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RIVERLAND TRUCKIE TELLS OF DAILY 'NEAR MISSES'

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Riverland truckie Gavin Knight says dangerous overtaking on the Sturt Highway stretch to Adelaide proves that a new Truro bypass should be constructed as a dual-lane road. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini



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Entrants Rise Up for voucher launch


DOZENS of Riverland tourism businesses will soon benefit from an injection of visitors, with registrations closing for the SA Government’s River Revival Vouchers today.

In total, 95 operators along the River Murray signed up to participate in the program, which launched Monday, making more than 200 experiences and accommodation options available.

The program attracted strong immediate interest, with The Advertiser reporting almost 90,000 registrations were made for the vouchers before 5.30pm on Monday.

SA Tourism Minister Zoe Bettison said she was “really pleased” with the number of local operators who

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signed up to the program.

“A lot of operators who didn’t participate in the Great State voucher program, after we had several workshops with the industry, looked at packaging up these opportunities,” she said.

“We announced a month ago the \$4.6m campaign which includes marketing and the three rounds of vouchers, (and) we’ll have a focus on the river regions for the whole of 2023.”

Round one vouchers offer \$50 for use on experiences, \$100 for a minimum one-night accommoda-

tion stay, and \$200 for a minimum two-night accommodation stay.

More than 25,000 vouchers will be up for grabs across the three rounds of the program to both South Australians and Victorians, in an effort to entice visitors from cross-border communities.

Registrations close at 10pm tonight, with vouchers drawn tomorrow and bookings to be made by April 28. The travel period runs from March 31 to June 29, 2023 inclusive.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the program launch was a “tremendous milestone” for the region’s recovery from flooding.

“The wider economic impact these vouchers will have on surrounding businesses will be crit-

ical in the recovery of our river communities, as many have been closed since late 2022 due to the once-in-a-century flooding event,” he said.

Stephen Edwards, Edwards Group CEO and owner of Renmark’s Riverbend Caravan Park and the Waikerie Holiday Park, described the vouchers as an “excellent initiative” to encourage tourists back.

“Due to the floods, our caravan parks have been shut since December last year,” he said.

“This closure has come at a significant cost to our business, and we are now excited that we’ve been able to reopen and are looking forward to welcoming back thousands of guests...

“Caravan and holiday parks are the largest suppliers of accommodation in the regions. Our guests spend on average \$712 per trip.

“As we recover from these floods, this additional expenditure in the regions will be welcomed by all business operators.”

Despite a “tough summer” for Riverland tourism, Ms Bettison hoped the vouchers would bring visitors during autumn, Easter, the April school holidays and into June.

“We’re really hoping this focus on the marketing campaign will see visitors flocking to this region for the rest of the year,” she said.

For more information and to enter the ballot for a River Revival Voucher visit: southaustralia.com/voucher

Berri park project goal: fun for all

JOSH BRINE

GIVING more children a chance to play while on their holidays in the region is the driving force behind a new project for a Riverland caravan park, after it was awarded almost \$100,000 in federal funding this week.

The Berri Riverside Holiday Park will undertake the \$203,205 construction of an accessible playground, with help from a \$98,830 grant from the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) as part of the Caravan Parks Grant Program.

Under the program, which is providing \$10m funding to more than 100 caravan parks across Australia, the project must be completed by May 15, 2024.

Park manager Cindi Taylor said the upgrade, to be completed by Adventure+, would create a unique attraction for the district, with few other accessible playgrounds offered in the area.



Berri Riverside Holiday Park maintenance manager David Pankhurst, park manager Cindi Taylor and business admin officer Tracey Faehrmann following the announcement of a Federal Government grant to help the park build an accessible playground. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini
INSET: Concept designs for the new accessible playground, to be constructed by Adventure+. IMAGE: supplied

“Our existing playground is rather small and it’s not wheelchair friendly,” she said.

“Our goal with the upgrade is being able to give people with disabilities the opportunity to play on the playground and make it equal for everybody.”

Federal Tourism Minister, SA Senator Don Farrell, said projects like the Berri park’s playground upgrade would deliver “economic benefits for regional communities that rely heavily on tourism”.

“The Albanese Labor Government’s Caravan Park Grants are supporting projects at 111 parks across Australia, including new and improved accommodation and

upgraded facilities for visitors, like Berri Riverside Holiday Park’s planned accessible playground,” he said.

With the first eight of the park’s new riverside apartments opening last week, Ms Taylor said it was “exciting times” for staff and visitors.

“The park continues to expand which is amazing to see,” she said.

“This project will also allow us to offer children more of an experience and giving them a bigger playground will do that.”

Berri Riverside Holiday Park business admin officer Tracey Faehrmann said improvements to the park were attracting



















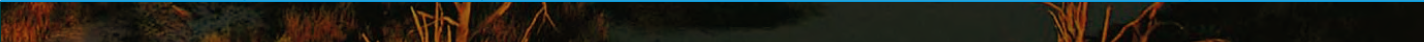
larger groups of people to stay in the region.

“To be able to offer them a larger, inclusive playground, which will be about double the size of what the current playground is, will be excellent,” she said.

Ms Taylor thanked the Caravan Industry Association of Australia for assisting with the grant application, plus Paul Sharman from BankSA and park staff, guests and the local community.

Caravan Industry Association of Australia chief executive Stuart Lamont said improving caravan parks would “appeal to Australians from all walks of life, as well as returning international visitors”.

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At the opening of the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally in Barmera were SA Tourism Minister Zoe Bettison, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, SA Tourism Commission CEO Emma Terry, rally chair John Anderson and Nicola Centofanti MLC. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Caravans full of tourism positivity

JOSH BRINE

MORE than 300 caravans and their owners braved wet weather to flock to Barmera on Monday for the opening of a national caravan rally, delayed for one year.

About 350 caravans were registered for the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally, being held at the Riverland Field Days site, with owners attending Monday's opening ceremony along with SA Tourism Minister Zoe Bettison, SA

Tourism Commission CEO Emma Terry, Nicola Centofanti MLC, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and all three Riverland mayors.

The rally, which will run until April 4, was initially scheduled to be held in 2022 but was postponed until this year due to Covid-19 outbreaks at the time.

Despite a slight decrease in participation due to the delay, Ms Bettison said it was "pretty exciting" to have so many visitors to the Riverland, particularly after the

River Murray flood.

"The facility looks fantastic," she said.

"I want to thank all the volunteers who I understand helped with the electrical cabling, water and everything for the event.

"They've been waiting for a year because of Covid delays to have this, so it's really great to see it go ahead."

Federal Tourism Minister Don Farrell said visitors contributed "so much to regional communities and

their local economies".

"Caravanning is as popular as ever and it's great to see so many visitors rolling into the Riverland for the 18th National Caravan Rally," he said.

Ms Bettison said the SA Government was supporting events in the Riverland to help aid the industry's recovery, as businesses continue to reopen.

"There are events that are already held on the river, and we've come out and supported

them with additional funding," she said.

"For events like this, the fact that people are here for more than five days means they will disperse and travel to different places in the region, so the money will flow not just in Barmera but to the whole region."

Locals are invited to attend the rally's trade fair from Friday to Sunday between 10am and 4pm, and this Sunday's market day from 10am to 2pm.

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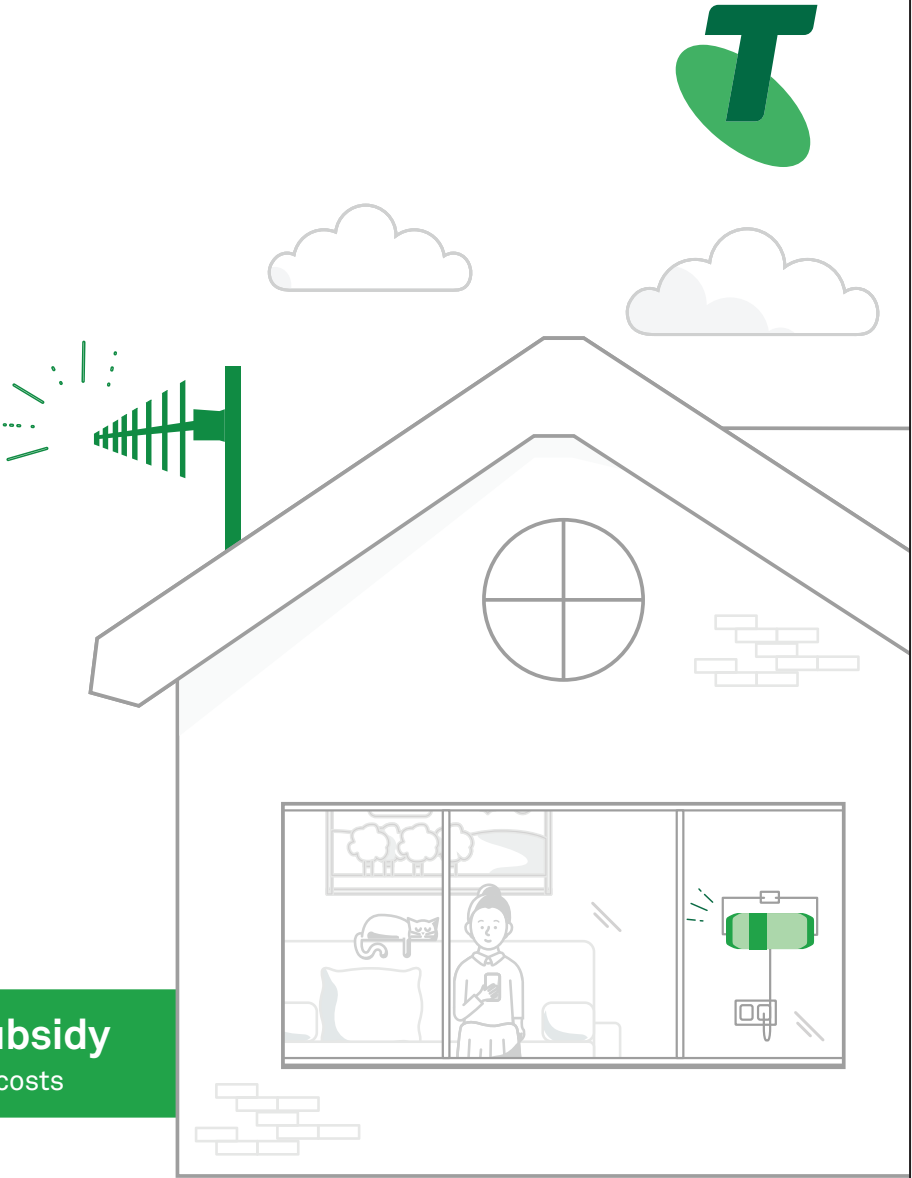
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No love for single-lane bypass plan

PAUL MITCHELL

CONSTRUCTING the \$202m Truro Bypass – destined to be driven by thousands of Adelaide-bound Riverlanders each year – as a single lane defies logic, a local MP says.

Already beset by delays, the 14km project will divert heavy vehicle traffic away from the town and should be a dual lane, according to Barker MP Tony Pasin – a vocal advocate for duplicating the entire Sturt Highway stretch from Renmark to Gawler.

“I’m... incredibly disappointed that the design does not incorporate a dual-lane carriageway as the Truro Freight Route will form an important part of the Sturt Highway corridor,” Mr Pasin said.

“I assumed if you were going to build a freight bypass around Truro... then you would do it right the first time.”

Each day over 4000 vehicles travel through Truro,

which remains the chosen route for the overwhelming majority of Riverlanders driving to Adelaide.

The project’s cost is split 80/20 between the federal and SA governments, and State Transport Minister Tom Koutsantonis says as the Liberals were in power when the project was signed off, blame for the single-lane outcome rests with them.

“It was the former Liberal government – of which Mr Pasin was a member – that set the budget for this bypass,” Mr Koutsantonis told The Advertiser.

“So it is bewildering to see him complain about the project’s scope.”

The new road could be constructed with space for duplication in the future, according to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, however Mr Pasin has pointed to the State Government’s willingness to increase the scope and cost of its \$15.4bn North-South Corridor project as proof



Barker MP Tony Pasin, pictured with Schubert MP Ashton Hurn and State Opposition spokesperson for infrastructure and transport Vincent Tarzia, says constructing the Truro Bypass as a single-lane makes no sense. PHOTO: supplied



that more could be done to secure dual lanes for the Truro freight route.

“The South Australian State Government are responsible for the design and costings of the project,” Mr Pasin said.

“If the project requires additional resources to

ensure the best possible design then it certainly wouldn’t be unprecedented for the SA Government to ask for additional funding.

“We need to ensure we have the infrastructure for the future, and the North South Corridor isn’t the only important road project for our state.

“It beggars belief that the South Australian Government would spend so much time consulting with community on a \$202 million project only to end up with such a short-term vision.”

Mr Pasin, the Coalition’s spokesperson for infrastructure and transport, also said he was disappointed that

the project was “a full 12 months behind schedule”.

“Work was originally scheduled to begin in late 2022 but is now not expected to begin until the fourth quarter of 2023,” Mr Pasin said.

Mr Koutsantonis told The Advertiser that Mr Pasin was “confused about the timeline of the project, which was always due to begin in 2023”.

However, it was confirmed in Senate Estimates last December that construction was planned to commence in 2022.

“The dates I have here from South Australia are they’re still hopeful of commencing construction in December 2022,” Robert Bradley, of

the federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, told Senate Estimates in December.

Also in December last year, Mr Koutsantonis told The Advertiser it was vital to do the North-South Corridor project “right first-time” prompting this from Mr Pasin:

“If it’s important to get the Torrens to Darlington section of the North South Corridor right the first time, then it’s important to get any upgrades to Sturt Highway done right too,” Mr Pasin said.

Name route cause of Truro discontent

LOCALS don’t want the Truro Bypass, they want the Truro Freight Route.

A number of Truro residents are against ‘bypass’ being included in the title of the \$202m project, fearing it would lead to a downturn in the town’s fortunes.

“Truro locals want to see heavy vehicles off the main

street, but they don’t want people simply ‘bypassing’ their town,” said the Liberal Member for the SA seat of Schubert, Ashton Hurn.


“That’s why we are pushing for a simple name change to ‘Truro Freight Route’.

“The Truro Freight Route has the broad support from

local residents, but they want to see it carried out in a way that’s fit for generations to come and takes on board community feedback.

“Farmers, business and locals will all be impacted in one way or another by this project

“And we need to see it built right the first time.”



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Riverland truckie tells of daily 'near misses' ...

Sturt Highway to hell

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Barker MP Tony Pasin has previously called for the entire Riverland to Adelaide stretch to duplicated.

“I regularly travel along the Sturt Highway and I see first-hand the volume of traffic using the route,” he said.

“Recent crash statistics should be enough to kick the state and federal governments into gear on this issue.

“The South Australian and federal governments need to start making significant investment in the Riverland road corridor before more lives are lost.”

Currently piloting export wine containers from Kingston-On-Murray to Outer Harbor, Mr Knight has 25 years of experience



Barmera truck driver Gavin Knight prepares for another trip to Adelaide along the often-treacherous Sturt Highway. Mr Knight says the new Truro Bypass should be constructed as a dual lane to help boost safety for all motorists. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

behind the wheel and says the 14km Truro bypass – designed to improve safety and divert heavy vehicle traffic away the town centre – will achieve little in its current planned format.

“To me there’s no point in building a Truro bypass if they’re not going to make it a freeway, duplicated. It’s just a waste of money,” he said.

“All you’re doing is eliminating Truro and getting trucks out of the town.

“Improving safety would be not having head-ons in the Truro hills.

“And the number of road trains is only going to increase in the future.”

The new road, to be built north of Truro, could be constructed with space duplication in the future, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport says.

However, echoing calls from Liberal politicians, Mr Knight said it would be more efficient to build a

dual-lane road sooner, rather than later.

“They’re going to have all the (construction) gear there anyway to go, what, an extra four or five metres wider?” he said.

“So why not do it now? “Victoria has built a freeway to Shepparton. They’re building one to Warrnambool. All the main centres are pretty much covered. They’re nearly to Ararat now with the western freeway.”

Mr Knight said his message to governments responsible for the single-lane construction was to “stop living in the past and put SA into the future”.

“They don’t seem to think about trucks...” he said.

Debate on the Truro Bypass comes as South Australia grapples with a particularly tragic start to the year on the state’s roads, with SA’s 2023 road toll standing at 37 yesterday morning, compared to 17 at the same time last year.

Mr Pasin said the inability of the Sturt and Dukes highways to carry high-productivity vehicles was an impediment to safety, productivity and efficiency.

“Upgrading the Sturt

Highway to allow for high-productivity vehicles capable of carrying over 30 per cent more freight per vehicle, would mean less vehicles required on the roads to transport the same amount

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of freight. Not only does this reduce costs to transport operators but it increases safety for all road users,” Mr Pasin said.

“Completing the duplication of the Sturt Highway in South Australia must be prioritised, not just the section between Berri and Renmark.

“Governments need to start looking beyond the election cycle when formulating policy and start investing in the long-term future of our regional communities.”

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Bypass plan questionable

FOR a largely unremarkable town, save for a period of unfortunate notoriety in the late 1970s, Riverlanders are extremely familiar with Truro.

Many of us travel through – and stop in – the town every time we make the long haul to Adelaide and back, and we think nothing of the exercise, particularly as the Sturt Highway’s constant upgrades over the years, plus the opening of the Northern Expressway, have substantially cut travel time.

In selling the \$202m bypass, bureaucrats have spruiked the freight productivity benefits, plus the improvements to road safety.

Once completed, it is estimated that the bypass will take 600 B-doubles and road trains off Truro’s main street each day. Indeed, on average, approximately 4000 vehicles travel through Truro per day, with around 30 per cent classed as ‘heavy commercial vehicles’.

The pros and cons of the bypass for Truro are debatable.

Even though the bypass will deliver only a small time saving, it remains difficult to imagine a scenario where businesses will avoid some sort of downturn, given the sharp decline in overall traffic numbers.

One local trader told The Advertiser his business would be “collateral damage” to the project, but only when the town’s post-bypass fortunes become apparent will that question be answered. Traders have already indicated their concerns, hence their keenness to avoid the term ‘bypass’ and instead call it the ‘Truro Freight Route’. Unfortunately for them, this moniker is unlikely to stick.

More immediately, concerns are being raised about the bypass being constructed as a single-lane road.

Politics aside, this seems a remarkably short-sighted move, blowing a golden opportunity to deliver maximum safety benefits from taxpayer funds.

This inefficiency’s price tag will be eye-popping when the bypass is ultimately duplicated, apparently using space purposely cleared for the single-lane option.

The matter has escalated – or plunged, depending on your viewpoint – into a political scrap, with the current SA Labor Government claiming, not without justification, that the project’s scope was settled when the Liberals were in power, both in SA and federally.

But handballing the blame does nothing to help road users condemned to travelling a new road that could have, and should have, been much safer.

In addition, the Liberals’ point about seeking increasing funding to ‘get it right the first time’ also holds merit.

If the new road was being constructed in a metropolitan area, it would almost certainly be a double lane.

South Australia enduring a terrible and tragic start to 2023, with over 35 lives already lost on our roads this year, further highlights the folly of the single-lane decision.



Stump shed: Most farmers anywhere are, by necessity, an inventive and industrious lot. Murray Mallee farmers are no exception. In the early-pioneering days from the mid-1890s, hopefuls from other places with a more reliable rainfall began exploring the ‘land of the Murray’. They had heard about the mallee scrub with its ‘sticks’ for trees in a semi-arid climate where land was cheaper because the returns from wheat growing were not as reliable, and the cereal and wool markets in Adelaide were further transport miles away. So, farming life was successful for the frugal who, wherever possible, made good with what they had. And this frugality was typified by the use of the mallee stumps, left behind after the trees were cut down during the clearing of their scrub-blocks for farms. Stacked ‘five stumps thick’, the stumps formed an excellent wall, while locally grown tall wheat varieties served as a near-water-proof thatched roof, though it didn’t rain much in the Murray Mallee! A small Mallee-stump shed like this required some 2500 stumps. That is, some 2500 trees cut from the scrub block during clearing approximately 10ha (25 acres). Much work but a low-cost, durable shed was the outcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Link between the voice and apartheid

THE present Federal Government’s proposal of a voice to parliament for indigenous Australians is consumed by controversy.

Kim Kelly’s recent opinion is all encompassing and goes right to the point (‘In the referendum, please vote no’, Murray Pioneer, 15/3/23).

When apartheid reared its ugly head in South Africa, the white government established 10 homelands situated in areas representing the known 10 tribal languages.

The rest of the world did not recognise this move and it wasn’t long before sanctions were applied by most countries, including Australia.

Contrary to what one is led to believe, most of these homelands and the rest of the country thrived and by the time Nelson Mandela was released from prison and became the new president of a truly Democratic South Africa in 1994, apartheid was already well on its way to becoming extinct.

This was confirmed by 67 per cent of the white population voting in a referendum to end it.

The new constitution that became law made absolutely no reference to any difference or treatment of the various racial or tribal groups.

As Australia was part of a strong opposition to apartheid, it is now incomprehensible that we will soon be required to vote in a referendum to establish apartheid in our constitution. This would see Aboriginals, who are already adequately represented in parliament, able to be treated differently to the rest of the diverse Australian population that originate from many countries, religions, and groupings.

There appears to be over 100 Aboriginal groups, so no single decision will suit all of them. This will not only cause division among them, but a racial division between them and the rest of the nation, which will eventually become untenable.

Extremists are already influ-

encing the direction of the voice, as with climate change and Covid, and this will only become more evident as the proposal progresses.

We would all prefer to see a better life for Aboriginals, especially in the APY Lands, but this should not be achieved by a change to the constitution, rather an upliftment through the injection of education, infrastructure, services, and job opportunities, as found in any rural town.

This would help instil a sense of pride, ambition, and achievement as well as promotional opportunities, which all of us seek and thrive on.

There is already “a voice”, represented by the National Indigenous Australians Agency that has over \$2bn in funding under its control, which is a good starting point.

It is a blight on us that this organisation has obviously made very little if any difference.

It is worth noting that between 1774 and 1832, the Americans signed treaties with the indigenous Indians but are still having contentious court cases over these.

GORDON FORREST
Barmera

‘Facts’ that need to be challenged

I CAN no longer leave the writings of Brian Measday (Murray Pioneer) go unchallenged.

The more these climate change fanatics repeat their assertions on the subject, the more they believe them to be “facts”.

One overwhelming fact is that the earth has been undergoing climate change for thousands of years – sometimes warming and sometimes cooling.

At the present time we are in a warming phase.

If Brian and his friends could find a way to shut off a few volcanoes it may make a difference.

But if man stopped using all fossil fuel tomorrow, I doubt that we would make any difference to the rate of global warming.

It is a naturally occurring happening.

Surely instead of this futile effort to hold back nature we would be far better off to investigate and develop ways to live with the change in our environment.

ROBERT CHABREL
Barmera

Why is Australia ignoring the science?

THE United Nations’ latest IPCC report includes a warning and implores countries to not enter into new gas and coal ventures.

It is unfortunate that recent reports indicate Australia has a large number of new fossil fuel ventures on the planning board.

Scientists report that Australia cannot logically reduce greenhouse emissions while at the same time it is opening new gas and coal projects.

By its actions Australia appears to be ignoring scientific reports emanating from the IPCC concerning human-induced climate change, and in doing so is seriously jeopardising its chances of reaching net zero greenhouse emissions by 2050.

BRIAN MEASDAY
Myrtle Bank

Barmera symposium

BETWEEN March 4-6, a multidisciplinary program was held in the Bonney Theatre, Barmera.

Titled German WWII internees from Persia and their Fate in Australia, this program showcased the lives of a group of men and their families, the Germans from Persia who were interned in the Loveday internment camps nearby from 1941-1945 before they were transferred to the Tatura internment camps in Victoria.

The program was programmed, convened, and curated by Professor Pedram Khosronejad of Western Sydney University with the support of Beri Barmera Council.

Some of the children of this group from Persia, together with their team leader Pedram Khosronejad, shared elements of their journey which resulted in them calling Australia home.

They were overwhelmed by the support and friendship offered by the Berri Barmera Council and local tourist guide Rosemary Gower. Ms Gower was the driving force behind the Loveday Internment Camp (LIC) committee that so capably helped organise the weekend’s proceedings.

They were on hand again on Monday morning as groups of school children from nearby schools attended sessions in the Bonney Theatre, learning about the Loveday camps and listening to the delegates speak of their family experiences.

Speakers and visitors came from near and far, from Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, and Perth, as well as from the local area.

Heart-warming was the audience attention and engagement with the stories told that so obviously resonated with many of them.

A personal highlight was listening to an ex-internee Mrs Helga Griffin, from the Tatura camp. She had been interned from the age of six with her German family from Iran and now in her senior years, plays the recorder which she had received in the camp almost 80 years ago. The delight of the school children and all who heard her play was obvious.

Throughout the weekend, visitors could visit the exhibition, view some of the internees’ family collections, memorabilia and photos on display from those years, and learn more of the Loveday history.

To mark the occasion, a booklet was prepared by me with short biographies of the project team members, biographies of the fathers who had been interned, and a story of the education received in both the Loveday and Tatura internment camps thanks largely to the some of the group of Germans interned during World War II.

Attendees received a copy of the booklet, a lasting memento of the Barmera symposium.

DORIS FRANK
Germans from Persia project team
Melbourne

“If man stopped using all fossil fuel tomorrow, I doubt that we would make any difference to the rate of global warming...”
- ROBERT CHABREL



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Library memories

THE mention of the institutes of South Australia providing books to country institutes (‘Libraries at Waikerie’, Murray Pioneer, 22/323) was a real pleasure to read.

It brought back many memories from when I worked with the small team that supplied those books back in the 1970s.

For seven years I worked under the direction of Colin Bain. Perhaps some readers may remember him, as he visited the institutes regularly.

Even today some of my pencil work can be found in some of those books still on offer in various country libraries.

GARY MITCHELL
Waikerie

No time to dwell on negative people

SMALL towns are fractal patterns of dissonance and dissolution – at least my small town of Morgan is.

The flowering patterns of groups opening and withering away are like those of a dying rosebush.

The Morgan Ratepayers Association, and the Cadell Primary School are two measurable examples.

Fractals are smaller symbols of larger pictures, their size doesn’t matter, the pattern does.

What we see in Morgan is reflected in other small towns, and South Australia, and Australia at large.

I get called negative by people who don’t know me. That’s mainly because I use measurable facts, which they don’t have, so they resort to emotive words.

Their high emotions, how they feel, is supposed to be equal in weight to facts on the ground.

Toddlers having tantrums in toy stores is the equivalent.

This is normal though. If you do anything in your life, about one in 100 people will dislike you for it, especially if they have never met you.

You can see this on social apps that allow ‘likes’ and ‘dislikes’. You can rescue puppies, but one in 100 will dislike you for it.

Others use shouting, and appeals to authority, like threatening lawsuits. But the insidious ones uses positivity.

They will call you negative, which lets them decide what positive is.



Being positive is being them.

It’s a little trap, because no matter what you do they will always shift the meaning of positive. Being positive is the path to being miserable. It will never work.

But being positive doesn’t stop there;, there are other iterations of the argument that are fundamentally eroding Australian culture.

Here are the escalations of the decay: being positive; using constructive criticism; being offended; and cancel culture.

All of these techniques are used to stop progress. The thousands of hours and thousands of dollars I’ve put into Morgan don’t matter.

Because facts don’t matter, and I am not positive.

So, go out, change the world and spend no time on the positivity time wasters.

Because changing the world is the best feeling in the world.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

What buyback tender papers reveal

THE Federal Government’s water buyback program tender documents, with the misnomer “strategic purchasing of 44.3GL/y of water rights”, have been released and they raise some significant questions.

The only thing “strategic” about this “strategic purchasing of 44.3GL/y of water rights” is the name.

It is an open tender – throwing a huge net over whole catchments to see what they can get with no thought given to the utility or consequences of their actions.

You would think they would have learnt lessons from the 2008-10 buybacks – yet here we go again.

The tender documents say they will be evaluated between May and July, and acceptances will be made between July and August this year.

This is in stark contrast to a line further into the documents revealing the government could choose to accept them up to May 19, 2024.

When the tenders are legally binding and irrevocable offers, this extended acceptance period may mean water holders are tied up for 12 months and won’t likely be able to withdraw the offer or change any details. It likely means they can’t sell the water to other buyers, even if their circumstances change.

If the government moves ahead with further buybacks and pushes up the price of water or we enter a significant dry period, people with an open offer could be much worse off.

I encourage anyone thinking

about engaging in this process to get legal and finance advice about what it actually means for your business.

The tender documents reveal this isn’t a tender for 44 gigalitres, even though that’s what it says in the title.

The documents show the government is looking for long-term average annual yield (LTAAY). In the Murray, on paper they are looking for 10 gigalitres, but what they may actually buy back is around 18 gigalitres to get to the LTAAY.

The government should be honest about the real volumes they are buying back, let alone what outcomes they are hoping to achieve with those volumes.

This whole process has been poorly managed from the start. Zero consultation prior to the announcement, followed by invite only information sessions with farcical notice periods and now tender documents which reveal offers could lock people in for over 12 months and have misleading numbers because of the LTAAY.

With an interrelated system and market, buybacks will hurt everyone as they force up the price of water and that will flow on to higher costs at the check-outs for all Australians.

ISAACS JEFFREY
Chief executive officer
National Irrigators’ Council

Looking back... 10 years ago March 28, 2013



HUNGRY FOR LUNCH: A Berri Chinese restaurant could yet enjoy lunchtime trading, despite the local council confirming parking could be a problem. In Tuesday’s Murray Pioneer, Riverland Hokkien Chinese Restaurant owners Eric and Kelly Fan said Berri Barmera Council had prevented them from serving lunch due to inadequate parking facilities in the town centre. Council has since declared a formal lunch trading application was never lodged, despite the restaurant owners saying they were told “lunch time is impossible”.

20 years ago March 28, 2003



NEW FACES TO STAND: Record numbers have nominated for the local government elections in the region’s three councils. Nominations closed at noon yesterday. Dean Maywald’s decision to run against Loxton Waikerie mayor was the biggest surprise of the week. The 47-year-old husband of the Member for Chaffey, Karlene Maywald, has been a councillor for one term and said yesterday it was important for ratepayers to have a choice. Retired Loxton Primary School principal Bert Haslam is among the field of 18 nominees for 12 positions on Loxton Waikerie council.

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

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Here’s an idea for the Loxton Waikerie council. No, I don’t wish to enter the draw for a cash reward from Trevor Norton. Instead, here goes: Move the almost dysfunctional Waikerie Rowing Club to the now dysfunctional old Lions Den. Then, put out tenders to operate takeaway or similar from the now existing Waikerie Rowing Club shed. The vender(s) would have more exposure and with lift up verandas. An addition would provide more exposure and also better shelter from changing weather conditions.

GARY
Waikerie

Kysaiah Pickett’s bump on Bailey Smith and Shane McAdam’s bump on Jacob Wehr were no different to Patrick Cripps’ bump on Callum Ah Chee in round 21, 2022. Ah Chee was helped from the ground and took no further part in the game. Cripps’ bump was really worse; it went to the AFL tribunal, but he got off and won the 2022 Brownlow Medal.

WAYNE
Renmark

Congratulations, Mitch. Your name sits high alongside the very few long-serving and esteemed editors for The Pioneer, like Arch

Grosvenor, Peter Read and Tim Jackson. You are all Riverland legends.

REEKSY
Berri

Is the editor, in his last sentence, suggesting that giving Aboriginals a real voice to parliament is somehow a bad thing (‘Optimism, reality around the lake’, Murray Pioneer, 22/3/23). He says that decisions about Lake Bonney “may be an example worth considering by the pro-yes side positing that Aboriginal Australians are currently without a voice”. Seriously? You don’t want to be on the wrong side

of history with this one.

CHRIS
Renmark

Sanity prevails: that whistleblower scum Richard Boyle failed.

JM
Waikerie

Has there been a more successful senior sports team in the Riverland this century than the Cobdogla Tennis Club? Sixteen division one premierships, including the last eight in a row. Congratulations to all involved.

BEN
Monash

PHOTO: Facebook

Flood facelift for Twentyfirst Street?

Renmark Paringa chief executive officer Tony Siviour said rebuilding the bridge

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“Council has engaged an engineering company to undertake a structural assessment of the bridge on Twentyfirst Street which has been deemed (structurally) unsafe

“The Renmark riverfront and town wharf

“Houseboats are welcomed back to most sections of the wharf and the floating pontoon is now reopened to smaller vessels.”

Harvey's Renmark opening confirmed

“Harvey Norman has started fit-out

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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation SA Branch CEO and secretary, Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars with two local union members at the Riverland General Hospital last week to launch an online petition to hire 24/7 on-site security. PHOTO: Josh Brine

“(The patient) threatened to track me down in town and kill me...”

— anonymous Riverland General Hospital nurse

JOSH BRINE

CLAIMS of staff having projectiles thrown at them and being kicked, spat, sworn and screamed at while working at a local hospital have prompted a nursing and midwifery union petition to employ 24/7 restraint-trained security on site.

An online petition calling for more security at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri was launched last week by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) SA Branch, with more than 600 respondents already signing.

Responses are being forwarded to the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network’s (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion, board chair Dr Peter Joyner and executive director for nursing and midwifery Karen Hollitt, plus Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Hammond MP Adrian Pederick.

The union claims multiple violent incidents have occurred at the hospital recently, including a nurse being forced to text a colleague asking them to call police after a patient “threatened to track me down in town and kill me”.

Another incident alleg-

edly involved a patient who was detained under an inpatient treatment order becoming violent at 3am, smashing the window of his room and running into a courtyard from which he was unable to escape.

“(Nurses and midwives) really do want to focus on giving good care, but at the moment they’re having to look over their shoulder every minute of every day,” said Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars, ANMF SA Branch CEO and secretary during a visit to the Riverland General Hospital last week.

“It really is not fair, not only for them but also for the patients they are trying desperately to serve...”

“It’s irony in its finest that concurrently with these discussions... we’re also at the same time negotiating with government an arrangement about rural and regional attraction and retention allowances to get people out to the regions.

“How can you on the one hand talk about incentives and encouraging people to come, but on the other hand you’re not even looking after your own staff?”

An RMCLHN spokesperson said the network had “zero tolerance for violence

and aggression”.

“While Riverland General Hospital does not have security guards based on site, it does have contracted security guards that are restraint-trained and available to respond when required 24/7, however the use of restraint is an absolute last resort,” they said.

“Hospital staff may also request assistance from SA Police when needed.

“SA Health has also undertaken work with the Local Health Networks using the principles identified in the Ten-Point Plan to End Violence and Aggression.

“We will continue to work with the Department for Health and Wellbeing to achieve effective and sustainable security strategies that consider each hospital’s unique circumstances.”

Ms Dabars said having security on call, rather than on site, was “not good enough”.

“We understand they’re on call, but it usually takes about 20 minutes for people to arrive,” she said.

“How would you know in advance someone is going to behave in that way? You don’t.”

The ANMF petition can be signed online at: anmf.org.au/safetyforstaff

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Fruit Fly Community Meetings

The community meetings will include a panel of speakers from the PIRSA Fruit Fly Response program, Riverland Fruit Fly committee, and industry bodies to answer questions, with lived experiences shared from local individual growers and home gardeners.

Meeting details are:

Wednesday 29 March:

- **Loxton - 2.00pm to 3.30pm**
Loxton Hotel, 45 East Terrace, Loxton
- **Berri - 6.30pm to 8.00pm**
Berri Senior Citizens Club, 9/12 Crawford Terrace, Berri

Thursday 30 March:

- **Renmark - 1.00pm to 2.30pm**
Hotel Renmark, Murray Ave, Renmark
- **Waikerie - 6.30pm to 8.00pm**
Waikerie Hotel Motel, 2 McCoy St, Waikerie

Friday 31 March:

- **Swan Reach - 10.00am to 11.30am**
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A BIT SALTY: The Noora Basin Community Working Group was recently established to provide local landholders “a united voice” to work with State Government.

Next step for Noora Basin’s landholders

ALEXANDRA BULL

FARMERS and landholders affected by a Riverland salt disposal scheme have united to seek answers about the scheme’s impact on their land.

The Noora Basin Community Working Group, headed by Yvette Frahn, was formed at a recent meeting attended by local farmers and council representatives.

A low-lying groundwater salt discharge area, the Noora Basin was commissioned in 1982, and is located 20km outside of Loxton, with a 20-year agreement signed 40 years ago.

“No effort has been made by the Department for Environment and Water to draw up a new agreement and I think that’s really important, because I think we are at that point we have some serious conversations about doing things right,” Mrs Frahn said.

“Our primary consideration for the group is that we are a united voice and we wish to work productively with (SA Environment

and Water Minister) Susan Close and the department.

“We have a really outstanding relationship with Minister Close and we know ultimately that she makes the call on how things move forward.

“I have drafted a letter I will send to Minister Close’s office on behalf of the group and request several things of her, which largely involves them doing monitoring which they aren’t doing at the moment.”

Mrs Frahn said the solutions in her book were “quite simple” and the group needs to work out how to resolve this with the department.

“We need to sort out a few agreements and equitable ones,” she said.

“Every single farmer in the Noora Basin is looking at, or in the process of going next generation, which is something that came up as the meeting as well, so we want to try hard for them.

“The River Murray is a precious resource and whatever needs to happen to work in its favour needs to happen.”

Berri pavilion name game begins



WHAT’S IN A NAME: Berri Barmera Council is asking for community ideas to rename the pavilion building on Berri’s Vaughan Terrace. PHOTO: Facebook

THE renaming of a Berri community hub and former main street café is being left up to the community, with submissions open until the end of next month.

Following a recent refurbishment, the Vaughan Terrace pavilion in Berri – formerly Alfresco’s Café – Berri Barmera Council has opened community consultation to find a new name for the building until Sunday, April 30.

Since its refurbishment, the building has been used as a space for community events, including the successful Our Town Berri FloodFest in January.

Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall said she was “excit-

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ed to see the results of the competition”.

“It’s great that the community are able to be part of the decision to name such a prominent building in our community,” she said.

“The building’s use is

growing which is great to see – I encourage anyone who has an idea to use the space to reach out to council to ask whether it might be suitable.

“It’s in such a great location in the middle of Vaughan Terrace and I think the potential to attract people to the middle of town has great potential for short-term community and commercial uses.”

Feedback received through the consultation will be presented to council and three finalists will be selected.

The community will then vote for its favourite name at a later date.

All entrants go into a draw to win an EFTPOS gift voucher.

To provide feedback visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Y2QXKK

Flood’s environmental benefits emerging



An image of the Pike River during the recent flood event, which is now generating environmental benefits for local native animals and plants. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

RIVERLAND animals and plants in areas that had been without water for “more than 60 years” have benefitted from the recent Murray River flood.

Eastern Banjo tadpoles – up to 100mm in length – are currently being observed at the Pike floodplain, while wetland bird surveys at Chowilla have also recorded grey teals, coots, wood ducks, black swans, pacific black ducks and nankeen night herons.

Minister for Environment Susan Close said the reconnection of floodplains and wetlands to the main river allowed plants and animals to reach new areas.

“While the flood took a heavy toll on many communities, as predicted, we are now seeing widespread environmental benefits throughout the Riverland,” Dr Close said.

“Black Box woodlands and other native vegetation that have been struggling in recent

years have received a much-needed boost.”

The high flows are also expected to have stimulated breeding patterns for native fish species including Murray cod, silver perch and golden perch.

However, Dr Close said regular watering patterns were needed to ensure the environmental benefits were sustainable.

“These environmental responses are amazing to see but unfortunately, they do not last,” she said.

“Without follow up watering in the next two to three years many of the benefits delivered by the flood will begin to diminish.

“We will eventually go back into a drier period and that is when the 450GL promised to SA under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, but not delivered, will be of the utmost importance to maintaining the health of the river system.”



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA SELECT COMMITTEE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE TIMBER INDUSTRY IN THE LIMESTONE COAST AND OTHER REGIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A Select Committee of the Legislative Council has been established to inquire into and report on the exporting of wood fibre and other matters regarding the timber industry in the Limestone Coast and other regions of South Australia, with particular reference to:

- Whether the exporting of wood fibre is in compliance with the conditions of sale of the Radiata Pine forests in the Limestone Coast, sold by the previous State Labor Government;
- The volume of Radiata Pine log being exported from the Limestone Coast area and other regions by all growers;
- The economic benefit and employment opportunities that could be gained through additional wood fibre based industries should the current exported logs be made available for processing in South Australia;
- Options for increasing the availability of logs to South Australian processors;
- A review of water licensing laws applying to forest estates;
- Opportunities to strengthen the forest and timber products industries in the Limestone Coast and other regions of South Australia, and in particular:
 - Barriers to investment in timber resource and processing capacity;
 - Opportunities to expand the plantation estate, including greater utilisation of farm forestry;
 - Strategies available to timber processing businesses to secure long term timber supply;
 - Strategies to grow domestic manufacturing;
 - Opportunities to maximise returns for timber processors from forest and timber residues;
- Policies in other States to constrain resource for specified markets;
- Environmental impacts of the timber industry;
- The promotion of the economic contribution of the forest and timber products industry to the South Australian community; and
- Any other related matters.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee, or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee, is invited to do so by Friday, 28 April 2023. Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Secretary to the Committee, C/- Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001, or by e-mail at sc timberindustry@parliament.sa.gov.au For any queries or to discuss the submission due date, please contact the Secretary by telephone on (08) 8237 9339 or as above.

Ms Emma Johnston
Secretary to the Committee

Mayor calls for cool heads on highway plan

A RIVERLAND mayor has called for cool heads when assessing plans for the soon-to-be-built Truro Bypass, set to impact scores of Riverland motorists.

In today’s Murray Pioneer, the decision to construct the 14km stretch – north of Truro – as a single lane road has been criticised as short-sighted, with a dual lane the preferred option.

While stressing that all three Riverland councils support the idea of duplicating the entire Sturt Highway, Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton says multiple factors need to be considered.

“The full duplication of the Sturt Highway, allowing for dual-lane access from Gawler to the Riverland and on to Mildura, is an agreed advocacy pillar for all three Riverland councils,” Mr Norton said.

“Lately there has been much comment, mostly criticism, of only a single two-lane

bypass of Truro.

“(However), without seeing the full plan of the highway upgrade it is, in my mind, premature to criticise.

“Maybe the short-term works are aimed at achieving overtaking lanes or dual sections in areas known to be more dangerous, with the plan to join them to make a dual lane highway later?

“Duplicating more than 200 kilometres of highway is costly and will take many years, so improvements to areas of high-accident incidence makes sense.”

Mr Norton also said the dual lane upgrade of the Sturt Highway is “very much in the hands of our federal and state government partners, who provide all the funding”.

However, he said it remained “an agreed collaboration developed in 2021 as part of a Rally For Riverland collaboration guide”.

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“Duplicating more than 200 kilometres of highway is costly and will take many years, so improvements to areas of high-accident incidence makes sense...”

- Trevor Norton



Loxton Waikerie elected members Sonya Altschwager, Clive Matthews (deputy mayor) and Trevor Norton (mayor), with the council’s director of commercial and community services, Andrew Waters. PHOTO: supplied

Council reps’ road to ‘gold standard’

RIVERLAND mayors, councillors and council employees were among the throng in Adelaide last week to hear that “gold standard outcomes” could be achieved via a closer relationship between the state and local government sectors.

Members of all SA’s 68 councils were invited to the forum, where it was claimed the state’s economic “future and growth” would be bolstered by the development of a partnership accord.

SA Premier Peter Malinauskas and Local Government Minister Geoff Brock were among the State Government speakers,

with Mr Brock in charge of developing the accord.

“This is the first time that all elected members have been invited to such an event, and I think that’s especially important at this exciting moment in the life of our state,” Mr Brock said.

“The accord will set out how the state and local government sectors can work together to achieve gold standard outcomes for communities across the state.

“I hope that today’s forum inspired councils to envisage opportunities to seek and develop sustainable economic activity across our neighbourhoods,

regions, and the whole of South Australia.”

The message from SA Government members to the LGA reps focused on the “global and national context in which the SA economy performs and how government priorities might inform what’s happening in their local areas”.

The SA Government said the development of the State/Local Government Economic Partnership Accord would provide a framework for co-operation which all spheres of government can join to “maximise resources, investments, and outcomes for all communities”.

Warning after Riverland worker injured

RIVERLAND fruit and vegetable production businesses have been urged to follow safety regulations following a “serious” injury to a local worker.

The worker was clearing citrus from an area in the pressure washing conveyor of a fruit production line on Thursday, March 9, when her clothing was caught in dangerous moving parts, pulling her into the machine.

She was airlifted to Adelaide from the Riverland

with serious injuries to her arm.

SafeWork SA acting executive director Glenn Farrell said guards on machinery were crucial to preventing injury or death.

“Failing to put adequate control measures in place on items of plant, such as guarding, can have significant life changing consequences for a worker,” he said.

It is understood SafeWork SA inspectors attended the scene to make further inquiries.



The cog and chain of the machine which led to the serious local injury. PHOTO: supplied

Managing winegrape smoke risks made easier

MANAGING smoke from broadacre burn-offs is set to become easier for Riverland winegrape growers following last week’s release of a new set of guidelines.

The Broadacre Burn-off Smoke Management Guideline aims to help mitigate the risk of damage to smoke-sensitive unharvested grapes by providing detailed information targeted specifically to South Australian winegrape and grain growers.

“The role of burning stubble by grain growers is well understood, as is the risk of smoke taint to unharvested grapes,” said Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven.

“By following these guidelines, producers from both sectors can carry out their activities with minimal impact on the other.

“Importantly, a key part of these guidelines is open communication between industry sectors to create a positive environment with grain and winegrape growers working together.”

The guidelines were developed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) in collaboration with industry representative organisations including Grain Producers SA, Wine Grape Council of South Australia, and South Australian Wine Industry Association Inc.

Actions for each industry to take in relation to carrying out stubble burns have been set out, including weather and conditions considerations before burning for grain growers.

“For grain producers, it’s about following a simple set of instructions that should have minimal to no impact on their operations but could play a big part in protecting winegrape growers from the risks of smoke damage,” said Grain Producers SA chair Adrian McCabe.

For grape and wine organisations, actions include communicating the status of harvested and unharvested grapevine crops in the region.

“Winegrapes are one of South Australia’s most valuable crops, and it’s vital all primary producers do what they can to minimise risks of smoke damage,” said Winegrape Council SA Region Two chair Adrian Hoffman.

“By following these guidelines, winegrape growers will create open channels of communication with their fellow producers, making it easy for everyone to do their part.”

Expert input was also provided by the State Bushfire Co-ordination Committee and the SA Country Fire Service (CFS).

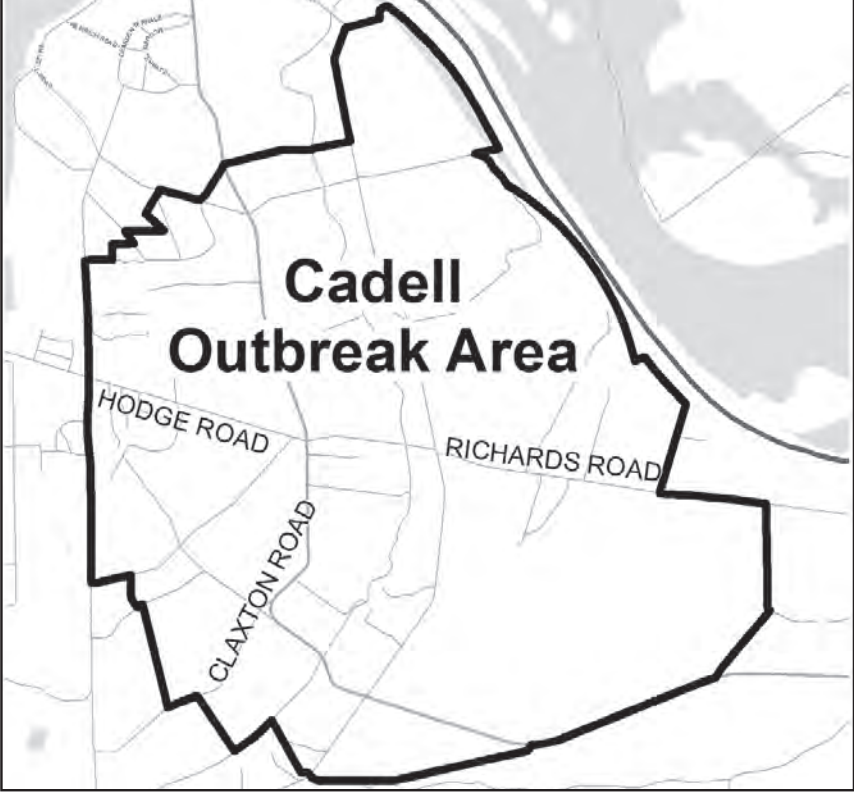
CFS executive director business Tammy Moffat said the launch of the guidelines was “an exciting milestone”.

“The collaborative approach undertaken to develop these policies is a great demonstration of what can be achieved by working together” she said.

The Broadacre Burn-off Smoke Management Guideline is available on the PIRSA website (pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/grains/reducing_smoke_taint).

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FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK CADELL



A new Queensland fruit fly outbreak has been declared in Cadell after maggots were found in commercially grown peaches.

A 1.5 km radius outbreak area has been established.

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

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

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

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

What you need to do:

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

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Moorook's school memories shared

Moorook stalwart Norma Battams was invited to cut the Moorook Primary School's 100th birthday cake with principal of 20 years, Sonya Warren. PHOTOS: supplied



THE Moorook community came together to celebrate a century of education at the local primary school over the weekend.

The Moorook Memories event was held at Moorook Primary School – which officially closed its doors this month – on Saturday.

Classrooms contained displays from the past 100 years, students took guests back in time with their Schooling Through the Years performance, a birthday cake was presented and speeches were made.

Moorook Primary School principal from 2002 to 2022, Sonya Warren, said the afternoon was “a wonderful success”.

“More than 180 people attended the event,” she said.

“Guests were able to look through old memorabilia on display including photos, school magazines, report cards and transcripts.

“They also enjoyed



More than 180 guests shared the cake at the Moorook Memories event on Saturday.



Students performed Schooling Through the Years at the Moorook Memories event.

speeches from past students, staff, parents and community members.

“Norma Battams, who has had an extensive history of involvement with Moorook Primary School as

a past student, parent and grandparent, was invited to cut the school's 100th birthday cake.

“It really was an amazing day with many wonderful memories shared.”

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Flinders University administrative assistant, and St Joseph's School Renmark parent, Effie Karagiannis, teacher Guilia Del Zoppo, principal Don DePalma and ESO Linda Lawton.

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Uni's thumbs up for local school's expo

THE desire of a local school to improve the wellbeing of those in its community has earned support from a South Australian university.

St Joseph's School Renmark recently received \$2000 in funding, through the Flinders Rural and Remote Health SA Community Partnership Grants program, for its 2023 Health and Wellbeing expo.

A Flinders University spokesperson said the event aimed to support the wellbeing of students, families and staff.

“Following a successful event in 2021 which targeted parents, the school forged close networks and relationships with local businesses and services which gave them a great starting point for this year's expo,” the

spokesperson said.

“Building on this model, the 2023 event attracted more than 800 visitors and over 25 exhibitors including allied health professionals, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, sporting clubs, cafes, community resources and information on how to access allied health services.

“Dr James McLeod, local GP and clinical educator with Flinders University, was on hand to provide information and health advice.

“Flinders Doctor of Medicine Rural Stream students also attended the event and were able to interact with visitors about their rural placement year and experiences studying medicine.”

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A still image from a video posted to Facebook by Menindee man Graeme McCrabb, illustrating the number of fish that have been killed due to blackwater. PHOTO: Facebook

‘Close eye’ on Menindee fish kill

STRATEGIES are in place should fish kill events occur in the Riverland, however a senior State Government figure is confident South Australia will avoid any blackwater events such as those seen upstream.

The government last week advised it was monitoring a fish kill event in the Darling River, near Menindee, where large numbers of bony herring were being affected.

It is understood these events are usually caused by low dissolved oxygen levels, or hypoxia, in the water.

However, Minister for

Environment, and deputy premier, Susan Close said lower-dissolved oxygen water from the Darling River combining with higher oxygen water from the River Murray meant “outcomes (were) not expected to be as severe in SA”.

“While it is unlikely that this event will result in fish kills occurring in South Australia, they are common throughout the Murray-Darling Basin and are often associated with hypoxia,” Dr Close said.

“Both DEW and PIRSA are keeping a close eye what is happening upstream to ensure South Australia

is prepared in the event of any blackwater events in our state.

“We will continue to keep river communities informed of any updates to ensure they are prepared for any potential blackwater events.”

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said PIRSA co-ordinated clean-up operations would “mitigate the risk of adverse socio-economic, human health and environmental impacts”.

“The need for clean-up works is assessed on a case-by-case basis and will consider factors such as the

numbers of dead fish, and proximity to towns and tourist attractions,” Ms Scriven said.

“PIRSA has an operational response plan in place and co-ordinates clean-up operations and the disposal of fish carcasses for large-scale fish kill incidents and continue to monitor the potential to impacts to SA on a regular basis.”

Locals are encouraged to contact FISHWATCH by phone on 1800 065 522 if they notice anything unusual along the river.

Eradication ‘on track’ despite 34th outbreak

THE Riverland’s current fruit fly outbreak tally has hit 34, however a senior figure involved with response efforts remains confident the region is “still on track with eradication” of the pest.

PIRSA last week declared two new fruit fly outbreaks at Winkie – known as Winkie B and Winkie C – after maggots were found in backyard peaches from separate properties.

PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response Nick Secomb said the outbreaks were discovered following reports from community members.

“Most of our recent outbreaks have started after fruit fly maggots were found in stone fruit like peaches, plums and apricots,” Mr Secomb said.

“Please, if you have these fruits growing in your yard, pick them as soon as they are ripe.

“It’s positive to see the community actively looking for and reporting fruit fly. It means PIRSA can pinpoint and proactively treat outbreaks early before they become established.

“We are still on track with eradication but it is going to take time. Fruit flies become very active in the warmer months and they

generally are less active over winter.”

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said stone fruit posed a particular risk for fruit fly at this time of year.

“The more everyone plays a part the quicker we will be able to get back to being fruit fly free – that means continuing to successfully grow our own fruits without treatment, sharing our fruits, lower grower costs and lucrative trade opportunities,” Mr Size said.

“It’s as simple as removing ripe fruit promptly, cleaning up yards and particularly collecting fallen fruit, and if you’re a grower, being part of PIRSA’s self-baiting program.”

Mr Secomb encouraged all Riverland residents to attend a series of community fruit fly meetings being held across the region from tomorrow to Friday.

Further information regarding the community meetings and current fruit fly outbreaks in the region is available by visiting the website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au).

Local growers impacted by the outbreaks are advised to contact the Family and Business Support program by visiting the website (pir.sa.gov.au/fabs).

Irrigators: Long-term mismanagement to blame

THE Menindee fish kill was caused by downstream water commitments, including to South Australia, after a “long-term history of over-extraction” in the northern Murray-Darling Basin, the chair of a NSW irrigation body says.

Southern Riverina Irrigators chair Chris Brooks said the event, which has seen millions of dead fish line the Darling River, was the result of over-extraction and “long-term mismanagement of our river system by state and federal bodies”.

“On the back of one of the wettest years on record and with a large lake system sitting above, how on earth do 20 million fish die from lack of oxygen? This is mismanagement at the highest level and it is getting worse,” Mr Brooks said.

At the time of the fish kill, the main diversion weir at Menindee was closed.

“We can only assume the weir was closed to protect water releases to meet NSW’s downstream commitments, including to South Australia, because of a long-term history of over-extraction in the northern basin,” Mr Brooks said.

A key principle of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan was a “connected river system”, Mr Brooks said, yet the Darling-Baaka river was “dying”.

“The basin plan has been used as a tool to shift licensed water taken from the southern basin, in particular the Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys, to northern NSW valleys and into a National Party heartland,” he said.

“It’s illogical, it’s causing environmental catastrophes, and the second disastrous fish massacre in four years shows it’s clearly unsustainable.”



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New pathways for health jobs in 2024

“Indigenous students will bring important cultural knowledge, value and contribute to closing the gap in their communities,” she said. “So the university encourages those seeking careers in healthcare to consider this program, which is designed to make a positive impact.”

A promotional advertisement for the Berri Hotel. At the top, the Berri Hotel logo is displayed in a large, light blue, stylized font. Below it, the text "BERRI HOTEL" is written in a bold, dark grey, sans-serif font. The main body of the ad has a bright yellow background. On the left, the text "1 HOUR DELIVERY & PICK UP NOW AVAILABLE" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below this, "DOWNLOAD THE APP" is written in bold, red capital letters. There are two black buttons: the first features the Apple logo and the text "Download on the App Store"; the second features the Google Play logo and the text "GET IT ON Google Play". At the bottom left, the text "START AT Sip n Save" is shown, with "Sip n Save" in a large, stylized font where "n" is red. On the right side, a hand holds a smartphone displaying the app's interface. The screen is split horizontally: the top half is yellow with a "Please select" prompt, a close button (X), and a delivery truck icon with "SnS DELIVERY" text; the bottom half is dark blue with an "OR" prompt, a person icon with a shopping bag, and "PICKUP" text. A small vertical text "BZ11427-V9" is visible on the right edge of the phone.

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THE Riverland's innovative medical training program will be adapted for other regions across SA, following a showcase of the initiative in Berri earlier this month.

The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network's (RMCLHN) Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence (RACE) was showcased across two days in Berri to all other regional LHNs, Minister for Health Chris Picton, professional medical bodies and visitors from Victoria, New South Wales and Canada.

RACE, which allows medical graduates to undertake all of their postgraduate training in the region, has increased the number of doctors in the region by 25 per cent since its 2021 launch, with 11 doctors having joined the program, reducing the reliance on locums.

RMCLHN executive director of clinical innovation, Professor Paul Worley, said a commitment was made to apply the principles of RACE in other SA regions.

"There was overwhelming support for what we've done..." he said.

"It's a recognition of the innovation, the courage and commitment to do something differently and a recognition that just doing the same things again and again was just going to get the same result again and again."

"We have used the science of medical career choice to design a program that is very attractive to junior doctors that supports both general practice and hospitals, and it's working."

Prof Worley said having more doctors in the region provided "significant cost savings" and provided a workforce committed



RACE medical education officer Sharon Frahn (left), RMCLHN executive director of medical services Dr Caroline Phegan, RMCLHN governing board chair Dr Peter Joyner, GP and director of clinical training Dr Hamish Eske, RMCLHN CEO Wayne Champion and RMCLHN executive director of clinical innovation Professor Paul Worley at the RACE showcase in Berri this month. PHOTOS: supplied

to Riverland patients in both general practices and hospitals.

"That provides continuity of care, and it also means practices and hospitals can plan different and better models of care rather than just trying to exist," he said.

RACE training principles are also being applied to allied health, through a partnership between the RMCLHN and Flinders University, with a similar approach being developed for nursing training.

Although RACE launched officially in 2021, Prof Worley said more than a decade of work had made the academy's success possible.

"The (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion has been steadily putting in place the required building blocks for this since 2012," he said.

"It's accelerated over the last 14 months, but it didn't come from nowhere."

Prof Worley said RACE had also facilitated the "blossoming" of medical research in the region.

"We are now a partner in three MRFF (Medical Research Futures Fund) national

competitive research grants," he said.

"One is looking at the impact of lived experience workers in mental health, another is looking at how we can reduce unnecessary transfers of patients (to the city) who have acute coronary syndrome, and the third is looking at an innovative program to have remission of diabetes for Aboriginal people living on Ngarrindjeri country."

"All three are having national interest, and all three are the result of the RACE initiative."



Director of primary healthcare at Murrumbidgee Local Health District Dr Alam Yoosuff (left), director of the University of Tasmania Rural Clinical School and director of Rural Pathways Tasmania Professor Lizzi Shires and Mr Champion.

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WERE we really happier ‘back then’? Was life better, or is it a nostalgic longing born of our imaginings? Are we romanticising of a childhood in which problems and complex issues are now long forgotten, softened by the intervening years?

Let’s look at both sides and start with the challenges.

We acknowledge that not all families were the same, but if there was one recurrent obstacle, it was family finances.

In households with large families and small blocks, there were worried discussions about impending bank manager meetings. Even one poor fruit season would dramatically stretch available funds.

Life was comparatively rudimentary – consider outside toilets, night pot-ties, school shoes with holes in the sole, riding bikes to school on freezing mornings, and passed-down clothing.

Social restrictions were quite blunt, conversations about religion, politics or money were frowned upon. Although I think it was fairly common, sex before marriage was still scandalous, and girls were required to wait to be invited to dance.

A matter of embarrassment to me were the patches of plaster and paint peeling off our bedroom walls, over which I earnestly stuck a montage of family photos, defects now hidden from view. The salt dampness had a lot to answer for.

So, what of the advantages? Time on our hands never equalled boredom. I believe I can speak for every child of that generation by noting



A letter from yesterday

written by Pat Mickan

that ‘boring’ never featured in our vocabulary.

So, let’s take a few examples: when not required for jobs on the block (such as picking watermelons, shifting pipelines, budding young citrus trees or planting tomato plants) we would invent some activity for one or for many.

Freedom in safety seemed the ultimate blessing of the time. No one ever made play dates or asked where we were going or where we’d been. Have bike will travel, the whole district and beyond our roaming playground.

This offered opportunities to create and explore.

Since family holidays were largely unaffordable, kids sought new experiences in other ways. As an example, one night a group of neighbourhood kids set up beds with blankets and pillows on the drying racks, effectively creating our own hammocks.

We built the campfire on the drying green, roasted marshmallows, and roamed the block in the dark, encountering bleary awe as the eastern night sky turned to faint sunlight.

Then there was ‘project fort’, a neighbourhood creation born of spontaneity.

Together, we built a circular, dug-out fort; sturdy branches for the buttresses and then fully padded with

saltbush branches. It was even layered inside to allow for lounging back.

Finally, in sheer thrill, we scattered hurriedly back home to gather food for the inauguration.

Some days seances occupied a hot afternoon, and in a darkened room with blinds down and doors shut, we set up the Ouija board with alphabet letters surrounding the upturned glass.

Then came questions. “What are our names?” to check the ghost’s credibility.

Then more complexity: “Will Port win this year’s grand final?” or “Where are the Beaumont children?”

Mum was displeased, constantly urging us to stop. Eventually we did when answers became too mysterious, nay scary.

All of these enterprises were commonplace for most kids.

So, where does that leave us? On one side, we have rudimentary amenities and non-negotiable duties while immersed in financial constraints and exposed to parental worries.

And on the other, a constantly active generation of kids with unlimited freedoms in a deeply connected, safe community, where self-starting and creativity was a way of life.

Hmmm. I wonder, perhaps it’d be nice to have the best of both worlds.



Businesses helping a worthy cause

AS a specialist homelessness service provider, ac.care supports people who are homeless, or are at imminent risk of homelessness.

The service is available in all ac.care locations, including the Riverland, and offers a range of options to help, including brokerage funds, crisis support, homeless children’s support, supported accommodation options and more.

Team members at ac.care recognise homelessness is the result of many factors and life experiences, respect the experience of every homeless person they have contact with, and understand that many challenges arise on the road to change.

Working with other organisations, and the community, ac.care uses a collaborative process of assessment, planning, facilitation and advocacy to meet an individual’s needs.

The Murray Pioneer recently reported on the “unprecedented” level of homelessness and emergency relief demands in the Riverland.

ac.care homelessness and community services manager, Trish Spark, said ac.care’s Riverland Homelessness Service team was currently working with 164 people, while other families and individuals were being supported to avoid a crisis. In addition, homelessness service staff are being stretched from

anticipated caseloads of 15 clients to around 40.

It has led to calls for more business partnerships, donations and financial support to meet the growing need, with tents, swags, non-perishable food hampers and shopping vouchers among the items required to help people in crisis.

“Just \$30 can provide a food hamper for an individual or \$50 for a family to have enough to eat for a few days and donations of \$200 are enough for a swag,” Ms Spark said.

The Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager Glenda Malinovski said the sales team was moved by the story and call for help Ms Spark shared.

“After reading the story in the paper earlier this month we decided we wanted to do something to help ac.care,” she said.

“Riverland businesses are always ready and willing to help out in our fundraising features, and this one was no exception.

“We thank every business who supported this feature. One hundred per cent of the profits from this feature will be donated to ac.care Riverland.”

To help ac.care Riverland by donating, or to discuss potential business partnerships, get in touch with the Berri location via phone (8580 5300) or the website (accare.org.au/donate).



TRIKE TIME: A spokesperson for the United Trikers Australia group says members had “a wonderful time” during their recent AGM weekend, staged in the Riverland for the first time. The group’s longest-standing member, WA man Jonathon Willmont, was among those to attend. Pictured at Lake Bonney are visitors Kate, Rob and Barry, from Cootamundra. The trike in the foreground is called Bumble Bee, after the Transformers’ film franchise. PHOTO: supplied

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All welcome at RSS disability expo

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FAMILIES and community members are invited to attend a free Open Day and Expo at the Riverland Special School in Berri tomorrow afternoon.

Principal Natalie Coote said the event comes after the school held an “extremely successful” open day for the first time in 2022.

“It provided our families, and members of the wider community, the opportunity to come into the school and see our fantastic learning areas and the educational opportunities that we offer our students,” she said.

“This year we decided to extend this further by inviting Disability Service Providers on site at the same time to form an expo.

“We see this as a valuable opportunity for anyone interested to come in and learn about the services available in the Riverland, all in one place and at one time.”

Guests can expect a range of opportunities to explore the school facilities, and speak with a range of people on site.

“A tour of the school will be led by our student leaders and senior students,” Ms Coote said.

“Guests can also engage with a range of Disability Service Providers that are available within the Riverland area to support, connect with other families and community members, and speak with staff to ask questions about the school and the education of students with a disability.

“Plus, they can enjoy a free sausage cooked on the barbecue.”

Ms Coote said it was important for the community to have access to information and be able to connect with a range of Disability Service Providers.

“Through Covid it was difficult to enable this type of information sharing and there has been an increase in service providers in the Riverland for families to connect with,” she said.

“We feel privileged to be able to provide this opportunity.

“We welcome anyone from any town in the Riverland interested in viewing our school, or needing access to service providers and information to support their child or family, to come along tomorrow.”

The Open Day and Expo will run from 2.30pm to 6.30pm. Booking is not required, however interest in attending can be expressed by contacting the school.

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All’s well and good at successful festival

THE ninth annual Riverland Wellness Festival has been hailed a success by organisers and stall holders.

The festival was held over the weekend in the Hotel Renmark function room, and free entry saw many eager visitors.

Festival director Sue Shaw said it was a “wonderful weekend” and believes between 500 and 600 people made their way through the doors.

“I don’t actually know how many people came through but there was a massive influx when we first opened the doors,” she said.

“It’s definitely been the biggest weekend we’ve seen.

“It was just packed full of people, and I think the fact it was free entry really assisted with that.

“It’s going to be free entry in the future as well. That’s what we’ve always been working towards – to make this festival a full community event.

“It’s about family and having a sense of belonging...”

Twenty-eight stallholders set up over the two-day event and offered a variety of ser-



Riverland Wellness Festival director Sue Shaw at her stall in the Hotel Renmark function room over the weekend.
PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

vices and products, including massage, oils and fragrances, psychic and medium readings, iridology and more.

“Lots of people were feeling just so happy as they were leaving, and you feel when you’re in the room that it’s a very welcoming space,”

Ms Shaw said.

“I think the timing was right, because people were ready and needing some support and nurturing. It was great to do that for the community, with all the gorgeous practitioners who were here.”

- ELYSE ARMANINI

“I think the timing was right, because people were ready and needing some support and nurturing...”

- Sue Shaw, Riverland Wellness Festival director



Berri-based store Calm, run by Angie Jones (left), Teesha Kroemer and Shell Gray, was among 28 stalls at the Riverland Wellness Festival on the weekend.

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Blanchetown clean-up slowly progressing

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE clean-up around Blanchetown’s shack area after the River Murray flood is progressing slowly.

Blanchetown Shack Owners’ Association president Wayne Tredrea said due to the high number of properties impacted by the flood it was understandable that the process would take some time.

He said both Green Industries SA – the contractor appointed by the State Government to assist with the post-flood clean-up – and Mid Murray Council were “doing the best that they could,” he said.

“You can’t be too impatient,” he said.

Mr Tredrea said removing asbestos from some of the older damaged shacks would be the top priority.

“That needs to be cleaned up a bit quicker before the asbestos starts going through the air,” he said.

“I know some people in the area have masked up and put gloves on and have tried to make it safer by putting it in a pile.

“Once it dries up there are still open fibres that enter the air.”

Mr Tredrea said the septic tank effluent disposal scheme for the shack area was expected to be switched on in about two weeks.

“Our tanks have been emptied, but it



The flood waters inundated the Tredreas’ shack right up to the top storey. PHOTO: supplied

hasn’t been connected to power yet,” he said.

He and his wife Heather have made their two-storey shack their permanent home and were planning to retire there.

However, the flood inundated the top

floors of two-storey shacks in the area, including the Tredreas, that were built above the 1974 level of 180GL a day.

The flood level at Blanchetown peaked at Lock 1 at about 190GL a day.

Mr Tredrea was expecting a building inspection to be conducted this week for his insurance company. However, he said the damage caused by the flood meant they would probably need to rebuild.

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sales and marketing director, Olivia Burke.

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The beautiful entry reserves, landscaping and play spaces are already complete and the planting of the leafy street trees and water-wise verges has also commenced.

The addition of the two new golf fairways has elevated the Murray Bridge Golf Course to a par-71 championship standard, with the club now offering a new driving range, and a club bar and restaurant which



provides a social hub for the community to gather to enjoy a drink or dining out with family and friends.

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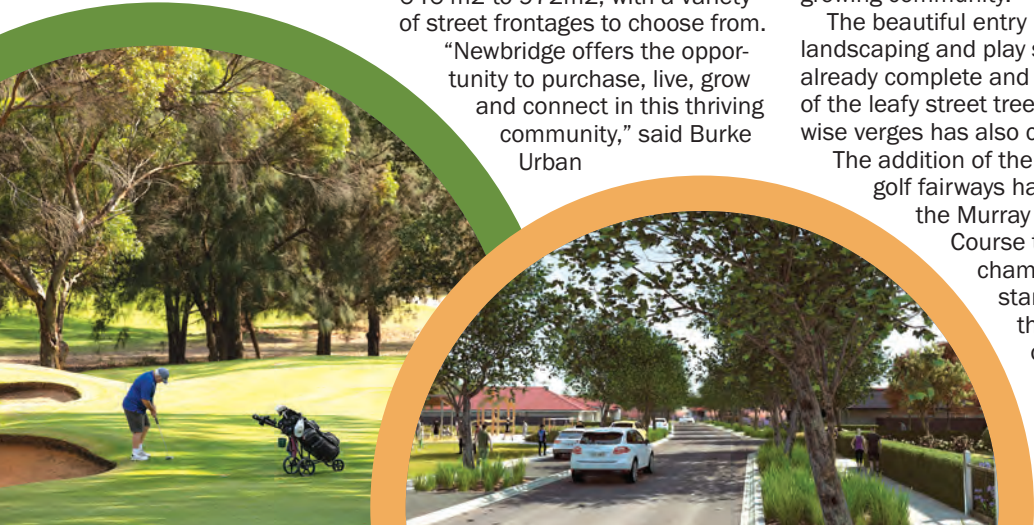
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New report underlines the importance of country press

THE head of Australia’s largest independent newspaper association has welcomed the release of a landmark Deakin University report into the future of country papers.

Country Press Australia president Andrew Manuel said the Media Innovation and the Civic Future of Australia’s Country Press report should be seen as “a beginning and not an end”, and that the report highlights the essential role local papers play in serving their communities and delivering civic journalism.

“This is arguably the most comprehensive study of our industry ever undertaken and the report stands as a beacon for government, for policy makers and for the community to take the appropriate and necessary actions to ensure newspapers can continue to play such a vital role,” Mr Manuel said.

“The study was done across the most tumultuous time the media industry has experienced, and local papers remain such an integral cog in regional and rural Australia, despite the hardships we’ve all endured.

“The report defines regional and rural papers as essential services to the community, and better support from government, and a better understanding from government around this is an important next step.”

The Media Innovation and the Civic Future of Australia’s Country Press report has been a three-year Australian Research Council project, led by Deakin University, in partnership with Country Press Australia and RMIT University.

The report reiterates a parliamentary inquiry recommendation for 20 per cent of all federal government advertising expenditure to be allocated to regional and rural news organisations and highlights the need for a better understanding of the role regional and rural newspapers play, as well as the need to provide more support.

The study included a survey into attitudes towards local papers and the respondents’ likes and dislikes, as well as interviews and interpretive focus groups with news editors, proprietors and key staff within the Country Press Australia network of more than 200 mastheads located at sites across Australia.

The report calls for a review of the focus on digital reach in regional areas and the accompanying rationale, with questions about the effectiveness of digital over local media when it comes to engagement with regional and rural Australians.

It questions an “obsession” with digital reach among major advertisers and government. It explains how local papers are not designed to individually engage with millions of people, but that their strength lies in their “rich levels of engagement” with their local communities.

Mr Manuel said people living in country areas remain passionate and engaged with their local mastheads, and the report highlights the need to better support local news, and equally, the pivotal role and responsibility of country papers to communities scattered across the continent.

“Our members continue to provide the local and civic news that readers crave more than ever...” he said.

“Coming out of the pandemic, many publishers have reported a strong revival in their readership, underpinned by a focus on hyper-local and unique news that has been a common denominator of country papers since their inception.

“We urgently need government to recognise the importance of our members in the local community and for government to adapt the way they seek to engage our readerships, just as we have adapted our businesses during particularly the past few years.



“Acting on the recommendation for 20 per cent of the federal government’s advertising expenditure to be allocated to regional and rural news organisations, but in a way that reflects the Deakin University led research findings, would be a welcome first step.”

The report suggests government policies and advertising spend remains the most influential factor in providing baseline surety to the long-term sustainability of small, independently owned news outlets across Australia, but questions whether taxpayer funds to support media might have been misdirected.

It claims the shift away from traditional media and towards social media and larger metropolitan news outlets with greater digital reach has led to a decline in engagement with regional and rural audiences, as well as a financial strain upon publishers in these areas.

The report describes a “shiny things bias” towards digital innovation at the expense of supporting initiatives that may be most beneficial to rural and regional audiences.

A greater appreciation for place-based

public interest journalism and the need for collaboration among publishers were other key findings.

The report also calls for a national campaign to recruit more journalists and address perceptions about careers outside of metropolitan areas.

“Newsrooms in regional and rural areas can offer some of the most varied, fulfilling and interesting work to journalists, and it should never just be about country papers being seen as merely a stepping stone to a job elsewhere in the city,” Mr Manuel said.

“The attractions and affordability of a regional lifestyle are well known to those of us who live in regional and rural Australia, and we should never accept our way of life, or our careers as being in any way inferior or less deserving.”

Mr Manuel said Country Press Australia members would continue to innovate and adapt their businesses, and to seek ways to work together for a better media industry, but the need for more effective government support and understanding would be crucial to the long-term sustainability of country papers.



● Andrew Manuel

2023 Rose Festival dates, details unveiled

A TRADITIONAL floral display will launch the 2023 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, which last week unveiled its program dates.

The 10-day festival will run from Friday, October 20, to Sunday, October 29, starting with the Renmark Institute display, lovingly crafted by a handful of dedicated volunteers each year.

It will close with the Loxton Pines Fair, while other events include:

- Open gardens.
- Festival Dinner.
- Festival Fair and Market.
- Waikerie Flower Show.
- Loxton Garden Club high tea.
- displays of indigenous culture, flora and fauna; The Pines market day; garden seminars; morning teas and lunches; flower arranging; river cruises.

Festival president Michelle Dominic, secretary Bec Kennedy and treasurer Frankie Dunhill are this year supported by a committee of 17 members and contributing guests.

“The committee is working with tourism officers from each of the councils and Destination Riverland to discuss new and exciting opportunities for events in all Riverland towns and surrounding areas,” a festival spokesperson said.

“Any suggestions or ideas are welcome.”

For open garden inquiries contact Michelle Dominic (michelle@dominicwines.com).

For fair and market inquiries contact John Chappel (john@stoneypinch.com.au).

For all other matters, including fresh ideas, contact Bec Kennedy (bec4096@bigpond.com).





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U3A ART: The Riverland U3A (University of the Third Age) art group took part in a “very successful” beach scene workshop with local artist Phil Rosenthal recently. Twenty-two students attended the four sessions, held at the Berri U3A clubrooms. PHOTO: supplied



RIVERLAND WELLNESS FESTIVAL: Susan Pogorecki, of Adelaide, and Hanna Grifsas, of Monash, were among hundreds of guests who enjoyed the Riverland Wellness Festival held at the Hotel Renmark over the weekend. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



SMOKING CEREMONY: Sam Mitchell joined Berri Primary School for a Harmony Week smoking ceremony last Wednesday. PHOTO: supplied



Penny and Caitlyn, both of Renmark, at the Riverland Wellness Festival on Saturday.



Barmera Primary School principal Jayne Foulds (left), deputy Katherine Fletcher (second right) and teacher Jess Hucks (right) with some of the families that came into the school on Harmony Day to share information about their traditions and culture. PHOTOS: supplied



Barmera Primary School students, including Jace (left), Indi (middle) and Lexi (right), all year 3, dressed in all shades of orange to celebrate Harmony Day last week.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

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, companionship and craft.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Riverland Boxing. Seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm, so don't be late to join in the fun.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Riverland Special School Open Day and Expo, 2.30pm to 6.30pm. Come visit to speak with a variety of disability service providers, tour the school and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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

Local council up for national flood award

A LOCAL council has submitted its approach to handling the recent flood event for a national award.

Renmark Paringa Council recently nominated for the Disaster Preparedness category at the National Awards for Local Government.

A Renmark Paringa spokesperson said the nomination focused on the Renmark levee bank network, and council's online interactive flood mapping tool.

"Highlighting our approach to disaster prevention and preparedness was to ensure

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that our infrastructure and townships could withstand the impending flow of the River Murray and engage and inform our community throughout the event," the spokesperson said via a Facebook post.

To view the full Renmark Paringa Council nomination, and the vote, visit the website (<https://tinyurl.com/bdzm8dpy>).



The annual classic car display was held earlier this month in conjunction with the Renmark Rocks On festival. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

'Something for everyone' at markets

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

LOCALS and long weekend visitors to Renmark were treated to a day of markets and classic cars earlier this month.

The Renmark Riverfront Markets and annual classic car display were held over the March long weekend, alongside the Renmark Rocks On festival.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said the event generated economic benefits for many local businesses.

"The Renmark Riverfront Markets were well attended and stallholders indicated that they had a solid day of trade," Mr Hunter said.

"There was something for everyone, with an interactive wildlife show, a classic

car show, dance demonstrations and great tunes playing throughout the event.

"Council also recognises the incredible work done by volunteers who bring Renmark Rocks On to life within our community.

"We all benefit when we work together to create and support activities for our community."



Animals Anonymous also held an interactive wildlife exhibition as part of the Renmark Riverfront Markets.



Dinghy racing returns to Renmark with this weekend's Dash 4 Cash event.

Action-packed normality returns

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland Dinghy Club is heading back to its roots in 2023, putting a delayed start behind it to hit the season head-on at Friday's Dash 4 Cash.

The event, held on the Renmark riverfront, sees boats fly up and back in the quickest time possible across Friday afternoon and into the evening.

This year, the club has been able to put Covid restrictions behind it and return to where it all started, staging a free event for families.

"The biggest thing for us as a club when we first started the Dash, probably 12-15 years ago now, we wanted to actually have a family-friendly event where people can come and sit in that beautiful location and actually see some racing," Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke said.

"To be able to put an event on like that, right on the foreshore of Renmark where

anyone can just walk up and watch, was the best.

"We had the option to continue with a gated event and raise money for the club through ticketed entries, but we wanted to revert back to the core of what we wanted to do.

"That was the driving force. We pushed pretty hard to get back to that.

"It's going to be another great event." Food and drink vendors will be on hand to keep spectators going, with Renmark Paringa Council funding helping to ensure the event is well-catered and staffed.

The action kicks off at 1pm on Friday afternoon and will go until late, with the Dinghy Derby to follow on Sunday in the biggest weekend of the dinghy season.

The riverfront is a dry zone from 7pm until 7am and some areas will remain fenced off due to the impact of the recent high-water levels.

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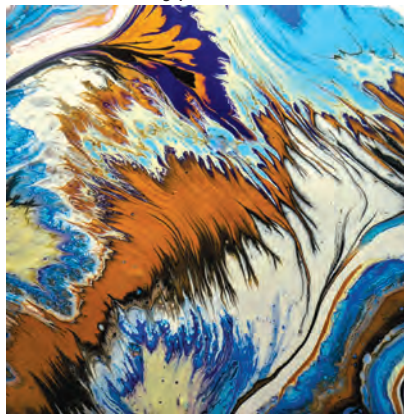
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Works by Salisbury Art Society members Coralie Loftes (left) and Charlie Mace (above) will be among those displayed at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery throughout April and May. PHOTOS: supplied

Artists from Salisbury to exhibit at Waikerie

THE Salisbury Art Society will share its members' work with the Riverland in an exhibition at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery from April 2 until May 31.

The group uses a variety of painting mediums including oil, water colour, acrylic, pastel, inks and mixed media.

It was formed in 1979 and has run continuously for more than 40 years.

The society said it has fostered established and novice artists encouraging the arts in the community.

It said great and lasting friendships grew and founding members were still

actively involved with the club.

"We feel privileged to bring our art to Waikerie and share our paintings with the town's people and tourists," the society said.

"So much so, the artists are planning to stay for a lovely break."

LET'S hope we can enjoy our autumn weather now that the late summer has hopefully finished. Did you plant your sweet pea seeds on St Patrick's Day? Welcome also to AFL for 2023. How was your first couple of rounds with the footy tips?

The Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery welcomes Salisbury Art Society members to showcase their talents at the forthcoming exhibition in April and May. The Salisbury Art Society was formed by a group of keen local artists in 1979 and has run continuously for more than 40 years. It has fostered established and novice artists, encouraging them in the community. Great and lasting friendships grew and even today they have founding members actively involved in the society. From a little country town, Salisbury is now very much a part of metropolitan Adelaide, however in their hearts they still feel 'country'. Group members are planning to stay in town during the exhibition and enjoy some 'river time' in our region.

Over the years artists have gained awards overseas, interstate and locally. Each individual has been free to experiment, grow and learn in a friendly environment. They have been able to expand their art through guest artists and tutors and join with other groups for exhibitions.

Local artists from Salisbury exhibiting at Waikerie include Charles Mace, who mainly paints in oil and acrylic. His classic paintings, filled with minute detail, often feature rural scenes, docksides, boats and steam trains, treating the viewer to a nostalgic trip into the past. Charles has been a member for 30 years.

Fay Jeanes has also been with the group for many years, and has become fascinated with pastels. Originally from Berri, Fay has a great love of the area and loves to paint river scenes, boats, still life, figures and animals – in fact whatever she sees as beautiful.

Lynda Fanshaw has a delicate touch with water colour and acrylic, portraying rural scenes, flowers and butterflies. Equally, an angry sea will show her true versatility. Linda is happy painting a large work or tiny studies.

Ellen Wilden displays her wonderful drawing skills in her white conte studies of animals and figures on black paper. Ellen also works in acrylic and water colour, often painting dogs.

Nikky Levinge works mainly with acrylic paint. Her imaginative and often humorous studies are meticulously planned and painted to perfection. Colour and form are features of her work.

Jenny Atterton, one of the newer members, has found her niche in animal studies and using pan pastels. So real are her studies, you imagine at any moment one may utter a purr.

Coralie Loftes is new as well and brings

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a freshness in new mediums of flow acrylic, freedom of expression and interpretation that we all love.

As you can see by the talents this is one event for the diary. Don't miss this exhibition opening on Sunday April, 2 at 2pm at the Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery.

Thanks to Susan and Peter Santella, of Music on the Deck, for supporting artists who present music for the entertainment of others. Another talented artist, Sandie Dodd, together with our popular locals The Chasers, will perform at the Waikerie Bowling Club on Saturday, May 13 at 7pm. Sandie has been involved with the music scene for more than 12 years and is looking forward to being here. Tickets are \$25 per person and you are asked to pre-purchase tickets with PA & SJ Santella (BSB 015 448, account 424488257, with reference M.O.D. 8). Get some friends together for this great night out. BYO nibbles but buy your drinks at the bar. If you have any queries call Susan (0417 854 972).

Don't forget the Waikerie Football Club's 2023 season launch on Saturday, April 1, followed by the Jason Lehmann Memorial Cup against Strathalbyn in the afternoon.

After the footy it's time to go to the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club to meet and greet Tom Curtain and his team from the Katherine Outback Experience. Tom is also an ambassador of Dolly's Dream and uses his show to spread the anti-bullying message.

The Barmera Street Committee invited the Riverland Crows Supporters Group to present a display in one of the empty Barwell Avenue shops. We took on the challenge and had a lot of fun sharing some of our precious memorabilia from more than 20 years of collecting. Thanks to the many people who we enjoyed chatting with last week, the appreciation they showed and how much they enjoyed our colourful display. Well done to the Barmera Street Committee for the initiative to bring life to the vacant shops. I trust Easter visitors and locals will check out the displays.

Thought for the week:

"Life is a school. Those who learn to love and help others graduate with honours."

- Maria Fontaine

TV GUIDE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 TO TUESDAY, APRIL 4

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; 1:40 Media Watch; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 3:00 Escape From The City; 4:00 TBA; 5:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Hard Quiz
8:30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
9:00 Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala
11:05 ABC Late News
11:20 The Business
11:35 Frayed
12:25 Parliament Question Time
1:25 Finding Alice
2:15 rage



5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Ginger And The Vegesaur; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
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6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:30 Silent Witness
9:30 Banana
9:55 Cucumber
10:45 Killing Eve
11:25 Black Mirror
12:30 Miss You Already



6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Murder, She Baked; 2:00 Surveillance Oz; 2:30 Border Security; 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 Inside Detroit
9:00 The Front Bar
10:00 We Interrupt This Broadcast
11:00 Seven News
11:30 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera
12:30 Filthy Rich
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise



6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Tba; 1:00 Mr Mayor; 1:30 My Way; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Tba
8:30 Under Investigation
9:30 Footy Classified
10:30 Nine News Late
11:00 See No Evil
11:50 Ordinary Joe
12:40 Tipping Point
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today



6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 The Dog House Encore; 3:10 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 The Dog House Australia
8:40 Law & Order
9:30 Fire Country
10:30 Bull
12:30 The Project Encore
1:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
2:30 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings



5:00 World News 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:15 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:05 Station; 11:00 Dream Of Italy; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Dateline; 2:30 Insight; 3:30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Alone Australia
9:30 Ruthless
10:30 SBS World News Late
11:00 Furia
11:55 The Sleepers
3:30 Mastermind Australia
4:30 Bamay

THURSDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Australian Story; 10:30 That Pacific Sports Show; 11:00 Monash And Me; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Hard Quiz; 1:30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 3:00 Escape From The City; 4:00 TBA; 5:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Foreign Correspondent
8:30 Grand Designs
9:20 Griff's Canadian Adventure
10:10 Art Works
10:40 ABC Late News
10:55 The Business
11:10 Back In Time For The Corner Shop
12:10 Q+A

5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Childen's Programs; 5:30 Ginger And The Vegesaur; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 QI
8:30 Penn And Teller
9:15 Hard Quiz
9:45 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
10:15 Gruen
10:55 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 The Perfect Parents; 2:00 Kochie's Business Builders; 2:30 Border Security; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
6:50 Rnd 3: Western Bulldogs v Brisbane
10:00 AFL Post Game
10:30 Seven News
11:00 TBA
12:15 Black-ish
1:15 Harry's Practice
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 The Stepford Wives; 2:00 Pointless; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Rbt
8:30 Paramedics
9:30 Australia Behind Bars
10:30 A+E After Dark
11:25 Nine News Late
11:50 Prison
12:40 Tipping Point
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 Tasmaster Australia Encore; 3:00 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 Taskmaster Australia
8:30 Gogglebox Australia
9:30 Harley Breen
11:00 The Project Encore
12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:00 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:15 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:05 Station; 11:00 Dream Of Italy; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 2:20 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys; 3:15 Mastermind; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Dinosaur With Stephen Fry
8:30 The Elon Musk Show
9:40 Vigil
10:40 SBS World News Late
11:10 Exit
12:05 The Eagle
4:10 Mastermind Australia

FRIDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 The Australian Soul With Geraldine Doogue; 11:00 Australia Remastered; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 In Our Blood; 2:00 QI; 2:30 Back Roads; 3:00 Escape From The City; 4:00 TBA; 5:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Gardening Australia
8:30 Van der Valk
10:00 Jack Irish
10:55 ABC Late News
11:15 Close To Me
12:00 Traces
12:45 rage
5:00 rage

5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Ginger And The Vegesaur; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Hard Quiz
8:30 Hook
10:45 Doctor Who
11:30 Silent Witness
12:30 Killing Eve
1:10 High Fidelity

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Web Of Dreams; 2:00 House Of Wellness; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Rnd 3: Collingwood v Richmond
10:00 AFL Post Game
10:30 Armchair Experts 2023
11:30 Dog Patrol
12:00 All American Girl
2:00 TBA
4:00 Million Dollar Minute
5:00 NBC Today

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 For The Love Of Pets; 1:00 Space Invaders; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Tba
8:30 Red Dog
10:30 Adventures Of Priscilla Queen Of The Desert
12:30 Tipping Point
1:20 9honey Hacks
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Postcards
5:00 Home Shopping
5:30 Skippy

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Studio 10; 11:00 2023 Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 The Graham Norton Show
8:30 Taskmaster Australia Encore
9:30 The Graham Norton Show
10:30 Just For Laughs Australia
11:30 The Project Encore
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:30 Home Shopping

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:15 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:05 Station; 11:00 The Shape Of History; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Mastermind; 3:00 Nitv News; 3:30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:10 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Wrecks That Changed The World
8:30 Walking Britain's Lost Railways
9:25 Viking Empires
10:25 SBS World News Late
10:55 Gomorrah
1:40 Romulus
3:35 Mastermind Australia

SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 rage; 10:30 rage Guest Programmer; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Van der Valk; 2:00 Death In Paradise; 3:00 Scottish Vets Down Under; 3:30 Magical Land Of Oz; 4:30 Landline; 5:00 The Truth About Boosting Your Immune System
6:00 Back In Time For The Corner Shop
7:00 ABC News
7:30 The Larkins
8:20 Under The Vines
9:05 Grantchester
9:55 In Our Blood
10:50 Traces
11:35 rage Guest Programmer
3:00 Daylight Saving Ends
5:00 rage

5:05 Curious George; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Ginger And The Vegesaur; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
8:20 Live From The BBC
9:10 Melbourne Comedy Festival
11:10 The Set
11:40 Doctor Who
12:30 Would I Lie To You?
1:00 Cucumber
1:45 Banana

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven's Horse Racing; 3:00 SANFL Rnd 1: Port Adelaide v Adelaide
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Rnd 3: Port Adelaide v Adelaide
10:00 Takers
12:15 Repco Supercars Championship Highlights 2023
1:15 Travel Oz
2:00 TBA
4:00 Get Arty
5:00 House Of Wellness

6:00 Getaway; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Today Extra; 12:00 Destination Wa; 12:30 The Pet Rescuers; 1:00 Living Proof; 1:30 My Way; 2:00 Mr Mayor; 2:30 Moonstruck; 4:30 The Garden Gurus; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Getaway
6:00 Nine News Saturday
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Space Invaders
8:30 Wonder Woman
11:10 Good Kill
1:00 From Hell
1:30 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything Presents
2:30 Home Shopping
5:30 Helping Hands

6:00 Reel Action; 6:30 Leading The Way With Dr. MichaelYoussef; 7:00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 7:30 Escape Fishing With ET; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 What's Up Down Under; 9:00 Farm To Fork; 9:30 2023 Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix; 5:30 10 News First
6:30 The Dog House Australia
7:30 Blue Bloods
8:30 CSI
9:30 NCIS
11:30 Bull
12:30 Home Shopping
5:00 Hour Of Power

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 J Schwanke's Life In Bloom; 10:05 Love Your Home And Garden; 11:00 Expeditions With Patrick McMillan; 12:00 World News; 2:00 ISU Figure Skating World Champs Japan; 3:30 Cycling; 4:30 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 4:35 Pluto; 5:45 Lost Gold Of World War II
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 The World's Most Beautiful Landscapes
8:30 Windsor Castle Fire
9:30 Citizen Jane Fonda
10:30 Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne
11:20 Outlander
12:20 Germinal
1:20 Bamay
1:59 Going Places With Ernie Dingo

SUNDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 Insiders; 10:00 Offsiders; 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 The Larkins; 3:20 Griff's Canadian Adventure; 4:10 Grand Designs; 5:00 Art Works; 5:30 Antiques Roadshow
6:30 Compass
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Death In Paradise
8:30 In Our Blood
9:20 Close To Me
10:10 Finding Alice
11:00 MotherFatherSon
12:00 Smother
12:55 Road To Now
1:45 rage
3:20 The Heights

5:05 Curious George; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 You Can't Ask That
8:30 Louis Theroux
10:25 TBA
11:15 Long Lost Family
12:05 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
12:50 ABC News Update
12:55 ABC TV Plus Programs Resume At 7.30pm

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show Weekend; 12:00 House Of Wellness; 1:00 Better Homes And Gardens; 2:00 The Crows Show; 2:30 Rnd 3: Melbourne v Sydney; 5:30 South Aussie With Cosi
6:00 Seven News
7:00 This Is Your Life
8:50 Code 1
9:50 Manhunt
10:50 Born To Kill?
11:50 Autopsy USA
12:50 Repco Supercars Championship Highlights 2023
2:00 TBA
3:30 Million Dollar Minute
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Drive Tv; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Sunday Footy Show; 12:00 Sports Sunday; 1:00 Drive Tv; 1:30 Mega Zoo; 2:30 Rpa; 3:30 Space Invaders; 4:30 Building Ideas; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Hello Sa
6:00 Nine News Sunday
7:00 Married At First Sight
8:40 60 Minutes
9:40 Nine News Late
10:10 Australian Crime Stories
11:15 The First 48
12:05 Law & Order
1:00 The Garden Gurus
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Take Two
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Turning Point With David Jeremiah; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Joel Osteen; 8:00 2023 Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix; 4:30 Bondi Rescue; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Sunday Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:30 NCIS
10:30 FBI
11:30 The Sunday Project Encore
12:30 Home Shopping
04:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 J Schwanke's Life In Bloom; 10:05 Love Your Home And Garden; 11:00 Expeditions With Patrick McMillan; 12:00 APAC Weekly; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 Speedweek; 2:30 Motorsport - Ausmoto Show 2023; 3:00 Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Athens; 5:00 Nippers; 5:05 Wrestling; 5:10 Starblasters Cricket; 5:15 Ky's Story; 5:40 Lost Gold Of World War II
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Ancient Egypt
8:30 Easter Island
9:30 Muhammad Ali
12:00 24 Hours In Emergency
1:50 How The Nazis Lost The War
3:40 The Source
4:30 Mastermind Australia

MONDAY

6:00 News; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Landline; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Under The Vines; 1:45 Grantchester; 2:30 Back Roads; 3:00 Escape From The City; 4:00 TBA; 5:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Australian Story
8:30 Four Corners
9:15 Media Watch
9:35 Q+A
10:35 China Tonight
11:10 ABC Late News
11:25 The Business
11:40 Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala
1:45 rage
3:30 TBA

5:00 Buddi; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Kiri and Lou; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 Octonauts
6:20 Bluey
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6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
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7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 TBA
8:50 George Clarke's Alaskan Adventure
9:40 Long Lost Family
10:30 Earth's Tropical Islands
11:30 Ghosts
12:00 Louis Theroux
1:00 Black Mirror

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Family Pictures; 2:00 Surveillance Oz; 2:30 Border Security; 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 Highway Patrol
8:30 TBA
9:30 Ambulance
10:30 Seven News
11:00 How To Look Good Naked
12:00 Kochie's Business Builders
12:30 Last Chance Learners
1:30 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 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Married At First Sight; 1:30 Destination Australia; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
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6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 Would I Lie To You?
10:00 Ghosts
10:30 Best Of The Sydney Comedy Festival
12:00 The Project Encore
1:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
2:00 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:20 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:10 Rick Steve's Europe; 11:10 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out; 12:10 World News; 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 2:10 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys; 3:05 Mastermind; 3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:05 Royal History's Myths And Secrets; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Britain By Beach
8:30 Race For The Sky
9:30 24 Hours In Emergency
10:25 SBS World News Late
10:55 Infiniti
12:00 Beforeigners
3:40 Mastermind Australia

TUESDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Foreign Correspondent; 10:30 How Extra; 11:10 Countdown To War; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Shakespeare And Hathaway; 1:45 Gruen; 2:30 Back Roads; 3:00 Escape From The City; 4:00 TBA; 4:55 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:25 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Back In Time For The Corner Shop
9:00 The Princes And The Press
9:55 Stuff The British Stole
10:25 ABC Late News
10:40 The Business
10:55 Four Corners
11:45 Media Watch
12:00 MotherFatherSon
1:05 Shakespeare And Hathaway

5:00 Buddi; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Kiri and Lou; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
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7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Would I Lie To You?
9:00 Ghosts
9:30 Fisk
10:00 This Time With Alan Partridge
10:30 QI
11:00 Friday Night Dinner
11:25 The Young Offenders

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Honor Student; 2:00 Surveillance Oz; 2:30 Border Security; 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 We Interrupt This Broadcast
8:30 The Good Doctor
9:30 Quantum Leap
10:30 Seven News
11:00 Police Custody USA
12:00 Farewell, My Love
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

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6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Frozen Planet II
8:40 Tba
10:40 Nine News Late
11:10 Chicago Med
12:00 Court Cam
12:30 Tipping Point
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

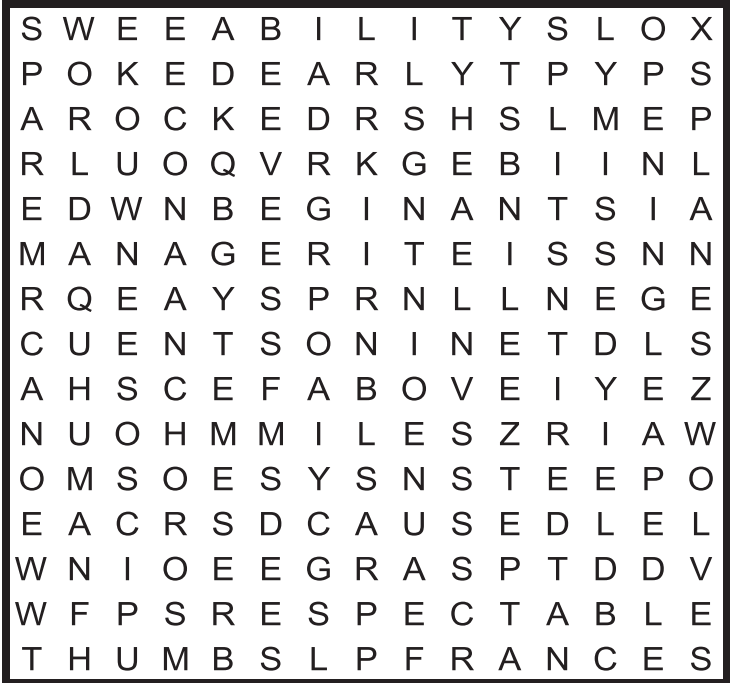
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7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 NCIS
11:00 The Project Encore
12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:00 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:10 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:00 Rick Steve's Europe; 11:00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 2:10 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys; 3:05 Mastermind; 3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:05 Royal History's Myths And Secrets; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Who Do You Think You Are?
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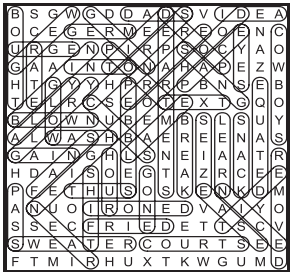
Word search

How many words can you find?

- ABILITY
ABOVE
ALWAYS
ANCHOR
AWOKE
BARGAIN
BEGAN
BEGIN
CANOE
CAUSED
- CHOOSES
COMFORTABLY
EAGER
EARLY
ENEMY
FIREMAN
FRANCE
GRASP
HUMAN
INNER
- KNELT
LEAPED
MANAGER
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- POSSIBILITIES
RESPECTABLE
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ROCKED
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SENSE
SEVEN
SPARE
SPINE
SPLITS
STEEP
THUMBS
TIRED
WASHES
WOLVES
WORLD
YIELD



Last Week's Solution



Crossword

ACROSS

1. Make possible
5. Printers' measures
9. Bordering
11. Bishop's headdress
14. Very small quantity
15. Risked
16. Bird
18. Friend in war
19. Ailments
20. Indian monetary unit
22. Eft
24. High tone
25. Lift
27. Together with
29. Enquires
30. Evade
32. Country
34. Latin poet
35. Raised platform
36. Prepare for active service
38. Mop
40. Select group
41. Wingtip flaps
42. Sooner
43. Make certain

DOWN

2. Nominate
3. Armed conflict
4. Abrasive material
5. Self
6. Fool (coll.)
7. Growl
8. Tribes
10. Narrow elevations
12. Unsuitable
13. Sovereigns
15. Girl's name
17. Animal
21. Extreme

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

A	A	F	A	K	I	R	A	B
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M	D	A	R	T	E	R	I	A
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ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
You shouldn't feel that you need to do things differently just in order to please other people. You have your own approach which is right for you: stick to this. **Romance.** A kind gesture by your partner will show you how much they really care for you. A favourable aspect to Venus will bring you closer together.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A difficult aspect to Neptune might make you a little dreamy this week. Make sure that you are focussed enough not to miss an important opportunity which won't come again. **Romance.** You may be feeling a little fragile at the moment. Your partner will have to be even more sympathetic than usual.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
Stick to your guns over an important decision. Your initial feelings in this matter were correct, and should be trusted: ignore any later thoughts you have on the issue, as these will push you in the wrong direction. **Romance.** Plan a little treat for your partner. They will enjoy being spoilt.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
This probably isn't the best time for making major changes in your life: you need to wait until you are feeling a little more secure. A conversation with a friend will point you in the right direction. **Romance.** Your emotions will be relatively subdued at the moment.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
A firm gesture of support from your friends will convince you that you are on the right track. You will need more help from these people in a few weeks. **Romance.** A slightly stressful situation later in the week will help you to understand your partner much better.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
A secret which you accidentally told a friend may spill out, despite your warnings about what would happen if it did. More secrets are on the way. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Mars will give your love-life a boost. A meeting later in the week will help you to get your confidence back.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A recent change in your working conditions will help to make up for some earlier frustration. The situation will improve considerably over the next few days. **Romance.** A boost to your social life will come at just the right time. Make the most of the new opportunities which come to you.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
A casual remark may give away much more information than you intend. Be especially careful later in the week, when a difficult aspect to Mercury could lead to some misunderstandings. **Romance.** A heart-to-heart chat with your partner will help to increase the intensity and depth of your relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
A recent improvement to your social life will help you to get out of the doldrums. Don't be slow about taking up an offer from a friend which will not come again. **Romance.** Your plans for a romantic get-together may not go entirely to plan. You need to be very flexible at the moment.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
A challenging aspect to Jupiter will make this a bad time for any risky ventures. You are normally quite cautious, but this week you should be especially careful to avoid getting into deep water. **Romance.** Discussions with your partner could become more intense than usual this week.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
You may be feeling a little down at times this week. A trip away from home will help to inject some energy into your system. **Romance.** An outburst from your partner may upset you. However, you should think twice before you say anything which you will regret later.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
Don't allow other people push you too far. Your emotions are a little fragile at the moment: you won't appreciate criticism, however well meant. **Romance.** Be careful that problems from work don't spill over into your home life. You need to take things easy for the next few days.

Join our Buddy Bunyip Birthday List

Simply contact the Murry Pioneer Office to sign up!
Eligible for kids up to 12 years of age
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THANKS Renmark

Don't forget that if your name appears on the birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Wholemeal Crispy Chicken Snack Wrap, Apple Slices and 250mL Pop Tops™ Water Happy Meal®.

SUDOKU No.421

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.

Level of Difficulty: Medium

Solution No. 420

7		6				4	
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	2	4			1	3	9
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3		5					
	9				5		6



Think your pet is Picture Perfect?

ELYSE ARMANINI

THE time to show off your pets to the rest of the Riverland has come again, with The Murray Pioneer’s popular pet photo competition returning this April.

If your camera roll is full of photos of your pet posing for the camera, sleeping in funny positions, or performing tricks, then Picture Perfect Pets is your time to shine.

The popular feature will showcase local pets for three editions, starting Wednesday, April 5.

All you need to do to enter is message the Murray Pioneer Facebook page, or email Elyse (photos@murraypioneer.com.au) details of your pet, including:

- ☐ Name
- ☐ Age
- ☐ Gender
- ☐ Breed
- ☐ Town
- ☐ A brief sentence detailing a quirky habit.

To be included in the first week, send your photos through by 4pm on Friday, March 31.

All entrants will go in the running to win one of three \$100 vouchers to spend at Pets Domain in Berri, and a winner will be chosen each week.

Remember to include your contact details to be notified if your pet is one of our lucky winners.

Brian Letton’s new album had me looking in my atlas...

IF I’m not in the right place to give a recording my full attention, listen to it and appreciate it, I wait until the time is right. You can’t rush these things.

I have just listened to **Brian Letton’s** second-most recent album, and more info on his latest release later on.

Western Australia Is Calling Me Home was Brian’s third release on his own label, Brian Letton Recordings, and I will listen to this 16-track CD many times.

Around 30 years ago Brian was living in Western Australia when he was encouraged to move over to Tamworth to get some exposure. He subsequently recorded an album at **Lindsay Butler’s** LBS Studios.

That was the year I first met him. I thought he had a really good voice and presentation, so I attended a few of the venues he performed at, came home with a vinyl album, and have followed his career ever since.

When listening to a story song, I zone into the words and picture the place/event it is about. So, I can be laughing, shedding a few tears or reminiscing, all during one album, and to me that is the sign of a good album.

Brian has written all but three of the 16 songs, namely **Joy McKean’s** *Ghosts of The Golden Mile* and *Song Of The West*, and **Terry Bennetts’** *Silent Night In The Outback*.

The opening track, *G’day From WA*, sets the pace for this fine album of songs, with the title track, *Western Australia Is Calling Me Home*, following on from it.

By **ROBYN MCINTOSH**



MY KIND OF COUNTRY

Then comes *Where It All Begun*, *The Boyup Brook Waltz*, *The Lights Of Home*, *The Legend Of Wally Downing*, *The Woodanilling Polka*, *The Peak Of Mount Clarence*, *Please Play Me A Waltz*, *The Doctor*, *A Horse Called Norseman*, *She’s Gotta Be Emu Export*, *The Place I Call My Home*, with the other three songs having been slotted in amongst them.

(Naturally my Australian Atlas came out to check out where some of the Western Australian towns mentioned, were situated.)

This album was digitally recorded at Beaten Track Recording Studios, in Tamworth, engineered by **Rob Wilson**, and produced by **Brian Letton and Rob Wilson**, with some of our best musos used. To purchase this one visit the website (www.brianletton.com.au).



☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

March 29 is a big day for **The**

French Family Band (Stuie, Camille, and Sonny French) as they make their debut on The Grand Ole Opry.

What an achievement for them.

They got their on their own merit, not through a recording contract, or through a big deal Australian promoter. They got there by being a genuine, hard-working, and dedicated team.

Congratulations to Stuie and Camille who relocated their family to Hendersonville, Tennessee, in 2019, coping through Covid by performing online concerts from their home.

This not only won the family more fans, but their fans supported them by donating to their cause, and the family hasn’t looked back since arriving in the USA.

Sonny has improved even more as he watches and gets to play along with some seasoned legends of American country music. This has taken his music to another level.

Other family members, **Chet** and **Manaia**, have settled in well. Both have music running through their veins, but don’t contribute very often as they also have other interests.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Dates for the 2023 Hats Off To Country festival at Tamworth are Thursday, July 6 to Sunday, July 9, with 14 venues welcoming visitors and locals to the four days of entertainment.

Some ticketed shows will feature, but most venues are offering free entry to their shows. So, to show your appreciation it would be only courtesy to purchase a

meal at these venues.

Tamworth weather is much more comfortable at this time of year and that factor is partly why this event has survived. The inaugural festival was held in June 2000 to salute our king of country music, Slim Dusty.

With cooler conditions in July, the festival is much more visitor friendly, and when I attended it in 2014 it wasn’t as cold as I had expected it to be.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Word has come through that the CMC Rocks Queensland 2023, held a few weeks ago, was a resounding success, with a crowd said to be over 23,000.

Artists came from America and New Zealand to join Aussie performers including **The Wolf Brothers**, **Travis List**, **Casey Barnes**, **Lane Pittman**, **Blake O’Connor**, and **Max Jackson**.

This event, held over five days, is supported each year by the Queensland Government, through Tourism and Events Queensland, and is a feature on the *It’s Live! in Queensland* events calendar.

Held at Willowbank Raceway, Ipswich, CMC Rocks is described as “the ultimate, incomparable, international, country music experience”.

Personally I’ve never attended any of the CMC Rocks events, but only because that type of event doesn’t fit my bill.

If this is your type of festival go to cmcrocks.com for info on when their next events is coming up, as you need to purchase tickets.

the quiz



- Figaro, Stromboli and Monstro are all characters in which Disney film?
.....
- What is the national animal of England?
.....
- Cardiophobia is the irrational fear of which organ in the body?
.....
- In September 1992 Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to travel in space aboard which space shuttle?
.....
- In medicine which lotion is traditionally used to alleviate the symptoms of chicken pox?
.....
- Mwai Kibaki became President of which African country in 2002?
.....
- A smew is what type of creature?
.....

- The discovery of what in Australia in February 1851 is traditionally attributed to Edward Hammond Hargraves?
.....
- Professor Henry Higgins is a character in which 1964 film?
.....
- What is a single dish consisting of seafood and meat commonly known as?
.....
- Which London station has a tile floor mosaic which reads 'MIND THE GAP'?
.....
- What was the first name of former US First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt?
.....
- In which year did children's television show 'Sesame Street' debut on US television?
.....

- US actor, producer and director Nicolas Coppola is better known by what name?
.....
- The Kladdkaka (or chocolate mud cake) originated in which country?
.....
- Pelo is Spanish for which part of the body?
.....
- Who wrote, co-produced and directed the 2009 film 'Avatar'?
.....
- Which Australian cricket player, and former national team captain, is known as 'Punter'?
.....
- In the children's television series 'Scooby Doo', what is Velma's surname?
.....
- On a regular clock face, which number lies opposite 5?
.....

BONUS QUESTION:

Liechtenstein lies between which two European countries? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 32

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TOM TRIFONOFF

WAIKERIE HIGH FORMAL 2023

PHOTOS:
Danleigh Designs

WAIKERIE High School's year 12 students recently glammed up for their school formal at the local football club.

Sarah and Stella were MCs for the night.

The school said "a wonderful night was had by all". The remaining three Riverland high schools hold their proms later in the year.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



Charlotte and Sean



Demi and Blake



Ebony and Sam



Oliver and Hudson

Annual supermarket Easter appeal under way

SEVERAL local supermarkets are taking part in an annual Easter appeal to support Variety-The Children's Charity.

Woolworths' four Riverland stores, in Berri, Loxton, Renmark and Waikerie, are involved in the initiative, which started last week and runs until April 11.

During this time, customers are able to donate and help children living with a disability, chronic illness, financial hardship or geographic isolation.

Customers can support Variety by adding a \$2 Easter egg-shaped token to their shop or making a Round Up donation on self-service check-outs.

"Funds donated will allow Variety to support kids across South Australia, helping them gain mobility and have the chance to get out and about in the community, communicate, achieve independence and increase their self-esteem," a spokesperson said.

"The Variety kids support program includes grants, scholarships and experiences to help kids in need reach their full potential."

Local Woolworths group manager, Nathan Tomlinson said, over the past seven years, local customers "continue to exceed expectations in their generous and steadfast support of organisations like Variety".

"We'd like to thank all of our customers

who have donated to the Easter Appeal over the years, as their generous contribution is a great example of how our community comes together to support those in need," he said.

Since 2016 Woolworths customers have helped raise \$1.6m for Variety through ongoing appeals across SA.



Drought resilience program for wine sector

SA wine grape growers will be better equipped to deal with drought, via the extension of a training program, announced last week.

The Farm Business Resilience Program, which provides practical help to farmers to help manage significant climate risks, including future droughts, has been extended to include the wine grape sector.

Funded by the Australian and South Australian Governments and industry partners, the program gives growers access to subsidised learning and development opportunities in strategic business management, farm risk management and decision-making, natural resource management, and personal and social resilience.

"The extension of the... program to

South Australian wine grape growers means this vital sector will be equipped with the tools to manage these risks," said SA Primary Industries and Regional Development Minister, Clare Scriven.

"In doing so, grape growers and the communities they support will be strengthened to make better business decisions when facing and recovering from adverse events into the future and maintain the financial and environmental sustainability of their businesses."

Support is also provided to develop or update a farm business plan.

For more information on the Farm Business Resilience Program in South Australia visit: www.agriculture.gov.au/fdf or www.pirsa.gov.au/future-drought-fund

\$6000 raised for RFDS and Rotary

OVER \$6000 was raised at the Mallee Harvest Festival fundraiser event at the Alawoona Hall on the March long weekend.

The event was supported by the Rotary Club of Loxton, along with sponsorship from Loxton Waikerie council, Karoonda East Murray Council and local businesses.

Funds raised from the event will be donated to the RFDS transfer facility in Renmark, plus Rotary's Bringing Communities Together program.

The sold-out evening accommodated 115 people, with organiser Rosanne McConnell explaining that it included pre-dinner nibbles, a Weber roast meal, a dessert table and live music.

"The inspiration came from an American-based movie and I thought it would be great to adopt and celebrate the agricultural harvest in the Mallee, bring the local community together and raise money for charity," she said.

"The first Mallee Harvest Festival was held at Mantung when I was a Mardi Gras ambassador for the Rotary Club of Loxton and I received lots of positive feedback, so I wanted to hold the event again.

"It was a very successful event and we have received lots of positive feedback again, and the plan is to have it as a biennial event."

The fundraiser also fea-



The Mallee Harvest Festival fundraiser event, organised by Rosanne McConnell (pictured), raised over \$11,000 on the Saturday of the March long-weekend. PHOTO: supplied

tured guest speaker and prominent local Mark DeCaux, known as the Bush Bee Man.

Ms McConnell thanked event sponsors, including businesses and individuals that donated goods and services. She also acknowledged ABC Riverland's Matt Stephens, who was MC, and Barker MP Tony Pasin for attending.

"Thank you to Peter

McConnell, Polly and Rodger Johnston, Jenny Mills, Marge Southam and Raelene Heidrich for your help in setting up, cleaning up and preparation to help the event come together, I couldn't have done it without you," she said.

To stay up to date about the next event, follow the Facebook page (@malleeharvestfestival) for more information.

“ It was a very successful event and we have received lots of positive feedback again, and the plan is to have it as a biennial event...”

- Rosanne McConnell, organiser

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS, BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR DONATIONS		
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GOLD	A1 Jet Cleaning, Stars Reach Vineyard & Mallee View	AUCTION ITEMS
SILVER	PPHS, Bodhi and Rose & Golding Livestock Agencies	Loxton Courthouse Apartments, Ronco Motors, Bh Partners Real Estate, Whistling Kite Wines, Rollbusch Quality Meats, Tony Pasin MP, Loveday Studio, Bodhi and Rose & Stars Reach Vineyard.
BRONZE	ANZ Australia & Westbrook Agriculture	
DONATIONS		
Caine George (pumpkins), Mitolo Farms (potatoes), Rusty Spoon Cafe (slices), Grace Perre (cannoli & tarts), Kayla's Slice Creations (slices), Hygienic Meats, Loxton Abattoir, Larry Signs & Tinting, Stalk and Bloom Flower Farm (dahlias), RivEvent Hire, Pauline & Rodger Johnston (bus service), Michael & Della Fogden (pork & labour), Nick & Tash Acoustic Duo, Lauren Curtis (photography), Mallee View (lamb) & Bh Partners & BML (auctioneering).		



FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS 2: One And All (PG)
THURSDAY MARCH 30 AT 10AM *Coffee Flix
SATURDAY APRIL 1 AT 2PM

COCAINE BEAR (MA)15+
FRIDAY MARCH 31 AT 8PM
SATURDAY APRIL 1 AT 8PM

CARL BARRON: SKATING RINK FOR FLIES
Presented by A-List Entertainment
WEDNESDAY APRIL 12 AT 8PM
Children 12 years & under (including babies) are not permitted.

RUNNING IN THE SHADOWS OF FLEETWOOD MAC
Presented by Coast To Coast Events
THURSDAY APRIL 13 AT 8PM

SHAZAM! FURY OF THE GODS (M)
FRIDAY APRIL 14 AT 8PM
SATURDAY APRIL 15 AT 2PM & 8PM

ARGONUTS (G)
MONDAY APRIL 17 AT 10AM & 2PM
TUESDAY APRIL 18 AT 2PM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 19 AT 10AM *Sensory
WEDNESDAY APRIL 19 AT 2PM

THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE (PG)
THURSDAY APRIL 20 AT 10AM & 2PM
FRIDAY APRIL 21 AT 10AM & 2PM
SUNDAY APRIL 23 AT 11AM & 2PM
MONDAY APRIL 24 AT 10AM & 2PM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 26 AT 10AM *Sensory
WEDNESDAY APRIL 26 AT 2PM & 6PM

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or 8586 1800

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: HONOUR AMONG THIEVES (M)
THURSDAY APRIL 20 AT 7PM
FRIDAY APRIL 21 AT 8PM
SATURDAY APRIL 22 AT 8PM
SUNDAY APRIL 23 AT 6PM

HELLO! WE'RE THE WIGGLES
SATURDAY APRIL 22 AT 10AM & 12.30PM

ALLELUJAH (M)
THURSDAY APRIL 27 AT 10AM *Coffee Flix
SATURDAY APRIL 29 AT 2PM

MAVKA: THE FOREST SONG (PG)
THURSDAY APRIL 27 AT 2PM
FRIDAY APRIL 28 AT 10AM & 2PM

JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4 (MA)15+
FRIDAY APRIL 28 AT 7PM
SATURDAY APRIL 29 AT 7PM



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Community Grants

LOCAL GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS
APPLY NOW

Application forms for grants available
by contacting Liz Dymmott 0418 803 650
or Peter Magarey 0418 808 296.
Grant winners requested to attend AGM.

Applications close 30th April 2023

LZ14812



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

LOXTON AND WAIKERIE SWIMMING POOL SEASON CLOSURE

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie and the Belgravia Leisure wishes to advise residents that the 22/23 pool season at the Loxton and Waikerie Swimming Pools closure will occur from Monday 3 April 2023.

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

David Beaton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LZ14724



LOXTON RSL 2023 ANZAC DINNER

The President and Members of Loxton RSL Sub-Branch cordially invite you to the
2023 ANZAC DINNER

Saturday 15th April, 2023
at the RSL Clubrooms,
15 Tobruk Terrace, Loxton
commencing at 6pm for 6.30pm.

\$45 per person for a 2 course meal.
Catering provided by the Loxton Hospital Complex.
Tea and Coffee available
Guest Speaker
Smart Casual Attire
Mess Dress/Uniform to be worn.
Medals and decorations (miniatures) to be worn.
Raffle and Lucky door prize.

RSVP by 9th April 2023 to
Lorraine Masters - 0473 364 881

Payment details:
Either online - BSB 105 059, A/c No 035862240,
with your name as the reference, or by cash in
the Memorial Room on any Wednesday

Your support of Loxton RSL Sub-Branch and the Loxton Hospital is greatly appreciated.

LZ14807



BML Auctions

WE KEEP YOUR SALE MOVING

UPCOMING CLEARING SALES 2023

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH 2023
PARINGA – Collection of Oil Tins, Brands, Tools & More.
[Online Sale 6.30pm](#)
Collection of Oil tins, Brands, Tools & more!
INSPECTION DAY:
Saturday 25th March 10am - 2pm
COLLECTION DAY:
Saturday 1st April 10am - 2pm

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL 2023
WAIKERIE – Farm Machinery, Plant & Equipment.
[Online Auction 6.30pm](#)
Farm Machinery, Plant & Equipment.
INSPECTION DAY:
Sunday 23rd April 2023 10am - 2pm
COLLECTION DAY:
Friday 28th April 2023
*** FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED***

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023
KAPUNDA
[Traditional On Property Auction 10.00am](#)
Tools, Sundries, Furniture 7 Household Items.
More details to follow.

WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2023
EUDUNDA – Collectables
[Online Auction 6.30pm](#)
Collectables Auction
INSPECTION DAY:
Saturday 6th May 2023 10am - 2pm

BML Auctions Eudunda *We Keep Your Sale Moving*
Budgie Schiller 0437 795 190 | Katie Preston 0408 809 259

COLLECTION DAY:
Friday 12th May 2023 10am - 2pm
WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2023
BURTON SA – Rock crushing plant, workshop equipment, office sundries.
[Online Auction 6.30pm](#)
Rock Crushing Plant, Workshop Equipment, Office Sundries.

INSPECTION DAY:
Saturday 13th May 2023 10am - 2pm
COLLECTION DAY:
Saturday 20th May 2023 10am - 2pm
or by arrangement over following 5 days.

SATURDAY 27th May 2023
Fundraiser Auction
Cadell Club 7PM
[Fundraiser to support the Cadell Club](#)
More details to follow.

WEDNESDAY 31st MAY 2023
WAIKERIE – Vintage Tractors, Signs, Tools & More.
[Online Auction 6.30pm](#)
INSPECTION DAY:
Saturday 27th May 10am - 2pm
COLLECTION DAY:
Saturday 3rd June 2023 10 - 2pm

SATURDAY 24th JUNE 2023 9.30am
PARINGA – [Onsite Sale](#)
More details to follow.

PM1635

WATER TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS REMARK

FRIDAY 31 MARCH - SUNDAY 2 APRIL

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

- On an area of water on the River Murray at Renmark Riverfront commencing from a point 100 metres downstream from the PS Industry to 100 metres upstream of the Renmark Rowing Wharf between the hours of 8.30 am and 12.00 pm on Friday 31 March 2023 and for the full width of the River Murray at Renmark from a point 100 metres downstream of the PS Industry mooring to 100 metres upstream of Dead Wood Entrance, Rat Ral Creek from Dead Wood to above Nelbuck Creek and all of Kyllies Creek, Bullyong Creek, Nelbuck Creek, Cut Off Creek and Plumbers Creek - River Murray from 100 metres downstream of Kyllies Creek to 100 metres upstream of Nelbuck Creek between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Sunday 02 April 2023.

An access corridor with a maximum speed of 4 knots will be maintained on the eastern side of the river for the length of the licensed area and for the duration of the licence to allow the passage of normal river traffic between events.

For safety reasons, vessels, and persons other than those participating in the events are prohibited from entering the above area of water between 8.30 am and 12.00 pm on Friday 31 March 2023 and 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Sunday 02 April 2023.

Riverland Dinghy Club Inc

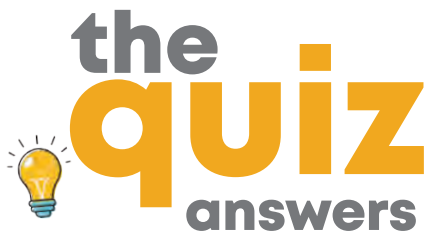
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100th BIRTHDAY

PHELPS, Doris.
(Formerly of Loxton).
An open house
celebration of
Doris's 100th birthday
will be held on
Monday, April 10th
(Easter Monday),
at the Murray Bridge
RSL from
2pm - 4.30pm.
Formalities at
3.30pm.
Contact Fran
Henschke on
0417084443.

80th BIRTHDAY



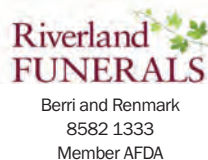
NISSEN, Kath.
Kath, you're
someone who
deserves the very
best in every
single way.
Hope you have a
wonderful
80th birthday on
April 2.
Enjoy your party.
Love Shirley.

DEATHS

GROPLER, Roger Ivan.
Formerly of Barmera
and Renmark.
Currently
Seaford Rise.
Died Sunday,
March 26, 2023.
Born on February 14,
1945.
Aged 78 years.
Much-loved
husband of Elaine.
Devoted father to
Peter and Linda, and
their families.
Hard-working friend
and brother to many.

DEATHS

HAIGH, Joyleen Kaye
(nee Tieste - Kruger).
4/6/1957 -
25/3/2023
Aged 65 years.
"She is riding
wild horses".
Joyleen has been
privately cremated
according to her
wishes.



HAIGH, Joyleen Kaye.
Loved and
cherished wife of Ian.
Much-loved mother of
Lindy and Wayne,
and step-mother of
Tony, Hayley
and Tyson.
Loving daughter of
Maureen and Alan
(deceased).
She will be missed
by the whole family
of Annie, Glenda,
Sharon, Shane,
Darren and Robert.
Love and
adored nanna of
Kate, Emmerson
and Temperance.

All of our love and
thanks go to Annie for
looking after Joy with
such love and care.
A funeral service will
not be held as per
Joy's wishes.
Hope you rest in
peace, my love.

MCKENDRICK, James Robert.

Passed away on
March 18, 2023.

Dearly loved
husband to Carole.

Loving father to
Warren, Adam,
Allison, Neil, and
their families.

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DEATHS



SOLLY, Niell.
Passed away
unexpectedly at
the Berri Golf Club,
one of his favourite
places, enjoying the
company of family on
Wednesday, March
15, 2023.
In his 90th year.
Loving husband
of Beryl.

Loved and respected
father of
Mark and Kath,
Craig and Lee,
Tracey and Frank.
Loved poppa of
Kylee, Graham,
Jake, Emma,
Paul, Sarah,
Ryan, Jacinta,
and their partners.
Loved great-pop of
Bailey, Declan,
Lacey, Kianna,
Logan, Ashton;
Felix and his
baby sister.

Rest in peace.
Niell's private family
farewell was followed
by a cremation
at the Riverland
Crematorium,
according to his
wishes.



Berri and Renmark
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Member AFDA

FUNERALS

BENNETT, Peter.

Family and friends of
the late Peter Bennett
are invited to attend
his funeral service to
be held in the Mattiske
Funeral Chapel, 2
Wiltshire Street,
Salisbury, on Friday,
March 31, at 2.30pm.



08 8258 1856

FUNERALS

MCKENDRICK.

The funeral of the
late Mr James Robert
McKendrick will be
held at the Stawell
Golf Club (Stawell/
Donald Road) on
Thursday, March 30,
2023, commencing
at 1.30pm.

A private cremation
will follow.

A livestreaming of
the service will be
available via our
website. Please click
on the livestreaming
tab to view the
service.

In the care of
Fred Crouch & Son
Stawell
0353581043

PANKHURST, Donald.

Friends and family are
invited to a gathering
at the Loxton
Cemetery on Saturday,
April 15, at 9am.
Don't wear black -
Dad wouldn't like that.

There will be
nibbles and drinks
at the Loxton RSL
afterwards.

MEMORIAL SERVICE



ALBANESE, Giovanna.

It's been a year on
March 31 since you
have left us.
It still hurts every day
not being there for
our chats.

There will be a mass
held at the Catholic
church in Renmark
on Saturday April 1,
2023, at 6.30pm for
those would like to
come.

Thank you
Paul Albanese
and family.

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER, Valmae Dawn.
March 27, 2016.

Those we love
don't go away,
they walk beside
us every day.
Unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved, still missed,
but very dear.

To our dearest
soulmate and mum.
We miss you heaps.
Your loving husband
Kevin, Daryl and
Veronica,
Di and Marc,
and families.

XXXXXX

RETURN THANKS

FROUD, Rhonda
Claudia.

Rhonda's family
would like to thank
everyone for their kind
thoughts, cards, hugs,
and condolences at
this sad time. A special
thank you to Melaleuca
House, Loxton, for the
care they gave Mum.
Please accept this as
our personal thanks.

x

LUTZE, Joshua Peter.

6/2/1985 -
28/3/2003.

20 years.

Our loved one leaves
behind a light that will
never dim or fade.

It's kept bright by
the love we feel and
all the memories we
made.

It can warm us like
a candle's glow and
help bring comfort,
too.

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you go, you'll find it's
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and Nanna.



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BEDS - closing down sale. Adjustable health beds, manufactured locally. Single \$2000 reduced by \$400; king single \$2200 reduced by \$1100; queen split \$3400 reduced by \$2900; king split \$3800 reduced by \$3000. All beds inclusive of mattresses. Delivered and installed. Phone 0418540833.



CAMPER trailer, Leisure Matters, 2011 off-road camper. In excellent used condition. Electric brakes, lockable boxes all round, tyres in excellent condition, kitchen with gas burner and sink, large water tank, electric water pump, queen-size bed with spring mattress, full annexe plus extra rooms (never used), plus lots more. \$5000 ono. Phone 0408085631.



CAMPER trailer, \$7500; chainsaw, \$1100; bow arrow, \$500. Phone 0498543982.



CANARIES - Crested, white, yellow, fawn, cinnamon, self and variegated, unsexed and sexed available. Prices \$15 - \$25. Phone Cheryl on 0401529919.

COMMODE - never used. Paid \$100, sell for \$70. Located Renmark. Phone 0431209386.

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FOR SALE

FIREWOOD 2.5 - 3 tonnes. Make an offer. Glossop. Phone 0429671449.

FREEZER - chest freezer, Hisense, 145L, good condition. \$160 ono. Phone 85254096, Wasleys.

FRIDGE freezer, Dometic CRX50. 451L compressor 12v/240v fridge. In excellent condition. No longer needed. \$450. Phone 0428750217.

GEMMASTER faceting machine \$3500. GemMaster combination unit \$450. VJ slicing machine \$350. Phone 0427558434.



GOPHER Shoprider Rocky 8, 4-wheel mobility scooter. Red, carry bag, flag and charger included, can carry person weighing up to 225kg. Had little use. In excellent condition. \$5000. Phone 0428750217.

GOPHER 4-wheel Merits. Can carry up to 130kg, new batteries and charger, folds up into car boot. Excellent condition. Can deliver. \$1550. Phone 0438253986.

GRAFTED vines available. Field grown or in pots. Sauvignon blanc/paulsen, pinot gris/paulsen, pinot noir/paulsen and chardonnay/paulsen or ramsey. Yannakoudis Nursery. Phone 85846989.



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HARVESTER - 1996 Flory. Almonds, pecans, walnuts - all nuts. Self-propelled pick-up/harvester in good working order with new pick-up belt, twin rod dirt chain worth \$15,000 alone. 5137hours. Huge price drop, now \$29,000 ono. Phone 0419833517.

MERITS 4-wheel mobility scooter. Recent major service, new motor fitted, good condition. Suspension and puncture-proof tyres. Can carry 136kg, high-back swivel seat. Can deliver. \$2550. Phone 0438253986.

FOR SALE

PUPPIES - 2 x male Jack Russell, born 21/11/22; 2 x Jack Russell cross Chihuahua, male and female, born 6/1/23; 2 x male long-haired Chihuahua, born 24/1/23, very small. All puppies, vet checked, wormed, vaccinated and microchipped. Berri area. Breeder No. DAC0185363. Phone 0488413418.

ROSES - new season roses have arrived at Brad's Roses. Floribunda, climbers, standard hybrid teas. Phone 0417855014. 13 Riverview Drive, Paringa.



STORAGE - 24/7 keypad entry, CCTV and monitoring. Various site sizes available. Phone 0488050482. Renmark Central Storage.

WHEELCHAIR - red, very good condition. \$350 ono. Phone 0474132451.

WINE making equipment. Italian made basket press, 720h x 500w, 127lt; 350lt plastic fermenter; bottle corking press; barrel storage rack; S/S plunger; bag of french oak staves; half a pallet of new bottles. \$1500 the lot. Will not split. No offers. Phone 0423955111.

FOUND

LADIES watch found at Jane Eliza sandbar. Phone 0407394366.

LOST

PRESCRIPTION glasses, clip-on sunglasses. Lost around St Catherine's Berri, March 22. Phone 0413110491. Reward offered.

TRACTORS AND MACHINERY

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MOTOR VEHICLE



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TOYOTA Hilux SR5, 2013. Very reliable car, owned since 25,000kms, now 205,000kms. Comes with all extras, full service history and 3 months registration. Rego S236BIK. \$29,990 ono. Phone 0429332092.

WANTED TO BUY

ANTIQUE - able to buy. Kensington Antiques requires: antiquarian, estates, china, shed stuff, collectables, records, frames, paintings, old tools. 167-169 Magill Road, Marylands. Closed Mondays. 0421901075.

ANTIQUE bottles and pot lids, collections or singles. Enamel signs, coins, medals and militaria. Phone Peter 0428813220.

VARIOUS - Collector looking for any old wartime memorabilia. Pre WW1 to post Vietnam era. Old uniforms, hats, helmets, ordnance, bayonets, swords, knives, badges, medals, patches, army, navy, airforce items, war diaries, photos, trench art. Also, nursing spc button day, police, fireman related badges, uniforms etc. Old footy stuff, SANFL and country, single items, collections. Estate lots. Fair prices paid. Phone Lisa 0418391084.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

NATIONAL Trust of SA. Waikerie Pioneer Museum. 297 Virgo Road Ramco. Open Saturday, April 8, 10am - 4pm. Lots of interesting displays from yesteryear.



RAEDER'S Electric Motor Services. Workshop is for sale but still open for business until sold. For all electric motor services. Air-con, domestic pumps, irrigation motors, starter motors, alternators and power tools. Phone Danny 0438698972.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

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Riverland CHURCH NOTICES

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Riverland
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Sunday, April 2
10am
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Contact
Rev Linda Forsyth
0401 815 488
RENMARK
Sunday, April 2
8.30am
Renmark West
10am HC
Renmark Avenue
Kingson Selvaraj
Phone 0401 815 488

Anglican Church
Riverland
Saturday, April 1
5pm - Monash St Oswald's
Sunday, April 2
9am - Renmark St Augustine's
11am - Loxton The Resurrection
11am - Waikerie St James
Contact:
Fr. David Patterson
8586 3288

Catholic Church Mass Times
Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish
WEEKS 1, 3 & 5
Saturday
Morgan 6pm
Renmark 6.30pm
Sunday
Berri 9am
Loxton 11am
Waikerie 11am
Barmera 6pm
WEEKS 2 & 4
Saturday
Waikerie 6pm
Berri 6.30pm
Sunday
Renmark 9am
Morgan 9am
Barmera 11am
Loxton 6pm

Lutheran Church of Australia
BERRI | BARMERA
Sunday, April 2
Barmera 9am
Berri 11am
Pastor S Trautwein
All Welcome
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LOXTON
Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday
St Peter's 10am
Combined HC
Concordia 10am HC
Georg
Myrla New Residence & Moorook 10am HC
(New Res) da Costa
Bookpurnong 8.30am HC
Georg
Riverview Rest Home Wed, April 5
No Service
Lutheran Ministry Centre
Phone 8584 5522
Pastor Chris Georg
(Concordia and outlying)
Pastor Jason Sander
(St Peter's)
RENMARK | PARINGA
Wednesday, March 29
Mid Week Lent 5
Renmark 7pm
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Renmark 9am
Paringa 10.30am HC
All Welcome
Pastor Roland Adams
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Sunday, April 2
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Waikerie 10am
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Riverland Red Cross... are looking for volunteer drivers and we would love to hear from you. Please contact Narelle 1800 334 882 or search (Berri https://volunteering.redcross.org.au.)


Support Your Local... Get involved and give back to your community by volunteering at Loxton Red Cross Shop. Call 1800 833 489 or email (savolunteer@redcross.org.au.)

Riverland Youth Theatre is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the volunteer position of Secretary on the four-member executive of the RYT Board. They should have some experience in meeting organisation skills, corporate governance, administration and an understanding of the not-for-profit charitable sector regulatory frameworks and standards. If you have an interest in contributing to RYT's wonderful work, please email an expression of interest to board@ryt.org.au including your relevant qualifications and experience.

Loxton Show Society
Conveners needed for the 2023 LOXTON show to be trained for this year's Show in October for the following sections: Vegetables, Floral Art, Amateur Winemaking & Brewing and Scarecrows
Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.

Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of National Trust) are seeking able bodied volunteers to help with maintaining walking trails, weed control, pest control, revegetation & other projects. If you enjoy the outdoors please contact Gordon on 0427847896 for more information.



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**RENMARK
IRRIGATION TRUST**

**PAYMENT OF WATER
SUPPLY CHARGES**

Payment of third quarter charges (January to March 2023) are due by:
Friday 31 March 2023.

Penalty interest will apply to all amounts not received by the due date.

R Auricht, Chief Executive Officer



**Berri Barmera
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**Mid Murray
Council**

**Proposed Lease
Morgan Sports Complex**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 202 of the Local Government Act 1999 and in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, that Mid Murray Council is considering granting a new 21 year + 21 year lease for community land located at Lot 7 North West Terrace, Morgan, known as the Morgan Sports Complex, in its entirety.

The draft lease is available for inspection on Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or Council Offices at Mannum, Cambrai, Morgan or Blanchetown.

Written submissions may be sent to the Chief Executive Officer no later than 5:00pm 24 April 2023. Council will consider all submissions received by the due date.

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



Ben Scales
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER




**Riverland Field Days
15-16th September 2023**

**Expression of Interest
Fundraising Community
Groups / Sporting Clubs**

The Riverland Field Days Committee would like to extend an invitation out to our local Riverland community groups and sporting clubs, interested in utilising our drinks vans for fundraising during the Field Days event.

Expressions of Interest can be forwarded to admin@riverlandfielddays.com.au to The Manager, Emma Gwiazda by the 12th April 2023.

Further information and questions should also be directed to the Manager.



**Waikerie
medical
Centre**
The Centre for the Health of Women, Men & Children

Waikerie Medical Centre will again be providing clinics for Influenza vaccinations

- The peak period of Influenza circulation is typically June to September in most parts of Australia
- While protection is generally expected to last for the whole season, optimal protection against influenza occurs within the first 3 to 4 months following vaccination
- 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:
 - All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
 - People who have certain medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza disease complications as follows
 - Cardiac Disease
 - Chronic Respiratory conditions
 - Chronic Neurological conditions
 - Immunocompromising conditions
 - Diabetes and other metabolic disorders
 - Renal disease
 - Haematological disorders

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

Please phone 8541 3500 to arrange an appointment.



**Join our Buddy Bunyip
Birthday List**

Contact the Murry Pioneer Office to sign up!
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**Mid Murray
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Order Making Policy

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting on 21 March 2023, Mid Murray Council resolved to adopt an updated Order Making Policy pursuant to section 259 of the Local Government Act 1999.

A copy of the policy is available for inspection on Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or at any of the Council Offices: 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum, Main Street, Cambrai or Cnr Fourth & Eighth Streets, Morgan.

Written comment to be received no later than 5:00pm 24 April 2023 via postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238.



Ben Scales
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**



**FOODLAND
THE MIGHTY SOUTH AUSSIES**

**Renmark Foodland –
Positions available now**

We are currently looking to employ multiple people in our store for the following positions:

Deli Staff. Hours approx..10-30 hours a week

Checkout Staff. Hours approx..30-38 hours a week

Butcher. Full Time

Meat Wrapper. Hours approx..25-30. No experience required, but would suit 3rd or 4th year apprentice

We are a 7 day a week business. So hours will be spread over a 7 day week, including public holidays.

Our operating hours are 7am – 7pm

The successful applicant will have:

- Excellent customer service skills
- Confidence in handling money
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- Have initiative and commitment to the position

Please drop your resume including work related reference to:

**Matt Maczkowiack - Manager
Koch's Foodland Renmark**
25 Ral Ral Avenue
Renmark SA 5341
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Local group’s Waikerie Institute assessment: ‘Upgrade or perish’

“MAJOR upgrades” are required to bring the historic Waikerie Institute back to full function, and expand its usage to more community groups, the local council has been told.

An information report produced by the Waikerie Delivers group has spelled out the challenges facing the Institute, which was once a centre of social events in the local community.

However, just a handful of groups are currently using the facility, as work on termite eradication and some damage repairs nears completion.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has been warned that under the current level of upkeep maintenance costs are likely to increase and the building will further deteriorate.

In addition, the Waikerie Delivers report suggests it would be “unlikely” that any additional community groups would use the facility in its current condition.

The Institute is currently in limited use by Cobweb, Santa’s Cave, Waikerie Flower Show and the Riverland Youth Theatre.

The report delivered possible outcomes on six future options for the council, including a “do nothing” – or no maintenance – option.

The reports says selling the facility was “unlikely to be suitable for commercial endeavour, given the costs to a new owner required for compliance, improved access and repair”.

The report says a local real estate agent has valued the building at just \$150,000 – the same as the land value.

“The Institute design and layout has very limited commercial application, although possible uses could include convention centre, wedding venue or movie theatre,” the report says.

“However, it is difficult to see how these uses would be viable given Waikerie’s location and population base and the substantial investment required to convert to other uses.”

According to the report, other options include demolition, minor/compliance upgrades, or major upgrades.

It recommends that council acknowledge the need for major upgrades “over the medium term”.

The report said the Institute represents an important part of Waikerie’s history and has an iconic status in the community.

“The Soldiers Memorial Hall is of historical and cultural significance and value to community,” it said.

“The Institute occupies a unique location in Waikerie CBD. Alternate locations available to current and potential users do not offer comparable amenity, facilities, access or value for money.

“Options 1 to 4 (do nothing; maintain as is; sell; or demolish) are not regarded as viable and would result in the loss of a valuable community asset.

“It is unlikely that the Institute could be sold for commercial purposes.

“Allowing the facility to degrade further will only increase ongoing maintenance costs and will detract from the vibrancy of the street scape in the CBD (which has been achieved through significant investment already).

“Greater use of the Institute is unlikely without upgrades to the facilities.”

The report also recommends council budgets allowances for a further five years in its Long-Term Financial Management Plan, while waiving Institute usage fees for not-for-profit users and/or community groups to encourage greater usage.

Councillors voted to receive the report at their monthly meeting held on March 15.

- ALEXANDRA BULL

Berri snaps its softball streak

A FRANTIC finish to the Riverland softball season saw Berri emerge triumphant in the A grade grand final, snapping a cold streak spanning 25 years.

The side started the match with a bang, shooting out to a strong 5-1 lead across the first six innings with one left to play.

But, the match was far from over as Loxton came roaring back to life after a disappointing start.

The side smashed five runs at the top of the seventh to snag a one-run lead, with Berri still yet to bat.

With the pressure on, Berri's young guns delivered with bat in hand, as Zy Heinrich and Wyatt Nuske belted back-to-back homers to secure the win for their side.

It was the side's first A grade triumph since 1998, with a healthy crowd in attendance at Glassey Park to watch the celebrations ensue.

Kathy Johnson was named best in the loss for Loxton, capping off a stellar season, while Cheryl Taylor, Cara Venning and Heinrich were named as Berri's top performers.

Venning brought home some extra silverware, with the veteran named the MVP of the match.

Meanwhile, Cobdogla was named premiers of the B grade, while Loxton edged out Cobdogla in a thriller to



Berri celebrates its drought-breaking A grade softball win.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

secure the C grade title.

Orianthi Johnson was named MVP of the C grade contest, hitting a four-bagger in Loxton's win.

RESULTS

A GRADE

Berri 7 d Loxton 6.

Best: Berri - C. Taylor, C. Venning, Z. Heinrich. Loxton - K. Johnson, H. Symens, E. Nykeil.

MVP: C. Venning

B GRADE

Cobdogla 7 d Berri 0.

Best: Cobdogla: V. Wade, G. Dyer, C. Sharkey. Berri - S. Sampson, L. Campbell-Collard, M. Bristow.

C GRADE

Loxton 20 d Cobdogla 19.

Best: Loxton - O. Johnson, B. Geraghty, W. Stokes. Cobdogla - L. Wade, L. Banks, B. Passmore.

MVP: O. Johnson



Cara Venning (left) and Ori Johnson were named MVP in the A grade and C grade grand finals respectively.



A grade softball premiers Berri. Back: Kale Karpany (assistant coach, left), Kym Sampson (coach), Zy Heinrich, Hayden Clarke and Wyatt Nuske. Middle: Hannah Brauer, Amanda Sampson, Cheryl Taylor and Lara Brauer. Front: Cara Venning and Regan Lambert.



B grade premiers Cobdogla. Back: Julie Cook (left), Jo Gregory (coach), Wade Grieg, Marianne Smith (scorer), Ebonee Pech, Vanessa Wade, Chantelle Sharkey and Jesse Passmore. Front: Dallas Fitzpatrick, Monica Haaja, Kendall Hayes, Gloria Dyer and Janiquha Cook.



C grade premiers Loxton. Back: Tracy Townsend (left, coach), Rylee Geraghty, Margot Walmesley-Cothams, Bree McAllister, Billie Geraghty, Ori Johnson, Darcy Lawson, Alex Francis, Hayley Reichstein, Kellie Lawson (scorer) and Haylee Symens (coach). Front: Will Stokes, Grace Wagner, Charlie Morris, Kimberlee Murdoch and LeeLee Johnson. Absent: Dash McAllister (coach).

Cobby on top after two rounds of Riverland darts

COBBY Eagles made a strong early statement in round two of the Riverland darts season, defeating RC Ones by five games.

The two sides went into the season as heavy favourites, but Eagles got off to a flying start,

leading 8-4 heading into the round of doubles action.

Darren Parfitt and Danny Coomb shone for the eventual winners, as did Ray Stemp with a peg-out of 111.

Darcy Crane nailed a 180 for RC Ones and

managed a high average of 22.11 but failed to drag his side over the line.

Meanwhile, Monash Wanderers also picked up a 10-5 win over Expendables, with Calib Martin in hot form.

Martin produced a

21.02 average including a maximum 180, while Angus Martin also pulled off a maximum and Wayne Benham scored a top peg-out of 107.

The Lyrup Club was home to a local derby, with Lyrup Lionhearts

holding out Lyrup Cubs to win 10-5.

RESULTS

Cobby Eagles 10 (J. Broekers 140 x 5, 135, 125, 110, 100 x 3, D. Parfitt 140 x 5, 125, 121, 100 x 4, A. Hargreaves 140 x 3, 100 x 5, R. Stemp 140 x 2, 100 x 4, 111 peg out, D. Coombe 122, 100 x 2, 122 peg out) d RC Ones 5

(D. Crane 180, 140 x 3, 123, 121, 119, 100 x 6, 123 peg out, L. Rasheed 140 x 3, 100 x 2, C. Wagner 140, 120, N. Flack 129, 121, 100, W. Schwartzkopff 123, 100 x 4, L. Platten 120 x 3, 100 x 5) Monash Wanderers 10 (C. Martin 180, 140, 121, 100 x 5, A. Martin 180, 100 x 5, D. Hayes 140, 134, 100, J. Willett 140, 100 x 4, W.

Bonham 123, 105, 100 x 5, 107 peg out, D. Martin 100) d Expendables 5 (S. Lockwood 162, 101, D. Roessel 125, 116, 101, G. Norman 119, 100, K. Bray 140, M. Seeby 100). Lyrup Lionhearts 10 d Lyrup Cubs 5 (J. Strother 112, D. Thomas 112, C. Fletcher 104).

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John Pick and Tom Nettle.
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Master 70 vs apprentice 12

TOM Nettle, 12, was “pretty nervous” before tackling remarkable Riverland veteran and local tennis mentor John Pick in Saturday’s Riverland division one tennis grand final.

Tom’s dad, Shane, said his son had worked with Pick – turning 71 in May – as part of various Riverland squads.

“John’s an unbelievable man for Riverland tennis and I think Tom was pretty nervous, because he’s got a lot of respect for him,” he Nettle said.

“But he woke up after a little while that he had to knuckle down and he got out of jail.

“But it was a really good match.”

Tom’s tie-break singles win helped Cobdogla to the tightest of premierships victories over Renmark, and while the match was third single, Nettle said it was high quality, and showcased Pick’s enduring skills.

“It was an excellent match and Tom had to hit a lot of... winners,” Nettle said.

“John’s just a really clean ball striker. He sees the ball earlier than a lot of other people and he can make you look stupid, despite his age.

“He still serve-volleys. He’s definitely one of the better players I’ve seen in my time.”

Cliffhanger clinches eighth straight

PAUL MITCHELL

A “PIVOTAL” singles match pitting a pre-teen rising star and a 70-year-old local legend, plus a climactic, season-deciding mixed doubles were highlights of an epic Riverland division one tennis grand final.

Competition powerhouse Cobdogla captured its eighth straight title in dramatic fashion, after it needed to win the final set of the day – and season – in the decider against Renmark, played on Barmera’s near-perfect grass courts.

Riverland tennis coach John Pick was a key figure in the day’s proceedings.

The Renmark veteran had a wonderful tussle with 12-year-old Tom Nettle at third single, eventually going down 8-9. The young Cobby blueblood trailed 3-5 and saved at least a handful of match points, before forcing a tie-breaker.

Pick played more sets than he had throughout the season, as Renmark strived to end Cobdogla’s premier-ship dominance.

Incredibly, he finished the day on the wrong side of three tie-breakers, including the final mixed doubles, which decided the grand final.

Will Swinstead and his teenage mixed doubles partner Hayley Drogemuller, playing her sole set of the day, somehow scratched their way to 6-all against Pick and Caren Martin, after the Renmark duo had half-chances to close out the match.

“John would’ve been absolutely knackered after that singles match, because that was a marathon. It was probably the pivotal match,” said Cobdogla Tennis Club president Shane Nettle.

“He did a great job in that last doubles.

“But it would’ve been nerve-wracking, especially for the two women, being their only set of the day.

“It was a beautiful day, with a pretty good crowd and everyone was getting pretty vocal.”

Swinstead and Drogemuller swept through the tie-breaker relatively convincingly to give Cobdogla its 16th division one title in the past 20 seasons (seven sets, 61 games, to five sets, 61 games).

“(The final doubles participants) were out on court by themselves for



Riverland division one tennis premiers Cobdogla. Back: Cohen Battams (left), Hayden Carter, Sam Butterworth, Will Swinstead, Justin Inglis and Nigel Battams. Front: Emily Carter, Haley Drogemuller, Lucy Nettle, Sophie Nettle, Tom Nettle. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham

a long time,” Nettle said.

Little separated the two sides throughout the day.

Sam Butterworth starred at top single for Cobdogla, winning all three sets, as did young teammate Cohen Battams, who finished the 2022-23 season unbeaten in singles and took home the Riverland trophy for most outstanding division one player.

Olivia Hughes showed her class for Renmark, winning all three of her sets, including a 6-0 singles triumph.

“She’s played a bit of state country tennis,” Nettle said of the Berri Regional Secondary College teacher.

“She’s the outstanding woman in the competition and had a good day on Saturday. She hit the ball really well.”

Nettle said Cobdogla’s depth in the men’s ranks had helped it finish the minor round on top, but he knew Renmark would be tough to beat in the decider.

Renmark only qualified for the grand final two days earlier, edging past Berri Blue in Thursday night’s preliminary final, postponed from the previous weekend due to excessive heat.

The other grand finals were much more clear cut, including Barmera Hall of Framers’ 9-3 win over Berri Red in division two, led by women Sarah-Jane Albrecht and Katie Bannear.

“Barmera have probably got the best women in the Riverland,” Nettle said.

Moorook scored an easy win in division 3A, while division-one standard Nettle helped Cobdogla to a 7-3 win over Renmark Sharks in division 3B.



Division two premiers Barmera. Back: Mark Henwood (left), Justin Bannear and Max Jericho. Front: SJ Albrecht, Sam Jericho, Lachie Marks and Katie Bannear.



Division three premiers Moorook. Back: Callan Maczkowiack (left), Fraser Logos, Riley Thomson, Jayden Logos and Kaleb Muller. Front: Daryl Hill and Oliver Ackland.



Division three B premiers Cobdogla. Back: Jason Bowers (left), James Ivanovic, Ben Burton and Shane Nettle. Front: Logan Bowers and Jo Nettle.



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DYNAMIC DUO: The Lawns bowls club teammates Ned Kelly (left) and Steve Symonds took home the Riverland champion of champions pairs title on Saturday at Lyrup, defeating a Loxton RSL duo in the final 15-9. PHOTO: supplied



Winter golf is coming

LOXTON Golf Club kicked off its winter season with a mixed and men's pinehurst event on Sunday, March 19.

Patron Barry Rollbusch welcomed players and supporters to the event before reigning women's champion Marlene 'Bonnie' Tyler hit an exhibition drive off the first tee, marking the first play of the season.

President Terry Sawade also announced the presentations of life memberships to Tyler and Steve Patching, with both receiving the honour for their many years of outstanding support to the club.

RESULTS
Sunday, march 19
Pinehurst: Mixed – M. Thomson/S. Mills, G. Ling/J. Ling. Men – B. Skinner/G. MacInnes, D. Sunman/K. Martin.



Marlene 'Bonnie' Tyler and Steve Patching were inducted as life members of the Loxton Golf Club recently. PHOTO: supplied

Wednesday, March 22
Stableford: Men – E. Branson (Berri) 39, J. Davies (Berri) 38, R. Nagy (Berri) 36. Women – J. Ling 32, S. Gore (Berri) 30, Y. Tatt 28.

Locals set sail

SAILING returned to Lake Bonney last fortnight, with the running of two heats of the Lake Bonney Yacht Club championship on Saturday, March 18.

First place in both heats was claimed by Chris Stevens aboard Blade, second in both by Beau DeLaine on Blue while third place was taken out by Steve Thomas on Just in the first race and John Eshman aboard Mainiac in the second.

A further two heats followed last week, with races six and seven of the handicap series sailed over a modified Olympic course.

Race six placegetters on cor-



rected time were Chris Stevens, Kirsten Thomas and Steve Thomas.

In race seven Beau DeLaine pipped Steve Thomas to the post, with John Eshman in third place.

This week, the rescheduled Eb Farmer Perpetual Trophy race will be held, with cool temperatures forecast for Saturday afternoon.

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Gayle Drogemuller.....(5)13	Robert Randall.....(6)12
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Shirley Hefford.....(4)12	Yvonne Scutter.....(5)11
Nancy Battams.....(6)12	Duani Vowles.....(4)11
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Chloe Drogemuller in action for Netball SA Premier League club Garville. PHOTO: supplied



Chloe’s netball career comes full circle... Back to Barmera

PAUL MITCHELL

FROM Barmera, to captaining Garville, and now back to Barmera, Chloe Drogemuller’s netball journey has come full circle.

After starring at Riverland A1 level and in local junior grades, Drogemuller moved to Adelaide as a 17-year-old, and forged an outstanding Premier League career.

She racked up more than 125 Premier League games, playing first for SASI (South Australian Sports Institute), then for one-time SA netball powerhouse Garville.

Earning a reputation as a dynamic and accurate goal attack, she captained the latter for several seasons, before retiring in 2016. After giving birth to her first child, she was coaxed back onto the court in 2018 and 2019, adding a few more Premier League games to her tally.

A move back to the Riverland will see Drogemuller turn out for Barmera in the 2023 Riverland A1 netball season, which starts on Friday, April 21.

“It’s a bit of privilege to come back and play for Barmera, because that’s where it all started for me,”

she said.

“And my family has a lot of history with the club. My mum (Gaylee) is a life member and my sister (Cobie) played at Barmera too.

“I’m really excited. I know Duke, my eldest son, likes watching me play, so it’ll be nice for him too.”

The 34-year-old is especially keen to re-embrace the country sport environment and all that it represents.

“It’s very different to Adelaide and the community here is incredible,” she said.

“So I’m looking forward to being part of that sporting culture again.”

On court, Drogemuller returns to Barmera as a specialist in the same position she filled as a promising teenager.

“I played wing attack a little in Adelaide, but I’ve really only ever been goal attack,” she said.

“That’s been my primary position.”

The 178cm shooter is enthusiastic about forming a goal circle combination with 2022 Riverland A1 best and fairest Ashleigh Haigh, as Barmera attempts to retain its relatively newfound status as an A1 contender.

Coach Shane Phillips has stepped down after two seasons in charge, with a replacement expected to be confirmed soon, but regardless of who takes the reins, Drogemuller’s experience will be valuable.

“I’ll certainly be offering as much support as I can,” she said.

“I do enjoy helping where I can, and I look forward to working with some of the young players and teaching some of the things we learned down in Adelaide.

“It’ll be good. We’ll have a good season, I think.”

Meanwhile Renmark has lost arguably the competition’s premier player over the past few seasons, with star goalie Lauren Collins moving away from the region.

Collins’ 2021 season was among the most dominant ever seen in the Riverland. She was a dominant winner of the A1 best and fairest away, was a member of Renmark’s unbeaten runaway team, and won the grand final best-on-court award for good measure.

The former Matrix player, who hails from Clare, spent three seasons in the Riverland.



The Riverland’s under 16 girls squad that was victorious at last weekend’s country basketball carnivals. Back: Anne Hahn, Sahira Glen, Meg Kassulke, Lisa-Marie Perre, Arbela Pannell, Tayla Glen and Brian Gates. Front: Elise Cameron, Bella Gates, Bailey Hahn and Kiara Harmon. PHOTO: supplied

Riverland nets a memorable win

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland’s hot streak at country basketball carnivals continued last weekend, with the under 16 girls coming up trumps in the SA country championships division one final in Adelaide.

Action started for the young Riverlanders at 8am on Saturday against Barossa, before the weekend culminated in a memorable grand final win against Millicent on Sunday afternoon.

Things went south quickly for the side, coached by Brian Gates, with Millicent storming out of the blocks to claim a 27-3 lead at the end of the first quarter.

By the end of the third, the girls had reduced the deficit to single digits, and a flurry of buckets in the final two minutes saw the side complete a remarkable comeback to take the title.

“It really came down to the wire there and we didn’t have the best of starts, which was unfortunate,” Gates said.

“The girls hung tough and got over the line in the last minute.

“I said to them halfway through the final quarter about how memorable it would be to

come back and win this game from where we were.

“I told them to believe in the process and they did, so it was fantastic to see those smiles after the game.”

Bailey Hahn starred in the come-from-behind win, dropping 25 points to cap off a strong tournament.

She provided a vital bucket in the dying stages, along with Bella Gates, who hit two shots late to help get the side over the line.

“(Hahn is) a leader of the girls and she can certainly do things on the court that others can’t. When the chips were down she really stood up and was fantastic,” Gates said.

“We had a squad of nine. Everyone played their role. Some played more time than others but any time a girl took the court they held up their part of the bargain and played strong basketball.

“I delivered a message to the girls to just be positive in what they do and to believe in themselves, which I think rang true for them to the end.”

It was a fitting end to an impressive tournament, with the side moving through the group stage undefeated before downing Millicent in the decider.

“I said to them halfway through the final quarter about how memorable it would be to come back and win this game from where we were...”

- Brian Gates

Our Max headed a fairway from Riverland home

BEN LENNON

BARMERA boy turned Adelaide student Max Jericho is set to cross the Bass Strait to compete at two major golf tournaments next month.

The 17-year-old was selected as one of five boys in the South Australian squad for the Australian Junior Interstate tournament at Ulverstone Golf Club in Tasmania.

Max was “excited” to hear the news of his selection, with the tournament to kick off on Monday, April 17.

“I’ve been playing as many tournaments as I can. I played one tournament over in Victoria and heaps in South Australia,” he said.

“Being ranked in the top five in the state is the ticket to getting into the state team.

“It’s something I’ve been striving to make for a while and it’s a nice honour, being able to represent South Australia.”

Max left his hometown of Barmera last year to further his study and enhance his golf game, a move which is proving to pay dividends.

The Sacred Heart College student will be taking part in the Australian Junior Amateurs tournament, also in Tasmania, the week prior to the state tournament, making for a bumper fortnight of golf for the youngster.

“I head over to Tassie in just over two weeks,” he said.

“In those next two weeks, unfortunately I’ve got a lot of school work to finish to close out the term.

“I’ll try and get out for as many

hours as I can to practice and then ramp it up a few days before I head over.”

Also in the squad is 16-year-old Kade Bryant, who grew up in Renmark before leaving at the age of 10.

Max is keen to play alongside his fellow Riverlander on the national stage, as well as the other three boys and five girls in the SA squad.

“I know the others quite well by now after playing against them,” he said.

“(A national tournament) is going to be a first for me. There’s a little bit of pressure, but I’m more just excited to play.

“It feels like the work I’m doing and the practice I’m putting in is paying off. I’m going to keep trying to get better and the results and honours will hopefully continue to come.”



Barmera’s Max Jericho will play in the Australian Junior Interstate tournament and the Australian Junior Amateurs tournament in Tasmania next month.

Roadshow reaches the Riverland

ALEXANDRA BULL

A NUMBER of schools and football clubs around the Riverland hosted the SANFL's Gather Round Roadshow last Thursday.

As part of the AFL's ground-breaking Gather Round next month, Loxton High School, Berri Regional Secondary School, St Francis of Assisi College,

Barmera-Monash Football Club and Waikerie Football Club received a visit from four pieces of coveted silverware, including the 2023 AFL premiership cup.

The premiership cup was also accompanied by the 2023 AFLW premiership trophy, the SANFL Thomas Seymour Hill Trophy and the SANFLW premiership cup.

SANFL game development co-

ordinator Nick Dillon described the local reception to the Roadshow as "amazing".

"This is important, this isn't happening in the metro areas it's only happening regionally," he said.

"SANFL said 'let's get this out to regional areas because they miss out quite often'.

"So it's another good opportu-

nity for us to take this to places like Berri, Barmera, Loxton, Renmark and Waikerie for those who don't necessarily get these opportunities."

Each local football club also received a bag of footballs for their juniors as part of the Roadshow.

"Little things like this can put a smile on someone's face," Mr Dillon said.

"It might only seem like a little thing but it's really important to SANFL that we are able to get this out to the communities that have suffered over the last couple of years.

"Particularly in the Riverland, we have had floods, we have had Covid, and so little things like this can make a big difference to the community."

St Francis of Assisi students Anant (back), Campbell, Sebastian and Jack with the 2023 AFL premiership cup. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



St Francis of Assisi students Alissa, Sophie and Jessica with the 2023 AFLW premiership cup last Thursday.

Brothers Thomas and James Hill, of Barmera, were excited to hold the 2023 AFL premiership cup. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Barmera local Julie Cooper with the 2023 AFLW premiership cup at the Barmera-Monash Football Club.



Jackson, 10, of Barmera, with the 2023 AFL premiership cup last Thursday.

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2022/23 RTCA A grade premiers Loxton. Back: Reece Hogan (left), Brian Lynch, Ryan Smith, Jake Albrecht, Luke Zdanowicz, Travis O'Shaughnessy, Jacob Evans, Ben Hoffmann (captain) and Tallyn Eagle. Front: Josh Norman, Tyler Hobby (12th man) and Kale Smith. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Tigers pounce on back-to-back flags

BEN LENNON

LOXTON secured its second consecutive RTCA A grade premiership on Saturday, defeating Renmark North at home by 63 runs.

The contest was a rematch of the 2021/22 grand final, with both sides heading into the clash well rested after Renmark North's match against Berri was 'heated out' last week.

Loxton skipper Ben Hoffmann won the toss and elected to bat on what he described as a "pretty good deck" curated by opening bowler Josh Norman.

"I don't know whether the statistics back it up or not, but it's (batting first) definitely spoken a lot about in cricket," he said.

"If you've got them on the board then they've got to get them kind of thing.

"We went in and thought that we just needed to have wickets in hand with about 10 overs to go."

The Tigers got off to a solid start, reaching the 10-over mark without loss, but two consecutive runouts left the home side at 2/30. However, with Hoffmann and Jake Albrecht at the crease, the Tigers were still in a comfortable position.

Toni Bharker claimed the prized wicket of the Loxton skipper, but Albrecht looked to be in fine touch.

He was dropped early in the piece and cashed in, bringing up his 50 not long after drinks before he was caught in the deep by Liam Jackson.

Albrecht's innings, along with cameos from Kale Smith and Travis O'Shaughnessy, saw the Tigers finish with 139 on the board at the conclusion of the first innings.

"You can't buy that sort of experience," Hoffmann said of Albrecht.

"Once again he put us on his shoulders. "Anything around 140 was a score that we thought probably wouldn't get touched.

"One thing I said when we were going out to field is that if we do this as a team, it's going to be a very easy game to win and it turned out that way."

The Tigers couldn't have asked for a better start with the ball, with openers Ryan Smith and 'Normy' ripping through the Renmark North top order.

Daniel Harding was the first to go to a full toss from Norman, before Colin Packer shouldered arms to Ryan Smith.

Norman claimed the wicket of young Wade Coombs before North skipper Tarque Williamson guided a late cut straight to Brian Lynch at third man on the ring.

"Apart from a full bungler being the first wicket, those two were bowling that well that we had to just bowl them through," Hoffmann said.

"(Smith) can be a very hot or cold bowler and he just happened to be on. I actually wanted to take him off after six overs but he insisted he'd bowl two more for me so we let him bowl out.

"Normy's probably just as important as what Jake is with the bat. He's one bloke you can turn to and know that you're going to get the result."

Batting at first drop, Liam Jackson dug in as wickets continued to tumble around him before he too departed, leaving youngster Harry Papageorgios at the crease with Bharker.

The two grinded out a few runs to bring the Bluetongue total to a respectable number, before the visitors were eventually dismissed for 76.

"It was just a matter of keeping a con-



Brown's Well secured the B grade flag with a win over Waikerie Ramco. Back: James Patterson (left), Adam Cunnah, Brian Hampel, Creagh Patterson, Jack Evans and Matthew Hampel. Front: Lucas Short, Lachlan Patterson, Dean Patterson(standing), David Ireland, Peter Elliott, Bradley Hoffmann and Bruce Pech. PHOTO: supplied

sistent side, that was the hardest part," Hoffmann said.

"But we managed to probably put our best team on the field for that day which was good planning really."

Meanwhile, Brown's Well capped off an impressive B grade season with a strong win over Waikerie Ramco at Paruna.

The Warriors batted first, with Flynn and Naish Andrew getting the visitors off to a strong start, only for the innings to fall apart at the back end.

Lachlan Patterson ripped through the tail, picking up a hat-trick as Waikerie Ramco lost five wickets in six balls to bring its innings to a close.

The Cows passed the target of 124 with six and a half overs remaining, with David Ireland peeling off an unbeaten 62 to secure the win.

A GRADE

Loxton 9/139 (J. Albrecht 53, T. O'Shaughnessy 24no, R. Hogan 16, K. Smith 16, J. Evans 14, T. Bharker 3/21, T. Williamson 1/12, B. Lennon 1/8, D. Ivanovic 1/18, L. Jackson 1/37) d Renmark North 76 (L. Jackson 19, T. Bharker 16no, R. Smith 3/12, J. Norman 2/12, L. Zdanowicz 2/16, J. Albrecht 1/6, T. O'Shaughnessy 1/6).

B GRADE

Brown's Well 4/126 (D. Ireland 62no, J. Patterson 27, P. Elliott 11, F. Andrew 3/30, S. Liebich 1/20) d Waikerie-Ramco 123 (N. Andrew 39, F. Andrew 32, A. Werner 17, M. Waanders 17, C. Smart 11, L. Patterson 3/12, P. Elliott 3/15, J. Patterson 1/13, M. Hampel 1/27, C. Patterson 1/27).

Superdogs to launch season on Sunday

THE Riverland Superdogs over 35s AFL Masters teams kicks off its 2023 season with a home game against Wests Football Club at Lyrup Oval this Sunday, from 1pm.

A spokesperson said first-time coach Paul Glassey had attracted "good numbers" to training sessions, which began in January.

Glassey expects the team to be "very competitive" this season.

The Superdogs will take on Peninsula Magpies as part of the Russell Ebert Tribute Match day at Loxton on Sunday, April 30, from 9.30am.

The Superdogs train at Lyrup on Wednesdays from 6.30pm.

Memorial match Saturday at the Magpies' nest

WAIKERIE and Strathalbyn will again play off for the Jason Lehmann Memorial Cup in 2023.

The fixture honours the memory of the champion footballer, who passed away in 2019 following a battle with cancer.

Lehmann won the Whillas Medal with Waikerie in 1990 and also picked up a Great

Southern League Mail Medal in the same decade.

The match will serve as a pre-season hit-out for Mick Kilsby's Waikerie, with a season launch and various activities planned for the day.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Mary Potter Foundation, with a gold coin donation required for entry.





Athletes of the Day Kiara Harman of Loxton High School and Mitchell Johnson of Berri Regional Secondary College with Nippy's joint-managing director Jeff Knipsel. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

42: THE STREAK CONTINUES

FOLLOWING a year off in 2022 due to a spike in Covid cases, the Riverland Interschool Athletics Carnival returned yesterday, with the home school extending its extraordinary winning streak at its home venue.

Loxton High ran out victors with 2453 points, claiming its 42nd consecutive Championship Shield win, finishing 293 points ahead of runners-up Berri Regional Secondary College.

Loxton High also picked up the girls and boys shields as

well as the Ball Games Shield, while Waikerie took out the Most Improved Shield.

Mitchell Johnson of Berri was named male Athlete of the Day, while Kiara Harman of Loxton took out the female Athlete of the Day award.

Loxton High won seven age group awards.

The sports day was conducted by Berri Regional Secondary College, but held at Loxton High School.

Further results will be printed in

next week's Murray Pioneer.

RESULTS

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Loxton High School 2453
Berri Regional Secondary College 2160
Renmark High School 2071
Waikerie High School 1750

MOST IMPROVED

Waikerie High School

ATHLETE OF THE DAY

Male: Mitchell Johnson (BRSC)
Female: Kiara Harman (Loxton HS)

BALL GAMES SHIELD

Loxton High School

Terra take the win

STUDENTS and teachers at St Francis of Assisi College were out in force for the school's athletics carnival recently.

Held on Friday, March 17, students competed in their respective houses for the glory of the Championship Shield, which was taken out by Terra with 843 points.

Ignis placed second with 781 points and was awarded the Team Games Shield, followed by Aqua (770) and Ventus (613). Despite placing last, Ventus was awarded the Team Spirit Shield for its efforts.

AGE CUP CHAMPION WINNERS

- 13 Boys – Samuel DePalma (Ignis), runner-up – Jack O'Bryan (Terra)
- 13 Girls – Amber Matulick (Terra), runner-up – Ruby Malinowski (Aqua)
- 14 Boys – Hugh Riedel (Aqua), runner-up – Ashton Carr (Ignis)
- 14 Girls – Billie Augey (Ignis), runner-up – Blossom Kimberley (Ignis)
- 15 Boys – Ryan Prokopec (Aqua), runner-up – Noah Burgess (Terra)
- 15 Girls – Rhianna Thorpe (Ignis), runner-up – Leappea Sok (Ventus)

Following the school carnival, a team of 34 students was selected to represent the College at the



Students Imogen Lyons and Rhianna Thorpe earned themselves several ribbons at the recent St Francis of Assisi College athletics carnival. PHOTO: supplied

Combined Catholic Secondary Athletics Carnival in Salisbury last Monday, with several students placing first in their events.

A team will also be selected to attend the School Sports SA Athletics Carnival in Adelaide on Wednesday, April 12.

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42: THE STREAK CONTINUES



LOXTON High School extended its Riverland Interschool Athletics streak to 42 consecutive wins yesterday, finishing 293 points ahead of Berri Regional Secondary College in the final standings.

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Loxton High School captains Skyla Schulz and Andy Kariuki in front of a sea of moroon after Loxton High's historic 42nd straight Riverland Interschool Athletics Carnival win yesterday.
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Easterⁱⁿ the Riverland 2023



Welcome to Easter in the Riverland

HAPPY Easter to all of our readers.

The Riverland is in for a jam-packed Easter long weekend, with a lengthy list of events around the region.

It will not be difficult to find something to do in the Riverland that will tickle everyone's fancy.

Looking for a feed? Free breakfasts will be offered in Berri and Loxton on Easter Saturday.

Berri will host its popular Easter carnival, as the Berri Traders stage the family-friendly event once again, with lots of entertainment and market stalls to fill your morning.

An Easter Sunday dawn services will be held in Barmera, organised by the Barmera Uniting Church, on the Lake Bonney fore-shore from 6.30am.

Later, Barmera's twilight Easter Markets in Sargent Park by the lake will feature all the regular stalls from 2pm, followed by an open-air cinema screening of *Minions: The Rise of Gru* from 7pm.

Over in Loxton, the Loxton Chamber of Commerce will host its free Easter picnic on Saturday, April 8, with craft activities for the kids and an Easter egg hunt "with a difference", plus chances to win prizes.

The Loxton Historical Village is ready to go after being closed due to the flood, and its Alive Day is the perfect thing for every member of the family.

Waikerie's popular Easter horse show, hosted by the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club, is sure to draw a large crowd and be a fun weekend for all.

The Mid Murray region also has a bit on the go for Easter Saturday.

Returning to Cadell is the annual Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition, which was held online last year due to Covid, and is set to see some ginormous pumpkins weighing in.

Following the pumpkin competition, Cadell Club will hold its Family Fun Day with market stalls, yabby races and an Easter egg hunt among the activities on offer, plus a talent show held later in the evening.

Meanwhile, inside of this liftout we have a delicious recipe for hot cross bun French toast fingers included this year, plus some tips on making an epic Easter charcuterie board.

Kids, make sure to check out **page 10** for our annual colouring-in competition for your chance to win a chocolate lover's dream prize pack, kindly supplied by Koch's Foodland and worth about \$150.

We also have a fun craft activity for you to try out at home on page 11, with step-by-step instructions and photos

The long weekend really is the perfect time to get out and about, explore the region, shop local and make the most of the many wonderful events happening.

Make sure to be careful on the roads this long weekend, with plenty of traffic expected to be making its way to and from the Riverland as we welcome visitors with wide open arms.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Easter, filled with love, fun and chocolate.

- Taylor Group Media team



Twilight markets set for Easter Sunday

ELYSE ARMANINI

EVERYONE is welcome to the popular Easter twilight markets and movie night held annually in Barmera.

The Easter Market and Open-Air Cinema – featuring a screening of *Minions: The Rise of Gru* – will be held at Sargent Park on Easter Sunday from 2pm.

Barmera Central co-ordinator Kelsey Hogan said the markets, running from 2pm to 6pm, would showcase local food, produce, and entertainment.

"We'll have all of our regulars at our twilight markets, plus we always get a few extras," Ms Hogan said.

"You'll have clothing, local produce, crafts, jewellery, plants, homewares... something for everyone to get around our local producers and sellers."

Fun options for all will be set up on the day, with live music, face painting and lawn games to keep everyone entertained.

"Our live music is a duo – two ladies, Lyn and Sandy – called Makin' Tracks and they're a bit of everything," Ms Hogan said.

"They take requests, so if anyone

wants to hear something in particular they can put a song forward. They'll be at the yacht club end of Sargent Park.

"For our lawn games we have cornhole, a big noughts and crosses, and a giant Jenga for kids and the young at heart to play.

"I have also booked in the Easter Bunny. He has a very busy schedule, but he will be there for us at the markets.

"You'll have to keep a close look out for him, he'll be arriving at any time. He'll have some chocolate eggs for the kids, and the adults too, of course."

The movie will begin at 7pm, and with Daylight Saving ending on Sunday, April 2, the stars are expected to come out right on time to set the scene.

Last year's movie was unfortunately unable to go ahead due to inclement weather, and Ms Hogan said back-up plans for this year are already in the works.

"It was off to a great start last year but then we had some bad weather come in, so we weren't able to play the movie with the big dust/rainstorm

that came through," she said.

"That's my only concern this year. It's hard to tell and it's too early to know (right now).

"We'll have a look at the weather and hopefully look for a plan B if we don't think it will work. We'll just keep our fingers crossed for good weather."

Barmera Central will have its survey on the Sargent Park location of the Barmera Markets available throughout the Easter celebrations.

"We are doing a very short, quick survey of how people feel about the location of the Barmera Markets," Ms Hogan said.

"Because we've been down there for about 12 months now, we said we would re-evaluate, so we're just looking for everyone's feedback.

"We have four questions, printed off at the Visitor Centre. It's all anonymous, they just throw it in a box, and we won't know who said what. Or they can come down to the Easter markets and grab a form there.

"If anyone is interested in helping out for the Easter event, or other events through the year, we're always looking for volunteers."



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Remember what Easter is about

AMID the many modern-day Easter traditions, the origins of Easter – or some would say its ‘real meaning’ – are often lost.

Hot cross buns, Easter eggs, Good Friday, Easter Monday, what does it all mean?

Here’s a truncated version of the Easter story: Many of Jesus’ teachings (and the miracles he delivered, according to the Bible) went against the authorities, who took exception to being challenged.

Jesus had 12 disciples, one of whom, Judas, was persuaded to betray him in return for money.

Jesus foresaw his death, and – on what we now call Maundy Thursday – gathered his disciples for his final meal, known as the Last Supper.

He broke bread (‘his body’) and wine (‘his blood’) with them, practised today in Christian churches as the Eucharist or communion.

Later that night Jesus was delivered to the Roman soldiers, thanks to Judas.

On what is now Good Friday, Jesus was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate. His method of execution was to be crucifixion.

Jesus endured much

physical pain before his death, including having to drag his own cross to the hill where it was to be erected.

His final hours are marked in the Christian service as the Stations of the Cross.

Jesus died on the cross, which is why Good Friday is considered the most solemn day on the Christian calendar.

After he took his final breath, Jesus’ body was buried in a tomb, guarded by a massive stone to prevent anyone from stealing his body.

Jesus had told his disciples in advance that he would rise again on the third day after his death, and when a group of women visited the grave a couple of days after his death, the huge stone had been moved and the tomb was empty.

Jesus was seen that day – he had risen again.

This resurrection heralds a time of great celebration for Christians. Therefore, rebirth plays a major part in Easter traditions. Easter eggs are associated with new life and a symbol of Jesus’ resurrection.

For Christians, the distinctive markings on hot cross buns symbolise Jesus’ crucifixion.

And the cross is the most sacred symbol in Christianity.

Entertaining Easter guests?

MAKE AN EPIC

Charcuterie Board

PIONEERED by the French in the 15th century, the charcuterie board has become a staple for many events, parties and general gatherings.

Charcuterie boards are easy to assemble, with many – if not all – ingredients available at local supermarkets, meat and small goods stores.

They are perfect to whip up as an appetiser before Easter lunch or dinner this year, and with so many different variations and no set way of making the grazing board, you can make it how you want it.

You do not need a big, fancy, wooden board to make your charcuterie – although they are helpful and look nice – and a chopping board or a couple of oblong plastic platters will do just fine.

Simple starting points for your charcuterie board include fresh and in-season fruit and vegetables, your favourite cheeses – both hard and soft – and cured meats, dips and crackers.

Making a mouth-watering board is easy and fun, with varying colours and textures

making the board look almost too good to eat.

Some in-season vegetables to include on your board this Easter are capsicum, carrot, cucumber, celery, and snow peas.

Fruit can be used to break through the savouriness of the board, with mixed berries, grapes and dried fruits, such as apricots and figs, and cherry tomatoes all popular choices.

Meat choices come down to personal preferences, however a variety of salami, prosciutto, capocollo, and twigg sticks is a good place to start.

When it comes to cheeses, brie and camembert are the safest options for soft cheeses to please most people. Hard cheeses like cheddar or a salty parmesan are also easy adds that are sure to go well with the options.

Having a sturdy cracker is important, especially when loading it up with dip, cheese and meat. Multigrain, artisan-inspired fruit, or cracked pepper biscuits add some extra flavour and texture, while a simple wafer cracker also works.

For an Easter touch, such as on the board pictured by Bardelliboards on Instagram, mini eggs and chocolate covered nuts can be added for something extra. Plus, you can test out your creativity and have a go at making a brie and camembert bunny like the one to the left.

There are no rules when it comes to making a fun and delicious charcuterie. Make it your own, change it up and think outside the box.





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Hop on down to Loxton this Easter

ALEXANDRA BULL

LOXTON will be alive this Easter Saturday, with the Loxton Chamber of Commerce’s annual Easter Picnic and the Loxton Historical Villages Alive Day.

The Easter Picnic will be held at East Terrace on the rotunda lawns from 10am-11.30am, with free Easter treats and activities available for the whole family.

“The Loxton Country Bakehouse very generously provide all the hot cross buns, and we give away Easter eggs too,” Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and events manager Sonya Altschwager said.

“We also have arts and crafts for the kids, and an Easter egg hunt with a difference, where the children try and find Easter Eggs in the windows of local businesses and they go in the draw to win a prize.”

The Easter Bunny will also be making a special appearance at the picnic, before he hops off to deliver Easter eggs in time for Sunday morning.

“It’s just a really great opportunity, especially if you are a visitor or a tourist, to come to our main street and get a feel for the local community,” Ms Altschwager said.

“Loxton is a hive of activity on Easter Saturday morning and the picnic just adds to the atmosphere.”

Once the picnic is done and dusted, head just down the road to experience the Loxton Historical Village’s Alive Day,

which is its traditional Easter Saturday event.

After being closed for several months due to the River Murray Flood event, the Loxton Historical Village is raring to go for Easter Saturday, with something for every member of the family.

“We have working exhibits, food and craft stalls, children’s’ activities, free horse and cart rides, whip cracking, a blacksmith, doughnuts, an Easter egg hunt, a tractor parade, and of course our amazing historic displays,” Loxton Historical Village co-ordinator Julie Noble said.

“We would like to think that people will go down the main street for the Loxton Chamber of Commerce Easter Picnic and then come and spend the rest of the day at the Loxton Historical Village.”

While the village is not completely back to normal, Ms Noble said the team at the Loxton Historical Village is looking forward to the Alive Day.

“It’s fabulous fun and interest for the whole family of all ages, so it’s well worth the visit,” she said.

“It is a great opportunity to see to see all these working exhibits and check out our wonderful displays; so, spend the whole day in Loxton, we have got plenty to keep you happy.”

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for concession holders, \$6 for a child, \$30 for a family and \$8 for a head for those attending in a group, with the Alive Day free for members and pass holders.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Easter Picnic!

10am Easter Saturday, 8th April
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EASTER

CARNIVAL

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ONE of the region’s major Easter events is set to spread a bit of cheer again, when the Berri Traders Easter Carnival kicks off the morning of Saturday, April 8.

The annual celebration on Berri’s Vaughan Terrace kicks off again with the 5RM and Berri Rotary free Easter breakfast from 7am to 9am, followed by a market, local entertainment, a fashion parade celebrating the area’s sporting history and, of course, the Easter Bunny.

About 15 stallholders will give locals and visitors plenty to peruse, including coffee, doughnuts, ice cream, slushies, homemade cakes, crafts, Greek sweets, books and toys, mettwurst, jerky, candles and diffusers, clothes, and homewares.

Event organiser Elyssa Thurmer said this year’s event would help boost morale around the district following a challenging period of flooding.

“It’ll just help to lift people’s spirits after the last couple of months of floods, and give something back to the community,” she said.

During the breakfast and later in the morning, locals William Heuzenroeder and Rhee Armfield will entertain the crowd, Lyn and Gary Pinnington will perform a puppet show at 9am, and, for the kids and kids at heart, the Easter Bunny and Kiwi the Clown will also be out and about from 9am.

While the traditional Easter parade will again be absent in 2023, a special fashion parade celebrating some of the uniforms from the district’s sporting history will be held.

The carnival will also make use of the main street pavilion building, with crafts and games from 9am.

Ms Thurmer said the event was a big tourism draw for the region, and had become “like a tradition” for some regular visitors.

“Hopefully we have a lot of visitors come back to the region and they can come into Berri for the carnival and free breakfast,” she said.

“There are normally regulars who come up camping every year, and some have been coming to the Easter breakfast and carnival every year too.”



Anna (blue ears), 8, Lucia (grey ears), 8, and Angus Centofanti, 5.



Berri Traders

MARKET & EASTER FESTIVITIES VAUGHAN TERRACE, BERRI SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023



7am to 9am

5RM and Berri Rotary
FREE Breakfast

From 7am

Local Entertainment:
William Heuzenroeder
Rhee Armfield

9am

Puppet Show
(Lyn and Gary Pinnington)

9.30am

Fashion Parade - Sporting History

From 9am

Easter Bunny and Kiwi the Clown

From 9am

Craft and game activities
in Berri Main Street
Pavillion



Market Stalls:

Coffee, donuts, icecream,
slushies, homemade cakes and
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Waikerie Easter Horse Show attracts top equestrians



THE annual Waikerie Easter Horse Show is a popular event for equestrians from across SA and interstate. It usually attracts a field of more than 150 horses.

The Waikerie Horse and Pony Club has been running for 61 years and is the only pony club left in the Riverland.

The event at the club's grounds on Curtis Rd begins on Good Friday at 10am and runs until Easter Sunday.

The show will feature show jumping in the encourage, affiliated and inter-school categories, open hack, hunter, pony club, topsy and novelty events.

Events will also be held under lights on Saturday night and feature a four-bar competition, which will include dog jumping contests and a high jump competition for children.

Fashions on the field for all ages are also held during the evening.

Waikerie Horse and Pony Club treasurer and show secretary, Megan De Temmermann is encouraging spectators to attend.

"The Saturday night is a brilliant night," she said.

Ms De Temmermann said the club would also welcome anyone able to

help throughout the show with picking up rails during the show jumping, being a steward or handing out prizes.

She said help with the dinner on Saturday night would also be appreciated.

The show will feature an Easter egg hunt for the children on the Sunday.

Entry to the three-day event is free and a canteen will be available.

Anyone interested in helping can contact Megan De Temmerman (phone 0429 232 500 or email megandetemmerman@gmail.com).

WAIKERIE EASTER HORSE SHOW STARTING TIMES		
Good Friday, April 7: 10am	Saturday, April 8: 8am <i>evening events including fashions on the field</i>	Sunday, April 9: 8am <i>features an Easter egg hunt for the children</i>

Pumpkin comp back in business

THE popular annual Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition will return to Cadell this Easter long weekend.

The event is in its 16th year and during the Covid-19 pandemic was conducted online, attracting entrants from across SA.

Held at the Cadell Heritage Centre on Saturday, April 8, from 10am to 1pm, the weigh-in will see an audience welcomed back for a live viewing.

Free packets of pumpkin seeds were made available at garden centres, hardware stores and other community places across the region to encourage people to enter.

The seeds supplied to contestants are specifically for giant pumpkin varieties

and sourced from past competition winners.

In the past, the giant pumpkin seeds given to entrants came from the United States.

Prizes for first (\$250), second (\$150) and third (\$100) will be awarded to the heaviest pumpkins thanks to MGA Insurance Brokers.

Other prizes will be provided by local sponsors, plus a \$5000 bonus prize from MGA will be awarded to a pumpkin weighing over 395kg and not weighed anywhere in Australia before April 8.

The pumpkin record was set on April 24, 2011, by Dale Oliver from Knockrow, NSW, with a pumpkin weighing in at 394kg.



Cadell Club's Easter fun day

FUN galore will ensue in Cadell this Easter Saturday.

The Cadell Club Family Fun Day, together with the Cadell Community and Tourist Association, will see a wide range of competitions held, a variety of market stalls available and a fun atmosphere for all on Saturday, April 8.

Entry is free from 11am, with with an array of lunch options on offer from 11.30am, including pulled pork rolls, hot dogs, salad rolls, and more.

The market will run from 12 noon to 4pm, yabby races will be held hourly, an Easter egg hunt will be set up, CFS will have a demonstration going, and DJ Woody will provide musical entertainment throughout the day.

All competitions have free entry and include:

Easter Bonnets – best decorated, adults and juniors

Bake Off – large and small cakes, biscuits, slice and Easter eggs

Preserves – fruit, sauce, chutney and pickles

Home Brews (adults only) – beer and cider

Colouring-In – under 5s, 7s, 10s, 13s and 16s. Entries can be picked up at Cadell Club or local schools. Entries close on April 1.

All competition entries, except colouring-in, close at 2pm, with judging at 4pm.

An amateur talent contest will also be held at the Cadell Club from 7pm, with \$800 up for grabs as first prize.

Second prize is \$300, third is \$200 and best under 16 years old will receive \$100, while a \$500 Riverland Recording Studio prize will also be awarded.



This pumpkin doll's pram carriage earnt Rodney Biggs from West Lakes second place in last year's Murray River Giant Pumpkin competition.



Wongulla entrant Karen Naicker's winning pumpkin last year weighed in at more than 300kg.

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Mannum Easter service



EASTER will be celebrated with a sunrise service and a free breakfast in Mannum on April 9.

The Mid Murray Lutheran Parish will hold a sunrise devotion on Easter Sunday from

6.30am, followed by breakfast at 7am and a community celebration worship at 8am.

Everyone is welcome to join the parish at 80 Cliff Street, Mannum, to celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

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Reflect by the water this Easter

A POPULAR dawn service will once again be held at Lake Bonney this Easter. The service – organised by the Barmera Uniting Church on behalf of the Berri and Barmera churches – will be at the foreshore amphitheatre on Sunday, April 9, from 6.30am.

The event was previously held on the grass near the Lake Bonney Yacht Club, however this is the 12th year the service has been at the lakefront.

“The service is a wonderful way to celebrate the good news of the Easter story,” said Barmera Uniting Church’s David Badger.

“With the lake as a backdrop and the occasional pelican swimming past, the stillness of sunrise makes it a memorable occasion.

“The service has become quite popular over

the last few years, with sometimes over 100 in attendance, made up of people of all ages.

“People come from all over the Riverland, as well as visitors staying at the caravan parks. Everyone is welcome.”

Similar to the 2022 service, the Barmera Men’s Choir will sing, accompanied by Jill Harris on the keyboard.

Barmera Lutheran Church member Ivan Paschke will lead the service, and Barmera Encounter Church pastor Linda Cahill will share an Easter message.

Those planning to attend the morning service are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

A Covid-safe breakfast will be freely available following the service.



“People come from all over the Riverland, as well as visitors staying at the caravan parks. Everyone is welcome.”

- David Badger
Barmera Uniting Church



HOT CROSS BUN French Toast Fingers

4
SERVES

PREP
15
MINS
TIME

COOK
5
MINS
TIME

An Easter spin on a classic French toast. Covered in cinnamon sugar, these are an indulgent breakfast option, but go on: treat yourself.

- ### INGREDIENTS

 - 4 hot cross buns, day-old
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/3 cup milk
 - 2 tbs thickened cream
 - 2 tbs caster sugar
 - 1 tsp vanilla bean paste
 - 20g butter
 - 2 tbs caster sugar, extra
 - ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ### INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Use a small serrated knife to cut each bun in half. Cut each half into 1.5cm-wide batons.

Step 2

Whisk the eggs, milk, cream, sugar and vanilla in a large bowl.

Step 3

Melt half the butter in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add half the bun batons to the egg mixture and gently toss to coat. Set aside for 1 minute to soak.

Step 4

Add batons to the hot pan and cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute on each side, or until golden brown all over and heated through. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel. Repeat with the remaining butter, bun batons and egg mixture.

Step 5

Combine the extra sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar evenly over the warm bun fingers. Serve immediately.





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On this page you'll find our giant Easter Colouring-In Competition, offering the most delicious Easter prize going around.

The best colouring-in entry will win an incredible basket load of Easter chocolate, valued at around \$150 and supplied by Koch's Foodland and the Murray Pioneer. It includes Cadbury, Red Tulip, and more.

Prizes will also be awarded to second, third and fourth place.

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Name:

Age:

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AGES
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The prizes for the winner (above) and runner-up (right) in The Murray Pioneer's 2023 Easter Colouring-In Competition.



Colouring comp is back!

LITTLE Emmy Atkinson was the winner of The Murray Pioneer’s Easter colouring-in competition last year.

Renmark St Joseph’s student Emmy’s colourful effort was deemed the winner out of a whole range of entries from children from across the Riverland.

Runner-up Mia, of Renmark, and third placegetter Alice, of Wunkar, also won some Easter treats for their efforts.

This year’s winner will receive a chocolate gift basket, worth around \$150, and generously supplied by Koch’s Foodland.

To enter, see the opposite page and get colouring! Entries must be in by close of business on Friday, March 31 to be eligible.

Easter Bunny foam cup

THIS super cute cup bunny is quick and easy to make, and perfect for holding small wrapped chocolate Easter eggs.

The materials and method are listed below, however these fun little buns can be made with whatever supplies are suitable for you.

This craft idea comes from Debbie Chapman at One Little Project.


- TIME**
- FIVE MINUTES,** but could be more with little hands helping out.
- MATERIALS**
- **White cup**
(Styrofoam or paper will work)
 - **2 googly eyes**
 - **White and pink craft foam, or card**
 - **Black gel pen**
 - **Pink Sharpie**
 - **Scissors**

METHOD

Follow the steps below.

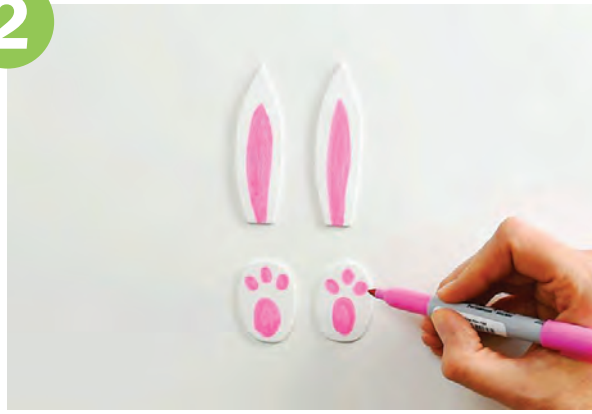


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Cut out shapes in the white foam/card for the ears and feet – two small oval shapes for the feet and two long, pointed shapes for the ears, plus a small, pink oval for the nose.

2




Using the pink Sharpie, colour a smaller oval shape into the middle of the ears, and four ovals on the feet as paw pads.

3




Using a glue gun, or craft glue, attach the pieces to the cup. For ease, start with the googly eyes and nose.

4




Draw on the whiskers and mouth.

5



Finally add the feet in the right position and glue the ears to the outside of the opposite side of the cup.

6



Fill with your favourite little chocolate treats and enjoy!

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