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'WE'RE PARALYSED'

Riverland Wine's extraordinary plea to Liberal and Labor

CLAIMS of a "paralysed" Riverland red wine bulk market and paltry offers to growers of \$150 per tonne framed yesterday's extraordinary pre-election survival plea by the local industry. Lower grape prices, sparked by global shipping problems and

supply challenges, saw Riverland Wine launch an appeal to both major parties ahead of the March 19 SA poll, calling for millions of dollars in marketing and export support, plus more cash to plant different varieties.

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Local ambos' 1000 hours of overtime in past month Stretched to the limit

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

RIVERLAND paramedics did over 1050 hours of overtime last month in a sign of the struggling ambulance system, it has been claimed.

Ambulance Employees Association's state councillor and Barmera-based paramedic Russell

McQuade said people were "at risk" due to the current staffing situation.

"Even with 1050 hours of overtime performed during February, there was still 34 uncovered shifts," he said.

Mr McQuade said a "significant" number of paramedics had

to work solo over the past three months and some towns had "dropped crews" – meaning no ambulance was available.

"We are so chronically short that we can't staff them," he said.

"That means we are down an ambulance resource."

The situation of paramedics

working solo had its own consequences, not just for patients, but also for staff, according to Mr McQuade.

"We've... had staff in the region dispatch solo to a job and then end up (getting) injured as a result," he said.

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- PAUL MITCHELL

District Council of Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton suffered a serious ischaemic stroke recently.

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Flight Centre Renmark's Emma Hyson and Trent Rice are "very excited" by the return of international and interstate travel. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Locals cleared for a long-awaited take-off

JOSH BRINE

AFTER more than two years of Covid-19 border restrictions, vaccinated Riverlanders are finally able to travel freely internationally and to all Australian states and territories.

Western Australia became the final Australian state to open its borders to visitors last Thursday, after the border was first closed to the rest of Australia almost 700 days ago.

As of last month, fully vaccinated Australians are able to leave the country without an exemption, while

vaccinated visa holders are able to enter the country.

Flight Centre Renmark manager Trent Rice said it was a "very exciting time" for local travellers and travel agents alike.

"Travel has returned, albeit in a different way, and that's something that we must adapt to..." he said.

"We are travelling in a different time, so we always recommend travelling safe, taking out insurance, and making the most of every trip."

Throughout the pandemic, Flight Centre Renmark

remained open, helping to repatriate Australian citizens and assisting customers with rescheduling their trips.

"Assisting customers during border closures was something that proved to be challenging on a daily basis..." Mr Rice said.

"Every morning, we went onto local state websites, tuned into live updates and remained as up to date as possible in order to make sure reaccommodating our clients was as easy and stress free for them as possible."

PG 22-23 Flight Centre feature



Local paramedics have worked 1050 hours of overtime, with 34 shifts going uncovered, over the past month according to the Ambulance Employees Association.

'Over 1000 hours of overtime' for our ambos last month

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"We now have people on WorkCover.

"None of our equipment is designed to be carried by one person. It's designed to be used by a team.

"Our ambulances aren't set up for solo response work."

Mr McQuade said the region received its most recent graduate paramedic about eight months ago in a time of "significant prolonged shortfalls".

Last week, South Australian paramedics were ordered to stop all industrial action, including the chalking of vehicles with political messages, by the state's employment tribunal.

It comes after an ongoing dispute between the government and the Ambulance Employees Association.

However, Mr McQuade said locals could still support paramedics in their cause.

"We are now chalking our own vehicles and lots of members of the community are doing the same," he said.

"They are showing their solidarity and understanding of the plight of the ambulance service.

"This weekend, on Sunday, we will be a running a chalking event."

Mr McQuade said the event would be held at the carpark near the Barmera visitor information centre from 9am.

"Members of the community can come in, get their car chalked by ambos and have a chat with us to understand where we are at and how the issues with the greater ambulance service as a whole, really negatively impact our region and the flow on effects from the congestion in Adelaide," he added.

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No more investigation on Katarapko plane landing

AN unorthodox aeroplane landing at Katarapko, near Loxton recently, will not be investigated further.

The pilot of the light aircraft suspected engine issues and landed safely on the island on Saturday, February 26.

However, the incident attracted substantial attention from metropolitan media, with one outlet stating the Civil Aviation Safety Authority had launched an investigation

into the landing.

However, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) has since told the Murray Pioneer that it will not be investigating the incident at this stage.

“Given the information gathered by the ATSB, it was determined this incident was a technical failure with appropriate actions taken by crew to attempt a safe forced landing, with nil injuries,” the spokesperson said.



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“Thus it was decided there would be little additional safety benefit likely to be gained by investigating.”

Council’s chance to tackle the big property squeeze...



Renmark Paringa councillors will tomorrow night vote on a motion to to create a land development, plus develop a marketing strategy for the sale of the McCormick Centre.

Renmark land release?

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND council wants to release some of its land for residential development in order to overcome a “shortage” of available homes in the region.

Renmark Paringa councillors at a special meeting tomorrow night will vote on a motion to create a development and marketing strategy for the sale of land located at 64 Cowra Street, 49 and 61 Eighteenth Street, and the McCormick Centre for the Environment.

Elders Renmark sales consultant, Kym Radloff, said opening new land was necessary to meet the demand for rental properties, and new homes, in Renmark.

“It’s definitely needed,” Mr Radloff said. “Whether it’s houses or land there’s a shortage. Whether it’s to buy, or to rent, there’s a shortage.

“I normally keep 15 to 25 homes on my books, and I’m down to one or two, and every time I get one it sells within hours.

“That’s just how the market is at the moment... whether it’s in town, or out of town, land is still in high demand.”

The motion was initially tabled for later discussion at council’s February general meeting.

A Renmark Paringa report on the matter said “the availability of vacant land in our council area is in scarce supply and the opening of additional land is required to grow regional communities”.

“During the last year, staff have fielded several queries relating to Lot 64 Cowra Street and 49 & 61 Eighteenth Street, ranging from the development of residential housing, affordable housing, aged services

and tourist accommodation,” the report read.

“Council has also been approached by NDIS service providers for vacant land to build NDIS housing based on a shortage of this type of accommodation in the Riverland.”

Although Mr Radloff expected construction delays caused by Covid-19 restrictions to continue, he believed the future growth would benefit the Renmark community.

“The only thing that may slow down land sales at the moment is the wait for a new build,” Mr Radloff said.

“I’m being told it’s 18 months to two years, but I don’t think that’s stressing too many people out.

“It’s a good sign for Renmark.”

The council’s report said maximising commercial opportunities for the McCormick Centre for the Environment was a priority.

“Council has for several years tried to attempt to find an alternative use for the McCormick Centre for the Environment that will provide a community benefit but doesn’t have a negative financial impact on ratepayers,” the report said.

“To date, no long-term solution for the McCormick Centre for the Environment has been found, with PIRSA currently occupying the site to run the Sterile Insert Technology (SIT) fruit fly program.



● Kym Radloff

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Riverland relief teachers in demand

RELIEF teachers are a hot commodity in the Riverland as local schools feel the brunt of Covid numbers among staff and students.

The Murray Pioneer has received anecdotal reports of some local schools being unable to source relief teachers this week due to a high demand of back-filling for Covid-related absences.

After the first case of a Covid-positive student at Loxton Lutheran School on Friday, principal Brad

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Williams said the response aimed to proactively protect students, staff and workplace levels.

"The reality is, there are so few relief teachers here in the Riverland," he said.

"If we have staff going down, we can manage it to a point, but

beyond that, we just haven't got more people to throw in classes.

"Then you are in a position where you have to close the class, which is not great."

After Loxton Lutheran School received its first positive case on Friday, that number grew to 11 students as of yesterday.

"Since Friday, there's been a state of incline of cases reported across two particular classrooms," Mr Williams said.

"I think it's been prevalent in other parts of the Riverland prior to it becoming prevalent here.

"I have heard numbers of cases have been growing in other sites."

Mr Williams said leadership staff would continue to manage the situation.

"We are trying to put in a bit of a circuit breaker, hoping we don't have to get to remote learning for those classes," he said.

"The reality is that it might be

something we have to explore if numbers keep growing."

Mr Williams said the school had ensured communication with parents and families was fast and transparent.

"It helps them make informed choices about whether they send their children to school," he said.

"We have some families here at school who are high risk.

"Parents have been really responsive, co-operative and supportive, which is great."

Our local school system coping with Covid-19

JOSH BRINE

LOCAL schools are beginning to return to normal after a Covid-disrupted start to the school year, with several restrictions easing last week.

Schools and preschools are now free to recommence a number of activities, including both indoor and outdoor excursions, interschool sporting competitions, and work experience and work placements.

Visitors are now able to attend specific outdoor events, and volunteers are also able to return.

Riverland education director Con Karvouniaris said about 20 student cases of Covid-19 were recorded each week across the region, plus about five or six staff cases.

"There have been cases of Covid in our schools and preschools, but relative to the three LGAs (Berri Barmera, Renmark Paringa and Loxton Waikerie) the numbers are probably comparatively low," he said.

"I've been monitoring not only the data in our schools and preschools, but also in the community.

"I can see that things are declining and, as schools and preschools are part of the wider community, we tend to follow those trends.

"Like everyone, we are hoping we are on a downward trajectory."

Mr Karvouniaris said the easing of restrictions would be reviewed by the Department for Education in consultation with SA Health.

"The reports I'm getting are that, widely, our school communities are overwhelmingly pleased that there's a sense of normality returning," he said.

"As restrictions have been eased across the community, education and care – in line with SA Health advice – have been able to do likewise.

"Schools and preschools are communicating to families the importance around Covid-19 safety precautions, because ultimately we want to keep our children safe and our staff safe."



Riverland education director Con Karvouniaris (inset), from the Department for Education's Berri office (pictured), says local public schools and preschools are recording about 20 student cases of Covid-19 each week. MAIN PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Riverland schools have so far been able to manage Covid-related staffing shortages, with some assistance from the Department for Education.

"In the first four weeks our department deployed five relief staff to the Riverland who were based up here just to help alleviate any shortfalls," Mr Karvouniaris said.

"We also have to appreciate that, like in the community in general, there are situations where people have to isolate when they have family members (with Covid) or close contact."

Mr Karvouniaris said Covid-19 had created some challenges for local schools, including the "hybrid model of learning" used at the beginning of the school year.

"Our staff across our schools and preschools were providing remote and face-to-face learning," he said.

"That was a challenge but all our staff rose to that challenge and were able to accommodate those year levels that were learning remotely at home.

"I think everyone, including families and staff, were pleased when we were able to return to face-to-face learning and children

came back to school."

The current range of Covid-safe measures

are expected to remain until the end of week 8 on Friday, March 25.



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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Desperate times for local wine

YESTERDAY’S ambitious public statement by Riverland Wine highlighted just what elections can mean for desperate folks.

In the case of state elections, they offer a once-in-four-year chance to lobby for extra funding and support via the media.

If either of the major parties comes out and declares it is prepared to tick off every request from yesterday’s Riverland Wine wishlist, it would be an immediate vote winner, even beyond the electorates directly impacted by the state’s wine industry.

For months now, some Riverland wine industry stakeholders have been reluctant to speak up publicly about the looming crisis on the horizon as locals headed into the 2022 vintage.

Lack of storage was being discussed in private, but getting anyone to declare the seriousness of the situation in public was difficult, almost impossible.

Riverland Wine has busted that wide open today, spelling out quite clearly the factors that have led to the current precarious situation and what it believes is required to help the industry survive and thrive.

Tellingly, Riverland Wine has quoted an unnamed local stakeholder, using the term “personal account”, to highlight the concerns and the completely understandable reactions.

Those reactions include a plea to growers not to accept offers of \$150 per tonne, described as “devastating”.

Riverland Wine’s well-researched statement lays it on the table for the Marshall Liberal Government and for SA Labor, and is well timed, less than two weeks out from what could be a tight 2022 State Election.

Unfortunately, a culture seems to exist of contracted growers being reluctant to articulate their plight, whether it be lower-than-expected prices, delays in wineries receiving grapes due to storage problems, or other issues.

That reluctance is understandable, but given the carnage wrought by China’s tariff decision, speaking up must surely be encouraged, particularly if growers’ situations could scarcely get any worse.

Labor’s candidate for Chaffey

DOES Labor’s candidate for Chaffey deserve to win?

Well, given Jo Sutton’s late start to the campaign, many people will say no, particularly as several other candidates have been working hard in their respective campaigns for weeks now.

The broader question is whether Labor deserves your support in Chaffey, and whether or not being tardy with its local candidate should count against it.

Voting for whoever was locked in as a candidate first hardly seems a balanced and sensible way to cast your vote.

And the reality is, many people are voting for either Steven Marshall or Peter Malinauskas, just via their local seat.

Perhaps we should be grateful that Labor finally has a candidate, and making cutting remarks about the party’s tardiness probably serves no worthwhile purpose.

Again, we trust people to make up their own minds, and vote on what is important to them.



Renowned Irish-Australian anthropologist Daisy Bates CBE (left) and Miss Kalley c.1938: Daisy’s life story tells of her difficulties when her mother died while Daisy was young. It tells of her move to Queensland and marriage to Breaker Morant, then her times in NSW, Tasmania, England and WA, then to Ooldea, SA, for 16 years. In these travels she spent much time in far-flung, isolated dusty districts living with, defending, and recording the language and life of the local first Australians. In c.1930 she moved to Pyap, lived in a tent by the river and typed her life’s notes and recollections. Former Loxtonian Julie May (née Milich) recently shared a hand-written letter from Daisy in c.1939. It was addressed, “My Dear Mrs EP Milich”, her “German-neighbour”. Local identity “Mutter Milich” was midwife to many births in Loxton’s early farming community. Daisy, the great Australian, had taken a keen interest in Mutter Milich’s young grandsons, Don, aged 12, and Hedley, aged 7. She wrote that she had to hastily return to Adelaide but had left Hedley’s little spade and chair at the Pyap Post Office for him to collect. She closed with, “My best love to you dear Mrs EP”. PHOTO: SLSA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mistakes made with MRQ location

SO, the saga of the Murray River Queen is still happening.

When and what will happen to the MRQ when it does happen? Over the past four to five years, many questions have been asked about the boat, particularly its future purpose.

It has also cost a lot of Renmark Paringa ratepayers money.

Let’s got back to the beginning, when I believe serious mistakes were made.

The opinion of a lot of interested citizens was totally ignored as to the positioning of the boat.

On the night of the council meeting to decide the boat’s positioning, two councillors, myself and Jack Gibb, were told that they had a conflict of interest and must leave the chamber, unable to vote.

The vote went 3-2 and enabled the boat to be put where it is now. As I recall, a few days later it was revealed that myself and councillor Gibb did not have a conflict of interest.

It disappoints me that I accepted the decision that I had a conflict of interest when I am only interested in tourism for our towns.

Regarding the MRQ, I firmly believe that there is a place she could be put and become a true attraction to the town. But that is not the present location.

FRANK TURTON
Former Renmark Paringa councillor

Council needs to do better in Paringa

I HAVE lived in Paringa for over 26 years now and would like to make the following comments on the amenities or lack of in Paringa, mainly the town area.

The playground on Middleton Avenue is without shade and could do with upgrading. We would use it more if there was shade and perhaps a barbecue, as per the playground in James Avenue, Renmark.

The small playground opposite the hotel could do with shade and upgrading also.

Instead of laying a proper

footpath on Riverview Drive all the council did was lay a gravel path. Surely with the number of pedestrians that use Riverview Drive a proper paved footpath could be laid?

Lately the council has pulled up the railway line on Joyce Avenue, but it has now left a lump in the road which is unnecessary and a nuisance.

When I asked a councillor two years ago about extending the current walkway from Renmark to Paringa along old railway line to the Lutheran Church I was advised funding has been set aside for it, but no progress has been made.

The area along the line is a rubbish site and needs cleaning up and the dead bushes need removing.

I believe council needs to inspect its areas more often and reprioritise its spending.

PETER BROWN
Paringa

I’m angry I lost council election

I’M angry and you know why?

Because I lost a council election by 13 votes, to someone who doesn’t even live in the area.

And all my plans for improvement become nothing now.

Here is what will happen in the next year: nothing.

No real estate development for Morgan, nor any other town in Eyre Ward.

No paramedics for Eyre Ward. Nothing.

I bet not even the empty, sign-less information bay of Morgan will change.

In a year it will still show the benefits of Morgan as an empty sign.

I had high hopes, I had high expectations. I was even going to resurrect a broken community newspaper.

I am so angry it feels like a flame. Too angry to thank all those good people who voted for me, those thanks that all gracious losers should be vocalising.

Angry because of unmet expectations, and knowing full well that the next year is a wasted year.

Nothing will change, nothing will improve. Truro, Keyneton, Sedan, Cambrai, Blanchetown, Bower, Mt Mary, Morgan, and Cadell will be utterly ignored.

And that makes me light a flame of infuriation.

One day I will calm down and thank those who saw some spark in me that they supported.

But not today.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

City candidates don’t deserve votes

THE State Election campaign is well under way in Chaffey, and it is disappointing to see no attempt by some of the major parties to find local candidates to represent our region.

With only the SA Liberal and Greens candidates currently residing in the Riverland, the lack of commitment from the other four parties is strikingly obvious.

Essentially, these other parties – and candidates themselves – are asking the Riverland to vote for people who don’t care enough about their own local communities to put their hands up and ‘make a difference’ in the places they live, right now.

GPSA’s open forum on Wednesday night was attended only by Tim Whetstone, Damien Buijs and Trevor Schloithe.

If these city candidates cannot show up to one, open-invite forum to express their views and vision for Chaffey, how can we trust them to represent our electorate?

What is the motivation for these candidates to run for a seat like Chaffey?

With little knowledge of the region, we risk going right back to square one with these little-known candidates who have no real interest in our region and no connection to the community.

The way these parties throw candidates at our electorate and expect our votes without putting in the work is an insult to every Chaffey resident.

If they can’t vote in Chaffey for themselves, why should you vote for them?

TERRY PRIDER
Renmark

Tim’s role in our community hub

I’VE known Tim Whetstone for a long time and admire his commitment to the Riverland and respect his hard work and importantly experience in representing Chaffey on North Terrace.

Recently, I have seen firsthand this hard work and experience achieve a great result for Waikerie through Tim’s advocacy and support for a project close to my heart, the Waikerie Riverfront Community Hub.

From the get go, Tim recognised what an incredible opportunity this project was for Waikerie but also crucially that it would require financial support from the state government in order to become a reality.

As such Tim was instrumental in helping secure a \$1.5m contribution from the Marshall Government’s infrastructure grants program.

The Waikerie Riverfront Community Hub is now in the final stages of planning, with construction due to commence later this year.

When that first sod is turned, it will be a tremendous step forward for Waikerie, and one that Tim along with the whole Waikerie community can be rightly proud.

I urge Waikerie residents and indeed all Riverlanders to vote to re-elect Tim as our MP for Chaffey so that more positive and progressive investment into our communities continues.

HENRY CRAWFORD
Waikerie

Weak West means history repeats

AS most have recognised Joe Biden’s pitiful handling of the withdrawal of the US military from Afghanistan would have been the catalyst for Vladimir Putin to make his move on Ukraine.

Putin’s intention would no doubt be similar to Ukraine’s neighbour Belarus by installing a puppet government with Moscow pulling the strings.

A further catalyst would have been the fear so clearly visible

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- TERRY PRIDER



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displayed when the Covid-19 pandemic struck and its inevitable disruptive element to the world as we knew it.

With Putin’s confidence emboldened by the West’s lack of military support, how long before his next move onto the Baltic States through his resolve to reconstruct the former USSR? History has taught us nothing. This is a mirror image of what happened leading up to World War II.

It has been simmering in the background for decades.

The only issues the West appears interest in – led by the mainstream media and big business – are climate change, cancel culture, extinction rebellion and anything else that fits into the progressive woke ideology.

One surely must question whether these progressive issues have been infiltrated into our educational system by the powers of those countries that would do us harm, leaving the West totally vulnerable to a combined communistic coup d’état.

In our region we have witnessed the ease with which China took over Hong Kong’s “one country two systems” form of government, even though a joint declaration was signed at the end of the British lease in 1997 for Hong Kong to have its own autonomy until 2047.

President Xi Jinping has made it painstakingly clear the reunification with Taiwan must be fulfilled.

The similarity with what is unfolding in Ukraine is not coincidental.

Taiwan has a population similar to Australia. If Ukraine, with a population nearly double, can be invaded, what hope does Taiwan have notwithstanding others in the Biden administration actually growing a set.

Nobody wants war, however to prevent war we must be prepared for war.

Unfortunately, since 1945 the West has become hostage to the US as its military policeman, leaving politicians – irrespective of partisan political doctrine – assuming peace within our time would reign forever and a day.

In doing so, they have failed miserably in protecting us from foreign military powers, which could one day be resultant in giving the world joint dictatorship of a tsar and



Chinese emperor as leaders of a New World Order.

IAN KENT
Renmark

An alternative to the big banks

CANADIAN Prime Minister Justin Trudeau decided to invoke his country’s Emergencies Act for the first time in Canadian history on February 14.

Ottawa’s streets had been blockaded by heavy vehicles for three weeks in protest to the government’s pandemic restrictions. The Emergencies Act gave the police sweeping new powers to go after the finances of the protesters.

Last month Canadian authorities said they were lifting freezes on hundreds of bank accounts associated with protest organisers and Canadians who had blockaded Ottawa’s streets with their vehicles.

Some may now face long-term consequences, even with the freezes lifted, if banks decide their actions are illegal and refuse services.

The really concerning aspect of all this for Australians is how

our banks are closing not only bank branches but ATMs.

And the idea that banks/governments could freeze accounts in Australia is worrying, given the control banks already have and the bail-in legislation that has not yet been amended to exclude deposit accounts.

Banks’ relentless push for a cashless society means more control to banks and governments, which always support banks before people.

Australia Post Office is the only banking service in many regional towns already.

An Australian-owned Post Office savings bank would support Australians who need cash and also provide some competition to the big multi-national banks.

Australians are already seeking more environmentally sustainable investments.

JEANETTE STAEHR
Barmera

Well done to you, George Simos

WHAT a good man you are, George Simos, of Glossop, organising donations and even

driving to the flood-affected areas interstate.

I hope you get a good response and other people follow in your footsteps.

Well done.

MARTINA ROBERTS
Loxton

In praise of SA Farmer magazine

THE SA Farmer publication (Autumn 2022) inside The Murray Pioneer is a credit to editor Paul Mitchell and the team of journalists and photographers.

For people like me who live in a rural area but are not directly connected to the land, farming or agriculture, it keeps us informed.

The innovative people like Danny Starr and his gourmet pink oyster mushrooms, Sue Heward and her Singing Magpie Produce, Tyla Hoffmann and her Stalk and Bloom farm and the Quirk siblings and their Quirkeycots and Quirkeychocs are inspiring and bring an extra vibrancy to our beautiful region.

Now I’m off in search of some Quirkeychocs.

LILLIAN MATTNER
Loxton

Looking back... 10 years ago March 9, 2012



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Sex workers touring Riverland

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20 years ago March 8, 2002



Summer Snaps - And the winners are



DEAD DOG SPARKS OWNER SEARCH: The RSPCA has launched an investigation into the alleged abuse of a dog found starving in Barmera. The six-month-old staffordshire was found in Barmera last Sunday and taken to Moorook Animal Shelter owner Lola McLachlan. The dog was so malnourished it was taken to the vet and placed on a drip, but died on Tuesday morning.

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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Living within the Renmark West fruit fly exclusion zone, still under restrictions, I am surprised and disappointed that a grower well within the zone has dropped large quantities of fruit on the ground under their trees. I am a home gardener so not at all pleased to see this happening.

GRAHAM
Renmark

I would be interested to hear from someone from the Loxton Football Club to explain how they will make money to cover their costs? While not a supporter of the club, I would be keen to find out how they generate funds with no bar, canteen or kitchen of their own.

Maybe a magic formula that others are overlooking?

ANDREW
Loxton

So we have places like Bahrain, Ukraine, Cullulleraine and many more. Oh and then there’s Waikerie. Sorry that’s wrong, Waikerie doesn’t have rain in the name or on the ground.

GARY
Waikerie

To all political parties: stop wasting advertising money to rubbish your opposition. Follow through with your promises to improve our hospital system and the ramping problems. Both parties have had

ample time to put their money where their mouths are, yet all we hear is talk and more hollow promises. It’s no wonder we all feel let down and exasperated. Why bother voting?

IRENE
Renmark

Congrats to the Jones family who organised Kokoda Avenue people to pick up a trailer of rubbish from the reserve behind their street on Sunday. Also the council and the man at the dump for their help.

DJ
Renmark

When Tim Whetstone was elected I thought it was a good thing. He

got his hands dirty being a bloke who was on the land. Now he has not only claimed entitlements that he shouldn’t have which he paid back , he then blamed it on an administrative error. He will not get my vote, even if it is a safe seat for him.

THEO S
Renmark

I presume Renmark Paringa Council has relaxed its laws on vehicles parking on footpaths around town, especially in Railway Terrace, right behind the council chambers?

MW
Renmark

Riverland Wine’s extraordinary State Election plea: ‘We are paralysed’

CLAIMS of a “paralysed” Riverland red wine bulk market and paltry offers to growers of \$150 per tonne framed yesterday’s extraordinary pre-election survival plea by the local industry.

Lower grape prices, sparked by global shipping problems and supply challenges, saw Riverland Wine launch an appeal to both major parties ahead of the March 19 SA poll, calling for millions of dollars in marketing and export support, plus more cash to plant different varieties.

Riverland Wine says 30,000 tonnes of local red wine grapes have no domestic or export market contracts this vintage, and that it has fielded calls demanding the winery responsible for the “devastating” low price offers be “named and shamed”.

In a statement issued yesterday, Riverland Wine said it is seeking short-term support to help bridge it through the next two years of trading.



Riverland Wine says state government support is necessary to support the local industry through a “paralysed” bulk red wine market.

It has two “key priorities” for the next South Australian government:

1. Export support that focuses on produc-

- ers in the commercial market in addition to existing export market support.
2. Support for grape growers to adapt production to changing international market trends and tastes in wine, wine products and wine tourism.

The export support is aimed at addressing the sudden loss of demand from China, following that country’s decision to impose crippling tariffs.

“Although there are existing wine export programs, the emphasis is on higher-priced wines and thus has limited impact on the Riverland region’s producers and growers,” Riverland Wine said.

To compensate, Riverland Wine wants:

- ❑ \$500,000 over 2022/23 for the region’s exporters to invest in new marketing and distribution channels.
- ❑ \$750,000 in both 2023 and in 2024 for export marketing funding.
- ❑ \$500,000 for local producers to undertake targeted marketing activities in interstate markets for the region’s smaller producers.

Riverland Wine is also seeking “co-funded support” for changes in viticulture.

“The product mix in the Riverland adapted to meet the previous Chinese demand for red wines, largely shiraz and cabernet sauvignon,” Riverland Wine says.



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“The region now needs to transition to varieties that meet international trends and climate change. These include low/no alcohol, more white varieties, alternative styles, and Mediterranean varieties.


“We are seeking dollar-for-dollar matching from the government for grafting vines... over to new varieties in line with changing market tastes and demand.

Funding support for viticulture changes would include \$350,000 to assist the investment in new varieties.

“Government support and commitment to the Riverland wine region to deliver these initiatives is integral to the survival and success of the region,” said Riverland Wine.

“The region now needs to transition to varieties that meet international trends and climate change. These include low/no alcohol, more white varieties, alternative styles, and Mediterranean varieties...”

- Riverland Wine



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A record 1009 locals and visitors participated in the 2022 Carp Frenzy, held at Lake Bonney, Barmera, on Saturday.

Record numbers for 2022 carp comp

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

SOUTH Australia's largest freshwater fishing competition attracted a record number of participants to a Riverland town last weekend. More than 1000 local and visiting fishers gathered at Lake Bonney on Saturday for the 2022 Carp Frenzy.

Event organiser Kym Manning said relaxed Covid-19 restrictions surrounding outdoor events had attracted new participants.

"We had 1009 fishers, which was roughly 200 more than last year... so it's growing quite fast," Mr Manning said.

"It was hard to get a spot in some places, and the fore-shore in town was absolutely packed. You're allowed two rods per person, so there could have been 2000 rods in

CARP FRENZY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total carp caught: 4452
- Total fishers: 1009
- Biggest carp caught: 74cm
- Most carp caught: Paul Costin (170)

the lake.

"I thought numbers would have gone backwards with Covid, but it wasn't so. Everyone is keen to get out and about, and do something in the sunshine.

"People from outside the area like to come here and camp, relax, and throw a line in."

A total of 4452 carp were caught during the competition.

Mr Manning said high river conditions in 2021 had likely resulted in increased carp numbers being detected

throughout the Riverland.

"There's a lot of little ones, probably because the carp have spawned over spring with the high water," he said.

"It's over 33,000 carp we've removed now, but whether we've made a dent in the carp population, I couldn't tell you."

Mr Manning said the inclusion of AFL Brownlow medallist Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico as host for the award presentations was a highlight of the event.

"Dipper was fantastic, he was very funny and took over the emceeing," he said.

"He amused the crowd, cracked a few jokes and told a few stories about his football career.

"He probably pulled the crowd numbers up a bit as well."



Regular Carp Frenzy participant Tyler Kemble-Jones, of the Playford Fishing Club, showing off his catch at the 2022 competition held at Lake Bonney, on Saturday. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker.

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Why Christian Lobby left Tim Whetstone off forum guest list...

Abortion law hot topic



PAUL MITCHELL

SA’s controversial “abortion to birth” law was both a key topic at a State Election forum in Loxton last week and the reason why Tim Whetstone’s name was missing from the list of invitees. Three SA election candidates attended the event, and a fourth was a late Covid-enforced withdrawal, however Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone’s voting history precluded him from the guest speaker list, according to Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) organisers. ACL’s Christopher Brohier said Mr Whetstone last year effectively voted against restricting late-term abortions in South Australia,

immediately placing him on the group’s black list. “People haven’t forgotten that,” Mr Brohier said. “We did a survey and about 67 per cent of South Australians don’t want abortion to birth. Once you get the details it’s pretty gross how they do that and people were horrified. “So we’re running a campaign advising people how the politicians voted and people are still saying to us ‘that can’t be right’.” Mr Brohier spoke at the Loxton forum, along with Mr Whetstone’s Liberal Party colleague and Legislative Council Member Nicola Centofanti, Family First Legislative Council candidate Tom Kenyon, and



At the Australian Christian Lobby’s 2022 State Election forum held at Living Waters Christian Community church in Loxton last week were guest speakers Nicola Centofanti, Damien Buijs and Tom Kenyon. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Nationals Chaffey candidate Damien Buijs. One Nation Legislative Council candidate Jennifer Game was unable to take her place at the forum, due to being a Covid close contact.

Around 40 people attended the event, which Mr Brohier said Mr Whetstone was free to attend. “It was a public meeting, so he could have come, but he wasn’t invited to speak,” Mr Brohier said. “The people we invited to speak were people who we are confident support our views on pro-life issues. We wanted them to be able to speak to people who support us, because they don’t get heard otherwise.” Mr Brohier said other “important” issues aired at the forum included parental rights and the legalisation of prostitution. The Loxton event was the latest step on ex-Labor minister Mr Kenyon’s attempt to revive the Family First party, which had already declared it would campaign against candidates from all sides of politics who voted against the 2021 amendment that would have restricted late-term abortion in SA. Mr Kenyon said the

forum addressed topics often ignored in mainstream election debate and coverage. “The message is that life issues are important,” he said. “That’s issues around the lives of unborn babies and the lives of elderly people and euthanasia. “It’s issues around the rights and religious freedoms of schools, because the ability of schools to be able to employ teachers of similar values is under threat. “There was a bit of discussion that there’ll probably be a prostitution bill in the new parliament, and how that will work. “These issues are important issues and they often get pushed to the side when you talk about hospitals and roads and the economy and all of these things, that are also important. “We’re often uncomfortable talking about life issues and that suits many politicians because they don’t want to talk about them and

they don’t want to be held to account for the way they’ve voted in parliament. “But it’s important to bring those issues to the fore and get people to really understand the importance of the issue and the need to vote accordingly.” Mr Kenyon praised Ms Centofanti’s “courage” in publicly opposing the abortion reform bill that was introduced by her party’s Human Services Minister and fellow MLC Michelle Lensink. “She’s very courageous and she’s spoken out on a lot of these issues in the face of a lot of criticism, not just from her political opponents, but from people on the same side,” he said. “That takes courage and she’s been prepared to do it, and I’ve got a lot of respect for that.” The forum was held at the Living Waters Christian Community church, situated on Edward Street in Loxton.

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At last Wednesday night's Grain Producers SA Chaffey election forum at the Loxton Hotel were Grain Producers SA CEO Brad Perry, Nationals candidate Damien Buijs, Greens candidate Trevor Schloithe, Liberal Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone, and Loxton farmer and GPSA board member John Gladigau. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Candidates go broad at GPSA forum

A WIDE range of issues was raised at last week's Grain Producers SA Chaffey election forum, held in Loxton last week.

Three of the six Chaffey candidates attended the event, staged at the Loxton Hotel later Wednesday afternoon.

Sitting Liberal Member Tim Whetstone was joined by Nationals candidate Damien Buijs and the Greens' Trevor Schloithe.

One Nation contender Sab Faleppa was forced to withdraw from the event, due to contracting Covid-19.

Grains Producers SA CEO Brad Perry said he was satisfied with the event, which attracted a small but engaged crowd.



Damien Buijs addressing the gathering at the Grain Producers SA forum at the Loxton Hotel last week, flanked by Trevor Schloithe, Tim Whetstone, and moderators Hugh Schuitemaker and Paul Mitchell, from *The Murray Pioneer*. PHOTO: supplied

"There was a cross section of issues raised at the forum ranging from road maintenance to

weather stations and everything in between," he said.

"There were some questions

from the audience more broadly about health and workforce challenges, as well as drought resilience and adapting to a varying climate.

"For GPSA, it's about putting on these forums as a service to give grain growers and the communities in which they live, the opportunity to ask about issues that are important to them before they vote.

"Grain growers in the Riverland and Mallee are exceptional at farming in what is a low rainfall area and they need the right policy settings in place to help their businesses grow and adapt to the challenges before them."

PAGE 34 Candidate's Covid battle

Chaffey contender's Basin Plan pledge

A CHAFFEY candidate says he would defy his party to protect the interests of South Australia's River Murray communities.

Nationals contender Damien Buijs reacted savagely to recent comments from Labor's federal water spokesperson Terri Buttler that her party – if elected later this year – could seek to recover more water for the environment at the expense of basin communities.

Continuing the theme, Mr Buijs also said he was "disappointed" that some federal members of his own party would play politics with the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, but that the scenario strengthened his case for election in Riverland-centric Chaffey.

"As the Nationals candidate for Chaffey, I'm continuously disgusted at people playing politics with the Murray-Darling Basin Plan in favour of upriver interests and I am disappointed with some of members of the federal National Party putting amendments to both the Senate and House of Representatives that would effectively rewrite parts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan damaging South Australian communities," he said.

"If the Millennium Drought has taught us one thing, it's that the Murray Darling Basin Plan must be delivered in full and I am not afraid to go head to head with anyone, even if it is my own party, to ensure this.

"South Australians need water security and that is what I'm committed to fighting for. This is why South Australia needs the Nationals to be re-elected here.

"Federally speaking, all of the portfolios that are paramount to Chaffey, including the water portfolio, infrastructure and agriculture, are held by the National Party.

"We need the strong voice of an elected South Australian National Party MP at that table; we need to make sure that the decisions made that affect Chaffey are influenced by the needs of Chaffey.

"The Liberals have had their chance, it's time to choose a new voice."

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Emergency crews attended a shed fire at Aleppo Street, Loxton, last Thursday afternoon.
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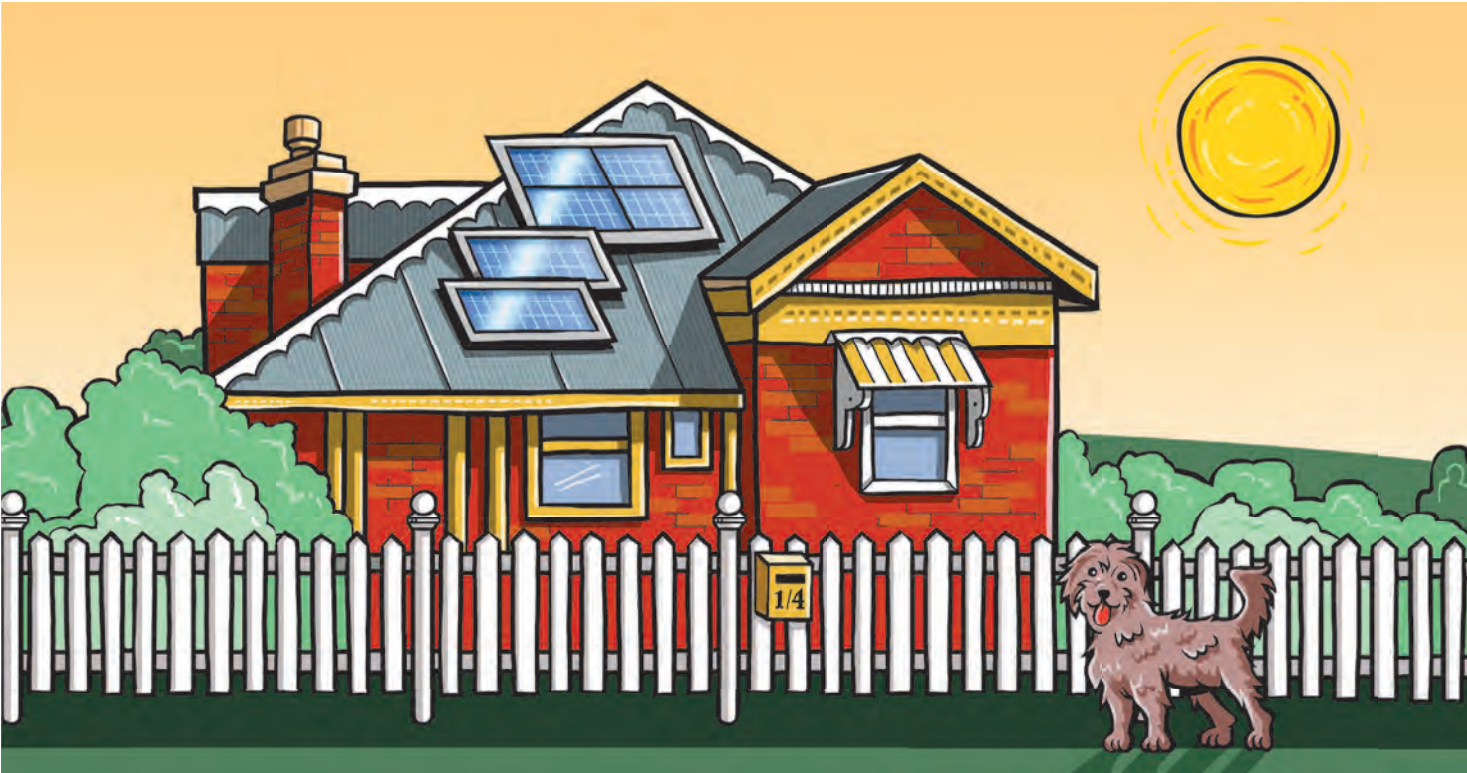


Shed fire at Loxton

EMERGENCY services were called to a shed fire in Loxton last Thursday. Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) crews and police were called to the blaze at Aleppo Street just before 1pm. The MFS issued a warning for respiratory condition sufferers as smoke could be seen drifting across the township. Parts of Aleppo Street and Kokoda Terrace were closed to motorists until the fire was under control. A police spokesperson said the cause of the fire was unknown, but it is not being treated as suspicious.



Smoke was visible throughout the Loxton township on Thursday afternoon.



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Demand for regional migration still high

DEMAND to relocate from metropolitan centres to the Riverland – due to the impacts of Covid-19 – is ongoing, according to data from a recently released industry report. The latest Regional Movers Index Report, released last month by the Regional Australia Institute (RAI), showed net migration to regional areas had doubled since the two years before the Covid-19 pandemic. RAI chief economist Dr Kim Houghton said quarterly migration from capital cities to regional areas had been 15 per cent higher in 2020 and 2021, compared with the previous two years. “With two years of the Index we can now clearly see the positive impact that Covid has had on people seeking a regional lifestyle,” Dr Houghton said. “It is particularly exciting that many of the smaller regions showing high rates of growth are inland towns. “It looks like the pandemic is changing some long-established movement paths, which is a good sign for more balanced population growth across Australia in future. “More people who have been living in regional Australia have chosen to stay there.” The report also revealed a 10 per cent drop in the number of city-country relocations during the December 2021 quarter. The full Regional Movers Index Report can be viewed by visiting the RAI website (www.regionalaustralia.org.au/home/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Regional-Movers-Index-December-2021-CBA-and-Regional-Australia-Institute.pdf).

Liberals promise to lower school costs

RIVERLAND families could benefit from a Liberal election promise to discount an annual public-school fee. The Marshall government announced last week that, if re-elected, tens of thousands of South Australian families would see the benefit of discounting \$100 from the materials and services charge. The materials and services charge covers the cost of items and services provided to a student at public schools to complete the curriculum. SA parents currently pay \$253 for primary students and \$334 for secondary students, however some schools choose to set a higher rate. The promised discount of \$100 per student for two years would save South Australian parents \$12 million per year, according to the Liberal government. “We know school fees are a huge cost to the family budget and that times are tough for many families as we emerge from Covid, and my government will do everything it takes to help lower the cost of living for South Australian parents,” said Premier Steven Marshall. The discount would be applied from the beginning of the 2022 school year, meaning a refund would be made to parents who had already paid the fee.



Council proceeds with community land revocation



By
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AN almost 40ha block of vacant land near the Riverland Field Days Site is one step closer to a possible sale, after Berri Barmera Council submitted a request to revoke the block's community land status.

At its most recent council meeting, elected members voted to submit a proposal to Local Government and Planning Minister Josh Teague to remove the community land designation for Lot 202 Elliot Drive, Barmera after receiving no public submissions during public consultation on the change.

If Mr Teague approves the proposal, council will be able to revoke the community land status through a council resolution.

Acting council CEO Peter Bond said a resolution of council was required to put forward the application to Mr Teague.

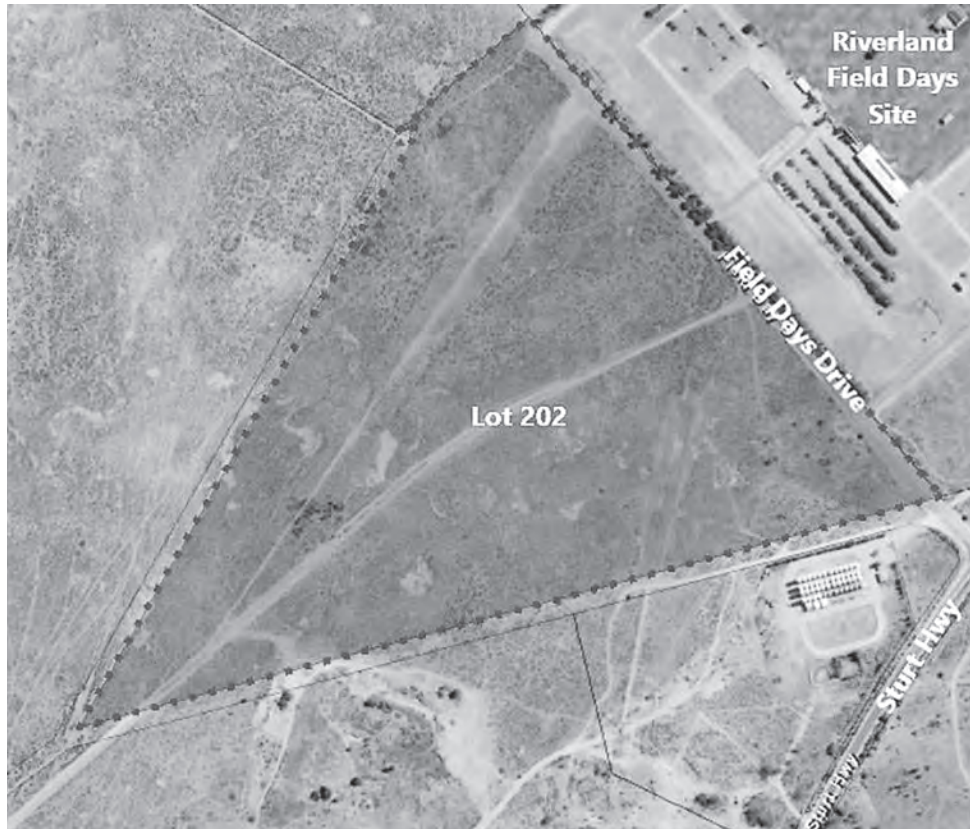
"Council had identified that parcel of land as being surplus to requirements," he said.

"We thought if it was sold off it would provide better community use or better use for whoever wants to purchase it.

"It'll put some money back into the community's budget for future use.

"(However), there is a process – if it is dedicated as community land – that you need to get the minister's authority to revoke that."

A 40ha parcel of council-owned land



Berri Barmera Council has submitted a request to have the community land status of a 40ha block near Barmera revoked to allow for the land to be sold.

in Berri with a price guide of \$310,000, is expected to be auctioned this month, while the Barmera land is listed for \$295,000.

Both parcels are zoned rural, with any future water or power connections the responsibility of the purchaser.

\$3k Heritage grant for Cadell Heritage Centre

THE Cadell Community and Tourist Association has received a \$3000 grant from the federal government to upgrade its Heritage Centre display.

The money was awarded through the \$3m Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.

Cadell Community and Tourist Association secretary, Angela Lukacs, said the grant would be used to purchase a mannequin glass display case, to preserve a World War II uniform donated to the heritage centre.

"We are also buying a TV screen so we can better display the hundreds of historical photos that have been kindly donated by local families," she said.

"We will be able to have a slideshow that encompasses all the images which we have scanned for visitors to view."

Barker MP Tony Pasin said this first batch of grants through the CHART program marked an important milestone in the benefits it provided to country communities to promote regional arts tourism.



● Barker MP Tony Pasin

"This in turn will enhance arts access and increase local expenditure," he said.

The Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) is delivering the program on behalf of the federal government.

Applications are open until April 29, or until allocated funding is expended.

Committee preparing for Field Days return

PLANNING for this year's annual Riverland Field Days is ploughing ahead, with the event's committee hoping to hold the event for the first time since 2019.



● Anthony Fulwood

Committee chairman Anthony Fulwood said organisers were "enthusiastically planning" for the event's return in September, after both the 2020 and 2021 Field Days were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

"Last year we had an excellent plan with all the arrangements in place," he said.

"Those plans have now been carried forward for a great event in 2022."

"We thank many of our exhibitors who have rolled their site applications forward into 2022.

"We will be confirming their attendance in the coming weeks."

A prospectus for the event is currently being compiled, and is expected to be released by the end of the month.

"We thank everyone for their support and look forward to presenting a great field day event," Mr Fulwood said.

The 2022 Riverland Field Days is currently scheduled to be held on September 16 and 17 at the Riverland Events Centre near Barmera.



The Riverland Field Days committee has begun planning for this year's event, after cancellations in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

ADVICE TO BOAT OPERATORS

Lock 3 maintenance deferred until 2023

Maintenance planned at Lock 3 for April 2022 has been deferred due to forecast weather and subsequent flow conditions in the river.

A new timeframe for works in 2023 will be provided, once confirmed.

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Glassey Park for our early voting

THE Riverland’s early voting centre for the 2022 SA Election has opened in Berri.

The Glassey Park site, on Chilton Road, is one of 37 early voting centres open across South Australia.

Early voting centres will be closed statewide on Monday, March 14, due to the Adelaide Cup public holiday.

Electoral Commissioner Mick Sherry said early voting centres are now open across South Australia until Friday, March 18.

“We understand that not everyone can get to a polling booth on election day on Saturday, March 19, due to circumstances such as work commitments, travel or illness,” Mr Sherry said.

“Voters who are unable to attend a polling booth between 8am and 6pm on Saturday, March 19 may be eligible to vote at an early voting centre.”



Renmark man Trevor Schloithe is set to stand as the Greens candidate for Chaffey at this month’s state election. PHOTO: supplied

Trevor’s on the Greens ticket

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

IMPROVING access to health services in the Riverland and promoting a sustainable River Murray are targets for the only locally based challenger for the seat of Chaffey at this month’s state election.

Renmark man Trevor Schloithe will stand as the Greens candidate for Chaffey at the upcoming state election, on March 19.

Mr Schloithe, who grew up on a citrus farm in Loxton and currently works at Almondco, said he had first-hand knowledge of issues facing the region.

“My grandmothers were born in the 1800s inside the electorate, so my family has been here for over 120 years,” Mr Schloithe said.

“My father was born and schooled in Loxton, and my mum was born in Cobdogla.

“I was born and grew up in Loxton, then moved to Renmark where I married my wife.

“I’m the fourth generation, and I’ve got kids and grandkids who are working and going to school in Chaffey.”

Mr Schloithe – along with Nationals candidate Damien Buijs and current Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone – took

part in a candidates forum last Wednesday, hosted by Grain Producers SA, at the Loxton Hotel.

Mr Schloithe said improving access to health services and increasing the number of health professionals in the Riverland were goals.

“Health is definitely a priority, and I’ve experienced those issues in the Riverland,” he said.

“Sometimes you can’t even get into the doctors in Renmark. Then you go in for something and you need to see five different doctors.

“I had to wait nine months to see a specialist... we really need more health professionals in the Riverland.

“I want more health professionals based here, or more regular visits from Adelaide... that has been lacking big time.”

Mr Schloithe said Greens policies would also focus on long-term sustainability of the Murray-Darling Basin.

“We’ve got plans, while the other parties are still just talking about the environment,” he said.

“Our policies haven’t changed, and we’re the party coming up with solutions.

“If we haven’t got enough water... it’s hard on everything.”

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Waikerie basking in the limelight of \$8m film

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE cast and crew of an \$8m international feature film have experienced the warm hospitality of the Riverland West area.

Highly acclaimed actors Sarah Snook, Damon Herriman and Greta Scacchi were among the cast of *Run Rabbit Run*, which was filmed over the past two weeks in the Riverland West and Murraylands.

Waikerie, Ramco, Swan Reach and Walker Flat are among the towns featured in the film.

The Waikerie Swimming Pool was closed for three days last week to enable filming to take place.

Scenes were also shot at the Rotary Clifftop tower, the Warrawee Lodge retirement community at Waikerie and Ramco Lagoon.

The film was estimated to inject up to \$300,000 into the Riverland West, with a cast and crew of about 60 staying in the area.

About \$15,000 on accommodation a night alone was estimated to have been spent in the region.

Warrawee Lodge resident liaison officer Brent Bennett said featuring the retirement village and Waikerie in the film would hopefully encourage more people to visit and even retire in the area.

"Certainly some of the shots throughout the movie will be panning around our village and showing off the beautiful rose gardens across the front of our units," he said.

A number of Warrawee's residents gathered on the footpaths last Wednesday to



Warrawee Lodge resident, Shirley Haese, is an extra in the international feature film.

watch the cast and crew in action.

Mr Bennett said Judith Gordon and Shirley Haese, who are both in their 80s and live at the retirement village, were cast as extras in a scene filmed at the former Karingal nursing home on the site.

Locals Jock Gordon and Yoki Rogers also starred as visitors to the nursing home, which is called Warrendi in the film.

Owner/managers of Rivergum Cruises at Waikerie, James and Sandra Schober, were pleasantly surprised to receive a booking for their sunset cruise on February 27 from a group of the *Run Rabbit Run* cast and crew.

Mrs Schober said Snook, Herriman, the director, cinematographer and three child actors and their mothers all came on board as normal paying passengers.

She said conditions were perfect during the River Murray cruise, which involved travelling from

Waikerie to the Yarra Cliffs opposite Maize Island and back to the Waikerie Cliffs.

"We had a beautiful sunset, calm waters and beautiful reflections," Mrs Schober said.

Mrs Schober said both Snook and Herriman were familiar with the Riverland as they grew up in Adelaide.

She said Herriman spoke about his childhood memories of the Monash Playground.

Mrs Schober said the cruise was sought as an opportunity for the group to relax after a hectic schedule of filming.

"They had a day off and we treated them like normal passengers," she said.

"They just got to sit back, relax and enjoy the river, and the night was perfect."

Mr Schober said the *Run Rabbit Run* cast and crew members appeared to enjoy their time in the region.

"As Riverlanders, hospitality comes naturally," he said. "It doesn't matter who you are."



Warrawee Lodge resident and uncle of *Run Rabbit Run* script writer Hannah Kent, Reg Urlwin (left), *Run Rabbit Run* director Daina Reid and Warrawee Lodge resident liaison officer Brent Bennett at the film shoot last week.



Owner/manager of Rivergum Cruises at Waikerie, James Schober, with Golden Globe award-winning actress, Sarah Snook who took time out to enjoy the Murray River by boat.

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Run Rabbit Run lead actress Sarah Snook with other cast and crew members at Warrawee Lodge at Waikerie last week. PHOTOS: Christine Webster



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Another cannabis bust

A MAN will face court over numerous drug-related charges after cannabis was found growing at his Riverland property last week.

Police searched a property at Sunnysdale, near Swan Reach, around 5.30pm on Thursday, March 3, when 24 cannabis plants – being grown inside and outside the house - dried cannabis, drug paraphernalia, and two crossbows, were located.

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erty was reported for cultivating cannabis, possessing prescribed equipment and possessing a prohibited weapon.

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Teenagers arrested for golf club break-in

TWO local teenagers were arrested on serious criminal charges after breaking into a Riverland golf club last week.

Security patrols responded to an alarm activation at a golf course tavern on Shiell Road, in Berri, around 3.55am on Monday, February 28.

Upon arrival they found a glass door of the tavern had been damaged, with a cash register also stolen from a

golf shop at the same location.

Police examined CCTV footage – with a witness

also seeing a blue Mitsubishi sedan speed away from the scene – and identified two suspects, who were then arrested on Wednesday, March 2.

A boy and girl, both aged 17 and from Berri, were charged with serious criminal trespass and theft.

It is understood the girl was bailed to appear in the Berri Youth Court on April 13, while the boy was remanded in custody.

What happened when I had a stroke (part 2)

THE first four and a half hours after a stroke are crucial to get to hospital but the next three days after the thrombectomy operation to remove brain blood clots soon develop an importance of their own.

I had hourly observations on blood pressure and heart rate, feelings in hands and feet, plus questions to gauge my brain response.

During this time, I was sent for an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) of my head to check the results of the surgery and that no other brain clots had developed.

Once, established that the surgery had been successful, the search for the reason (s) began.

So, next was a complete chest UIS (ultrasound image scan), which is essentially sound imaging of my heart from all angles.

Both were done in the hospital, on floors five and four respectively, requiring some skilful manoeuvring from my ninth-floor room.

I had daily visits from neurosurgeons and other specialists on day one and two before the physiotherapists and occupational therapists conducted further reviews.

By now more feeling had returned to my right-hand side and I could talk briefly, albeit with a muffled voice.

By day three I was out of bed with help, catheter free and into the shower – my previously paralysed arm and leg slowly returning to weak movement. A quick rinse was now a much longer, but totally enjoyable experience.

By day four I was speaking audibly, feeding and showering myself; I was ready to transfer to rehab and chose a return to the Riverland.

Unlike the express flight down, a road trip by ambulance heralded my return and never have the bare plains between Truro and Blanchetown looked so good.



Five more days in the Riverland General Hospital under the expert care of local medicos followed. Doctors, physiotherapists, speech, movement, diet and social therapists all did their best under the supervision of a consulting stroke rehab doctor.

The latter visited on the fifth day and supported my request to go home – as by now I had become very restless in hospital.

Those delivering the excellent care “sensed” my single-minded ambition to get home as well.

With physical and therapy exercises, the road to full recovery is well under way, but not without their substantial effort and continual support.

Interestingly a stroke on the left side of the brain can affect speaking and language, writing, logic and reasoning as well as movement on the right side of the body.

All are back to near normal, possibly due to being left-handed and having already developed a lot of these skills on the unaffected right side of my brain.

Very quick initial treatment is also a major reason behind this, and without the first-class medical system at our door step outcomes would be much poorer.

Also, I now know, “how much you’re supposed to enjoy every sandwich”.

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

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Berri Regional Secondary College student Emily, year 8, and assistant principal Donna Safralidis, are eager for the launch of the Raise mentoring program at the school in term two.
PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

Give those college kids a Raise

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

PARTICIPATING in an upcoming mentorship program is set to help students of a Riverland school build stronger connections with their local community.

Berri Regional Secondary College will begin the Raise mentoring program for a group of 15 year 8 students in term two.

Berri Regional Secondary College assistant principal Donna Safralidis said a desire to build a greater understanding of the surrounding community had inspired the choice to host the program.

“We found information about Raise through Berri Our Town,” Ms Safralidis said.

“We thought it really resonated with what we’re trying to do here, in terms of connecting with our community.

“We want to give students an opportunity to connect both with teachers and our school, but also on a broader scale, so they have opportunities to learn from, and engage with, people that aren’t just in the four walls of a classroom.”

Through the program, students will have a weekly two-hour session with a volunteer mentor.

Ms Safralidis said illustrating what career pathways were available in the Riverland was a goal for the school.

“We’re hoping it’s going to be about connecting the right mentor to the right student, based on interests, skills, aspirations, and hopes for the future,” she said.

“Then we have someone, who’s not necessarily a teacher, who they can learn with about what life is going to be like beyond school.

“We have so many amazing community members, that have skills we don’t have as teachers, we would love to bring in.”

Year 8 student Emily – whose main interests include sport and art – said the program would provide a unique method of educational support.

“I haven’t seen this at any other schools, so

I think this is really good to have,” she said.

“It’s a lot of pressure to ask a teacher for help, from my perspective, so to have other people outside that role is really cool.

“It’s just like talking to an older friend.”

Ms Safralidis said the school also aimed to expand the mentorship program for other year levels.

“The program runs through term 2, right until the end of the year,” she said.

“This is only just the start. We want to have this as a sustainable thing, that we will continue for years to come.

“We want to see how the mentoring structure within Raise, and then we can start offering it to all year levels.

“That way the mentor can follow the student... right through until they are graduating.”

Swan Reach Area School, and Loxton High School, are also participating in the program.

River Fringe begins from this weekend

THE Loxton Waikerie district’s art sector will be brought to life this weekend for the Riverland’s first Fringe on Tour.

The 10-day event will see a range of activities in Waikerie and extending to other towns including Loxton, Kingston-On-Murray, Ramco and Barmera.

Loxton Waikerie council economic development advisor Ella Winnall said the tour would include both Adelaide Fringe artists and talent from the Riverland.

“We have planned the festival to begin on the March long weekend, continuing right through to the following weekend, so that visitors can extend their stay and see all of what the Riverland has to offer,” she said.

In addition to comedians, other entertainment will include a youth circus workshop, art activities at the Loxton Historical Village, an outdoor movie night, cabaret, art and photography exhibitions, silent discos, scratch nights, plant sales, cruises and more.

The project was funded by the federal government under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin described the festival as a “fantastic” opportunity to attract international and interstate talent, while showcasing local talent and venues.

“Significant events like River Fringe will drive economic activity now and into the future for Loxton and Waikerie and surrounds,” he said.

For more information about River Fringe events, visit the website (adelaidefringe.com.au/fringe-lists/river-fringe).

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“Snippets”

by Loxton Garden Club

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

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

Autumn’s the ideal time of year to plant – particularly trees, shrubs, and perennials – because air temperatures have cooled, soil is still warm, and you’ve hopefully had some rainfall to increase soil moisture.

The first thing to do is consider the state of your soil and undertake any soil improvements required, such as mixing in soil conditioners, prior to planting. Examples of organic soil conditioners include Worm castings (adds nutrients), Compost (improves all aspects of soil structure and plant nutrients), Peat moss (improves soil porosity and water holding capacity).

When the soil’s warm and moist, new plantings will establish good root growth before slowing down in winter. Autumn is the best time to begin transplanting shrubs or trees, and it is also a great time to propagate new plants from cuttings.

Vegetables that can be planted in autumn are beetroot, broad bean, broccoli, coriander, cabbage, celery, fennel, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsnip, snow and sugar snaps peas, silverbeet, swede, spring onion and turnips.

Fertilise with a well-balanced fertiliser – one that has equal ratios of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, and contains calcium. This will encourage plant cells to thicken, making your plants more resilient to fungus and disease during the cold and wet of winter. It’s a good time to fertilise your lawn, but ideally you want a lower nitrogen content fertiliser than what you use in spring and summer.

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Institute’s future up for discussion

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

COMMUNITY organisations in Waikerie are being consulted about how they would like to see the historic Waikerie Institute used in the future.

Fourteen representatives from groups including the Waikerie District Historical Society, Waikerie Lions Club, Waikerie and Districts Community Flower Show and the Riverland Rock and Roll Festival committee attended a community meeting on February 21.

The meeting was organised by the Waikerie Delivers Committee, which reports back to Loxton Waikerie council and consists of councillors and community members.

This committee has established a Waikerie Institute subcommittee to find out the community’s vision for the building.

Waikerie Delivers Committee Institute subcommittee member, Paul Croft, said a good cross-section of the Riverland West community was represented at the meeting.

He said before any formal suggestions about the Waikerie Institute’s future use were made to the subcommittee, the community

organisations needed to consult their members.

“The reality of the situation is that there is not a bottomless pit of money that we can dip into to get work done,” Mr Croft said.

“We need to set some clear priorities to council to work from, as we are not going to get things done in one go.”

He said the council was already addressing the need to monitor the Waikerie Institute for termites and was aware of the importance of maintaining the community asset.

Organisers of Waikerie’s Santa’s Cave feared last year’s annual event may have to be cancelled following the discovery of termites in the historic building’s roof.

But a thermal inspection organised by Loxton Waikerie council deemed the roof safe and the iconic Christmas tourist event went ahead.

Mr Croft said unfortunately termites were a perennial problem in Waikerie.

Waikerie District Historical Society chairwoman, Julie Webber, said it was important Loxton Waikerie council maintained historic buildings in the Riverland West area.



Waikerie Delivers Committee Institute subcommittee member, Paul Croft and Waikerie District Historical Society chairwoman, Julie Webber are both committed to preserving the Waikerie Institute. PHOTO: Christine Webster

“I don’t think they need to be heritage listed because there are a lot of regulations involved in that,” she said.

“But to actually maintain them to a workable, usable space is a priority.”

Ms Webber welcomed the establishment of the Waikerie Delivers: Waikerie Institute subcommittee, saying it would ensure individual community groups developed a united voice to outline how they would like to see the building used in the future.

“Everyone has their own agenda for what they would like to see the Institute used for, some are simple, others are grand scale,” she said.

“By the Waikerie Delivers Committee taking control, it allows all those individuals to have a stronger voice and to set a priority on what needs to be done.”

Ms Webber said while the Institute’s hall was in good condition, the kitchen and other rooms needed to be repaired and maintained to enable community use.

Termites were also discovered by community groups in the kitchen, former projector room and a store room last year.

Loxton Waikerie council implemented an ongoing baiting program to address the termite problem after spraying the affected areas last year.

Waikerie Santa’s Cave seeking new helpers

NEW faces are being sought to help with the running of Waikerie’s iconic Santa’s Cave.

At the organising committee’s AGM last month only five of last year’s committee of nine opted to stay on.

Lizzie Platten, Jan Centofanti, Sue Schmitke and Sandi Davis, all members for about eight years, have stepped down.

Waikerie Santa’s Cave committee spokesperson Jill Kerr said while a committee of five meets constitutional requirements, more members are needed to sustain the event, which has been operating for more than 20 years.

She said over the years Waikerie Santa’s Cave committee had included up to 13 members and even with last year’s committee of nine, a lot of work had to be carried out by each member.

“All of us as committee members were Covid-19 marshalls and we all took turns,” Ms Kerr said.



The organising committee of Waikerie Santa’s Cave is seeking new members after four members including Sandra Davis, (left), Lizzie Platten and Jan Centofanti, (pictured last year), all stepped down at the AGM last month. PHOTO: Christine Webster

She said shifts of up to three hours each were required.

Ms Kerr said new people and fresh ideas were needed and a president and secretary were also being sought.

She said the existing long-serving committee members wanted to share the load with others who were keen to join the group.

Ms Kerr said Waikerie Santa’s Cave had little trouble attracting hands-on volunteers, but help was needed to co-ordinate the event.

Despite Covid-19 restric-

tions last year, about 3300 people visited the popular Christmas tourist attraction from November 27 until Christmas Eve.

Ms Kerr said in previous years, before the Covid-19 pandemic, when Waikerie Santa’s Cave would be open from the last Friday in November until New Year’s Eve, it attracted about 5500 people.

People interested in joining the Waikerie Santa’s Cave committee can contact Jill Kerr on 0418 830 192.

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Like father, like daughter at Loxton Health Centre... Doctor, doctor

By **STEPHANIE THOMPSON**
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A FAMILIAR face has joined the team of Loxton doctors and carries a common last name for the practice.

Sophie Hamilton, the daughter of well-known Loxton doctor, Peter Hamilton, joined the Loxton Health Centre earlier this month.

Peter said it was “quite exciting” to have Sophie employed at the practice he has worked at for over 30 years.

“It’s exciting to get any new doctors, let



Loxton Health Centre has welcomed Sophie Hamilton, the daughter of well-known doctor Peter, to the team. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

alone one that we know,” he said.

“We understand she is pretty good at doing what she’s doing already. Certainly

feedback from other practices has been really positive, so we thought we were getting a good recruit, which is good.”

Sophie joined the Loxton team as a second-year registrar, having just completed a year at Tumby Bay.

“It’s much smaller and much more isolated, as it’s further from a bigger hospital,” she said.

“It has a smaller population, but lots of doctors, so for a learning opportunity it was really good.”

Sophie’s areas of interest include palliative care and skin conditions, while she is hoping to further her training in anaesthetics.

“I am very passionate about preventative health care, which is the bread and butter of general practice, really,” she said.

Sophie relocated back to the region with her partner, Lee, and said she was looking forward to working alongside her dad.

“There’s only been a few people who look very surprised when I call them in from the waiting room and were expecting to see a moustache,” she said.

Despite finishing at Loxton High School in 2006 and moving away, Sophie said she had always identified Loxton as home.

“It’s been nice to see people I haven’t seen for such a long time and everyone is so supportive and welcoming,” she said.

“I plan on staying for longer. I’m looking for reasons not to move again.”

Meanwhile, Peter is looking to take a step back in the middle of this year, finishing up as a Loxton Health Centre partner.

“I’ll be staying in Loxton for the foreseeable future and I will continue working to some degree,” he said.

“Perhaps something like a day in Loxton and a day in the Mallee and a bit of on-call.”

“It’s been nice to see people I haven’t seen for such a long time and everyone is so supportive and welcoming...”

– Loxton Health Centre GP Dr Sophie Hamilton



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At last week's sod turning for the Berri Riverside Holiday Park's river-side apartment development were Barker MP Tony Pasin, park co-manager Mark Venter, Ron Lieven, Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt, Jim Pankhurst and Michael Kregar. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Work starts on Berri caravan park upgrade

JOSH BRINE

A MAJOR upgrade to a Riverland accommodation provider that is set to bring thousands more visitors to the region begun construction last week, thanks to \$3m in federal government funding.

Barker MP Tony Pasin, Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt and members of the Berri War Memorial Community Centre (BWMCC) were on site last Thursday for a sod turning at the Berri Riverside Holiday Park's

river-side apartment development, marking the official start of construction for the project.

Twenty new high-quality apartments will be built next to the existing accommodation on land purchased by the BWMCC, which owns the caravan park.

"This is an exciting day that marks the beginning of a new era for the Berri Riverside Holiday Park," Mr Pasin said.

BWMCC chairperson Jim Rosenthal said the not-for-profit volunteer organisation was "extremely excited" to start work

on the development after three years of planning.

"Our new development is predicted to attract 3000 extra visitors to Berri and the Riverland adding approximately \$1.9m per annum to the gross regional product of the Riverland," he said.

"Investing in tourism assets has enabled our holiday park and contributions to our community organisations and sporting bodies to continue to grow."

Mr Rosenthal previously told The Murray Pioneer the total cost of the project was \$4m.

Mr Pasin said the development had received \$2m in funding through the Build Better Regions Fund in October, in addition to a \$1m grant through the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program announced in June.

"I have worked closely with the Berri War Memorial Community Centre on this project and I'm so pleased to have secured this funding to bring this project to life," he said.

"The federal government is continuing to deliver the services

and infrastructure our communities deserve and I pride myself on being able to deliver projects that will make the Riverland an ever-better place to live, work and raise a family.

"We are backing projects like this one so communities have the facilities for the future, while creating jobs to boost our economic recovery."

Construction is being undertaken by local contractors Michael Kregar Building, and is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.



The occupants of the two cars involved in this collision on the intersection of the Sturt Highway and Ian Oliver Drive, Waikerie, last week escaped injury. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Waikerie collision drivers escape injury

POLICE are investigating the circumstances behind a collision between two cars on the intersection of Ian Oliver Drive and Sturt Highway at Waikerie last week.

A police spokesperson said police and emergency services were called to the two-

car rear end crash on Monday, February 28, at about 9.25am.

He said no injuries were reported, but both drivers were checked by paramedics as a precaution.

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Flight Centre Renmark’s Trent Rice and Emma Hyson are ready to use their award-winning experience to help locals with all their post-Covid travel needs. PHOTO: Josh Brine

JOSH BRINE

WITH interstate and international borders now open, the helpful and experienced team at Flight Centre Renmark are ready to assist Riverland jetsetters with planning their long-awaited post-Covid journeys.

Flight Centre Renmark manager Trent Rice said the reopening of borders had been an “exciting moment” for his team and “everyone who has been affected by the closures”.

“Travel has returned – albeit in a different way and that’s something that we must adapt to,” he said.

“There will still be challenges ahead when it comes to travel, like conditions of entry and exit of certain destinations, but that’s why it’s important to have an experienced travel advisor behind you.”

Australia’s borders reopened last month, with travellers able to both leave and enter the country for the first time since 2020, while Western Australia opened its borders last week, freeing up South Australians to visit all other Australian states and territories.

“The first week of November was a very exciting time for myself and the team,” Mr Rice said.

“After nearly two years, we were finally able to facilitate locals to rebook that international holiday to see loved ones, meet new additions to the family, and finally see the world again.

“The faces we see once we make that reservation is priceless.

“That tells me that we are all ready to travel.”

Despite the challenges faced during the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic, Flight Centre continued to help locals with any travel needs, including getting Australian citizens home and assisting people who had their holidays cancelled due to restrictions.

“Flight Centre Renmark remained open and trading throughout the entire pandemic, assisting not only our customers, but any that had booked with Flight Centre online or alternative Flight Centre stores all while



offering our help, advice and service however we could,” Mr Rice said.

“Naturally, as you could imagine, we were busy making amendments to existing reservations, cancelling old ones and applying for refunds for all our guests impacted by international and state border closures.

“Assisting customers during border closures was something that proved to be challenging on a daily basis.

“Like most of the restrictions, every morning we would come in and something would be different.

“We had a very proactive approach in helping our guests and made sure that every morning, we went onto local state websites, tuned into live updates and remained as up to date as possible in order to make sure reaccommodating our clients was as easy and stress free for them as possible.”

Mr Rice thanked Riverlanders for their continued support of Flight Centre Renmark over 15 years.

“Our store has been open and booking

“After nearly two years, we were finally able to facilitate locals to rebook that international holiday to see loved ones, meet new additions to the family, and finally see the world again...”

Trent Rice
Flight Centre Renmark manager

locals since 2007 and we want to thank them for their ongoing support now and well into the future,” he said.

Mr Rice said many travellers would already have their own ideas about what their first holiday following the border reopening will be.

“We spent a lot of time in and out of isolation, and in and out of lockdown, so everyone has a different idea of what a perfect post-pandemic trip would be,” he said.

“Port Macquarie or Paris, no place is too big or too small, too close or too far.

“As we were from day one, we are open and willing to help with any booking you wish.

“As previously mentioned, we are travelling in a different time, so we always recommend travelling safe, taking out insurance, and making the most of every trip.

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Making a heavy task a little lighter

FUNERAL planning can be one of the hardest things to do – and process mentally – for some people. Many people avoid talking about the reality of death and making decisions about a loved one’s funeral can be daunting.

Planning your own funeral

Planning a funeral is an emotional – and often stressful – time, especially if the death is sudden or a funeral plan is not in place. Including your funeral wishes in your will, and other separate documents, with the help of solicitors can ease the pressure on family and friends when the time comes. Funerals can be tailored to meet you and your family’s needs and wants, and there are well-respected, professional funeral services available in the Riverland who will be caring and happy to help during the difficult time.

The location

In this day and age, funerals can be held away from the traditional church. A funeral held at home, at an ash scattering or at the grave site can be just as memorable.

The celebrant

A funeral celebrant can be a religious

minister or a general civil celebrant. Because a doctor and funeral director are involved, there are no legal requirements for a funeral celebrant. When considering your loved one’s celebrant, it’s a good idea to research their history and training qualifications. Funerals are once-off events that deserve to be handled with the utmost respect. A thoughtful celebrant will listen to your ideas and desires and try to work out the best way of delivering them.

Budget

If planning your own funeral, it’s an excellent idea to organise how it will be paid for, to avoid adding financial stress to your loved ones. Funeral directors say that families are often pleased and relieved when they find out their loved ones have outlined funeral preferences. If the person who has passed away has already told the funeral director what they want (type of funeral, place, celebrant, flowers, media, etc.), this can take a lot of stress off the person who has to make the decisions. You could leave a note with a trusted member of your family, or your chosen funeral director, saying something like:



“These are my preferences, but I recognise that as time goes by and situations change these may not be appropriate. This funeral may be mine, but it’s for you, my loved ones, in your final goodbye to me. You do what best suits you and your situation at the time.” It can be a significant help for the family dealing with their loved one’s passing.

SMALL (BUT IMPORTANT) DETAILS

Videography – Live streaming or video recording, which became increasingly popular during the pandemic, is an option to allow guests who could not make the service in person to still be a part of the occasion. This also allows family members and guests to have a lasting memory of the service.

Food – You can choose to organise simple tea and coffee after the funeral, or perhaps a larger offering, such as a meal at a restaurant, or a tab put on the bar at your loved one’s favourite Riverland watering hole.

Music – Music can make funerals a more sentimental experience, especially if it evokes memories for guests and their loved one. Musicians or DJs can be hired, however a simple speaker playing your loved one’s favourite songs is just as effective.

COPING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS

EVERYONE experiences loss of a loved one, and grief, differently. Grieving is a natural response to loss and is expressed in a variety of ways, including through emotions, thoughts, behaviours, physical health, sense of self and identity, and relationships with others. For some, being with others is comfort-

ing in their time of need and overwhelming emotions, while others prefer to be alone. There are important things to remember in coping with grief: it takes time to work through difficult emotions, but remember you’re never alone.

Allow yourself time

Often, the caring and well-intentioned people around you lack understanding about grief, saying things like, ‘Keep busy’, but this can lead to the postponement of a necessary emotional upheaval process everyone goes through. Grieve your way. No one can tell you how you should be feeling. Understand that grieving takes time and be prepared that difficult events, like funerals or ash scattering, can trigger memories and emotions.

Be gentle with yourself

Take one step at a time, and make sure you’re still looking after yourself. Try and find a balance between being alone with your grief, and spending time with family and friends. Take care of your physical and mental health. Grieving can be exhausting so it is important to keep up a healthy diet, sleep schedule and exercise.

Let others help you and choose good company

Express how you’re feeling to someone you trust, but know that grieving is a process. People normally don’t know what you need from them, whether it’s a shoulder to cry on, a helping hand or just company. Be clear when telling someone what you would find helpful. Explore options for professional help if your grief becomes too much to bear.

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There is no reason not to follow the same tactics when planning a funeral. The key is to plan well before you need the service so the planning happens well before your emotions are heightened by a recent or impending death, and time is on your side.

We all know that death is inevitable, and no one escapes this earth any other way. For too long, talking about death has been taboo for many people, and they are more inclined to talk about their sex life than their funeral.

Death is just another part of life, to be planned for like weddings or other significant family milestones.

If you take the time to discuss these matters with your family and closest friends, well before the time of your funeral, or that of a loved one, it is likely to be much less stressful for all involved.

You can be sure that your wishes are clear, and have time to deal with the financial implications as well.

The funeral industry, has no government licensing system, but does have an accreditation system through the Australian Funeral Directors Association (AFDA), which is the national peak body for the funeral industry.


AFDA member companies must follow a strict code of conduct, code of ethics, and undergo regular auditing of their

premises, vehicles, and equipment. The AFDA facilitates training for staff and holds conventions to ensure members are aware of industry trends and new innovations, as well as networking within the industry.

Riverland Funerals is proud to have been a member of the AFDA since the 1980s, with previous managers John

Sweet and Don Sweet both being past presidents of the SA/NT Division of AFDA, and Sharyn Moll currently serving as the junior vice president.

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River Fringe’s Waikerie launch

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Fringe arrives in the Riverland for the first time with a jam-packed launch at the Rotary Waikerie Riverfront Twilight Market on Sunday.

Adelaide Fringe’s Joanne O’Callaghan said from 4pm on Sunday, the Adelaide Fringe Caravan will be at Waikerie’s Ferry Forest Hill providing free entertainment.

“Everything from cabaret music, theatre, sketch comedy, you will see it there, it will be a really lovely day,” she said.

The session will feature comedy duo, The Jack and Annie Show, a local aerial artist from Fit to Fly, Dolly Parton Dance Party, funk rockers and theatre makers, George Glass and solo comedian, Gordon Southern.

The Waikerie Football Club will be the venue for two ticketed comedy events: Ivan Aristeguieta-Happy Papi on Saturday, March 12, and Adelaide Fringe Comedy Superstars on March 13.

Ms O’Callaghan predicted the 10-day River Fringe festival would attract visitors from across SA to the Riverland.

“Definitely the staff and the artists from the Adelaide Fringe will be staying in the area for many nights and eating and drinking



River Fringe rolls into Waikerie on Sunday and will provide free entertainment during the Rotary Waikerie Riverfront Long Weekend Twilight Market. PHOTO: Adelaide Fringe, 2022

and celebrating,” Ms O’Callaghan said.

“I think it is really going to bring a vibrancy and an economic boost to the town.”

The launch of River Fringe coincides with the first Rotary Waikerie Riverfront Market for 2022, which runs on Sunday from 1pm to 6pm.

The market will also feature face painting, more entertainment, food and drink vans and a variety of market stalls. Waikerie Little Athletics Club will cook the barbecue.

More information about the River Fringe Festival can be found at (adelaidefringe.com.au/fringe-lists/river-fringe).



EXPORT EVENING: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left) last week hosted an evening that allowed local growers to meet Sally Zou, from the Aus Food Alliance, an Australian-based company focused on exporting the best of Australian livestock, seafood and fruit predominantly to China, Singapore and Hong Kong. Pictured with Mr Whetstone are (from left) Jim Markeas, Christopher Pyne, Leon and Dino Cotsaris.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES GRANT: U3A Riverland committee member Tony Guster, president Marian Woodberry and treasurer Shirley Sims are presented with a Connecting Communities Grant cheque of \$8250 by Barker MP Tony Pasin at the group’s recent AGM. PHOTO: supplied

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
Every Sunday at 2pm – Guided tours of the Pines Historic House, 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen 0421 601 903.

WEEKLY
The Berri Community Men’s Shed is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 12 noon. Men welcome.

WEEKLY
Every Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm, and Saturday from 9.30am to 3.30pm, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery, on Barwell Ave, is open for sales. Inquiries: Ruth 0428 899 506.

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
Social badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every

Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy 8588 8000.

WEEKLY
The 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
Riverland Brass Monday nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All welcome.

WEEKLY
Tennis doubles. Every Saturday afternoon at the Berri Tennis Club at 1.30pm there is social tennis. All welcome.

MONTHLY
The Riverland Philatelic Society - Stamp Club - meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 10am at the Berri

Library. All Welcome.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – SATURDAY, MARCH 19
Murray Moments by the Waikerie Photography Club. The exhibition of unique Riverland landscapes and portraits of local characters at the Rain Moth Gallery is part of the Adelaide Fringe/River Fringe festival.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11
Opening Night of An Artful Weekend at the Village, featuring artworks by Lyn Anstey & Julie Noble. 6pm – 8pm. Free entry, sausage sizzle, coffee & cake. Officially opened by Loxton Citizen of the Year Denis Hahn.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - MONDAY, MARCH 14
Riverland Miracle Tent. Adelaide Cup Weekend. Loxton Community Theatre. Free entry. Love offerings collected. Guest speakers. Food available. Facebook or (www.riverlandmiracletent.org.au) for session times.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - SUNDAY,

MARCH 13
Meet the Artists, Lyn Anstey and Julie Noble, with demo and come & try. 1pm - 3pm.

MONDAY, MARCH 14
Kid’s come & try water-colour with the Loxton Art Group Fun Art Competition each day. 10am - 12 noon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
Berri Church of Christ outdoor March market and car boot sale. 1025 Old Sturt Highway, 8.30am - 12 noon. Contact Trish for bookings on 0409 900 380.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
Renmark Lions Club ‘Fundraising Bazaar’ 8am to 12noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, barbecue, hot donuts. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
Chaffey Rose Club AGM at Knight’s at 11a.m. followed by lunch at Eleni’s. New members welcome. RSVP Dale 0420 383 948 by 28th March.





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Libs pledge PATS pump up

FUEL subsidies for locals using the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS) will be doubled if the state government is re-elected later this month, improving access to critical health support for Riverlanders.

Premier Steven Marshall said PATS provided “critical” support for regional South Australians.

“If re-elected, the Marshall Liberal Government will increase the fuel subsidy from 16 cents per kilometre to 32 cents per kilometre,” he said.

“Doubling the PATS subsidy on fuel is one way my government, if re-elected, would help build a stronger future and ensure that South Australia, from the cities to the regions, is the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family.”

The proposed change would be the first increase to the PATS travel subsidy in more than 20 years.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the increase in assistance would be “welcome news” to many in the Riverland.

“There is no doubt that PATS is a crucial program in the Riverland, but it must be supported correctly to have the desired effect,” he said.

“We recognise the importance of the rebate in today’s economic climate and will double the support.

“The financial and emotional burden of illness on people in the Riverland takes a toll and

removing some of that financial pressure is a big help as it is one less issue to have to deal with when needing medical treatment.

“If re-elected we will continue to listen to feedback and continue to make changes to the system to better provide adequate assistance for patients when travelling for health services.

“PATS is a vital service to the Riverland and this change will improve the patient experience and strengthen the support available through PATS.”

Cancer Council SA welcomed the government’s pledge, but called for a similar rise in the PATS accommodation subsidy which has stayed stagnant since 2014.

Chief executive Kelly

Rowlands said the accommodation payments failed to meet current costs of living.

“The current Patient Assistance Transport Scheme payments of \$40 per night for singles and \$80 per night for couples doesn’t reflect the cost of commercial accommodation in the state, nor the increases to the cost of living,” she said.

“South Australia’s PATS accommodation rate remains the lowest of any state, risking many rural patients being left out of pocket.”

Cancer Council SA and other charities across the state are calling for the accommodation subsidy to rise from \$40 to \$100 per night for singles and from \$80 to \$115 per night for couples.



“The financial and emotional burden of illness on people in the Riverland takes a toll and removing some of that financial pressure is a big help...”

- Tim Whetstone

Riverland council to develop new reconciliation plan

A LOCAL council says its new reconciliation initiative will help its community “truly value” Aboriginal people, their history and culture.

As the first step, Mid Murray Council is developing a Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (Reflect RAP) as a “meaningful step towards reconciliation”.

“A Reflect RAP will clearly set out the steps to take to prepare council for reconciliation initiatives,” said council’s executive assistant community services, Jaimie Pearson.

“It will lay the foundation for council to build on to increase its reconciliation activity into the future.

“Council would like to listen and learn from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and broader community to further enhance our understanding and strengthen our relationships for a better, shared and reconciled future.”

The council is asking community members to share their thoughts by completing a brief survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMCCCommunityRAP>.

“Feedback provided through the survey and other consultation will be used to develop the Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan, with the aim to have it completed within the first half of 2022,” Mr Pearson said.

“Council will continue to update the community throughout this development process, including additional opportunities to provide input and feedback.”

Comments can also be provided in writing to jpearson@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or via phone to Jaimie Pearson on 8569 0100.

Confidential responses to the five-minute survey are open until 5pm tomorrow, March 10.

Local Lions’ disaster appeal donation

A LOCAL community club has made a significant donation to a national appeal to support residents in northern NSW and southern Queensland affected by floods.

The Lions Club of Renmark donated \$5000 to the Australian Lions Foundation’s (ALF) National Disaster Appeal last week.

“Our members didn’t hesitate to give this substantial

donation at this time following the request from ALF,” said Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks.

“It is also being made on behalf of our local community who have given us tremendous support with our fundraising efforts.”

ALF director, Tony Benbow, said every dollar raised in the appeal “goes directly to those people impacted by this disaster”.

“ALF emergency disaster

ter funds are distributed as soon as possible to those Lions Clubs in the affected areas, to be given direct to displaced persons in co-operation with local authorities,” he said.

Members of the public can find information on how to donate to the appeal by visiting the Lions website: alf.org.au/newsflash-national-disaster-appeal-queensland-new-south-wales/.



Local Barry Galliford, also known as the Riverland’s very own Father Christmas, will shave his beard for the World’s Greatest Shave this month. PHOTO: supplied

Santa’s beard set to get the chop

THE Riverland’s very own Father Christmas will look a bit different in just a few weeks’ time after agreeing to shave his beard for charity.

Barry Galliford, who is seen around the Riverland as Santa at Christmas time, will take part in the World’s Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation on Saturday, March 19.

The shave will take place at the market and car boot sale at the Berri Church of Christ.

Mr Galliford said the shave was an expression of support for his friends who live with blood cancers and those who have passed.

Facial and head hair will all be shaved off by Kymm Alderson, of Kymm’s Mobile Hairdressing, leaving eyebrows only above the shoulders.

For more information, or to donate, visit the website (worldsgreatestshave.com/donate) and search ‘Santas Beard Shave’.

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Renmark Paringa continues lost time record

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A COMMITMENT to workplace safety has seen staff of a Riverland council continue to avoid any serious injuries. Figures in last month's Renmark Paringa Council general meeting agenda revealed council had

recorded zero lost time from injuries since December 2019. Renmark Paringa director corporate and community services, Tim Pfeiffer, said all aspects of workplace safety – including mental health – were a continual priority for council.

“Safety is everyone’s business and we have made significant progress in improving the safety culture of the organisation,” Mr Pfeiffer said. “We’re pleased to have had no lost time injuries for over two years, but it’s not about the num-

bers, it’s about the people. “We can quote improved statistics on hazard reporting, inductions and risk assessments, but it ultimately comes down to our staff being committed to looking out for each other and having the systems in place to support them.

“In addition to all of the required safety courses that our staff need to undertake, we have recently commenced providing a mental health first aid course to enable our staff to better recognise and respond to mental health challenges that they may encounter in the community.”

It’s full steam ahead for ps Roy restoration

A LOCAL volunteer-run museum has received a \$3500 grant to begin the restoration of a 114-year-old paddle steamer to working condition. The Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum received the grant from the Australian National Maritime Museum to commence the restoration of the ps Roy to a “fully working, on-water example of an early 1900s professional fisherman’s paddle steamer”. Cobdogla Steam Friends Society secretary Denis Wasley said the Roy was built in 1908 in Mildura.

“One of the smaller of the ‘mosquito’ fleet of Murray-Darling paddle steamers, the Roy would mainly have been used as a fishing boat and timber getter...” he said. “She was donated to the Cobdogla Steam Friends Society Inc in 2003. “The Roy is one of the remaining examples of a fishing steamer in community ownership. “Although there are a few former fishing steamers extant, they have all been converted to other uses.” Mr Wasley said the grant would be used for the purchase of timber to restore the



The Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum will purchase new timber to restore the ps Roy to full working condition, after receiving a \$3500 grant from the Australian National Maritime Museum. PHOTOS: supplied

Roy, which has been sitting in the museum’s storage yard since it was donated. The funding was received through the Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme (MMAPSS). Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and

the Arts, Paul Fletcher, said Australia’s maritime history is an important part of our national story. “Preserving our maritime heritage provides a significant opportunity for Australians to reflect on our history and how we interact with the sea and inland



The ps Roy, in front of the ps Enterprise, in 1979 or 1980.

waterways,” he said. “With more than \$150,000 support from the Morrison Government, the Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme is providing important financial assistance to these organisations to enhance

their conservation and presentation of objects of historical national maritime significance.” Meanwhile the museum will host a steam and engines open day this Sunday, March 13, from 11am to 4.30pm.

10 years of floodplain benefits for Riverland communities thanks to funding

GENERATING improvements for local River Murray ecosystems, and providing economic benefits for Riverland

communities, have been the goals of a long-term funding initiative that has passed a milestone.

The state government last month marked the 10-year anniversary of the South Australian Riverland Floodplains Integrated Infrastructure Program (SARFIIP). Barker MP Tony Pasin said environmental watering at the Katarapko and Pike Floodplains – conducted during 2020 and 2021 – had provided “a range of ecological benefits and valuable habitat for a variety of species”. “This infrastructure has enabled significant improvements in the overall health and resilience of the landscape to be achieved over the coming years,” Mr Pasin said. “Species such as frogs, turtles, and birdlife have thrived since regular environmental watering has taken place at the floodplains. “From August to late November 2021, the floodplain regulators at Chowilla, Pike and Katarapko were operated concurrently for the first time, along with weir pool raising at Locks 6, 5, 4 and 2. This delivered water across over 1100 hectares of floodplain throughout spring. “Since the start of the project, 20,000 tonnes of salt and 480 megalitres – or almost half a billion litres – of saline water have been pumped to Noora. This has helped maximise water available as well as mini-

mise the risks to the environment and the community.” Minister for Water Keith Pitt said infrastructure installed through the initiative was limiting salinity, and increasing fresh groundwater, at floodplain areas. “This major program saw the construction of infrastructure including regulators, fishways and blocking banks so water could reach iconic floodplain sites in this critically important part of the river system,” Mr Pitt said. “Three regulators and fishways were constructed on the Pike Floodplain, as well as a 6km levy to enable the managed watering of up to 2200 hectares of floodplain. “At Katarapko, one new regulator with fishway was constructed at the top end of the floodplain to enable 15 times the volume of water travel down Eckerts Creek. “Seven regulators were constructed adjacent to Katarapko Creek to water 1100 hectares of the Katarapko Floodplain.” Mr Pasin said the project had “employed over 70 full-time staff, including many locals”. “Furthermore, millions have been spent contracting local companies to supply food and accommodation and other services,” Mr Pasin said.

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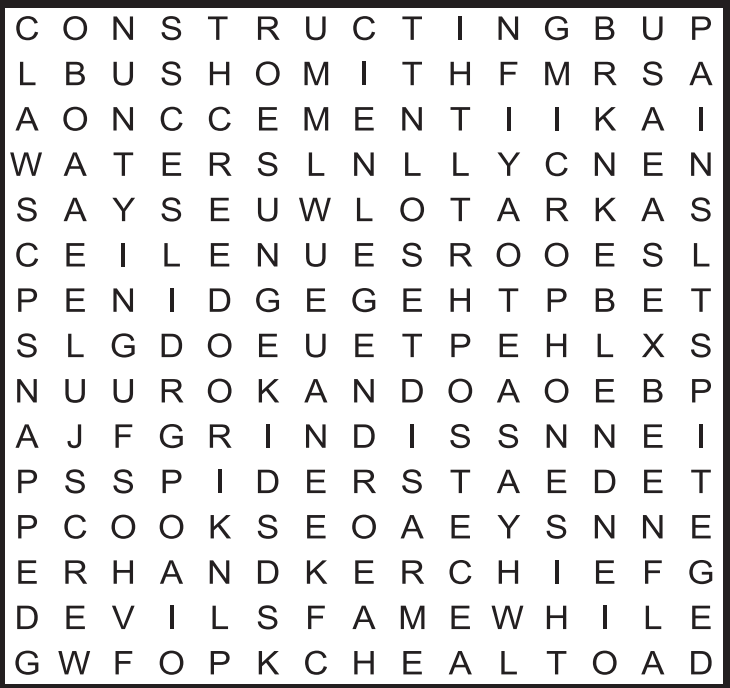
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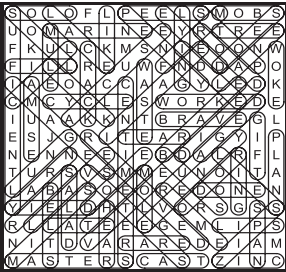
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Last Week's Solution



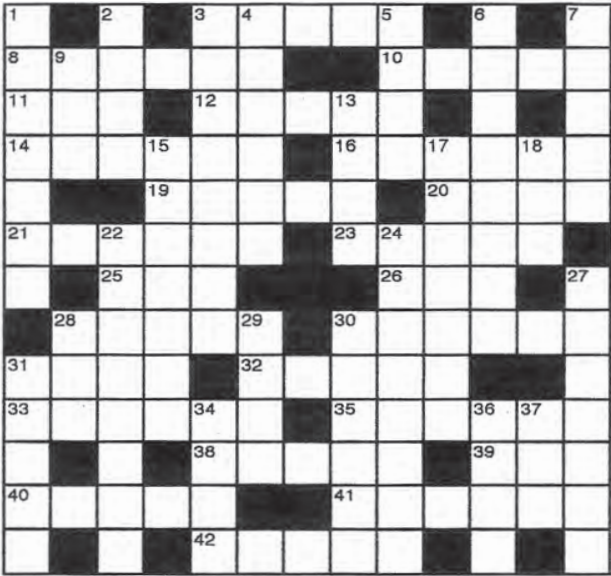
Crossword

ACROSS

3. Cricket trophy
8. Brief summary
10. Rogue
11. At this time
12. Violation of the law
14. Former British prime minister
16. Refer to a higher court
19. Up to the time of
20. Unite by treaty
21. Score
23. Wigwam
25. Sign of the zodiac
26. Long-leaved lettuce
28. French subway
30. Selected
31. Lost in thought
32. European capital city
33. Stick
35. Ukraine seaport
38. Vegetable
39. Concealed
40. Underwater detection device
41. Creation
42. Braid of hair

DOWN

1. Card game
2. Eft
3. Hedge-sparrow
4. Guarantee
5. Straw beehive
6. Negligent
7. Answer
9. Kitchen utensil
13. Brewing ingredient
15. Window in a concave ceiling



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



BUDDY BUNYIP BIRTHDAY LIST

Don't forget that if your name appears on my birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Popcorn Chicken & Orange Juice, compliments of KFC in Renmark!

Interested in appearing on Buddy's Birthday list?

Contact: Murray Pioneer
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March 2022 Horoscopes: week 2

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
Don't let a small disagreement boil over into a major argument. You may feel that the other person concerned is not taking your needs seriously enough. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Venus later in the week will help to give your love-life a boost. Time spent together will help to heal a recent rift between you.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A co-worker may start to make demands on you which you feel are quite unreasonable. Your friendship won't suffer if you are direct about your feelings, but do try hard to put your thoughts across sensitively. **Romance.** Your ability to see through what your partner is doing could make you a little too harsh at times. Try not to be too critical.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
Advice from a close friend will give you food for thought. This person's comments may not be welcome, but you should not ignore them. **Romance.** A friend's positive thinking will give your confidence an important boost just when you need it most. Don't be afraid to take the first step in a new relationship.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
A decision which you make now will affect your life for the next few weeks. Make sure that you think it through carefully before you say "yes". **Romance.** A dream will help you to understand recent events between you and your partner much more clearly. Try to piece everything together until it makes complete sense.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
An idea which you have been working on will finally bear fruit this week. Be careful to "sign and seal" everything as soon as possible. **Romance.** A recent disagreement with your partner may have wider implications. Find out what is really going on before you make any major changes, however. You need to listen carefully and be responsive to your partner's needs.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
Do your best to work out who is on your side and who is against you: it may not be quite as obvious as you think. You might find it difficult to "see the wood from the trees" at the moment. **Romance.** Be careful not to let money worries come between you and your partner. Towards the end of the week you may need to cut down on a few luxuries.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A challenging aspect to Uranus will bring some important changes into your life. A meeting with a stranger could bring on a series of events which will be very beneficial in the longer term. At first it may be difficult to see the upside, however. **Romance.** This will be a good time to sort out a compromise on something which has come between you and your partner.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
A co-worker who has let you down several times in the past is likely to let you down again, possibly without warning. Don't allow yourself to get into a situation in which you are depending on them. **Romance.** At times it may seem that your partner doesn't respond very well to your changing moods.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
You want to make a move in your career, but this probably isn't the best time to do so. Delay any major changes until you are completely clear which direction you want to go in. An aborted move now could set you back a long way. **Romance.** A flattering remark may make you a little self-conscious.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
You have worked hard recently, and should spend time doing things which you don't normally have the time for. Make sure that you give yourself a decent break this week. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Mercury at the beginning of the week will help you to communicate effectively with your partner.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
Worrying about the future won't help you to deal with a more immediate problem. You need to think through a recent agreement - it's not too late to back out of it! **Romance.** Your partner may push your patience to the limit at times. Think twice before you express your frustration too directly, however!

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
A powerful aspect to Pluto could bring some secrets out of the closet over the next few weeks. Be careful not to talk to people whom you cannot entirely trust. **Romance.** Don't give any advice unless you are certain that your partner won't take it the wrong way.

SUDOKU No.367

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

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

Level of Difficulty: Hard

Solution No. 366

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A full range of crossword and sudoku magazines are available from the Loxton Newsagency East Terrace, Loxton - Phone 8584 7750

Candidate plays post-Covid catch-up



A CHAFFEY election candidate is determined to make up for lost time following an untimely bout of Covid-19.

One Nation's Sab Feleppa has been isolating for the past fortnight and has only been free to restart campaigning this week. The Adelaide-based candidate intends to make the most of the final 10 days before the March 19 election.

"I'll be here every day until election day – I'm staying here," he said.

"I'll be floating around anywhere from Waikerie to Renmark, predominantly, but I'll also be visiting Karoonda and Morgan too.

"I'm keen to talk to as many Chaffey constituents as I can."

Being struck down with Covid-19 was problematic from multiple perspectives for the 56-year-old workplace safety expert, who is a regular Riverland visitor via his business operation.

"You don't know the half of it," he said.

"My mother had a stroke in January and we've been taking turns looking after her a couple days a week.

"Then Covid comes along



One Nation's Sab Feleppa in Renmark for the announcement of his Chaffey candidacy recently. Mr Feleppa had planned to be a regular Riverland visitor during the 2022 State Election campaign, until he contracted Covid-19. To compensate, he intends to remain in the region from yesterday until election day. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

and buggers up everything.

"But look, I've still got enough mates in the Riverland and throughout the electorate that I think we can give them a good shake, if nothing else.

"But we'll see what happens between now and the election."

Mr Feleppa was scheduled to speak at last week's Grain Producers SA 2022

State Election forum at Loxton, before being diagnosed as Covid positive.

His One Nation party colleague and upper house contender Jennifer Game similarly had to cancel her Riverland engagement last week, at the Australian Christian Lobby's pre-election event, also in Loxton.

- PAUL MITCHELL



Schynette Reilly is one of many Riverland social workers set to celebrate and recognise World Social Work Day on Tuesday, March 15. PHOTO: supplied

Schynette reflects on World Social Work Day

ELYSE ARMANINI

A RIVERLAND child protection worker says World Social Work Day – to be marked next Tuesday – is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the people and dedication that often go unrecognised.

The annual day, held on the third Tuesday of March each year, highlights the achievements and works to promote the importance of social workers in the community.

Riverlander Schynette Reilly is an assessment and protective intervention social worker, based in the Berri Department for

Child Protection.

"When we get notifications, I go out and investigate them, look for support to provide to families to actually keep children safe from harm, abuse and neglect," Mrs Reilly explained.

Mrs Reilly said her decision to become a social worker in the field of child protection was based on migrating to Australia from India, where child protection support is lacking.

"Coming to the Riverland, where there is more of those engagements and relationship building that takes place with families, that's what motivates me," she said.

Mrs Reilly said calendar days like World Social Work Day helped to highlight work that would often go unrecognised, and the people behind it.

"We are so few in the field, we need so many of us to actually support families," she said.

"At times, coming from Child Protection, it looks like we're always there to remove children.

"Rather, we're there to support families and that's why people have these misconceptions. I think social workers really go unrecognised...

"Spreading the awareness through World Social Work Day... it should be celebrated, to actually give us that recognition that we're not the bad people."

Mrs Reilly said she would be reflecting on her graduation with a Master's degree in social work and working in child protection "for the Australian people" as the biggest achievements in her career on World Social Work Day.

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Riverland STEEL



High school students with an interest in the environment, and past members, are invited to attend a River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) information session in Barmera today.

River youth council info session today

RIVERLAND high school students with an interest in the environment are invited to attend an information session to find out about the River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) this afternoon.

Hosted by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board (MRLB), the information session will be held at Apex Park, Lake Bonney, Barmera from 4pm to 6.30pm.

Landscape Board RMYC co-ordinator Ilyth Burton said students and past members who attend will get an overview of the RMYC program for 2022 and learn about local projects.

"RMYC members learn environmental skills and gain valuable experience outside the classroom," Ms Burton said.

"Members participate in full-day forums, including guest speakers and hands-on activities.

"Students have the opportu-

nity to gain leadership skills, learn about career pathways and work on local projects.

"Other exciting activities include field trips, camps and student presentations.

"Members of the RMYC are supported by a group of mentors including MRLB staff, environmental experts, past members and teachers.

"The information sessions are a great opportunity for students and parents to come along and meet the returning members and mentors, participate in some fun activities and hear what the RMYC is all about."

Registration is essential.

Visit the Eventbrite website (<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/riverland-river-murray-youth-council-rmyc-info-session-registration-269343843687>) for more information.



Blanchetown District Hall committee members Wayne Tredrea, (left), Julie Brady, Alan Reynolds, Ina Reynolds and Jan Badcock, (right) at the funding presentation with Barker MP Tony Pasin. PHOTO: supplied

Solar panels for town's hall

THE Blanchetown District Hall committee has received an \$8650 grant to install solar panels on the hall's roof.

The funding has been provided through the federal government's Powering Communities program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin is supporting community groups across his electorate to help them increase energy efficiency and reduce emissions.

He said energy bills were often one of the biggest overheads for not-for-profit organisations.

"By helping to reduce power bills, the grants will ease the financial pressure organisations face so they can better focus on meeting the needs of our local community," Mr Pasin said.

"I recognise the great work

that many community groups across Barker do and know that many have done it tough during Covid-19."

Blanchetown District Hall committee chairperson Alan Reynolds said having solar panels installed on the hall's roof would enable the facility to meet its power needs.

"The Blanchetown District Hall belongs to Blanchetown and it relies on the community to run and maintain it," he said.

"Reducing our power bills will ease the need to do a lot of fundraising.

"We would like to thank Mr Pasin for assisting us in our endeavours to win this grant, after several years of trying, we were finally successful."

Storage levels

DARTMOUTH DAM

Current storage: 93%
This time last month: 92%
This time in 2021: 63%

HUME DAM

Current storage: 95%
This time last month: 99%
This time in 2021: 53%

LAKE VICTORIA

Current storage: 82%
This time last month: 76%
This time in 2021: 36%

MENINDEE LAKES

Current storage: 110%
This time last month: 94%
This time in 2021: 18%

Flows into SA

CURRENT FLOWS

28,600ml per day

THIS TIME

LAST MONTH

29,000ml per day

THIS TIME IN 2021

7800ml per day

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BOATS AND BEDZZZ HOUSEBOAT STAYS

2022 AFL FOOTY TIPPERS DRAW

Round 1

Points margin in highlighted game:

Entries close Wednesday, March 16 at 4pm

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THIS is the week we have been waiting for. It's the beginning of a 10-day mini festival for the Riverland, featuring comedy, art, cabaret, tours, exhibitions, workshops, cruises and much more. River Fringe activities begin this Friday March 11, with the Artful Weekend at the Village in Loxton. Murray Moments continues at the Rain Moth Gallery, at Waikerie, together with the silent disco (March 11-13). The Riverfront Art Gallery at Good Hope Landing is on until 20th, while Rivergum Cruises are on March 12-13 at Waikerie. River Gum Cruises offers a two-hour Fringe cruise with local artist Jess Weidenhofer on board, sharing poetry and artwork. It's time for you to relax and enjoy the scenery, shared with a grazing platter and a complimentary tea or coffee.

The River Fringe main event is at Waikerie this Sunday, March 13, together with the Waikerie Rotary Markets which begin at 1pm. They bring a bunch of family-friendly fun with the market, food, aerial acrobatics and the Adelaide Fringe Caravan packed full of Fringe artists ready to entertain crowds of all ages. No matter your interests, there is something for everyone in this festival. The important message to you, the reader, is to get the brochure early from our Visitor Information Centres at Waikerie (8541 0720) or Loxton (8584 8051). All events are printed in the brochure, or go to the website <https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringe-lists/river-fringe> as that will give you the complete list of the entertainment for our region until March 20.

More details next week of some events in Waikerie, Ramco, Kingston-On-Murray and Loxton. A lot of work has gone into making this River Fringe program as complete and accurate as can be, however changes or new events may occur after

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It has been a most exciting time to be here in our region, with the cast and crew of Run Rabbit Run filming in several special areas of the region that will connect with the story. As a street in Warrawee was one of those spots, we were able to catch some glimpses of the filming, and chat to those crew members. It was pleasing to learn how much they were enjoying their time in our community, meeting the locals in the shops and out and about.

Congratulations to the members of the Waikerie Bowling Club upon their success on the weekend with the Bowls Riverland pennants. Divisions 1 and 2 were both successful, beating Renmark and Berri respectively. Division 3 just missed out and division 4 lost by one shot against Barmera. The community says well done to the Waikerie Bowling Club for an overall great season.

The Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group held a most successful dinner at the Waikerie Hotel last Wednesday evening with a capacity group attending. We were pleased to have as guest speakers John Olsen, chairman of the Adelaide Football

Club, CEO Tim Silvers and engagement executive Sam Jacobs, who acted as MC. Congratulations and thanks to Paul and Rosie Pfennig, who were acknowledged for their volunteer service from when the group began from 1999. Life memberships were awarded to Joy Hennig, Warren Schwarz, Grant Taylor and myself. Mr Olsen and our president Peter Marks presented the awards. Memories of those early days when the group began were flowing freely throughout the evening, and it was great to reconnect about those days with the Crows supporters.

The Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group advises it has plans for a day together at the Waikerie Hotel, when Adelaide play Collingwood at the MCG on Saturday, March 26 at 1.15pm. Aside from watching on the big screen, the day will feature complimentary nibbles at half time to enjoy.

As we approach the start of the AFL 2022 season are you ready for the footy tipping for your favourites? Thanks to *The Murray Pioneer*, which is ready to go via its AFL Footy Tippers competition.

The members of the Waikerie Santa's Cave committee welcome volunteers who can in the coming months see their way forward to offer themselves to support the committee. The committee needs this support to be able to continue this award-winning event for our community. If you want to know more about this exciting event contact Marion Maywald (0417 897 295) or Cheryl Mortimer (0431 355 604).

Thought for the week:
Don't wish to be anything but what you are... and do that perfectly.
- Saint Francis de Sales

Waikerie Senior Citizens newsletter:

OUR much-loved member, 96-year-old Con Traeger, has recently moved into Pioneer Haven. Con has been the booking officer for our hall for many years and we thank him for that.

The new person for booking the senior citizens hall is Zene Trezise. Please phone 8541 2313. If you do not get an answer ring again as she sometimes reaches the phone as it just stops ringing.

We welcome Vivian, who has come to live in the Lifestyle Village from Victoria.

Numbers have been down of late due to the hot weather. A group of four have been playing cards with others, playing Rummikub, dominos and other games, while the men play pool. On the fourth Tuesday of the month we play a free game of bingo. Thanks to the Waikerie RSL for giving us the leftover tickets. We give small chocolates as prizes. Most seem to enjoy bingo. Our new caller is new member Maurine, as Con used to do it. Thank you, Maurine.

On March 29 we will have a shared lunch with a very interesting speaker. We have shared lunches when there are five Tuesdays in the month and they are really enjoyed.

Members are saddened to hear of the passing of long-time past member Allan Channon at the age of 103. Our sympathy to all his family.



If you are over 50 we would love you to come along to see what we do. If you do not like to come alone please bring a friend any Tuesday after 1pm – the hall is always open. We hope to do some trips when the weather is cooler.

NEXT PIONEER:
Wednesday, March 16

the

quarantine

quiz



1. What is the only king in a deck of cards without a moustache?

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2. Who wrote "Around the World in 80 Days"?

.....

3. How has the Statue of Liberty changed since it was built?

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4. During the mid-1970s, David Bowie's diet reportedly consisted solely of milk, red peppers, and what else?

.....

5. In which sport are Barani, Rudolph, and Randolph all techniques?

.....

6. What sea is next to Saudi Arabia?

.....

7. What was the bloodiest battle of the American Civil War?

.....

8. So far, which continent has hosted the Olympics the most times?

.....

9. Which creatures produce gossamer?

.....

10. What is the little dot above a lowercase "i" or "j" called?

.....

11. Which poison do apple seeds contain?

.....

12. The Mariana Trench, which is the deepest trench in the world, is located in which ocean?

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13. Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, and Amy Winehouse all died at what age?

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14. Among land animals, what species has the largest eyes?

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15. In 1917, Finland declared its independence from which country?

.....

16. Which two countries are connected by the Karakoram Pass?

.....

17. What is the family name of the ruling dynasty of Monaco?

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18. Who was murdered along with OJ Simpson's estranged wife Nicole?

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19. Who was the first person to suggest Daylight Savings Times?

.....

20. Who is the only athlete who ever lit the cauldron for an Olympics and then won a gold medal at those same games?

.....

BONUS QUESTION:

Sahti is a type of beer that's traditionally flavoured with juniper. Which country would you be most likely to find it in? Answer in next week's Quiz

Answers on page 41

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Thursday, September 1, 1938

LOOKING
BACK AT

130

YEARS OF
RIVERLAND LIFE

Barmera's Electric Supply

MAIN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Comparative Figures in Committee's Circular Disputed

NECESSITY EMPHASIZED OF FAVOURABLE VOTE AT POLL TO ENSURE FINANCE FOR NEW PLANT

There was a full attendance at a meeting of the Barmera District Council held last Thursday, and Cr. C. C. Chabrel (acting chairman) presided. The main item under discussion was the electric light scheme, following which Mr. F. Smyth (engineer) attended the meeting and was in conference with the council for two hours. Matters relating to further storage of fuel, break-down, insurance, the possibility of the present plant carrying on beyond the coming summer, spare parts, etc., were all gone thoroughly into.

A discussion took place on the circular sent out by the committee appointed by the ratepayers to prepare a case for the retention of the council's own plant. The chairman stated that the comparative figures presented by the committee on its circular were inaccurate in many instances. The chairman had checked the figures from various sources of information stated in the circular, and it had been found that the administration expenses at the Berri and the Mid-Northern schemes were considerably under-estimated by the committee. In fact, the chairman said, both the Berri and Mid-Northern schemes showed higher figures than Barmera. The difference so far as the Mid-Northern scheme was concerned was particularly great.

River Show Dates

Waikerie — Saturday, Sept 24
Swan Reach — Saturday, Oct. 1
Karoonda — Wednesday, Oct. 5
Renmark — Thursday, Oct. 6
Loxton — Wednesday, Oct. 12
Brown's Well — Saturday, Oct. 15

The chairman intimated that he had instructed the clerk (Mr. R. James) to get comparative figures drawn up and checked by the council's auditor, and give a statement to the council that the extracts by the council were correct.

In view of the misleading information contained in the circular, a letter has been sent to each member of the ratepayers' committee, setting out the variations in the figures. They will be asked to notify the ratepayers of mistakes in the preparation of the circular and to forward a copy to each ratepayer.

The reason for this step was to clear any mistakes which would fall on the Committee as well as the Council.

Poll of Ratepayers on September 10.

The chairman drew attention to members of the council of the importance of the poll of ratepayers, which will be taken on September 10, being carried. He pointed out that it would not be possible to secure plant to carry through this summer's peak loading. The money that the Council was seeking, was to provide plant for the summer after next. A discussion with the engineer had resulted in the latter stating that it was imperative to secure new plant for the following summer load. The chairman said that unless the poll was carried it would be impossible to secure the consent of the Minister to the raising of money for the scheme. He said it would take twelve months to carry out the preliminaries and secure plant, providing the money was available. The chairman emphasized that although the sum of £6,000 was stipulated in the proposed loan, it was not intended to raise any more than was absolutely necessary. The poll was only to give the council authority to secure the money if required. If the ratepayers did not give the council authority to

borrow this money, it was very probable that serious consequences would arise. It was possible, and highly probable, that a rationed supply of light and power would be enforced in the summer of 1939-40, if no steps were taken in the near future.

General Business

It was reported that an inspection had been made of roads in the district, preparatory to deciding on which roads should be done during the present road making season. Further consideration will be given this matter at a special meeting called for the near future.

Furnishing of New Hall

A meeting of the furnishing committee of the new town hall will be held at an early date to determine what furnishings will be secured for it. It is expected that pictures will be shown in the new hall by the beginning of December.

BLOCK E IRRIGATION POSTPONED A WEEK

Trust Chairman Grants Request of Hurried Growers' Meeting

Renmark North, Aug. 30.

General dissatisfaction was expressed among Block E growers when the proposed date of Renmark's first general irrigation was announced. A petition signed by over 50 ratepayers in the area was presented to the board of the Renmark Irrigation Trust asking that the irrigation be postponed until Friday, September 2. This request was refused by the board.

The next step was a hurriedly called settlers' meeting, which was held on Sunday morning and was largely attended. The chairman of the trust, Mr. C. H. Katekar, was present by invitation. After hearing the views of the settlers, Mr. Katekar asked for a motion to clarify the position. A motion asking that the irrigation be postponed to Friday, September 2, was carried without dissent. Mr. Katekar promised that this would be granted.

The pumps are now only idling sufficiently to keep the intake clear of salt water.

Boy Fractures Collarbone

When a schoolboy, Fred Schlemacher, of 14th Street, Renmark, fell from his bike in Renmark Avenue recently he struck the ground heavily with his shoulder. A medical examination revealed that his right collarbone had been fractured. The lad is now making good progress.

AMBASSADRESS TO GLENELG

Hospital and Mothers and Babies' Launch Campaign

Voting Cards — Button Day

The campaign for the combined effort by the Renmark District Hospital and the Renmark branch of the Mothers and Babies' Health Association to secure the success of their nominee, Sister Cooper, as the local ambadress to Glenelg in the State wide stunt which is now under way was definitely launched at a meeting held at the Hospital on Monday night. The chairman of the hospital board (Mr. G. H. Eaton) presided, and there was a representative attendance of women, including members of the nursing staff.

Mrs. W. H. Eaton reported that voting cards had been issued to schools, nursing staff and Sister Prendergast, and the collections seemed to be going well. A prize of 5/- was offered to the most successful school child.

It was resolved to conduct a button day on Saturday September 10. The badge is to be in the form of a baby, and sellers will be members of the staff with the co-operation of Mesdames Evans, Perriam, G. H. Eaton, W. H. Eaton, and Ruston.

Other Functions

Other money raising functions arranged include:— Bridge evening, at Church of England hall on September 9; dance at Block E hall on September 10 (bus service to be arranged); Musical evening, Renmark Institute, September 10; American Afternoon, at the Hospital, on September 28; Dance at Church of England hall, on September 30.

Golf Tournament?

Mr. Eaton suggested a golf tournament with a 2/- entry and offered to provide a trophy. Sister Morris promised a 5/- trophy for ladies.

AMBULANCE FUND

Further Additions to List of Donations

Following are further additions to the Renmark Ambulance Fund, which has been instituted by the local R.S.A.:

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	278	13	11
W. Marcus	2	2	0
A. G. Wilson	5	0	0
W. G. Adcock	1	1	0
Wack Bros.	1	1	0
Peter Outlack	1	1	0
V. A. Whallin	1	1	0
C. A. Ritchie	1	1	0
E. A. Emmett & Sons	1	1	0
R.S.A. Members' Effort	2	0	0
Fred Plush	1	1	0
Berri Rhythm Aces	1	1	0
M. and H. Graham	5	0	0
Total to date	2296	15	11

INTEREST IN LIAR'S CLUB

But First Contest delayed a Week

Though considerable interest has been evinced by the "Liars' Club", which has been introduced as a money-raising effort for the ambulance fund, various factors have conspired to postpone the first of the competitions, the results of which were to have been announced this week. This contest will now close on Friday (tomorrow), and it is hoped to continue with a weekly contest thereafter. Entries should be forwarded to Mr. H. H. Hobcroft, Secretary R.S.A. Ambulance Fund, and endorsed "Liars' Club".

RIVER MURRAY PUNTS AND BRIDGES

Minister's Replies to Mr. Macgillivray

Quite a lot of food for thought is provided by the reply of the Minister for Local Government (Hon. M. McIntosh) to a question on Murray River punts asked by Mr. W. Macgillivray (Chaffey), in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Macgillivray asked, "Can the Commissioner of Public Works indicate when the new punts are likely to be placed in operation on the River Murray, and will he bear in mind that owing to the improved weather, due to spring coming, there is a possibility of traffic congestion in that area?"

Mr. McIntosh replied, "The honourable member will realize that the work is considerable, and in view of the shortage throughout Australia of metal and other material a long time has to be given to the tenderers before we can hope to receive tenders. Most of the people are behind with their supplies. In the original contract 46 weeks was given, and that would mean that it would be about April next before the contract would expire. I have no reason to believe that the work will not be ready for installation then. It will be the endeavour of the department to see that the punts are installed as early as possible. The period had to be extended in order that we might receive tenders."

Pontoon Bridge Suggestion

At another juncture in the House Mr. Macgillivray asked, "Regarding bridges across the River Murray, will the Commissioner of Public Works consider the question of the construction of a pontoon bridge, the opinion having been expressed that a pontoon bridge would be quite serviceable and could be provided cheaply?"

To this the same Minister replied, "The honourable member has probably not realized that the work in hand has been undertaken after an investigation by the Public Works Standing Committee which recommended the Blanchetown route as the most suitable for an improved highway, and that the means of crossing the river should be an improved punt service and approaches thereto. That recommendation has been given effect to and the punts are in course of construction and will be delivered in the near future. I can see no likelihood at this juncture of any departure being made."

New Fire Brigade Pump at Berri

A new fire engine was installed at Berri last Friday, and staff Officer H. R. Patton from Adelaide instructed members of the brigade in the use of the unit during the week-end. A demonstration was given before members of the District Council on Monday evening. The Berri Fire Brigade will now give service to Blockers within reasonable distance, until such time as the area is definitely defined. The officer expressed himself as highly satisfied with the brigade's efficiency.

SCHOOL BAND CONTESTS

At Renmark on October 22

At a recent meeting called by the Renmark Citizens' Silver Band committee, it was decided to hold a school bands contest at Renmark on Saturday, October 22. Messrs. C. H. Pearce and J. R. Barnes, of Renmark and Block E schools, said it would be a pity if the event was allowed to lapse and the most convenient time for such a contest was the latter part of October.



The Aussie Prickle Picker picking up caltrop seeds in newly planted citrus crops at Ridgehill Properties with Loxton North landholder workshop participants. PHOTOS: supplied

New machine set to end prickly problem

NEW agricultural technology is set to help local farmers and growers remove harmful seeds from their properties.

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board (MRLB) recently held a workshop at Loxton North-based Ridgehill Properties to demonstrate the Aussie Prickle Picker, developed to collect caltrop and three-corner jack seeds from farms and orchards.

Lowbank and Districts Ag Bureau president Kane Schutz said these seeds reduced grain crop yields and damaged the wool of sheep.

“I’ve been looking for ways to extract three-corner jack from the paddocks, (and) the prickle picker worked well,” Mr Schutz said.

“It’s very good for reducing seed numbers in the soil. It’s not a silver bullet but definitely another tool in the shed.

“We know the areas of our paddocks that have three-corner jacks, and if we hire the prickle picker around this time each year, combined with the herbicide program the jacks will become manageable, reducing millions of seed numbers over the years.”

MRLB senior district officer Jodie Woof said caltrop could spread in low-moisture conditions and germinate from spring until winter.

“(A) property picked up four 44-gallon drums full of seed from across a 10-hectare area,” Ms Woof said.

“It is hoped that the prickle roller can be used as another tool in the weed control toolbox to reduce the amount of seed bank in the soil and decrease herbicide use.”



The Aussie Prickle Picker being trialled at Glenrae Holdings, near Waikerie.

Labor plan to boost live music in SA

A MALINAUSKAS Labor Government will get the band back together with a significant package to revive the state’s struggling live music industry as SA emerges from Covid-19.

Labor says the package – announced last week – would provide a major boost to the live music sector, getting performers back into venues across the state, bringing live music to this year’s Royal Adelaide Show, and introducing a Covid-19 insurance scheme for events.

Before the pandemic, the music and performing arts sector was worth more than \$183m to the state’s economy and the highest employing sector within the creative industries, generating 4559 jobs.

According to the I Lost My Gig Collective, an estimated 32,000 gigs and events were cancelled across the nation due to the pandemic, with almost \$94 million of lost income since July 2021.

“This live music package will not only provide a much-needed stimulus for our music sector but also our hospitality sector,” an SA Labor spokesperson said.



PUBLIC NOTICES



RENMARK OLYMPIC SOCCER CLUB

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR COACHING POSITIONS FOR THE 2022 SEASON

We are still looking for coaches for A Grade, B Grade and Under 6's through to Under 12's.

Please email your expression of interest to renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com BY 23rd of March 2022

BZ11063

Notice of Cobdogla Oval Committee Meeting and Public Consultation for moving the War Memorial

Thursday 17 March 2022, 7pm at Cobdogla Club

For more info contact Marianne 0428 814 099

BZ10969



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

Enquiries to the Berri office on 8582 1922.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20 APRIL 2022

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BZ11004




ROAD CLOSURE

Leonard Norman Drive from Peake Terrace to the emergency slip lane access, Waikerie.

10.00am – 7.00pm

Sunday 13 March 2022 for the Waikerie Rotary Markets and Fringe on Tour event.

LZ13867



ROAD CLOSURE ORDER

1 MINUTE RIVERLAND MALLEE FILM FESTIVAL

The Berri Barmera Council exercise power delegated to it by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act and through the Instrument of General Approval, part 1, Clause G: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events to:

(a) Declare the **1 Minute Riverland Mallee Film Festival Screening** to be held on **Pascoe Terrace, Barmera** as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.

(b) Hereby make an order –

(1) To close the Road specified in the Schedule (below) to traffic including bicycles and scooters excluding motorised wheelchairs as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Act

THE SCHEDULE

Location	From	To
Pascoe Terrace from the roundabout to carpark cut-through to Langdon Terrace, Barmera	3.00pm Sunday 20 March 2022	10.00pm Sunday 20 March 2022

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

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au

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ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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BZ11018



2022 season trials

9th, 16th & 23rd March

4pm 11 & under
4:45pm 13 & under + 15 & under
6pm 17 & under + seniors

Please register at:
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/568384>

Please register, even if unable to attend trials.
No cost involved for trials.

Or email cobbynetball@outlook.com or contact Kate on 0427 038 529 for more information.

BZ10974



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie hereby exercises the power pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and Clause “F” of the Instrument of General Approval of the Minister dated 12 March 2001 to:-

Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 5.30pm to 9.30pm on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 March 2022 and Sunday from 12.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 20 March 2022 for the Riverland Cabaret Fringe events;

(1) Dolan Street from River Terrace in Kingston on Murray to the end of the Kingston on Murray Hall building.

Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238

For further information contact **Greg Perry 8584 8000**
gperry@lwdc.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

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30th BIRTHDAY

COLLIGAN, Travis.

7/3/1992

Happy 30th birthday Trav, I can't believe you came into the world Saturday, March 7, 1992 at 2.28pm, weighing 9lb 9oz and that was 30 years ago.

Where did the time go, as it feels like we just celebrated your 18th birthday.

You have grown into a handsome young man, became an amazing dad, and have excelled in your job.

I am so proud of you, Trav, and will love you always.

Infinity plus one.

Love Mum.

APPROACHING WEDDING

MILICH - GROPLER.

Congratulations Jaylee and Brendan on your wedding this Saturday. Wishing you both a lifetime of love and happiness together.

All our love, Mum and Dad, Blake and Donnela, Tyla and James. xx



DEATHS

ANDERSON, D. Joan.

Passed away peacefully at the Renmark Nursing Home on Friday, March 4, 2022.

Aged 98 years.

Loved wife of Louis (deceased).

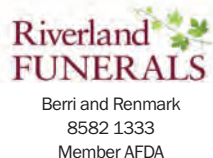
Loving mother of Kathy (deceased), Shirley and her partner Vince.

Loved nana of David, Shaun, Paul, Joanne, Glenn and their families.

Treasured memories silently kept of the one we love and will never forget.

Joan was privately cremated according to her wishes.

Joan's family would like to thank the many caring staff at the Renmark Nursing Home.



BERRIDGE, John Duncan.

Passed away peacefully in Loxton on March 4, 2022.

Aged 93 years.

Loved husband of Margaret.

Loving father and father-in-law of James and Lea, Tom and Zhanna, Miriam and Stephen.

Adored grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 2.

At peace in God's loving care.

DEATHS

FINGLAND, Robert Duke.

1/5/1936 - 4/3/2022

Born Kilwinning, Scotland.

Died Nanango, Queensland.

Ex Royal Navy UK, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane.

Dearly loved by wife Colleen.

Father/father-in-law to Martin and Kirsten, Murray and Anita, Andrew and Debbie.

Grandfather to Chloe and Ethan, Sarah and Rory, Angela, Ben.

Great-grandfather to Sophia.

A lovely man, full of the joy of life, now at rest.

Privately cremated.

Virgo Funerals
Kingaroy
Ph: 07 4162 7988
(Inc. South Burnett Funerals and Crematorium Pty Ltd)
virgofunerals.com.au



HURST, Sydney Leslie.

20/6/1972 - 21/1/2022

Beloved and only son of Douglas and Marilyn.

Will be forever missed.

DEATHS

McGUIRK, Tom.

Passed away suddenly at home on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Aged 86 years.

Loved husband of Bev (deceased).

Loving father and father-in-law of Norm, Ray and Bernie, Julie,

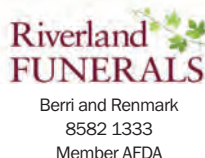
Dave and Donna, Wayne, Cherylea, and Shane S.

Loved grandfather of Jess and Abdul, Shane, Louise, Delwyn, William, Neil and Barry.

Loved great-grandfather of Tahli, Beau, Claire, Uthman, Anisa, and Laith.

Gone but not forgotten.

Tom was farewelled by family and friends, followed by a private cremation on Saturday, March 5, 2022.



MONK, Alfred Ernest.

Passed away at the Barmera Hospital on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

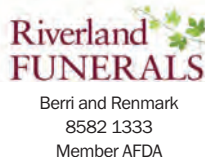
Aged 85 years.

Loved husband and best friend of Joyce.

Cherished uncle and great-uncle of his nieces and nephews.

Now resting in peace.

Alf was privately cremated at the Riverland Crematorium according to his wishes.



DEATHS



NOBLE, Rosemary Eileen (nee Wade).

It is with sadness and love that we announce the passing of our mum, Rosemary Eileen Noble (nee Wade) on February 23, 2022, aged 95 years.

She passed peacefully and surrounded with the love of her family.

Sister to Peggy Beech (RIP), John (RIP) and Eileen.

Cousin to Bette Fisher.

Loved wife of Richard John Noble (RIP).

Mother to Edward, Ross, Bevan, Marie and Gary.

Grandma to John, David, Tanya, Ross, Eloise, Madeline, Breeanna, Ella, Zade.

Great-grandma to Indiah, Marlia, Aurora, Tyler, Brooke and Tristan.

Mum will be laid to rest with her sister Peg, and dad Steve Wade at the Berri cemetery, Riverland at some stage during the second half of 2022. Notifications of this will occur. If you have an interest in attending please contact

Bevan
0405833114

Marie
0429124629

or Gary
0432356212.

DEATHS

ROFE, Enid Claire (nee Moore).

Passed away peacefully at Regis Marleston on March 6, 2022.

Aged 98 years.

Formerly of Glossop and Berri.

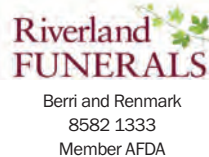
Much-loved wife of Rollo (deceased).

Mother and mother-in-law of Bev and Lyle, Allan and Denise, John and Anneke, Bruce and Marita, and their families.

A loving nanna and great-nanna.

A life well lived.

Funeral to be advised at a later date.



ROSENBERG, Ronald Brian.

28/7/1920 - 24/2/2022

Devoted and loving husband of Dorothy (deceased).

Loved and loving father of Ann and step-father to John.

Respected father-in-law of Nick and Dinah (deceased).

Proud and adored grandfather of James, Sarah, Michael and Josephine.

Great-grandfather to Cleo, Harley, Asta, Lucinda, Pierce, Jared, Ashlee, Henry and Isaac.

Great great-grandfather to Dorothy.

Sadly missed, forever in our hearts.

Privately farewelled.



DEATHS

THOMPSON, Bevan.

Passed away peacefully on March 1, 2022 at Gumeracha Hospital.

Aged 76 years.

Loving and loved husband of Pamela Thompson (deceased) of Waikerie.

Son of Hazel and William Thompson (both deceased).

Half-brother of Phillip.

Loved father of Vikki-Lee, Brett Aaron (deceased), Brett Rene and Todd Aaron.

Father-in-law of Trina and Nikola.

Loved pa to grandchildren Lachlan, Charlotte, Soraya, Clair and Tahrn.

Will be missed by all. Resting in peace. Love you forever.

FUNERALS

BERRIDGE, John Duncan.

Relatives and friends are respectfully advised that John's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety at St. George's Anglican church, 153 Goodwood Road, Goodwood on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 1pm, followed by a private cremation.



THOMPSON.

The family and friends of Bevan Thompson are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service which is to commence at 10.30am on Thursday, March 10, 2022 in the Waikerie Uniting Church, followed by a committal in the Waikerie Cemetery.

Covid-19 restrictions apply.

Masks must be worn.

In the care of



IN MEMORIAM



VICE, Ann.

One year gone, but never forgotten.

You were my dear friend and I miss our times together.

You were a very special lady.

Forever in my heart, Leah Kemp. xox



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BOAT - 30ft carvel hull traditional wooden river cruiser DL111S. 3 cylinder turbo Volvo Penta in excellent running order. Solar and batteries, stereo, TV/DVD player, double bed and bed above. Can send photos if interested. Genuine reason for sale. \$6800 must sell. Phone 0428840529.

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



CARAVAN Jayco pop-top, 17' 6". Shower/toilet combo, 3-way fridge, gas stove, oven/grill, air-conditioning, roll-out awning, 2 single beds, 12v - 240v TV/DVD, 12v battery with charger. Registered S 555TES. Mass weight 1100 GVM 1340. \$16,500 ono. Phone 0404231198.

CARAVAN - 2003 Millard Horizon Special Edition. 19ft, dual wheels, electric brakes, air-conditioned, gas, 12v and 240v, fridge, gas stove top, microwave oven, double bed, roll-out awning with annex sides. Registered until March. \$20,000 ono. YFH-104. Phone 85766076.

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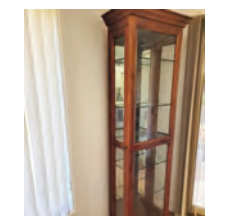
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FOR SALE

FIREARMS - Adler lever action Shotgun, like new, \$650, plus other rifles for sale, all with scopes. Negotiable. Phone 0408338085. Sale must take place in the presence of and be witnessed by a licensed dealer in firearms, an authorised officer of a recognised firearms club, an authorised Public Service employee or a police officer, in accordance with section 15B (9).



FURNITURE - 2 x 4-sided glass cabinets (pictured), \$400 each; round table and 4 chairs (106cm), \$100 lot; leadlight bar, \$500. Phone 0428112757.

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MOBILITY scooter, Pride Pathrider 130XL, 2 x near new 75amp batteries, full suspension, high-back swivel seat, \$3150 ono. Can deliver. Phone 0438253986.



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FORD Zephyr MK2, 6 cylinder, 1958 model. Tyres, body upholstery, paint work, all in very good order. AA038J. Phone Ken 0409387606 for more details.

KIA Cerato 2006. Very good condition. One elderly owner. Low mileage 50,400km. \$5800. Registration XLE-021. Phone 0427792708.



MERCEDES Benz, 2001, C200 Compressor, immaculate condition. 113,000kms. Registration W00590, \$8500. Phone 85822331 after 6pm.

SUBARU Liberty RX25 Sports, 2002, All-wheel drive. Excellent condition. Registration WTD271, \$7250 ono. 6 months registration remaining. Phone 0417882378.

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MOTOR - Old blue Tohatsu model outboard motor with shear-pin propeller, 18hp. Any condition. Phone 85864060.

GARAGE SALES

LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road. Friday, March 11, Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th and Monday 14th, 10am - 4pm. Plant sale. New season flower and vegetable punnets have arrived. Large selection of shadehouse plants available. Phone 85841205.

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Riverland CHURCH NOTICES

Lutheran Church of Australia
BERRI | BARMERA
Sunday, March 13
Berri 9am
Barmera 11am
Pastor Dean Mills
All Welcome
Phone 8582 1853

LOXTON
Second Sunday In Lent
Sunday, March 13
St Peter's 8.30am
10.30am
Concordia 10am HC
Kohrt
Myrla 9am
New Residence
Lay reading
Bookpurnong 8.30am HC
da Costa
Rest Home Wed, Mar 23
10.30am HC

Lutheran Ministry Centre
Phone 8584 5522
Pastor Darrin Kohrt
(Concordia and outlying)
Pastor Jason Sander
(St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA
Sunday, March 13
Renmark 9am
Paringa 10.30am
All Welcome
Pastor Roland Adams
Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE
Sunday, March 13
Waikerie 10am
Lowbank 8.45am
Ramco 8.45am
All Welcome
Phone 8541 2689

Catholic Church Mass Times
Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish
WEEKS 1, 3 & 5
Saturday
Renmark 6.30pm
Morgan 6.00pm
Sunday
Berri 9.00am
Loxton 11.00am
Waikerie 11.00am
Barmera 6.00pm
WEEKS 2 & 4
Saturday
Berri 6.30pm
Waikerie 6.00pm
Sunday
Renmark 9.00am
Morgan 9.00am
Barmera 11.00am
Loxton 6.00pm

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Walkers wanted!
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Heart Foundation

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BERRI / BARMERA
Berri, Denny Street
Barmera, Nookamka Tce
Sundays at 10am
berribarmerauca.org.au
LOXTON
Sunday, March 13
10am
Rev Linda Forsyth
Contact
Rev Linda Forsyth
0401 815 488
RENMARK
10am
Renmark Ave
8.30am
Renmark West
Glenys Badger
Phone 0401 815 488

Anglican Church Riverland
Sunday, March 13
9am - Barmera St Edmund's
9am - Renmark St Augustine's
11am - Loxton The Resurrection
11am - Waikerie St James
Contact:
Fr. David Patterson
8586 3288

One Voice CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 13
10am
Loxton Senior Citizen Hall
25 Tobruk Terrace
Ps Red Elliott
0439 507 098
Ps Sheryl Giles
0423 884 002

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Conveners needed for the 2022 show for the following sections:
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Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.
Volunteer Poppy Makers Required
Knitted or crocheted red poppies for a town display ANZAC 2022
Please call Sherrie for patterns, help and support. Wool available at \$2 a ball. All help gratefully received.
0409 676585
Or pop in to 186 14th Street Renmark (opposite the Op Shop).

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.

Meals on Wheels
There's a volunteer in all of us! Meals on Wheels have a variety of Volunteering opportunities in kitchen, delivery and administration, at a number of locations across the Riverland. If you have some time to put to good use, please contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles your volunteering tastebuds!

The purpose of the Wheelchair Access Vehicle is to strengthen people's capacity to participate in community life, maintain or regain independence. Volunteers are required to pick up and transport clients in accordance with the daily schedule. Please call Deb 1800 334 882 or dmuller@redcross.org.au for more information

Interested in working in an environment steeped in history?
Olivewood (Renmark Branch National Trust) is looking for volunteers to help with reception duties, gardening, cleaning and dusting. Thursday to Monday, hours to suit between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm
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dl.6541_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

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The Brown's Well Netball Club are currently seeking applications for the following positions for the 2022 season:

- A & B Grade Coaches
- Club Umpire

(umpire is a paid position of \$120 per Saturday)

For any questions or to apply, please contact
Claire Victor on 0407 083 590 or
brownswellnetball@gmail.com

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DESIGN + PRINT**8586 8080****AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION****ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER – PART TIME OR TRAINEESHIP POSITION**

An excellent opportunity has become available for an enthusiastic and motivated person to join our Administration Team.

This position would suit either full time Trainee candidates or Experienced Administrators looking for a part time role.

We are looking for candidates with a happy and positive attitude, who will thrive in a fast paced role.

The role:

- General office administration + front reception duties including answering the telephone
- Customer service + assistance
- Above Award remuneration

Skills required:

- Previous and broad administrative experience or a genuine desire to undertake an Administration Traineeship
- Experienced computer literacy including experience using MS Teams, Office Applications (Office 365) and CRM systems, in particular SimPro
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Sound organisational skills, the capacity to prioritise, and to maintain attention to detail

Please email your resume and application letter to Fiona Devilee
at fiona.devilee@devilees.com.au or for a
confidential discussion please phone 0419 563 449.**ALMONDCO**

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PEST CONTROL / YARD PERSON

Almondco Australia Ltd is located in Renmark and is one of the largest almond processing and packaging facilities in Australia. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our growing team!

As a Pest Control / Yard Person you will:

- Change moth, mouse, beetle traps in production/storage areas across 6 sites
- Apply pest control sprays
- Perform general yard tidying/cleaning duties

Required licences:

- Car licence
- Forklift licence
- EWP licence (preferred)

The successful applicant will:

- Have a safety conscious attitude
- Be able to follow instructions and work well in a team environment
- Be punctual and reliable
- Be able to work quickly and efficiently either supervised or autonomously

This is a full-time position Monday to Friday.

To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to: andream@almondco.com.au**Applications close Sunday, 20 March 2022.****AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION****EXPERIENCED AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLER**

An excellent opportunity for an experienced Air Conditioning installer is currently available with Devilee's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

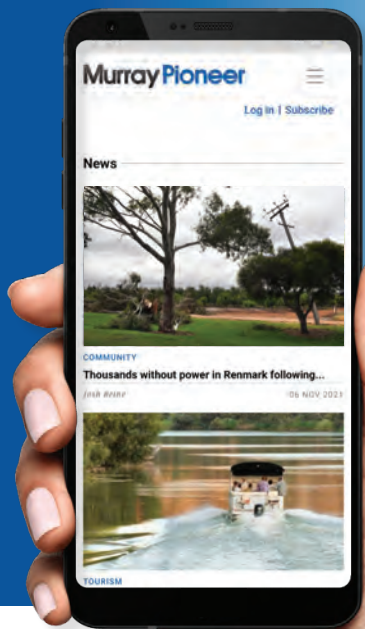
Established in 1961, Devilee's Air Conditioning is a reputable and respected company providing job security and enjoyable working conditions. An above award salary, a well-maintained company car, fuel card, phone and full uniform will be supplied to successful applicants.

CONTACT US TODAY if you have experience installing commercial and/or residential air conditioning. A mechanical plumbing qualification or Air conditioning trade qualification is preferred but not essential.For a confidential discussion please call Michael Hentschke
on 0408 262 518 or forward your resume to
fiona.devilee@devilees.com.au.**the quarantine quiz answers**

1. King of Hearts
2. Jules Verne
3. Changed colour
4. Cocaine
5. Trampolining
6. Red Sea
7. Gettysburg
8. Europe
9. Spiders
10. Tittle
11. Cyanide
12. Pacific Ocean
13. They were all
27. 14. Ostrich
15. Russia
16. China and India
17. Grimaldi
18. Ronald Goldman
19. Benjamin Franklin
20. Cathy Freeman

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The Equator runs through 13 countries.**Get your news on the run**It's simple.
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Based at our Riverland winery and reporting to the Human Resources Manager, this position works as part of the HR team in partnering with our managers to ensure our most important asset, our people, are recruited, onboarded, trained, and inspired in a manner that contributes to positive personal and organisational outcomes.

Key responsibilities of this role include:

- Recruitment, selection and onboarding.
- Provide a high-level administrative support to the HR Manager.
- Maintaining employee records and systems.
- Amending and creating a variety of documents, advertisements and announcements.
- Assisting managers with employee matters.
- Coordinating employee events and training.
- Facilitating Return to Work SA claims.
- Providing support to employees and department managers in HR processes.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and experience:

- 3+ years' experience in an administrative role.
- Experience working in Human Resources field is preferred.
- Experience working in a fast-paced office environment is preferred.
- Qualification in Human Resources is desirable.
- Strong administrative skills and proficiency in MS Office suite of products.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Positive attitude and solutions focussed.
- Strong relationship building skills.
- Confidentiality and discretion.
- Strong communication skills.

Storeperson

Reporting to the Cellar Manager, you will perform various tasks that assist in the accurate receipt of site goods and inventory management at our Riverland winery, along with assisting with general cellar duties as required. This position would suit someone who enjoys being a critical part of a dynamic team and finds satisfaction in being accountable for their own work.

Key responsibilities of this role include:

- Accurate receipt and distribution of all goods delivered to the winery.
- Management of dry goods.
- Managing monthly stocktakes.
- Pallet returns and management.
- Assisting with site cleanliness.
- Other general responsibilities as required.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and experience:

- Forklift licence and operating experience required.
- Solid numeracy and literacy skills.
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to keep accurate records and demonstrate excellent time management.
- Effective problem-solving skills and initiative.
- Ability to follow safe work procedures and contribute to as required.
- Qualifications in transport, logistics or warehousing is desirable.
- Previous experience in a similar role or cellar preparations and procedures would be an advantage.

Successful candidates will share the values of our Company:
Accountability, Teamwork, Continuous Improvement, Integrity and Respect.**To apply** please email your resume and covering letter, detailing your interest and addressing the key criteria of the position to hr@kewines.com.au or apply via our website (click on the 'Careers' tab).

For all enquiries contact the Human Resources Manager on 08 8583 0500.

Kingston Estate is an Equal Opportunity Employer and drug and alcohol-free workplace. All applicants are encouraged to apply and may be required to submit to pre-employment drug and alcohol testing as part of the recruitment process.www.kingstonestatewines.com

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SUPERVISOR

We are seeking a motivated and experienced Front of House Supervisor to join our team on a full-time basis. The Supervisor is responsible for providing a consistent and high-quality standard of beverage knowledge and service to customers, ensuring there is a strong and sophisticated representation of products, resulting in sales and support management with supervising front of house staff. Key responsibilities will include managing retail sales of products, tours, tastings and merchandise in order to maximise brand exposure and to meet Company objectives, along with providing function support as needed with distillery functions and events, providing back up support to the Venue Manager with the management of staff, displaying outstanding customer service skills, managing tastings and serving food, housekeeping and general administration

The successful applicant will have the ability to work across weekends and public holidays, a current RP+ RSA badge (or willing to obtain at application), have a strong liquor knowledge, with an understanding of the South Australian region, have a passion for driving Australian owned, locally crafted spirits and sharing that enthusiasm with visitors, demonstrated leadership skills and the ability to multi-task and work well under pressure. Experience in a similar position is preferred .

To apply or obtain further information

Please submit your covering letter and resume before Sunday 13 March 2022 to jasmine.morgan@23rdstreetdistillery.com.au or by applying directly to the Visitor Centre, Corner of 23rd Street and Renmark Avenue Renmark SA 5341. For further information on the Company, please visit our websites www.23rdstreetdistillery.com.au and www.bickfordsgroup.com. Confidential enquiries can be made to HR at 8182 1813.

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Quality Controller (Casual-Seasonal Position's)

Costa is Australia's leading grower, packer and marketer of premium quality fresh fruit and vegetables. We nurture our people, cultivate our growing sites and invest in ongoing research and development.

All of the products we grow, and sell are fresh, nutritious, unprocessed and grown on our very own farms or those of our partner growers.

On the land, in distribution centers, and out on the roads – Costa people work hard to bring the freshest produce to tables across Australia. But joining our team is about more than just hard work. It's about picking a meaningful, sustainable job that's good for you, and for Australia.

Costa has exciting and challenging opportunities on our farms across the Riverland region. We are looking for Quality Control Officer's to join our operations for the upcoming 2022 Citrus season.

You will be a key team member in harvest production process on our farms within the Riverland Region. Quality Control Officer's role will mainly involve the in-field inspection of pickers including the fruit they have harvested as well as their safe work practices. This includes a significant amount of walking. To be a successful applicant you must have the ability and preparedness to undertake work in the outdoors in varying weather conditions.

The role requires applicants to work with people from various cultural backgrounds and to work weekends. A driver's license and good communication skills are essential.

If you are looking for a career in Quality or just have a great eye for detail. We would like to hear from you! We are looking for someone who has the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment with a great can-do attitude.

This challenging and varied role will suit a self-motivated individual, with:

- Good written and verbal communication skills, problem solving ability
- Attention to detail, and the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines
- Must be able to show initiative and able to handle new tasks
- Strong organisational skills
- Attention to detail, and the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines

Competencies/Character Qualities/Values:

- Determination – acting decisively and with a sense of urgency
- Passion – challenging the status quo and acting with energy and enthusiasm
- Accountability – focusing on outcomes and delivering on commitments
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Submit your application by going to <https://costagroup.currentjobs.co/Job> by the **18th March 2022**, then keep an eye on your emails (including your junk/spam folder).

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CELLARHAND

We are seeking Cellar hands to join our dynamic vintage team, reporting to the Cellar Manager.

Duties will include winery operations such as pressing, clarification, transfer processes and fermentation management. It will also include operation of machinery, additions to juice/wine, cleaning and sanitation of tanks/equipment and general housekeeping.

The successful applicant will be expected to be highly motivated, possess excellent communication skills, have an excellent work ethic, and can work well in a team environment. Shift work will be required in this position.

Experience in a Cellarhand position will be highly regarded, but it is not essential as on the job training will be provided.

For further information, or to forward an application please contact

Cindy Kroehn
Compliance HR Coordinator
8541 0815
cindyk@growerswinegroup.com.au

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WHS BUSINESS PARTNER (Full Time Position)

About the Role

We have an opportunity for an experienced WHS Business Partner to join a supportive team within the Riverland South Australia. Reporting to the Divisional HR and WHS Manager, this role is responsible for providing WHS generalist advice and support to Costa' Riverland Operations across all farms and packshed operations with a key focus on in-the-field and packshed safety, employee engagement and the Return-to-Work Process. This role is focused on supporting day-to-day safety requirements, proactively building relationships and engaging with key stakeholders in the regions; empowering leaders to be better safety leaders. In addition, close partnership with Costa leadership resources to drive the Costa's WHS culture, strategies and systems for continuous health and safety improvement will be paramount.

About You

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 5 years' experience in a WHS management role, solid understanding of WHS legislative and risk management knowledge, experience in FMCG or manufacturing environments, development of and delivery of specific training modules and hands on approach to working with small teams. The ideal candidate will also be able to demonstrate an ability to engage at all levels of the organisation.

About Costa

Costa is Australia's leading grower, packer and marketer of premium quality fresh fruit and vegetables. From this market leading position, we work incredibly hard to keep improving the quality of our produce and the service we deliver to our consumers.

With over 60 farms across Australia, our produce categories include:

- Berries (Blueberries, Raspberries, Blackberries & Strawberries)
- Mushrooms
- Tomatoes
- Avocados
- Bananas
- Grapes
- Citrus (Oranges, Lemons, Mandarins, Tangelos, Limes & Grapefruit)

Our produce is supplied to all major Australian supermarket chains, as well as independent grocers and a range of food industry stakeholders. We also export to Asia, North America and Europe.

Costa is committed to sustainable agriculture. Not only is it a key strategy for maximising our profitability, it's also crucial to ensuring that our country's natural resources are utilised in both an environmentally responsible and efficient manner. By taking this approach, Costa grows products which are healthy, safe and of the highest quality, while at the same time protecting and improving the natural environment.

People are the heart of Costa. Our employees enjoy some of the best benefits and conditions in the industry. From competitive pay to health, wellbeing, and further learning and development opportunities. No matter the role, you'll always benefit from a caring environment that encourages and supports you to thrive, grow and connect.

If this sounds like you, Apply Now. Submit your application by going to <https://costagroup.currentjobs.co/Job> by the **28th March 2022**, then keep an eye on your emails (including your junk/spam folder).

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Direct Care Worker
Loxton
Job Ref: 788105

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TERRITORY SALES MANAGER

Loxton, SA

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- Identify and cultivate new livestock sales opportunities
- Provide professional onsite livestock advice to clients, recommending appropriate products and services to strengthen their business

Who am I?

- Passionate about effecting real change for both your clients and your community
- Have a passion for livestock sales and an active interest in safe livestock handling
- Driven by sales and success
- Aren't afraid to roll up your sleeves to build new business
- Have an ability to provide a high level of customer service and cultivate relationships with potential and current clients
- Have either a Livestock Auctioneer Licence and Assessor Accreditation, or the willingness to become licensed after undertaking training offered, by Elders

For further information please contact Brian Lynch on 0429 678 952.

To apply visit
www.eldersrural.com.au/about-us/careers/
Applications close 17 March 2022.

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**RIVERLAND SPORTS
PHOTOS**

ABOVE AND BELOW: Fresh from making her debut for SANFL club West Adelaide last week, Sarah Campbell visited the Riverland under 15 girls sides after their second round of matches on Monday night. **PHOTOS:** Grant Schwartzkopff



Berri Red's Tony Halupka in action during the second match of the Riverland baseball grand final series last Friday.



Reigning Riverland cricketer of the year Brad Rosenzweig at the crease for Berri in last weekend's round of Riverland A grade cricket.

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Basketball’s final four now decided

A COVID catastrophe in the final round of Riverland division one women’s basketball has seen Waikerie drop out of the top two for the first time all season.

The Warriors had to forfeit last week’s match against Loxton due to an overwhelming amount of player unavailability for Covid reasons.

Having spent most of the year on top of the table, Waikerie looked to favourite to take out the title, but will now have to do it the hard way as it meets Loxton in a do-or-die semi-final this week.

Renmark’s season came to an end at the hands of Berri, with 14 points from Lana Gregoric enough to net the Blazers an 18-point victory.

Thanks to the win, Berri finished the regular season in first position and will now meet Barmera tomorrow night, with a spot in the grand final on the line.

The Lakers finished second and will be coming in fresh from a bye in the final round.

In the men’s top division, Loxton trounced Waikerie by 41 points, making a clear statement on the eve of finals.

The Supercats had tied up top spot weeks ago, having lost just one match for the entire season. They will take on Barmera next week.

Renmark produced the biggest win of the week, with an 83-point demolition of bottom-

placed Berri.

The Blazers struggled to score throughout, heading into the main break with just 17 points on the board compared to Renmark’s 59.

The second half produced more of the same as Renmark let loose from deep, with the side draining 15 three-pointers.

Victory ensured Renmark’s third-place finish, meaning it will take on Waikerie in an elimination semi-final this week.

Declan Johnson and Judd Hansen were unstoppable, with the pair combining for 54 points including 10 threes between them.

All division one semi-finals will be held in Loxton, with tip-off in the women’s games at 7pm followed by the men’s at 8.30pm.

MEN				
Division one				
Loxton	18	39	61	85
Waikerie	8	16	28	44
Points: Loxton – J. Oates 19, B. Tregeagle 18, R. Kennedy 16, J. Hutchinson 11, C. Lange 8, J. Will 7, B. Whitelaw 4, L. Stephens 2. Waikerie – J. Parfitt 23, S. Smyth 9, B. Fridd 4, L. Exton, K. Ling 3, K. Hahn 2.				
Renmark	28	59	87	117
Berri	4	17	26	34
Points: Renmark – D. Johnson 27, J. Hansen 27, R. Curtis 15, Z. Gartery 14, A. Haynes 11, B. Rover 10, C. Gartery 8, J. Brine 5. Berri – Heath Campbell 16, R. Kunoth 6, Harrison Campbell 4, O. Hunyadi, P. Dale 3, J. Marr 2.				
Division two: Tigers 38 d Waikerie White 33; Berri 38 d Loxton 36.				
Division three: Blazers 32 d Barmera 20; Steamers 44 d Warriors 34; Loxton 25 d Supercats 20; Waikerie Black 44				

d Waikerie White 32.
Division four: Barmera 30 d Supercats 24; Blazers 31 d Loxton 27.

WOMEN				
Berri	10	22	42	50
Renmark	4	23	30	32
Points: Berri – L. Gregoric 14, E. Eleftheriadis 10, C. Schupelius 6, E. Westley, C. Foulds, D. Eleftheriadis, C. Gates, B. Gates 4. Renmark – M. Newman 10, M. Petersen 7, S. Modlinski, P. Roberts, E. Stockman 4, F. Rowett 3.				
Loxton d Waikerie (forfeit).				
Division two: Catstars 25 d Allstars 16; Lakers 48 d Supercats 16.				
Division three: Steamers 22 d Wildcats 15; Loxton 19 d Waikerie 7.				
Division four: Loxton 21 d Waikerie 17; Tigers 32 d Barmera 23.				

BOYS	
Under 18 (div 1): Loxton 61 d Renmark 43; Barmera 57 d Waikerie 24.	
Under 18 (div 2): Berri 46 d Loxton 38; Supercats 34 d Renmark 31.	
Under 16 (div 1): Renmark 51 d Loxton 30; Barmera 51 d Waikerie 30.	
Under 16 (div 2): Loxton 30 d Supercats 25; Renmark 25 d Tigers 17.	
Under 14 (div 1): Renmark 42 d Barmera 9; Berri 28 d Loxton 25.	
Under 14 (div 2): Lakers 30 d Renmark 29; Waikerie 44 d Barmera 25.	
Under 12 (div 1): Loxton 24 d Berri 14; Waikerie 28 d Barmera 26.	
Under 12 (div 2): Loxton 16 d Waikerie 10; Supercats 35 d Barmera 8.	

GIRLS	
Under 18: Renmark 34 d Berri 19; Loxton 27 d Waikerie 24.	
Under 16: Barmera 37 d Loxton 28; Renmark d Waikerie.	
Under 14 (div 1): Loxton 27 d Barmera 20; Berri 35 d Renmark 18.	
Under 14 (div 2): Supercats 29 d Waikerie 25; Loxton 25 d Barmera 20.	
Under 12 (div 1): Berri 37 d Loxton 10; Waikerie 42 d Barmera 8.	
Under 12 (div 2): Waikerie 11 d Loxton 6; Supercats 22 d Barmera 3.	



Brody Rover goes up for a layup in Renmark’s final game of the regular season, moving past the Berri defence. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Heath Campbell played a lone hand for Berri, scoring 16 points in his side's loss against Renmark.

Top two sides triumph in cricket’s final round

THE final round of Riverland A grade cricket ended in predictable fashion, with the competition’s two best sides winning their respective matches.

The round was a repeat of the week before, with Berri defeating Waikerie Ramco and Loxton handing the Bluetongues of Renmark North a loss.

Waikerie Ramco once again struggled with the bat, with Marcel Waanders playing a lone hand in his side’s lacklustre run chase.

Berri set the bottom side a total of 179 and it proved to be far too much, with Waikerie slumping to a score of just 44.

Loxton and Renmark North played out a thriller under lights, with the game coming down to the wire in the final over.

Renmark North batted first in the late afternoon and posted a modest score of 116, with Tarque Williamson’s 59 a highlight.

Loxton’s top order fired and the game looked out of reach for the Bluetongues, but as

the sky got darker, the wickets began to tumble.

Spin twins Liam Jackson and Fraser Sampson turned the game from one end, picking up two wickets each, while Tom McBride went to work at the other end, also jaggng two wickets.

One over remained and it was Sampson with ball in hand, but Loxton skipper Ben Hoffmann stood tall as he did throughout the innings, sending the ball over the rope and securing the points for his side.

Finals begins next week with Loxton taking on Berri for a spot in the grand final, while Waikerie Ramco must make the trip to Renmark North, with the season on the line for both sides.

The B grade ladder shuffled considerably in the final round, with Renmark North stealing second spot from Monash after an impressive win.

Jono Wood’s 60 was vital in the Bluetongue run chase, as the travelling side set up a semi-final clash with Wunkar for a spot in the big dance.

Monash ended the season in fourth and will take on Brown’s Well next week in an elimination semi-final.

RESULTS	
A grade	
Berri 4/179 (J. Fielde 44, T. Jolly 38no, W. Scadden 36, N. Scadden 25, B. Rosenzweig 17, A. Williams 1/18, M. Waanders 1/22, A. Werner 1/34, N. Andrew 1/38) d Waikerie Ramco 44 (M. Waanders 23, B. Rosenzweig 4/12, L. Cotter 3/4, C. Smith 2/6).	
Loxton 8/119 (M. Gutsche 43, B. Hoffmann 40no, J. Albrecht 24, T. McBride 2/11, F. Sampson 2/12, L. Jackson 2/23, B. Grant 1/31) d Renmark North 9/116 (T. Williamson 59, F. Sampson 18, T. van Dyck 14, J. Albrecht 3/22, B. Hoffmann 2/22, J. Norman 2/26, L. Zdanowicz 1/4, J. Durdin 1/15).	
B grade	
Renmark North 6/124 (J. Wood 60, B. Blackwell 37, B. Lennon 11, K. Gillespie 2/17, P. Elliot 2/41, M. Smith 1/17, J. Roberts 1/21) d Monash 122 (M. Smith 32, K. Gillespie 30, P. Elliot 21, B. Willis 4/22, B. Blackwell 3/27, D. Aston 1/17, J. Smedley 1/26, B. Lennon 1/26).	
Wunkar 269 (K. Smith 98, L. Pontt 61, T. Eagle 51, B. Falting 22, M. Falting 12no) d Gerard 7/48 (K. Smith 2/5, M. Falting 2/6, K. Evans 2/23).	
Brown’s Well 2/107 d Waikerie Gold 103. (scores not provided).	
Berri d Kings Punjab XI (forfeit).	

After performing well with the bat, Berri’s Tom Jolly bowled tight lines, going for just four runs from his four overs in last weekend’s round of Riverland A grade cricket. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Marcel Waanders was the only Waikerie Ramco player to provide serious resistance against a relentless Berri attack, finishing his innings with 23 runs.



Back row: Cody McKinnon (left), Zack Joannou, Brendan Markwick, Chris Joannou, Will Cox, Jesse Stemberger, Paul Reid (assistant coach), Caiden Dixon, Steve Rogers (assistant coach). Front row: Anthony Petherick (left), Isaac Arnold, Ashley Rogers, Roland Beviss (coach), Tony Halupka, Mel Bristow (scorer), Absent Nick Kuhn (assistant coach). PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Berri Red crowned baseball's best

BEN LENNON

BERRI Red pulled off an upset victory in the Riverland baseball grand final series, defeating Renmark Angels 8-0 last Friday night to clinch the championship.

The Angels finished the season in first place and earned a week off heading into the grand final, whereas Berri Red had to go through Berri Blue before qualifying for the big dance.

Both grand final games were blowouts, with Renmark unable to trouble the scorers while Berri Red piled on the runs.

A large reason for Renmark's inability to get on base was the supreme pitching form of Berri Red star Jesse Stemberger.

The talisman started the season slowly,

carrying an injury in the early rounds before hitting his stride when his side needed it most.

"In the second half of the season, having recovered, I really got my eye in with both batting and pitching," Stemberger said.

"It (the injury) motivated me to give it my all later in the season and moving into the finals."

Stemberger picked up 18 strike-outs to go with his 22 in the first leg of the grand final, with his total for the entirety of the finals climbing to a whopping 51.

Despite taking on the top side, Stemberger and his Berri Red teammates held a steadfast belief that they could get the job done throughout the finals.

"Halfway through the season we were

bottom of the ladder which made it so much more rewarding when we were able to get there and take the win," he said.

"The last half of the season we had pretty good form and felt confident going into the finals after a few consecutive wins built our momentum.

"Playing the semi-final was very important – it kept us game ready and our focus and confidence high, which helped us put up a strong fight against Renmark come the final."

While dominant with bat and ball, it was Berri Red's ability in the field that enabled the champions to keep Renmark scoreless.

Stemberger hailed a strong overall performance as a major factor in the side's win.

"When it came to the finals, the whole

team stood out," he said.

"Everyone contributed when it was their time to have a hit or field the ball and we have grown as a team during the season which was great to see, especially as we had a few new faces this year.

"It was great to see the team come together. We were stoked to have the win."

RESULTS

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
Berri Red	1	-	2	1	-	3	1	-	-	8
Renmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Safe hits: Berri Red – Z. Joannou, B. Markwick 2, C. Dixon, J. Stemberger. Renmark – D. Grenfell, J. Perry, C. Crouch, H. McDonald.										
Strike-outs: Berri Red – J. Stemberger 18. Renmark – David Grenfell 7.										

Softball slides into finals after indigenous round

THE Riverland Softball Association's indigenous round brought the regular season to an end last week, with finals action just around the corner.

Vikkie Taylor kicked things off, relaying the purpose behind holding the round before the opening ceremony got under way.

Leanne Johnson delivered the welcome to country, which was followed by Dudley Campbell's boomerang throw.

Johnson then threw the first pitch, meaning it was time for the teams to take to Glassey Park.

Berri got the better of Berri Red in the first seniors game, with Darcy Venning cementing himself as one of the league's best players in the process.

He picked up best-on-ground honours after smashing two homers in the third inning and putting in a great performance in the outfield, taking a number of impressive catches.

Loxton took on Cobdogla in the other seniors fixture and the margin was the same as the first game, with Loxton running out winners by 10 runs.

The first round of finals will be a rematch in both senior fixtures, with Loxton and Cobby facing off for a spot in the grand final.

Berri Red and Berri will do battle once more, with the season over for whichever side fails to come out on top.

The C grade showcased how strong

Riverland softball's future is, with a number of youngsters putting in impressive performances.

Bridget Passmore was a standout performer in Cobdogla's loss and managed to pick up best-on-ground honours.

The association thanked Aboriginal Community Connect, Uniting Communities and the Aboriginal players group for ensuring the event ran smoothly.

RESULTS

SENIORS

Berri Red 17 d Berri 7
Best: Berri Red – D. Venning, F. Grey, Z. Heinrich.
Berri – C. Venning, K. Ferguson, K. Hibberd.
Indigenous round best on ground – Darcy Venning.

Loxton 12 d Cobdogla 2
Best: Loxton – N. Paull, K. Johnson, C. Johnson.
Cobdogla – D. Passmore, J. Gregory, V. Wade.
Indigenous round best on ground – Noah Paull.

C GRADE
Cobdogla Blue 20 d Renmark 7.
Best: Cobdogla Blue – D. Fitzpatrick, J. Peltz, W. Leckie. Renmark – A. Bussenschutt, K. Robinson, Heather Starick.
Indigenous round best on ground – Aleisha Bussenschutt.

Loxton Green 9 d Berri 8.
Best: Loxton Green – J. Hucks, J. Hansen, B. Paull.
Berri – K. Goldspink, M. Bristow, S. Sampson.
Indigenous round best on ground – Jess Hucks.

Loxton Blue 17 d Cobdogla 14.
Best: Loxton Blue – D. Lawson, B. McAllister, B. Geraghty. Cobdogla – B. Passmore, W. Grieg, L. Banks.
Indigenous round best on ground – Bridget Passmore.



Players deemed best on ground received specially designed commemorative balls in honour of Riverland softball's indigenous round. Pictured is Vikkie Taylor presenting Loxton's Noah Paull with his ball. PHOTOS: supplied

Berri Red's Darcy Venning (left) was awarded best on ground in the other senior match and was presented with his ball by Kathy Johnson.



Saturday pennant champions crowned

BEN LENNON

WAIKERIE Bowling Club walked away with two premier-ships after the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants grand finals were held in Renmark last Saturday.

The club was represented in all four divisions, with its first and second division sides prevailing after spending most of the season on top of the ladder.

Andy Fulwood was a skipper in the division one side's win over Renmark and believes his club's camaraderie has been a key all season long.

"Our guys are really good at getting out and practicing and we do really socialise and get on well as a team," he said.

"It's not just individual guys turning up on Saturday for the game. Especially with the dome now as well, it's created a lot of momentum for the club."

Waikerie defeated reigning champions Renmark by 19 shots, with wins coming in all three rinks.

It was a dominant performance and, although the match was close in the early stages, Fulwood was always confident his side would take home the title throughout the match.

"We just encouraged our guys to do their best and we were confident that it was going to be good enough," he said.

"We beat Renmark on our home ground and they beat us on their home ground, so generally there hadn't been a lot in it.

"I think Barmera's resurgence was great for the competition as well and Christos Karantonis going across there has really strengthened them up.

"We probably would've been more nervous playing them rather than Renmark because we'd actually played Renmark three weeks in a row, so we knew what was going on."

"(Skipper) Grant Frahm's rink had the same match-up as the week before. They were beaten easily then but this time they managed to turn the tables and that was really important."

While the win came in emphatic fashion, it was anything but plain sailing throughout the finals for Waikerie, with 11 players deemed unavailable across the divisions at some stage.

"Three weeks in a row we were missing one of our skippers in the division one side," Fulwood revealed.

"Wayne Collins, who is probably our best player, couldn't play in the grand final due to Covid protocols, but we were lucky to have John Segneri as a fill-in.

"He filled in three weeks in a row and played well. Brian Burnett then went as number three and skippered the side which was crucial for us in being able to fill that gap but not really lose anything.

"Derrick Brown led particularly well for me and Johnny played really well for Brian."

Having Segneri as a fill-in meant that the division one side was able to avoid pulling someone up from division two, which proved crucial in the club securing multiple premierships.

The second division Waikerie side prevailed over a strong Berri



Division two Waikerie: Back (from left) Brian Rogers, Hamish Hope, Graham Lloyd, Mark Morete, Glynn Muster and Gary Pursche. Front: Cheryl Davies, Roger Davies, Robert Thompson, David Thompson, Robert Pickett and David Morley. PHOTO: Josh Brine

outfit, with the margin just five shots at the conclusion of the final end.

Berri came from the clouds having only just scraped in to the final four but fell just short against Waikerie, with the premiers securing a win in each of the three rinks.

Loxton White was able to stop Waikerie from completing the trifecta in the top three divisions, running out winners by 29 shots.

Having qualified in fourth position, Loxton White had to do it the hard way, first defeating clubmates Loxton Red in the semi-final and then Barmera in the preliminary final.

Waikerie lost just two games in the regular season, but Loxton White handed it a third in the most important match of the campaign, with Kees Brandsma's four leading the way.

Division four saw Barmera attain premiership glory, with its match against Waikerie Regents going down to the wire.

Barmera led by a handful of shots late in the match, before a final surge across both rinks by Waikerie Regents closed the gap to just one, as the final end of the season was playing out.

Barmera skipper Karen Brown had the last bowl of the match in her hand, but wisely decided against sending it down, as her side clung on for a cherished 39-38 win.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Waikerie 63 d Renmark 44.

G. Frahm 25 d S. Blee 16; A. Burnett 20 d M. Rice 14; A. Fulwood 18 d B. Dopson 14.

DIVISION TWO

Waikerie 56 d Berri 51.

M. Morete 21 d J. Cresp 18; R. Davies 15 d S. Hall 14; D. Thompson 20 d W. Couzens 19.

DIVISION THREE

Loxton White 69 d Waikerie 40.

B. Arnold 14 lost to G. Hall 21; J. Vaughan 26 d W. Burris 13; K. Brandsma 29 d B. Oliver 6.

DIVISION FOUR

Barmera 39 d Waikerie Regents 38.

T. Daelman 19 d L. Burnett 18; K. Brown 20 drew with S. Shiers 20.



Division three Loxton: (from left) Barry Arnold, Robert Braddock, Trevor Petch, Robert Fielke, Garry Sichler, Kerry Hamilton, Kees Brandsma, Kevin Maynard, Dean Wurst, John Vaughan, Graham Fisher, Donald Proud and Clive Fisher. Absent: Tony Altschwager. PHOTO: Josh Brine



Division four Barmera: Neville Verco (left), Steve Lockwood, Betty Stawarz, Chris O'Connell, Nancy Christo, Tony Daelman, Dean Lines, Karen Brown, Di Dodd. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

The Lawns Red take back-to-back titles

BEN LENNON

THE Lawns defeated cross-town rivals Renmark in the grand final of the Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants competition in Loxton last Friday.

Having won last season's Wednesday pennant title, the pressure was on The Lawns to get the job done against Renmark, particularly after finishing on top of the table in the regular season.

The favourites started slow, with a 16-shot deficit left to overturn in the second half but skipper Cathy Topperwien remained confident throughout.

"One thing we've worked on here, and I've spoken to all of the girls about this, is to just stay there and then go for it in the second half," Topperwien said.

"We've done that all year, our second halves have been pretty consistent.

"Being the defending champions, there was a lot of pressure on us and Renmark had us early.

"We regrouped at the halfway mark, spoke to each other and settled each other down and said, 'Let's go for it'."

Go for it they did, with Jenny Knight's rink the standout. Her four was down 3-23 at the halfway point and went on to win nine out of the remaining 10 ends, clawing the final scoreline back to 22-26.

"That was a tight tussle. Jenny Knight was the hero story from our point

of view," Topperwien said.

"That was magnificent by her and her team. My rink got up 27-15 but at the break we were 11-10 so it was close until about the 15th end. After that it was pretty good."

Division two saw an all-Berri affair take place, with Berri Red coming out on top in convincing fashion.

The two sides faced off earlier in the finals series, with Berri Blue taking the chocolates in the semi-final, but it was not to be this time as Red ran out 34-shot winners.

It was a due reward for the best side all year, after Berri Red finished on top of the table in the regular season with 12 wins and just five losses.

The Lawns fought hard in the semi-final but it was not to be, as the eventual champions proved their worth in a nine-shot victory.

RESULTS
Wednesday, March 2
PRELIMINARY FINAL
DIVISION ONE
Renmark 77 d Barmera 60.
S. Schulz 24 drew with G. Burns 24; C. Eagle 21 d K. Mellon 17; J. Cooper 32 d C. Shugg 19.
DIVISION TWO
Berri Red 40 d The Lawns 31.
M. Miller 16 d C. Haar 14; D. Jungfer 24 d L. Pinyon 17.

Friday, March 4
GRAND FINAL
DIVISION ONE
The Lawns 71 d Renmark 55.
M. Spano 22 d J. Cooper 14; J. Knight 22 lost to C. Eagle 26; C. Topperwien 27 d S. Schulz 15.
DIVISION TWO
Berri Red 51 d Berri Blue 17.
M. Miller 30 d J. Lyons 11; D. Jungfer 21 d S. Schulz 6.



BOWLS RIVERLAND, WEDNESDAY PENNANT 1ST DIVISION WINNERS, THE LAWNS (back, from left): Bev Anderson, Ini Proud, Maria Spano, Bette Symonds, Ruth Patton, Joan Hodgson and Sue Machell. Front: Cathy Topperwien, Jenny Knight, Bev Hartshorne, Shirley Haines and Naomi Porrovecchio.



BOWLS RIVERLAND, WEDNESDAY PENNANT 2ND DIVISION WINNERS, BERRI RED: Janet Radford (left), Valmai Bishop, Merrilyn Miller, Elma Mason, Judy Curren, Don Mitchell, Denise Jungfer, Warren Couzens, Barry Bland and Yvonne Jex. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Bittersweet finish for triples champs

THE Lawns Red suffered its second loss of the year in last week's final round of Bowls Riverland midweek triples, but still managed to walk away as champions.

The 40-shot trouncing at the hands of Barmera was not representative of a stellar season from the title-winners, with The Lawns Red leading the way virtually from start to finish of the campaign.

Barmera came home with a wet sail in the competition but left its run too late, with Red's lead unassailable heading into last week's final round.

Victory in this year's competition ensured back-to-back glory for The Lawns Red, after being defeated in the grand final by Waikerie in 2020.

Renmark Green and Renmark Gold rounded out the top four, but both were well out of reach of

Barmera and The Lawns Red, with Renmark Green finishing almost 90 points behind Barmera.

RESULTS
Renmark Green 80 d Loxton Red 62.
J. Thompson 13 lost to G. Cockshell 19; B. QuatreBornes 15 lost to T. Thurston 20; M. Rice 20 d P. Kimber 13; B. Knight 32 d C. Fisher 10.
The Lawns 92 d Monash 77.
R. Ashworth 33 d R. Jury 14; M. Hudson 18 d W. Pahl 17; P. Brown 21 drew with P. Grocke 21; K. Schopp 20 lost to W. Barnett 25.
Lyrup 85 d Loxton White 75.
L. Recchia 13 lost to R. Coombs 29; G. Milich 21 d W. Harrison 17; N. Jenke 20 d D. Kimber 13; C. Gamble 31 d T. Murch 16.
Barmera 106 d The Lawns Red 66.
R. Reynolds 23 d R. Stoeckel 22; J. Morena 27 d S. Ivanovich 17; D. Button 20 d K. Knight 16; P. Ashton 36 d R. Adam 11.
Loxton Blue 88 d Renmark Gold 70.
T. Hucks 22 lost to N. Harcombe 22; T. Wurst 28 d B. Dopson 11; P. Vaughan 29 d D. Leedle 15; P. Madden 9 lost to M. Howe 19.

Berri Red 77 d Barmera Pelicans 69.
P. Tanner 24 d H. Robinson 18; G. Thiele 23 d T. Butler 14; J. Cresp 11 lost to I. Lloyd 23; J. Jungfer 19 d B. Tambllyn 14.
Waikerie 80 d Berri Blue 74.
N. Harcombe 22 d K. Stokes 12; R. Pickett 15 lost to A. Kosturjak 21; B. Oliver 26 d G. Elleway 20; M. Morete 17 lost to K. Carpenter 21.

	W	L	Agg	Pts
The Lawns Red	16	2	255	427
Barmera	15	4	481	405
Renmark Green	12	7	184	318
Renmark Gold	10	7	82	308
Berri Blue	11	8	5	303
Waikerie	11	8	43	297
Loxton White	10	9	107	285
Lyrup	10	8	70	283
Loxton Blue	8	11	-88	235
Berri Red	8	11	-70	230
Loxton Red	7	11	-46	226
The Lawns	5	14	-405	158
Monash	4	15	-330	130
Barmera Pelicans	3	15	-288	119



RSL COMP: The winners of the Loxton RSL Birch-Woon competition earlier this year – Darryl Stephens (left), Sheridan Bodnar, Jason Bodnar, Chris Crisakis and sponsor of the day, Terry Griffiths. PHOTO: supplied

Doubles drives Cobby to seventh consecutive title

PAUL MITCHELL

A RECENT focus on doubles saw Cobdogla blitz Loxton in the Riverland division one senior tennis grand final at Loxton last Saturday, capturing its seventh straight title.

Cobdogla had the premiership all but wrapped up after the opening doubles round, winning all six rubbers, before going on to win 12-3.

“In the last two weeks we put a lot of emphasis on doubles,” said Cobdogla official and division one premiership player Shane Nettle.

“It worked out pretty well.” Although the grand final was one-sided a highlight was the match-up at top men’s single between Loxton star Andrew Waters and Cobdogla’s Sam Butterworth, who missed a large portion of the season through illness.

In a high-quality match, Waters, who won the Riverland division one award for most men’s singles wins during the season, was able to edge out Butterworth in a tiebreaker.

“They had a really good hit,” said Nettle.

“It was actually the first time they’ve played this season, because Sam’s been out...”

Nettle praised his team’s younger members, in particular Cohen Battams and Hayden Carter.

“Sam was hitting an unbelievable ball during the day and the young fellows, Cohen and Hayden, really stepped up too,” he said.

“Hayden had been struggling a bit throughout the year but he really lifted...”

Adding further lustre to the win, Cobdogla was without one of its regular female players, Hayley Drogemuller, who was unwell and unable to play.

Nettle’s daughter Sophie won the Riverland women’s trophy for most division one singles victories and capped a fine season with a 6-3 grand final win over Tasmin Smith.

Nadia Kruger also won her singles match for Loxton, beating Lucy Nettle 6-2.

Meanwhile, the division one title was the cream on the cake for Cobdogla, which also won the divi-

sion two title in a cliffhanger, and three junior grand finals earlier in the day.

In the division two seniors match, Justin Inglis and Steven Renfrey clinched the premiership for Cobdogla, beating the Barmera pairing of Justin Bannear and Mark Henwood 6-3. The battle was the last match on court and was watched by a sizeable contingent. The win of Inglis and Renfrey clinched an 8-7 victory for Cobdogla, which needed to win two of the final three doubles rubbers to triumph overall.

The division three decider was similarly nail-biting, with Paringa beating Loxton Bashers on games, with rubbers equal: 5-48 to 5-43.

Trailing on games, Nathan and Nicole Rover proved the heroes for Paringa, teaming up in the final doubles rubber to beat Jake Rubarth and Damian Goodhand 7-6.

The Paringa duo was 1-5 down in the set, but surged back to force a tiebreaker. They then came from 3-5 down in the tiebreaker, reeling off four consecutive points to clinch the rubber and the premiership.

SENIORS

Division one

Cobdogla 12-83 d Loxton 5-83. Doubles (round 1): S. Butterworth/Shane Nettle d A. Waters/P. Smith 6-3; H. Carter/N. Battams d J. Lane/J. Loxton 6-1; Sophie Nettle/Lucy Nettle d A. Biggins/N. Kruger 7-6; Butterworth/Shane Nettle d Waters/P. Smith 6-3, C. Battams/W. Swinstead d Lane/Loxton 6-0; Sophie Nettle/L. Nettle d T. Smith/N. Kruger 6-3. Singles: Butterworth lost to Waters 6-7; Carter d P. Smith 6-2; C. Battams d Lane 6-2; Swinstead d Loxton 7-6; Sophie Nettle d T. Smith 6-3; L. Nettle lost to Kruger 2-6. Doubles (round 2): Butterworth/Carter d Waters/P. Smith 6-2; C. Battams/Sophie Nettle lost to Lane/T. Smith 1-6; Swinstead/L. Nettle d Loxton/A. Biggins 6-3.

Division two

Cobdogla 8-66 d Barmera 7-63. Doubles (round 1): J. Inglis/S. Renfrey lost to J. Bannear/M. Henwood 2-6; S. Burton/B. Burton d T. Charlton/P. Szabo 6-0; E. Carter/J. Nettle lost to S.J. Albrecht/K. Bannear 2-6; Inglis/Renfrey d J. Bannear/Szabo 6-3; S. Burton/T. Nettle lost to Charlton/L. Marks 5-7; E. Carter/J. Nettle lost to Albrecht/E. Marks 2-6. Singles: Inglis d J. Bannear 7-6; Renfrey d Henwood 6-2; S. Burton d Charlton 6-0; T. Nettle d L. Marks 7-5; E. Carter lost to Albrecht 2-6; J. Nettle lost to K. Bannear 0-6.



Cobdogla’s winning division one seniors team. Back: Shane Nettle, William Swinstead, Sam Butterworth and Nigel Battams. Front: Hayden Carter, Sophie Nettle, Lucy Nettle and Cohen Battams. Absent: Hayley Drogemuller. PHOTOS: Paul Mitchell

Doubles (round 2): Inglis/Renfrey d J. Bannear/Henwood 6-3; S. Burton/E. Carter d Szabo/K. Bannear 6-1; G. Carter/J. Nettle lost to L. Marks/E. Marks 3-6.

Division three

Paringa 5-48 d Loxton Bashers 5-43. Doubles (round 1): Nathan Rover/C. Gardner d J. Rubarth/D. Goodhand 6-1; Nicole Rover/N. Spinks d T. Jachmann/C. Vowles 6-4; J. Clohesy/Spinks lost to Rubarth/Jachmann 6-7; Gardner/D. Roesler lost to Goodhand/Vowles 5-7. Singles: Nathan Rover d Rubarth 6-0; Clohesy lost to Goodhand 3-6; Gardner lost to Jachmann 2-6; Spinks d Vowles 6-0. Doubles (round 2): Nathan Rover/Nicole Rover d Rubarth/Goodhand 7-6; Clohesy/Roesler lost to Vowles/Jachmann 1-6.

JUNIORS

Green 2

Berri 3-34 d Loxton Saville 2-27. Doubles (round 1): C. Staehr/N. Vallelonga d B. Gunn/M. Hoyer 5-4; W. Cresp/W. Staehr drew with F. Pauer/R. Altschwager 4-4. Singles: C. Staehr d Gunn 7-1; Vallelonga lost to Hoyer 1-5; Cresp lost to Pauer 3-4; W. Staehr d Altschwager 7-2. Doubles (round 2): C. Staehr/Cresp drew with Gunn/Pauer 3-3; Vallelonga/W. Staehr drew with Hoyer/Altschwager 4-4.

Green 3

Barmera Bulldogs 5-35 d Barmera Tigers 3-25. Doubles (round 1): X. Bland/J. Sweet d L. Andriske/K. Kaur Bhatti 6-1; H. Kempthorne/K. Ogle d J. Halliday/N. Andriske 5-4. Singles: Bland d L. Andriske 6-2; Sweet d K. Kaur Bhatti 5-1; Kempthorne lost to O. Higginson 0-7; T. Skilton lost to N. Andriske 2-5. Doubles (round 2): Bland/Ogle d L. Andriske/Higginson 8-1; Sweet/Skilton lost to Kaur Bhatti/Halliday 3-4.

Green 4A

Waikerie Barty Party 6-43 d Berri 0-21. Doubles (round 1): S. Kroehn/I. Venning drew with E. Cresp/B. Mason 4-4; K. Gore/S. Borgas d E. Bascomb/J. Hunter 6-3. Singles: Kroehn d Cresp 6-3; Venning drew with Mason 3-3; Gore d Bascomb 5-2; Borgas d Hunter 7-3. Doubles (round 2): Kroehn/Gore d Cresp/Bascomb 6-2; Venning/Borgas d Mason/Hunter 6-1.

Orange 1

Renmark Koalas 7-38 d Waikerie Wild Ones 1-13. Doubles (round 1): L. Dring/N. Warner d M. Liebich/J. Scott 6-1; H. Brown/M. Goodman d T. Venning/B. Liebich 6-0. Singles: Dring lost to M. Liebich 2-4; Warner d Scott 6-0; Brown d Venning 4-1; Goodman d B. Liebich 4-3. Doubles (round 2): Dring/Bring d M. Liebich/Venning 4-2; Warner/J. Ormsby d Scott/B. Liebich 6-2.

Orange 2

Renmark Wombats 8-39 d Loxton Hewitt 0-13. Doubles (round 1): J. Stoeckel/R. Maywald d C. Goodhand/T. Custance 6-1; C. Vowels/M. Robertson d I. Free/E. Reichstein 4-2. Singles: Stoeckel d Goodhand 6-1; Maywald d Custance 5-2; T. Vowels d Free 4-2; L. Cook d Reichstein 5-2. Doubles (round 2): C. Vowels/T. Vowels d Goodhand/Reichstein 5-0; Robertson/Cook d Custance/Free 4-3.

Green 4B

Cobdogla Hawks 4-41 d Barmera Magpies 3-26. Doubles (round 1): E. Vincent/T. Klingbiel d M. Banks/J. Higginson 7-1; B. O’Callaghan/J. Ivanovic lost to K. O’Donohue/R. Raymond 2-6. Singles: Vincent d Banks 8-1; Klingbiel d Higginson 7-1; O’Callaghan lost to O’Donohue 2-6; Ivanovic drew with Raymond 5-5.

Doubles (round 2): Vincent/O’Callaghan lost to Banks/O’Donohue 3-5; Klingbiel/Ivanovic d Higginson/Raymond 7-1.

Yellow 1

Cobdogla 8-48 d Berri 0-12. Doubles (round 1): H. Carter/C. Battams d M. Tzanavaras/S. Vallelonga 6-3; Sophie Nettle/F. Dillon d K. Hayes/F. Vallelonga 6-3. Singles: Carter d M. Tzanavaras 6-1; Battams d S. Vallelonga 6-0; Nettle d Hayes 6-0; Dillon d F. Vallelonga 6-5. Doubles (round 2): Carter/Nettle d Tzanavaras/Kayes 6-0; Battams/Dillon d S. Vallelonga/F. Vallelonga 6-0.

Yellow 2

Loxton Deminaur 5-38 d Cobdogla 3-31. Doubles (round 1): R. Loxton/D. Obst lost to A. Myer/E. Carter 4-6; C. Loxton/C. Kruger d J. Bobbin/L. McFarlane 6-3. Singles: R. Loxton lost to Myer 2-6; Obst d Carter 6-1; C. Loxton d Bobbin 6-5; Kruger d McFarlane 6-2. Doubles (round 2): R. Loxton/Kruger lost to Myer/Bobbin 2-6; Obst/C. Loxton d Carter/McFarlane 6-2.

Green 1 Pirates

Cobdogla 5-38 d Barmera 3-27. Doubles (round 1): T. Nettle/J. Norman d S. Jericho/H. Banks 6-2; L. Bowers/J. Swinstead d M. Rashleigh/K. Nixon 6-3. Singles: Nettle d Jericho 6-0; Norman lost to Banks 3-6; Bowers lost to J. May 2-6; I. Ness lost to D. Marks 3-6. Doubles (round 2): Nettle/Bowers d Jericho/Rashleigh 6-0; Norman/Swinstead d May/Marks 6-4.

Green 1 Opals

Waikerie 7-46 d Berri 1-23. Doubles (round 1): C. McLean/T. Gore d M. Sapinski/Keightley 6-4; H. Gore/E. Kroehn d J. Ingerson/J. Pickering 6-3. Singles: McLean d Sapinski/Keightley 6-2; T. Gore d Herbert 6-2; H. Gore lost to Ingerson 4-6; A. Kafexholli d Pickering 6-2. Doubles (round 2): McLean/Kroehn d Sapinski/Keightley 6-4; T. Gore/Kafexholli d Herbert/Pickering 6-0.

Cobdogla’s winning division two seniors team. Back: Ben Burton, Glen Carter, Steve Renfrey, Justin Inglis and Steve Burton. Front: Tom Nettle, Jo Nettle and Emily Carter. Absent: Angelos Myer.



Paringa’s winning division three seniors team: Nick Spinks, Nicole Rover, Nathan Rover, Dylan Roesler, Chris Gardner and Jack Clohesy.

Full-time whistle blows for Riverland futsal’s season

LAST Sunday’s round of Riverland futsal marked the end of a frantic season, with a number of tight matches closing out the campaign.

ABCDE FC picked up another win to end an impressive campaign that saw it finish on top of the table, though this match was much closer than many others in recent times.

The Wannabes put up a fight, going down by just one goal in the final match of the season.

Young God FC also managed to pick up a rare point, playing out a 2-2 draw against Owens and the Gang.

The Banana Slugs were victorious in the women’s division, taking care of The Devil’s Avocado by two goals, while Chicks ‘n’ Kicks finished the year in emphatic fashion by putting 12 past BHC.

Futsal’s biggest margin came in the under 12 girls division, with McChicken Nuggets finding the back of the net 20 times against The Rebels.

This week’s long weekend has left a number of teams unavailable to play, meaning the season has been officially closed by the association.

Final standings and team photos will be published in next week’s Murray Pioneer.

RESULTS MEN

Owens and the Gang 2 drew with Young God FC 2.
Goals: Owens and the Gang – E. Hoffmann, J. Radloff. Young God FC – A. Perry 2.
Best: Owens and the Gang – K. Lowe, J. Botten.
Young God FC – A. Perry, R. Rapisarda.

That’s Cooked 7 d The Other Mob 3.
Goals: That’s Cooked – C. Ebert 4, T. Mitchell 2, C. Mitchell. The Other Mob – A. Van Pamelan 2, T. McCart.

Best: That’s Cooked – C. Mitchell, Y. Zhou. The Other Mob – A. Van Pamelan, JK. Kim.

ABCDE FC 3 d The Wannabes 2.
Goals: ABCDE FC – R. Verrall, K. Barber Jr, J. Pintilie. The Wannabes – P. Johal, A. Sarakinis.
Best: ABCDE FC – M. Barber, K. Barber Jr. The Wannabes – P. Johal, A. Sarakinis.

WOMEN

Banana Slugs 4 d The Devil’s Avocado 1.
Goals: Banana Slugs - G. Skilton, J. Mitchell, M. Mitchell, A. Perry. The Devil’s Avocado – R. Payne.
Best: Banana Slugs – K. Skilton, A. Perry. The Devil’s Avocado – D. Ebert, G. Pumpa.

Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 12 d BHC 0.
Goals: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace, L. Quinn 4, P. Misoy 2, P. Tieste.
Best: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace, R. Hronopoulos. BHC – K. Jury, E. Berlage.

MIXED

Pimms Parade 10 d Banana Slugs 5.
Goals: Pimms Parade – C. Cassell 6, N. Scadden, L. Quinn 2. Banana Slugs – P. Johal 2, P. Cooper, J. Coombes, A. Perry.
Best: Pimms Parade – N. Scadden, C. Cassell. Banana Slugs – P. Cooper, P. Johal.

Tastes Like Chicken 11 d The Odd Mob 6.
Goals: Tastes Like Chicken – C. Mitchell 4, R. Mitchell, T. Mitchell, Mikayla Rayner 2, Mitchell Rayner. The Odd Mob – A. Van Pamelan, T. McCart 2, T. Yoshitomo, JK. Kim.
Best: Tastes Like Chicken – M. Mitchell, J. Mitchell. The Odd Mob – T. Yoshitomo, A. Van Pamelan.

It Just Got Messi 4 d Purple Reign 0.
Goals: It Just Got Messi – R. Verrall, R. Hronopoulos, M. Bourton, M. Barber.
Best: It Just Got Messi – M. Bourton, R. Verrall. Purple Reign. – L. Rizzuto, J. Tsonis.

UNDER 16

Malcolm 6 d Fake Madrid 1.
Goals: Malcolm – R. Verrall 4, M. Eleftheriadis, F. Vallelonga. Fake Madrid – K. Kahlon.
Best: Malcolm – M. Eleftheriadis, S. Vallelonga. Fake Madrid – K. Kahlon, B. Clark.

Tigers 13 d Nerds FC 0.
Goals: Tigers – J. Perram 3, S. Martin, F. Perre, D. Vrakking, S. Uzzell 2, M-A. Perre, C. Lloyd.
Best: Tigers – J. Perram, S. Martin. Nerds FC – H. Smith, T. Faehrmann.

UNDER 14

Hatrick Swayze 15 d McChicken Nuggets 3.
Goals: Hatrick Swayze – D. Hronopoulos 4, J. Krendl, C. Vallelonga 3, M. Cawse, B. Pankhurst 2, O. Muller. McChicken Nuggets – M. Mitchell, L-M. Perre, M. Bourton.
Best: Hatrick Swayze – D. Hronopoulos, J. Krendl. McChicken Nuggets – M. Mitchell, M. Bourton.

The Red Devils 3 drew with Indoor Ballers 3.
Goals: The Red Devils – N. Meimetis 2, L. Crawford. Indoor Ballers – D. Vrakking 2, M-A. Perre.
Best: The Red Devils – B. Altundag, N. Meimetis. Indoor Ballers – J. Perram, S. Williams.

Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets 7 d Pique Blinders 0.
Goals: Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets - Mitchell Rayner 4, C. Ebert, T. Mitchell, Mikayla Rayner.
Best: Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets – T. Mitchell, Mikayla Rayner. Pique Blinders – J. Tsonis, C. Vanderwoude.

UNDER 12

Block it Like it's Hot 14 d Wild Fire 0.
Goals: Block it Like it's Hot – N. Meimetis 7, Z. Hronopoulos 4, A. Ielasi 2, R. Kipkosgei.
Best: Block it Like it's Hot – R. Kipkosgei, N. Meimetis. Wild Fire – K. Krendl, J. Peltz.

Blues Brothers 19 d The Black Cats 4.
Goals: Blues Brothers – J. Ingerson 8, J. Sweet 6, J. Hunter, E. Bascombe 2, J. Garoufalas. The Black Cats – L. Perram 3, B. Perram.
Best: Blues Brothers – J. Sweet, J. Ingerson. The Black Cats – H. Martin, L. Perram.

UNDER 12 GIRLS

Tomato Pugs 7 d Blue Bombers 3.
Goals: Tomato Pugs – C. Camilleri 5, A. Kondoprias, R. Wishart. Blue Bombers – E. Isaacs, T. Hunt, C. Muller.
Best: Tomato Pugs – C Camilleri, A Kondoprias. Blue Bombers – T. Hunt, E. Isaacs.

McChicken Nuggets 20 d The Rebels 1.
Goals: McChicken Nuggets – M. Bourton, M. Rayner 6, L-M. Perre 5, M. Mitchell 2, H. Beames. The Rebels – C. Formby.
Best: McChicken Nuggets – M. Bourton, M. Mitchell. The Rebels – S. Setchell, S. Angeleski.

Riverland’s top cyclists going up a gear

RIVERLAND Cycling Club has been busy, with a number of events taking place over the last few weeks.

Lee Rasheed has been in hot form, taking out second place in the Monash criterium short-course race late in February, before going one better on the second of March in the regular criterium.

Ruth Strout took out the club’s Lindsay Point handicap race last Sunday, crossing the line in first place after riding 32km.

Lee Stevens and Phil Pfennig put in a monster effort to finish in third and fourth respectively, but Strout’s eight-minute handicap and shorter distance put her out of reach of the chasing pack.

The Riverland Cycling Club also sent a team south to compete in the two-day, four-stage Tour of Goolwa.

The team of Clint Bambrick, Holly Ranson, Phil Pfennig, and Lee Stevens took out the division four title at the event, with Ranson taking home the honour of the top female in general classification.

RESULTS

Wednesday, February 23
Monash criterium short course: A grade – 1st S. Hardwick, 2nd L. Rasheed, 3rd W. Champion, 4th M. Gray. B grade – 1st S. Lahainer, 2nd R. Strout, 3rd I. Thomas. C grade – 1st J. Stevens, 2nd A. Ylia.

Wednesday, March 2
Monash criterium: A/B grade – 1st L. Rasheed, 2nd S. Hardwick, 3rd B. Temple, 4th W. Champion, 5th 6th S. Battye, 7th L. Stevens (3-min handicap). C grade – 1st S. Lahainer, 2nd R. Strout. D grade – 1st I. Thomas, 2nd J. Stevens, 3rd A. Ylia.

Sunday, March 6
Lindsay Point handicap race: 1st R. Strout (32km) 8-min handicap, 2nd P. Weston (32km), 3rd L. Stevens (50km) 4-min handicap, 4th P. Pfennig (50km) 4-min handicap, 5th M. Gray (50km) scratch, 6th A. Ylia (32km) 8-min handicap, 7th L. Rasheed (50km) scratch.

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SANFL pathway paving the way for young Riverlanders

BEN LENNON

A MEMBER of the South Australian Football Hall of Fame brought a SANFL-led program to the Riverland last week, giving opportunities to multicultural kids aged 16 and under.

Brenton Phillips is a name synonymous with South Australian football, making the North Adelaide team of the century as a player before turning his hand to coaching.

He coached Sturt’s 26-year drought-breaking 2002 premiership side and has since been involved with the SANFL for over a decade, using his knowledge to help up and coming footballers.

Phillips spent the afternoon in Barmera, opening the doors of the gymnasium to aspiring Riverland footballers.

“So this is a talent ID program and it all feeds into the Flying Boomerangs, which is a program for indigenous 15 and 16-year-old kids nationally,” Phillips said.

“It can also lead into the AFL Next Generation Academy program, which is what Port Adelaide is involved in, so these kids could possibly transition into that.

“The program has been running for a number of years but with the



Kids were put through their paces at an SANFL program in the Riverland last week, with agility tests following sprint and jumping measurements.

advent of Covid, its really put a big dent in it.

“We’d like to get into schools and stuff but because of Covid we just can’t, so we’ve had to do it a bit on the run here.”

The program sees Phillips tour across regional Australia and at the end of the initiative, the data from the kids is measured, with promising players to be invited to further combines.

The day in Barmera was split into two halves, with the first aimed at measuring the physical

capabilities of the participants, with agility tests, sprints and jumping exercises on the agenda.

Following that, Phillips brought the children in for football skill testing, which he admits is difficult to measure using numerical data.

“It’s basically an eye test built from many years of experience and viewing but I can break it down into two elements,” he said.

“One is when they just do backwards and forwards skills but the other element is when a game actually starts.

“Some people’s skills probably



Renmark Rovers junior Isaac Morgan was one of the participants, with SANFL’s Brenton Phillips impressed by the young man’s athletic ability. PHOTOS: Ben Lennon

don’t look that silky but once a game starts, they find their flow and the competitive spirit kicks in, so you sort of have to marry the two.”

Word of the program only started spreading through the Riverland in the days leading up to the event, with Phillips putting his hand up stating that communication could’ve been better.

He hopes, though, to see the program move from strength to strength in the coming years, in order to give Riverland juniors the

best chance at success.

“From my point of view, you can’t run everything out of Adelaide,” he said.

“You’ve got to get off your backside and come out into the communities and my motto is if we unearth one, it makes it worthwhile.

“If people know it’s on the radar then we can pump it up and get people out here.

“If we can get continuity in the face of Covid, we’ll be able to build on it year after year...”



Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group president Peter Marks, (left), Grant Taylor, Adelaide Football Club CEO Tim Silvers, Warren Schwarz, Crows club engagement executive Sam Jacobs, Gwen Webber (front), Joy Hennig, Paul Pfennig, Crows chairman John Olsen and Rosie Pfennig. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick



Sam Jacobs presents Gwen Webber with a photo of her and Waikerie-born Crows champion Mark Ricciuto as Peter Marks and John Olsen watch on.

Counting Crows in Waikerie

THE Riverland Adelaide Crows Supporters Group hosted a dinner in Waikerie last week, with former ruckman and current club engagement executive Sam Jacobs among those in attendance.

Jacobs was master of ceremonies on the night and was joined by Adelaide chairman John Olsen and CEO Tim Silvers, as the supporters group welcomed four new life members.

Joy Hennig, Warren Schwarz, Grant Taylor and Murray Pioneer columnist Gwen Webber were all recognised as life members while Paul and Rosie Pfennig were thanked for their volunteer contributions.

The night was filled with laughter and celebration of the passionate Crows supporters residing in the Riverland, something that Jacobs believes is a key part of his new role.

“I like to make myself readily available to these groups for when they need any questions answered or clarifying situations that happen at the club,” he said.

“It’s important to me to not only be available by phone or email, but to spend time with these groups and show that the club is invested and values our

supporter groups.”

Born in Ardrossan, Jacobs began his career at Carlton before making the switch to the Crows.

He played 184 games for Adelaide throughout the 2010s and finished his career with the Giants in the 2020 season.

Since then, he has returned to the club he called home for almost a decade and is looking to ensure the club’s regional supporter groups feel valued, particularly in Covid-19 times.

“Our members base enabled our club to continue to be strong through the Covid period, and our regional supporter groups were as much a part of that as were our metro supporters,” he said.

“It has become more important to us with the disconnect that Covid has created, and the challenges of our supporter groups to even get to games to support our club, that we continue to spend time and invest with the relationships our club has with these groups.

“The travel time is a challenge to be able to get our players to the regions, but any face time these groups can get, they are just so thankful for.”

– BEN LENNON

Lloyd takes home dual honours

THE Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club held a 20-metre shoot last week, with four competitors vying for first place.

Nigel Lloyd was on fire and managed to come out on top in both the off-rifle and handicap events, beating the straight-shooting Arthur Markeas and Mark Cresp.

RESULTS

N. Lloyd 100.4, 99.7 (1) 200, A. Markeas 98.4, 98.3 (3) 199, M. Cresp 97.3, 98.2 (0) 195, R. Ward 93, 91 (7) 187.

Barmera shooters share honours

A THREE-WAY tie for first place highlighted a strong day of shooting at the Barmera Clay Target Club last week.

The club held three events, with the 25-target skeet split three ways between Peter Ruston, Gundy Schmaal and Henry Reinders.

Norm Moroni took out the AA grade title in the 60-target mixed championship and also managed to earn himself the high gun for the day, shooting 136/150.

Richard Gibbs and Greg Morgan couldn’t be split in

the 25-target handicap contest, both finishing with a score of 22/25.

RESULTS

25-target skeet: 1st P. Ruston, G. Schmaal, H. Reinders 23/25. 60-target mixed championship: AA grade – 1st N. Moroni 95/100, 2nd Adrian Mattschoss 92/100. A Grade – 1st D. Beelitz 86/100, 2nd T. Shaddock 83/100. B grade – 1st G. Gundy Schmaal 82/100, 2nd J. Pankhurst 79/100. C grade – H. Nunn 81/100, B. Morris 70/100. 25-target handicap: 1st R. Gibbs, G. Morgan 23/25, 2nd P. Ruston, N. Moroni, R. Barraclough, B. Morris 22/25. High gun: N. Moroni 136/150.

Top darts side RC Ones tastes defeat

RC Ones suffered a blow in the final regular season round of Riverland darts, going down 8-3 against Double Jacks last week.

The loss failed to knock the top side off of its perch, with direct entry into the grand final confirmed for RC Ones.

Lee Rasheed managed to impress in the loss, scoring a maximum 180 three times.

Monash Wanderers picked up a win and secured second spot on the table, meaning it will meet Double Jacks in this week’s preliminary final at the Monash Club.

The winner will advance to take on RC Ones in the biggest match of the season and with both sides in hot form, it looks set to be a nail biter.

Expendables put up a fight against Wanderers but again fell short, finishing the season on zero points at the foot of the table.

Round 12

Monash Wanderers 8 (D. Crane 140 x 2, 121, 100 x 4, W. Bonham 140, 138, 100 x 6, D. Martin 140, 134, C. Martin 140, 100) d Expendables 3 (G. Norman 140 x 2, A. Barnes 119, 100 x 2, D. Higgs 117, 100, S. Lockwood 100). Double Jacks 8 (A. Hargreaves 140 x 2, 125, 121, 100 x 6, 160 peg out, L. Platten 140 x 2, 100 x 2, C. Wagner 137, 123, 121, N. Peatey 135, 100 x 2) d RC Ones 3 (L. Rasheed 180 x 3, 134, 121, 100 x 2, T. Stoneham 154, 122, 101, 100, P. Cooper 114, 100). Final premiership table: RC Ones 20, Monash Wanderers 18, Double Jacks 10, Expendables 0.

Mohinder, 77, celebrates his first ever hole-in-one

SUPER veteran Mohinder Ubhey scored his first hole-in-one at the tender age of 77 on the par three 11th hole at the Barmera golf course on Saturday.

Word spread quickly across the course that the Punjabi-born retired fruit grower had won the \$1000 hole-in-one jackpot.

President Neville McPherson was playing in the same group and revealed that while Mohinder did not see the ball go in the hole, he certainly celebrated after learning of his ace.

A number of members stayed around to congratulate Mohinder, who was playing in the final group of the day.

He used his driver to roll the ball up on the green and was quick to share the feat by starting a tab back at the clubhouse bar.

Mohinder, who plays off an 18 handicap, played Riverland tennis until he was 60 and, at the encouragement of McPherson, then took up golf.



Mohinder Ubhey's first ever hole-in-one netted him the \$1000 jackpot at the Barmera Golf Club last week.

PHOTO: Facebook

"Neville gave me his father's clubs and a few lessons and it has just gone from there," he said.

"I must admit it was hard to concentrate for the rest of the round, but that's to be expected after a hole-in-one I suppose."

Two club juniors won the par event on Saturday.

Max Jericho had a one over par 73 for a plus 4, while his training

partner Andy Kariuki also had plus 4 on his 22 handicap.

Max lowered his handicap to 2.9 while Andy dropped to 21. Andy has dropped six shots in just over a month while Max's trajectory is starting to capture the attention of golfing circles well beyond the Riverland. He appears to be closing in on a scratch handicap having gone from 7.9 at the start of the summer.

His 73 included a 7 on the par 5 18th and an amazing par on the par 5 13th where he hit his first drive out of bounds and then eagled the hole with his second ball.

The young duo finished ahead of Leigh Krollig on a countback with Peter 'Skinny' Fisher one shot back on plus 3.

Barry Whitehead had 41 points to win last Wednesday's midweek stableford by two shots from Paul Wenman. Jason Bowers (36), Joffa Rosbergen (35), Steve Alexander, Paul Keane and Bruce Lieven (34) were the next best.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

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Wednesday, March 2

Men

Stableford: M. Patching 41, D. Pfeiler 39, T. Sawade 38, P. Harman 36, D. Tyler 35, S. Patching 35, J. Johnson 34, C. Wooldridge 34, P. Hamilton 34. NTP – 2nd T. Arndt 898cm, 5th D. Tyler 478cm, 12th J. Henwood 258cm, 15th P. Harman 292cm. Birdies – 2nd C. Wooldridge, M. Patching, 12th J. Henwood.

Women

Stableford: S. Grein 38, D. Harman 36, L. Rowe 35. NTP – 2nd S. Grein 133cm.

Saturday, March 5

Men

Monthly medal winner: B. Semmler (34) 72/106 (E). Stroke: A grade – L. Thurtell (scr) 68/68 (-4), J. Henwood (11) 72/83 (E), R. Koch (15) 72/87 (E), D. Forbes (9) 73/82 (+1), P. Morris (11) 73/84 (+1), B. Proud (6) 74/80 (+2), S. Patching (14) 74/88 (+2). B grade – B. Semmler (34) 72/106 (E), O. Walkley (18) 74/92 (+2), D. Peberdy (21) 75/96 (+3), P. Steele (18) 76/94 (+4), B. Rollbusch (28) 76/104 (+4), G. Ling (24) 76/100 (+4), P. Hopper (24) 77/101 (+5). NTP – 2nd 16-54 A. Hucks 645cm, 5th 15 and under M. Warman 412cm, 12th P. Morris 394cm, 15th L. Thurtell 75cm. NTP after two – 0-15 B. Paige. NTP after three – 3rd M. Warman. Longest drive – 0-15 L. Thurtell, 16-54 J. Sandland. Longest putt – 18th J. McInnes. Birdies – 2nd L. Thurtell, 5th M. Warman, D. Brown, B. Albrecht,

15th L. Thurtell, D. Peberdy, P. Harman.

Women

Stroke: S. Pendle (23) 73/96 (E), M. Wall (24) 78/102 (+5), M. Tyler (11) 78/89 (+5), S. Grein (15) 80/95 (+7), J. Patching (24) 81/105 (+8), P. Fournaros-Carney (24) 81/105 (+8). NTP – 5th B grade after two K. Nolan 300cm, 12th after two P. Fournaros-Carney 80cm, M. Tyler 970cm. Longest drive – 0-24 S. grein, 25-54 J. Cooney. Longest putt – 18th M. Wall.

BERRI

Wednesday, March 2

Stableford: G. Morrison 37, S. Gore 35, K. Wyman 34, R. Keightley 34, L. Berry 34, M. Rumball 34, P. Frahn 33, C. Berry 33, A. Thurmer 33, P. Mudge 33, C. Hyde 33. Birdies: M. Rumball 6th, G. Morrison 16th.

Saturday, March 5

Stableford: W. Adams 43, G. Seddon 40, A. Thiel 36, P. Mudge 36, M. Gray 36, P. Wood 35, L. Berry 34, AM Crease 34, L. Smith 34, B. Frahn 33, P. Martin 33, M. Wilksch 33, C. Hyde 33, R. Knight 33. Birdies P. Mudge 16th, S. Smith 6th, W. Thiele 1st, T. Jolly 1st, L. Campbell 6th.

Sunday, March 6

Stableford multiplier: S. Ormsby/M. Clifford 74, A. Thurmer/B. Eckermann 66, L. Mudge/P. Mudge 60, T. McHugh/I. McHugh 59, A. Thiel/P. Wood 58, G. Harris/G. Tognon 58. Eagle: P. Martin 2nd. Hole-in-one: L. Berry 16th.

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PENNANT PREMIERS



WAIKERIE Bowling Club stole the show last weekend, picking up two out of four Bowls Riverland Saturday pennant premierships, including the coveted division one title.

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Waikerie's division one premiership team: John Segneri (left), Robert Mortimer, Glen Johns, Derrick Brown, Grant Frahn, Ken Dubrich, Jenny Morley, Nathan Cronin, Brian Burnett, Josh Noble, Andy Fullwood and Drew Schapel. Absent: Wayne Collins. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



Jesse Stemberger starred in Berri Red's baseball premiership victory.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Pitcher perfect

BERRI Red completed its Riverland baseball fairytale last Friday, defeating Renmark in the grand final series.

Talismanic pitcher Jesse Stemberger was the star of the show, picking up 40 strike-outs across the two games.

Despite his individual brilliance, Stemberger insisted that the upset victory was the result of a "great" team effort.

"When it came to the finals, the whole team stood out," he said.

"It was great to see the team come together. We were stoked to have the win."

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