

# Murray Pioneer

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Renmark Irrigation Trust water and administration manager Megan Taylor (back, left), presiding member Humphrey Howie, CEO Rosalie Auricht, plus directors David Ludas (front, left), and Jim Markeas, celebrating the changes to South Australia's private carryover arrangement with South Australian Murray Irrigators chairperson Caren Martin. **STORY PAGE 2**

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## Berri Barmera Council public notice correction:

A DETAIL in a public notice printed on page 33 of last week’s Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The public notice advertises Berri Barmera Council’s Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation.

In fact, consultation on the annual business plan and budget is yet to begin and is currently scheduled to commence on Wednesday, May 24.

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## Local irrigators overjoyed at changes to private water carryover arrangement...

# ‘Time to celebrate’

By **HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**  
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CHANGES to private water carryover regulations will safeguard the financial security of Riverland primary producers against future drought, according to a senior local MP and irrigation trust.

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) last week announced changes to the River Murray Water Allocation Plan had been accepted, allowing Riverland irrigators to carryover up to 20 per cent of their Class 3 entitlement for use in years when minimum opening allocations are announced at 50 per cent or less, and then reach greater than 80 per cent.

Chaffey MP, and former Renmark irrigator, Tim Whetstone said it had taken more than a decade of discussions to reach the new arrangement.

“We were pursuing changes to the carryover policy close to 15 years ago, when I was the chair of South Australian Murray Irrigators,” Mr Whetstone said.

“We used to look with envy at how Victoria, and to a certain extent New South Wales, were able to carryover water.

“Those provisions were not in our allocation plan, so we persisted and that persistence has paid off over time.”

Mr Whetstone said the previous forfeiture rule resulted in an economic loss for Riverland irrigators during the last dry period.

“I’ve never asked for anything that nobody else has had,” he said.

“It’s always been about having a level playing field, and having carryover was a critical part of giving irrigators and food producers all the tools.

“It helps future-proof our communities and the management of being an irrigator.

“Carryover is an initiative that is one of the tools to help combat drought or low allocation announcements.”

Renmark Irrigation Trust CEO Rosalie Auricht said the new arrangement would reward irrigators who conserved water for



Changes to South Australia’s private carryover arrangement will allow Riverland irrigators to now save a percentage of their water allocations for use in the next dry year, without the risk of it being forfeited. PHOTO: supplied



## Changes to improve carryover?

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dry years.

“Industry has been seeking improvement for some time,” Ms Auricht said.

“After an extensive consultation period with the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board (MRLB) and the State Government, we are very pleased the Minister (for Water, Susan Close) has approved this sensible change.

“We thank the minister and the government officials who listened to the concerns of industry and worked hard to address those concerns.

“Removing the high risk of forfeiture enables all SA Murray irrigators to confidently mitigate the risk of low water availability in future drought periods without fear of economic loss.”

Additional changes to the plan include the removal of rollover and forfeiture carryover clauses, and the ability for irrigators to use their full carryover entitlement in the year it is granted.

RIT director, and local irrigator, David Ludas – who had been assessing private carryover arrangements for 14 years – said “we now have an arrangement that truly supports irrigators without compromising the state’s Murray-Darling Basin water compliance”.

MRLB chair Dianne Davidson said the new measures would ensure Riverland primary production remained “productive and resilient in dry years”.

“Our staff worked in close consultation with licence holders and stakeholder groups to ensure that the updated plan continues to meet the needs of water users,” Ms Davidson said.



















“It was important to ensure the private carryover policy was improved to better meet needs for the benefit of River Murray water licence holders and the wider communities that rely on local irrigated industries.

“Where possible, DEW will announce private carryover if carryover is available prior to April 15 to give licence holders time to make decisions about potential carryover arrangements.”

It is understood private carryover will also include an annual application process.

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Chaffey MP

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# Local citrus growers still dealing with the impacts of Covid... ‘Destroying incomes’

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

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above what they were pre-Covid.

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Mr Knispel said high demand and low availability for space during Covid restrictions had led to increased costs becoming a “standard” for shipping companies.

“It is said that for decades shipping companies have not been profitable and Covid gave them an opportunity to reset their rates,” he said.

“It was known that after Covid shipping charges would settle down, but that they would never return to the skinny margins prior to Covid.

“It does seem that post-Covid delays are less of an issue though, as international ports are now fully staffed and ship turnaround times are now more normal.”

Mr Knispel said a combination of shipping, input cost and fruit fly challenges had now been ongoing for years.

“Unfortunately from the citrus grower’s perspective, and I guess the wider community, shipping cost reductions are only mar-



Nippy’s joint managing director Jeff Knispel, pictured with son and fellow joint managing director Ben, says Riverland citrus growers are still being financially impacted by high overseas shipping prices.

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ginal relief from two seasons of returns that have been substantially less than the previous five years,” he said.

“For the Riverland region the combined cost burden of mas-



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sive increases in orchard input costs such as sprays, fertilisers and wages, together with the not-seen-before fruit fly protocol costs, are destroying growers’ net incomes.”

# Double trouble with drug drivers

TWO Riverland males temporarily lost their licence after they were found drug driving on the same day.

A 38-year-old Barmera man was stopped on Queen Elizabeth Drive, in Barmera, around 3.15pm on Friday, May 5, when he submitted to a roadside drug test and allegedly returned a positive result for cannabis.

Then, a short time later, a 60-year-old local man was stopped on Jones Road, in Glossop, and allegedly returned a positive result for methamphetamine when drug tested.

Both men will be issued with a three-month instant loss of licence and may face drug driving charges pending results of a forensic analysis.

Earlier in the day, at approximately 12.30am, police stopped a Holden sedan on the Sturt Highway, at Blanchetown, and spoke with the driver, with checks revealing he was

currently disqualified from driving.

A 36-year-old man from Victoria was reported for driving while disqualified and will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates court at a later date.

A 58-year-old Glossop woman was reported by police after she was stopped riding a scooter on Trenaman Road, in Glossop, just after 5pm on Sunday, May 7.

The woman was reported for driving unlicensed, unregistered and uninsured, while the scooter was impounded for 28 days.

It is understood she will be summonsed to appear in Berri Magistrates court at a later date.



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Nippy’s joint managing director

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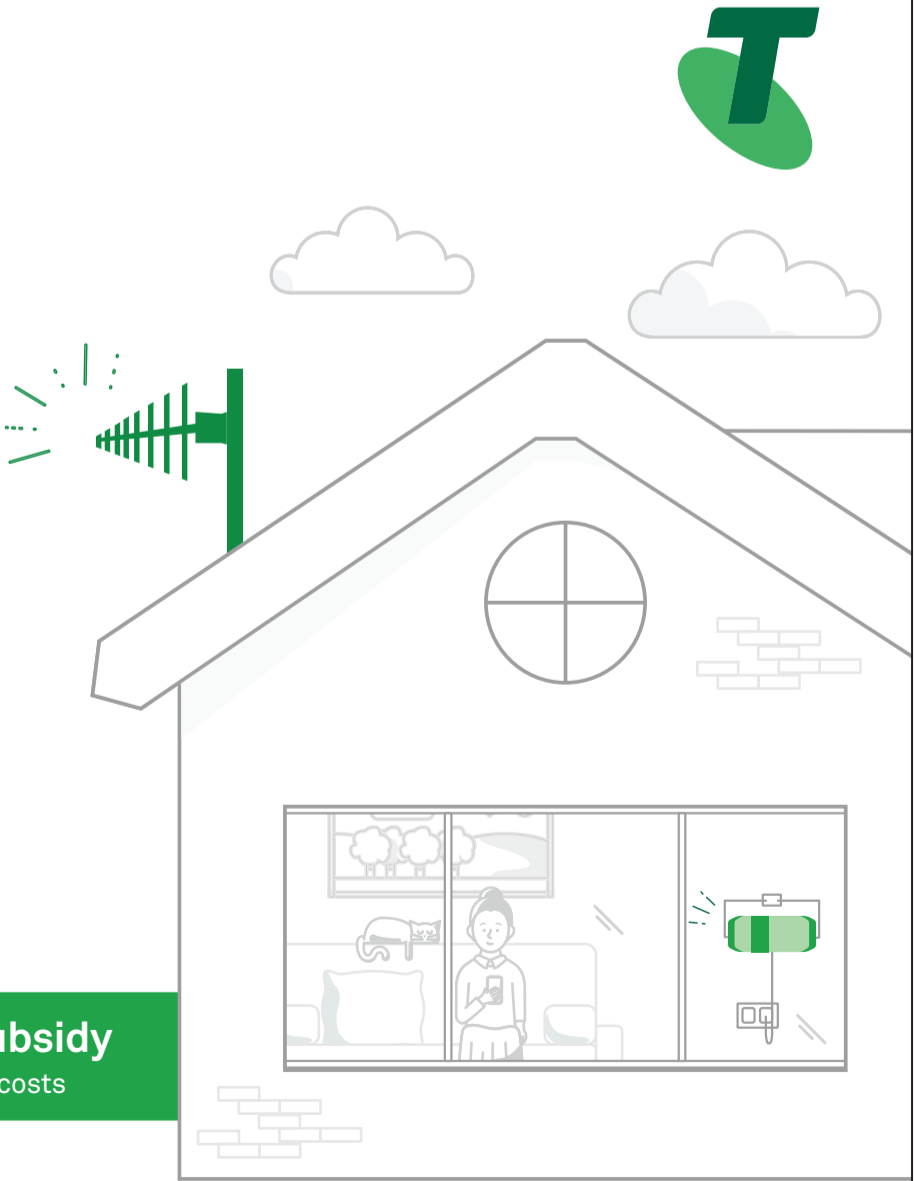
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# \$1.2m for local roads

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and ALEXANDRA BULL

NEW funding through an ongoing grant initiative is set to support the improvement and maintenance of Riverland road networks.

The Federal Government announced last week the three Riverland councils, plus Mid Murray Council, would share more than \$1.2m in new funding through phase 4 (part B) of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Renmark Paringa chief executive officer Tony Siviour said council would allocate the funding in its 2023/24 budget.

“Council welcomes the announcement to increase funding allocated via the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program,” Mr Siviour said.

“As with all businesses, councils are experiencing cost pressures in delivering projects for the community. This funding will assist with alleviating those cost pressures.

“As part of formulating our Annual Business Plan for the next financial year, we will consider which projects fit the guidelines and are a priority to be completed.”

District Council of Loxton Waikerie chief executive officer David Beaton said ongoing improvements to local roads were key to the area’s growth.

“It’s more than helpful,” Mr Beaton said “It is a great contribution towards supporting our extensive road network.

“We have more than 2000km in our road network, so funds that come in to help us support our residents, ratepayers and primary production benefit the whole district.

“We have to recover from the floods

LRCI PHASE 4 (PART B) FUNDING

Loxton Waikerie council: \$476,233

Berri Barmera Council: \$172,905

Renmark Paringa Council: \$177,367

Mid Murray Council: \$430,163



Projects such as the redevelopment of Colin Jennings Apex Park in Berri have previously been funded through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. FILE PHOTO

and dry years we have had so it’s a great opportunity and hopefully the Federal Government will continue the funding.”

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Catherine King, said the funding was aimed at “creating jobs and long-lasting benefits” in regional communities.

“We are delivering our election commitment of a further \$250m through phase 4 to prioritise road upgrades in regional, rural

and outer urban areas,” Ms King said.

“We know many councils across the country are struggling to maintain and improve their local road networks – especially following repeated flooding and other natural disasters in recent times.

“We have listened to councils and are standing side-by-side with local governments to support them in their vital role in delivering critical infrastructure for their communities.”

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“You can’t talk inside at all, and if you do you need to stand in the window,” she said.

“Even when you’re out in the open... it’s very dodgy and it always has been...”

“We have a booster to help with the other booster in the house...”

“It’s been like that since we’ve been here and we’ve been here 25 years.”

Optus customer Jacqui Yelland, of Renmark, said she both sends messages that go unreceived and misses messages that are sent to her.

“If I’m leaving messages for people for my work, only to find out a few days later it wasn’t received, it isn’t good from a business point of view,” she said.

“I’ve been with Optus for an eternity and, like a lot of people, I just stay loyal to them, even after my personal information was taken earlier this year. It’s just very frustrating...”

While for many the poor coverage is a frustration, for primary producers the inability to make calls presents safety concerns.

Loxton North beekeeper Ian Cass was without service when he suffered a serious injury at work.

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# problems keeping locals disconnected

“I broke my ankle out at Bugle Hut, which according to their maps is a very good coverage area,” he said.

“I had to crawl to the car on hands and knees with a broken ankle to manage to get just enough service so I could call my wife, who couldn’t hear the words but picked up the panic in my voice.

“It becomes dangerous for us if things go wrong. We rely on our mobile phone as our safety net.”

A Telstra customer, Mr Cass lives just 4.1km “as the crow flies” from the nearest phone tower.

“We use Wi-Fi calling in the house – that’s the only way we can make a call...” he said.

“I got told to go to my local MP to push for another tower.”

SA Regional Development Minister Clare Scriven said the State Government had invested a total of \$8.28m in mobile infrastructure in regional and remote SA, with State Government co-funding helping address 45 mobile phone black spots in the state through the Federal Government’s Mobile Black Spot Program.

“A Mobile Network Extension Devices Pilot Program valued at \$680,000 (excluding GST) is being delivered by Telstra in the Adelaide Hills to address mobile phone reception localised coverage loss,” she said.

“The pilot program has recently been expanded to include... the flood-affected River Murray corridor (Berri Barmera, Loxton Waikerie, Mid Murray, Renmark Paringa Councils).”

However, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who previously served as Regional Development Minister including during the Mobile Black Spot Program rollout, said the State Government was “not addressing regional needs, particularly with mobile phone coverage”.

“As a farming community, we’re having to use more technology to be globally competitive and even nationally competitive, and if we don’t have that digital connection in our



Telstra customer Tammy Greer, of Monash, has to take mobile calls outside due to poor service at her house. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

vehicles, tractors and equipment, it makes the investment in that equipment redundant,” he said.

“(Producers) need to be in touch with their markets, they need to be in touch with their truck drivers, they need to be in touch with their supply chain in their businesses...”

“Sadly, we’re back to where we were before 2018, where government’s priorities are in Adelaide, not in the regions.”

An Optus spokesperson said the company

was “committed to keeping our customers connected by providing the highest possible coverage across our network”.

“However, if customers have any issues, such as encountering a blackspot, they can report it to Optus through the My Optus App or through the Optus website,” they said.

“Customer input plays an important role in coverage-related investigations.”

Telstra was contacted for comment, but failed to respond in time for publication.

However, The Murray Pioneer understands Renmark Paringa Council recently invited Telstra technicians to conduct testing for business services in the towns of Paringa, Lyrup, Renmark and Murtho.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said “council sees this as a major issue for the community”.

## WHAT RIVERLANDERS HAD TO SAY

I live in Loveday, about 5km from a tower, and get hardly any service. I’ve got to walk around the house or outside to get any reception. We are paying for a service that we aren’t getting.  
LINDA KRAWCZUK

Paringa’s Telstra coverage is terrible. It’s only got worse over the years, and in the last few weeks it’s been dropping out completely... which is a new thing.  
KIMBERLEY ROWELL

It’s utter rubbish at my place in Monash... I can hardly call

people three houses away, never mind in the next town.  
ROSINE YOUNG

Kingston-on-Murray is shocking. I work in community service and often have trouble receiving or sending messages. I will get a message sent to me but then I am unable to reply. Very annoying.  
PAULINE KAY COATS

Kingston-on-Murray is so bad that I would be lucky to get service for maybe 30 seconds – enough to receive text

messages and missed phone calls, but I couldn’t reply. Berri isn’t any better. Some days it takes five hours for a text to go through and I’m in the middle of a big town. It’s a joke sometimes.  
ANGEL DEAN

In Moorook, the service coverage for Telstra and Optus is quite poor. Very difficult to get signal.  
SIMONE ELLARD

Monash has extremely poor service. I’ve rang Telstra, and

they advised to try turning my phone off and on.  
RITA HENWOOD

From Cobdogla to Waikerie there’s very patchy coverage. It drops out completely in a few places.  
SHARNA HEINRICH

The coverage in Monash is poor, I can’t even make a phone call.  
STACEE KILMARTIN

I’m in Loveday – service is shocking where I live.  
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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

## Coverage leaving locals behind

THE significant response to last week’s callout on The Murray Pioneer’s Facebook page revealed the depth and breadth of issues Riverlanders are facing as a result of poor mobile phone coverage.

As everyone knows, mobile phones have become indispensable tools for how people conduct their business and social lives in the 21st century.

The Covid-19 pandemic and the shutting down of face-to-face interactions in favour of work-from-home, conference calls and Zoom, provided the perfect example of why telecommunications are so important to modern business.

Here in the Riverland, mobile phones also act as important tools for keeping primary producers safe when help may be far away.

The story told by Ian Cass in today’s Pioneer, where he was unable to make a telephone call for help after breaking his ankle in an area where coverage maps show he should have had mobile service, should ring alarm bells about what could have happened had he been more seriously injured.

Understandably, telecommunications providers are not able to cover every bit of the country with perfect service.

However, more needs to be done to provide service to paying customers who are located reasonably close to townships, and in some cases mobile towers.

For the good of our businesses, and the safety of our community, Riverlanders can’t continue to be left behind when it comes to our telecommunication capacity.

## A long-term water vision?

NEWS of changes to water carryover regulations would have been like sweet music to the ears of Riverland irrigators.

Indeed, celebratory cries from the local irrigation trust were just about heard down the road at The Murray Pioneer office when the Department of Environment and Water announced the new carryover arrangement last Wednesday.

Irrigator representative groups, and local politicians, will say the introduction of these kind of carryover measures was long overdue, especially considering similar mechanisms had already existed for interstate irrigators.

While water availability may understandably not be the highest-priority challenge at the moment, following a flood event and with this year’s allocations opening at 100 per cent, the point between comfortability and forfeiting water was always perilous.

One can cast an eye back to the 2019/20 water year, where a projected opening allocation figure of 2 per cent was initially given, and see why a local irrigator might believe it a wise idea to conserve water for a potentially dry following year.

However, the news of full allocations being granted in 2020/21 also meant a number of Riverland irrigators would lose their saved water, and the dollar value that translated into.

As many long-time Riverlanders tend to surmise after witnessing a few seasons, primary production tends to face cyclical challenges, and although we are still firmly in flood-recovery mode, many are already worried about when the next drought period will hit.

In what is perhaps an optimistic view, the carryover changes could represent the first stages of a longer-term approach to maintaining the sustainability of Riverland irrigation, allowing water users to better prepare themselves for dry periods and in some cases, avoid having to turn to the temporary allocation market.

The combined efforts of irrigator groups and local politicians have been necessary to see these changes realised, and now hopefully in years to come we will see the benefits in our communities.



**Volunteers at work, fostering community spirit, drawing our community together, 1965:** The road from the Loxton roundabout downhill to the river was once a dusty track. In 1910, volunteers comprising notable pioneer settlers, rolled up their sleeves and planted rows of sugar gums down the median strip to provide shade for the next generation. Fifty years later, in the 1960s, local volunteers, ably led by town chemist Allen Hosking, had vision of greening the planted areas for a more conducive setting. Allen and others in a team of many volunteers laid concrete pipes as a water main up East Terrace to irrigate trees, gardenbeds and lawns along the way. Prior to this, some 2.5km of concrete kerbing had been installed in a major logistical effort. Allen, Hal Mason and Leith McDonald co-ordinated volunteers, materials and finance. Jim Scadden, Pat Clemens and council engineer Don Fraser were overseers of the work which was completed in eight weeks by some 200 volunteers, each contributing at least a morning’s labour. Finances were scarce but local community organisations contributed funds to enable the work to proceed. This town beautification undertaken by volunteers has blessed our community in the following 50-plus years.

PHOTO: Loxton News

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank you Loxton hospital

I WISH to convey my sincere thanks to the Loxton hospital for the marvellous service, treatment and attention I received when I was a recent patient for a few days.

The kindness and care by the nursing staff and doctor was outstanding, and the meals were delicious.

I must say I enjoyed my stay and think how lucky we are to have a hospital in our town with such dedicated and experienced staff.

HOWARD HENDRICK  
Loxton

### Council missing the boom

THE editorial ‘Councils’ tough budget calls’ (Murray Pioneer, 3/5/23) in talking about rate rise in percentages fails to communicate the real issues with rates: the starting point.

It’s been long accepted that Berri Barmera Council has the highest rates of the three Riverland councils.

Perhaps a better indicator of the impact of high rates can be shown by the number of new houses being built.

The figures below are for new house building approvals from the Australian Bureau of Statistics from July 1, 2022, to April 12, 2023. These figures have been consistent for years and show the Berri Barmera Council area has failed to capitalise on the South Australian housing boom.

Loxton and surrounds: 14  
Waikerie: 28  
Renmark and surrounds: 25  
Barmera: 5  
Berri: 4  
Towns of a similar size to Berri throughout the state:  
Moonta: 63  
Tanunda: 26  
Mannum: 37

Naturally there are other factors for the lack of growth, but high rates contribute.

The failure of the Berri Barmera Council to capitalise on the housing boom has left the existing ratepayers paying the increasing costs.

TREVOR CHAPPLE  
Glossop

### Jobs key to growth

WHAT is a job? The question needs an answer, because jobs are always the answer when people are asked how to grow small towns.

What is a job? A job is paid work that lets people belong in a community.

In a job, a person has to receive enough to pay for them to live and grow in a community.

A job that just pays the cost of living is not a job. That is called slavery.

Let’s put a number to what a job is in Australia. How much does paid work have to pay to be called a job? Easy, the cost of living and a bit more.

The average cost of living in Australia is \$52,000 per year, so for work to be a job it has to pay more than that.

If your job pays you more than \$52,000 per year, congratulations, you have a job. If not, then you are choosing to use your life to help someone else get rich.

This number lets us focus on what jobs we are aiming for to grow small towns. Nothing under \$52,000 per year.

This sounds high, doesn’t it? It is, but it shows in sharp detail how skewed our economy is towards supporting banks and their huge fortunes held in mortgages.

Getting the banks to change their minds is impossible, but we can make housing cheaper in country towns. Basically by being illegal. By changing the rules, by letting people build whatever they can. Putting plumbing in caravans. ATCO huts for everyone.

It has to be done, or we are going to have really nice council-compliant houses, and a whole lot of smelly homeless.

Professor Ross Garnaut of the 2023 Bannerman Competition Lecture has some broader ideas on the topic.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER  
Morgan

### Gather Round the regions?

THE Malinauskas State Government should be commended for bringing the Gather Round of AFL matches to Adelaide.

It is gratifying that the people of rural South Australia have been acknowledged with one of these games being played in a country centre, Mt Barker, which is 27km south east of the toll gate.

BARNEY McCUSKER  
Mt Gambier

### Losing our police history

SA Police was Australia’s first centrally organised police force. The date was April 28, 1838.

The Thebarton Police Barracks building was approved in 1913 and completed in 1917.

That heritage and history is to be demolished by the Malinauskas Government.

The Police Museum at Thebarton Police Barracks will have its last open day before closure – Sunday, May 28, from 10am to 3pm, with entry \$10 per person.

And there is no new facility for this dedicated voluntary group to display this important and amazing history of such an important organisation.

Come along and have a great day with the family, learn and experience South Australia’s history before it is boxed up and hidden away.

Thank you to Mr Malinauskas, and the idiocy of today’s politics. He was able to totally rip up previous plans for the Women’s and Children’s Hospital in the first few months of being elected and have plans, approvals, and engineering data ready to move the structure to the Thebarton Police Barracks site. An amazing feat.

Susan Close, Deputy Premier, stated pre-election that there would be no more heritage buildings removed. Here they are getting rid of up to 10 in one foul sweep, encroaching on more parklands and then taking a big slice of typical Australian landscape out of the parklands on Greenhill Road.

Movement between the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and the new Women’s and Children’s Hospital will now require a vehicle, minimising the ease of accessibility to shared resources and facilities between the two which could have been potentially walkable bridges and corridors. More robots could also have been effectively utilised.

On the other hand, it can take the same people up to two years to add new classrooms to a needy, growing school. It indicates the importance they are placing on education and the reason there is such a decline in standards and outcomes in that area and the contempt and lack of respect they hold for our frontline first responders.

IAN PENNO  
Winkie

### Beetaloo Basin intervention

ON May 3, 2023, the Northern Territory Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles, announced the go-ahead for gas production in the Beetaloo Basin.

Prior to the decision being announced approximately 100 scientists published an open letter urging the NT Government to listen to the science and to say no to gas production in the Beetaloo Basin.

Because human-created climate change is a global problem, the NT Chief Minister’s decision will be seen by a great many people across the world as a massive backwards step in relation to countering human-caused climate change.

I am not aware if it is possible or not, but if some degree of intervention is possible involving the Federal Government in relation to the announcement by the NT Chief Minister, I am certain that very many people across the world would be extremely supportive of such a move.

BRIAN MEASDAY  
Myrtle Bank

### Helping keep SA sewers healthy

SOUTH Australians should be commended for the role they’re playing to help keep our sewers healthy, and I’d like to thank people for their ongoing support in flushing out the unflushables.

During the months leading up to October last year, we invested in community education to help share fun and engaging content with our customers to spark conversations about their habits.

We needed to break down a few barriers to this behaviour change, such as ingrained habits and the ‘flush and forget’ mindset. Pleasingly, our content gen-

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- HOWARD HENDRICK



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erated constructive dialogue and we’re now seeing the cumulative effect of this message trickling through the community, with the trend continuing to move in the right direction.

Our blockage figures for the past three months were some of the lowest we’ve seen since the start of the pandemic, which gave rise to a sharper increase in the occurrence of unflushables and reinforced bad habits.

Our sewers exist to protect the environment and public health, and if we look after them, they’ll look after us.

**DANIEL HOEFEL**

Senior manager of infrastructure planning and strategy  
SA Water

**Question marks over vaping reforms**

AS the Federal Government updates Australia’s vaping regulations and fixes the mistakes of the previous administration, question marks remain over how lawmakers will solve the youth vaping crisis and help adult smokers access a lifesaving alternative to deadly cigarettes.

Some have called for outright bans on the product; others for a tightening of current restrictions which classify nicotine vaping products as prescription-only medications. Neither of these solutions will solve the problem. In fact, they will make them worse.

Instead, nicotine vaping products should be made available from licensed retail outlets as adult consumer products without a prescription, bringing Australia into line with every other western country. This was the conclusion of our peer-reviewed study, published last week in the leading academic journal, Drug and Alcohol Review.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has admitted that the current prescription-only model has been a failure. It has been rejected by both doctors and consumers and has created a thriving illicit market, selling dodgy, mislabelled vape products freely to children and adults.

In the UK, New Zealand, US and Canada, vaping products are classified as adult consumer goods, not medicines. These countries have effectively introduced measures to prevent youth access while providing easier access for adult smokers wishing to quit. This is good policymaking.

In Australia, vaping products are currently regulated by TGA. The TGA is responsible for regulating medicines and therapeutic



goods, not consumer products.

Instead, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) should have regulatory responsibility over vaping products, as they do with other consumer products.

Under the consumer model, licensed retailers would require mandatory age-verification for anyone who looks under the age of 25. Severe fines and loss of licence would apply to enforce compliance and spot checks can be conducted to ensure adherence to the rules.

Strict consumer licensing systems work. Alcohol and cigarettes have been regulated like this for years, and youth access from retail outlets has been well controlled.

The current prescription-only model has made it so difficult for adults to access vaping products legally, that a thriving black market has been created. Illegal operators are flagrantly breaching the laws without enforcement.

We know from past experience that the only way to stop a black market is to replace it with a legal and regulated one. Under a consumer model, the black market would become less profitable and illicit sales would diminish over time as it became largely replaced by the legal regulated market.

The current regulations need urgent reform. Nicotine vaping products are the most effective quitting aid available for smokers and are the most popular smoking

cessation aid in Australia. The UK Royal College of Physicians and Public Health England have both estimated that long-term nicotine vaping is likely to be at least 95 per cent less harmful than smoking.

It is simply a no-brainer to make them more accessible for the adult smokers who need them to quit.

Australia’s prescription-only model for vaping has failed. Non-compliance is rampant. A black market is thriving. Next-generation Australians are at risk and the Australian government has an urgent need to right the wrongs of the previous government and implement evidence-based regulatory policies that work.

Without a consumer model, Australia is headed toward a public health disaster. And the clock is ticking. It’s time for the government to step up, place the country in line with other western countries and solve Australia’s vaping crisis for good.

**DR COLIN MENDELSON**  
Academic and clinician  
Tobacco treatment and harm reduction expert  
Double Bay NSW

**Meat-eating culture change**

MANY elders (I’m 70) like to complain about modern society and the ethics of the young, but I see a lot of hope in the way

young people are changing cultural “normality”.

For example, recently we saw growing calls for a ban on dog meat in South Korea.

The Associated Press report said “eating dog meat has fallen out of favour with most younger people”.

Dog farmers are furious, saying that the push to end dog meat production threatens their livelihoods and happiness.

How does this relate to Australia?

Australians eat, on average, more meat than any other people. Yet they love, or at least don’t eat, dogs.

But other animals like cows, pigs, sheep, chickens and fish want to live just as much, and can experience the same pleasure and pain, as a dog.

Farming corporations complain about their livelihood every time PETA and other animal activists (mostly young ones) ask people to consider the pain eating animals causes. The species are different, the moral question the same.

If you don’t eat dogs, please listen to the young, and don’t eat other animals.

You will feel healthier, the environment will benefit enormously, and you can save up to 200 animals every year from a short, excruciating life and an agonising death.

**DESMOND BELLAMY**  
Special projects co-ordinator  
PETA Australia

**Looking back... 10 years ago May 7, 2013**



**Another Riverland MP?**

A 31-year-old Berri veterinarian is set to become the Riverland’s newest elected member of parliament. On Saturday Nicola Centofanti was preselected by the SA Liberals at number five on their Legislative Council ticket for the 2014 State Election. If the latest opinion polls are maintained until March, Dr Centofanti will be elected to the Legislative Council – the state equivalent of the Senate – and commence a minimum eight-year term in the Upper House. “At the last election we almost got five (members elected),” Dr Centofanti told The Pioneer yesterday.



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**20 years ago May 9, 2003**



**Hospital Hep C blame**

Management Court claims that the hospital was responsible for the spread of hepatitis C virus among patients. The Riverland Hospital has been accused of negligence over the spread of hepatitis C virus among patients. The court found that the hospital was responsible for the spread of the virus among patients. The court found that the hospital was responsible for the spread of the virus among patients.



**Five boys, two sets of twins - what a mum!**  
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**FIVE BOYS, TWO SETS OF TWINS - WHAT A MUM!:** Raising five boys - including two sets of twins - makes Loxton woman Penny Hartley one pretty special mum. There are just three years difference between her youngest boys, aged five, and her first-born twins and from time to time chaos seems to reign over the busy household. “It can be a challenge just getting things to run smoothly, but we love it,” she said.

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While speaking to a long-time resident of the Riverland just recently, I was told that the next flood will be in the year 2025. Turns out this information came from a First Nation’s elder. What about all the sophisticated weather patterns that our government serves out to our taxpayers at their expense each year when we can rely on our First Nation’s people to predict such weather patterns. So

**GARY Waikerie**

A lot of those fruit fly fines (\$100k in fines for Yamba’s Gather Round weekend, *Murray Pioneer*, 3/5/23) would have been honest people

declaring anything they had, which is how it used to be and should be. Those that say no and hide it – throw the book at them. I know of a solo female coming into SA late at night who was afraid to pull off the road into a secluded bin area to dispose of fruit, so declared it. A visitor to the state said when leaving Yamba they had a couple live fruit fly in the car to destroy – is Yamba indirectly spreading them?

A major grower told me when these outbreaks started that we have always had fruit fly in Renmark, but it is not declared unless there were over a certain number of flies found in a trap. The fines are more than an international visitor coming into Australia with meats, animal products, etc. Something does not add up.

**ANN Renmark**

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# Tourism goals still reachable

JOSH BRINE

DESPITE significant challenges in recent years, including the Covid-19 pandemic and River Murray flood, the Riverland tourism industry remains on track to reach its visitor expenditure goal by the end of the decade.

The value of the Riverland visitor economy reached \$240m at the end of 2022, just \$7m short of the region's 2025 goal – set by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

Destination Riverland general manager Pamela Canavan said the 2022 year-end result kept the goal of a \$317m visitor economy by the end of 2030 – as laid out in the Riverland Tourism Plan 2030 (RTP2030) – “absolutely within our reach”.

“Considering interstate and international borders have reopened giving visitors more choice of destinations, and the River Murray flood, we are extremely pleased with these results,” she said.

“This is a testament to all of the hard work done by not just Destination Riverland, but everyone involved in tourism within

this great region – from our council leaders and visitor centres, to our tourism operators, retail businesses and the broader community.

“From high-level strategic plans and destination marketing right down to something as simple as a local helping a visitor with directions, we all play a role in tourism and making this a great place to visit.”

Ms Canavan said it was important for the local tourism industry to continue following the path laid out in the RTP2030 to ensure continued growth.

“It’s really important that we continue to collaborate in order to hit these economic goals, as well as continuing to deliver important projects and activities outlined in our RTP2030,” she said.

“Working closely with SATC plus our RTP2030 Operations Group – which consists of representatives from Destination Riverland, the four local councils and RDAMR – will give us much more chance of reaching where we’d like to be, than if we all went off and did our own thing.

“The success of tourism in the Riverland region is 100 per cent a team effort.”



SA Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer (middle) visited several schools during his visit to the Riverland to officially open the TAFE SA Murray River Study Hub in Berri yesterday. He is pictured in the nature playground at Monash Primary School with Elyse Cumming (reception), Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Isla Hallam (year 1), Mason Philp (year 4), principal Vanessa Wainwright and Fletcher Barnett (year 5). PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

## Boyer launches new study hub during Riverland visit

KEEPING students in the Riverland to study a tertiary qualification is the aim of a new regional study hub officially launched yesterday in Berri.

SA Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer, opened the Murray River Study Hub at TAFE SA's Berri campus

following a visit to several schools around the region.

The hub is set to provide a “contemporary and accessible” learning environment, allowing students to undertake post-secondary study through vocational education providers and universities without leaving the region.

“I firmly believe that education should be accessible to everyone, and barriers such as distance should not impact the quality of education,” Mr Boyer said.

“The Murray River Study Hub opens up further education to a wider group of students who can’t relocate due to a number of reasons, including family and work commitments.

“Whether you’re a young school leaver, a mature-aged learner, someone re-entering the workforce, or an existing worker needing to re-train or upskill, the Murray River

Study Hub at the TAFE Berri campus is the perfect place to find a supportive environment to continue with further study.”

Established under the Revitalising TAFE Campuses Across Australia Program with support from the Federal and State governments, and in partnership with the Berri Barmera Council and Regional Development Australia, the \$935,000 hub is a digitally enabled and dedicated study environment.

Based on a similar model in Murray Bridge, the hub offers access to the latest technology and computing facilities, onsite academic support, and the opportunity to network and collaborate.

Equipped with systems such as EDUROam, providing access to free high-speed Wi-Fi, and LapSafe, a laptop borrowing service for stu-

dents to use while on campus, the hub also includes individual study pods, meeting rooms and a kitchen.

“TAFE SA is committed to increasing accessibility to training and education opportunities across regional South Australia and the Murray River Study Hub is a great example which will enhance learning opportunities for people in the Riverland as well as the Murraylands,” said David Colman, TAFE chief executive.

“We’re pleased to have been able to partner with the Rural City of Murray Bridge, Coorong District Council, the Riverland G3 Alliance and Regional Development Australia to provide this resource and acknowledge our university partners, CQUniversity and Flinders University.”

“The Murray River Study Hub opens up further education to a wider group of students who can’t relocate due to a number of reasons...”

- Blair Boyer, SA Minister for Education, Training and Skills

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# Recent ‘good signs’ for PIRSA in fruit fly fight

SENIOR figures involved with the Riverland’s response against fruit fly are confident their efforts are making a difference after two weeks with no new outbreaks of the pest.

No outbreaks of fruit fly were declared in the region by PIRSA between Friday, April 28, and Monday, May 8.

PIRSA incident controller of the fruit fly emergency response, Rob Baker, was pleased to see the number and locations of detections decreasing.

“PIRSA’s response activities are concentrated in the highest risk areas to control infestations, and the decrease in detections is a good sign that our operations are having an impact,” Mr Baker said.

“Fruit fly activity generally slows as the weather cools however we are still finding maggots, which is a sign overwintering or hibernation hasn’t kicked in yet.

“Please continue to pick ripe and fallen fruit and allow PIRSA field staff access to your garden if you

are in a red outbreak area.”

While there were no new outbreaks in the last fortnight, extensions were made to the existing Berri A, New Residence, Renmark West, Waikerie C and Winkie outbreak areas.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said the number of growers involved in the fruit fly self-baiting program continued to grow.

“Another four growers registered for self-baiting to help fight fruit fly in the past fortnight,” Mr Size said.

“If you’re a grower in a red outbreak area, please contact PIRSA via the Hotline (1300 666 010) or website to apply for free bait or lures that attract and kill fruit fly to use on your property.”

The current end date for all outbreaks is December 19, 2023, however this may change if more fruit flies are detected.

Further information regarding fruit fly outbreaks in the region can be found by visiting the website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au).

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PIRSA incident controller of the fruit fly emergency response



Sections of Berri’s Riverview Drive were closed late last year due to temporary levee installations and damage to the road due to seepage. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Long-term plans for Berri’s Riverview Drive remediation

JOSH BRINE

RESIDENTS on a Berri road significantly impacted by the River Murray flood recently met with local council members and staff to discuss long-term flood preparation.

Berri Barmera councilors and staff spoke with residents of Riverview Drive to update them on the process of reopening the road between Clarke Road and Martins Bend Drive.

Council CEO Dylan Strong said the integrity of the road was “seriously impacted by groundwater seepage” during the flood.

“Although reopen for use, reconstruction is required,” he said.

“Council is exploring opportunities for betterment of Riverview Drive, both to optimise usability for vehicle and pedestrian traffic and also better prepare for the next flood, whenever that may occur.



“Options were broadly discussed with residents as council is keen to understand their views.

“Currently, council’s engineers are examining the condition of the road and will provide feasible options and some approximate costs.”

The section of Riverview

Drive between Clarke Road and Martin Bend, built on an old levee bank, was initially closed in December 2022, due to the road becoming soft from seepage.

Council also constructed a temporary levee bank on this section of the road after Riverview Drive residents attended a council meeting late last year to air their concerns regarding a lack of flood mitigation works in the area.

# Quad bikes stolen in shed break-ins

LOCAL police are investigating thefts from sheds in the Riverland recently, with two quad bikes stolen.

Between Friday, April 28, and Monday, May 1, a shed on English Road, Barmera, was broken into and a Honda TRX 350 quad bike and a chainsaw were stolen.

Overnight between Tuesday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 3, a shed on Goyder Highway, Devlins Pound, was also broken into and a Honda 350 quad bike and a number of tools were stolen.

It is suspected the items were transported from the sheds on a trailer.

Anyone with information about the break-ins or the whereabouts of the stolen quad bikes are asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).



Honda quad bikes were stolen following break-ins at two Riverland sheds recently. PHOTO: supplied

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# Big win for agriculture education

A LOCAL high school has received a specially designed piece of equipment to improve student agricultural learning and understanding.

Renmark High School (RHS) agriculture teacher Raj Singh applied for the iFarm project last year and, following a competitive selection process, was successful in RHS being chosen as a participating school.

The project – supported by the Federal Government’s Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry through the Educating Kids About Agriculture: iFarm program – seeks to improve the understanding of resources required to produce food and fibre, and to stimulate interest careers in agriculture and other related fields.

Students at RHS will be able to conduct comparative trials by measuring and monitoring variables such as water, fertiliser and plant growth.

Each unit is a fully computerised and interactive science research station specifically designed for Australian high schools,



Renmark High School agriculture teacher Raj Singh, senior leader of creative technologies and entrepreneurship Alistair Ward, students David V, Sarah W, Sophie B, Crystal B, Maria T, Aleisha B, Summer S, Kurt W and principal Mat Evans with the school’s new iFarm unit. PHOTO: supplied

and contains eight individual growing beds with sub-surface drip irrigation and overhead spray options, a 2000L water tank, moisture and temperature sensors, and an inbuilt digital touchscreen.

Powered by wind and solar, the unit has its own weather station, composting worm farm, and both summer and winter shade cloths.

Designed with the intention of capturing

student attention, foldable Perspex sides allow students to view root growth while Perspex over the electronics helps students view and better understand electrical design.

iFarms are designed, developed and manufactured in Australia. iFarm Australia directors Steve and Kate Mansur came up with the concept of the iFarm unit to help students learn about agriculture, science, mathematics and technology in a “more exciting and

engaging way” while also making the job easier for teachers.

The pair delivered the unit to RHS and handed the keys to Mr Singh during the recent school holidays.

Mr Singh said the school was “excited” to obtain the unit and “learn the range of opportunities available as well as future employment possibilities within the agriculture industry”.

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## Potential upstream buybacks put pressure on irrigation?

THE potential reliance on buybacks to finish the Murray-Darling Basin Plan could ultimately harm the sustainability of Riverland irrigation, according to an industry body.

The Federal Government in February began a voluntary water buyback process in Queensland and New South Wales to recover the remaining 49GL of the Bridging the Gap target under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

The recent delay of numerous Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism

projects by the Victorian Government could also result in buybacks to meet the plan’s targets.

Southern Riverina Irrigators chair Chris Brooks said South Australian farmers would eventually be “expected to double their production using half the water”.

“At even the most basic of levels, how are we going to send additional water downstream to South Australia when the system is already imploding under current delivery volumes?” Mr Brooks said.

“If the plan really was

about true environmental outcomes, we wouldn’t be sacrificing the upstream environment to deliver water downstream and we would look at irrigation for what it truly is – dual-purpose water capable of supporting biodiversity on farm, while producing staple food for our nation and the economy.

“We need a sustainable irrigation industry and a healthy environment to survive, but under the Basin Plan the pendulum has swung too far to the left and we are one dry spell or war away from disaster.”



The National Irrigators’ Council has warned the delay of SDLAM projects by the Victorian Government could force Riverland growers to irrigate with less water in the future. FILE PHOTO

## Effects down river as Victoria pauses multiple environmental water projects

THE response of a number of federal, state and local governments to the Basin Plan is to pause or delay multiple environmental water projects.

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“How are we going to send additional water downstream to South Australia when the system is already imploding under current delivery volumes...”

- Chris Brooks  
Southern Riverina Irrigators chair

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# Locals mark coronation with tea time

ELYSE ARMANINI

RIVERLANDERS celebrated the crowning of new monarch King Charles III at a tea party in Loxton on Sunday.

The Loxton Historical Village Institute hosted a high tea event, with guests encouraged to don their fanciest clothes, crowns, pearls and gloves and watch a replay of the coronation on the big screen.

Memorabilia from previous royal events and occasions was on show, including that of Princess Diana, William and Kate, and the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Village co-ordinator Julie Noble said it was a “very successful afternoon”.

“We thought it went really well and everyone, as they were leaving, said they had a fun afternoon,” she said.

“It was great having the big screen and I caught snippets of the coronation in between eating and chatting. It was very pompous, decorative and ornate. I couldn’t get over the number of people in the street.

“We served the typical little hot foods, cream puffs, scones and different types of cakes – the usual yummy things. The ladies in the kitchen worked their butts off all day.”

Prizes were up for grabs for best dressed, and two ladies donning “two different sides of the Queen” took out first place.

“Margaret Neale wore a cream wedding dress and was one of the best Queen look-alikes,” Mrs Noble said.

“I couldn’t get over the number of people in the street (at the coronation)...”  
– Julie Noble, Loxton Historical Village co-ordinator



Dressing up for the coronation high tea event at Loxton Historical Village Institute were Nola Schulz as Dame Edna, Geoff Furness as Prince Harry, Margaret Neale as Queen Elizabeth II and Jim West (front) who was crowned king. PHOTO: supplied

“Margaret Wormald was the Queen as she was when she would go horse riding. Together they won the equal best dressed prize.”

The event doubled as a fundraiser for Loxton Historical Village 2024 Loxton Mardi Gras ambassador Jim West, who was crowned king for the day.

“It was the inaugural event for Jim,” Mrs Noble said.

“We had something happening for the coronation, so we thought we’d take advantage and fundraise for Jim at the same time.”



Sweet and savoury bites were available for all at the coronation tea party. PHOTOS: Facebook



Royal memorabilia was on show for all guests to see during the high tea event.



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The spectacular Celtic Illusion – The Magic Returns show is coming to the Chaffey Theatre next Wednesday. PHOTO: Facebook

## A chance to see Celtic magic

RIVERLANDERS have been given the chance to win tickets to an upcoming

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theatre show that combines traditional Irish dance and magic.

The Murray Pioneer is giving away a double pass to next week’s Celtic Illusion – The Magic Returns show at the Chaffey Theatre.

A Country Arts SA spokesperson said the group’s 2023 tour would “raise the bar once again”.

“This exhilarating production has broken barriers by fusing unparalleled art forms and is more spectacular than ever before,” the spokesperson said.

“The Magic Returns tour features new spellbinding illusions and choreography, alongside a musical score that will either make you cry or send shivers down your spine.

“Celtic Illusion will surpass your expectations and leave you wanting more.”

Celtic Illusion will be performed at the Chaffey Theatre, in Renmark, next Wednesday, from 7.30pm.

Further information can be found by visiting the website ([www.countryarts.org.au/events/celtic-illusion-4/](http://www.countryarts.org.au/events/celtic-illusion-4/)).



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Barker MP Tony Pasin, Schubert MP Ashton Hurn and state opposition transport and infrastructure spokesperson Vincent Tarzia discussing the Truro bypass recently. PHOTO: supplied

## Bypass in danger, says Barker MP

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A LOCAL federal MP says the future delivery of a planned bypass project between Adelaide and the Riverland needs to be clarified, ahead of a potential budget-saving review process.

The Federal Government recently announced a review of numerous infrastructure projects instigated by the previous Liberal Government, including the \$202m Truro Freight Route – also known as the Truro bypass.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the review could see funding for the bypass postponed or removed from the budget.

“Cutting or delaying funding to these projects will be a handbrake on economic growth and a barrier to driving the efficiencies needed to support budget repair,” Mr Pasin said.

“This is bad news for important infrastructure projects in South Australia.

“This will lead to... regional roads falling further into disrepair. It will do nothing to address productivity for our freight operators and nothing to improve road safety.

“We need clarity as soon as possible that these important South Australian infrastructure projects will be fully funded and delivered on time.”

Federal Minister for Infrastructure Catherine King said the review would examine “Infrastructure Investment Program projects that are not currently under construction and were not election commitments of the Albanese Government”.

“The previous government left the \$120bn infrastructure investment pipeline in a total mess – backed-up with projects that were announced without the support of states or territories, poorly scoped, underfunded at the outset, or designed simply to win votes,” Ms King said.

“This is a genuine review

without any savings target – we have recommitted to the \$120bn pipeline.

“This review, which has the co-operation of the states and territories will look at what projects are still priorities.

“It is looking at how those projects can be delivered given the economic conditions we face.”

Opposition spokesperson for infrastructure and transport, Vincent Tarzia, said inability to deliver the infrastructure projects would inhibit South Australia’s economic growth.

“We fear South Australia is about to lose its fair share of infrastructure funding as a result,” Mr Tarzia said.

“This will cost South Australians big in the long run and cause a detrimental domino effect on jobs, businesses and our quality of life which will spiral down.

“South Australia deserves strong infrastructure investment to support growth, not cuts that will set us back decades.”

## Rosey’s night at Exposed

REMARK woman Rosey Sandow was the winner of The Murray Pioneer’s Exposed theatre show ticket contest.

Ms Sandow was the recipient of a double pass to see the show, which was performed last night at the Chaffey Theatre.

The show was presented by Restless Dance Theatre and Country Arts SA.



Renmark woman Rosey Sandow saw Exposed at the Chaffey Theatre last night, courtesy of The Murray Pioneer. PHOTO: Glenda Malinowski

## Temporary ferry closure

THE Waikerie Ferry will be temporarily closed from 10am to 2pm on Thursday, May 18 if the weather is suitable for its cable replacement program.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport said the disruption was necessary for it to replace its upstream and downstream cables.

Alternative crossings will be at Kingston Bridge (upstream) and Morgan Ferry (downstream).

The Department thanks ferry users for their patience.

For the latest on the status of all River Murray ferries, visit [sa.gov.au](http://sa.gov.au).

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# Riverland wines on show for international buyers

WINES produced in the Riverland will be used to attract international buyers to the South Australian market as part of a state government-led program.

Riverland-made wines will be part of an upcoming South Australian Wine Ambassadors Club (SAWAC) showcase to wine importers from Singapore, Hong Kong, and New Zealand.

SA Minister for Trade Nick Champion said the SAWAC initiative was aimed at “raising the global profile of South Australian wine in key overseas markets”.

“This will be a rare opportunity for importers from some of our biggest trade partners to experience the state’s regions and producers first-hand,”

“South Australian Wine Ambassadors Club has played a vital role supporting South Australian wines to enter and grow in new markets.”

SAWAC patron Tony Love said develop-

ing new export destinations was crucial to keeping local wine production economically sustainable.

“The visit this month from such an elite group of wine professionals is a key step in forging the future of South Australia’s wine industry,” Mr Love said.

“We are able to showcase to vital markets in the Asia-Pacific region the exciting diversity of wine varieties and styles that shine a light on one of our most important trade sectors.

Taking our guests to key regions, introducing them to our winemakers on their own turf, and experiencing our landscape and wildlife along the way are all valued steps in building ongoing relationships that bind us in business as well as international friendship.”

Sales to Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand accounted for 26 per cent of total South Australian wine exports for the year ending March 2023.

## Smart watch raises the alarm to crash

EMERGENCY services were notified via a smart watch to a collision involving two vehicles at Blanchetown last week.

Police said on Friday, at about 3.15pm a Nissan and a Toyota collided on the intersection of Murraylands Road and the Sturt Highway at Blanchetown.

A police spokesperson said the driver of the Toyota, a 20-year-old Mildura woman and her passenger,

a 24-year-old woman, were “thankfully not injured”.

The spokesperson said the driver of the Nissan, a 43-year-old local woman who also escaped injury, was issued with an expiation notice for failing to give way.

Both cars were towed from the scene.

The police spokesperson said some smart watches and mobile phones, such as the Apple Watch that alerted

emergency services to the scene, have features that can detect a severe car crash and automatically contacts emergency services.

This information includes a device location as latitude and longitude coordinates, but no other details.

Police are advising people who need their assistance and are able, to phone 131 444 or Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Locals urged to stay scam alert for Mother’s Day

RIVERLANDERS are being reminded to be aware of online shopping scams ahead of Mother’s Day this Sunday.

The State Government has warned people to protect themselves from scams by purchasing gifts from local businesses.

With online shopping growing in popularity, and scams becoming more convincing, the Government is recommending that shoppers check the URL or search for the retailer they want directly on their browser.

Searching for independent reviews of an item can also reveal a fake trader or online scam.

Shopping with local brands, while keeping an eye out for unusually low prices, uncommon payment options such as a wire transfer and mock websites, are the best ways to avoid being scammed.

“This Mother’s Day is the perfect opportunity to support South Australian retailers with the additional benefit of avoiding the

danger of online shopping scams,” said SA Consumer and Business Affairs Minister Andrea Michaels.

“It’s great to be able to purchase thoughtful gifts so easily for mum with gift ideas popping up on social media at this time of year, but people need to be mindful of scams, which are often targeted around major holidays.

“Shopping with locals brands you know and trust is the best way to avoid being scammed and we have so many South Australian businesses, both online and bricks-and-mortar, with a fantastic array of gifts for mum this Mother’s Day.”



● Andrea Michaels



Almost 40 walkers turned out for a Heart Foundation Heart Week walk in Lyrup, with the Lyrup Club opening up especially for the group post-event. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

## Walking at the heart of a good cause

ALEXANDRA BULL

THIRTY-eight walkers turned out for a Heart Foundation Heart Week walk in Lyrup last Friday, with \$150 raised for the foundation.

Walkers from Happy Wanderers Renmark and Loxton River Ramblers met at the Lyrup Club before setting off around the town, learning about the history of Lyrup on the walk, and taking a ferry ride across the river.

Event organiser, Sue Hunter, said she had received positive feedback about the walk.

“Everyone has been really positive about the whole thing. They were thrilled with it,” she said.

“One of the highlights was the ferry ride we took. Because there were no cars, we actually got to stand where the vehicles usually are and we took a couple of photos, which was really good.

“Thank you to the Lyrup



As part of the walk, attendees took a guided tour of Lyrup. PHOTO: supplied

Club for supporting us. They opened especially for us and everyone commented on how good that was.”

Ms Hunter encouraged people to join one of the walking groups the Riverland has to offer.

“Our Happy Wanderers Renmark numbers keep

growing, we have 52 members with our youngest being 50 and our oldest 90,” she said.

“It’s great for peoples’ wellbeing and I think for our group, it’s also a social outlet for us. I just think it’s very important for our overall wellbeing.”



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The cold weather failed to deter people from attending the Waikerie market on Saturday to watch the rock 'n' roll dancing demonstrations. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

# Rock 'n' roll injects thousands into economy

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

ORGANISERS estimate this year's '30 years of Rock 'n' Roll' celebrations at Waikerie generated about \$300,000 for the Riverland West economy.

About 400 people from across SA and interstate took part in the four-day annual event.

Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival treasurer Jenny Gruzlewski said accommodation throughout the area was booked out and cafés were kept busy throughout the festival.

“I know the pizza places were kept very busy,” she said.

Ms Gruzlewski said the visitors also enjoyed visiting local shops.

"Of course, they also had to buy

fuel and other supplies," she said.

“Some people stayed for a few days and others are here for a week or two weeks.”

The Waikerie Gliding Club hangar was decorated for the 30-year milestone, featuring photos of past festivals.

Ms Gruzlewski said the evening dance events at the hangar were popular, with 200 attending the partner dancing on Thursday, 300 on Friday, and 400 on Saturday when the main celebrations were held.

The Waikerie Rockers also prepared breakfast for 200 people at the hangar on Sunday and the dancing continued until about 1.30pm.



The Waikerie Rockers wowed the crowd at the Waikerie Rotary Market on Saturday as they celebrated 30 years of rock 'n' roll in the town.

Ms Gruzlewski said the dancing demonstrations at the Rotary Club of Waikerie's Rock 'n' Roll Market on Saturday attracted a large crowd of spectators.

She said the cold weather failed

to deter people from attending the market and visiting the Waikerie Show 'n' Shine.

"I was surprised at how many people were there," Ms Gruzlewski said.

“I think it was one of the biggest crowds I have seen.”

She said many of the visitors to the region for the festival have already rebooked their accommodation for next year.

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Waikerie Show 'n' Shine committee members Sandra Schober and Ian Rogers examining the field of entrants in the event. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick



## Waikerie the Show 'n' Shine destination

THE Waikerie Show 'n' Shine is fast becoming a popular event for enthusiasts of classic, muscle and hot rod vehicles and show motorcycles.

The event, held in conjunction with the Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival at the Waikerie Rotary Market, attracted 129 entrants on Saturday – consisting of 109 vehicles and 20 motorcycles.

Those participating came from across the Riverland, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Adelaide and Victoria.

Waikerie Show 'n' Shine committee spokesperson Sandra Schober said choosing the winning entries was a difficult task for the judges.

She said 30 newcomers took part this year.

Ms Schober said participation in the event had significantly grown since committee member Ian Rogers started it about 14 years ago.

“It began with about 30 entrants and by 2019 100



**David Dale, of Waikerie, with his 1924 Indian Scout motorbike that earnt him second prize at the Waikerie Show 'n' Shine on Saturday.**

people took part, and since then entries have exceeded this," she said.

The Riverland West Chamber of Commerce supported the event and gave entrants a goody bag with donated items from some of its members.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## WAIKERIE SHOW 'N' SHINE AWARD WINNERS

**Organiser's Choice – Vehicles:**  
First: Roger Smith – Red Cliffs  
1962 Holden EK Ute  
Second: Mark Jachmann – Loxton  
1965 Ford Mk 1 Cortina

**Public Choice – Vehicles:**  
First: Lance and Sally Parker – Waikerie  
1968 Holden HK Kingswood  
Second: David Dale – Waikerie  
1972 Holden LJ Torana GTR XU1

**Organiser's Choice – Motorcycles:**  
First: Aaron Hadwen – Angle Vale  
2005 Harley Davidson Wide Glide Custom  
Second: Nick Sekulic – Tanunda  
2014 Harley Davidson Breakout

**Public Choice – Motorcycles:**  
First: Peter Brennan – Waikerie  
1975 Kawasaki Z900  
Second: David Dale – Waikerie  
1924 Indian Scout



Peter Charlesworth on his paddleboard 'Karina' setting off from the Renmark Big4 Caravan Park on Friday, May 5. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

# Man on a Murray River mission: that's a paddlin'

A NEW South Wales man, attempting to achieve a Guinness World Record by paddleboarding the full length of the River Murray, passed through the Riverland last week.

Peter Charlesworth, who hails from Albury, is currently in the midst of stand-up paddleboarding 2800km to raise awareness and funds for the Heart Foundation, after having emergency heart surgery in 2020.

His paddleboard has been named 'Karina' to acknowledge and pay tribute to the paramedic who kept him alive on the emergency transfer flight from Albury to Melbourne.

Mr Charlesworth, who is a professional photographer and author, will also circumnavigate lakes Hume, Mulwala and Alexandrina during the journey, without support crew.

He reached Renmark on his paddleboard last Thursday, before setting off again on Friday morning for the rest of his venture down the River Murray.

"My personal experience has shown that we all need to be aware of our state of cardiac health in advance of having a significant or catastrophic cardiac event such as a heart attack or stroke," Mr Charlesworth said.

"Many of us live for decades as these conditions progress with us unaware, or unprepared to face facts and take sound corrective action.

"There are a number of things we can all do to prevent, avoid or treat many of these issues before they progress to become life threatening."

To donate to Mr Charlesworth's fundraising efforts, visit his website: [www.sup4health2023.org/](http://www.sup4health2023.org/)

# Nominate for Ag Town of the Year

NOMINATIONS are open for the South Australian Ag Town of the Year award, which recognises towns excelling in agricultural practices and the flow-on effect for surrounding communities.

Now in its fifth year, the award highlight the importance of developing and maintaining a strong agriculture sector in South Australia by recognising towns embracing farming culture and displaying "foresight, resilience and spirit unique to our rural and regional communities".

"The Agricultural Town of the Year Award demonstrates the innovation and world-class agricultural practices pioneered and used across South Australia," said Clare Scriven, SA Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.

"The award is recognition



● Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven

and an important showcase of South Australia's regional towns.

"South Australia's regional industries contribute \$29bn to the state's economy, with agriculture playing a vital role through local employment and business opportunities.

"We strongly believe it's

important to recognise the great resilience, creativity and strength of our regional towns and the award creates a perfect opportunity to do that."

Nominations for this year's awards can be made by visiting [agtown.com.au](http://agtown.com.au) before Monday, June 5.

Nominated towns will be put to a public vote from June 12 to 26 to select the top 10 towns and three finalists will contend for the title of 2023 South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year.

The winner will be announced at the Regional Showcase Awards celebration in November. The town will receive town entrance signage recognising the win, a certificate and trophy presented by Ms Scriven, a community event and sign unveiling, and a double-page feature in SALIFE magazine.



EWE BEAUTY: Riverland-based MLC, and opposition spokesperson for primary industries, Nicola Centofanti (centre), with participants of the 2023 SA Sheep Expo, held last month at the Adelaide Showground. Dr Centofanti said the event was "a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn about the sheep industry with hands-on workshops and seminars, led by people who live and breathe the industry". PHOTO: supplied

# Help clean up the Riverland this month

FOR the month of May, Riverland residents who shop at Coles can help schools and groups around the Riverland receive a free Clean Up Kit to help clean up their town.

Coles has partnered with Clean Up Australia and Unilever Australia, who make products including Dove, Rexona and Streets ice creams, to help provide Riverlanders a Clean Up Kit.

By purchasing one of Unilever's products

at Coles supermarkets or online, 10 cents from each purchase will go towards Clean Up Australia.

This is the fourth consecutive year the initiative has run and \$276,000 has been donated to Clean Up Australia. The donation has been used to supply free Clean Up Kits and resources to schools, youth groups and communities across Australia.



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## New Code Blue issued for Berri

PROLONGED cold weather in the Riverland has prompted a Code Blue winter weather response until the end of the week to help locals experiencing homelessness.

The Code Blue, initially instated in Berri from last Thursday and due to end yesterday morning, has been extended to Friday, May 12, following forecasts predicting temperatures to drop as low as 1C overnight.

“The biggest risk in winter conditions such as these is when people are exposed to the cold they can quickly become unwell or even hyperthermic,” said Nat Cook, SA Minister for Human Services.

“This can pose a serious risk to health.

“These Code Blue responses help people experiencing homelessness who are most affected by extreme winter weather to remain warm and safe.

“I encourage rough sleepers, or anyone who knows a rough sleeper, to call Homeless Connect SA – these services are here to help you.”

People who need assistance can contact the 24/7 Homeless Connect SA service line on 1800 003 308 for help with emergency accommodation.

**Code Blue responses help people experiencing homelessness who are most affected by extreme winter weather...**  
- Nat Cook  
Minister for Human Services

## Jody’s decades of local service

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOXTON Waikerie councillor recently marked 40 years of service in local government.

Jody Flavel – who joined local government as a councillor for the former District Council of Brown’s Well, in 1983 before the amalgamation of the Brown’s Well, Loxton and Waikerie councils’ in 1997 – was recognised for his 40 years of service at the April Loxton Waikerie council meeting.

Mr Flavel, a cropping and sheep farmer by trade, said he joined council 40 years ago without a burning ambition to change things.

“At the time I purchased our neighbour’s property, so myself and my wife moved into the household and the neighbour, who was a sitting councillor at the time, told me you get the job with the property,” Mr Flavel said.

“I said ‘well that’s not happening’ but I was then appointed by council.

“When Brown’s Well had a meeting in about March 1983, I decided I would go along and have a look to see if I could offer anything, and I have been going along ever since to see if I can



Loxton Waikerie councillor Jody Flavel recently notched up 40 years of service in local government, with the councillor originally starting out with the former District Council of Brown’s Well in 1983.

PHOTO: Loxton Waikerie council

contribute at all.”

Mr Flavel, who lives at Meribah, said he hopes he brings a different perspective to Loxton Waikerie council, where most of the councillors aside from him are town-based.

“I often refer to myself in a joking way as a member from the outback, because it’s a long way from any of the major centres,” he said.

“Coming from where I do, I have always had a passion for our road network, as I am travelling on those roads all the time.

“When you are in a council such as Loxton Waikerie, as

an area councillor, you have to think of not only your little area but what’s best for somebody out at Paisley, somebody down in Blanchetown and in the major towns.

“I like to think I bring something outside of those major towns, while always being flexible enough to know what people in the major centres need.”

Mr Flavel has often stated he has been on council for 40 years, and is still learning.

“I don’t think you ever stop learning, so it’s always a bit different,” he said.

“I have worked with a lot of

good people, councillors as well as staff over that journey, and made a lot of good friends out of that.

“You don’t go into these things for any personal reasons or to make any milestones. I have enjoyed working with people from areas and different ends of the district.

“There’s a lot of different interests in our council area; broadacre, citrus, grapes, and all that sort of stuff, as well as all the people in town, so it’s a very varied job at the end of the day and it’s interesting trying to work within the dynamics.”

## Protect your pooch and your local postie

RIVERLAND residents are being encouraged to help protect local postal workers from dogs, with new data showing the number of attacks has increased significantly this financial year.

Across the country, 1885 incidents involving dogs and Australia Post workers were recorded between July 2022 and March 2023, surpassing the previous year’s 1587 incidents.

Australia Post attributed some of the increase to the addition of more than a million dogs to Australian households during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Australia Post executive general manager people and culture, Susan Davies, urged residents to safely secure their dog, either in the home or the backyard, to protect postal workers and the broader community from

potential harassment or attacks.

“Unfortunately, we continue to see an increase in the number of incidents involving dogs and our posties,” she said.

“Dogs off-leash or escaping their yard and chasing down our posties, often along busy major roads, are of particular concern given the safety implications not only for our delivery personnel and the dog, but also those in the community.

“We’re seeing increased instances of our posties sustaining injuries by either falling off their vehicles while trying to avoid unrestrained dogs, or getting physically attacked by dogs jumping up and biting them.

“We want our team to be able to safely deliver to all Australians, so we urge dog owners to please secure their dogs in the backyard or indoors.”



Residents are being urged to help keep their local postal worker safe by keeping dogs secure in the home or backyard. PHOTO: supplied

Tips for keeping your dog secure:

- Always keep the front gate securely closed.
- Where possible, secure the dog in the

backyard, rather than the front, and keep any side gates securely closed.

■ If expecting a delivery, be careful when opening the front door to keep the dog from running out from behind you. Keeping them safely in another room when you answer the door is another way to prevent this.

Australia Post – in recognition of other organisations trying to curb dog attacks – recently established a broader Cross Industry Dog Safety Taskforce to work together and share insights on how to prevent or avoid dog attacks with other organisations who deliver to, or have a need to service, homes.

Industries contributing to the Cross Industry Dog Safety Taskforce include supermarkets, telecommunications and logistics.

“We’re really excited about the collaborative nature of this taskforce and hope to be able to not only share our own insights into managing dog safety, but also learn from others across various service industries,” Ms Davies said.

“We all have the same goal of protecting our team members, so it will be incredibly valuable to share our collective knowledge as we work to decrease the number of incidents.”

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# How to keep warm this winter

WINTER is fast approaching, and we have all started to feel the chilly nights and rainy days. So, it is time to start thinking about what inclusions you can add to your living space to make your home cosy during the cold months.

From practical solutions like changing curtains and window furnishings to keep the cold out, to snuggly additions like blankets and pillows – there are many ways to improve the heat retention of your rooms.

If you are left wondering why your home is so cold, even with the heater on full blast, then it might be your window coverings contributing to the issue.

While sheer curtains look nice, they are not the most practical coverings during the winter months when you want to try everything possible to keep warm.

Investing in insulated curtains, or roller blinds, could be the difference between needing to turn up the heater and having it at a more reasonable, more affordable level.

An easy addition you can make to your home – especially if you are renting – is the introduction of throws and pillows.

Thick, warm knitted throws both look great and will keep your family members nice and toasty this winter. Choosing colours to suit your couch or living space will make this practical inclusion look fashionable.

It is also a way to experiment with colours. For example, if you are wondering what a pop of yellow, pink, blue or green will look like in your space, rather than committing to a colourful piece of furniture or art, you can introduce it in your blanket or pillow choices.

If you have changed your curtain choices and added cosy blankets, but it is still freezing inside, then it might be time to look at upgrading your heating options.

There are plenty of solutions and options available, so shop around and see what would best suit your finances, lifestyle and living space.

However, a simple service could be all you need to organise to get the heating back up to scratch.

Another way to beat the cold is to cover up tiles, hardwood or concrete floors.

If you do not have a carpeted loungeroom, then chances are there is cold air seeping up through the floor.

A sizeable rug to cover the bulk of the flooring will make the space look more inviting and help keep the cold out.

## Spice up your interior with winter décor

WHILE finding interior solutions for your home during winter is often focused on heating sources, winter decorating is another way to change your house for the season.

As temperatures drop outside, and once you have the heating sorted, you can bring more warmth into the home through decorations and new furnishings.

A new sheepskin rug for the floor, or over an ottoman provides a toasty spot for cold toes while reading, watching TV or relaxing.

If you are lucky enough to own a fireplace, spice up the mantle with a quick makeover of a large mirror – instantly elevating the fireplace to focal-point status – and some candles. A leafy plant, one that can withstand the heat, can also bring some life to the space.

Similar to winter fashion, winter decorating is all about layering on the fabrics. Dining room chairs can be cosied with simple slipcovers, adding warmth and winter style to a neutral dining room and easy to remove for cleaning.

A bowl of potpourri in a wintery fragrance like pine, or a warm and spicy cinnamon-scented diffuser or candle bring different kinds of warmth to the home.



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Members of the Project EnergyConnect team at the new Bunday substation, being constructed near Morgan. PHOTO: supplied

# New power transformers more than meets the eye

A NEW power substation being built near the Riverland will house the state’s largest energy transformers as part of a major infrastructure development.

Three transformers were recently delivered to energy contractor ElectraNet for installation at the new Bunday substation, near Morgan, being constructed as part of the Project EnergyConnect power interconnector.

ElectraNet chief operating officer Rainer Korte said the arrival and installation of the electricity transformers – which will be the largest operating on South Australia’s energy grid –

marked a milestone for the project, with the Bunday substation “now approximately 75 per cent complete”.

“The transformers will play a critical role in enabling the flow of power across the new energy highway between South Australia and New South Wales,” Mr Korte said.

“They are big pieces of equipment, with each one weighing more than 250 tonnes when operational. That’s the average weight of about 125 electric vehicles.

“More than 50 per cent of construction on the South Australian component of Project

EnergyConnect is now complete and we remain on track for construction to be completed by the end of 2023. Release of initial power transfer is planned for mid-2024.

“The new interconnector will unlock renewable energy development, strengthen the grid and deliver savings for customers.”

It is understood the Project EnergyConnect interconnector – which will run for 900km between Robertstown in South Australia and Wagga Wagga in New South Wales – will have the capacity to deliver energy to 240,000 extra households.

# New EnergyConnect interconnector taking shape

CONSTRUCTION of a new piece of major energy infrastructure running through the Riverland and expected to lower power costs for local households is on track to be finished by the end of 2023.

Work on the South Australian component of Project EnergyConnect is more than 50 per cent complete, with recent independent modelling from advisory firm ACIL Allen showing

residential customers could save \$127 in annual power costs through the new interconnector.

ElectraNet chief operating officer Rainer Korte said the finished project would “unlock renewable energy development, strengthen the grid and deliver savings for customers”.

“With cost-of-living pressures impacting many people, projects like the new interconnector will play a

vital role in putting downward pressure on electricity prices once in full operation,” Mr Korte said.

“The interconnector strengthens South Australia’s position as a leader in the transition to a clean energy future.”

The modelling also revealed South Australian businesses would potentially save between \$6000 and \$18,000 annually, depending on the level of electric-

ity consumption.

It is understood the completed 900km interconnector would have the capacity to deliver energy to 240,000 extra households.

Mr Korte said the first stage – running between Robertstown and Buronga in New South Wales – was set to be commissioned “early next year”.

“Construction crews have poured the last foundation for the 384 new transmission towers on the line and we expect all the towers to be installed by July 2023,” he said.

“At the same time, crews are now stringing the new towers with conductor and this work will continue over the coming months.”

The full ACIL Allen modelling report can be viewed by visiting the website ([www.electra.net.com.au/wp-content/uploads/ACIL-Allen-report-2023.pdf](http://www.electra.net.com.au/wp-content/uploads/ACIL-Allen-report-2023.pdf)).



ElectraNet major projects director Len Schoots (left) and Project EnergyConnect project director Ralf Ricciardi, at Calperum Station. PHOTO: supplied

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A memorial bench for notable Renmark woman Maureen Brauer was recently vandalised. PHOTO: supplied

# Memorial's wrong coat of paint

A RENMARK Paringa councillor says younger Riverlanders need to be better engaged with their communities after vandals damaged a memorial for her mother.

A memorial bench dedicated to the life of Renmark woman Maureen Brauer, located near the Renmark riverfront, was recently vandalised with graffiti.

Maureen's daughter, and current Renmark Paringa councillor, Stephanie Brauer, suspected the act was committed

by local youths.

"Do we need to be looking at ways we can engage younger people with the community if this is happening?" Ms Brauer said.

"Do you realise the grief and heartache you have caused?"

"This is a very special place for our family and my beautiful mum. Please think of the consequences of your actions."

The memorial bench was installed by Renmark Paringa Council in August 2022.



Stephanie Brauer and her brother Shaun at the new memorial bench for their mother, Maureen. The memorial was recently installed at Murray Avenue by Renmark Paringa Council. INSET: Maureen Brauer was a prominent local volunteer, and three-time Renmark Citizen of the Year. PHOTOS: Hugh Schultemaker

**Memorial to honour community-minded local**

A RENMARK woman's community-minded person, Riverland Council of the Year.

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Renmark Paringa Council last week removed damaged bitumen and commenced road rebuilding works on Nelwart Street, in Renmark.

## Nelwart Street: we can rebuild it

RENMARK roads impacted by the recent flood event continue to be assessed and rebuilt by the local council.

Renmark Paringa Council last week removed damaged bitumen and commenced road rebuilding works on Nelwart Street, between Plush's Bend Road and Townsend Street, in Renmark.

A council spokesperson said the works would

continue "over the coming weeks and further updates will be provided to the community as soon they become available".

"We appreciate the community's patience as we recover from the flood," the spokesperson said.

Council last Saturday also undertook resealing works on portions of Plush's Bend Road that needed to be rebuilt.

## Local praise for council's flood efforts

LOCAL residents have praised a Riverland council's "exceptional" response to the recent Murray River flood.

Letters of appreciation regarding Renmark Paringa's handling of the flood emergency were presented to councillors at last month's general meeting.

Stoney Pinch Quarry and Earthmoving director Sheree Chappel said assisting with remediation of Renmark's floodbanks was an achievement for the company.

"Credit must also go to the council for its proactive approach to the 2022/23 flood event and co-operative attitude by all involved to get the job done," Ms Chappel

**FLOOD EVENT**

wrote in a letter.

"For (my husband) James to say this morning that he considers Stoney Pinch's involvement as the highlight of his working career is quite a statement.

"Let's hope that the improvements made to the 38km floodbank network will last for many years and put our towns and irrigation districts in good stead to withstand future flood events."

Renmark man Ivan Smith – who also volunteered during the flood – said council's preparations before

the flood's peak were key to the successful response effort.

"No doubt the hard decisions you all made helped protect the council areas, assets, businesses and most importantly, the people," Mr Smith wrote in a letter.

"From what I observed you took suggestions from the public on board, and acted on the suggestions with due diligence.

"The level of preparedness was exceptional in many areas.

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## Pride of Workmanship recognising Loxton excellence

ELYSE ARMANINI

A LONG-standing, prestigious event on the Rotary Club of Loxton's calendar will see hard-working individuals and small businesses celebrated this month.

Now in its 31st year, the Pride of Workmanship Awards annually recognises local small businesses and individual employees for the service they provide to the Loxton community.

"The individual award recognises those who have demonstrated a high standard of commitment to a job well done and work consistently to the best of their abilities," said Paula Nitschke,

Loxton Rotarian.

"The business award is for a company, small business, self-employed person or sole trader that is able to demonstrate a high standard of commitment to both internal and external customers."

At the 2022 awards night, five small businesses and 13 individuals from a wide range of nominees received awards.

"The number of awards we give out is based on nominations, but this year we have 17 individual and 11 small businesses awards," Mrs Nitschke said.

"It was the Loxton public that voted for these people, for both the small business and the individual awards. Loxton absolutely gets behind the community to recognise a job well done.

"I get excited around this time of year for Pride of Workmanship. I'm proud to live here and be part of such a beautiful town that really gets behind their community members."

This year's winners will be announced at the Loxton Club on Saturday, May 20.

Renowned Nine Network reporter Ben Avery – a Loxton High School graduate –

will be the special guest speaker.

"For Pride of Workmanship guest speakers, we look for people who have done extraordinarily well in their career of choice," Mrs Nitschke said.

"Ben Avery came up in conversation, we chose to ask him and he accepted."

Community members are invited to be part of the night each year, however ticket sales for the 2023 event closed

last week.

"Loxton community members, and people Riverland-wide, are definitely welcomed to be part of the evening celebrating those who are recognised," Mrs Nitschke said.

"It's not just the nominees and their representatives that are present on the evening, the community can come and be part of it all as well."



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# Award-winning journalist guest speaker at awards

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

A FORMER Loxton High School student will be the special guest speaker at the upcoming Pride of Workmanship Awards.

Ben Avery graduated from Loxton High in 2001 and has since gone on to become a well-known, award-winning journalist in South Australia.

“It was definitely pleasing to get the phone call (to be guest speaker),” Mr Avery said.

“I was honoured and perhaps even a little surprised that anyone would want to hear from me. I know Kerry Halupka did it last year... She was the dux at Loxton High School and has gone on to do some pretty impressive things.”

Mr Avery studied journalism at the University of South Australia before becoming a reporter and chief of staff for WIN News in Loxton and Hervey Bay, before joining the Nine Network in 2010.

He was named South Australian Journalist of the Year in 2016 and 2020.

“I’ll give a bit of a background as to how I got into journalism, why I chose

to study it and how it happened a little bit by chance early on, including how I got into television,” he said.

“My first job in the Riverland was at WIN in Loxton, so I’ll talk about how I got started there and move through to eventually working in Queensland, back to Channel Nine in Adelaide and ultimately in London for a couple of years.

“Over my time, particularly as a crime reporter, I’ve seen and reported on some weird and wacky stories, and I have a few stories to tell from my time as a foreign correspondent as well.”

As the network’s Europe correspondent, Mr Avery covered the spread of Covid-19 and provided first-hand accounts from the locked-down cities of Milan and London.

He has also covered some of the biggest news stories from around the world, including the Thai cave rescue, the death of Prince Phillip and Australia’s triumph over England in the Ashes test cricket series in 2019.

Mr Avery said he thought the awards were “fantastic” for the Loxton community and township.

“My mum and her partner own the Loxton funeral business – Altschwager Family Funerals – so I know they have nominated employees there before and they see it as a very worthwhile process,” he explained.

“The awards have existed for a long time and, just from family and friends talking about it, I know it’s seen as a worthy and important part of the community.”


As an ex-local, Mr Avery said he was looking forward to spending the weekend with his Riverland family and friends.

“My mum lives in Moorook on the river so it’s a nice place to go and visit with the family,” he said.

“I’ll have my wife, Emily, and my two sons, Jack and Fred, with me. I’ve got aunties, uncles and cousins there in Loxton so I’ll use it as a chance to catch up with them and potentially even watch the Loxton Tigers play, if I get the chance.”



Nine Network reporter Ben Avery, pictured reporting on the death of Prince Phillip at Buckingham Palace (left) and the Ashes cricket test at Lord's (right), will take the stage as guest speaker at the Pride of Workmanship Awards this month. PHOTOS: supplied



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# Young leaders return from the Cook Islands

ALEXANDRA BULL

TWO Loxton High School students recently returned from a week-long leadership course in the Cook Islands.

Dylan Gilgen and Aiden Schlein took part in the Pacific Student Leaders Program in the Cook Islands, undertaking various activities throughout the week, including helping local businesses solve current issues, leading rubbish clean-ups at popular tourist beaches, engaging in cultural activities and a day-long hike up Te Rua Manga.

The boys were put in syndicates for the week, giving them the opportunity to mix with other student leaders participating in the program.

“The Pacific Student Leaders Program was an incredible experience that was different to anything I’ve done before,” Dylan said.

“There was a lot of emphasis on the importance of strong commu-

nication, especially early on when we didn’t really know anyone in our syndicates.

“As the week progressed and our bonds grew deeper, it became much easier to talk amongst ourselves. That being said, activities such as introducing ourselves to the entire course in Cook Islands Maori on the first day really pushed everyone out of their comfort zones, which was a common goal amongst most participants.”

Dylan, who is a school prefect and deputy house captain, said he learnt how critical it was to create a positive environment as much as possible, to allow everyone to grow and enjoy the experience.

“For instance, we had three days of torrential rainfall which got us drenched from head to toe, however, with a few jokes and some karaoke on the bus, the weather became an afterthought,” he said.

“If it wasn’t for the awesome vibe, those rainy days would not

have been as memorable for the right reasons, which is a lesson that I will definitely take back to my school community and groups.

“My favourite part about the course would definitely be the other students who were on the course. It was such a great experience being able to meet and befriend so many new people in such a short amount of time. It was really rewarding.

“Because everyone was there for the same reason, it was a bit different to school in that we all shared a lot of similarities, and as a result, have been able to make strong friendships that we’ll be able to cherish for years to come.”

Aidan, who holds a leadership position in the Australian Air Forces Cadets 603 Squadron as a Cadet Under Officer, said communication and collaboration were a big part of the course for him.

“All of the activities were designed so that you need to col-



Aidan Schlein (left) and Dylan Gilgen spent a week on the Cook Islands as part of the Pacific Student Leaders Program in April. PHOTO: supplied

laborate with your team and that really built everyone’s confidence,” he said.

“I would have to say it’s a great experience. Not only do you get valuable leadership skills out of it, you get to learn about the Cook Islands culture, and also make life-long friendships along the way.”

Both Dylan and Aidan encouraged those thinking about applying for the program to “take the risk”.

“Flying to another country and living in a dormitory-style space with complete strangers for a week sounds crazy, and perhaps out of your comfort zone,” Dylan said.

“But the benefits at the end of the course – heaps of new friendships, greater confidence as a leader, and the experience leading a new group of people in a completely new environment – far outweigh the initial nerves.”



ac.care CEO Shane Maddocks

## Plea to ease pressure on vulnerable with welfare increase

A NON-for-profit providing community services to vulnerable Riverlanders is calling for an increase to JobSeeker payments and an “urgent boost” to available social and affordable housing in regional SA.

ac.care is urging the Federal Government to prioritise building more social housing.

“Locally, we are see-

ing more people than ever before in need of our homelessness and emergency relief services as an increasing number of country South Australians are at risk of homelessness, struggling to pay the rent with the rising cost of living and lack of affordable housing,” said Shane Maddocks, ac.care CEO.

“We can’t wait and hope for limited existing hous-

ing on the private market to become more affordable.

“Building social and affordable housing is the best way we can provide more options for low-income earners or people on Centrelink payments.”

The recently released 2023 Anglicare Australia Rental Affordability Snapshot revealed there were no affordable properties in the Riverland,

Murraylands or Limestone Coast for single people on JobSeeker payments, or single people aged over 18 on the Youth Allowance, during the weekend the research was undertaken.

Limited properties were available for other low-income earners.

Mr Maddocks said welfare payments were “so low they trapped people in poverty”.

“During the pandemic, it was proven that raising government support payments can effectively eliminate poverty and allow people to afford fresh food, fill their prescriptions, pay their bills on time and secure decent homes,” he said.

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## Riverland students hitting the pavement, safely

STUDENTS across the Riverland, and the country, will lace their shoes and get walking next week for National Walk Safely to School Day.

Primary school students are encouraged to walk to school on Friday, May 19, to mark the 24th anniversary of the event.

Hosted by the Pedestrian Council of Australia, the initiative aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking – or alternative active transport to and from school – can provide for local children.

Other than the physical benefits, regular walking (or similar) has a favourable impact on the cognitive and academic performance of children.

The national initiative also aims to promote healthy eating, with schools encouraged to host a healthy breakfast on the day.

“The extremely disturbing childhood obesity epidemic continues to affect one in four (according to the ABS National Health Survey 2017-18) children at critical levels across Australia,” said Harold Scruby,

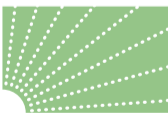
Pedestrian Council of Australia chairman and CEO.

“The best exercise for all Australians is walking regularly. Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. We should encourage them to take a walk before school, during and at end of their day.”

Walk Safely to School Day also aims to encourage positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car dependency, and parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools.



Loxton Primary School students were among many across the Riverland to participate in last year’s National Walk Safely to School Day. FILE PHOTO



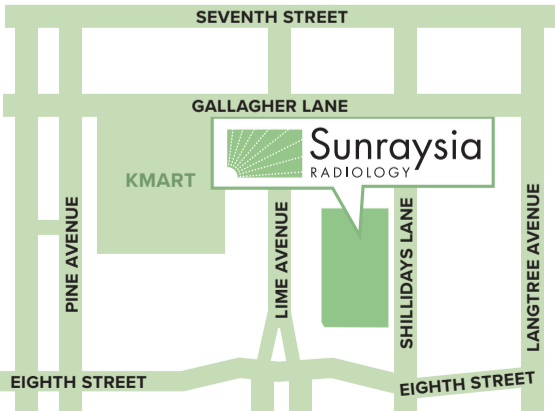
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# Focus on mental health at CEO forum

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

ONE of the biggest gatherings of council chief executive officers was held in Berri recently, with a two-day forum focused on mental health and mentoring.

About 40 CEOs, out of 68 councils from across the state, made the trip to the Kellady Jones Lawyers Regional CEO Forum, for what organisers described as an “awesome” event.

Guest speakers included State Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock, SA’s Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Ann Vanstone, opposition spokesperson for local government Sam Telfer, Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA) CEO Adam Wilson, and a representative from Origin Energy.

The event also included a panel of three metropolitan mayors, a panel of three retired CEOs, and a debate about the value of ESCOSA in the sector.

Co-organisers Martin Borgas, CEO of the District Council of Karoonda East Murray, and Sam Johnson, CEO of the District Council of Mount Remarkable, told The Murray Pioneer the event enabled CEOs from both regional and metropolitan councils to come together, and share experiences and learnings.

“While we call it the regional CEO forum, the reason we call it regional is because we unashamedly host it in a regional area,” Mr Johnson said.

“All too often everything is held in Adelaide and everyone centralises into Adelaide, whereas we want to get out of the city and promote or regions and our smaller regional communities.

“We even had some CEOs from very large metro councils that attended for the first time this year.”

Mr Johnson said it was impor-



At the Kellady Jones Lawyers Regional CEO Forum in Berri recently were Renmark Paringa Council CEO Tony Siviour (left), City of Onkaparinga acting CEO Julia Grant, Local Government Association SA (LGASA) CEO Simon Blom, Karoonda East Murray District Council CEO Martin Borgas, District Council of Mount Remarkable CEO Sam Johnson, Alexandrina Council CEO Nigel Morris, District Council of Ororoo Carrieton CEO Paul Simpson and District Council of Coober Pedy principal administrator Geoff Sheridan. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

tant for council CEOs to be supported in their roles.

“There was an issue in January of this year at Onkaparinga where 150 people stormed the council meeting and they had to shut the meeting down,” Mr Johnson said.

“That was quite a big incident and very confronting for council itself, and for a new CEO.

“I did not realise this until (during the forum) at dinner, but when that event occurred not one metropolitan CEO reached out to their colleague at Onkaparinga.

“The first CEO to reach out to ask, ‘Are you okay?’ was from a regional council, and the next five people to call and email were from regional councils.

“It was a big statement for that CEO to realise that there is a world outside Adelaide and there seems to be something going on – a more

collegiate collaborative approach that is happening across the regional areas.”

Mr Borgas said the campaign donation scandal that rocked a number of councillors and mayors at the latest council elections was now behind council and elected members.

“My mayor, Caroline Phillips, was affected by that,” Mr Borgas said.

“Certainly it was disruptive in terms of just the emotional toll it has taken on those people that were affected, regardless of how they came to be in that circumstance.

“It was quite a significant and traumatic event from a community perception point of view, but also personally for people who have invested and made the decision to become involved and represent their community, for them (to) be



The forum was held at the Berri Hotel, with 40 CEOs attending the event. PHOTO: Facebook

told, ‘No, you are out’.

“We are back on track, but the disruption was challenging for the

rest of the chambers and communities, but particularly those members who were involved.”

## Riverland involvement in State Government essential worker housing initiative

THE Riverland will be included in a pilot program to deliver housing for police, teachers and healthcare workers in regional SA, as the State Government begins consultation to address the shortage.

Following the establishment of the Office for Regional Housing earlier this year, work has commenced on the Regional Key Worker Housing Scheme – aiming to deliver 30 homes across the Riverland, Copper Coast, Mount Gambier, Port Augusta and Ceduna.

Once established, the scheme is expected to be expanded to deliver more housing for government workers and private sector employees.

Region-specific consultation revealed immediate needs for assistance in the Riverland regarding flood recovery efforts, and the horticulture and viticulture industries.

SA Housing and Urban Development Minister Nick Champion said community engagement had given the Office for

Regional Housing a “much clearer understanding of the challenges across the state” and would help to construct region-specific responses.

“We are committed to boosting regional housing supply to meet local communities’ needs and unlock economic growth which flows from key projects,” he said.

The Office for Regional Housing has also begun the process of recruiting staff to upscale its operations and “fast-track” the increase in housing supply.

The State Government has also made changes to development regulations to allow temporary accommodation for workers on major infrastructure projects, allowing developers to respond to urgent building needs – such as the recent River Murray flood.



● SA Housing Minister Nick Champion



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CORONATION TEA PARTY: Loxton Historical Village hosted a high tea to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III last Sunday. PHOTO: Facebook



The event was also a fundraiser for Historical Village 2024 Loxton Mardi Gras ambassador Jim West, who was crowned king for the day. PHOTOS: supplied



Vicki Williams, Rachel Pontt, Helen Hobbs and Rosie Hahn helped prepare the high tea goodies for all to enjoy.



David Ward, Sue McDonald, Raelene Gladigau and Merv Gladigau dressed up for the occasion.



Julie Noble, Steve Graham, Beth Graham and Robyn Size.



Retired Mid Murray CFS Group officer and former Waikerie CFS captain Mike Arnold (left), and his wife Meredith, Trina Keves, of Gawler, and Bianca Clinch from CFS Region 3 operations at Murray Bridge enjoyed the barbecue provided by the Waikerie Rotary Club at the family fun day on Sunday. PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Lorraine Masters, Lance Pech, Carmel Jackson and Vicki Wynne.



Evana Mee from Little Happy Faces of Waikerie (left), painted the faces of Brooklyn, Levi and Spencer Aldam, all of Walker Flat, at the CFS family fun day.

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**HOLI COLOUR RUN:** Waikerie Lutheran Primary School year 3 student Felix enjoying the obstacle course during the Holi Colour Run on the last day of term 1. PHOTOS: supplied



Year 1 student Arikia enjoyed being covered in colourful paint powder during the colour run.



Dazzling DNA participants had fun extracting DNA from strawberries as part of an experiment with University of Adelaide's Dr Georgina Sylvia at the Renmark Paringa Library during the school holidays. PHOTO: Facebook



**STUDENTS SHOWING RESPECT:** Barmera Primary School students attended the Anzac Day dawn service at the Barmera Cemetery, accompanied by principal Jayne Foulds (back left) and previous staff members Rod Kemp and Glenys Matthews. PHOTOS: 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](mailto:editor@murraypioneer.com.au) with an event description in 30 words or less.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WEEKLY**  
**Riverland Youth Theatre** have a range of classes for kids and adults throughout term

2, including games days, weekly Dungeons and Dragons, and more. Visit the website ([ryt.org.au](http://ryt.org.au)) for more information.

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**  
**Charity for All Bingo** at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for C.F.A. Seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm, so don't be late to join in the fun.

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**  
Come and learn belly dancing at **Barmera Library** with Amber. Dance like no one is watching from 10.30am. Bookings essential, contact 8588 2872.

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**  
**Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council** quiz night at Berri Bowling Club, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Fundraising for Riverland General Hospital fetal monitoring equipment. Tables of 8, \$10 per person. RSVP Josie Nelsson (0400 291 311).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**  
**U3A Riverland** singing, from 4pm to 5pm in the clubrooms, Strawbridge Street, Berri.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**  
**Barmera Library** creative kids club Make a Rocket workshop. Free event, book your place by calling 8588 2872

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**  
**U3A Riverland** cuppa and chat in the clubrooms, Strawbridge Street, Berri. An informal discussion on topics of interest over a cup of tea or coffee from 10.30am to 11.30am. Contact Anne (0488 324 542).

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**  
Biggest Morning Tea event from 2pm to 5pm at **Moorook Community Hall**. Mad Hatters Tea Party theme. Tickets \$10/adult, \$5/child or \$35/family. RSVP to 0439 846 340 or 0467 735 969 by Friday, May 19.



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CFS Region 3 regional commander Shane Clinch at the CFS Foundation's family fun day at Waikerie on Sunday. PHOTO: Christine Webster

## Mid Murray CFS volunteers honoured at family fun day

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE dedication of Mid Murray Group CFS volunteers to the Riverland West community during the recent floods was recognised at a family fun day at Waikerie on Sunday.

During the flood the CFS supported the lead emergency agency the SES by responding to 388 calls for assistance throughout the Riverland and Murraylands.

About 60 people, including CFS volunteers, their partners, children and grandchildren from Waikerie, Cadell, Morgan and Walker Flat, took part in the activities at the local Lions park.

The event was organised by the CFS Foundation and featured a BBQ lunch provided by the Rotary Club of Waikerie, plus face painting and a magician for the younger attendees.

CFS mascot Smokey the Koala also paid a visit.

CFS Foundation CEO Gloria Berni said those who attended had a "fantastic time".

"Distance is always an obstacle for family events," Ms Berni said.

"One volunteer and his family travelled from Walker Flat, a town that was heavily impacted by the floods."

Ms Berni said even though these CFS volunteers worked together on strike teams or training events, they rarely had the opportunity to mingle outside of these occasions with other brigades and their families.

CFS Region 3 regional commander Shane Clinch said the volunteers "very much appreciated" the event organised at Waikerie to recognise the role they played during the flood.

"The CFS Foundation does amazing work in supporting our CFS volunteers," Mr Clinch said.

He said the organisation had provided financial support to some of the CFS volunteers who had lost their homes in the flood.

Mr Clinch said during the flood the CFS assisted the SES with tasks such as sand-bagging and door knocking to warn residents about rising river levels.

"Whilst we did that, we were still maintaining our usual workload," he said.

"We are the biggest provider of fire and emergency services to South Australia, and we are the biggest road crash rescue brigade for vehicle accidents.

"We also respond to hazardous material spills throughout the state."



Locals are encouraged to host or join a Biggest Morning Tea event this month or next to support fundraising efforts for cancer research. PHOTO: Cancer Council

## Share a cuppa this month for Biggest Morning Tea

RIVERLANDERS are encouraged to come together and celebrate 30 years of a national fundraising event this month by hosting or joining a morning tea.

Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea raises funds to support services, prevention programs and life-saving cancer research through the Beat Cancer Project

Cancer Council SA chief executive Kerry Rowlands said thousands of South Australians have helped raise over \$200m nationally through the Biggest Morning Tea event.

"Sadly, all of us will be affected by cancer at some point in our lives and this is exactly what inspires many of our supporters to

host their own Australia's Biggest Morning Tea," she said.

"Through events like Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, we are able to ensure that every South Australian is supported, across every stage of their cancer experience, while also funding vital research and prevention programs to save future lives.

The official day to host a Biggest Morning Tea is Thursday, May 25, however events can be hosted anytime during May or June.

Moorook is among several Riverland towns with a community event organised for the fundraiser.

The Alice in Wonderland-themed Mad Hatters Tea Party will take place in the Moorook Community

Hall from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday, May 21.

Locals are encouraged to dress up in their favourite 'mad hat' costume and "step into the rabbit hole" for a family-friendly afternoon.

Guest speakers Mick Kelly, Nancy Murdock and Allan Dand will share their personal experiences and what is available for locals requiring assistance.

Tickets - \$10 per adult, \$5 for children or \$35 for a family - include food and "bottomless cuppas".

Bookings are essential for catering. RSVP by Friday, May 19 by contacting 0439 846 340 or 0467 735 969.

For more information, or to register your own Biggest Morning Tea, visit the website: [www.biggestmorn-ingtea.com.au](http://www.biggestmorn-ingtea.com.au)

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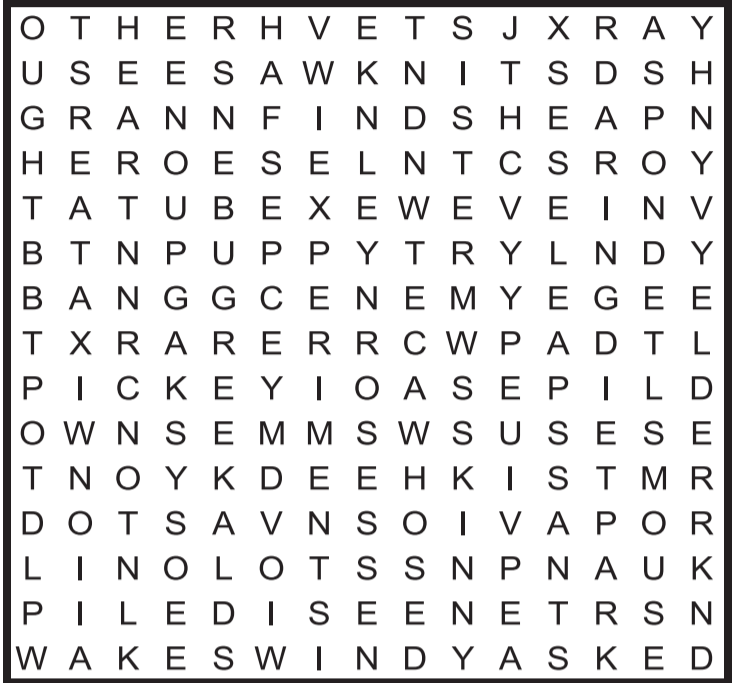
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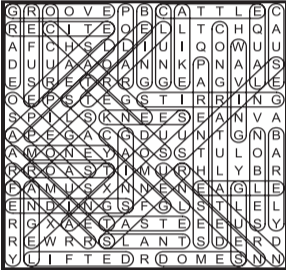
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Last Week's Solution



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1. Civic dignitary  
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10. Egyptian goddess  
11. Roofing slabs  
12. Horse's gait  
13. Former U.S.A. president  
14. Fish  
17. Consumed  
19. Jockey  
21. Button  
23. Message  
25. Become firm  
26. Boat  
27. Insect  
28. Excuse for not appearing in court  
30. Sully  
31. Slang  
33. Swerves  
34. Sicilian volcano  
36. Metropolitan  
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## May 2023 Horoscopes: week 2

**ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)**  
An improvement in your finances is just around the corner. You will need to be patient for quite a bit longer, but it will be worth it the wait! **Romance.** Your love-life may be a little disappointing over the next few days. A favourable aspect to Mercury around the end of the week will help you to communicate your feelings clearly.

**TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)**  
A colleague at work will give you a suggestion that is worth following up: this idea should save you a lot of time and money, so long as you follow this person's advice to the letter. **Romance.** Your good mood will be appreciated by your partner. A trip away from home would do you both a world of good. Hold back on this until later in the week if you can.

**GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)**  
Your mental agility will help you to pull through. A change in plan may work out in the end so long as you are able to adapt quickly and take advantage of the new opportunity. **Romance.** A positive aspect to Neptune later in the week will help you to use your intuition to understand an issue which has been difficult to solve logically.

**CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)**  
Time spent relaxing will help you to calm down and focus your thoughts on an issue which has been troubling you recently. You need to make an important decision, and must get it right. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Mercury at the beginning of the week will help you to communicate effectively with your partner.

**LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)**  
You will be very conscious of your appearance at the moment. However, you should wait for a few more days before making any major changes. **Romance.** Your relationship will be in good form at the moment. Don't push your partner too far, however. A recent disagreement wasn't properly resolved and may have left some residual tension.

**VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)**  
You may want to spend a bit more time by yourself over the next few days. Recent stresses have taken their toll, and you must give yourself the chance to unwind. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Venus later in the week will make this a good time for improving your relationship.

**LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)**  
A favourable aspect to Uranus will mean that you need a little more freedom than usual. Be careful that you don't get into an argument with your boss over an issue which doesn't really matter. **Romance.** An unexpected message from a long-standing admirer will change your feelings towards this person. You should get together for a meeting as soon as possible.

**SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)**  
A challenging aspect to Mars around the middle of the week could make you a little on-edge at times. You will be especially sensitive to criticism this week, and must do your best to relax if you feel that you are under stress. **Romance.** A meeting with a stranger could have important consequences later in the week.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)**  
A deal may fail if you push for too hard a bargain. The other person is not going to compromise any further. **Romance.** Your romantic life could be a little low-key at the moment. You may have to wait a week or so before things liven up. Be patient, and don't make any rash moves in the meantime!

**CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)**  
A positive attitude will help you to get over a frustration which has been dogging you over the past few weeks. **Romance.** Your partner might appreciate a few more compliments. A powerful aspect to Venus later in the week will give you a chance to express your feelings more openly.

**AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)**  
A positive aspect to Neptune will give your powers of intuition a boost this week: nobody will be able "pull the wool over your eyes"! This will be a good time for making an important decision about your future. **Romance.** You may be feeling a little bit isolated at the moment. Let your partner know that you would like more support and you will get more than you bargained for!

**PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)**  
An acquaintance whom you have not seen for a long time will shortly come back into your life. This person has changed a lot since the last time you saw them. **Romance.** Your relationship will soon be in better shape than it has been for some time. A romantic trip around the middle of the week will go especially well.

SUDOKU

No.427

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

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

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## Support getting into private rentals

LOCAL renters could see more options at affordable prices with state government reforms to rental laws and increased financial support.

An extra 433 previously ineligible households have been helped into private rentals across South Australia since changes were made to the State Government’s Private Rental Assistance Program (PRAP) in February.

The changes increased the eligibility threshold by a third, from a weekly limit of \$450 to \$600, ensuring more homes can be accessed by more renters under the program.

The household cash assets test limit was increased from \$5000 to \$62,150. Previously, any household with savings of \$5000 was ineligible for rental assistance.

A total 3230 customers had received PRAP support this year to April 30, up from 2938 in the same period in 2022.

In addition, 193 fewer customer assessment interviews were conducted and the total bond assistance provided to April 30 was \$3.9m, up from \$3.4m in the same period last year.

“With rental vacancy rates at historic lows, we knew we had to do more to help renters access the homes that are available,” said Nat Cook, Minister for Human Services.

“The rental market is tough for South Australians with rental prices continuing to rise.

“Our private rental assistance reforms have made an immediate impact and are clearly providing needed relief to

households by making it easier for more South Australians to access affordable rental accommodation.

“We need a variety of measures to assist more people to secure a rental and stop those on the margins, including vulnerable families, falling into homelessness. This Private Rental Assistance Program is one of those actions.”

Managed by the SA Housing Authority, the PRAP allows low-income renters to avoid upfront costs including bond and rent in advance by providing bond guarantees and rent payments to those eligible.

SA Housing Trust Board presiding member, Mary Patetsos, said the PRAP is aimed at “helping to reduce financial stress for South Australians on low incomes when moving into a new home”.

“The changes in February were significant and are easing the pressure on low-income renters,” she said.

“South Australians are eligible for help through the program if they are moving into privately rented accommodation, residential parks, boarding houses and shelters or community housing.”

Other changes making renting more affordable for South Australians include: increasing the rent threshold for a six-week bond from \$250 a week to \$800, banning rent bidding and improving how renter information is collated and stored.

For more information, visit: [www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing/renting-and-letting/help-paying-bond-and-rent](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing/renting-and-letting/help-paying-bond-and-rent)

“With rental vacancy rates at historic lows, we knew we had to do more to help renters access the homes that are available...”

- Nat Cook  
Minister for Human Services



The annual True Grit challenge at Caudo Vineyard at Cadell attracts all types of participants including elite athletes and people keen to improve their fitness. PHOTO: supplied

## Cadell circuit ideal for endurance test

ABOUT 2500 participants took part in the annual True Grit challenge at Caudo Vineyard at Cadell recently.

The military style obstacle event also attracted 500 spectators.

True Grit Events director Tom Gilmartin said about 60 people were part of the elite wave division competing for the best times and for prizes.

The winner of the men’s elite championship was Dylan

Pardy and Emily Steven won the women’s title.

Mr Gilmartin said this year’s course was challenging for participants.

“We mixed it up from previous years,” he said.

Mr Gilmartin said the event also attracted participants who were semi-professional athletes, people keen to improve their fitness and those recovering from an injury.

Parts of the obstacle course

affected by the flood in December and January had to be replaced.

Mr Gilmartin said the damage to the circuit was minimal.

“The flood didn’t affect it that much,” he said.

“One area was more muddy, but people love the mud,” he said.

Mr Gilmartin said Cadell was an ideal location for the event.

“We will definitely be back again next year,” he said.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

# the quiz



1. What’s either a genre of film or the French word for black?  
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2. What is said when a game of chess is won?  
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3. What is the largest city in the world that starts with the letter “N”  
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4. Who starred alongside Jim Carrey in the movie “Dumb & Dumber”?  
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5. Which country uses the country code DE?  
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6. Who performed the song “Livin’ on a Prayer”?  
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7. Who wrote “The Grapes of Wrath”?  
.....

8. Suzy and the Red Stripes was a pseudonym used by which English band for the release of the 1977 single ‘Seaside Woman’?  
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9. What is the name for a distinct point in the hairline, that occurs in the centre of the forehead?  
.....
10. What company makes the Passat, Golf, and Touareg?  
.....
11. Who is Prince William’s brother?  
.....
12. What Olympic event combines shooting and skiing?  
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13. In what present-day country was Joseph Stalin born?  
.....
14. “The Girl From Ipanema” was written about a girl in which city?  
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15. Fill in the blank: “It’s a small world \_\_\_\_ \_”  
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16. Who painted “Starry Night”?  
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17. Which country’s flag features a maple leaf?  
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18. What is the largest land animal native to North America?  
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19. Who was the lead actress in the movie “The Bodyguard”?  
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20. .CO is the Internet code for which country?  
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**BONUS QUESTION:**

In what year of the 19th century was the Adelaide newspaper The Advertiser first published? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

**Answers on page 33**

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TOM TRIFONOFF

# Popular entertainer Sandie Dodd coming to Waikerie this weekend

COMING up Saturday night is the latest Music On The Deck event, with popular festival and event artists **Sandie Dodd** and **The Chasers** to entertain.

The Waikerie Bowling Club is the venue for the event, starting at 7pm, with the entrance off Sichler Street, Waikerie.

To purchase tickets for this great show on Saturday, phone Susan on 0417 854 972.

Susan told me they particularly like to support our nation's independent artists, especially after the trying times they have had through the pandemic.

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**Casey Barnes** was announced as winner of the Most Performed Country Work award at the 2023 APRA Music Awards night, held on April 27.

*God Took His Time On You*, the song that won it, was one that Casey co-wrote with **Kaci Brown** and **Samuel Gray**.

This followed his golden wins announced at Tamworth in January, when he took out Top Selling Album of the Year and Album of the Year Golden Guitars.

*We Deserve To Dream* won **Xavier Rudd** the Most Performed Blues & Roots Work award.

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The 40th celebrations of the Port Pirie Country Music Festival will take place at Port Pirie, between October 5 and 8.

As with numerous festivals the name has changed over the years, but it has kept the same time slot.

Artists mentioned at this stage are **Peter Coad & The Coad Sisters**, **Runaway Dixie**, **Cactus Martens**, **Huey Oxford**, **Donna Elson**, **Dwayne Elix**, **Lance Birrell**, **Dianne Lindsay**, **Peter Simpson**, **Owen Blundell**, **Michelle Little**, **Wayne Horsburgh**, **Bec Hance**, **Dean Perrett**, **Allan Gum**, and **Detour**.

All concerts and events need to be pre-booked, so phone Maureen on 0428 344 224 for more information.

Bill and I attended at least one of these festivals many years ago and enjoyed entertainment by some top acts including – from memory **Auriel Andrews**, **Aubrey & Martin**, **Deniese Morrison**, **The Stephen Bunz Band**, **Wayne Horsburgh**, **Detour**, **Gus Williams Band** and **Country Roundup Band** to name a few.

It is good to see Cactus, Huey, Lance, Wayne, Dwayne, and Detour all performing at this year's special event, as some have made it their annual pilgrimage since the festival began.

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Last year **Lynchburg** launched their *I Love This Rodeo* album. I only got to the



By **ROBYN MCINTOSH**

MY KIND OF COUNTRY

fourth track and took it out of the player, as the singer did my pet hate by joining the 'but' and 'you' together, making it sound like 'choo'. Yuk.

I am the same with any singer who does this, as I know you don't need to do it. Adapt the words if you can't sing it properly.

After having not had it on the player until a week ago I listened right though, but put it on silent for track four, and have listened to all the other tracks four times since then. It is a good album.

**Lynchburg** is a duo comprising of **Lindsay Waddington** and **Allan Caswell**, with a re-make of Allan's most popular song, *On The Inside*, being one of my favourites. Waddo is a genius with what he produces at Kross Kut Records.

The title track, *He Liked Horses More Than People, That's Your Life, Wouldn't Change You If I Could, Everything He Needs, Stronger All The Time*, and the instrumental track *La Chica Bella*, are my other favourites on here, and *I Don't Drink Anymore* is also well written.

**Allan Caswell's** contribution is leading vocals, harmony vocals, and acoustic guitar. He wrote *On The Inside*, and is a co-writer with **Waddo** on all other tracks, other than the instrumental.

A multi-instrumentalist, **Waddo** played electric, acoustic, nylon, and Baritone guitars, bass, banjo, mandolin, lap steel, dobro, drums and percussion, lead vocals on *He Likes Horses More Than People*, and *I Don't Drink Anymore*.

Other musicians joining **Waddo** for this project are **Brendan Radford** (electric and acoustic guitars, harmonica), **Hugh Curtis** (fiddle, viola, mandolin), **Lawrie Minson** (harmonica, pedal steel, accordion), **Glenn Thomas** (piano, organ, trumpet, sax, flugelhorn), **Michel Rose** (pedal steel), **Gus Fenwick** (upright bass) and **Jen Mize** (backing vocals).

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Whoops. I was incorrect in the spelling of the name of a female entertainer in the line-up for the Mildura Wentworth Music Festival in my last column.

I've caught up with **Nev & Toni** quite a few times over the years, but she'll have "my guts for garters" when I tell her I had spelt the duo as **Nev & Tony**.

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This whole column was going to comprise of flashback photos but somehow I wrote too much, maybe in the future the oldies will come out of hiding.



University of Adelaide scientist Dr Georgina Sylvia with Dazzling DNA workshop participants **Fred** (left), **Pabkirat**, **Eleanor** and **Jack** at the Waikerie Library during the recent school holidays. PHOTOS: supplied

## Learning in Riverland children's DNA

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

ABOUT 90 children throughout Waikerie, Loxton and Renmark were given the opportunity to learn about DNA and its composition in strawberries at workshops at their local libraries recently.

The workshops, run by University of Adelaide scientist Dr Georgina Sylvia, were part of the Children's University Australasia program.

Dr Sylvia said the children initially learnt what genes and DNA were and where inside a cell they could be found.

She said they then conducted experiments to extract DNA from strawberries.

The procedure involved the children squishing chopped up strawberries inside a plastic bag.

"We tried to manually break apart the structured fibres of the strawberries into



Taking part in a Dazzling DNA workshop at the Loxton Library recently were **Lynley Seaman** and her daughters **Reagan**, **Chloe** and **Delaney**.

a moosh," Dr Sylvia said.

"We then add a solution of salt and detergent.

"The detergent breaks apart the cells of the fruit and the salt helps separate proteins away from the DNA."

Dr Sylvia said the workshop participants then filtered this mixture through a stocking.

"This enabled them to remove all the fibrous bits and extract the mooshy, salty strawberry juice into a cup," she said.

Dr Sylvia then added a diluted ethanol solution to

extract the DNA from the juice.

"You start to see these fine white goopy hairs at first, which become thicker and thicker," she said.

"The children can then use popsicle sticks to pick up the white DNA mix."

Dr Sylvia said using strawberries was "a perfect way," for children to extract and learn about DNA.

"Getting that hands-on experience enables them to learn and retain information," she said.



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Juggle House Experiences owner-operator Kelly Kuhn (left), and Big Bend by Night co-owner Mardi LeBrun, and her children Sebastian and Zara, promoted Swan Reach to the nation on Channel 9. PHOTOS: supplied



About 40 people enjoyed a free breakfast while watching Mia Glover from the Today show broadcast from the banks of the River Murray in Swan Reach recently.

# Swan Reach into the Today show limelight

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Mid Murray town of Swan Reach has been gaining some valuable exposure after the River Murray flood, with an influx of media broadcasting from the area recently.

Nine News senior reporter Mia Glover from the Today show broadcast the weather from the banks of the River Murray in front of the Swan Reach Hotel recently.

The live telecast was an initiative of the South Australian Tourism Commission.

Swan Reach Hotel owner and manager Craig Fromm said Ms Glover and her crew also toured the area the day before.

He said their experiences included a houseboat ride the afternoon before and interviews with Juggle House Experiences owner-operator Kelly Kuhn and River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve committee spokesperson Chris Tugwell.

Mr Fromm said Ms Glover also showcased Swan Reach tourism business Big Bend by Night and spoke to its co-owner Mardi LeBrun.

Mr Fromm provided a free breakfast to encourage the community to get out of bed and support the national breakfast show broadcast.

He said about 40 people came out to support the event.

“No one made it for the first cross at 5.20am, but they all got there for the last few crosses at 6.30am and 7am,” Mr Fromm said.

Mr Fromm said other media outlets have also been keen to visit and hear about Swan Reach due to the flood.

“Everyone wanted to come and see what was going on,” he said.

“I don’t know how many radio stations I did chats with and then the news crews kept on following and then South Aussie with Cosi.”

Mr Fromm said Swan Reach had also become a hive of activity following the flood, with accommodation at the hotel highly sought after by contractors involved in the clean-up.



Long-time Renmark residents Clacker John (left), Max Burr and Ian Tolley gathered to share their memories of the 1956 flood recovery effort at an RIT history event last week.

PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

# Memories of '56 shared at library

RENMARK residents had the chance to hear direct memories of the town’s biggest-ever flood at a recent history event.

Approximately 70 people attended the Renmark Irrigation Trust’s (RIT) Rebuilding of Renmark after the 1956 flood event, held last Wednesday at the Renmark Paringa Public Library.

The event – held as part of South Australia’s History Festival – featured local panellists Max Burr, Clacker John and Ian Tolley discussing their memories of how the flood event impacted Renmark, and how the recovery effort was undertaken.

The event was chaired by RIT legal and project manager, and current Renmark Paringa councillor, James John.

DID you watch the world event of the coronation of King Charles III? As we all know, some of us may never see other one. For the musicians, especially the young children in the choirs, I was thinking how exciting for them. The pageantry was amazing and, to those Australians who were invited, how memorable it would be for them. Australians will be waiting now to see if he will visit our country.

Communities all over the state welcome the month of May to support the Cancer Council fundraising project, the Biggest Morning Tea. Locally, our Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group and the Rotary Club of Waikerie welcome you to the Waikerie Bowling Club from 10 to 11.30am on Wednesday, May 24. Cost will be \$15 per person to assist with catering. Please reserve your booking with Virginia Hillier, Colleen Andrew or Anita Cairns at the Warrawee office (8541 3655). The Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group’s motto is “to provide a supportive, caring environment for those people with cancer and their relatives and friends”.

Although there was a slight concern at the predicted weather for the weekend, all was well with the four-day Riverland Rock

‘n’ Roll Festival at Waikerie, as we welcomed the many visitors who return each year to this popular and well-programmed event, which again included the Show ‘n’ Shine spectacular with hot rods, vintage cars, limousines and bikes on show, and excellent prizes for attending the event. The Rotary Club of Waikerie Markets stallholders were kept busy with customers, especially the tasty food and the coffee van. It was relaxing to sit with friends and watch the talented dancing groups in their colourful outfits and, as a friend said to me, we look forward to seeing them again next year.

A very special event coming to the Chaffey Theatre soon will be the talented Mark Vincent paying tribute to operatic icons Mario Lanza and the Three Tenors – Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras. As a young child, Mark Vincent was inspired by the Three Tenors and followed his dream to sing and entertain others. Book your tickets now at the Chaffey Theatre for this event.

Julie Stapleton (née Crabb), formerly of Waikerie, has advised that the Waikerie reunion for this year will be held at the Wellington Hotel in Wellington Square, North Adelaide, from 12 noon on Monday,

## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN WEBBER



gwenwebber21@gmail.com

June 5. This is an opportunity to have a social get-together at lunch with former residents, family and friends who have left Waikerie over the years. I am prepared to take confirmations of attendance, which will help for the catering, and if there were enough we could arrange a coach or pool private cars for transport. This special event began 74 years ago, and if you haven’t yet been to one, why not this year? Please contact me (0408 609 304) by May 27 if you are interested in attending, as it’s only three weeks away.

Thanks to those friends from the Riverland who have commented on the Adelaide Football Club window display in Barwell Avenue, Barmera. It will be on display for several weeks yet so, if you haven’t seen it, pop down to Barmera and check it out. Talking about Adelaide Crows and a little bit of history, Mark

Ricciuto played his first game in the AFL for the Adelaide Football Club 30 years ago on Friday, April 30, 1993, in round 6 against Hawthorn at the then home of the Crows at Football Park. We congratulate Mark for his success for the Adelaide Football Club and his career with them, and we give thanks for the passion he has for our Riverland region and his home town Waikerie.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Joyleen Paschke upon her recent passing. Joyleen will be sadly missed by many.

This Sunday is Mother’s Day. We give thanks to the love and care our mothers have given to us. For some it will be the first time being a mother – how exciting for you. For some families it may be the first time that your mother is not with you, but you will have special memories that are yours.

Thought for the week: Most of the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

– Kate Douglas Wiggin

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## RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUST

### ANNUAL SHUTDOWN OF PUMPING

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**9pm on Sunday 14 May 2023**

Water supply will be restored by approximately:

**11.59pm on Friday 19 May 2023**

The annual shutdown enables planned preventative maintenance and other works to be completed which cannot be carried out while normal pumping is in progress.

Domestic and industrial water users should maintain storage capable of holding up to 7 days water supply at all times.

R Auricht, Chief Executive Officer



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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### Waikerie RAA Electric Vehicle Charge Station

Pursuant to Local Government Act 1999

Waikerie has been identified by RAA as the preferred location within the region to install one of 17 Tier 1 Ultra Rapid Electric vehicle (EV) charge stations across South Australia.

The proposed site is the Waikerie Civic Centre (adjacent Strangman Road), with benefits including its close proximity to public amenities and phase 3 power supply.

RAA wish to proceed with a lease term of 10 years + 5 years + 5 years and Council is inviting the community's feedback prior to making a decision. Further information, along with a proposed site map, can be accessed on Council's website, [lwdc.sa.gov.au](http://lwdc.sa.gov.au), under 'Notice Board – Public Notices'.

**Public Consultation will take place between Wednesday 10 May and Wednesday 31 May 2023.**

Submissions from the community are encouraged

- by email at [council@lwdc.gov.au](mailto:council@lwdc.gov.au), or
- by post to PO Box 409, Loxton SA 5333, or
- in person, in writing, at the Council's offices at 35 Bookpurnong Road, Loxton or Strangman Road, Waikerie.

If you wish to present your submission to the Council in person or by advocate, please indicate that in your submission.

**Written submissions will be accepted until 5.00 pm on Wednesday 31 May 2023.**

For further information please contact Greg Perry, Director Infrastructure Services on 8584 8000.

**David Beaton**

Chief Executive Officer



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Strategic Growth & Economic Activation Committee

Nominations are sought for four (4) appropriately experienced and interested community members to sit on the Strategic Growth & Economic Activation Committee. The term of these appointments will be for a two (2) year period, commencing in July 2023 and expiring on July 2025.

The key objective of the Committee will be to foster and promote investment, attraction and the sustainable growth of the Mid Murray Council area.

Appointment criteria includes, but is not limited to, extensive knowledge or interest in:

- Strategic Council projects,
- Activation of Council assets;
- Strategic planning;
- Land use and open space planning; and
- Disability access and inclusion.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee is available on the Council website at [https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/1300763/Terms-of-Reference-Strategic-Growth-and-Economic-Activation-Committee-Final.pdf](https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1300763/Terms-of-Reference-Strategic-Growth-and-Economic-Activation-Committee-Final.pdf)

Nominations in writing, addressing the criteria and outlining reasons for applying, are to be addressed to Mr Jake McVicar, Director – Development & Community Services, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238 or email [postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au).

**Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 2 June 2023.**

**Enquiries contact: Melissa Marschall on 8569 0100**

Ben Scales

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



**Renmark Paringa Council**

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK CELEBRATION

All volunteers who either reside or volunteer in the Renmark Paringa Council area are invited to celebrate National Volunteer Week with Mayor Hunter and Elected Members. Morning tea will be served, followed by the volunteer recognition presentation.

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**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week):** It is not illegal to drive barefoot in any American state.



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**CENTRAL IRRIGATION TRUST**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBERS/DIRECTORS**

The Presiding Members of the Cadell, Golden Heights, Lyrup, Sunlands and Waikerie Irrigation Trusts representing those Trusts as Directors on the CIT Board will retire through effluxion of time at the Annual General Meeting on 1 September 2023.


Retiring Presiding Members/Directors, Jock Gordon of Cadell, Kent Andrew of Golden Heights, John Stone of Lyrup, Peter Walker of Sunlands and Phillip Kroehn of Waikerie have made themselves available for re-election for a further term of 3 years.

**Any further nominations from other candidates need to be received by the Trust's Returning Officer, CIT Auditor Matthew King, William Buck, Chartered Accountants, GPO Box 11050, ADELAIDE SA 5001 by 4.00 pm on Friday 16 June 2023. If there is more than one candidate a ballot will be necessary.**

Intending candidates must be voting members of the Irrigation Trust they wish to represent and their nomination must be moved and seconded by voting members of that Trust. Official Nomination Forms and information on the accompanying documents required for nomination can be obtained from Nathan Wishart, Chief Financial Officer, Central Irrigation Trust, Barmera Telephone 8580 7100.

If a ballot is required, the Returning Officer will advise all members of that Trust two weeks prior about arrangements for conducting the ballot by members.

**Matthew King  
Returning Officer**



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We are seeking an enthusiastic individual to join our dedicated infrastructure team in the fields of construction and maintenance. We are a multi skilled workforce providing opportunities in a rewarding and progressive environment through the support and development of our people.

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You will bring your experience to this varied hands-on role. An excellent work ethic, HR licence and experience in operating heavy plant and a range of machinery and equipment are essential. You will need to enjoy working outdoors, have logical and practical capabilities with initiative and desire to take pride in your work. Working hours are a 9-day fortnight.

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Enquiries to: Manager Infrastructure and Operations, Mr David Pluckhahn  
Ph: 08 8582 1922

**Applications close 12.00 noon on Monday 22 May 2023.**

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Due to fantastic support from the Riverland community we now have a vacancy for another fully qualified Automotive Technician at our Renmark site.

To apply for this position, candidates must have a current drivers licence and be a fully qualified Automotive Technician or Automotive Electrician with a minimum of 5 years experience in the automotive industry with proficiency in tyre fitting and wheel alignments.

Applicants will need to communicate their understanding of exceptional customer service, time management, attention to detail and their ability to work under pressure.

The successful applicant will be required to work closely with the senior technician to ensure complete customer satisfaction.

This position is permanent full time at 38 hours per week and will be subject to a 3 month trial period.

Remuneration will be negotiated based on proven experience and ability.

To apply, please e-mail cover letter and resume with contactable referees to [mark@mitechauto.com.au](mailto:mark@mitechauto.com.au) or post to Automotive Technician, Po Box 520, Berri South Australia 5343.

Applications close on Friday 2nd June 2023

For more information phone 08) 7552 5100

FARM MANAGER

The Lucas Group has partnered with Murray View Irrigation in their search for a Farm Manager to assume responsibility for all operations across their 130-ha horticultural property.

As Farm Manager, you will be responsible for the entire production process for the irrigated crops (grapes, avocados, and citrus), including, pruning vineyards and orchards, administering fertilisers, and harvesting.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop & manage the pruning, irrigation, harvesting & pest/disease management programs.
- Record all activities associated with fertiliser administration, plant & equipment maintenance & harvest activities.
- Develop budgets & goals for production outcomes in conjunction with the Company Secretary.
- Conduct regular meetings with all 8 full-time employees and seasonal contractors.
- Develop policies and procedures and monitor compliance with WHS standards.

To be successful in this position, you will have previous experience working with irrigated horticulture crops. Ideally, you will have management experience and be able to lead a team in achieving high production results.

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FINANCE ASSISTANT

Riverland, South Australia

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The business is in an exciting period of growth and we are looking to appoint a Finance Assistant at our primary processing facility in Lyrup, SA.

The successful candidate will ideally be looking to establish themselves in the finance team of a regionally based company with a keen interest to work in a fast paced, dynamic organisation. This role would suit a broad range of candidates with an interest in accounting, including recent graduates or someone looking to further develop their accounting career.

In this role, you will be responsible for:

- Daily production review and analysis,
- Data analysis and reconciliation,
- Liaising with production and management on production performance,
- Assisting with analysing and reporting on operational and financial performance,
- Providing feedback and reports to management.

To be successful in this role you will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, the ability to work independently and as a team member, a high level of attention to detail and have a systematic approach to work. You will need to demonstrate a strong analytic mindset and enjoy analysing and solving problems.

This role is a full-time permanent position Monday to Friday.

Applications close Monday, 22 May 2023.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to [jobs@almondco.com.au](mailto:jobs@almondco.com.au).

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Water Treatment Operator

About the role

Are you looking for a new chapter in your story? Do you have a technical mindset? Then we want to hear from you. We will supply you with all the skills and training needed to succeed. This role supports the Operations, Production and Treatment Team in the day plant operations and ensuring the water quality guidelines are achieved. You will be given the opportunity to apply and learn a diverse range of skills to build a successful career in the Water Industry. You will be supplied with a vehicle and operate a variety of plants across the Riverland and Morgan regions.

Along with this you will also be responsible for the following:

- Ensure safe efficient and effective operation of the water treatment plants.
- General plant maintenance (repair/service/calibration of plant equipment).
- Conduct daily operations in accordance with documented quality assured system procedures.
- Input into development/improvement of quality system procedures.
- Collaborate effectively to ensure team goals are achieved.

About the Person

To be considered for this role you will need to be a team player, have the ability to work under limited direction, and demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.

Key requirements of the role include:

- Ability to work under limited direction
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Be a team player and have a positive attitude
- Have high attention to detail
- Strong computer skills including Microsoft Office

Close Date: 5pm 19th May

Applications to: [paul.roberts@sawater.com.au](mailto:paul.roberts@sawater.com.au)

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- Strong literacy & computer literacy skills
- Honest, accountable & able to work within a diverse team
- Proven experience in managing business phone systems
- Familiar in stock control, database & spreadsheet use
- South Australian Drivers Licence & good driving history

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- Familiar with social media & or digital marketing platform(s)
- Experience with bookkeeping or accounting software
- Experience with customer relation management software
- Demonstrate touch type competency

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Remuneration is hourly paid in accordance with the relevant award, commencing at level one, \$28.73 plus any award entitlements, casually engaged. The role encompasses varied services i.e., point to point transport, school bus & minibus transport, guided & non-guided tours, corporate transfers, airport & airfield transfer, as well as professional passenger transport for special events. Chauffeur plated, Limousine, specialty vehicle & bus classes of vehicle will be driven.

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- Excellent communication & problem-solving skills
- Honest, accountable & able to work in a diverse team
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DEATHS

**BARNETT, June** Ellanora.  
Passed away peacefully on Friday, April 28, 2023 at Riverview Lutheran Rest Home.  
Aged 86 years.  
Now with her dearly beloved husband, John (deceased).  
Dearly loved mother of Linda, James, Bronwyn, Steven (deceased), and Wendy.  
Cherished nanna of Brett, Kelly, and Callum.  
Great-nanna of Jade, Corey, and Jayden.  
Adored great-nanna 'Super-Nan' of Isabella.  
A kind and gentle, loving soul.  
Loved and missed by many.  
Rest in peace.  
**DOLAN, Frederick** Matthew 'Jack'.  
Passed away May 2, 2023.  
His funeral service was held yesterday.  
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**FRENCH, Rosemary** Louise (nee Huxtable).  
Dear sister of Judith, Roger, Dennis (deceased), Suzanne, and Lynette.  
Aunt of 19 nieces and nephews.  
Passed away May 21, 2023.  
Aged 81 years.  
At peace.  
Private funeral.

DEATHS

**WATSON, 'Eddie'** Edward James.  
Eddie passed away peacefully on May 6, 2023, at the age he wished to attain 88.  
No more pain my darling, those big hands are now at rest.  
So dearly loved and loving husband of Rhonda (Sheill) for 65 years.  
Father of Robyn and Brian, poppa of Renee and Ellie, Simon and Brooke.  
Dearly loved dad/poppa and best friend to Denise and Tanaye.  
Dearly loved dad of Andrea, friend of Duncan.  
Dearly loved poppa of Rhys and Kirsten, Bodelle and Travis, and Tahlia.  
Special grandpoppa of Jaggar, Slone and Hudson Edward, Archie, Arlo and a little one Poppa won't meet.  
Best friend to his little "lady bird".  
Friend and mentor to many, Eddie asked for very little in life other than to be loved by his family and friends.  
So loved and never forgotten.  
If love could have saved you, You would have lived forever.  
Donations in Eddie's memory can be made to the Leukaemia Foundation or SA Heart Care.  
As to Eddies wishes, a celebration of his life will be held at the "Saily" Sailmaster in North Haven, where he enjoyed a beer and chicken wings, on Sunday, May 21 at 2pm. If attending, please wear blue.

FUNERALS

**WATSON, 'Eddie'** Edward James.  
The relatives and friends of the late Mrs June Barnett are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 1pm.

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Carlene, Peter, and family sincerely thank the police, emergency services and Riverview Lutheran Rest Home staff for their support in Peter's rescue.  
**RETURN THANKS**  
**GILLESPIE, Chrissy.**  
I would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone that has reached out in some way, following the loss of my dearest wife, Chrissy.  
Special thanks to the Berri emergency department and the Riverland Regional and Flinders hospitals and all their chemotherapy team, doctors and nurses.  
Much gratitude to the Barmera Medical Clinic and Barmera hospital, doctors, nurses and staff for all their support and care of Chrissy over the years.  
Also, thank you to the Riverland Ambulance Services and the Royal Flying Doctors, and appreciation to Sharyn and the Riverland Funerals team.  
Heartfelt thanks to all our family and friends. Special mention to Chrissy's best friends from the Cobby Club; Bev, Henry, Emma and Carmen.  
Thank you everyone for your love and kindness.  
Thanks a lot.  
Ian 'Doc' Gillespie.

RETURN THANKS

**DALZELL, Brian** Nicholson.  
Bev, Genevieve, Annabel, Mary-Lou, John, Daniel, and their families sincerely thank everyone who extended such warmth, kindness and sympathy on the passing of our dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Brian Dalzell.  
Thank you to everyone for the beautiful cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls, personal messages, text messages and messages left on Facebook. The overwhelming level of support we received was truly appreciated.  
We would also like to thank those who attended Brian's funeral to help us celebrate his life.  
Funerals were very important to Brian and he would have appreciated you all attending, as did his family.  
Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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## WORK WANTED

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**WHEELCHAIR** and walker, both with brakes, near new condition, little use. Can deliver. \$420 the lot. Phone 0438253986.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE



**BIGGEST** morning tea - the Renmark Garden Club and the Chaffey Rose Club are holding a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, May 25 from 10am to 12noon at the Hotel Renmark function room. Guest speaker will be Rebecca Semmens, breast-care nurse. Tickets \$10. Phone Jill 0415387943. RSVP by Thursday, May 18.

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## GARAGE SALE

**BERRI** - 12 Jury Road. Friday, May 12, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th, 8am - 2pm daily. 4-burner BBQ, bar fridge, lots of books, plants, ferns, tools, rims, tyres, lawnmower, household items. Something for everyone. No early birds thanks.

## look

**KINGSTON-ON-MURRAY** 17 Harrington Road. Saturday, May 13, 8am - 1pm. Something for everyone.

**LOXTON** - 45 Colin Street. Saturday, May 13, 8am - 2pm. Furniture, 2 x BBQs, garden seats, tyres plus lots more.

**LOXTON** North - 249 Edwards Road. Open Friday, May 12, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th, 10am - 4pm. Plants. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. 20% off all shadehouse and indoor plants. Range of ferns, cyclamen, syngonium, calathea, epipremnum, maranta and more. Make Mother's Day a great one. Phone 85841205.

**RENMARK** West - 418 Government Road. All weekend from 8am. Also pop-up shop, whose prices are new prices. Shop is permanent, send DM to Facebook ad for shop from Monday.



**PRIVATE** disability support worker looking to support clients with a disability to assist in achieving their daily/life goals. Happy to travel to all Riverland towns. All certification including NDIS checks and ABN. Please contact Dylan Blackley 0438462379 to find out more information.

## MOTOR VEHICLE

**FORD** Fairlane, AU Ghia, 2001. 6-cylinder auto, Tickford red motor, new tyres, gold in colour, good condition. 3-months registration. 360,000kms. Registration XTY313. \$4800. Phone 0438253986.

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## Riverland

# CHURCH

## NOTICES

## Catholic Church Mass Times

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

### WEEKS 1, 3 & 5

**Saturday** Morgan 6pm  
Renmark 6.30pm  
**Sunday** Berri 9am  
Loxton 11am  
Waikerie 11am  
Barmera 6pm

### WEEKS 2 & 4

**Saturday** Waikerie 6pm  
Berri 6.30pm  
**Sunday** Renmark 9am  
Morgan 9am  
Barmera 11am  
Loxton 6pm

## UNITING CHURCH BERRI / BARMERA

**Sunday, May 14**  
Sundays at 10am  
Berri, Denny Street  
Barmera, Nookamka Tce  
[berribarmerauca.org.au](http://berribarmerauca.org.au)



### LOXTON

**Sunday, May 14**  
10am  
Rev Linda Forsyth  
**Contact**  
Rev Linda Forsyth  
0401 815 488

### RENMARK

**Sunday, May 14**  
8.30am  
Renmark West  
10am  
Renmark Avenue  
Audrey Atkinson  
Phone 0401 815 488



**Sunday, May 14**  
10am  
Loxton Senior Citizen Hall  
25 Tobruk Terrace  
Ps Red Elliott  
0439 507 096  
Ps Sheryl Giles  
0423 884 002



**Anglican Church Riverland**

**Sunday, May 14**

**9am - Barmera St Edmunds**  
**9am - Renmark St Augustine's**  
**9am - Loxton The Resurrection**  
**11am - Waikerie St James**

**Contact:**  
**Fr. David Patterson**  
**8586 3288**

**Lutheran Church of Australia**

**BERRI | BARMERA**

**Sunday, May 14**  
Berri 9am  
Barmera 11am  
Pastor S Trautwein  
All Welcome  
Phone 0493021960

**RENMARK | PARINGA**

**Sunday, May 14**  
Renmark 9am HC  
Paringa 10.30am  
All Welcome  
Pastor Roland Adams  
Phone 0460 300 492

**WAIKERIE**

**Sunday, May 14**  
Lowbank 8.45am  
Ramco 8.45am  
Waikerie 10am  
All Welcome  
Phone 8541 2689

**Church of Christ BERRI**

1025 Old Sturt Highway

**Sunday, May 14**  
10am  
All Welcome  
Phone 0419 783 779  
[berrichurchofchrist.org.au](http://berrichurchofchrist.org.au)

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**

*Riverland*

19 Sunrise Court, Berri  
Bible Study 10-11am  
Worship every Saturday (Sabbath) Now 11.15am  
All Welcome  
Pastor Andy Krause  
Ph: 0418 617 582

## Volunteers Notice Board

### FREE SERVICE

### Looking for Volunteers?

The Murray Pioneer, can help.

Email or fax the name of your organisation, the type of volunteer needed and contact details to: [ads@murraypioneer.com.au](mailto:ads@murraypioneer.com.au)  
**Fax: 8586 4333**

and we will print your request

### Free of Charge!

**The Pines...** Loxton's Historic House and Gardens are looking for volunteer gardeners and tour guides to inform visitors of the amazing history of this beautiful house and gardens built in 1909. Training provided. Contact Helen 0421 601 903.

### 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!

### Riverland Red Cross...

are looking for volunteer drivers and we would love to hear from you. Please contact Narelle 1800 334 882 or search (Berri <https://volunteering.redcross.org.au>).

### Support Your Local...

Get involved and give back to your community by volunteering at Loxton Red Cross Shop. Call 1800 833 489 or email ([savolunteer@redcross.org.au](mailto:savolunteer@redcross.org.au)).

### Riverland Youth Theatre

is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the volunteer position of Secretary on the four-member executive of the RYT Board. They should have some experience in meeting organisation skills, corporate governance, administration and an understanding of the not-for-profit charitable sector regulatory frameworks and standards. If you have an interest in contributing to RYT's wonderful work, please email an expression of interest to [board@ryt.org.au](mailto:board@ryt.org.au) including your relevant qualifications and experience.

### Loxton Show Society

Conveners needed for the 2023 LOXTON show to be trained for this year's Show in October for the following sections: Vegetables, Floral Art, Amateur Winemaking & Brewing and Scarecrows. Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.



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Address applications detailing qualifications, work experience and referees to:

applications can be sent to [jessica.perrin@cmv.com.au](mailto:jessica.perrin@cmv.com.au)

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We are looking for an energetic self-motivated person to become part of our team. The successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills and be able to set and achieve performance goals.

Duties will include Supervision of staff, fault finding, diagnosis and maintenance of our fleet of Tractors, Vehicles, Orchard Equipment and Imported Harvest Equipment.

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Former teammates Ashleigh Haigh (left) and Paris Lawrie collided in the clash between Loxton North and Barmera in last week's round of Riverland A1 netball. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



# Netball's sole ladder leader

JUST one team remains undefeated in Riverland A1 netball after three rounds, with a top of the table clash headlining last Friday's fixtures.

Renmark welcomed Loxton to the Alan Coulter Recreation Centre for a clash of the titans, with both teams impressing in the early stages of the season.

Renmark went into the match off the back of an 11-point win over Barmera the week prior and carried that intensity into the first quarter of last week's clash.

However, the Tigers were able to match it and pull ahead by a slim margin at the first break, with Elise Foulds important early in mid-court.

Renmark was missing the star pairing of Shenae Rucioch and Kierra Schumann in the middle of the court and Loxton was able to take full advantage as the game went on.

The Tigers outscored the home side 17-7 in the second period to create a buffer going into the second half.

Reeni Blackley was working overtime in the Renmark mid-court but found it hard to link up with the Renmark goalies,

with Summer Smith and Leah Uren standing tall in Loxton's defensive third.

Both teams switched it up in the second half but Loxton was well on top, with Mackella Hogan and Aimee Holmes scoring 10 goals each in the third quarter to put the game out of reach for last year's grand finalist.

Sonja Modlinski and Denika Thorpe fought valiantly for Renmark, but it was not to be as Loxton ran out 24-point victors, giving Renmark its first loss of the year and keeping the Tigers' own undefeated streak alive.

Meanwhile, Berri moved into second spot on the A1 ladder with a clinical performance against Waikerie.

The Magpies have struggled in the early stages of the 2023 season but were able to match it with Berri across the first eight minutes of the contest.

The Demons then started to flex their muscle, utilising their superior strength and physicality against the young Waikerie side.

Amelia Morgan starred as Berri added to its 17-goal half time lead to run out 30-goal victors, with Megan Milburn the driving force behind a



Loxton North centre Brooke Pietrolaj was named best in the reigning premier's win over Barmera last Friday.

number of Demon forays forward.

Loxton North also picked up a win, with the reigning premier now level on points with Renmark and Berri heading into round four.

The Panthers took care of a young Barmera side, with both teams playing a chaotic first half before settling into the action in the third quarter.

Ashleigh Haigh was in great touch for the Lakesiders in what was becoming a gripping contest with her former Barmera teammate Paris Lawrie.

Barmera outscored North in the second and third quarters, but the height and composure of the Panther mid-court eventually won out, with the 2022 champions finishing the match with a head of steam.

Brooke Pietrolaj was named best for Loxton North in the seven-goal win, providing plenty of service to North's goalies from the centre position.

Both sides showed great sportsmanship, with players on each team donning grey ribbons for the Brave for Dave cause to raise brain cancer awareness.



The inaugural round of the MVFNL A grade netball competition took place last Saturday, with Brown's Well, Sedan-Cambrai and Wunkar running out victorious. PHOTO: Lesley Wisneske

## RNA A1 RESULTS

LOXTON	V	RENMARK
LOXTON	14	31
RENMARK	11	18
		51
		61
BEST: Loxton - S. Smith, A. Holmes. Renmark - S. Modlinski, D. Thorpe.		

BERRI	V	WAIKERIE
BERRI	15	25
WAIKERIE	6	8
		38
		16
		51
BEST: Berri - A. Morgan, M. Milburn. Waikerie - A. Leuders, S. Glacken.		

LOXTON NORTH	V	BARMERA
LOXTON NORTH	17	28
BARMERA	10	22
		41
		37
		54
		47
BEST: Loxton North - B. Pietrolaj, E. Jacobs. Barmera - A. Haigh, K. Tsorotiotis.		

**A2**  
**Loxton 45 d Renmark 43.**  
BEST: Loxton - A. Pannell, M. Pannell.  
Renmark - T. Moldovan, B. Kafexholli.

**Barmera 59 d Loxton North 45.**  
BEST: Barmera - H. Hodgson, A. Koumbarakos. Loxton North - A. Biggins, M. Athanasopoulos.

**Waikerie 39 d Berri 36.**  
BEST: Waikerie - T. Gore, R. Sparrow.  
Berri - A. Fenwick.

**B1**  
**Cobdogla 29 d Renmark 24.**  
BEST: Cobdogla - A. Swanbury, A. Morrell. Renmark - G. Thompson, E. Hancock.

**Barmera 56 d Loxton North 45.**  
BEST: Barmera - S. Walter, S. Albrecht. Loxton North - B. Charles, J. Whitelaw.

**Berri 40 d Waikerie 37.**  
BEST: Berri - M. Murphy, J. Ingerson.  
Waikerie - A. Wurst, T. Burns.

**B2**  
**Loxton 28 d Renmark 25.**  
BEST: Loxton - R. Schubert, R. Brown.  
Renmark - A. Hibberson, L. Dunne.

**Barmera 42 d Loxton North 25.**  
BEST: Barmera - G. Hauptman.  
Loxton North - I. Braddock.

**Berri 43 d Waikerie 25.**  
BEST: Berri - R. Szalbot, S. Rowson.  
Waikerie - K. Macey, A. Gill.

**C1**  
**Renmark White 36 d Renmark Blue 30.**  
BEST: Renmark White - T. Le Cornu, E. Hinge. Renmark Blue - R. Stoeckel.

**Barmera 40 d Loxton North 39.**  
BEST: Barmera - A. Lowe, T. Parrotta.  
Loxton North - J. Falland, A. Johnson.

**17A**  
**Renmark 44 d Loxton 29.**  
BEST: Renmark - P. Martinson, H. James. Loxton - I. Drake, J. Inglis.

**Barmera 68 d Loxton North 27.**  
BEST: Barmera - H. Hodgson, J. Kassulke. Loxton North - S. Drogemuller, P. Gibbs.

**17B**  
**Renmark White 49 d Loxton North 14.**  
BEST: Renmark White - S. Phan, A. Young. Loxton North - A. Arnold, C. Wooldridge.

**Barmera 56 d Renmark Blue 30.**  
BEST: Barmera - J. Priest, L. Mckenzie. Renmark Blue - Z. Steele, H. Teare.

**15A**  
**Loxton 27 d Renmark 15.**  
BEST: Loxton - B. Hahn, A. Pannell.  
Renmark - M. Baker, L. Webb.

**Barmera 48 d Loxton North 43.**  
BEST: Barmera - A. Gilgen, P. Steinert.  
Loxton North - H. Paull, S. Gibbs.

**15B**  
**Renmark Blue 38 d Renmark White 29.**

BEST: Renmark Blue - T. Pryor, A. Mcdonald. Renmark White - L. Schloithe, B. Shugg.

**Waikerie 84 d Berri 3.**  
BEST: Waikerie - A. Kafexholli, H. Arnold. Berri - K. Szabados, K. Goldspink.

**Loxton North 30 d Barmera 16.**  
BEST: Loxton North - H. Beames, E. Boucher. Barmera - H. Brattoli, I. Richter.

**13A**  
**Loxton 29 d Renmark 13.**  
BEST: Loxton - N. Uren, P. Montgomery. Renmark - J. Ormsby, A. Bentley.

**Loxton North 40 d Barmera 34.**  
BEST: Loxton North - T. Groth, L. Hutchinson. Barmera - B. Gilgen, S. Whitbourne.

**13B**  
**Loxton 25 d Renmark 16.**  
BEST: Loxton - M. Cozens, R. Lister-White. Renmark - E. Lang, N. Harris.

**Waikerie 25 d Berri 22.**  
BEST: Waikerie - E. Stevens, G. Zarnbalas. Berri - C. Muller, K. Harrington.

**13C**  
**Cobdogla 16 d Renmark 15.**  
BEST: Cobdogla - M. Ogle, Z. Sherrin.  
Renmark - M. Warren, P. Eory.

**Barmera 23 d Loxton 4.**  
BEST: Barmera - M. Passmore, G. Trigg. Loxton - E. Kaesler, O. Beer.

**11A**  
**Loxton 29 d Renmark 17.**  
BEST: Loxton - M. Schwarz-da Silva, I. Vowles. Renmark - C. Pearce, A. Tassios.

**Loxton North 32 d Barmera 3.**  
BEST: Loxton North - I. Miller, I. Williams. Barmera - E. Hughes, A. Chabrel.

**Waikerie 25 d Berri 9.**  
BEST: Waikerie - I. Venning, P. Zarnbalas. Berri - S. Heward, A. Sweet.

**11B**  
**Loxton 10 d Renmark 1.**  
BEST: Loxton - E. Hondow, E. Thiele.  
Renmark - P. Batchelor, H. Dillon.

**Berri 9 d Waikerie 4.**  
BEST: Berri - E. Seekamp, private player. Waikerie - C. Golding, A. Traeger.

**11C**  
**Loxton Black 11 d Renmark 5.**  
BEST: Loxton Black - A. Hansen, I. Walkington. Renmark - K. Khinda, L. Phillips.

**Loxton North 11 d Barmera 2.**  
BEST: Loxton North - M. Mangelsdorf, L. Paull. Barmera - I. Roberts, H. Wardle.

**Loxton Gold 8 d Berri 2.**  
BEST: Loxton Gold - E. Shirren, A. Ginnelly. Berri - K. Seekamp, M. Arnold.

## MURRAY VALLEY RESULTS

**A grade**  
**Sedan-Cambrai 44 d BSR 23.**  
**Brown's Well 49 d Murrayville 46.**  
**Wunkar 62 d Ramco 35.**

**B grade**  
**Sedan-Cambrai 76 d BSR 2.**  
**Brown's Well 47 d Murrayville 31.**  
**Wunkar 30 d Ramco 29.**

**RIVERLAND A GRADE**

LOXTON	V				RENMARK
					

<b>TIGERS</b>	3.6	6.6	9.7	11.8	<b>74</b>
<b>ROVERS</b>	0.0	2.2	4.3	6.6	<b>42</b>

**BEST:** Loxton - J. Will, W. Gutsche, C. Knapp, H. Campbell, C. Lange, R. Romeo. Renmark - J. Vater, D. Woolford, L. Lellmann, T. Woolford, J. Austin, M. Woolford.  
**GOALS:** Loxton - H. Campbell, N. Flight, R. Romeo 2, J. Evans, L. Evans, W. Gutsche, L. Harder, R. Liddle. Renmark - J. Vater, N. Zunic 2, D. Austin, J. Rowe.

BARMERA-MONASH	V				LOXTON NORTH
					

<b>ROOS</b>	1.2	2.2	3.4	7.8	<b>50</b>
<b>PANTHERS</b>	0.1	2.2	4.6	5.7	<b>37</b>

**BEST:** Barmera-Monash - S. Butterworth, D. Klingbiel, A. Lyon, A. Hodgson, J. Smith, J. Albrecht. Loxton North - S. Lewis, C. Voumard, Z. Wooldridge, J. Worsfold, M. Eckermann, A. Westley.  
**GOALS:** Barmera-Monash - A. Hodgson, D. Westley 2, J. Barker, R. Haigh, J. Smith. Loxton North - J. Koehne, Z. Wooldridge 2, S. Lewis.

WAIKERIE	V				BERRI
					

<b>MAGPIES</b>	4.4	6.4	9.7	11.7	<b>73</b>
<b>DEMONS</b>	0.1	2.2	4.4	5.9	<b>39</b>

**BEST:** Waikerie - T. Hocking, S. Chambers, J. Colbert, J. Burgemeister, J. Couch, K. Dixon. Berri - R. Moroney, K. Harkins, M. Foulds, B. Thompson, J. Jackson, E. Penaluna.  
**GOALS:** Waikerie - J. Bee 3, M. Hahn, R. Turner 2, J. Burgemeister, T. Hocking, N. Hyde, L. Nitschke. Berri - R. Moroney 2, K. Harkins, M. Mcrae, B. Thompson.

**MURRAY VALLEY**

SEDAN-CAMBRAI	V				BSR
					

<b>MAGPIES</b>	5.4	12.8	18.10	23.13	<b>151</b>
<b>REDBACKS</b>	0.0	0.1	3.3	3.4	<b>22</b>

**BEST:** Sedan-Cambrai - J. Grieger, C. Rodriguez-Jamez, D. Harding, C. Thompson, J. Schultz, R. Loffler. BSR - C. Horstmann, B. Webster, J. Mapstone, A. Sparks, J. Bingos, R. Grieger.  
**GOALS:** Sedan-Cambrai - J. Grieger, D. Harding 5, J. Grace, C. Thompson 3, S. Kain 2, J. Atze, J. Kain, J. Le Couteur, C. Rodriguez-James, J. Schulz. BSR - A. Sparks 2, B. Webster.

RAMCO	V				WUNKAR
					

<b>ROOSTERS</b>	3.3	5.4	6.7	6.11	<b>47</b>
<b>BULLDOGS</b>	0.1	1.3	3.5	4.7	<b>31</b>

**BEST:** Ramco - J. Parfitt, J. Andrewartha, A. Burckett, L. O'Donohue, Z. Knox, L. Ransley. Wunkar - K. Hewitt, H. Kelly, J. Wiseman, O. Winen, T. Gray, Z. Lawrence.  
**GOALS:** Ramco - A. Burckett, J. Parfitt 2, J. Andrewartha, N. Vischnich. Wunkar - S. Schulz 2, H. Kelly, R. Stasinowsky.

MURRAYVILLE	V				BROWN'S WELL
					

<b>BLUES</b>	0.1	5.2	6.3	10.5	<b>65</b>
<b>BOMBERS</b>	1.3	5.4	6.9	6.14	<b>50</b>

**BEST:** Murrayville - B. Edwards, C. Wisneske, N. Wright-Bramfit, C. Sporn, J. Durdin, L. St Clair. Brown's Well - B. Edmonds, B. Oxlade, B. Hampel, D. McNeil, L. Smith, J. Kelton.  
**GOALS:** Murrayville - N. Wright-Bramfitt 5, G. Franks 2, J. Durdin, B. Edwards, J. Glazbrook. Brown's Well - B. Victor 3, H. Chandler, B. Edmonds, D. McNeil.



**OTHER GRADES**

**B GRADE**

**Loxton 7.7 (49) d Renmark 5.5 (35).**

**BEST:** Loxton - J. Hoffmann, R. Smith, B. Stone, J. Campbell, J. Mann, M. Kirk. Renmark - M. Jenke, B. Henderson, D. Strongman, M. Smith, D. Johnson, R. Perry.  
**GOALS:** Loxton - M. Falting, J. Mann, L. Pontt 2, J. Campbell. Renmark - B. Henderson, M. Jenke, D. Johnson, R. Perry, M. Smith.

**Waikerie 9.6 (60) d Berri 6.2 (38).**

**BEST:** Berri - J. Hahn, M. Briggs, N. Andrew, H. Dearman, M. White, T. Brand. Berri - O. Hunyadi, D. Centofanti, Z. Joannou, M. Toogood, T. Dolling, A. Smith.  
**GOALS:** Waikerie - B. Venning 5, T. Lambe 2, J. Sutton, J. Thomson. Berri - Z. Joannou 4, T. McKenzie, J. Milburn.

**Barmera-Monash 10.12 (72) d Loxton North 3.11 (29).**

**BEST:** Barmera-Monash - J. Trudgian, D. Millard, A. Karpany, L. Hoare, J. Ricketts, B. Francis. Loxton North - K. Wilksch, R. Battams, J. Proud, B. Martin, S. Steer, M. Trezise.  
**GOALS:** Barmera-Monash - B. Francis, J. Trudgian, K. Voigt, D. Weetra 2, I. Richardson, J. Stemberger. Loxton North - B. Martin 3.

**UNDER 18**

**Renmark 12.11 (83) d Loxton 1.4 (10).**

**BEST:** Renmark - H. Papageorgios, A. Herrador, J. Sweetman, I. Morgan, T. Bonner, T. Johnson. Loxton - H. Westbrook, R. Rothe, S. Johnston, F. Pauer, J. Gum.  
**GOALS:** Renmark - A. Herrador 5, R. Curtis, A. Singh 2, I. Morgan, H. Papageorgios, T. White. Loxton - J. Hewitt.

**Waikerie 15.8 (98) d Berri 2.1 (13).**

**BEST:** Waikerie - B. Loffler, K. Hahn, R. Turner, H. Glacken, C. Daniels, B. Burgemeister. Berri - C. Hill, F. Vallelonga, T. Varbai-Heward, C. Robertson, C. Lloyd, B. Wenman.  
**GOALS:** Waikerie - R. Turner 6, C. Daniels, K. Hahn 3, B. Loffler 2, C. Shillabeer. Berri - M. Carter, C. Hill.

**Barmera-Monash 13.9 (87) d Loxton North 4.6 (30).**

**BEST:** Barmera-Monash - L. Marks, B. Bagguley, T. Ogle, C. Marks, S. Vanderwoude, L. Warnett. Loxton North - N. Paull, C. Godden, K. Fielke, L. Stephens, C. Petch, C. Ebert.  
**GOALS:** Barmera-Monash - C. Marks 5, L. Warnett 3, B. Bagguley, H. Westcott 2, C. Richter. Loxton North - C. Petch 2, C. Ebert, C. Kerr.



**\*ALL RESULTS MUST BE POSTED ONLINE BY MONDAY MORNING TO BE INCLUDED**

**LADDERS**

**RFL A GRADE**

<b>WAIKERIE</b>	0	0	232	172	<b>6</b>	57.4	
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	2	1	0	182	102	<b>4</b>	64.1
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	2	1	0	255	149	<b>4</b>	63.1
<b>LOXTON</b>	1	2	0	192	246	<b>2</b>	43.9
<b>BERRI</b>	0	3	0	90	242	<b>0</b>	27.1
<b>RENMARK</b>	1	2	0	170	210	<b>-2</b>	44.7

**MVFNL**

SEDAN-CAMBRAI	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
<b>1</b>	0	0	151	22	<b>4</b>	87.3	
<b>RAMCO</b>	1	0	0	47	31	<b>4</b>	60.3
<b>MURRAYVILLE</b>	1	0	0	65	50	<b>4</b>	56.5
<b>BROWN'S WELL</b>	0	1	0	50	65	<b>0</b>	71.8
<b>WUNKAR</b>	0	1	0	31	47	<b>0</b>	39.7
<b>BSR</b>	0	1	0	22	151	<b>0</b>	12.7
<b>PARINGA</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	00.0

B GRADE	W	L	F	A	P	%
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	3	0	187	109	<b>6</b>	63.1
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	2	1	162	128	<b>4</b>	55.8
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	2	1	166	150	<b>4</b>	52.5
<b>LOXTON</b>	1	2	139	133	<b>2</b>	51.1
<b>RENMARK</b>	1	2	121	161	<b>0</b>	42.9
<b>BERRI</b>	0	3	110	204	<b>0</b>	35.0

UNDER 18	W	L	F	A	P	%
<b>RENMARK</b>	3	0	179	80	<b>6</b>	69.1
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	2	1	225	173	<b>4</b>	75.5
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	2	1	207	81	<b>4</b>	71.8
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	2	1	145	142	<b>4</b>	61.5
<b>LOXTON</b>	0	3	52	232	<b>0</b>	18.3
<b>BERRI</b>	0	3	41	241	<b>0</b>	14.5

UNDER 15	W	L	F	A	P	%
<b>RENMARK</b>	3	0	270	24	<b>6</b>	91.8
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	2	1	286	78	<b>4</b>	78.5
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	2	1	225	96	<b>4</b>	70.0
<b>LOXTON</b>	1	2	36	260	<b>2</b>	12.1
<b>BERRI</b>	1	2	34	264	<b>2</b>	11.4
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	0	3	51	180	<b>0</b>	22.1

UNDER 13	W	L	F	A	P
<b>BARMERA-MONASH</b>	3	0	269	38	<b>6</b>
<b>RENMARK</b>	2	1	195	68	<b>4</b>
<b>LOXTON NORTH</b>	2	1	108	142	<b>4</b>
<b>LOXTON</b>	1	2	86	85	<b>2</b>
<b>BERRI</b>	1	2	57	219	<b>2</b>
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	0	3	48	211	<b>0</b>

**MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD**

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
<b>Z. Wooldridge</b>	LN	4	<b>9</b>
<b>J. Bee</b>	W	3	<b>8</b>
<b>J. Colbert</b>	W	4	<b>7</b>
<b>T. Kent</b>	LN	4	<b>7</b>
<b>J. Smith</b>	BM	0	<b>6</b>
<b>J. Burgemeister</b>	W	0	<b>6</b>

**LEADING GOALKICKERS**

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
<b>Z. Wooldridge</b>	LN	2	<b>10</b>
<b>R. Proud</b>	LN	0	<b>9</b>
<b>M. Hahn</b>	W	2	<b>8</b>
<b>N. Flight</b>	L	2	<b>6</b>
<b>J. Bee</b>	W	3	<b>5</b>
<b>R. Shaw</b>	W	0	<b>5</b>

# Magpies perched on top of the tree

BEN LENNON

WAIKERIE entrenched itself in first place on the RFL A grade ladder last Saturday, with a 34-point win over Berri making the Magpies the competition’s only undefeated side.

Playing in front of a strong home crowd, the Magpies went into the clash buoyed by an impressive win over Loxton the week prior, and picked up where they left off in the first term against the Demons.

The home side blitzed Berri in the early stages, kicking away to a four-goal lead at the first break, but the game would become an arm wrestle from there on in.

Waikerie coach Mick Kilsby said he was impressed by the young Berri outfit that had been written off as a 2023 cellar dweller by a number of Riverland footy punters.

“We got off to a pretty good start, but I think they cop a bad rap,” he said.

“They’re better than people make them out to be and they’ll definitely rattle a few teams.

“They probably just lack two or three genuine footballers, but they’re zoning and everything, and they gave us a bit of a scare at some stages.

“But, we looked like we were on top for most of the contest.”

The rest of the match was mostly goal-for-goal, with Waikerie narrowly edging further ahead in each quarter.

Youngster Rory Moroney was having an influence up forward for the Demons, booting two goals in the loss, while Kade Harkins played his best game since returning to Berri earlier this year.

The most impressive player on the ground, however, was Waikerie recruit Tyrell Hocking.

Hocking, son of former Adelaide Crow

	73	39	
5 Tyrrell Hocking	W		MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD
4 Jack Colbert	W		
3 Jarrad Bee	W		
2 Kade Harkins	B		
1 Rory Moroney	B		

and current Waikerie assistant coach Eddie, had his strongest showing to date in a Magpie guernsey.

Kilsby hailed his composure as a key part of Waikerie’s success against the young Demons.

“His ball use and his smarts around the stoppages are fantastic,” he said.

“He’s definitely going to be a key for us and he still hasn’t played his best footy just yet.

“Once we start gelling a bit more, I think we’re going to look really good. We’ve got 10 new blokes to the club plus a few younger guys playing up so it’s a totally new group.”

A highlight of the clash was the ruck duel between established Berri star Brody Thompson and Waikerie young gun Jack Colbert.

Kilsby said the youngster did “quite well”, particularly given how important Thompson is to Berri’s success.

Midfielder Jarrad Bee continued his hot start to the year, booting three goals in the win.

“He’s playing midfield and swapping forward, but two of his goals were from the midfield on the weekend,” Kilsby said of Bee.

“He’s super fit and playing really well. I love the kid.”

The win sees Waikerie stand alone



Waikerie recruit Tyrell Hocking put on his strongest showing in black and white so far last Saturday, remaining calm with ball in hand to help the Magpies to a win over Berri.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

at the top and, although his side is yet to drop any points, Kilsby believes the new-look Magpies still have plenty of room for improvement.

“I said to the boys after that it’s good to be winning games when we’re not playing our best footy,” Kilsby said.

“It’s pleasing for us as a coaching panel to see that. We’re still not moving the ball quite how we want to and setting up zones and things like that, but we’re still putting wins on the board.”

Awaiting the Magpies this week is Loxton North, with the Panthers coming off their first loss of the season against Barmera-

Monash on Saturday.

“I’ve been watching all the footage and we’ve been setting up for this one. This’ll be our biggest challenge yet, I think,” Kilsby said.

“We’re up for it. We love the challenge and we’ll go in with our gameplan and see how we go.

“They play on at all costs but they make a lot of turnovers, so we’re hoping we can press them in and make them create those turnovers often.”

Meanwhile, Berri welcomes Renmark to RFL HQ as Clint Ridgway’s side continues to search for its first win of the 2023 season.



New coach Dallas Willersdorf leads his Murrayville troops off after the Blues claimed victory over Brown’s Well in their first game in the new MVFNL. PHOTO: Lesley Wisneske

# Round one done as Murray Valley gets under way

BEN LENNON and DEIRDRE GRAHAM

HISTORY was made in the Riverland last Saturday, as the Murray Valley Football Netball League came to life for round one of the 2023 season.

The new league, which has replaced the Independent competition, formerly governed by the RFL, saw six teams in action over the weekend, including newcomers Murrayville.

The former Mallee Football League club, previously known as the Bulldogs, has rebranded to the Blues upon entering the new competition and got off to a winning start, taking down Brown’s

Well at Paruna.

The Blues stormed home in the final term after trailing at the end of the third quarter, booting four unanswered goals to secure the points in their Riverland debut.

Club president Craig Kelly said it was a “massive weekend” for the Blues.

“We don’t know what to expect with any of the teams this year and a lot of work has gone into preparing for our new era,” Mr Kelly said.

“It was great to see so many supporters follow us to our first game in the new league.”

Nathan Wright-Bramfitt booted five goals for the travelling side, including the club’s first goal under its new moniker, while prized

recruit Jake Durdin starred in the ruck against experienced campaigner Brian Hampel.

Hampel was still named in the best for the Bombers, alongside Blake Edmonds and new recruit Bryce Oxlade, but the side was left to rue missed opportunities, kicking five behinds in the final quarter.

Meanwhile, Sedan-Cambrai made a statement against BSR in a rematch of last year’s Independents grand final.

The Magpies settled the score with the Redbacks, running out 129-point victors in the competition’s Anzac Medal match.

Jacob Grieger returned to his home-town club and led from the front, booting five goals out of

midfield to help Sedan-Cambrai secure the points.

Dillon Harding also kicked five, while 2022 Duthie Medallist Cam Thompson helped himself to three majors in an impressive outing.

Ramco and Wunkar played out a low-scoring affair at Ramco Oval, with the Roosters leading from start to finish to win the match by 16 points.

The home side burst out of the blocks in its new-look guernseys to establish a 20-point advantage at the first break and never looked back, with ruckman Jack Parfitt starring in the win.

The Roosters now face the tall task of travelling to Cambrai Oval to take on the Magpies in this

week’s round of fixtures, while Paringa will get its first taste of MVFNL footy against Brown’s Well after having the bye in round one.

BSR will have a week off to regroup following its shock round one loss, leaving Wunkar to host Murrayville in the second road trip in a row for the Blues.

Meanwhile, Sedan-Cambrai started off its premiership defence with a win over BSR in the A and B grade netball.

Wunkar secured wins in both grades against Ramco, while Brown’s Well saw off Murrayville in a nail-biter to run out three-goal victors in the A grade.

# Tigers maul Dogs at The Kennel

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LOXTON officially kickstarted its 2023 RFL campaign with an important victory over Renmark at Renmark Oval last Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers were 0-2 heading into the clash after suffering defeats against Loxton North and Waikerie in the opening two rounds, but started the game with a bang.

Skipper Jesse Will won the toss and Luke Harder's side immediately began to utilise the breeze heading towards the Renmark Hospital end.

The Tigers controlled most of the play but struggled to make Renmark pay on the scoreboard due to some inaccuracy in front of goal, but they did manage to keep Renmark scoreless in the first term.

"Having kicked 3.6 in the first, that probably should've been 6.3, but every time we come in to half time or quarter time we drill into the group that they should have nothing left when they come off," Harder said.

Renmark made a fast start to the second term, booting two early goals to steady the ship, but from then on it was all Loxton.

Harder and star recruit Chris Knapp floated into the back 50 to play a loose role, and Renmark struggled to break down the Tigers.

Eventually, as the breeze died down, the Tigers got the ball moving in the other direction and managed to outscore the home side in the second term.

"I noticed in the first quarter that in the forward half of the scoring end, it was hard to get the ball out," Harder said.

"We thought we might just play it safe and put an extra behind the footy at stages during that second quarter.

"We were lucky enough to get

a good start and as the wind died off it went in our favour a bit.

"Coming into the rooms, we were pretty happy with how we'd gone but we knew there was a long road ahead of us.

"Renmark at Renmark are no easy beats, so we had to continue what we started in the first half."

Josh Vater and Nathan Zunic provided bright spots for Renmark, but the Rovers struggled to find a target inside their forward 50 throughout the contest.

Loxton defender Che Lange took a number of intercept marks as the Tigers were able to control the game from their back half.

Youngster Harley Campbell provided the Tigers with plenty of energy across the day, with his mark over Renmark coach Vater in the first quarter a highlight of the day.

"For a young kid, he's our barometer really," Harder said of Campbell.

"Harley's doing really well at West Adelaide, but they've got a bit of a rotation policy there.

"We'd love to have him all year but we realise his development in Adelaide is important because he's got a big future."

Will was named best in the contest as the Tigers put together their first four-quarter performance for the year, something Harder was pleased with after many Riverland footy pundits had questioned his side's fitness.

"It was good to run out the game," he said.

"I know there's been a bit of a thing on our fitness so it was good to put a few doubters to rest, so it was a good feeling in the rooms after the game."

Vater was named best for Renmark alongside hard-running wingman Dan Woolford and midfield bull Lachlan Lellmann, but the Rovers remain bottom of the table on -2 points following last season's points deduction.



Loxton playing coach Luke Harder celebrates a goal during his side's first victory of the 2023 RFL season. The Tigers travelled to Renmark and knocked off the reigning premiers by 32 points on Saturday afternoon.  
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Harder hailed the work of ruck duo Craig Fisher and Knapp, who were able to limit the influence of Renmark star Zac Gartery.

"Gartery in my opinion is the best ruckman in the competition, so to nullify him or try to minimise his influence on games is hard, but I think we did that to a degree, although he still managed to play well," he said.

"Craig's (Fisher) tap rucking is underrated. He's a brilliant tap ruckman and at stoppages around the ground and at throw-ins, that's when we can utilise him the most and then Knappy can do the centre square stuff."

Loxton hosts Barmera-Monash in this weekend's round of fixtures, while Vater and Renmark will look to bounce back at Berri.



Nathan Zunic returned to the Renmark side and booted two goals in the loss, after missing the week prior with an ankle issue.

# Travelling Roos bounce the Panthers

BARMERA-Monash became the first team to defeat Loxton North in 2023, when the two sides collided at Panther Park last Saturday.

North came into the clash with a head of steam following back-to-back convincing victories over Loxton and Berri, but the Roos provided a sterner test in difficult conditions at the ground often dubbed Windy Hill.

A scrappy first half saw scores level at just 14 a piece at the main break, with neither team able to grab the ascendancy.

Barmera-Monash coach Fraser Sampson said neither team was able to break away due to the high-pressure nature of the game.

"Defensively both sides played quite well, so most of the game was played between the 50s," he said.

"It wasn't the free-flowing clean football that both teams would like to see with ball in hand, but sometimes you've just got to scrap it out.

"We put a bit of work into them, particularly Alek Kudra.

"I've watched a couple of games and he certainly got off the leash as their main connector, so we went pretty hard on him with the tag and that stalled a bit of their ball movement."

The move paid dividends in the first half, but North was able to get on top in the third term, thanks largely to the impressive perfor-

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mance of gun recruit Scott Lewis.

The former Woodville-West Torrens star's larger frame and clean skills were serving Terry Eleftheriadis well in the guts before he dislocated his shoulder in the final term.

The star struggled to pop it back in, and the Roos would go on to dominate the final term, running out victors by 13 points.

"We still had to keep adjusting things to slow them down," Sampson said.

"Putting pressure on the ball carrier up the ground allowed our half backs to turn a bit of ball over, and they were doing the same thing. We turned the ball over a bit too."

New Roos recruit Aedan Lyon played a pivotal role in keeping star North forward Ryan Proud quiet during the first half, before moving to Zac Wooldridge part way through the second term.

"Part way through the second quarter, him (Lyon) and 'Mocky' (Michael Mock) did a little change," Sampson said.

"In the air he doesn't lose a contest but his work at ground level is great.

"He's really quick and tackles well and he

actually added a bit more run and attacking flair than he has in the first couple of weeks."

Wooldridge would go on to kick two goals but his influence was limited compared to the previous two weeks, while at the other end, Barmera youngsters Dan Westley and Ayden Hodgson booted two goals each, with both of Westley's coming in the final term.

Co-skipper Sam Butterworth was named best for the visitors, while Lewis was man of the match for the Panthers despite playing just three quarters.

North captain Codi Voumard also put in a strong showing, while youngster Jonty Koehne kicked two of his side's five goals.

Barmera-Monash also emerged victorious in the B grade, with the reserves set to play a pivotal role in the Roos' push for the A grade top four.

"We've got a few areas we need to work on like everyone, but the morale around the group is really good," Sampson said.

"Coming from Renmark and seeing their depth be their biggest advantage, the A grade is built off the strength of the whole club, so that's the way to do it.

"In my opinion, your squad is only as good as your bottom five or six. It's important to bring in top end talent, but it's just as important to make sure you build the depth of the team."

One player that impressed in the reserves

**BM**

**50** | **37**

5 Sam Butterworth	BM
4 Aedan Lyon	BM
3 Scott Lewis	LN
2 Codi Voumard	LN
1 Ayden Hodgson	BM

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last weekend is returning club legend Dillon Millard, who is back on Lakeside after a stint as playing coach of Loxton.

Millard has suffered from a number of injuries in recent times, but the 2011 Whillas Medallist and 2012 premiership player is still on Sampson's radar in 2023.

"He's just trying to focus on getting his body right," Sampson said.

"He just wanted to come out and enjoy his footy and I think he's keen to play in the twos for a bit.

"I'm obviously on his back to get him in the senior squad because he'd be awesome to have.

"But, there's no pressure from me really. I'm just working with him to see where he's keen to play his footy.

"Ideally I'd love to have him playing in the ones at some point, but the ball's in his court a little bit."

# AROUND THE GROUNDS

WAIKERIE’S senior footy dominance continued last weekend, with the A grade and B grade sitting on top of their respective ladders, remaining unbeaten to start season 2023.

The Magpie B grade saw off a spirited Berri side, thanks largely to the goalkicking ability of veteran forward Ben Venning.

He booted five majors in the victory, bringing his season total to 12 in three games as he continues to enjoy life in the reserves.

Meanwhile, Loxton picked up an impressive win in a hotly contested game against Renmark at Renmark Oval,

while Barmera-Monash secured its second win of the season, knocking off the Panthers and moving into second spot.

Keen observers will notice a big name in the Roos’ reserves, with club legend Dillon Millard lacing up the boots for the first time since returning from a stint as head coach of Loxton.

Renmark continued its unbeaten start in the under 18s, with skipper Harry Papageorgios leading from the front in his side’s 73-point win over Loxton.

Waikerie and Barmera-Monash were the other big winners as the top four begins to

take shape early in the season.

The Roos were able to bring Loxton North’s streak of clean sweeps to a halt in emphatic fashion, travelling to Panther Park and running out victors in every grade on Saturday.

Renmark remains the team to beat in the under 15s, while Barmera-Monash’s undefeated streak from the 2022 under 13s season has extended into this campaign, with the Roos currently 3-0.

This week’s round of fixtures sees Loxton host Barmera-Monash, Berri welcome Renmark and Loxton North travel to Waikerie.



Barmera-Monash and Loxton North locked horns last weekend, with the Roos emerging victorious in all grades at Panther Park. PHOTO: Tracy Proud

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Barry Seagrim .....(8)53	Christos Karantonis .....(8)51
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Jean Marks .....(9)52	Rowan Cresp.....(8)51
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The fifth instalment of the Riverland Women's Football League kicks off this Saturday, with Berri young gun Amy Shapley (16) keen to get the season underway. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

THE Riverland Women's Football League kicks off this weekend, with reigning premier Berri hosting Renmark at home to get season number five under way.

After a slightly tumultuous pre-season, which saw Loxton and Waikerie combine due to a lack of numbers at Tigerland, the competition returns with four teams playing across nine rounds, plus two rounds of finals.

Games will be played on Saturday and Monday nights, with the grand final set to be played on Saturday, August 12.

Last year's premier Berri will

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host Renmark this Saturday night, with Berri aiming for an astounding five premierships in a row this season, with the Demons having won four premierships from four grand final appearances since the competition began in 2018.

Barmera-Monash, the runners up from last year's grand final, will host a combined Loxton and Waikerie side on Monday night.

Last year's grand final best-on-

ground winner and Berri young gun, Amy Shapley (16), said her teammates are "pretty keen" to get back out there on Saturday.

"Our trainings have been pretty good. We have been getting pretty consistent numbers," she said.

"I am not sure how the other (sides) are going, but hopefully they have a few girls so we have a good competition."

The under 15 girls will also kick off next week on Monday, May 15, which will see Berri host Renmark and Waikerie take on Barmera-Monash, the latter followed by a senior game.



The Demons are aiming for a fifth consecutive premiership in 2023 as the RWFL season kicks off this Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Important round of RFL footy awaits all six clubs

A TRIFECTA of important RFL clashes is on offer this weekend, with plenty at stake for all six clubs as the competition continues to heat up.

Barmera-Monash's win against Loxton North last week helped to level the RFL playing field, but Waikerie still sits alone at the top of the table as the only undefeated side thus far.

New coach Mick Kilsby has predicted this weekend will be his side's sternest test so far, with the Magpies set to host the Panthers in a blockbuster clash.

Terry Eleftheriadis' North side suffered its first loss last weekend and will likely head into this clash against the ladder leaders without star recruit Scott Lewis, with the SANFL premiership

player badly dislocating his shoulder in a marking contest with Roos coach Fraser Sampson last Saturday.

Still, the Panthers will be keen to make amends for the loss and boast plenty of quality around the ball.

Waikerie could follow the blueprint of Barmera-Monash, with Sampson's side playing physical footy, pressuring the ball carrier at all costs and applying a hard tag to gun wingman Alek Kudra.

North will likely run with the same gameplan that was so impressive in the first two rounds, which should provide for an intriguing contest.

Meanwhile, Renmark will head into its clash with Berri one spot below the Demons on the RFL ladder, despite winning one more game than

Clint Ridgway's side.

The Rovers are still feeling the affects of a points deduction after last season's player eligibility breach and currently sit on -2 points, coming off a loss against Loxton last Saturday.

The Demons are yet to register a win in season 2023 but have already shown early signs of improvement, with a crop of youngsters leading the way.

Despite starting the season slowly, many will be expecting Renmark to break the shackles this weekend, but Ridgway's Demons will be keen to make a statement on their home deck. In what could be the match of the round, Barmera-Monash travels to Loxton, buoyed by a galvanising win against Loxton North on Saturday.



LOX TO CHEER ABOUT: The Loxton Kart Club put in a strong showing at last weekend's state titles in Morgan. Pictured are award winners Kobi Koch (SA2 - KT heavy, left), Riley Hammerstein (SA1 - 200cc open), Bradley Hembling (SA3 - 125 heavy) and Ben Leggett (4th - KT medium). PHOTO: supplied

Sampson's side defeated the Panthers in a scrappy affair, while this Saturday's match will likely be more free-flowing.

The Roos will be sweating on the health of a num-

ber of players after a brutal encounter on Saturday, while Loxton will go into the clash with a settled line-up, with most of Luke Harder's biggest weapons now fit and firing.

The Tigers knocked off the reigning premiers away from home last week and will go into this clash full of confidence, but the organised Roos will likely provide a more difficult test.

# Founders’ Medal day off to a flyer

A LOCAL golf club honoured its 100-year heritage on Saturday by introducing a new tradition that is set to become a permanent fixture in the calendar in years to come.

Barmera Golf Club is celebrating its centenary year in 2023 and hosted its inaugural Heritage Round for the Founders’ Medal on Saturday afternoon.

Members flocked to the links to compete for the top prize in its first year, with plenty of onlookers also in attendance in what president Neville McPherson described as a “great success”.

“Normally on a Saturday we will have 40 to 50 playing but on Saturday we had 63, as well as 40 to 50 visitors, so it was a really busy day,” Mr McPherson said.

“If you get 60 of your own members playing a comp in this day and age, it’s a great thing and it doesn’t happen very often.”

The competition will be held annually going forward on the first weekend in May, replicating the first-ever competition held at Barmera in 1923.

Mr McPherson believes honouring the history of the club and its members is important, given how much volunteer work has gone into the upkeep of the club across its 100 years.

“We’ve decided that our club wants to celebrate the fact that it’s 100 years old,” he said.

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“There’s a good vibe around the place at the moment because there are lots of volunteers and lots of people involved.

“Having a celebration like this gives us an opportunity to get those people together and recognise how we got to 100 years, and it’s because members have been willing to work hard.

“Every time we get a chance, we celebrate with our members, because we wouldn’t be able to do what we’re doing if we didn’t have our volunteer members.”

Christopher Neilson took out the inaugural Founders’ Medal, shooting one under with his handicap of 10, while Jordan Marr took out the B grade competition.

The Medal will be presented officially at the club’s centenary dinner on Saturday, September 9.

“We’ll be inviting our neighbouring clubs along to the dinner as well and will make it a really good occasion,” Mr McPherson said.

“Leigh Krollig is heading a sub-committee that’s organising it all and he’s really into the history, so it’s great to have someone that’s willing to go in and do the research.”



The Founders’ Medal, awarded to the winner of the Barmera Golf Club’s annual Heritage Round tournament. The medal will be presented to inaugural winner Chris Neilson at a club dinner in September. PHOTO: supplied

## Barmera Golf Club results

### FOUNDERS’ MEDAL

C. Neilson, J. Marr -1, T. Graetz E, L. Hampshire, E. van Hensbergen, M. Cenko, G. Millard +1, T. Swanbury +2,

D. Hastwell, T. Fisher +3, B. Eckermann, S. Stavrou, N. Kelton, K. Martin, N. Flack +4, L. Wurth, M. Maschotta +5, A. Parkyn, A. Selfe, S. Weird +6.



MORGAN’S KART MANIA: Morgan hosted the 2023 State Dirt Kart Titles last weekend, with competitors and spectators, including local photographer Grant Schwartzkopff, settling in for the action.

# Football SA programs scoring early goals

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A NEW school holiday soccer program has been welcomed by locals, with “promising” early attendance numbers at a plethora of recent events.

Football SA recently brought in regional development officers to help assist with growing the game in regional areas, with Barmera United captain James Wallace taking on the Riverland role.

Mr Wallace facilitated a number of soccer-based school holiday activities recently and said the events were “well received”.

“I think parents were just happy that something was on in the region for their kids, because there hasn’t been too much on offer like this before,” Mr Wallace said.

“I tried to hit a few different towns.

“We had to cancel in Berri, but I had single day sessions in Renmark and Loxton which was really fun.

“There were lots of small-sided games, some one-on-one king of the court stuff and they seemed to love this game called soccer tennis, which is about just keeping the ball up.

“We touched on the four main moments in soccer – first touch, striking the ball, running with the ball and one-on-ones.

“We had just under 10 for each of those single day sessions, which isn’t the best of numbers but it’s a really good starting point.”

Along with the single day sessions, Mr



Riverland youngsters Logan Stark (10, left), Jordan Lewin (11), Football SA regional development officer James Wallace, Denver Kimberley (13), Blossom Kimberley (13), Jax Flowers (9), Patrick Hallam (8) and Luca Bascomb (10) enjoyed a day in the sun as part of Football SA’s new school holiday soccer program. PHOTO: supplied

Wallace also hosted a three-day advanced camp for Riverland youngsters, comprising of three six-hour days under his tutelage.

The camp was designed to cater to all skill levels and help equip children with skills they can use during a game of soccer.

“Some were technically gifted and others not as much, but they all really tried and had a great time which is good,” he said.

“I had one of the parents get back to me saying their child used the skills they learnt at the camp on the weekend in their game, so that stuff is lovely to hear.”

Mr Wallace plans to build on the successful start in the near future, with some ideas already in the works for the next school holiday period.

“We tried to do a futsal world cup tourna-

ment but it didn’t quite get enough traction, but in the next holiday period it’ll be on at the same time as the FIFA Women’s World Cup, so hopefully we can run it then,” he said.

“We’ll also hopefully try and host some watch parties for the World Cup.

“If we can have a training session in the morning and then watch whoever is playing after that, that’s something we will hopefully line up.

“We’ve got the development centre starting now with about 35 kids signed up at the moment.

“It’s split up into three age groups but that will only be for the first term. After that we’ll probably change it around a bit depending on the skill level of the kids in the second term.”

While Mr Wallace acknowledged participation numbers could improve, he is hopeful to welcome more children into Football SA’s programs in the near future.

“The first game of Riverland soccer was only last fortnight, so these events were prior to any games happening,” he said.

“The feedback I got was all positive.

“Especially for the parents as well, the single days and the three-day camp were six-hour days, so the parents could still go to work as they normally would.

“The kids really enjoyed it. I had a couple that were shy at first but really got into it by the end which was really good to see.”

## Top soccer teams on the board

RENMARK and Barmera have opened their account in the 2023 Riverland soccer season, picking up wins over Berri and Loxton respectively in last Sunday’s round of fixtures at Loxton.

Last year’s top two came into the weekend with one point each to their name after their 4-4 draw the week prior, but wasted no time in picking up the three points on Sunday.

Renmark veteran Michael Cartwright starred for Olympic, finding the back of the net four times in a best-on-ground performance.

Chris Miller added two of his own, with Berri struggling to replicate its form from the week prior against Loxton.

Josh Sawyer was best for the River Rangers, while Thomas Pipinis and Ripley Bray bagged a goal each.

Barmera put 10 past Loxton in an emphatic win, as the Pelicans kickstarted their title defence.

The home side struggled to deal

with Barmera’s attacking threat, with Dimitri Kanakaris and Kosta Zois producing hat-tricks in the win.

Experienced campaigner Marty Barber and youngster Riley Haigh added two each as the Pelicans stormed to victory.

Meanwhile, Renmark and Barmera picked up 4-0 wins in the women’s division.

Maggie Lock bagged a brace for Olympic against Berri, while Sarah Beames’ double helped Barmera over the line against Loxton.

Berri and Barmera picked up wins in the under 16s, while four goals to Blossom Kimberley helped Renmark run out 8-1 victors over Berri in the under 14 girls competition.

### RESULTS MEN

#### Barmera 10 d Loxton 2.

Best: Barmera – R. Haigh, K. Zois. Loxton – O. Hunyadi, J. Perram.  
Goals: Barmera – K. Zois, D. Kanakaris 3, M. Barber, R. Haigh 2. Loxton – J. Perram, O. Hunyadi.

#### Renmark 6 d Berri 3.

Best: Renmark – M. Cartwright, A. Son. Berri – J. Sawyer, C. Ebert.  
Goals: Renmark – M. Cartwright 4, C. Miller 2. Berri – R. Bray, T. Pipinis, J. Sawyer.

### WOMEN

#### Barmera 4 d Loxton 0.

Best: Barmera – S. Beames, G. Skilton. Loxton – M. Greer, J. Grace.  
Goals: Barmera – S. Beames 2, Amber Perry, Alysha Perry.

#### Renmark 4 d Berri 0.

Best: Renmark – C. Docking, M. Lock. Berri – R. Wishart, A. Kennedy.  
Goals: Renmark – M. Lock 2, A. Pavlomanolakis, own goal.

### UNDER 16

#### Barmera 2 d Loxton 1.

Best: Barmera – J. Bourton, Z. Pittas. Loxton – J. Perram, E. McKee.  
Goals: Barmera – K. Kenefick, Z. Pittas. Loxton – D. Vrakking.

#### Berri 3 d Renmark 1.

Best: Berri – H. Lang, D. Hronopoulos. Renmark – C. Leckie-Hefford, J. Callery.  
Goals: Berri – D. Hronopoulos 2, own goal. Renmark – J. Callery.

### UNDER 14

#### Renmark 6 d Berri 3.

Best: Renmark – J. Curtis, J. Cartwright. Berri – A. Kent, B. Exarheas.  
Goals: Renmark – N. Meimetis 3, J. Cartwright 2, B. Altundag. Berri – D. Heuzenroeder, A. Kent, K. Krendll.  
**Loxton 6 d Barmera 4.**  
Best: Loxton – A. Flavel, C. Schwarz.



Barmera United star Marty Barber netted twice in his side’s win over Loxton last Sunday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Barmera – E. Bascomb, J. Sweet. No goal scorers provided.

### UNDER 14 GIRLS

#### Renmark 8 d Berri 1.

Best: Renmark – B. Kimberley, R. Wishart. Berri – P. Seekamp, C. Gardner.  
Goals: Renmark – B. Kimberley 4, D. Kimberley 2, E. McGorman, R. Wishart, own goal. Berri – M. Hurrell.

### UNDER 12

#### Berri 8 d Renmark 3.

Best: Berri – B. Exarheas, C. Kregar. Renmark – D. Kernich, H. Strout.

Goals: Berri – C. Kregar 4, B. Exarheas 2, I. Martin, B. Walkley. Renmark – D. Kernich 3.

#### Barmera 5 d Loxton 4.

Best: Barmera – C. Bourton, A. Ielasi. Loxton – R. Kloeden, L. Perram.  
Goals: Barmera – C. Bourton 4, A. Ielasi. Loxton – L. Lockwood 3, H. Martin.

## Cyclists return for major event

A WEEKEND of action awaits cycling enthusiasts as the Tour of the Riverland returns for its 49th edition this weekend.

Hosted and organised by the Norwood Cycling Club, the event starts on Saturday with the Barry Skin-ner Classic

handicap race, before a presentation dinner is held at the Berri Hotel on Saturday night.

The Norwood Cycling Club

Kermesse Championships will then take place on Sunday to close out the weekend.

All races will be held on Riverland

roads, with courses winding through Glossop, Barmera, Loveday, Winkie and Berri as cyclists from all over flock to the region.

## Riverland golf results

### BERRI

#### Wednesday, May 3

Stableford: R. Burn 36, K. Tanner 34, L. Kruger 33, J. Adams 32 (cb), K. Wyman 32, M. Heuzenroeder 32, W. Adams 32. M. Boon 32.

#### Saturday, May 7

Stableford (four-ball best ball): M. Heuzenroeder & J. Kanyil 40, J. Curran & J. Adams 36 (cb), S. Jennings & J. Brand 36, G. Mack & W. Adams 35

(cb), G. Tognon & J. Wrigley 35, W. Hocevar & C. Mckinlay 34.

### LOXTON

#### Wednesday, May 3

Men: P. Hamilton 37, S. Mills 37, A. Searles 36, A. Hucks 36. Women: S. Pannell 40, M. Tyler 34, S. Grein 32, C. Arndt 31.

#### Friday, May 5

Men: R. Paige 36, G. Morrison (Berri) 33, S. Palat 32, S. Wade (Berri) 30.

#### Saturday, May 6

### Monthly Medal

Men: A grade – J. Goldsworthy 71, T. Vivian 72, M. Maczkowiack 74. B grade – P. Jericho (Barmera) 70, K. Wagnitz 74, O. Walkley 74. Women: S. Pannell 75, J. Patching 81, J. Ling 83.

### VETERANS GOLF

A grade: E. van Hensbergen (Barmera) 34, T. Wood (Barmera) 33, K. Martin 33, C. Hyde 31, K. Traeger 31, J.

Maschotta 31, S. Patching 30. B grade: C. Zwarts (Swan Reach) 39, G. Leyson (Berri) 35, A. Zito 34, M. Maschotta 33, J. Merritt 32, S. Brown 32, D. Thompson 30. C grade: D. Reid (Swan Reach) 36pts, S. Barrett (Swan Reach) 35, R. Foreman 34, D. Zelif 34, Ladies: L. Hancock (Swan Reach) 39, S. Gore (Berri) 33, J. Adams 32, Y. Reynolds 31.



ON TARGET: RC Ones darts duo Lee Rasheed (left) and Darcy Crane took out the Monash doubles tournament last week, defeating Jason Willett and Troy Kolus in the final at the Monash Club.

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The Riverland Dinghy Club hit the water last Saturday for the annual Renmark Auto Service circuit race. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Open season as dinghies return

THE third round of Riverland Dinghy Club action saw Ben Pilgrim and Travis Thiel propel themselves up the championship ladder, with a win in the annual Renmark Auto Service circuit race.

Racers were met with difficult conditions as rain threatened on Saturday afternoon, but the 45 boats in action made the best of it in an exciting day of racing in front of the Renmark Club.

Pilgrim and Thiel negotiated the conditions well to secure the fastest time in the

30hp sport final, edging out Matt Voigt and Dan Gilgen in second place, with Adam Price and Michael Preen rounding out the top three.

The victory sees Pilgrim and Thiel leapfrog a number of duos into fourth spot on the overall ladder, with Kodi Morena and Douglas Mowbray overtaking Shane Palat and Matt Thur in the race for first place.

Cooper Newman and Che Gillespie continued their strong start to the season, narrowly outpacing Hudson and Ollie Pearce

in the super standards, while Cameron Price and Luke Gordon took home the win in the rookie class.

The club's next event is the Woolshed Brewery Amazon sprint on June 17, with valuable championship points on offer for the victors.

**RESULTS**

30hp sport: B. Pilgrim/T. Thiel 1:30.70; M. Voigt/D. Gilgen 1:35.12; A. Price/M. Preen 1:42.23.

30hp rookie: C. Price/L. Gordon 1:37.84; M. McKerlie/R. Foster 1:41.65; T. August/B. Hocking

1:45.85.

30hp super standard: C. Newman/C. Gillespie 1:40.95; H. Pearce/O. Pearce 1:41.13; L. McGlynn/J. Barbary 1:44.08.

30hp standard: S. Peterson/S. Lampard 1:46.90; J. Haslett/M. Wall 1:48.68; B. Withers/H. Meredith 1:54.13.

25hp standard: O. Scarlett/C. Biele 1:47.73; P. Bonnici/C. Williams 1:51.40; G. McConnell/M. McConnell 1:56.61.

300cc modified: J. Chigros/T. Pilgrim 1:58.79; J. Greg/C. Shaft 2:02.98; T. Forbes/B. Groves 2:10.17.

15hp standard: A. Stevens/T. Curran 2:08.57.



30hp sport podium: Adam Price (left), Michael Preen, Tom and Ben Pilgrim, Matt Voigt and Dan Gilgen. PHOTOS: Sue Jenke



30hp podium: Sean Peterson (left), Brad Withers, Sophie Lampard, Haydn Meredith and James Haslett. Absent: Monty Wall.



30hp super standard winners: Cooper Newman (left) and Che Gillespie alongside Owen Scarlett.



30hp rookie podium: Tyson August (left), Braiden Hocking, Luke Gordon, Cameron Price, Mark McKerlie and Riley Foster.



25hp podium: Caelum Williams (left), Patrick Bonnici, Owen Scarlett, Marley and Gary McConnell. Absent: Carter Biele.



300cc modified: Tom Pilgrim (left), John Chigros, Greg Jackson, Caelum Williams, Thomas Forbes and Brodie Groves.

# Riverland hockey here, there and everywhere

RIVERLAND hockey was spread out over the course of a week, as the region's best left for Adelaide to do battle in the state country championships.

Although returning sans silverware, the Riverland's men's and women's sides gave a good account of themselves at the tournament, held at MATE Stadium in Gepps Cross.

Back home, action kicked off last Wednesday night, with Waikerie taking on Berri at Glassey Park in the A grade men's competition.

Rowan Hope notched three goals as Waikerie stormed to a 7-1 win over its rivals, with Lucas Hocking named best in the victory, scoring two goals of his own.

Berri skipper Lachlan Suckling was best on for his side, but the home team struggled to stop Waikerie's ruthless attacking play.

Meanwhile, Loxton picked up a default win due to a forfeit from Renmark.

The women's A grade round two fixture will be played tonight between Waikerie and Berri, with Renmark and the combined Sunraysia and Mildura side both having the bye this week.

Sunraysia also has the bye in the men's division and will return to action this weekend.

The combined Loxton and Renmark side secured a comfortable win in the men's under 18s competition against Berri, while seven goals to Amahli Kelly helped Berri over the line against Renmark in the women's under 18s.

### RESULTS MEN

#### A GRADE

##### Waikerie 7 d Berri 1.

Best: Waikerie - L. Hocking, D. Schmidt, J. Smith, M. Rayner. Berri - L. Suckling, L. Russack, L. Gray, J. Passmore.

Goals: Waikerie - R. Hope 3, L. Hocking 2, D. Schmidt, L. Ebert. Berri - D. Shawyer.

Loxton d Renmark (forfeit).



The Riverland sent two teams to the Hockey SA State Country Titles last weekend, with the women's side finishing third and the men's side placing fourth. PHOTO: Facebook

### B GRADE

#### Loxton 3 d Renmark 0.

Best: Loxton - T. Cass, J. Button, L. Mickan. Renmark - B. Harding, M. Shugg, K. Christian, A. Thompson. Goals: Loxton - L. Mickan, R. James, S. Car.

#### Waikerie 2 d Berri 1.

Best: Waikerie - S. Lawson, C. Gogoll, C. Theile, M. Fitzgerald. Berri - K. Nugent, R. Vallelonga, L. Hayer. Goals: Waikerie - R. Edwards, C. Gogoll. Berri - L. Hayer.

### UNDER 18

#### Loxton/Renmark 8 d Berri 0.

Best: Loxton/Renmark - I. Schaefer, H. Keynes, D. Everett, J. Botten. Berri - S. Martin, O. Sims, D. Schmidt, L. Gray. Goals: Loxton/Renmark - T. McDonald 3, H. Keynes, H. Cooper, J. Botten, F. Hayes, I. Schaefer.

### WOMEN

#### B GRADE

##### Loxton 0 drew with Renmark 0.

Best: Loxton - C. Marchant, N. Burgemeister, B. Geraghty, B. Knowles. Renmark - A. Cordy,

K. Smart, K. Richardson, B. Newmarch.

### UNDER 18

#### Berri 11 d Renmark 0.

Best: Berri - A. Kelly, A. Herbert, E. Rothe. Renmark - K. Richardson, K. Smart, A. Atienza, A. Schubert. Goals: Berri - A. Kelly 7, A. Herbert 3, A. Kennedy.

### MIXED

#### UNDER 14

##### Berri 3 d Renmark 2.

Best: Berri - E. Rothe, A. Kelly, X. Day. Renmark - H. Keynes, J. Everett, D. Everett.

Goals: Berri - A. Kelly, L. Bowers, R. Hill. Renmark - J. Everett 2.

### UNDER 12

#### Berri Red 8 d Loxton 0.

Best: Berri Red - S. Coote, J. Swinstead, K. Sweet, H. Coote. Loxton - R. Schulz, J. Boon, R. Geraghty, J. Row. Goals: Berri Red - S. Coote, J. Swinstead, G. Boon 2, N. Harrington, R. Bowers.

#### Berri Blue 1 d Renmark 0.

Best: Berri Blue - H. Martin, B. Walkley, L. Bascomb. Renmark - O. Albanese, A. Singh, E. Grenfell. Goals: Berri Blue - B. Walkley.

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Loxton youngster Harley Campbell reeled in this Mark of the Year contender over Renmark playing coach Josh Vater, as the Tigers stunned the Rovers at Renmark Oval last Saturday in their RFL A grade clash. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

LOXTON, Barmera-Monash and Waikerie all picked up wins on Saturday, as the RFL A grade competition delivered an action-packed weekend.

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Berri young gun Amy Shapley is pumped for the return of the RWFL this weekend.  
PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

## One, two, three, four... high five?

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Riverland Women's Football League kicks off this weekend, with reigning premier Berri hosting Renmark at home to get season number five under way.

After a slightly tumultuous pre-season, which saw Loxton and Waikerie combine due to a lack of numbers at Tigerland, the competition returns with four teams playing across nine rounds, plus two rounds of finals.

Last year's premier Berri will host Renmark this Saturday night, with the Demons aiming for an astounding five premierships in a row this season, having won four premierships from four grand final appearances since the competition began in 2018.

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