a fast-growing community where South Australian artists are given a platform to empower self-expression and pursue their

artist dreams," Community Living Australia chief executive Mark Kulinski said.

"This year momentum is already starting to build around Myriad, and we are seeking expressions of interests from artists. This is such an exciting phase, and we cannot wait to see the exhibition come to life."

Following the expressions of interest period, official artist registrations will open on 1 April 2024.

Potential artists can read the artist and artwork requirements and register their interest for 2024 online (www.claust.com.au/events/myriad-art-exhibition-2024).



Country Arts strengthening our local communities

RIVERLAND organisations seeking to progress arts and cultural activities are encouraged to apply for an annual partnership initiative.

Country Arts SA last week opened expressions of interest for its 2024 Creative Communities Partnership Program (CCPP)

Country Arts SA CEO Anthony Peluso said the program – established in 2012 – helped communities strengthen their connection to the arts and created career pathways for artists.

"We are excited to open this process to find strong strategic partnerships," Mr Peluso said.

"We believe that creative collaborations can bring about the most impact, and with

this program, we're looking to build partnerships which support and empower artists and communities to realise arts and cultural priorities and drive change through the arts."

The development of programs that recognise and are accessible to people experiencing disability, LGBTQIA+ individuals and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds will be a focus.

Expressions of interest for the CCPP close on 1 May.

Detailed guidelines and further information regarding submissions is available by visiting the County Arts SA website (www.countryarts.lbcdn.io/uploads/2024/03/2024-CCPP-Prospectus-FIN.pdf).



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World Autism Awareness Day



Support this year's World Autism Awareness Day

WORLD Autism Awareness Day is a day sanctioned by the United Nations (UN) that recognises and celebrates the rights of people on the autism spectrum.

The United Nations General Assembly, in 2008, unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day as a way to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of people with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

Each year the UN creates a theme for the world to reflect on for the day.

World Autism Awareness Day aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day.

As a growing global health issue owing to its increasing exposure in the press and common knowledge, autism is an issue that is only gaining more understanding and activities are planned every

year to further increase and develop world knowledge of children and adults who have autism spectrum disorder.

What's more, World Autism Awareness Day goes one step further to celebrate the unique talents of those with autism, while putting a huge focus on the warm embrace and welcome that these skills deserve through community events around the globe.

About 1 in 44 children is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. A paediatrician's screening and diagnosis are typically very reliable by the time a child reaches two years old, although you may notice behavioural signs in your child when they are as young as six months.

Screening for developmental disorders like autism is a common part of developmental monitoring and developmental screening in modern medicine.

Autism occurs at similar rates across

all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. However, boys are about four times as likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls.

Over time, autism diagnoses have become more common. In 2000, about 1 in 150 children received a diagnosis of autism. This increased diagnosis trend signifies changes in diagnostic criteria, along with more frequent and consistent childhood screenings.

World Autism Awareness Day helps neurotypical individuals recognize that the world is a better place when we all understand neurodivergence, like autism spectrum disorder, and work to accommodate these differences.

The day also focuses on the growing need for programs designed to support those with autism now and in the future.

While the day also celebrates the stories and lives of those with autism, it's also important to remember that autism is a lifelong condition with varying

degrees of severity. It's important to continue to support research for treatment and therapies that will improve the lives of those with autism.

No matter how you celebrate the day, it can be a good opportunity to stop and really listen to autistic people in your life and the world around you.

WAYS TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE DAY INCLUDE:

- ☐ Host an event supporting autism awareness
- ☐ Attend an event and show your support for someone you know
- ☐ Share your story and make your voice heard
- ☐ Sharing information about World Autism Awareness Day on social media
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The risks posed by powerlines on rural properties have been highlighted in a new SA Power Networks ad campaign. PHOTO: supplied



New farm safety campaign highlights risk of inattention

SA POWER Networks has launched a new advertising campaign aimed at reducing the risk to farmers from powerlines on rural properties.

On average there are more than 20 incidents on farms each year involving powerlines being struck by vehicles.

There also are countless near misses and incidents where work is done too close to powerlines.

The new campaign, launched

to coincide with the beginning of the sowing season, focuses on the issue of ‘inattention blindness’, a psychologically recognised behaviour where people gradually don’t notice things they see every day.

“We have so much information bombarding us that our brain gets really good at reducing the input so we can focus on what we think is most important at the time,” said Paul Roberts, head of corporate affairs at SA

Power Networks.

“We are making thousands of decisions basically on auto pilot, and we stop noticing things that actually could kill us.

“So, our campaign is about getting people engaged in actively thinking about the risk from stobie poles which can go un-noticed on farms – with potentially disastrous consequences.”

Mr Roberts said the campaign has the simple focus of

“what you don’t notice can kill you”.

“This isn’t about blaming farmers – it is about recognising this is how we are as humans,” he said.

“We want to break that cycle and ensure when working on their properties, farmers, their families and all their contractors are mindful and paying full attention.”

Mr Roberts said television, radio, press and digital adver-

tising would take the safety message to all parts of regional South Australia as the sowing season commences, with a specific focus on broad acre farming regions where most vehicle related incidents occur.

“SA Power Networks is also launching its first advertising campaign tackling issues around use of high vehicles such as tipper trucks around powerlines,” he said.

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Do you know what it takes to be a Barmera local? PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

How do you know you're a local?

THE Murray Pioneer is compiling lists about what it means to be a local in each Riverland town and we want to hear from you.

We are asking our readers to complete this sentence, 'You know you're a Barmera local when...'

Each major Riverland town will get a turn over the next five weeks.

A list compiling some of the top answers for Barmera will be published in next week's Murray Pioneer.

Answers can be emailed to (stephanie.thompson@murraypioneer.com.au), or visit our Facebook page and find the post (facebook.com/TheMurrayPioneer).

Responses for Barmera must be received by 10am, Monday 1 April.

Time to recognise our local libraries

RIVERLANDERS can highlight the community contribution of their favourite local library for a state award.

The Local Government Association (LGA) last week opened nominations for the Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in Libraries.

LGA president, and Kimba Mayor, Dean Johnson said libraries provided modern and much-needed services in regional communities.

"Today's libraries are vibrant community hubs, offering activities such as free art lessons to storytelling for pre-schoolers and diverse school holiday programs," Mr Johnson said.

"They are much more than places to borrow books.

"The aim of the Jim Crawford Award is to recognise the valuable work libraries do in connecting residents to modern services, while supporting reading, curiosity, and life-long learning.

"Our state's libraries have around 6.5 million in-person visits each year, with a further 10 million visits online – and this award celebrates and recognises their incredible work."

Public Libraries SA president Pepper Mickan said the award – which is given every two years – "shines a light on the inspirational and innovative services and projects which libraries are leading across the state to enrich and strengthen communities".

"(Libraries) continue to innovate and adapt to support communities, including delivering new services and programs which help residents from a diverse range of ages and backgrounds."

This year's winner will receive a \$10,000 bursary to support ongoing library initiatives.

Nominations can be submitted via the LGA website (www.lga.sa.gov.au/members/services/local-government-awards/jim-crawford-award) by Friday 26 April.

Today's libraries are vibrant community hubs offering activities such as free art lessons to storytelling for pre-schoolers...

LGA president and Kimba Mayor, Dean Johnson

Small Business Week coming to Berri

AN industry event aimed at supporting small business operators will be held in the Riverland.

The Office for Small and Family Business will host a Small Business Week workshop, at the Berri Hotel, on Tuesday 30 April.

Berri Barmera Council manager growth and activation Craig Grocke said ensuring small businesses were sustainable was integral to the Riverland economy.

"The Riverland, throughout its history, was pioneered by small family businesses that had to be resourceful, innovative and driven by a shared community spirit," Mr Grocke said.

"Both sides of the river work together on the big issues but how often do small business owners stop to think about where they are going, and how their own health affects their family and future business opportunities?"

"Small Business Week in Berri brings an opportunity to do a business health check. A chance to learn more about succession planning, diversifying your business, selling your business or buying into a different business sector."

The workshop will include a state government update and Business Insights Sessions, and One-on-one Connect sessions.

The Small Business Week program also features numerous online sessions local operators can register for.

Minister for Small and Family Business Andrea Michaels said strengthening business capability, building skills and workforce, navigating the digital environment, boosting business sustainability, embracing diversity, and improving access to government services would be key themes of the week.

"South Australia's small business owners are passionate about building their businesses," Ms Michaels said.

"Small Business Week will provide a week-long program of free development and networking events to provide practical assistance on the topics business owners have identified as their biggest challenges and opportunities for the future."

"I know how busy small business owners are and by hosting events across Adelaide, regional South Australia and online, we're giving business owners every opportunity to participate no matter where they are so they can grow their businesses as a result."

"We have had a really encouraging level of interest in Small Business Week, so be sure to register quickly to secure your place."

Mr Grocke said participating in the expo would be beneficial for local small business operators.

"It is also a chance to grab the tools to help keep your own head above water in challenging economic times," he said.

"It's also not often that there is free opportunity for one-on-one advice from expert advisors on a variety of topics to help you and your business survive and grow."

"I would encourage all local businesses run by local families to make the time to work on their business, and not just in their business."

To view the full Small Business Week program, and register for events, visit the website (www.business.sa.gov.au/programs/small-business-week#locations=berri).

We have had a really encouraging level of interest in Small Business Week...

- Craig Grocke



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SA wine highlighted in Clare's China visit

SOUTH Australian wines – including those from the Riverland – were showcased to potential Chinese buyers during a state minister's international delegation.

More than 30 South Australian food and wine producers recently attended three events in China – including two Taste of South Australia Showcases and a South Australian Wine Summit – with Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven.

Progress from Ms Scriven's visit saw the announcement China had outlined an interim set of recommendations that could lead to the removal of trade barriers on Australian wine.

Ms Scriven said maintaining knowledge of the China market was crucial for South Australian exporters.

"I am pleased to lead this delegation to China where South Australian products are being showcased for Chinese importers and other businesses," Ms Scriven said.

"China is a highly valued market for a range of South Australian food and beverage products.

Minister for Trade Nick Champion said "significant progress has been made recently at both state and federal levels to stabilise Australia's relationship with China".

"The delegation in China this week highlights South Australia's strengths in sustainable agriculture, premium food production, and winemaking innovation," Mr Champion said.

"By leveraging the region's reputation for excellence, South Australian companies aim to capture the



Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven (second from right), with Chinese importers Mr Liu, Feifeng Shi, and Weidon Tan. PHOTO: supplied

attention of discerning distributors, importers, retailers, and buyers to establish

themselves as preferred suppliers.

"This trade mis-

sion underscores South Australia's commitment to supporting its food, wine

and beverage industries' growth and competitiveness on the world stage."

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Family dental practice sets new Riverland standard

TANKARD Dental Riverland is set to open its new clinic in the town centre of Berri in mid-April.

Located at 11 Kay Avenue, the new purpose-built clinic was designed with the focus for patient comfort and care.

The state-of-the-art clinic will continue to provide high-quality dental services for

their existing and new patients using the latest equipment and techniques.

The clinic will continue to support patients with local friendly staff and experienced professional dentists, hygienists and oral health therapists, including scheduled dental appointments for general hospital procedures.

The new premises allows for an in-house Digital Lab with same day appointment for crowns (caps), veneers, mouth guards and other prosthetics, making these procedures time effective and convenient for patients without the need for multiple appointments.

Additionally, the clinic also offers onsite

3D imaging for pathology, diagnostics, dental implants and other complex dental procedures.

Tankard Dental Riverland's Richard Tankard said "the clinic was designed with the understanding that patient care and comfort was our number one priority".

"The Tankard Dental team can provide expert advice and the highest standard of dental care using modern techniques and up-to-date technology." Mr Tankard said.

"The clinic will have a large, accessible carpark located at the back of the building, while the public access ramp can be located at the front. We have also considered our young visitors to the practice, providing some entertainment with iPads while they are waiting in the patient lounge."

Tankard Dental Riverland can provide services through the South Australian Dental Scheme, Child Dental Benefits Scheme and Department of Veterans Dental Scheme.

Patients can claim their health funds with ease for same day processing, and payments options are available with AfterPay, Humm and Denticare.

For further information visit the Tankard Dental Riverland website (www.tankarddentalriverland.com.au) or please call 8582 2796 to speak with a friendly staff member.



Tankard Dental team members Dr Daniel Lim, Dr Kisshanpyar Anand and Alexander Sam at the site of the company's new Berri clinic, located at 11 Kay Avenue. PHOTO: Lachlan Dand

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Mid Murray beginning standpipes review

MID Murray Council is reviewing the use of water standpipes across the district, and wants the community to have its say on future management options.

Council currently provides access to 14 standpipes for users to access non-potable water for residential and livestock use.

The council said costs of providing the service had continued to increase in recent years due to frequent vandalism, misuse, and water theft.

From 1 January, council increased the standpipe water supply charges from \$5/KL to \$7.50/KL to assist in covering some of the costs.

However, council said even with the increased charges, the provision of the service still came at a funding shortfall.

It said the management of the standpipes needed to be reviewed to consider how their provision could be more financially viable.

Some of the options under consideration for the future management of the standpipes include:

- ❑ Automating standpipes to accurately measure water taken and provide pre-paid access to water standpipes at on-site facilities.
- ❑ Rationalising the number of standpipes by decommissioning the least-used standpipes.
- ❑ Community groups taking

over their local standpipe.

- ❑ Decommissioning standpipes when they are vandalised and require significant ongoing financial investment to repair.
- ❑ Decommissioning standpipes over time when they fail or need significant repairs.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said council could not afford to continue subsidising the significant costs of the standpipes.

“We do understand that the standpipes provide a valuable water source for those in our community who don’t have access to other water supplies,” she said.

“However, we are concerned that some people are taking advantage of this to take water for other purposes, or to take water for free when they have access to other paid water sources.

Ms Bailey said the cost of water theft and vandalism made it an expensive service to run for something considered outside core council business.

“This service was always intended to be provided as support to those in our community who genuinely need it.

“We don’t like to have to consider removing something that’s needed by some areas of our community, but we also can’t continue to foot the bill for water theft or misuse, or to keep fixing standpipes that are deliberately broken on a regular

basis.

“Our aim is to create a fairer system where the user and amount of water used are accurately identified, and the costs are fairly recovered, so we reduce the impact on our ratepayers.”

The council has investigated a number of management options, including the automation of standpipes.

This is intended to provide real-time, accurate water readings and requires pre-payment on site in order to be able to access water.

But council said this came with a hefty price tag, of an estimated \$60,000 per standpipe.

Council has already spent \$120,000 in recent years to upgrade eight standpipes to reduce vandalism and tampering.

However, the water reporting system relied on customers providing an accurate reading of their water use and contact information for invoicing.

It is understood abuse of this system had cost council a further \$40,000 in lost revenue over recent years.

The consultation runs from 18 March to 12 April.

All feedback gathered through the survey will be considered by council during its decision-making on future management options for the standpipes.

For more information or to complete the survey visit the website (surveymonkey.com/r/YQMQG9T).



Learning how to paint the majestic cliffs on the River Murray during the River Fringe festival were: Alexandra Segura (left), Jane Qualmann, Tessa Pederson, Gaynor Smith, Sharyn Wishart, and Katrina Webber.

PHOTOS: Supplied.



Participants of the River Fringe art cruise: Gaynor Smith (left), Tessa Pederson, Jane Qualmann, Katrina Webber, Alexandra Segura and Sharyn Wishart with their final masterpieces.

Rivergum gets back out on the water

OWNERS of Waikerie’s Rivergum Cruises are thrilled to again be on the River Murray after being out of action for nearly 20 months following the flood.

Owner/managers James and Sandra Schober recently hosted a Cliff Painting Art Cruise with Riverland West artist Susan Skujins as part of the River Fringe festival.

Six passengers took part in the workshop

and learned how to paint on canvas with pallet knives using acrylic paint, powder paint, and ochre.

Due to the strong interest this cruise is being offered again on 13 April.

The Schobers are also taking Easter bookings until the end of June and will also plan more beyond this period if those who are interested contact them.



Jane Qualmann (left), Tessa Pederson and Gaynor Smith taking part in the Cliff Painting Art Cruise hosted by Rivergum Cruises.



Sharyn Wishart (left) and Alexandra Segura learning painting techniques from Riverland West artist Susan Skujins (centre) on board the Qatar.

Mid Murray Council will review the use of standpipes due to increasing costs surrounding provision of the service. PHOTO: supplied





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INSPIRING OUR YOUTH: Riverland-based MLC Nicola Centofanti recently spoke to Berri Regional Secondary College students at their Leadership Induction Ceremony. PHOTOS: supplied



REFLECTING AND CELEBRATING: St Joseph's School Renmark students last week celebrated St Joseph's Day with numerous student-led activities. PHOTO: supplied



LOCAL KIDS ACE IT: Riverland year 10 South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy students last week visited Adelaide for the Aboriginal Career Exploration (ACE) Camp. The program provides opportunities to learn directly from employers about work and identify skills that are valued in the workplace. Students also met commissioner for First Nations Voice Dale Agius. PHOTOS: supplied



COMMUNITY DIARY

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

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

WEEKLY
Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am. Inquiries to Ruth 0428 899 506.

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

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

WEEKLY
Card and boards games every Monday, even long weekends, 1.30pm to 4pm.

Carpet bowls every Wednesday, 1.30pm to 4pm. Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Yvonne Kruschel 0428 963 195.

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

WEEKLY
U3A Riverland yoga in the CWA rooms, Loxton. Every Wednesday from 9.30am.

WEEKLY
Renmark Bowling Club on Cowra Street would like to welcome you to bingo. Every Thursday night from 7pm.

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY
Riverland Woodworkers at the old Renmark High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Thursday 6pm – 9pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun 0400 253 572.

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

phone 8584 6954.

WEEKLY
Rock 'n' roll and partner dancing at **Monash Community Hall** Mondays from 7pm to 10pm with the River Rock Dance Club. \$5 entry, visitors welcome to come along and enjoy great music, dancing and a friendly atmosphere.

WEEKLY
Loxton Historical Village open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, and public holidays. Pet friendly. Phone 8584 7194 or visit the website (www.thevillageloxton.com.au).

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

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

WEEKLY
AA meetings throughout the Riverland. Kingston Institute Hall, Sunday, 2pm. Loxcare, Tuesday, 8pm. Loxton Uniting Church Hall, Thursday, 12.30pm. St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Berri, Thursday, 8pm.

WEEKLY
The **Berri Community Men's Shed** is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone president Ian Campbell 0418 839 963.

WEEKLY
Mainly Music for children aged 0 to 5 at Rivergum Christian College. Every Thursday, 10am to

11.30am during school terms. \$5 per week, per family. Cost goes towards morning tea for adults, pack a snack for your child. Come and try your first session free.

WEEKLY
Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum open Thursday to Monday, 10am to 4pm and on public holidays. Pet friendly. Inquiries call 8586 6175.

WEEKLY
Visit the **Renmark Paringa Community Museum** and watch the Paringa Bridge lift most days at 2.30pm. Preserving the past, more than 70 vintage stationary engines. Contact Wayne 0407 618 311, open Mon/Wed/Fri from 10am to 3pm.

WEEKLY
Sing Australia meets on Thursdays 7pm – 8.30pm in the Monash Hall in school terms. Come and share in the joy of singing. You may visit three times before joining. Inquiries Margot 0407 796 508.

MONTHLY
Berri Barmera Garden Club meets every third Sunday of the month at the Riverland Central Church on Mortimer Road, Berri at 1.30pm. New members welcome. For more information phone John 0409 885 811.

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

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

BI-MONTHLY
Ostomy Support Group Riverland. First Thursday of March, May, July, September and November at Renmark RSL, 91 Fifteenth Street. 10am till 12 noon. All Ostomates and partners welcome. Contact Neville Sharp 0419 849 822 for further information.

THURSDAY 28 MARCH
Charity for All Bingo for Lunchbox Rally Childhood Cancer at the Loxton Club. Doors open at 6pm, seated by 6.30 for eyes down at 7pm. Don't be late to join in the fun.

THURSDAY 28 MARCH
Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group has cancelled its March meeting due to the approaching Easter break. Next month's meeting has also been rescheduled to 18 April due to Anzac Day.

SATURDAY 30 MARCH
Loxton Historical Village Alive Day, 10am to 4pm. A great day out for the whole family. Operating exhibits, blacksmithing, sheep shearing, printing, rope making and whip cracking demonstrations. Special carillon bells display, and free Horse and Cart rides. Kids games and crafts, market and food stalls and more. Phone 8584 7194 or email (www.thevillageloxton.com.au).

THURSDAY 11 APRIL
Dementia Australia will host a free Communication and Dementia session at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers, from 1pm to 4pm. Please contact Paula Nitschke for bookings on 0472 804 145.

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Schools and clubs from around the Riverland received visits from SANFL as part of the 2024 Gather Round Community Footy Roadshow. PHOTO: SANFL



THE BLUETONGUE BOYS: The Bunyip newspaper editor, and former Renmark North Cricket Club player, Ben Lennon (centre) visited the Riverland earlier this month to watch the Bluetongues play in the Riverland Turf Cricket Association B grade grand final. He is pictured with Blake Henderson, Liam Jackson, Daniel 'Ginge' Harding, and Ben Files. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

CAN'T STOP THE ROCKING: The 2024 Renmark Rocks On festival was concluded earlier this month with a breakfast gathering at Riverland Sunfresh. PHOTOS: supplied



KIDS TAKING IN A SHOW: Barmera Primary School students last week attended a performance of Seven Little Wonders – presented by The PaperBoats and Country Arts SA – at the Chaffey Theatre. PHOTOS: supplied



OUT ON THE COURSE: A total of 78 golfers celebrated Australia Day 2024 earlier this year with an Ambrose tournament at the Barmera Golf Club. PHOTOS: supplied



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RPS reception students Duke and Chester enjoying their first school camp at West Beach. PHOTOS: supplied



RPS reception student Anthony on the Ferris wheel at Glenelg.



RPS reception camp participant Tate at Semaphore.

Ramco reception students off to camp

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

RAMCO Primary School (RPS) reception students recently took part in a camp in Adelaide.

Reception teacher Nicole Duffield each year organises a one-night and two-day trip for students.

This year 15 RPS students spent time at the West Beach Caravan Park.

“The aim of my camp and the reason why I have it so early is to specifically increase students’ independence, autonomy, and confidence,” Ms Duffield said.

“I always try to have it in term one.

Ms Duffield and two staff members supervised the children during the camp.

“I do not take parents and for most of the students it is the first time being away and staying overnight somewhere with others besides family,” she said.

“I haven’t missed a year yet since I started running them, even during Covid times, we just had a lot of rescheduling.”

Students taking part in the recent camp were aged four and five.

“We actually had two birthdays on camp, so we had a little bit of a party on the Thursday night,” Ms Duffield said.

She said children were encouraged to do many tasks on their own, which helped give them a greater sense of identity.

“We get them to wash their own dishes and try to make their own beds,” Ms Duffield said.

“It is a great chance to visit ‘The Big Smoke’ and do many things they may not have done.

“It is the first time on a bus for some and the first time on a tram for many.”

Ms Duffield said the reception students also had the chance to ride a Ferris wheel, and go on a flying fox.



RPS reception students Remi (front) Peyton and Chester at the West Beach water play park.



RPS reception students enjoying the West Beach water play park.



RPS reception student Quinn on the castle slides at St Kilda.



The guests and Morgan and District Lions Club members who recently took part in the community organisation’s annual gathering at the Commercial Hotel Morgan. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick



Morgan Lions Club treasurer and event coordinator Millie Long speaking at the club’s recent annual gathering

Lions Club of Morgan and District monthly news

WE wish to thank all our valuable sponsors and volunteers for their incredible efforts throughout 2023.

Thank you to guests who attended our annual get together on 25 February and enjoyed some nibbles and drinks.

Sadly, we had to accept the resignation of 2023 president Laura Williams.

The club values her efforts and hopes to continue having her input and support moving forward.

We welcomed some new members this year to our club: Lucy Speyer, Debra and Stephen Kemble-Jones, Jill Fairlie, Jen Davis, and Graham and Athalie Verrall.

January marked the significant milestone of taking on the lease of the Morgan Institute.

This has been both exciting and challenging. Members held a working bee on 3 March to start the clean-up of the main hall and kitchen facilities.

We hope to hold some future working bees and open days to show off this beautiful hidden gem in our town.

The venue is also available for hire. Please contact me for any booking enquiries on 0401 314 403, or at (morgandistrictlionsclub@gmail.com).

We have secured our new committee consisting of president Sharon Jardine, secretary Lucy Speyer, treasurer/event co-ordinator Millie Long, and membership co-ordinator Jen Davis.

Our gazebo project at the Morgan Cemetery is approaching its finishing touches, with

the signage and fauna installation to be completed over the next month.

The club is excited to announce that it will again be providing food to the Riverland Paddling Marathon participants on Monday 10 June.

We have been working closely with them to also provide a public market.

We can confirm the Lions Skin Cancer Screening Van will be at Morgan on 15 June and 16 June.

Further information regarding bookings will be advised closer to the event and will be advertised accordingly.

Due to other commitments this year there will be no Easter event conducted by the Morgan Lions club.

We do hope all our locals and



visitors have a safe and happy Easter.

However, we do encourage everyone to support other local events that are running over the long weekend.

Please continue to follow us on Facebook for more information about the club and our events.

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TV GUIDE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 TO TUESDAY, MARCH 27

WEDNESDAY



6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Four Corners; 10:45 Q+A; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 National Press Club Address; 1:35 Media Watch; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 3:00 The Cook And The Chef; 3:25 Prince Charles Inside The Duchy Of Cornwall; 4:15 Antiques Roadshow; 5:15 Grand Designs
6:00 Back Roads
6:30 Hard Quiz
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Hard Quiz
8:30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
9:05 Melbourne Comedy Festival
11:05 Adam Hills
11:45 Rosehaven
12:45 Grand Designs



5:00 Clangers; 5:10 Kiddets; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Pop Paper City; 5:45 Hey Duggee; 5:55 Fireman Sam
6:05 Kiya and the Kimoja Heroes
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Andy's Global Adventures
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Karma's World
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Would I Lie To You?
8:30 Death In Paradise
9:30 Ragdoll
10:20 Close To Me
11:05 Would I Lie To You?
11:40 Louis Theroux
12:40 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
1:00 Tate Britain's Great British Walks
1:45 ABC News Update



6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Unwritten Obsession; 2:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 The 1% Club UK
8:30 The Front Bar
9:30 Talking Footy
10:30 Seven News
11:00 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera
12:00 Parenthood
1:00 Travel Oz
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise



6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 9news Morning; 12:00 Tba; 1:30 Ageless; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 9news Afternoon; 5:00 Tipping Point Australia
6:00 9news
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars
9:00 Under Investigation
10:00 9news Late
10:30 Footy Classified
11:30 The Equalizer
12:20 Tipping Point
1:10 Pointless
2:05 Destination Wa
2:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 9news Early
5:30 Today



6:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justin-eSchofield; 6:30 My Market Kitchen; 7:00 The Talk; 8:00 Entertainment Tonight; 8:30 Neighbours; 9:00 The Bold & The Beautiful; 9:30 Deal Or No Deal; 10:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 10:30 Judge Judy; 11:00 Dr Phil; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Entertainment Tonight; 1:30 To Be Advised; 3:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 3:30 10 News First; 4:00 Neighbours; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Deal Or No Deal
6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 FBI
11:00 The Project
12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:00 Home Shopping



5:00 World News; 9:00 Paul O'grady For The Love Of Dogs; 10:00 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals; 10:55 Mountain Vets; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Dateline; 2:30 Insight; 3:30 Point; 3:35 Destination Flavour China; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 Worlds Most Scenic Railway Journeys; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Alone Australia
8:30 Jimmy Carr's I Literally Just Told You
9:25 Litvinenko
10:20 SBS World News Late
10:50 Blinded
11:45 The Wall
3:05 Mastermind
4:05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo

THURSDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Australian Story; 10:30 Compass; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Big Deal; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 3:00 The Cook And The Chef; 3:25 Prince Charles Inside The Duchy Of Cornwall; 4:15 Antiques Roadshow; 5:15 Grand Designs
6:00 Back Roads
6:30 Hard Quiz
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Foreign Correspondent
8:30 Grand Designs New Zealand
9:20 Antiques Roadshow
10:20 Better Date Than Never
10:50 ABC Late News
11:05 The Business
11:20 Love On The Spectrum

5:00 Clangers; 5:10 Kiddets; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Pop Paper City; 5:45 Hey Duggee; 5:55 Fireman Sam
6:05 Kiya and the Kimoja Heroes
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Andy's Global Adventures
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Karma's World
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Would I Lie To You?
8:30 Hard Quiz
9:00 Gruen
9:40 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
10:10 Penn And Teller
10:55 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
11:15 Adam Hills
12:00 Would I Lie To You?

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 The Other Mother; 2:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 AFL
10:00 AFL Post Game
10:30 Seven News
11:00 The Amazing Race
12:30 Fortitude
1:30 Medical Emergency
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 9news Morning; 12:00 Tba; 1:30 My Way; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 9news Afternoon; 5:00 Tipping Point Australia
6:00 9news
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Rbt
8:30 Australia Behind Bars
9:30 World's Most Dangerous Prisoners
10:30 Law & Order
11:20 9news Late
11:50 A+E After Dark
12:40 Tipping Point
1:35 Pointless
2:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 9news Early

6:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justin-eSchofield; 6:30 My Market Kitchen; 7:00 The Talk; 8:00 Entertainment Tonight; 8:30 Neighbours; 9:00 The Bold & The Beautiful; 9:30 Deal Or No Deal; 10:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 10:30 Judge Judy; 11:00 Dr Phil; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Entertainment Tonight; 1:30 To Be Advised; 3:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 3:30 10 News First; 4:00 Neighbours; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Deal Or No Deal
6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 Gogglebox Australia
10:00 Law & Order
11:00 Blue Bloods
12:00 The Project

5:00 World News; 9:00 Paul O'grady For The Love Of Dogs; 10:00 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals; 10:50 Mountain Vets; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Alone Australia; 3:00 Mastermind; 3:30 Point; 3:35 Destination Flavour China; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 Worlds Most Scenic Railway Journeys; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Bettany Hughes
8:30 Stanley Tucci
9:20 The Vanishing Triangle
10:10 SBS World News Late
10:40 Illegals
11:40 La Jauria
3:30 Mastermind
4:30 Bamay

FRIDAY

6:05 Easter In Australia; 7:00 News Breakfast; 9:30 The Cook And The Chef; 10:00 Planet America; 10:30 That Pacific Sports Show; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Gardening Australia; 1:00 Silent Witness; 2:00 House Of Gods; 3:00 The Cook And The Chef; 3:25 The Secret Garden; 5:10 Grand Designs
6:00 Back Roads
6:30 Hard Quiz
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Gardening Australia
8:30 Happy Valley
9:30 Hard Quiz
10:05 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
10:35 QI
11:05 ABC Late News
11:25 Grand Designs

5:00 Clangers; 5:10 Kiddets; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Pop Paper City; 5:45 Hey Duggee; 5:55 Fireman Sam
6:05 Kiya and the Kimoja Heroes
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Andy's Global Adventures
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Karma's World
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Would I Lie To You?
8:30 The Twilight Saga
10:25 Amy
12:30 Would I Lie To You?
1:00 QI
1:30 Close To Me
2:15 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
3:05 Everything's Gonna Be Okay
3:50 ABC News Update

6:00 Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Better Homes And Gardens; 1:00 Surveillance Oz; 1:30 TBA; 4:30 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 AFL
10:00 The Butler
12:45 Armchair Experts
1:30 GetOn Extra
2:00 The Arrangement
3:00 Home Shopping
4:00 Million Dollar Minute
5:00 NBC Today

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 9news Morning; 12:00 For The Love Of Chocolate; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 9news Afternoon; 5:00 Tipping Point Australia
6:00 9news
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 David Attenborough's Dynasties
8:40 Noah
11:20 See No Evil
12:10 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything
1:05 Tipping Point
2:00 Pointless
3:00 Home Shopping
4:00 Postcards
4:30 Home Shopping
5:30 Skippy - The Bush Kangaroo

6:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justin-eSchofield; 6:30 My Market Kitchen; 7:00 The Talk; 8:00 Entertainment Tonight; 8:30 Neighbours; 9:00 The Bold & The Beautiful; 9:30 Deal Or No Deal; 10:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 10:30 Judge Judy; 11:00 Dr Phil; 12:00 To Be Advised; 1:30 Entertainment Tonight; 2:00 Ready Steady Cook; 3:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Deal Or No Deal
6:30 The Project
7:30 Ready Steady Cook
8:30 The Graham Norton Show
9:30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly
10:30 Fire Country
11:30 The Project
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

5:00 World News; 9:00 Paul O'grady For The Love Of Dogs; 10:00 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals; 10:50 Mountain Vets; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Mastermind; 3:00 NITV News; 3:30 Point; 3:35 Destination Flavour China; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 Worlds Most Scenic Railway Journeys; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Mystery of the Ark of Covenant
8:20 Japan
10:10 Naples
11:10 A French Case
12:10 Max Anger
3:30 Mastermind
4:30 Bamay

SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 rage; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Death In Paradise; 1:30 Life After Life; 2:25 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery; 3:25 Extraordinary Escapes; 4:10 Universe With Brian Cox; 5:05 Better Date Than Never; 5:30 Landline
6:00 Australian Story
6:30 Back Roads
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Life After Life
8:30 Endeavour
10:05 House Of Gods
11:00 Happy Valley
12:00 rage

5:00 Clangers; 5:10 Kiddets; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Pop Paper City; 5:45 Hey Duggee; 5:55 Fireman Sam
6:05 Kiya and the Kimoja Heroes
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Andy's Global Adventures
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Riley Rocket
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 QI
8:30 Melbourne Comedy Festival
10:35 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL
11:05 MythBusters
11:55 Double Parked
12:20 Portlandia
1:00 Black Mirror
2:05 Upstart Crow
2:35 Unprotected Sets

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend; 11:30 Seven's Horse Racing; 5:00 Seven News Adelaide; 5:30 Border Security
6:00 Seven News
7:00 AFL
10:00 AFL Post Game
10:30 Lockerbie
12:40 The Arrangement
2:00 TBA
4:00 Mystic
5:00 House Of Wellness

6:00 Hello Sa; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Today Extra - Saturday; 12:00 Great Australian Detour; 12:30 My Way; 1:00 Ageless; 1:30 Living On The Coast; 2:00 The Pet Rescuers; 2:30 David Attenborough's Dynasties II; 3:30 Renovate Or Rebuild; 4:30 The Garden Gurus; 5:00 9news; 5:30 Getaway
6:00 9news - Saturday
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Space Invaders
8:30 Charlie And The Chocolate Factory
10:50 Hotel Chocolat - Inside The Chocolate Factory
11:45 Renovate Or Rebuild
12:35 World's Greatest Natural Icons
1:35 The Garden Gurus
2:00 The Incredible Journey Presents
2:30 Getaway

6:00 What's Up Down Under; 6:30 Leading The Way With Dr. Mich  e Youssef; 7:00 Camper Deals; 7:30 Escape Fishing With ET; 8:00 10 Minute Kitchen; 8:30 Farm To Fork; 9:00 Healthy Homes; 9:30 Food Trail; 10:00 Ready Steady Cook; 11:00 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!; 12:30 Silvia's Italian Masterclass; 1:00 All 4 Adventure; 2:00 Roads Less Travelled; 2:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 3:00 What's Up Down Under; 3:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:00 My Market Kitchen; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Ready Steady Cook
7:00 The Dog House
9:00 Ambulance
11:30 So Help Me Todd
12:30 FBI

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 9:05 Destination Flavour Down Under; 9:15 Love Your Home And Garden; 10:10 Vintage Voltage; 11:00 The Story Of Coffee; 12:00 World News; 12:30 Motorsport - Bathurst 6 Hour 2024; 4:30 World News; 5:00 Hungry For More; 5:30 Elvis And The USS Arizona
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Britain's Most Beautiful Road
8:30 Royal Crisis
9:30 From Paris to Rome With Bettany Hughes
10:25 Those Who Stayed
11:10 Between Two Worlds
12:05 True Colours
1:55 The Father
3:40 Face To Face
4:35 In Therapy

SUNDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 The Pope's Easter Vigil 2024; 10:30 The World This Week; 11:00 Compass; 11:30 Songs Of Praise; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Landline; 1:30 Gardening Australia; 2:30 Dream Gardens; 3:00 Nigella Bites; 3:30 The Cook And The Chef; 3:55 Grand Designs New Zealand; 4:45 Extraordinary Escapes; 5:35 A Grand Royal Design
6:30 Compass
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Death In Paradise
8:30 House Of Gods
9:30 Happy Valley
10:30 Misbehaviour
12:15 Significant Others
1:05 rage Vault
3:55 Cancer
5:00 Gardening Australia

5:00 Clangers; 5:10 Kiddets; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Pop Paper City; 5:45 Hey Duggee; 5:55 Fireman Sam
6:05 Kiya and the Kimoja Heroes
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Andy's Global Adventures
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Riley Rocket
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 QI
8:30 Louis Theroux Interviews Stormzy
9:15 You Can't Ask That
9:45 Ragdoll
10:35 Death In Paradise
11:35 Penn And Teller
12:15 Tate Britain's Great British Walks
1:00 Vera

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend; 12:00 The Crows Show; 12:30 Surveillance Oz; 1:00 Border Security USA; 1:30 Suddenly 30; 3:30 Border Security; 4:00 Better Homes And Gardens; 5:00 Seven News Adelaide; 5:30 South Aussie With Cosi
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Border Security
7:30 John Farnham
9:30 What The Killer Did Next
10:30 Quantum Leap
11:30 Autopsy USA
12:30 Jesse Stone
2:30 TBA
3:30 Million Dollar Minute
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Sunrise
6:00 Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show;

6:00 Fishing Australia; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Sunday Footy Show; 12:00 Wide World Of Sports; 1:00 Fish Forever; 1:30 Drive Tv; 2:00 Customs; 2:30 The Bizarre Pet Vets; 3:30 Space Invaders; 4:30 Building Ideas; 5:00 9news; 5:30 Hello Sa
6:00 9news
7:00 Married At First Sight
8:40 60 Minutes
9:40 9news Late
10:10 Footy Furnace
11:10 Transplant
12:00 Family Law
1:00 World's Greatest Engineering Icons
2:00 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything
3:00 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Fishing Australia
5:00 9news Early

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Key Of David; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 8:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 9:00 10 Minute Kitchen; 9:30 My Market Kitchen; 10:00 Farm To Fork; 10:30 Pooches At Play; 11:00 Buy To Build; 11:30 Healthy Homes; 12:00 Roads Less Travelled; 12:30 To Be Advised; 1:30 Cook With Luke; 2:00 Pat Calinan's 4x4 Adventures; 3:00 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 3:30 Farm To Fork; 4:00 My Market Kitchen; 4:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Sunday Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:15 NCIS

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour Down Under; 9:10 Love You Home And Garden; 10:05 Vintage Voltage; 10:55 The Story Of Coffee; 11:25 My Unique B&B; 12:00 World News; 12:55 Taekwondo; 1:00 Speedweek; 3:00 ISU Figure Skating Highlights; 5:30 Ballroom Fit; 5:35 Secrets Of The Cadbury Chocolate Factory
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Easter Island Origins
8:30 The Life and Deaths of Christopher Lee
10:00 Hindenburg
11:45 Massacre On Hadrian's Wall
12:35 The Chocolate Factory
3:40 Singfest
4:35 Bamay

MONDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Landline; 11:05 A Grand Royal Design; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Vera; 2:30 Casablanca; 4:10 Back Roads; 4:40 Grand Designs; 5:30 Antiques Roadshow
6:30 Hard Quiz
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Australian Story
8:30 Four Corners
9:15 You Can't Ask That
9:50 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
10:20 TBA
10:50 ABC Late News
11:10 Brian Cox's Adventures In Space And Time
12:00 The Secret Garden
1:45 Long Lost Family

5:00 hoopla dooplal!; 5:15 Ready, Jet, Go!; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Pop Paper City; 5:45 Ginger And The Vegesaur; 5:55 Fireman Sam
6:05 Kiya and the Kimoja Heroes
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Andy's Global Adventures
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Karma's World
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Would I Lie To You?
8:30 MythBusters
9:15 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
10:00 Louis Theroux
11:05 Would I Lie To You?
11:35 QI
12:05 Amy
2:10 ABC News Update

11:00 The Stawell Gift; 2:00 AFL Pre-Game; 2:30 AFL; 5:30 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 TBA
9:00 Ron Iddles
10:00 The Irrational
11:00 Seven News
11:30 S.W.A.T.
12:30 Secrets In The Woods
2:30 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 9news Morning; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 Tba; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 9news Afternoon; 5:00 Tipping Point Australia
6:00 9news
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Married At First Sight
9:00 My Wife, My Abuser
10:00 Footy Classified
11:00 Kenan
11:30 Court Cam
12:00 Tipping Point
1:00 Pointless
2:00 Hello Sa
2:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 9news Early
5:30 Today

6:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justin-eSchofield; 6:30 My Market Kitchen; 7:00 The Talk; 8:00 Entertainment Tonight; 8:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 9:00 The Bold & The Beautiful; 9:30 Deal Or No Deal; 10:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 10:30 Judge Judy; 11:00 Dr Phil; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Entertainment Tonight; 1:15 To Be Advised; 3:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 3:30 10 News First; 4:00 Neighbours; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Deal Or No Deal
6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 FBI
11:00 The Project
12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:00 Home Shopping

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour Singapore; 9:10 Paul O'grady For The Love Of Dogs; 10:10 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals; 11:00 Mountain Vets; 12:10 World News; 2:00 Ireland In Music; 3:00 Mastermind; 3:30 Point; 3:35 Destination Flavour China; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 Worlds Most Scenic Railway Journeys; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Finding Your Roots
8:30 The 2010s
10:00 SBS World News Late
10:30 Christian
11:25 My Brilliant Friend
2:40 Mastermind
3:40 Going Places With Ernie Dingo

TUESDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Foreign Correspondent; 10:30 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Call The Midwife; 2:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 2:25 Back Roads; 2:55 Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds; 3:55 Long Lost Family; 4:45 Grand Designs; 5:30 Antiques Roadshow
6:30 Hard Quiz
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Back Roads
8:30 Better Date Than Never
9:05 Creative Types With Virginia Trioli
9:35 Shakespeare
10:35 ABC Late News
10:50 The Business

5:00 hoopla dooplal!; 5:15 Ready, Jet, Go!; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Pop Paper City; 5:45 Ginger And The Vegesaur; 5:55 Fireman Sam
6:05 Kiya and the Kimoja Heroes
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Andy's Global Adventures
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Karma's World
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Would I Lie To You?
8:30 Adam Hills
9:15 Upstart Crow
9:45 Double Parked
10:10 Portlandia
10:55 Would I Lie To You?
11:25 Everything's Gonna Be Okay
12:05 All My Friends Are Racist
12:20 Unprotected Sets

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Another Christmas Coincidence; 2:00 Beat The Chasers UK; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 TBA
9:55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11:00 Seven News
11:30 Born To Kill?
12:30 Emerald City
1:30 Harry's Practice
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 9news Morning; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 Getaway; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 9news Afternoon; 5:00 Tipping Point Australia
6:00 9news
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars
8:45 The Gather Round
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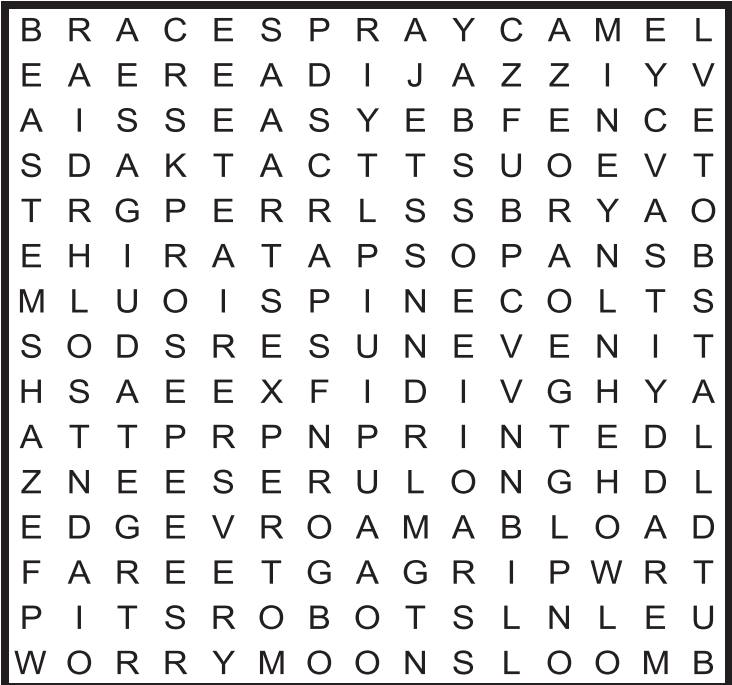
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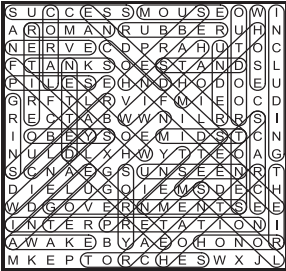
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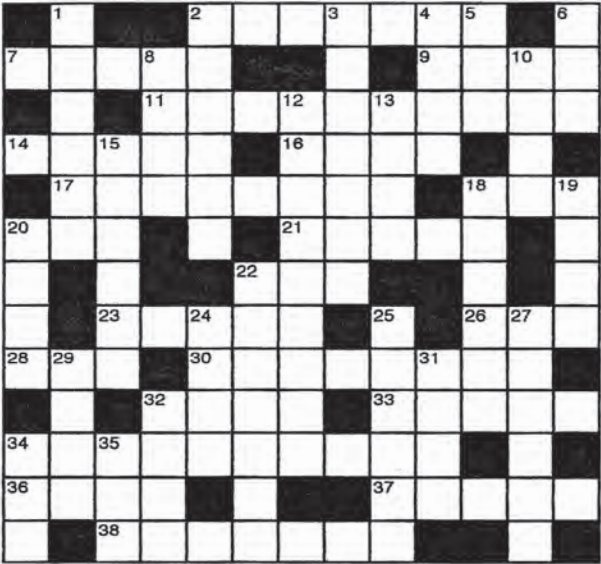
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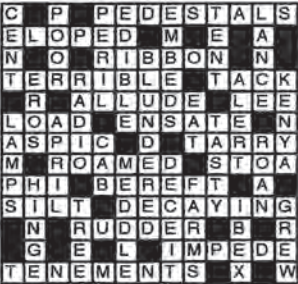
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7. Last
9. Luxuriant
11. Awkward
14. Military chaplain
16. Operatic air
17. Hand-thrown bombs
18. Era
20. Charge
21. Creates
22. Kindled
23. Bird
26. Fury
28. Month
30. Alienate
32. Singing voice
33. Greek dialect
34. Army officer
36. German river
37. Very small
38. Dried grapes

DOWN
1. Optical illusion
2. Glib
3. Gorge
4. Woman's name
5. Pair
6. Definite article
8. Land measure
10. Polluted air
12. Sport
13. Venture



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



- ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
A friend who is behaving more aggressively than usual may need a while to settle down. Don't be too quick to pass judgement on their recent actions. **Romance.** You may find that your partner is not enthusiastic about a matter which you feel is important. You need to discuss this.
- TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A remark that seems to be a slip of the tongue may be closer to the truth than you realise. You need to get to the bottom of this and find out what this person really thinks! **Romance.** A new relationship will start to warm up. Decide how you feel about this before it is too late!
- GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
This is a good week to launch into a project which you have been putting off. A powerful aspect to Jupiter will give you the luck that you need to follow through. **Romance.** Time spent trying to understand your partner's concerns will help you to avoid getting into an argument.
- CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
A co-worker will need your advice on a personal problem. Take the time to listen carefully to them – the best solution may not be the most obvious. **Romance.** A surprise early in the week will put you in a good mood for the rest of the week. You will be able to make good use of your windfall.
- LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
A dream will give you insight into a problem that has been bothering you. Someone close to you will give you the support you need later in the week. **Romance.** Don't let your partner interfere too much in your life. At times, you may prefer to have more independence.
- VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
Your high standards are preventing you from achieving everything you desire. You may need to give in a little more than you would like. Don't be too stubborn! **Romance.** Your love-life will be in top gear at the moment. A recent meeting will suddenly make sense.
- LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A challenging aspect to Saturn could make you quite negative at times. Do your best not to get too immersed in problems and try to see the positive side. **Romance.** Your partner may be more interested in romance than you are at the moment. A get together later in the week will help to bring you closer together.
- SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
An unrealistic approach won't work this week. Don't be too quick to dismiss a suggestion that is more down to earth. **Romance.** A chance meeting later in the week will open up an unexpected opportunity. Don't be afraid to take it!
- SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
You will be very busy this week: make sure that you give yourself enough time to relax. **Romance.** Your partner may not be giving you the support you deserve. Being open about how you feel will help them to understand your needs. A meeting later in the week will go well.
- CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
This will be a great time for anything that involves risk. Provided you know where to draw the line, you will achieve a great deal over the next few weeks. **Romance.** Try to do something positive to improve your love-life. You need to take the initiative in making an important change.
- AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
Don't jump in without thinking! You have to make an important decision, and should take your time to think things through. **Romance.** Your partner may say something that unsettles you. Don't take this too seriously. A powerful aspect to Neptune may make you a little over-sensitive.
- PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
Dreaming about winning a large sum of money will not help your financial situation! You need to take some more practical measures to cut down on your expenses. **Romance.** You will be very surprised when you find out who has taken an interest in you. This new admirer may be too shy to make their intentions known, however.

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SUDOKU No.472

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

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

Solution No. 471



For this week’s edition of hugh cooks with hugh, the boys have provided a seafood option ahead of Good Friday, with this snapper served with a beurre blanc-inspired sauce and a side salad.

Potentially served with a chilled white wine, this dish is the perfect way to make the most of the autumn weather.

For snapper with beurre blanc (serves one)

method

- 1/2 snapper fillet
- Salt and pepper
- 100g butter
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 2 tablespoons cream
- 100ml white wine
- 1/2 Tomato
- Lettuce
- 1/4 red onion
- 1/2 lemon
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

1. Add flour to a small bowl and lightly coat skin side of the fish. Generously salt and pepper other side.
2. Add oil and 1/4 of the butter to a pan over medium heat.
3. When butter is foaming,



- add fish, skin side down, and cook for three to four minutes.
4. Flip and cook on other side for a futher minute.
5. Remove fish from pan, add cream, wine and remaining butter and stir while butter is melting to emulsify.
6. Add juice from lemon and return fish to pan to coat in sauce.
7. Serve on plate with side salad and remaining sauce.

Election review submissions closing

RIVERLANDERS still have the opportunity to provide opinions on how council election processes can be improved.

Submissions for the State Government’s Local Government Participation and Elections Review will close tomorrow.

Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock said the timing of council elections, and potential compulsory voting, were among key topics raised so far.

“We’ve heard plenty of bold, innovative and even controversial ideas to reform the local government sector, and there’s still time to have your say,” Mr Brock said.

“Having seen just one-in-three South Australians voting across 20 years of council elections, we know changes are needed to better connect people to their councils and reverse this historically poor turnout.

“If you care about the decisions that councils make on residents’ behalf about local services, facilities and rates, get involved and help shape the future of local government.”

Local Government Association president, and Kimba Mayor, Dean Johnson said engaging with surrounding communities was key to improving council services.

“Good decision-making needs diversity in the council chamber and achieving this means more people enrolling in elections, more people nominating to run for council and more people voting,” Mr Johnson said.

“This review looks at how councils connect with communities, not just at council election time, but throughout the entire council term, and it’s an opportunity for South Australians to have their say.”

Riverlanders can provide submissions before COB tomorrow by visiting the website (www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/council-participation-elections).



● Geoff Brock

the quiz EASTER EDITION

1. From the Bible, who authorised the crucifixion of Jesus Christ?
2. True or False-Easter is named after the pagan goddess Eostre?
3. Who did Jesus first speak to after the Resurrection?
4. The large white candle that is blessed and lit every year at Easter by the Western Churches is called what?
5. In which ocean is Easter Island?
6. In which country is the largest Easter egg museum in the world?
7. When Easter eggs were first dyed, it was to represent what?
8. What garment was popularized by the song “Easter Parade?”
9. Besides bunnies, what animal is considered an Easter symbol?
10. Dyeing Easter eggs is a tradition that began in which country?
11. In the Bible, who was the first person to enter Jesus’ tomb?
12. In what season does Easter take place in Australia?
13. What’s the name of the jeweller who decorated Easter eggs for royalty?
14. On what street in New York does the city’s traditional Easter parade take place?
15. In the Bible, what Jewish holiday was being celebrated the week of Jesus’ death and resurrection?
16. What dried fruit is in hot cross buns?
17. Who or what brings eggs to French children?
18. What bread-based snack is associated with Easter?
19. What does the egg symbolise?
20. What egg-shaped candy is illegal in the United States?



BONUS QUESTION:

The world record largest chocolate Easter egg was made in what city? Answer in next week’s Quiz.



Answers on page 39

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At Easter, some fast, and defend
The remembrance of Jesus' end.

But most celebrate
With a feast on this date,

Of the choc'late eggs
big retailers vend.



The Cadell Easter Family Fun Day will be among events run across the area this long weekend. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Mid Murray eager for Easter tourists

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MID Murray Council is anticipating an influx of tourists across the district for the Easter long weekend.

This time last year the district had just begun recovery efforts following the River Murray flood, which involved assessing and repairing damaged infrastructure.

This financial year council has been faced with the task of repairing 200km of road, 28 community wastewater management schemes, 440km of river frontage, 73 boat ramps and multiple parks, reserves, and public amenities.

Mr Scales said “plenty of progress” had occurred in fixing infrastructure and property impacted by the flood.

He said work was still under way in the district’s shack settlements.

“There are a number of shacks that have been demolished and others that still need to be demolished or require further work,” Mr Scales said.

“It will be a much more positive Easter than last year.”

Boat ramps across the district have also had their annual clean by council in preparation for Easter.

“The region is looking great,” Mr Scales said.

“The weather is expected to be good, and we are looking forward to a positive Easter.”

“Hopefully there will be a lot of people visiting and spending money in the community and with businesses that desperately need it.”



Ongoing recovery works from the River Murray flood event have delayed other Mid Murray Council capital works programs. FILE PHOTO

Council on the road to financial recovery

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MID Murray Council is continuing to work towards improving its financial sustainability and implementing flood recovery measures.

CEO Ben Scales said the sustainability of council was a priority.

In February last year, the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) released a report on the financial performance of 15 of the state’s councils, which included Mid Murray Council.

This was ESCOSA’s first report part of an advisory scheme that was introduced on 30 April 2022, through amendments to the Local Government Act.

All SA’s 68 councils are subject to the scheme.

ESCOSA described Mid Murray Council’s financial posi-

tion as being “potentially unsustainable”, and said the council was unable to service its assets.

This advice was generally based on information that was available to the commission on 15 February 2023.

It was in relation to the council’s Mid-Year Budget Review for 2022-23 reporting a net increase in borrowings of \$1.82m, taking the total to \$19.13m, and was following the River Murray Flood.

The Mid Murray Council has been taking measures to improve its financial situation and in response to the ESCOSA findings said that it had already been aware of the financial challenges it faced, prior to the report’s release.

“We are undertaking a sustainability measures’ review to identify areas where we can make savings and also be more efficient,” Mr Scales said.

He said council also wanted to ensure it was delivering the services, programs and facilities valued by the community.

“We will continue to work through this over the next 12 to 24 months,” he said.

Mid Murray Council experienced an operating surplus of \$8.939m in February, according to its monthly financial report.

But Mr Scales said this figure was inflated due to the \$19.07m of rates raised in July for the 2023/24 financial year.

He said the surplus would reduce as the year continued and capital expenditure took place.

Mr Scales said the River Murray flood during the summer of 2022/23, plus the subsequent recovery process over the past year, had delayed the capital works programs.

“That is a great challenge for council,” he said.

“We are doing all we can, as there was a three-month period, where we were not only focused on the flood, but we were not doing the things we would normally do.”

Mr Scales said contractors were being engaged to help council catch up on its capital works projects.

“There is still a lot to be done,” he said.

Mr Scales said part of the operating surplus included government funding to assist council with the flood recovery effort.

“We receive grant funding in advance from the state government and we have just met with the Department of Treasury, to find out where we are at with that,” he said.

“There will be further expenses and we will be able to seek further funding, once we put in another claim.”



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Basketball MVP correction:

A NAME was missing in last week’s edition of the Riverland basketball 2023/24 honour roll published in The Pioneer. Jake Sweet, of Barmera’s under 16 division two side, finished joint MVP alongside Waikerie’s Gurveer Uppal.



SUPERDOGS: Dale Lellmann (right) in action for AFL Masters side, the Riverland Superdogs, last weekend. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



MARCH update

A GROUP of 60 people from all upper Murray River towns gathered at the Cobdogla Club in late February to renew their membership to the Riverland Crows Supporters group for the 2024 season.

The AFL season began on March 7, with the Adelaide Crows having a bye in the first week, before a narrow defeat against the Gold Coast Suns.

The gathering enabled people to renew their membership, friendship and make new friends who share the same interests and live in the upper area of the Murray River.

A light luncheon was supplied by committee members and shared by all present. The committee organised a raffle of members’ names. Drawn-out names were chosen to represent the group at each Adelaide Crows home game in 2024.

The group enjoyed the day’s event and look forward to catching up on other organised occasions when held.

Members also had a chance to nominate for a weekend bus trip on June 15 to see an Adelaide Crows game. The game will be Adelaide Crows vs Sydney Swans.

Committee members also presented a memorabilia table for members to peruse and purchase items they would like to display at home.

The committee will hold a meeting at the Berri Tavern on 9 April. Members are invited to attend the evening, as Mark Bickley (Sam Jacob’s communicator replacement) will attend to meet the Riverland Crows Supporters Group. Members are asked to contact the secretary to book a seat for the meal and meeting.

The committee will also organise a money-raising bingo evening, to be held in the Barmera RSL Hall on 16 April. Supporters are asked to attend this evening as it is a main fundraiser for 2024.

- Raelene Fuller
Riverland Crows supporters group



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Skiers making a difference

LACHLAN DAND

SKI for Life organisers are planning the annual events ongoing growth, after raising more than \$300,000 earlier this month.

Missing out on last year’s event, which was cancelled due to flooding, only made people more eager to get involved, as more than 400 people hit the water in what chairman Mark Facy labelled a tremendous success.

“It was spectacular. We were incident free, and there was heaps of engagement and re-engagement which was brilliant,” he said.

“Some of the people who have been around us for a number of years said it’s the best event they’ve ever been involved in.

“One thing I have found challenging is maintaining the cause as we’ve got bigger, and we seem to have been able to do that so the committee is really stoked.

“We’re overwhelmed with the way people come out in the numbers they do. We know there’s a lot of people interested in what we do.

“The amount of engagement is always surprising, but our challenge is now how we give the experience to more people.

“We really appreciate the support of the local Riverland communities, and we’re looking to extend our engagement with them as we continue the event into the future.”

The March event was the 13th consecutive year of the Ski for Life, and Mr Facy said the event has continued to grow, with

numbers boosting significantly over the past six years.

“Our challenge is maintaining that and extending the experience because we have had such significant growth,” he said.

“We’ll always explore options regarding how we can extend the experience. We have looked at going further or coming from other directions.

“The current format works. It’s just whether we can duplicate it, and potentially make it even bigger.

“Logistics can be tough to work through, when we’re accommodating so many people it can be difficult so we’ll try and iron out some things and see how we go.

“A lot of the comments have centred around ‘if it isn’t broken don’t fix it’, so we’re fortunate to have extended it and provide

more opportunity.”

In excess of \$300,000 was accumulated across the 2024 event from the Ski for Life charity’s efforts, largely through funding and grant money.

Mr Facy said the money, which has surpassed previous year’s totals, will enable the charity to extend its projects, and increase its standing in preventing mental health issues.

Regional grants are currently available for Riverlanders to access and put forward a funding proposition, and applications will be welcomed by the Ski for Life charity.

The focus is around projects where engagement with activity is encouraged, and the application process can be found online (www.skiforlife.com.au/grants-application).

Preparations continue for RFL clubs

PREPARATIONS have ramped up for Riverland Football League (RFL) clubs Barmera-Monash, Berri and Waikerie which recently completed trial games.

For the fourth season in a row, Waikerie took on Strathalbyn away from home in the Jason Lehmann Memorial Cup, named in honour of the former Magpies’ champion, who passed away in August, 2019.

The Lehmann name is well-known at Waikerie, with Jason and Troy following in the footsteps of their father and grandfather Kym and Ross.

All four players won premierships for the Magpies, and Jason also won a Whillas Medal as the RFL’s best and fairest in 1990, before playing 76 games with the Strathalbyn Football Club.



Berri faced off against Woodville South in its trial match. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

The Roosters won the match by 25 points, winning their second Memorial Cup match in a row, in what has become an annual pre-season tradition.

Elsewhere, it was a mixed bag of results for reigning RFL premiers Barmera-Monash, which was defeated by Victorian side Imperial Football Club in the A grade, yet defeating MVFNL side Brown’s Well in the B grade.

Although the A grade was defeated by 25 points in a low-scoring affair, something which has become a feature since Fraser Sampson took over, both Sam Butterworth and Justin Bonney gave Roos fans plenty to get excited about.

Meanwhile, Berri started life under Brenton Woolston with a spark, defeating division five Adelaide Footy League side Woodville South at home.

The RFL season officially kicks off on 20 April.



A depleted Barmera-Monash A grade side played host to Imperial on Saturday afternoon.



Brown’s Well took on Barmera-Monash’s B grade side in a competitive contest.

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60th
BIRTHDAY

GRAHAM, Liz.
Happy 60th birthday to the life of the party, the young at heart, and the best wife/mum/nanny anyone could wish for!
Here's to a mum so vibrant, she's often mistaken as our sister. Thanks for always filling our lives with joy, laughter, and endless love.
On Saturday, we raise our glasses to the one who brings sparkle to every gathering, whose laughter echoes in our hearts, and whose nurturing spirit makes her the best nanny in the world.
Happy 60th birthday to our superwoman.
Cheers to celebrating you, on your birthday and always with many more years of cherished memories together!
Thank you for everything you do for us!
Happy 60th birthday!
With love always from Andrew, Em and Jo, Kate and Mark, Mikala, and your four spoilt grandchildren; Rylee, Rikki, Sophie and Benson xxxx

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60th
BIRTHDAY

GRAHAM, Liz.
Happy 60th birthday to our wonderful Liz.
We cannot thank you enough for all you have done over the last 40 years at the Pioneer.
Wishing you a birthday that's as special as you are!
Love your Murray Pioneer family. xx
PS Thanks for having a birthday because now we all get cake!!

DEATHS

GUSCOTT, Dorothy Joyce (nee Stone).
5/7/1927 – 10/3/2024
96 years young.
Passed away peacefully at Streaky Bay Hospital.
Dearly loved and remembered.

GUSCOTT, Dorothy Joyce 'Gibber'.
Much-loved mother of Susan and mother-in-law of Bill.
Adored grandmother of Penny and Ian, and Laura and Rusty.
Great-grandmother of Mia and Zahra.
You will remain in our hearts forever.

HOWELL, Darryl Wayne.
Passed away suddenly at home on 1 March, 2024.
Aged 71 years.
Loving partner of Louise.
Loved and loving father of Hannah.
~Forever in our hearts, until we meet again~

DEATHS

SCHULTZ, Brian Clive.
Passed away peacefully at Riverland General Hospital on 21 March, 2024.
Aged 87 years.
Brother of Bruce and Dawn, Beverley (deceased).
Uncle to David and Di, Alan and Kate.

FUNERALS

HOWELL.
Family and friends of Darryl Howell are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Thursday 28 March at 1pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

Berri and Renmark
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WADE, Ronald 'Joe' Robert.
Family and friends are advised that Joe's funeral service will be conducted at the Loxton RSL Bowling Club on Thursday 28 March, 2024 at 11am. Followed by a private cremation.

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STANLEY, Grant James.
Tragically taken 29/3/2023.
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Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure.
Loving you always, Forgetting you never.
Love Mum (deceased), Dad (deceased), Scott, Crystal, and families.

RETURN THANKS

LAWTON, Gordon.
Margaret and family would like to express their appreciation for the many cards, flowers and support received after the passing of Gordon.
He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.
WELLINGTON, Richard 'Dick'.
Bev, Tony, Paul and family wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, and for the condolences, the cards and flowers and all the support that we have received as a family following the passing of Dick.
We also extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the staff at Barmera Aged Care, Dr Torome and Dr Willmott for their wonderful care during Dick's time at Bonney Lodge.
We wish to also thank the staff at Riverland Funerals and the Barmera Club for their support with our farewell to our beloved husband, father, pop and great-pop.

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POP-UP shop. Rustic garden wares. Friday 29, Saturday 30, Sunday 31 March and Monday 1 April, 10am - 2pm. 128 Jellett Road, Monash.

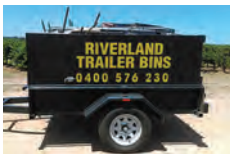
GARAGE SALES

CADELL - 100 Smyth Road. Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March, 8am - 4pm. Furniture, outdoor table, kayak, bar gear, old beer can collection, runabout fibreglass boat, shed frames and lots of knick-knacks.

LOXTON North - 19 Alamein Avenue. Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March, 8.30am - 3pm. Down-sizing clearance sale. Lots of bargains, household items, photo frames, toys, children's books, office and lots more.

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BERRI | BARMERA

Maundy Thursday
March 28
Barmera 7pm
Combined

Good Friday
March 29
Berri 9am
Combined

Easter Sunday
March 31
Barmera 9am
Combined

Pastor Peter Klemm

All Welcome
Phone 0493021960

LOXTON

St Peter's
Maundy Thursday
March 28
7pm

Good Friday
March 29
10am

Easter Sunday
March 31

Breakfast 9am
Worship 10am

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Loxton
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RENMARK | PARINGA

Maundy Thursday
March 28
Renmark 7pm HC

Good Friday
March 29
Paringa 10am

Easter Sunday
March 31
Renmark 9am HC
Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome
Pastor Roland Adams
Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Maundy Thursday
March 28
Waikerie 7pm HC

Good Friday
March 29

Lowbank 8.45am HC
Ramco 8.45am LR
Waikerie 10am HC

Easter Sunday
March 31
Ramco 7.10am HC
Waikerie 10am HC

All Welcome
Phone 8541 2689



UNITING CHURCH

LOXTON

Good Friday
March 29
10am
Rev Linda Forsyth

Easter Sunday
March 31
10am
Rev Linda Forsyth

Contact
Rev Linda Forsyth
0401 815 488

RENMARK

Maundy Thursday
March 28
7pm
Renmark West
Ian Forsyth

Good Friday
March 29
10am
Ian Forsyth

Renmark West
are joining with
Renmark Avenue

Easter Sunday
March 31

Renmark West
10am

Renmark Ave
Ian Forsyth

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Catholic Church Mass Times

Our Lady
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EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday,
March 28
Berri & Loxton 7pm

Good Friday,
March 29

Renmark & Barmera 3pm
Waikerie 5pm

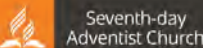
Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil,
March 30

Barmera 7pm

Easter Sunday,
March 31

Morgan 9am
Berri 9am
Renmark 11am
Waikerie 11am
Loxton 6pm

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Easter Sunday,
March 31
9am - 10am

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Maundy Thursday

March 28
6pm - Renmark
St Augustine's

Good Friday
March 29

9am - Barmera
St Edmunds

11am - Loxton
The Resurrection

11am - Waikerie
St James

1.30pm - Renmark
Ecumenical

Jarrett Gardens
3pm - Renmark
St Augustine's

Holy Saturday
March 30

6pm - Monash
St Oswald's

Easter Sunday
March 31

6.30am - Renmark
St Augustine's

9am - Barmera
St Edmunds
& Loxton

The Resurrection
11am - Waikerie,
St James

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Renmark Lions Club

is seeking service-minded people to join them in making a difference in our community. Our club inspires members to advance worthy causes, serve with friends, and become leaders in our community. We want to share the impact we're making. Enquiries: renmark.sa@lions.org.au or Phone Rhonda 0400 941 714

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Mackenzie (left), Oliver, Demi, Alfie and Courtney at the Waikerie Library for Easter activities. PHOTOS: supplied



Dallas enjoying the Easter crafts

Easter fun at Waikerie Library

THE Waikerie Library was full of excitement during their Easter craft activity.

Children helped the colourful chickens find their matching eggs in the story Hatch and Match by Ruth Paul, and then they made an Easter basket and peekaboo Easter egg.

Once the session was finished, many families had an EGGciting time searching for Easter eggs in the Easter Egg Hunt! Children collect a sheet from library staff, find and count all the lost eggs in the library, and then collect a sweet reward. This activity is available until close of business Easter Monday.

There were 22 children in attendance and they certainly looked like they enjoyed the activity.



Demi with her Easter basket



Participants in the sessions also made peekaboo Easter eggs.



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Renmark Christmas Pageant AGM

The AGM of the Christmas Celebrations Committee for the Renmark Pageant will be held

Tonight, Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Renmark Council Chambers.

The previous committee are prepared to continue if required however we are looking for volunteers to help on the committee, the pageant will be held on **Friday 6 December 2024.**

ALL WELCOME

Neil Martinson
Pageant Coordinator

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- Influenza vaccine is recommended in every pregnancy and at any stage of pregnancy

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

- Annual influenza vaccination is recommended and NIP- funded for all children 6mths to <5yrs and all adults >65yrs. It is also recommended for all people aged 5 - >65yrs of age, but only NIP funded in specific populations in this age group due to their increased risk of complications from influenza. These populations include:
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 - Chronic Respiratory conditions
 - Chronic Neurological conditions
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 - Diabetes and other metabolic disorders
 - Renal disease
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Clinics will commence on **Tuesday 3rd April** and run weekly; bookings are essential.

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ROAD CLOSURE

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR ON LAKE BONNEY

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 to:

- Declare the Fireworks Spectacular on Lake Bonney to be held on Dean Drive and Whitmore Avenue, Barmera, as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.
- Hereby make an order –
 - 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

Location	From	To
Dean Drive, Barmera from Pascoe Terrace to the eastern entrance of Memorial Oval car park, Barmera	2.00pm Saturday 6 April 2024	10.30pm Saturday 6 April 2024
Whitmore Avenue, Barmera from Dean Drive to the Memorial Oval entrance, Barmera	2.00pm Saturday 6 April 2024	10.30pm Saturday 6 April 2024

- Exempt persons in these areas when they 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

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ROAD CLOSURE

50th Tour of the Riverland

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 to:

a) Declare the 50th Tour of the Riverland to be held in the Berri Barmera Council area, South Australia 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

Location	From	To
Winkie Road, between The Old Sturt Highway and Bill Hunt Road, Glossop.	11am Saturday 6 April 2024	4.15pm Saturday 6 April 2024
Dalziel Road, between Winkie Road and Slaven Road, Glossop.		
Slaven Road, between Dalziel Road and Macgillivray Road, Glossop.		
Macgillivray Road, between Slaven Road and Puddletown Road, Glossop.		
Puddletown Road, between Macgillivray Road and Rumball Road, Barmera.		
Hunt Road, between Puddletown Road and Gordon Road, Barmera.		
Gordon Road, between Hunt Road and Thiele Road, Barmera.		
Thiele Road, between Gordon Road and Puddletown Road, Loveday.		
Rumball Road, between Puddletown Road and Bill Hunt Road, Winkie.		
Bill Hunt Road, between Rumball Road and Winkie Road, Winkie.		
Riverview Drive, between Ahern Street and Crawford Terrace, Berri.	11am Sunday 7 April 2024	4.15pm Sunday 7 April 2024
Crawford Terrace, between Denny Street and Riverview Drive, Berri.		
Denny Street, between Crawford Terrace and Vaughan Terrace, Berri.		
William Street, between Wilson Street and Denny Street, Berri.		

2) Exempt persons in these areas when they are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

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District Council of Loxton Waikerie



LOXTON AND WAIKERIE SWIMMING POOL SEASON CLOSURE

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie and Belgravia Leisure wishes to advise residents that the 23/24 pool season at the Loxton and Waikerie Swimming Pools closure will occur from Monday 1 April 2024.

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

David Beaton

Chief Executive Officer



Revocation of Land from Community Land Classification

Pursuant to Section 194 of the *Local Government Act 1999*

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 194 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Council's Public Consultation Policy, that Mid Murray Council resolved at its meeting held 19 March 2024, that the public be consulted over the proposal to remove the Community Land classification of land located:

• Lot 153 Deposited Plan 62821, Schmidt Lane, Bowhill CT Volume 5903 Folio 38

• Portion of Lot 751 Deposited Plan 89423, Marina Way, Mannum Waters CT Volume 6097 Folio 295

• Lot 240 Deposited Plan 169989, Government Road, Cambrai CT Volume 5863 Folio 698

• Lot 222 Deposited Plan 208598, Victoria Street, Swan Reach CT Volume 5753 Folio 23

• Lot 223 Deposited Plan 208599, Victoria Street, Swan Reach CT Volume 5804 Folio 853

• Lot 50 Deposited Plan 218027 Collins Road, Tungkillio CT Volume 5806 Folio 6

• Lot 71 Deposited Plan 42484 Greenshields Road, Younghusband CT Volume 5279 Folio 208

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A community information session will be held:

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Written submissions may be sent to the Chief Executive Officer no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday, 24 April 2024. Persons making a submission should indicate whether they wish to address Council by way of a deputation. Following the public consultation period, a further report will be submitted to Council to enable it to consider the submissions received.

For more information, contact Strategy, Innovation & Governance Officer, Vicki Bell-Booth on 8569 0100 or by email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.



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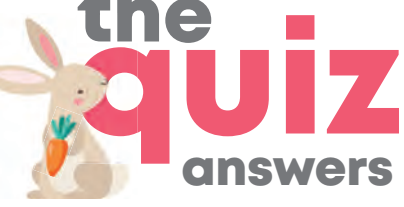


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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER
(from last week): The famous cartoon character who first appeared on-screen in the 1934 cartoon 'The Wise Little Hen' was Donald Duck.

Rosey days in Riverland A grade cricket

BERRI batter Brad Rosenzweig has claimed yet another suite of awards, including being named the competition’s best A grade cricketer for the second season running at the Riverland Turf Cricket Association awards night last Wednesday.

Rosenzweig left the captaincy role to Nathan Scadden ahead of the 2023/24 season, and Wednesday night showed it didn’t harm his performances on the field.

The superstar all-rounder took home the A grade batting aggregate, the bowling aggregate, was named at number three in the team of the year, all-rounder of the year, and capped it off by winning A grade cricketer of the year.

Season 2023/24 saw Rosenzweig rack up 449 runs, 27 wickets, eight catches and two runouts.

He was by far the most dominant batter in the competition, finishing 114 runs ahead of second-placed Randall Watson (Murrayville), before sneaking over the line by two wickets ahead of teammate and veteran Wayne Scadden in the bowling aggregate award.

Rosenzweig wasn’t the only award winner on the night, with promising Loxton youngster Jake Perram taking home the under 16



Berri’s Brad Rosenzweig was named Riverland Cricketer of the Year at the RTCA presentation night last week.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

cricketer of the year, following an impressive season that included 162 runs, nine wickets and three catches.

Meanwhile, Waikerie/Ramco premiership star Flynn Andrew took out the B grade cricketer of the year, and the young cricketer of the year awards with 366 runs, 16

wickets, three catches two runouts, and four stumpings.

A GRADE

TEAM OF THE YEAR

- ❑ Randall Watson (VC) (Murrayville)
- ❑ Mitchell Hawthorne (WK) (Murrayville)
- ❑ Brad Rosenzweig (Berri)
- ❑ Ben Hoffmann (C) (Loxton)
- ❑ Martin Sumner (Berri)
- ❑ Craig Altus (Parilla)
- ❑ Darcy Crane (Murrayville)
- ❑ Thomas Wurfel (Murrayville)
- ❑ Wayne Scadden (Berri)
- ❑ Aaron Nobile (Berri)
- ❑ Zakk Gallo (Renmark North)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Batting Aggregate: Brad Rosenzweig – 449 runs (Berri)

Batting Average: Randall Watson – 41.88 (Murrayville)

Bowling Aggregate: Brad Rosenzweig – 27 wickets (Berri)

Bowling Average: Zakk Gallo – 8.83 (Renmark North)

Cricketer of the Year: Brad Rosenzweig (Berri)

All-rounder of the Year: Brad Rosenzweig (Berri)

B GRADE

TEAM OF THE YEAR

- ❑ Flynn Andrew (Waikerie/Ramco)
- ❑ James Patterson (Brown’s Well)
- ❑ Brian Hampel (Brown’s Well)
- ❑ Michael Cartwright (WK) (Renmark North)
- ❑ Thomas Bannister (Renmark North)
- ❑ Jarryd Roberts (VC) (Monash)
- ❑ Naish Andrew (C) (Waikerie/Ramco)

- ❑ Creagh Patterson (Brown’s Well)
- ❑ Ryan Williams (Monash)
- ❑ Marcel Waanders (Waikerie/Ramco)
- ❑ Armaan Khaira (Renmark North)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Batting Aggregate: Flynn Andrew – 366 runs (Waikerie/Ramco)

Batting Average: Flynn Andrew – 36.6 (Waikerie/Ramco)

Bowling Aggregate: Jarryd Roberts – 22 wickets (Monash)

Bowling Average: Marcel Waanders – 7.3 (Waikerie/Ramco)

Cricketer of the Year: Flynn Andrew (Waikerie/Ramco)

Young Cricketer of the Year: Flynn Andrew (Waikerie/Ramco)

UNDER 16S

TEAM OF THE YEAR

- ❑ Ruben Waanders (VC) (Waikerie Ramco)
- ❑ Ryder Montgomery (C) (Loxton)
- ❑ Jesse Hall (WK) (Loxton)
- ❑ Jake Perram (Loxton)
- ❑ Stephen Files (Renmark North)
- ❑ Anant Singh Dillon (Renmark North)
- ❑ Noah Warner (Renmark North)
- ❑ Shepherd Humphries (VC) (Berri/Waikerie Ramco)
- ❑ Jack Coombe (Berri/Waikerie Ramco)
- ❑ Angus Leesue (Renmark North)
- ❑ Sam Williams (Loxton)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Batting Aggregate: Jake Perram (Loxton)

Batting Average: Jake Perram (Loxton)

Bowling Aggregate: Sam Williams (Loxton)

Bowling Average: Jake Perram (Loxton)

Cricketer of the Year: Jake Perram (Loxton)



A grade Team of the Year: Zakk Gallo, Wayne Scadden, Randall Watson, Thomas Wurfel, Ben Hoffmann, Mitchell Hawthorne and Martin Sumner.
Absent: Brad Rosenzweig, Craig Altus, Darcy Crane, Aaron Nobile.



The Riverland under 16 Team of the Year. PHOTOS: Lachlan Dand



B grade Team of the Year: Jarryd Roberts, back (from left): Naish Andrew, Thomas Bannister, Michael Cartwright, James Patterson, Creagh Patterson and Ryan Williams. Front: Flynn Andrew and Armaan Khaira.



LEFT: Zakk Gallo claimed the A grade best bowling average award, while Randall Watson took home the highest batting average.



LEFT: Flynn Andrew (left) took out the B grade batting aggregate award, while Jarryd Roberts won the bowling aggregate trophy. Andrew was also named B grade Cricketer of the Year.

Parilla crowned A grade cricket champions

AN outstanding bowling performance propelled Parilla to an historic Riverland A grade cricket grand final victory over fellow Mallee side Murrayville at Loxton Oval on Saturday.

The inaugural all-Mallee grand final saw Murrayville win the toss and elect to bat.

The Blues were skittled for 78, with Leith Dabinett doing the damage and picking up

4/18, while Oscar Barrett chimed in with a three-wicket haul.

Parilla wasted no time with the bat, as dynamic opener William Werner made a quickfire 25, before Barrett helped drive the Roosters home with an unbeaten score of 18.

“Oscar started us off nicely, opening the bowling,” Parilla captain Shilo Dabinett said.

“Once we knocked (Murrayville captain

Randall Watson) over pretty early that put a lot of pressure on Mitchell (Hawthorne) and Tommy Wurfel as their other couple key bats.

“But all the bowlers bowled well.”

Shilo said he was “proud” of his team.

“But I was proud of the whole area, I suppose; for Murrayville to make it to the grand final, and for us to win it,” he said.

“We had a great group of supporters there at Loxton to watch, I reckon 70 or 80 people made the trip, so that’s not a bad crowd from home, because it’s a bit of travel.”

RESULT

Parilla 4/82 (W. Werner 25, O. Barrett 18no, T. Sherman 13, D. Crane 2/29, J. Beckmann 1/16, R. Watson 1/2) d Murrayville 78 (J. Beckmann 14, H. Beckmann 13, C. Wisneske 10, L. Dabinett 4/18, O. Barrett 3/13, S. Dabinett 1/8, B. Donohue 1/17, W. Curnow 1/19).

Waikerie/Berri Warriors claim title in thrilling under 16 finish

STEPHEN FILES

WAIKERIE/Berri Warriors are champions of Riverland under 16 cricket after scoring a dramatic 17-run win over Loxton on Saturday.

Loxton began the day only needing 110 runs to claim the title after a strong bowling display the previous week, but suffered a costly lower-order collapse.

The mind games began early, when Loxton changed its opening batting pair to Jake Perram and Jesse Hall.

The moved proved unsuccessful as new

opener Jesse Hall was bowled by Shepherd Humphries for a duck, leaving the Tigers 2/1 at the end of the third over.

Captain Ryder Montgomery met the competition’s leading run scorer Jake Perram at the crease, and the pair began to build a partnership to put Loxton back on track after the early wickets.

The Tigers made it to drinks without losing another wicket and on 48 runs, and seemingly in the box seat.

Early after drinks Perram was dismissed for a patient 12, and Loxton still needed 55

runs. Montgomery and Rhys Wooldridge continued the chase until Montgomery was stumped for 41.

By the next fall of wicket of Wooldridge, the Tigers were 4/91 needing just 19 runs to seal the title while the Warriors still needed six wickets.

The turning point was the reintroduction of Warriors’ opening bowler Shepherd Humphries, who ripped through the middle and lower order, with some lightning fast bowling which proved to be unplayable.

Humphries bowled two overs and took

four wickets, without conceding a single run to complete a match-winning performance, after making 35 the previous weekend.

Hugh Thomas and Mason Morris each picked up late wickets, bowling the Tigers out for 92, who ultimately lost six wickets for just one run.

RESULTS

Waikerie/Berri 109 (S. Humphries 35, R. Waanders 28, C. Penglis 15no, C. Henning 2/8, H. Lynch 2/8, W. Simes 2/14, T. Lynch 1/6, R. Montgomery 1/8, J. Wyatt 1/9, J. Perram 1/15) d Loxton 92 (R. Montgomery 41, R. Wooldridge 19, J. Perram 12, S. Humphries 5/8, H. Thomas 2/5, M. Morris 1/5, K. Shergill 1/13, J. Coombe 1/20).



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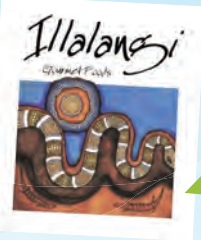
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Essendon	☐	St Kilda	☐
Port Adelaide	☐	Melbourne	☐
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Points margin in
highlighted game:

Entries close Thursday 4 April, 4pm

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Brisbane Lions	☐	North Melbourne	☐
Port Adelaide	☐	Essendon	☐
West Coast Eagles	☐	Sydney Swans	☐
Fremantle	☐	Carlton	☐
Western Bulldogs	☐	Geelong Cats	☐
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ROUND 2 RESULTS

Louise Thiel	(8)19	Mark Kilmartin	(6)16
Joel Stoeckel	(8)17	Mark Farley.....	(6)16
David Brindley.....	(8)17	Jean Marks	(6)16
Katelyn Lynch	(7)17	Rosemary Campbell.....	(6)16
Geoff Armanini.....	(6)17	Barry Seagrim	(6)16
Ross Sumner (Jnr)	(5)17	Barry Phillips	(6)16
Widge Heywood	(8)16	Kathy Richardson	(6)16
Adele Johnson	(7)16	Duani Vowles	(6)16
Sandy Hampel.....	(7)16	Elizabeth Steele	(6)16
Trevor Flint	(6)16	Maria Otero.....	(5)16

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Joel Stoeckel, David Brindley
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If there are more than three winning tipsters, then it will be decided by the points margin. Winners announced in Wednesday's edition. Voucher amounts may vary.



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Barmera’s dream pennant golf start

AFTER two rounds of Riverland pennant golf, Barmera is showing it is the team to beat, sitting on top of the ladder in the division one competition.

The Lakesiders are currently the only unbeaten team, with four points to their name, while conversely Waikerie is yet to join the winners list.

Although Barmera does have four points compared to Berri’s two in second spot, it is only one point ahead on winning margin.

RESULTS DIVISION ONE

Barmera 4 d Loxton 1
D. Johns d A. Hume 4/2; G. Shields d K. Martin 6/4; M. Morrel d N. Kroemer 6/4; T. Swanbury d B. Whitelaw 3/1.

Berri 3 d Waikerie 2
G. Morrison lost to C. Davis 1/2; J. Szalbot d O. Brock 6/4; S. Wade d T. Lehmann 4/2.

DIVISION TWO

Barmera 5 d Loxton 0
C. Nelson d G. MacInnes 6/4; R. Swanbury d R. Nickolls 8/7; T. Wood d C. Pontt 6/4; P. Selfe d S. Patching 6/5; G. Blythman d D. Peberdy 3/2.

Berri 4 d Waikerie 1
C. Munn lost to V. King 1/3; D. Shawyer d S. Ziegler 3/2; S. Hawkins d M. McDonald 3/2; P. Efthimiou d T. Hancock 7/6.

DIVISION THREE

Barmera 4 d Loxton 1
T. Graetz lost to J. Sandland 3/4; P. Butterworth d A. Van Haasteren 5/4; S. Butterworth d K. Wagnitz 2/1; M. Gotts d S. Semmler 6/5; B. Uren d E. O’Callaghan 8/7.

Waikerie 3 d Berri 2
L. Vater lost to T. Wood 4/5; P. Valentine d G. Tognon 3/2; D. Bald d B. Boon 3/1.

GOLF RESULTS:

BARMERA

Wednesday 20 March – Stableford
N. McPherson 36, K. Martin 36, J. Rosbergen 35, S. Brown 34, J. Dawes 33, R. Formiatti 33, L. Krollig 32, G. Denton 32, B. Finn 32, P. Keane 31, L. Wurth 31, B. Lieven 30, B. Taylor 30, B. Whitehead 30, J. Maschotta 30.

Thursday 21 March – Ladies Stroke
C. Pickering 71/111, S. Minns 75/97, M. Williams 78/94, D. Melnyk 80/114, S. Thomas 83/113, S. Wickstein 85/113, J. Marrett 87/141, A. Threadgold 88/127.

Saturday 23 March – Stableford
Men – B. Whitehead 40, G. Denton 40, R. Wurth 39, S. Behan 39, D. Hastwell 35, K. Martin 34, T. Hansen 33, L. Wurth 33, T. Wood 32, J. Rosbergen 32, D. Bown 32, C. Neilson 31, N. McPherson 31, S. Brown 31, T. Graetz 31, K. Magain 31.
Women – M. Williams 35pts, C. Pickering 34, S. Minns 28.

Sunday 24 March – Par
J. Kanyi +1, M. Ubhey -1, Jordan Marr -2, Jason Marr -9.

BERRI

Wednesday 20 March – Stableford
J. Skinner 38, L. Berry 33, J. Rosenthal 33, C. Berry 33.

Saturday 23 March – Men’s Medal Round - Stroke
S. Pitt 66, N. Kroemer 71, T. Williamson 73, J. Rosenthal 73, W. Adams 73, L. Rasheed 74, P. Efthimiou 74.

Ladies Medal Round
A. Thiel 75, J. Day 75, L. Smith 75, W. Hocevar 76

Sunday 24 March – Stableford
P. Frahn 40, L. Smith 36, C. McKinlay 35, W. Hocevar 34, D. Zelfiff 33, R. Burn 33.

LOXTON

Wednesday 20 March – Stableford
Men – R. Burn (Berri) 38, D. Pfeiler 37, B. Skinner 36, R. Nagy (Berri) 35.
Women – S. Gore (Berri) 36, S. Grein 34, Y. Reynolds 34, S. Pannell 34.

Saturday 23 March – 4BBB
Mixed – R. Koch, M. Thomson 43, D. Sunman, S. Pendle 42.

Men – R. Paige & K. Martin 44, P. Morris & P. Hendrick 44, K. Wagnitz & P. Steele 42.
Women – S. Hutchinson & J. McCoy (Mildura) 44, B. Matthews & R. Rodi (Mildura) 44, S. Pannell & S. Grein 40.

Saturday 23 March – Stableford
Men – P. Harman 38, R. Paige 37, C. Wooldridge 37, P. Morris 37, R. Koch 36, P. Steele 36.
Women – J. McCoy (Mildura) 38, R. Rodi (Mildura) 38, J. Bullock 36, S. Pendle 35, S. Grein 34.

RIFLE CLUB

RESULTS from last week’s Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club shoot:

50m shoot: B. Lacey 99.7, 100.7 (1) 200; M. Cresp 99.6, 100.7 (0) 199; R. Ward 99.4, 97.3 (0) 196.
20m shoot: M. Cresp 100.2, 98, (0) 198; R. Ward 97.1, 96.2 (4) 197; B. Lacey 97.2, 97.1 (3) 197.

SASI grant a big boost for Bek

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A \$1500 GRANT has been awarded to former Loxton local Bek Thomson as part of the State Government’s Individual Athlete Program (IAP), helping to further her gymnastics career.

Athletes receiving the funding will benefit from gaining access to the South Australian Sports Institute’s (SASI) performance services, which includes working with high-performance staff in a world-class training environment.

“It’s just amazing, and it helps me have so many further opportunities and live out my dream,” Thomson said.

“I have an international competition this year, so some of the money will help me travel overseas and hopefully keep getting me scholarships, which will lead to my overall dream of going to the Olympics.

“The grant involves getting free physio, access to a nutritionist, and a lot more opportunities to use additional facilities to help me become as strong as I can.”

The 19-year-old already has a suite of achievements, with 2023 her most successful year yet, which included representing Australia in Birmingham at the World Age Championships.

“Last year I had a very successful year. I ended up winning a gold medal at the Australian Gymnastics Championships,” she said.

“I won again at the national clubs’ carnival, and then I got selected on the Australian team twice last year, where I went to New Zealand for the national championships, winning the gold medal.”

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Katrine Hildyard, said she is proud the State Government is supporting young athletes achieve their sporting dreams.

“I congratulate and wish each of

them the very best as they take to the world stage,” she said.

“The IAP will assist in easing the financial pressures associated with high performance sport and it will also give more athletes access to the new state-of-the-art SASI facility at Mile End, set to open its doors later this year.

“Helping more South Australians achieve success on the world stage helps inspire the next generation to participate in sport and enjoy the improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing benefits and that sense of belonging that comes with being active.”

Thomson said she is appreciative of the support the State Government is giving her, as well as other athletes.

“Each load of support helps in every way imaginable,” she said.

“It’s really refreshing to know that they are going to help out with the next generation and help us realise our dreams.”

Ms Hildyard’s comments were supported by SASI director Keren Faulkner, who said it was reward for those who have been part of the program for a long time.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for these athletes to access SASI’s facilities and world class high-performance staff, which will be crucial as athletes prepare for the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond,” she said.

“I’m confident that these athletes will feel supported and inspired while training within the SASI community.”



Loxton product and rising gymnastics star Bek Thomson has secured a grant that will allow her access free physiotherapy and other benefits.

Riverlanders represent at SA hockey championships

RIVERLAND players were involved in the under 14 state hockey championships on the weekend with the boys’ team winning in a penalty shoot-out against fellow regional side the Western Rangers, winning 2-1.

The girls’ side finished runners up in a nail-biting penalty corner, which was awarded and played out after the final siren and then a penalty stroke given, seeing them fall 1-0 to metropolitan team, the Southern Storm.

It was role a reversal from last year with the girls winning and the boys losing in a penalty shoot-out, their third in as many years.

Girls team had Charlize Camilleri, Sarah Kroehn, and Ella Rothe, while Layla Valleonga participated in the championships with the Western Rangers Girls Team.

Boys team had Logan Bowers, Blake O’Callaghan, William Stokes and Lachlan Gray, with Brett Stokes as coach.

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WOMEN’S EIGHTBALL CHAMPS: Bonnie Pelicans took out the Riverland women’s eightball premiership following a 9-5 grand final win over Waikerie Club at Monash on Monday night: Back: Gwen Lally and Ya-Fen Chang. Front: Gloria Dyer, Sue Verco and Sue Hayes. PHOTO: supplied

Bandit’s eventful afternoon at Lake Bonney Yacht Club

LAKE Bonney Yacht Club skippers contested programmed championship heats 9 and 10 on Sunday 24 March.

In exciting fashion, 10 yachts began heat nine in a variable 5 to 8 knot South East wind pattern.

The first mark rounding was very congested with ILCA7 ‘Blade’ forced to do a penalty turn for infringing an overtaking boat rule.

The eventual winner of the heat, ‘ILCA7 ‘Bandit’ had an unexpected capsize whilst gybing, but lost very little ground on the fleet.

Rounding the leeward mark, the first time was dominated by the Aero fleet of Steve and Kirstin Thomas, and John Eshman amd Mike Rumbold on Dolphin catamaran ‘Midnight Flyer’ and Geoff Ling on

Contender ‘Pushing limits’.

Brenton Menzel on Paper Tiger ‘Talisman’ and Pacer, Joel Edson and Nacre catamaran ‘Doocaty’ Gareth Carpenter were also in the mix.

A big shift up the first windward leg saw the tight fleet splinter into the race finish result.

Race committee decided wind conditions were becoming very

variable and unfair for championship racing and abandoned heat 10.

Programmed racing returns on Sunday 7th April which will be the resail of ‘Eb Farmer perpetual Trophy’ and Heat 10 club Championship.

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RESULTS

1st ILCA7 ‘Bandit’ Beau Delaine
2nd ILCA7 ‘Blade’ Chris Stevens
3rd Aero7 ‘Just’ Steve Thomas



Loxton High School's Jonty Koehne was named male Athlete of the Day. He is pictured with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone.



Berri Regional Secondary College's Abby Fenwick was named female Athlete of the Day. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Loxton High won eight of the 10 age group pennants, including all five girls pennants, plus the under 13 boys, under 14 boys, and under 20 boys. Berri Regional Secondary College won the under 15 boys, while Renmark High took out the under 16 boys.

Loxton High makes it 43 straight

LOXTON High School extended its extraordinary Riverland Interschol Athletics Carnival winning streak to 43 at Renmark High School yesterday.

In perfect early autumn conditions, Loxton High racked up 2510.5 championship points to

again claim the shield, finishing well clear of runners-up, Berri Regional Secondary College (2250 points).

Loxton High took out the boys and girls shields for the second straight year, while Berri Regional took out the Most Improved Shield.

Loxton's Jonty Koehne was named male Athlete of the Day, while Berri's Abby Fenwick took out the female Athlete of the Day award.

A highlight of the day saw Berri defeat Loxton in the Tug of War in front of a rampaging crowd.

The sports day was hosted by Renmark High School, and full details will be in the 4 April edition of The Murray Pioneer.

RESULTS
CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS
Loxton High School 2510.5
Berri Regional Secondary College 2250

Renmark High School 2123
Waikerie High School 1772.5

MOST IMPROVED
Berri Regional Secondary College

ATHLETE OF THE DAY
Male: Jonty Koehne (Loxton HS)
Female: Abby Fenwick (BRSC)

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LOXTON High School extended its extraordinary Riverland Interschool Athletics Carnival winning streak to 43 at Renmark High School yesterday.

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MAIN PHOTO: Loxton High School's jubilant team after winning its 43rd consecutive Riverland Interschool Sports Day championship shield yesterday. INSET: Victorious Loxton High School atheltics captains Jonty Koehne (left), Summer Smith and Kane Ogle. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

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