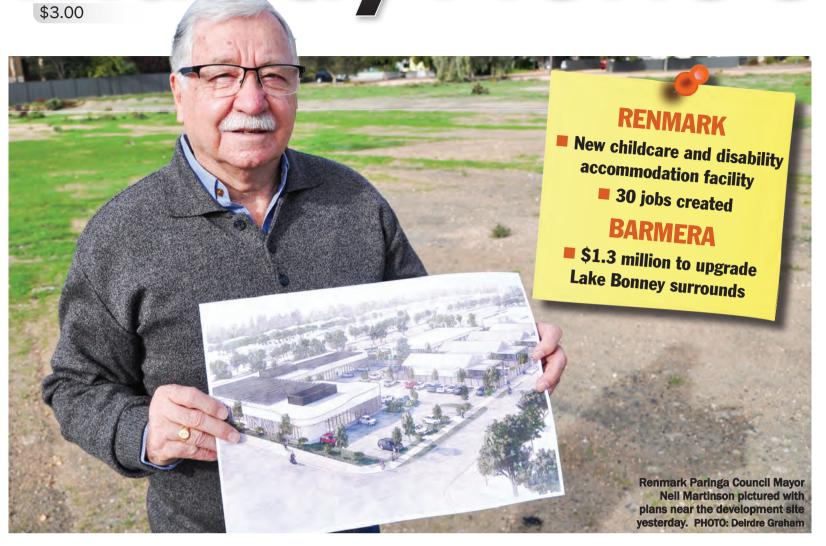
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Renmark builds as Bonney gets beautified...

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HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A BIG commercial development in Renmark and big money to improve Barmera's Lake Bonney.

Launching a double-dose of good news unveiled this week, a prime chunk of Renmark land - adjacent to the town's council chambers will become a new childcare service facility.

Private property developer Wayne Henry says the project – poised to create up to 30 local jobs – sprung from growing demand for health services and disability support.

Following hot on the heels of the Renmark announcement came news

and disability accommodation of a \$1.3m grant to Berri Barmera Council to spruce up Lake Bonney and its surrounds.

The federal government money - signed off before the Morrison Government entered caretaker mode - will be used for weed treatment, removal of fox and rabbit colonies, extensive fencing, and the planting of 6000 native trees.

Barker MP Tony Pasin says the Healthy Rivers-Healthy Communities program will also create local jobs, aid in water recovery and improve Lake Bonney's environs.

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The Teddy Bear's Picnic Event held at the Jarrett Memorial Gardens last year as part of Renmark Paringa Council's Christmas on the Murray Festival. The new Christmas event format will be retained for at least three more years. PHOTO: supplied

Renmark to hold Xmas festival again in 2022

THE success of a Riverland council's new Christmas event in 2021 will mean it continues in a similar format for future

Renmark Paringa councillors endorsed a motion at a special meeting held earlier this month to continue local Christmas celebrations in a festival format for the next three

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said council had received positive community feedback regarding last year's introduction of a festival format, replacing the traditional Christmas pageant night

"Due to the success of the 2021 Christmas celebrations we will continue to host the festival-style event for a further three years," Mr Martinson said.

"We hope that the 2022 Christmas on the Murray Festival will be even bigger and better than 2021 and that we see more community-organised festival events in the future."

It is understood this year's festival will also feature a headline event, to be held on the first weekend of December.

Renmark Paringa Council's Christmas pageant was cancelled in 2019 due to hot weather, while Covid-19 restrictions forced the cancellation of planned celebrations in

Local community groups with an event or activity concept that could be included in the festival are encouraged to contact the Renmark Paringa Council Events Team by phone on 8580 3060, or email (council@ renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au).





SES Renmark peer support officer Helen Passmore (left) and unit manager Scott Anderson celebrating SES volunteers for Wear Orange Wednesday. PHOTO: Will Slee

nge you glad for our life-savers?

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

WEAR orange and think about volunteering.

That's the message for Riverlanders from a local SES unit manager on WOW Day (Wear Orange Wednesday), which aims to celebrate the often life-saving efforts of SES volunteers nationwide.

"On WOW Day we encourage communities across Australia to wear orange and thank all SES volunteers who generously give their time to help communities during floods, storms and emergencies," said SES Renmark unit manager Scott Anderson.

"Thank you to all the SES volunteers across Australia who work all year round to protect us and our most vulnerable."

Mr Anderson said Riverland branches were currently seeking new members.

"Every time you go out with the SES it's always a good day, and we're always having lots of fun," he said.

"We know that we're helping each other out, and we get to help out the community."

Mr Anderson has been part of the SES for more than eight years and said helping fel-

low volunteers develop new skills had been personally rewarding.

"You get a sense of pride from knowing you've helped people grow," he said.

"You're helping them realise they've got a hidden talent they didn't know... or they might already have an existing skillset they want to put to good use."

Any locals interested in volunteering for a Riverland SES branch is encouraged to contact the volunteer hotline on 1300 364 587.

PAGES 24-25 National Volunteer Week

Police, SES team up to find Loxton woman

LOCAL emergency service teams have worked together to find a Loxton woman who went missing last week.

Last Tuesday, May 10 at 4.30pm, local police attended the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home in Loxton to locate an 86-yearold female resident.

Police patrols from around the Riverland then co-ordinated a thorough search of the Loxton township.

Riverland SES played an



"integral" role in the search, with 15 local members deployed within an hour of police requesting their assistance.

The SES provided two search dogs and the SES boat to conduct thorough searches of the surrounding areas.

The police air-wing was also

utilised to conduct searches of the township using advanced searching equipment.

At 9.15pm, local police located the female in a backyard about a kilometre from the rest

The female was uninjured and was returned to the rest home.

A police spokesperson said a media release resulted in "vital information" regarding sightings of the female earlier in the afternoon, which enabled the search



to be focused in certain areas.

The spokesperson thanked local residents for their assistance in providing timely information about sightings of the female, which they said led to her finding.

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Make Bonney look beautiful

A RIVERLAND council is set to receive more than \$1m from the federal government to improve the environment around one of the region's major tourism attractions.

The government announced this week that Berri Barmera Council would receive almost \$1.3m to undertake a range of works around Barmera's Lake Bonney through the Healthy Rivers-Healthy Communities grant program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the grant would fund a variety of on-ground activities around the lake.

"This \$1.257 million in funding will benefit the Barmera region by undertaking 2.35ha of weed treatment, removing 10 colonies of fox and rabbits over 35ha, fencing four kilometres to protect 10km of riparian area and, with 50kg of seeds sown, planting 6000 natives," Mr Pasin said.

"It will deliver for our environment and it will deliver for our communities and regional economies by generating sales through local suppliers and creating local jobs.

The program demonstrates that water recovery is not the only way to achieve good environmental outcomes and funding projects like this can enhance Basin Plan outcomes in real and tangible ways, delivering for our agriculture industry and communities as well."

Minister for Resources and Water Keith Pitt, who announced the funding with Mr Pasin, said the government was focused on projects that deliver real benefits to commu-

"The new \$97 million Healthy Rivers-Healthy Communities program is a cornerstone of our government's commitment to the millions who live in the Murray-Darling Basin and rely on its water resources for their wellbeing and jobs," he said.

It will deliver for our environment and it will deliver for our communities and regional economies by generating sales through local suppliers and creating local jobs...

> - Tony Pasin **Barker MP**

"The program brings together community groups, the irrigation industry, Basin stakeholders and state governments into one program to make real, lasting impacts that build stronger, more vibrant regional economies and communities, improve the health of rivers and wetlands, while enhancing environmental outcomes through targeted infrastructure investment.

"This program is designed to pick up on the good work the fully expended \$20 million Healthy Rivers program is making through direct, on-ground investments - sowing 445kg of native seed, removing 35 tonnes of waste, and installing 162 new instream fish habitats across the Basin.

"This grant application deserves to be funded because it is a great example of what we can achieve when we put community aspirations and expertise at the heart of Basin Plan implementation."

Council is currently working through its multi-year Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan, in conjunction with the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation (RMMAC), to protect, preserve and promote the cultural history of the lake.

The grant received by council was one of eight grants totalling \$5.22m announced through the Healthy Rivers-Healthy Communities program.

The program will invite direct applications in the new financial year.



Barker MP Tony Pasin this week announced \$1.3m in funding for Berri Barmera Council, through the Healthy Rivers-Healthy Communities grant program, for a number of on-ground activities around Lake Bonney. PHOTO: supplied

Annual General Meeting

Monday May 23, 2022 6.30pm at the Renmark Institute James Avenue entrance

Do you want to make a difference and support local families and young people? Join us as we celebrate our 37th year.

Nominations are invited for the 2022-2023 RYT Board to be elected at the AGM. To be eligible to nominate, a candidate must be a financial member of RYT, be nominated by another member, and submit a signed declaration form to the RYT office.

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oxton Waikerie's 2.95% rate rise

LOXTON Waikerie council has flagged a 2.95 per cent rate increase for 2022/23.

The rate increase is part of the council's Draft Annual Business Plan and Draft Long Term Financial Management Plan, which is open to public comment from today.

"Following two years of a zero per cent rate increase, and one year of 1 per cent (increase), the council have adopted a 2.95 per cent rate increase for 2022-23 against the CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase of 4.7

per cent," said council CEO David Beaton.

"Over the last four council budgets the average increase has been 1 per cent per annum for residential properties.

"Council will also receive additional rates from changes of land use with new houses built and extensive plantings of almond and citrus trees.'

Mr Beaton said the council had adjusted its rate in the dollar to reflect climbing house and property prices.

"The valuation of the dis-

trict has increased, so council have decreased the rate in the dollar," he said.

"As valuation increases are not uniform, the actual amount applicable to any individual ratepayer will depend on the movement in capital value of their property."

In a media release issued yesterday, the council said it had implemented a conservative approach to support local ratepayers and residents. It said Loxton Waikerie had been able to use its "healthy balance

sheet" to support local economic stimulus in partnership with the other two tiers of government.

Some of the key budget items for the coming year

□ New Loxton Library and Visitor Information Centre (partly grant funded)

□Road re-sheeting across the district

☐ Waikerie stormwater project (50 per cent grant funded)

■ New unit development at the Loxton Retirement Village (partly grant funded)

☐ Waikerie Community Centre re-roofing.

☐ Community event and projects support (\$250,000)

The Draft Annual Business Plan proposes an operating surplus of \$9000.

The council predicted this, together with other key

Business Plan. The public meeting will

The meeting will be avail-

The Waikerie council

submissions.

munity members without internet access.
"Community members

are encouraged to attend," the council said in a media

'Time will be made avail-

able for interested persons to

make verbal submissions and

ask questions."
Written submissions and

feedback on the plans will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday, June 8.

A public meeting will

be held at The Precinct on

Friday, June 17, at 9am, to

receive and consider public

release this week

Wednesday, June 8. Copies of the plans are available online (loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au), by email (council@loxtonwaikerie. sa.gov.au), by post or at

Ratepayers invited to meet with council

RATEPAYERS and local community members will have the chance to speak directly to Loxton Waikerie "council and staff" at an upcoming meeting, following today's release of its Draft Annual

be held at The Precinct, in Loxton, on Tuesday, May 31, from 1pm.

able via Zoom, with the link to be published on council's website and social media.

chamber will also be set up to accommodate any com-

financial performance indi-

cators, shows that Loxton

Waikerie will be in surplus

available for community

The draft plans will be

for the next 10 years.

consultation until 5pm on council offices.

The Caltex service station on the corner of Eighteenth Street and the Sturt Highway, Renmark, will close next week.

Servo set to close down

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THREE locals will lose their jobs when a prominent Riverland service station closes next week.

The Caltex service station in Renmark, located on the corner of Eighteenth Street and the Sturt Highway, will close on Tuesday.

An Ampol spokesperson confirmed the closure to The Murray Pioneer.

"We would like to thank the community of Renmark for their support over the past several years," the spokesperson said.

"Local customers can visit

Woolworths Caltex Renmark or Caltex Yamba for all their fuel and convenience needs."

Former owner of the business Corey Foreman said it was a key outlet for tourists visiting Renmark and for truck drivers travelling through the town.

"It's a prime spot because it's the first servo you come to from all the eastern states," Mr Foreman said.

"We had the Yamba and Renmark service stations, so we had the best of both worlds, but Renmark was the main one because it has easy access.

"It's close to the caravan

parks and it's easy for tourists with boats, and trucks, to

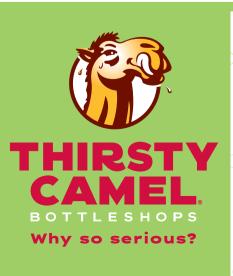
"It was a roaring trade."

Mr Foreman - who now operates Renmark Fish and Chips – said interacting with fellow locals had been a highlight of his time running the business.

"We had to be diverse," he said. "We couldn't rely just on the petrol, otherwise we wouldn't have made any

"So the takeaway food and the pet food were the backbone of the business. It was a one-stop shop for everything."







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Blair Boyer

Local school in new Covid program

RIVERLAND primary school will be one of 40 schools across the state taking part in a state government Covid-19 vaccination

A vaccination clinic for the school community will operate out of Berri Primary School on Fridays from June 10 to August 12, between

12 noon and 5pm.

Bookings are not required, however students must have a parent or legal guardian present to provide consent to receive their Covid-19 vaccination.

The wider community will also be able to access the vaccination clinic during the fourweek period, but only

June 11 to August 13 – from 10am to 4.30pm.

The clinic will offer the Pfizer vaccine, including the Paediatric Pfizer for children aged five to 11, and will return nine weeks later to administer secondary doses.

"It's recommended that children in this age

on Saturdays - from range receive a twodose primary course of Covid-19 vaccine to protect themselves against the disease," said Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer.

"We know how important vaccinations are to the community, and of course to our children. That is why

we've worked with the Education Department, schools and their communities, to set up these school vaccination hubs across South Australia.

"Our goal is to make receiving a vaccination, as simple as possible for families; and having a vaccination clinic at their school – an environment children

are familiar with - can help reduce anxiety for any child that might be worried about vaccinations."

SA's chief public health officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier, said while Covid-19 in young children was "generally mild", it was still possible for them to become severely ill.



Renmark **Primary** School students will take part in **National** Walk Safely to School Day this Friday, May 20. PHOTO: **Elyse** Armanini

ELYSE ARMANINI

RIVERLAND students will be lacing up and putting their walking shoes to the pavement as they take part in National Walk Safely to School Day this Friday.

Now in its 23rd year, the annual event has joined forces with National Road Safety Week (May 15 to 22) to further highlight road safety and the importance of regular walking and exercise.

Students at Renmark Primary School (RPS) have spent time learning about the importance of road safety and how Walk Safely to School Day highlights other issues like health and pollution.

RPS student Teagan said it was important to participate in Walk Safely to School Day so students can "learn how to cross roads safely".

"On the day, we get to meet our teachers and our friends at the skate park and walk and talk with them on our way to school," Teagan said.

Student Wesly said walking to school

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every day could "decrease the level of air pollution created by cars".

Participating in Walk Safely to School Day helps with exercise and teaches students about being healthy, according to Chelsea.

"In PE we learnt that it is important to be healthy and active because if we are not, this can lead to us having health issues, including diabetes," Chelsea said.

"I looking forward to learning more about how to stay safe when crossing roads and also to our teachers cooking our egg-andtoast breakfast."

RPS will hold a whole-school breakfast and thanked Glenview Poultry and Paringa Bakery for "their wonderful generosity in supplying our eggs and bread".

Loxton Primary School will have more than 100 students participating in Walk Safely to School Day, with four local police cars to accompany the progression as participants make their way from Loxton Oval to the school.

All those involved will meet at the oval at 8am, with step off scheduled for 8.15am.





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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Golden days of grants ending?

THE significance of developments such as that announced for Renmark this week may only become apparent in the coming years.

The unveiling of privately funded plans for a new childcare and allied health facility in the town coincided – more or less – with yesterday's announcement of more than \$1m in funding for Berri Barmera Council to be spent on Lake Bonney.

In what could be something of a last hurrah before involuntarily switching sides from government to opposition, the latter represented the umpteenth such funding announcement for Barker MP Tony Pasin.

Even Mr Pasin's most vehement critics would acknowledge his record on helping to deliver federal government funds to his electorate, and in particular the Riverland.

While Mr Pasin is heavily favoured to be re-elected this Saturday, the Coalition is likely to be booted out of office, leaving the local MP in opposition. Some would argue his chances of a long-overdue promotion to the frontbench could depend on whether Treasurer Josh Frydenberg hangs onto his seat of Kooyong, currently on a knife's edge.

If the moderate-faction figure survives, Mr Pasin could again be cast to the backbench. However, if conservative MP Peter Dutton assumes Liberal Party leadership in Mr Frydenberg's absence, Mr Pasin's hopes of finally rising up the ladder would skyrocket.

Regardless, a Coalition loss could see public purse funding opportunities become harder to come by for safe conservative seats like Barker. In fairness, Australia's dire financial situation, approaching a mind-boggling \$1 trillion debt figure, could also contribute to a drying up of grants.

A recent golden era for the Riverland and its three councils could end.

Local councils have, of course, put in plenty of hard work to secure the many and varied grants that have flowed their way in recent years, often matched by council contributions.

If that changes under a Labor federal government, local councils may be forced to lower their sights and expectations, and plan more modest developments, in order to maintain current services and keep rates at appropriate levels.

All of which means private developments, like the facility announced this week, will become even more important. Savvy dealings with private enterprise, like Renmark Paringa Council has secured, will become par for the

AEC early voting reality exposed

THE finish line is in sight for nine Barker candidates lining up to face the starter's gun this Saturday.

Scores of voters have officially jumped the gun, as this column lamented last week when it noted the growing number of early voters in Australian elections.

Today's Murray Pioneer exposes the Australian Electoral Commission's "early voting eligibility" criteria as a laughable, pointless piece of nonsense, given the AEC has admitted that an early voting decision is a "self-determination".

If that is the case, make it official. Declare the election a two-week process, reveal the cost of same, and inform the public appropriately.



Joan turns 100: Joan Durdin AM, distinguished nurse educator and respected visionary historian, celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday. Growing up in Forestville, Adelaide, attending Methodist Ladies College, then graduating a Gold Medallist nurse from the Royal Adelaide in 1945, Joan began her career in nursing and nurse education that changed the role and recognition of the nursing profession in Australia. She also intensively published on the history of nursing in SA. For all this Joan was awarded an AM (Member of the Order of Australia) in 1985, and an Honorary Doctorate from Flinders University in 1994. She is honoured in the annual Joan Durdin Oration sponsored by the Department of Clinical Nursing at Adelaide University, and recently by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (SA Branch) in a new scholarship for nurses and midwives to enhance their leadership skills. In 2006 Joan provided crucial details for many of the nurses who died in military service during World War II and who are honoured in the street names in Loxton. This assisted in the preparation of the book, Street Names Tell Stories of Loxton. In celebrating her 100th birthday, Joan gives us a fresh understanding of how quickly 'the years go by'.

PHOTO: supplied by Joan Durdin

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seniors' housing plan swung my vote

I WAS thinking I would probably vote Liberal this federal election without any real decision about whether the Prime Minister or Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese would make any difference to my life if reelected/elected.

That was until I heard the Prime Minister encouraging senior citizens to sell their homes so that more young people would have a choice of more homes on the market to purchase.

Whatever was he thinking of? Firstly, doesn't he realise that through hard work and effort and a lifetime of effective money management that a debt-free home in one's senior years is an absolute must for a feeling of security of tenure?

Secondly, where does he expect us to live if we sell our homes?

Thirdly, should we have to transfer to a nursing home – with its shortage of trained staff, care and amenities – to die because we have become redundant in our old age?

Finally, obviously our current PM has no respect for the elderly despite his rhetoric.

That comment certainly helped me make up my mind. I won't be voting for the Liberal Party.

MARIAN WOODBERRY

We don't need show pony Xenophon

PAUL Mitchell's article on Nick Xenophon ('Mr X returns with Riverland on board', The Murray Pioneer, 11/5/2022) is a timely reminder of how little Mr Xenophon achieved in his previous incarnation as a senator.

During that time, Mr Xenophon supported further reductions in media competition, opposed renewable energy, and voted against the Clean Energy Bill

Then, little more than a year into a new eight-year term, Mr X resigned from the Senate, abandoning those who had supported his re-election. Who's to say he won't do that again?

South Australia does not need the return of a self-promoting show pony. We need senators who are in for the long haul and who will fully represent our great state.

Senator Rex Patrick has shown himself to be a man of integrity, one who is prepared to ask the hard questions in Senate committees and has shown an unwavering commitment to fulfil his duties.

Rex has stood up for regional South Australians by fighting the federal government's proposed airport security tax, uncovering the murky truth behind government purchases of River Murray water rights, and forcing the government to produce documents it was trying to hide from a Royal Commission.

Rex has been vocal in his support for Australian manufacturing using Australian-made steel, ensuring our navy has the best possible submarine fleet, and investing in locally made electric vehicles.

This Saturday, May 21 the choice is clear: you can vote for a bread and circuses show pony, or you can re-elect Senator Rex Patrick to keep the bastards honest.

DAVID BRINDLEY

I ignored Pioneer's early-voting advice

AS a visitor to the Riverland I read with interest your editorial regarding early voting ('Encouraging early voting is wrong', Murray Pioneer, 11/5/22).

I, along with many others, took the opportunity to vote early.

I disagree with your statement that I voted blind by voting early.

There is absolutely nothing that any politician can say over the final two weeks of the campaign that would sway my vote.

Policies etc. are not binding and very often never carried out. It is what they have achieved while in power that will determine my vote.

Election promises are just that, promises.

NORMAN BENNETT Ceduna

Don't vote against SA water security

IT is interesting that Water Minister David Littleproud would state so strongly that his National/Liberal government are the protectors of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and are the ones to ensure that it protects all stakeholders in this.

His government didn't see water as a major portfolio worthy of front bench until a deal was struck over climate change and Minister Keith Pitt, along with the portfolio, was returned to the front bench.

His is a government so concerned with the security of water and food that they would give it to a minister that also holds the portfolio for resources (mining).

This is a government hellbent on undermining the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, with its Deputy Leader Barnaby Joyce on many occasions stating that the 450 gigalitres for SA would never be achieved.

The federal government did everything in its power to undermine the South Australian Royal Commission, which notably found that willing buy backs were the most cost-effective way to ensure this.

After it was finalised the Liberal Marshall government and his water minister, David Speirs, did anything about it or its recommendations and aided the federal government in overturning a Northern Basin disallowance of 70 gigalitres, further undermining South Australia's water security.

The Basin Plan in its simplest form was a plan designed to stop over-allocation and extraction of water, to ensure that the health of the rivers, tributaries and floodplains and all its flora, fauna and communities were protected for all future generations. It was based on the best possible science, but from the beginning has been undermined.

A vote for the Liberals, Nationals, UAP and One Nation is a vote against true water security for all South Australians.

ROSA HILLAM Healthy rivers ambassador Greens candidate for Barker

Another 450GL puts so much at risk

I REFER to David Kimber's letter to the editor in last week's Murray Pioneer ('Hopefully Pasin pushes for 450GL', 11/5/22).

That "only 32 gigalitres of water" that you refer to equates to around 4000ha of irrigated horticulture in South Australia.

You can do the math for 450GL.

The primary production income generated from that area and the jobs it supports would equal far more than some tourism dollars from yabbying.

South Australia will receive nearly 9000GL over the border this water year, up from our average of 4000GL. Feel free to fact check it.

Do you really think we need another 450GL put into the healthy river at that cost to production, largely export income and jobs?

MARK DOECKE Sunlands

Rail vision for SA country towns

A FEDERAL election, while a painful exercise for most, is also an opportunity for potential political leaders to demonstrate a vision for their electorates.

After 25 years of countless meetings and involvement in transport from Bordertown to Pintumba and Port Lincoln northwards through our state to the Northern Territory border, one thing that stands out is the decline of country towns.

South Australia is far behind others states in providing adequate services in and to country towns. It is far too Adelaide centric.

It is absolutely critical to retain doctors, nurses, schoolteachers, agricultural workers and others that make up the essential ingredients of communities.

Federal data shows that both freight and passenger rail are far more environmentally friendly, safer and cost effective than alternatives.

CSIRO has identified that inland rail will provide \$220,000

"There is absolutely nothing that any politician can say over the final two weeks of the campaign that would sway my vote..."

- NORMAN BENNETT



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annual freight savings. To underline this, billions of dollars of federal funding for rail has been, is being and is planned to be provided to all other states.

But where is South Australia's share? Why are our regions not demanding it?

Nearly all inland towns in this state evolved along railway lines. Some of these rail lines are in operation today for freight only and are seriously underutilised.

Others can and should be brought back into operation. Passenger rail and freight can and should use this available capacity.

Advances in rail technology that overcomes differing rail gauges and increases safe rail line capacity make this even more viable.

How can an area as large and important as Eyre Peninsula not be connected to the main interstate rail network when only a 150km gap needs to be bridged?

Towns such as Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Whyalla, Port Lincoln and others in this state can and should have passenger rail ser-

We need political candidates with vision who are prepared to stand up for what their communities need.

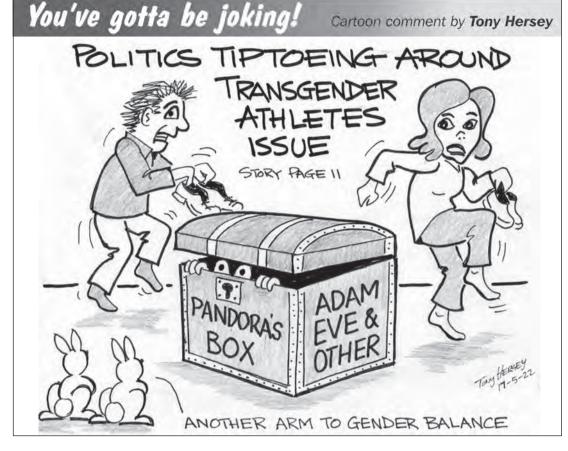
Governments can and will listen if the volume is high enough. **South Australian Transport Action** Group

Crafers SA

Food crisis missing during election

IT is disappointing that the growing global food crisis has barely rated a mention during the Federal Election campaign.

Are we not aware that the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has warned of a looming catastrophe and 44 million people are on the verge



of famine, with millions more facing hunger and malnutrition?

WFP director Dr Martin Frick has stated that "since the Second World War we haven't seen a humanitarian situation as severe as the current one".

With disruptions to the food supply chains due to the war in Ukraine, other nations must step up and fill the food void.

We can do that here in Australia, but first we need to support our farmers so they can increase production and put us in a position to supply the world with more food.

Once La Nina eases, there will not be the massive flows of water that we have experienced in recent times, and as a result we will need to improve our

water management and make more available for growing food.

Over the past decade huge quantities have been allocated to environmental flows, but unfortunately there has also been a lot of waste, with man-made flooding and pouring too much precious water out into the sea in South Australia. This has occurred because of the political emphasis on precious 'green' votes, instead of supporting our staple food producers.

As a result, our previous standing as a world leader in water management has been eroded, and despite having some of the best gravity fed irrigation systems in the world we are not feeding starving populations as much as we could be.

It is time to swing the pendulum back.

Whoever wins the Federal Election needs to take stock of the mistakes made in water policy over the past decade.

We have regional communities desperately wanting to work with agencies, governments and water policy decision-makers to achieve ecological outcomes, while at the same time maximising water availability for food and fibre production.

Let's return to growing our food so we can ease cost of living pressures, bolster the economic contribution of our regions to the nation and, importantly, help feed the world.

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Regarding the antisocial gatherers in Berri ('Antisocial club', Murray Pioneer, 11/5/22), why not make them responsible for their actions and punish them accordingly? If I were to behave in such a way, the law would come down on me, as expected, and so it should. Lock them up and make a court date. I've been on the receiving end of their behaviour and actions and it wasn't a good ending. Enough is enough.

STEVEN

Early signs are bad for commuters who go between Renmark and Berri. Those putting out the speed restriction signs for the roundabout work are already putting the slow-down signs way too far out, and last week I drove through a 40km/h zone with literally no one there, and no need for restrictions. The flashing signs say this is going to happen until December. It's no wonder people speed through there.

Berri

Why do we have to do 40km/h in a 110k/m zone when there are no roadworks happening at the Monash T-junctions? There are no hazards. Nothing. The RAA said they'd be fined for leaving signs out when the roadworks aren't

happening. Hope this isn't going to be a continuing thing.

Cobdogla

Thank you to The Murray Pioneer for putting a story in your paper regarding the small witches hats on the Paringa road. They were too light and were blowing across the road. They have now been fixed with weights. Thanks so much.

Paringa

Fellow CCW growers, please think about who you vote for today, May 18. Has the current board acted in your best interest?

Loveday

I refer to the front page of The Advertiser (7/5/22). Nicola Badran is terrified of full-time work. She is 22. When I, my wife and our friends were 22 we worked the weekly 40 hours per week which was reduced to 38. We worked overtime for no payment. Legislation changed that scenario. We had a dream to buy a house and have children. We achieved it, as our friends did.

RED T Renmark

Last week's letter from Martin Kaesler ('Which way? Good luck, Australia', Pioneer, 11/5/22) was well written and spot on. It should

be on the opinion pages of every newspaper across Australia this

TR Renmark

When the NLP loses the election will Tony Pasin support Peter Dutton again for leader of the Liberal Party in opposition? He did during the first challenge to Malcolm Turnbull, but they obviously couldn't count because Dutton lost.

JEN Berri

David Brindley ('Banning abortion prevents safe ones', The Murray *Pioneer*, 11/5/22) is it very sad that you view the miracle of conception to birth as nothing more than a biological parasite. You should add the words design, family, soul, valued and loved. I appreciate the view that Chris George expressed previously.

MARK Sunlands

Thank you, David Brindley, for your excellent and factual letter. We need to hear more voices like yours.

A. LIGHTOWLER Loxton

What great news that two of our Riverland clubs are again using bain maries, with salads and hot

vegetables for the patrons to help themselves. I wonder what is holding up other local pubs and clubs from doing the same? Is profit margin the answer?

GARY Waikerie

Nathan Buckley is spot on. Let's hear the full story. I believe Heritier Lumumba is after money.

Waikerie

To Gary from Waikerie (Text Line, 11/5/22), \$90 per hour minus: tradesman wage, administration wage. Workcover, liability insurance, vehicle insurance, vehicle fuel and mainten: the sums.

SUE Berri

I've pretty much had enough of the same selfish idiots who think it's a great joke to light their piles of carcinogenic junk then go back to their glam-filled town houses. Meanwhile I cough my guts up all night trying to get some kip with the dog, in a pickers quarters filled with acrid smoke. It's been going on for decades, and it's worse than burnouts or loud party music. Another visit to the psychologist. Thanks boys, love your work, livin' the dream.

Cooltong

Looking back... 10 years ago May 18, 2012 The Murray Pioneer Fifty Shades of Grey has local readers enthralled. 'Mummy porn' **Another Chookman chapter**

FIFTY SHADES OF GREY HAS LOCAL READERS ENTHRALLED...One of the Riverland's best-selling books – dubbed 'mummy porn' - could harm readers' relationships with their spouses, a leading psychologist has warned. Dr Darryl Cross said E.L. James' erotic romance Fifty Shades of Grey was setting women up for disappointment in their personal lives. "There will be a big gap between their expectations and their fantasies, and the reality," he told The Murray Pioneer.

20 years ago May 22, 2002



LACK OF INSURANCE HITS HOME ROLLARENA CLOSES: The Riverland Rollarena will close its doors to the public next month because it cannot get public liability insurance. Owners Barry and Veronika Heuzenroeder have been unable to secure public liability insurance beyond the June 2 expiry date of their current policy. Mr Heuzenroeder said that the s insurance agent, Elders, had "tried everywhere" to secure insurance. "It's been on the drawing board for a while, when we secured cover last year we were warned it could be the last time," he said.

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Designs for disability support accomodation, an allied health centre, and a childcare facility, set to be built in Renmark by Adelaide-based developer Evergreen Built. IMAGE: supplied

GREEN LIGHT

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A PROPERTY developer has purchased a prime chunk of land in a Riverland town, with immediate plans to construct new disability accommodation and a childcare facility at the site.

The Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP) last week endorsed a proposed development from Adelaide-based Evergreen Built to construct eight NDIS dwellings, a childcare centre, and an allied health centre, at Lot 221 Para Street/Eighteenth Street, in Panneyls

Evergreen Built director Wayne Henry

disability support, had continued to grow.

"There's NDIS housing, a childcare, and an allied health clinic," he said.

"All three are direct needs of the community. Right now in the Riverland there's a need for quite a few NDIS housing outcomes, so we're putting eight of them in Renmark.

"That's a benefit to Renmark, and the entire community in the Riverland.

"The allied health will expand into NDIS services... (and) the childcare would be the first in the Riverland that has NDIS capability."

The childcare would have capacity for up to 100 children with disabilities, while residents of the NDIS houses – to be operated by KinKera Community – would have access to the allied health centre.

Renmark Paringa chief executive officer Tony Siviour said the completed facilities would increase the likelihood of young health professionals – who study in the area – remaining in the region.

"Council has worked with Evergreen Built for over 12 months in getting this exciting development to the point it has been supported by the Riverland Regional Assessment panel," Mr Siviour said.

"Initially Evergreen was focused on NDIS housing but through many discussions it has evolved into a mixed-use development which ticks many boxes for the Renmark Paringa and Riverland communities.

"What is particularly pleasing is the identified shortfall in childcare positions and NDIS housing will be addressed removing barriers to assist in growing our community.

"In addition, the allied health hub proposed on the site will provide the opportunity to expand allied health options in the Riverland.

"In October last year council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Flinders University to jointly explore opportunities for the delivery of allied health courses, enabling in-demand occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and speech pathologists to train and remain in the Riverland region.

"This will provide the perfect partnership for this to come to fruition."

It is understood 30 local jobs will be created through the project, with construction expected to begin in September.

Mr Henry – who had previously lived in Renmark – said his company was focused on development projects that directly benefitted the community.

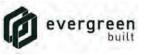
"I've got a lot of connections to the area, and this was a tremendous opportunity," Mr Henry said.

"My children and step-children have long and storied connections to the region.

"It was a way I could do some projects that would enhance the community.

"Both projects are enhancements to the community, and fill commercial and residential gaps that have been missing."





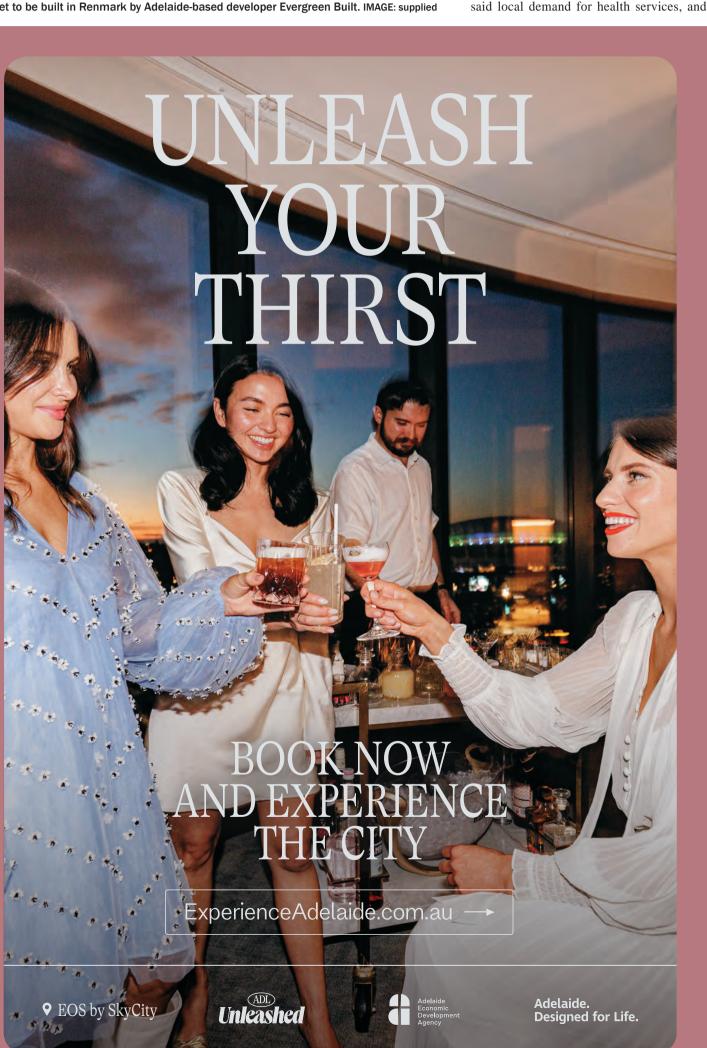
Free local wedding expo this Sunday

A LOCAL business will host a free wedding expo this weekend, with a wide range of Riverland stallholders on board.

The Riverland Wedding Expo will be held at The River Block in Bookpurnong this Sunday, May 22, from 10am to 2pm.

The event is free to attend, with 37 stallholders – 80 per cent of which are Riverland-owned.

For more information and tickets, visit The River Block Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheRiverBlock).



Riverland outbreaks continue to grow

FURTHER detections of fruit fly have seen three new outbreaks declared in the Riverland over the past seven days, with a local towns quarantine zone also expanded.

PIRSA on Monday delcared a new Queensland fruit fly outbreak in Murtho, following the detection of a pregnant female fruit fly in a monitoring trap.

The detection of pregnant females also saw two new fruit fly outbreaks declared at Loxton North last week.

The detections were made outside the existing Loxton North outbreak area, meaning new fruit fly outbreaks were constituted.

The original Loxton North outbreak area is now being called Loxton North A, and the new outbreaks are named Loxton North B and Loxton North C.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said local citrus growers would be financially impacted by requirements to chemically treat fruit as a result of the outbreaks.

"Growers are doing the right thing on their properties, and we need everyone to do the same at home," Mr Size said.

"With citrus season beginning now, fruit is coming off the trees but worker shortages mean you may see more fruit on the ground than normal – growers know to treat that with chemicals and mulch it to destroy any flies or larvae.

"If you're a grower, call PIRSA's industry hotline on 1800 255 556 for advice on fruit fly restrictions and requirements."

Meanwhile, the Waikerie fruit fly outbreak area has been extended to the north and west after maggots were detected in backyard fruit last week.





Two new fruit fly outbreaks were declared in Loxton North (above) last week and another in Murtho on Monday. IMAGES: supplied

PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response, Nick Secomb, said it was crucial all potential host material was cleared from Riverland backyards.

"Fruit fly is posing a real risk to locally grown fruit – both commercially and in your back yard," Mr Secomb said.

"Riverland residents, please clean up your gardens urgently, and please follow the fruit movement restrictions in the affected fruit fly areas.

"Fruit fly thrive on ripe fruit. Pick your

fruit as soon as it's ripe and collect any rotten or fallen fruit off the ground – do not compost or bury it.

"Please give fruit fly officers access to your property so they can do their work quickly and efficiently. Special waste arrangements are in place so check waste advice on the fruit fly website or call the Fruit Fly Hotline."

Primary producers impacted by current fruit fly outbreaks are encouraged to contact the Family and Business support program by phone on 1800 931 314, or by visiting the website (pir.sa.gov.au/fabs).

Further information regarding fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland is available by visiting the website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov. au).

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Jason Size



Growers are doing the right thing on their properties, and we need everyone to do the same at home...

- Jason Size Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair



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Salvos' Renmarkable 124-year link

PAUL MITCHELL

TWO events over the past week have helped acknowledge - and preserve - The Salvation Army's remarkable 124-year connection with Renmark.

Approximately 70 people linked to The Salvation Army in Renmark returned for a two-day reunion, while a book outlining the group's history in the town was also officially launched.

A Renmark Revolution tells how pioneer Salvationist Fred Matulick helped conduct the first open-air meeting in the town in 1888, then traverses the group's history, through to its closure in December 2012.

The book's author, and former Renmark Salvationist, Ross Hailes journeyed from his Canadian home for the occasion and said



The scene at lunchtime on Sunday, when former Salvos band members gathered to play at the original site - on the corner of Para Street and 16th Street in Renmark - where the town's first two Salvation Army halls were built. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

The Salvation Army had a proud history in

"It was the first official church to operate

in Renmark and the first church to erect a worship building," he said.

"Its founder, Ferdinand 'Fred' Matulick, was a friend and associate of the Chaffey brothers who financially assisted The Salvation Army in its early days.

"At one stage around the turn of the century it is believed that approximately one in 10 Renmark residents belonged to The Salvation Army.

"I was also interested to read that Arthur Pitman Corrie, first editor of The Murray Pioneer, trained as a Salvation Army officer at some stage."

The reunion comprised a "worship meeting" and dinner at The Lawns Bowling Club on Saturday night, plus a special event on Sunday morning.

"We brought some of the old Salvos band members back," Mr Hailes said.

"We had a brass band of 17 and we played on the corner of Para Street and 16th Street, which is where the original first two Salvation Army halls – or churches if you like – were built."

Through selections from The Murray



Ross Hailes presents a copy of his book, A Renmark Revolution, to Renmark Paringa Council chief librarian Maxine Hodgson. The book outlines the history of The Salvation Army in Renmark. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Pioneer, and other newspapers, plus The Salvation Army's own publication, The War Cry, Mr Hailes' book traces the group's foundation and steady growth in Renmark.

The forward is provided by Dianne Nicholls OAM, who predicted the book would be "loved by those who have a link with the Renmark Salvation Army, who value history and who cherish the social history of the town".

"This chronological collection of snapshots captures the perseverance of founding members, the faith and faithfulness of commanding officers and local officers, the outreach of the soldiers... and the integration of The Salvation Army within the Renmark community," she said.

Mr Hailes presented a copy of the book to the Renmark Library last week. It is available for purchase online (amazon.com.au).

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Transgender question divides Barker candidates

PAUL MITCHELL

THE divisive issue of maleborn transgender athletes competing against girls and women has similarly split Barker electorate contenders.

The topic hit the headlines early in the 2022 Federal Election campaign via Liberal candidate for Warringah, Katherine Deves, whose controversial comments about transgender children sparked debate about the rights of transgender athletes.

The topic drew varying responses from the Barker field, after opinions were sought from three of the so-called 'freedom' candidates, along with the Labor, Liberal, Greens and Nationals contenders.

All seven were asked the same question: Should maleborn transgender athletes be allowed to compete against girls and women?

Greens' candidate Rosa Hillam said transgender sport was a topic unworthy of debate during the election, while Labor's Mark Braes said such decisions should rest with the respective sporting bodies.

The other five were strongly against the idea, as was Renmark-based Liberal Senator Anne Ruston. SA Liberal Senate candidate Kerryne Liddle, who visited the Riverland earlier this month, declined to offer a definitive answer.

Ms Hillam spoke most passionately about the issue.

"I see it as nothing more than a cheap way to get really conservative votes... and to try to get votes from Palmer (UAP) and One Nation," Ms Hillam told The Murray Pioneer.

"And my concern is the cost to the minority of people. I'm terrified about people's mental health and As much as we have to be inclusive, it can't be at the cost of another group's rights...

Rosa Hillam

I don't want to buy into it, because I think it's a disgusting, low act."

One Nation's Barker candidate was forthright in his response.

"No, they shouldn't," said Carlos Quaremba.

"As much as we have to be inclusive, it can't be at the cost of another group's rights."

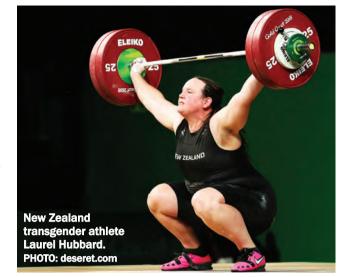
Sitting Liberal MP Tony Pasin, a father of two young girls, said the question required a "common-sense" approach.

"We should protect the rights of young women and girls to be able to compete fairly and safely against other young women and girls and celebrate the benefits this brings to our soci-

ety both now and into the future," he said.

Mr Morrison has stood by Ms Deves, despite saying earlier in the campaign he "wouldn't use" some of the terms used by his handpicked Warringah candidate, who described transgender children as "surgically mutilated".

PAGE 12 AEC ADMISSION



"SHOULD MALE-BORN TRANSGENDER ATHLETES BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN?"

Rosa Hillam (Greens)

"Look, I'm not going to buy into this because I think this is just dog whistling. I don't think it's got anything to do with the election. I'm happy for anyone to ask me for comment after the election. I had an argument with some people at prepoll...with Liberals and UAP people, because to my way of thinking, Scott Morrison had that captain's pick for a reason. He put her in there fully knowing her views and knowing that she would stir up trouble. I see it as nothing more than a cheap way to get really conservative votes...and to try to get votes from Palmer and One Nation. And my concern is the cost to the minority of people. I'm terrified about people's mental health. I don't want to buy into it, because I think it's a disgusting, low act. As everybody has said, sporting organisations already have rules and things for this. I think if children are going to be that stressed out and that competitive, that's no good for anybody."

Carlos Quaremba (One Nation)

No, they shouldn't. As much as we have to be inclusive, it can't be at the cost of another group's rights."

Tony Pasin (Liberal)

"As a father of two young girls, I have proudly watched their sporting achievements and seen the benefits sport brings to them. Sport has the power to shape lives. It teaches teamwork, self-reliance, resilience and confidence among women and young girls. I don't want to see these learning opportunities taken away from future generations of women because they are no longer able to play single sex sport. I believe we need to apply some common-sense here, and we should protect the rights of young women and girls to be able to compete fairly and safely against other young women and girls and celebrate the benefits this brings to our society both now and into the future."

Vince Pannell (Independent)

"My answer to that is no. It's very simple. It's just a biological advantage."

Mark Braes (Labor)

"I understand the governing sports bodies have discretions to deal with this, and I'm happy for them to deal

with it. I understand the issue and I understand the concerns people have. My position is that, as I understand it, their capacity under the Sex Discrimination Act at Commonwealth level at least, for sporting bodies to make decisions on this. And that obviously rests on what the medical evidence is and whether there's an unfair advantage. It's not a yes or a no, that's how I see it."

Jonathan Pietzsch (Nationals)

"No, I believe that women should have the ability to compete on an even playing field against biological females without having to worry about unfair competitive advantage."



David Swiggs (UAP)

"As a father of young children, a son and a daughter, I don't believe male-born transgender athletes should be allowed to compete against girls and women. Proponents for the debate claim that once testosterone levels are below a certain threshold, the playing field is even. This is simply not the case as our human biology and anatomy is much more complex. At this stage, in my opinion, the only viable option would be to form a third category of competition where transgender athletes can compete against each other on a more even playing field."

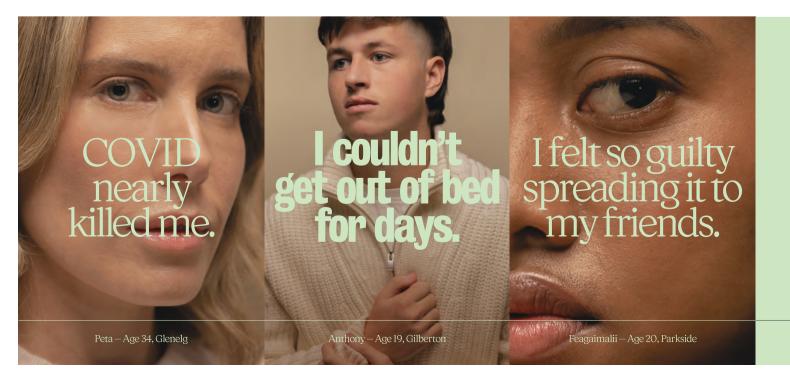
Anne Ruston (Liberal Senator for SA)

"I believe that there is a respectful conversation that needs to be had to make sure that we continue to have safe sport for women and that we maintain the integrity of sport for women. So, I believe that single-sex sport should be allowed to continue. And I would say to any sporting club that the Coalition Government absolutely supports your right to have single-sex sport."

Kerryne Liddle (Liberal Senate candidate for SA)

"Sport is really important for all Australians and we all need to find our niche in the sporting sector in terms of what we want. I think I'll leave that conversation up to the elected members of parliament at the moment to work through."







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Couldn't be bothered voting on Federal Election day, May 21?



The scene at the busy prepoll centre in Renmark. Scores of Riverlanders have exercised the opportunity to vote early for the 2022 Federal Election. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

'No worries' says AEC

PAUL MITCHELL

THE Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has admitted people can vote early simply because they feel like it.

Record numbers of Australians are turning out to prepoll centres across the nation – including in Renmark – ahead of the 2022 Federal Election, set down for this Saturday, May 21.

Prepoll centres aim to ensure Australians physically unable to attend a booth on election day can still cast their vote, but the AEC has long emphasised that convenience is an invalid reason to vote early.

The AEC even has "early voting eligibility" criteria on its website, however it has admitted to The Murray Pioneer – which was prompted to ask questions after receiving anecdotal reports of locals voting early without being asked to provide a specific reason – that literally anyone can vote early.

"The AEC has no capacity to investigate why people choose to vote early," said AEC digital media officer William Collett.

"The decision is a self-determina-

tion made by voters who know they are unable to attend a polling place on election day, and conclude that they are eligible to vote early based on the criteria..."

According to the ABC, as of last Saturday night, more than 13,000 people across Barker had already voted early, compared to just 7000 in the first week of pre-voting in 2019.

The pre-voting period has been shortened from three weeks in 2019 to two weeks in 2022.

PAGE 13 My early voting experience

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Stone fruit takes \$70m hit from labour problems

GOVERNMENT support is needed for Riverland stone fruit growers losing millions of dollars and struggling to overcome a lack of available workers, according to a peak industry body.

Figures released last month by Summerfruit Australia showed stone fruit growers lost up to \$70m nationwide during the 2021-22 season, due to ongoing labour shortages caused by Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Summerfruit Australia chair Andrew Finlay said bipartisan support to expand the Agriculture Visa at this weekend's Federal Election was crucial for Riverland growers

"Over the 2021-22 stone fruit season, the unharvested fruit, over-ripe fruit lost in the packing process and lost export markets, all due to insufficient labour represented an up to \$70 million loss to growers and the economy of the production regions," Mr Finlay said.

"(We're) calling on all nominated candidates and all political parties to detail their immediate plans to deal with the current and future lack of horticulture harvest labour.

"We call on all parties to show real initiatives by, in the first instance, supporting and expanding the Agriculture Visa and developing other short to medium term programs."

Summerfruit Export Alliance chair Ian McAlister said the value of Riverland stone fruit would drop without state and federal government support.

"While skills training for all ages is important, it will take time to build up the numbers of employees required," Mr McAlister said.

"And while we applaud the planned programs, they will not solve the harvest labour shortage that Australian stone fruit growers are facing for the coming season"

Buybacks to reach 450GL would devastate Riverland

NO matter how many times I drive up the Ngarkat Highway (and it's been a few) I'll never be a Riverland local.

That being said the many hundreds of times I've driven that road and the time I've spent in the Riverland over the past eight and a half years I think has given me an appreciation for what makes the Riverland and Riverlanders tick.

Or maybe, put another way, I think I've come to understand what ticks them off.

Principal in that is the tendency of those in Adelaide or elsewhere, (who would struggle to find the river even with the assistance of a GPS) to lecture river communities about how they should manage the river system.

It's trite to say but worth repeating that the Murray-Darling Basin Plan seeks to redress the historical overallocation of the resource. It does it by setting a recovery target of 2750 gigalitres together with an "additional" 450-gigalitre target conditional, of course, on that additional target being achieved in a manner that causes no socio-economic impact to river communities.

That is a subtle but important condition.

South Australia's share of that additional recovery target is difficult to calculate but best estimates put it at around 32 gigalitres, or the equivalent of the irrigation effort of the entire Renmark Irrigation District.

The Labor Party plans to recover this 450-gigalitre target regardless of the impact on communities, telling Australians that if forced to, they will buy back water from irrigators, resulting in less productive land use, fewer By **TONY PASIN** Member for Barker



jobs and reduced economic activity.

In contrast, the Coalition is committed to delivering the Plan in full and on time, and we only intend recovering the additional 450 gigalitres if it can be done in a manner that satisfies the socio-economic neutrality test.

A number of contributors over recent weeks have addressed this issue. Indeed one called the South Australian target of 32 gigalitres a "small share".

I must say I disagree.

To take away or buy back water from the equivalent of 600 irrigators and 5000 hectares of irrigated horticulture would be to devastate the Riverland.

We know this because we watched it happen the last time the Labor Party was in government.

If we can find the 450 gigalitres (inclusive of South Australia's 32 gigalitres) through efficiencies, then I'm all for it, but any other alternative would be catastrophic for the Riverland.

It's well past time for us to be honest with ourselves. If the only option to achieve the additional recovery target is government buy backs then the additional 450 gigalitres cannot be recovered.

Let's call the additional target for what it was: an impossible task set for the Commonwealth by a Labor premier, Jay Weatherill, determined to see the Commonwealth fail.

Indigenous film festival to return

RIVERLANDERS have been invited to "share in culture and experience" at an annual short film showcase.

The annual Nunga Screen indigenous short film festival will be held at the Chaffey Theatre on Monday, May 30, as part of Reconciliation Week.

Event programmer – and Ngarrindjeri man – Josh Trevorrow said "inspiring docos, compelling dramas, quirky animation, (plus) contemporary and traditional storytelling" would highlight the festival.

"Nunga Screen has become a strong part of community calendars across regional SA and with each year our partnerships with regional organisations and communities strengthens," he said.



Aunty Lavene – featured in the short film Lavene Ngatokorua – is a Wangkangurru/Adnyamathanha/ Kuyani/Luritja woman and an artist of various mediums. Her creations reflect her unique visions of community and culture and tell stories that reflect personal experiences.

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"Our films this year are all South Australian and all made by First Nation filmmakers.

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

"We hope everyone comes out for this amazing opportunity to get together, connect, learn and have fun."

Nunga Screen will be held at the Chaffey Theatre, in Renmark, on Monday, May 30, at 10am and 7pm.

A full list of films being shown at this year's festival can be found by visiting the website (www.countryarts. org.au/events/nunga-screen-2022/#program).

My experience voting early this election

'VOTE early and vote often' is generally a tongue-in-cheek phrase used in relation to elections and the voting process.

Voting often is of course corrupt, as each eligible citizen is only allowed to vote once.

But voting early is something Australians have been doing more than ever.

Pre-poll voting, as well explained in last week's Murray Pioneer editorial ('Encouraging early voting is wrong', 11/5/22), has always been available as has postal voting, but each is supposed to assist those unable to attend a polling place on election day – not to aid voter convenience.

I was in Renmark for a meeting last week and with limited time available between 5RM Sports Saturday and Match of The Day broadcast commitments this Saturday, I decided to try my luck at the AEC (Australian Electoral Commission) early voting centre.

After manoeuvring through the volunteer how-to-vote conga line, I was asked to stand at the door, hand sanitise and wait until an electoral officer was available to mark me off the roll and provide the ballots.

At the time there was only one other elderly woman voting. As a matter of fact she was the only other voter at the booth for the whole time I was there.

We were greatly outnumbered by six AEC personnel, all in coloured vests – four in purple and two in yellow.

One was at the door policing the "traffic" (and hand sanitiser). One was handing out ballot papers (hence the wait). One was at another desk on a computer and another was at the ballot boxes ensuring each vote went in the correct



coloured ballot box.

Two AEC supervisors in yellow were overlooking the whole process.

At no time was \bar{I} asked by anyone for a reason for my pre-poll. In the blink of an eye I had cast my slips and was on my way, free from the commitment this Saturday, which is the designated election day.

At the time of writing more than 2 million Australians had already done the same and with a similar number of postal votes issued, between 4 million and 5 million of the 16 million eligible voters, will have voted in this federal election before polling day.

I'm not sure why the only pre-poll location in the Riverland is in Renmark? Surely a more central location like Berri would better serve all?

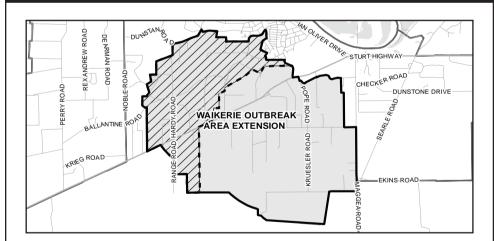
At least there are locations across the Riverland for everyone to do their duty on election day. Remember voting is compulsory, an obliga-

Booths are open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday, so vote early but remember not voting or voting more often than once is illegal.

tion but also a privilege.

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

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK WAIKERIE EXTENSION



Queensland fruit fly has been found at Waikerie, resulting in an extension north and west of the existing outbreak area.

The outbreak end date will now be 19 December 2022, if there are no further detections.

If you live in the area, visit **fruitfly.sa.gov.au** to understand the restrictions in place where you live, work or go to school.

Once purchased or picked from the garden, some fruit and vegetables cannot move from your property within the outbreak area.

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

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

Special arrangements need to be put in place for the movement of commercial produce. Call the industry hotline on 1800 255 556.

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- Give us access to your garden so we can do our work quickly and efficiently.
- Pick your ripe fruit and vegetables
- Collect fallen fruit, seal it in a plastic bag and call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 to arrange collection.
- Check your fruit for blemishes and maggots.
- Call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 if you find a maggot. Seal the fruit in a bag.



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Twins Stack and Mel had a difficult time manoeuvring their houseboat along the Renmark river front but had plenty of laughs along the way. PHOTOS: supplied



Self-proclaimed travel addicts Matt and Brett taking in the Riverland in the Riverland and Flinders Ranges episode of Travel Guides.

Travel Guides give Riverland a thumbs up

ALEXANDRA BULL

ONE of Channel Nine's most popular TV shows explored the Riverland in a high-rating episode that aired earlier this month.

Currently in its fifth season, Travel Guides features five different groups of ordinary Australians taking on the job of being travel critics, rating their experiences in some of the world's most popular locations.

Watched by over 550,000 people, the episode highlighted numerous Riverland businesses including Riverfun Houseboats, the Renmark Club and Loveday 4x4 Adventure

Co-owner of Riverfun Houseboats, Kim Seymour, said she received plenty of messages pointing out the relative rarity of the travel guides delivering five-star

"(The holiday experience) got four five-star ratings, so that is really exciting for the region," she said.

'The crew that only gave it three stars said the houseboating and Murray River side they would have given five, but the Flinders Rangers side of it brought it back down.

"I think the national exposure is really important for the Riverland and it ties in nicely with the new Riverland brand that's out there.

"Hopefully it will highlight what the region has to offer."

The episode saw the travel guides take on everything from gel blasting to manoeuvring houseboats along the river front in Renmark.

General manager of the Renmark Club, Lyn Wilksch, said every little bit of exposure was welcome.

"I thought it was very good, and it is very important to showcase the region and the area," she said.

Destination Riverland general manager Ben Patten said national coverage was always positive for the region.

"I like the way they present the content authentically which I think is in line with what the Riverland is all about," he said.

"We are very much a welcoming and authentic destination without pretention and I think that came through really well on the show."

Berri Barmera finds home for biosolid pile

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND council is carting 40 years-worth of human waste to a local agricultural property, seven months after council received notification to urgently dispose of the stockpile.

Outgoing Berri Barmera Council infrastructure services manager Dave Otto de Grancy said the biosolids had been cleaned and screened for non-biodegradable products, with council also implementing a new biosolids management plan to avoid large stockpiles in the future.

"I'm really proud of the work our staff have put in, because what we've ended up doing was a mammoth amount of work," he said.

"We had to hold up our capital projects to get this done, because we hadn't planned for this and we hadn't budgeted for it."

Council previously planned on using the stockpile as fertiliser to revegetate the former Monash dump site, but this was rejected by the state's Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

"My argument was if we could put this product on horticulture, why couldn't we spread it across our landfill as a nutritional base to help us grow the native vegetation we have to on it?" Mr Otto de Grancy said.

"They said that was disposal, and I said it was like spreading fertiliser to help our trees.

"They finally came back and

said we could put it on our landfill, but we'd have to redo our dump closure plan which is a huge, expensive process.

"Luckily enough we were able to find a large-scale farm who would accept this product to mix

with their own compost. "We're giving the product away - we can't sell it - so they're getting that organic product to benefit their soils."

Last October, council received a quote for \$125,000 to remove and compost the biosolids before pursuing the current disposal plan.

"(The EPA) have been fair to work with but they have high expectations for rural councils," Mr Otto de Grancy said.

"What they wanted us to do cost us a tonne of money which we didn't have in the budget to do, but we were able to find the money to do that and get it done in order to comply.

"It needs to be dependent on the level of potential damage to the environment. What we had was a pile of basically manure sitting there.

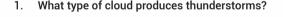
"Realistically, even though we now know we shouldn't have been stockpiling that amount of it, it really was a benign product.

"We're talking a six-figure sum for council - there are no Riverland councils who can come up with that money instantaneously without something else suffering.'

PAGE 15 Hard waste pick-up







From what city do Neapolitans hail?

Who was the legendary enemy of the Sheriff of Nottingham?

The world record in this Olympic event is 6.18 meters - about 20 feet. What is the event?

What was the name of the rabbit in the movie "Bambi"?

What is the oldest English-language encyclopaedia still being produced?

What is the most points one can score with a single dart throw?

Where does the rain stay mainly on the plain?

What five-letter word means "to secretly add alcohol to a punch bowl"?

10. What Disney movie features the song "When You Wish Upon a Star"?

11. What popular spread's ingredients include hazelnut, milk, and a hint of cocoa?

12. In Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven", what word does the raven say?

13. What is a Fender Stratocaster?

14. What comic book villain was also known as Oswald Cobblepot?

15. Who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver?

16. What word refers to a person who is equally capable with either hand?

17. Who was Alexander the Great's teacher?

18. Who is former tennis star Steffi Graf's husband?

19. In what city would you find the world's tallest building?

20. Which country has won the greatest number of major international beauty pageants?

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QUIZ MASTER BONUS Who is the patron saint of televisions and **Answers** QUESTION: computer screens? Answer in next week's Quiz.

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Local distillery shines at the 'Oscars of booze'

ALEXANDRA BULL

HOME-GROWN heroes 23rd Street Distillery took home gold and silver at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition last month.

The competition, which has been dubbed 'the Oscars of Booze' is one of the foremost spirits contests in the world, and the oldest in North America.

A whopping nine spirits from Renmark-based 23rd Street Distilery were awarded with honours at the competition, with two spirits taking home the prestigious double gold award in their respective categories.

The Not Your Nanna's Brandy, was awarded a double gold in the Other Brandy class, while the Australian Vodka, took home the double gold in the Vodka class.

The zesty Red Citrus Gin was also awarded gold, gaining the honours in the Flavoured Gin class.

To top off their incredible feet, the distillery also took home six silver awards with its Australian Signature Rum, Violet Gin, Yuzu Gin, Riverland Rose Vodka, Signature Gin and Australian Single Malt Whisky.

Brand manager Millie Wright said winning awards is an integral part of launching products.

"It builds trust with the trade and allows consumers to feel confident in purchasing the product for the first time," Miss Wright said.

"Winning awards, especially at the big shows, is always well received by the team, and it is nice to have the hard work of the different teams acknowledged and celebrated.

"The 23rd Street team is split with the dis-



The Not Your Nanna's Brandy and Australian Vodka from 23rd Street Distillery took home the prestigious double gold award in their categories at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in April. PHOTO: Supplied

tillers in Renmark, marketing and production in Salisbury South, and then the sales team in each state so it is satisfying as a collective to be recognised."

Miss Wright said that receiving double gold for the 23rd Street Australian Vodka is a huge win for the brand.

"With such a large focus on the vodka category at the moment, with international brands being taken off-shelf, it is reassuring for consumers and the category that we have award winning vodka that is produced locally," she said.

Miss Wright also envisions the awards success will have a positive effect on the 23rd Street brand.

"Awards provide consumers and retailers with confidence in the product, and it provides a talking point when interacting with customers."

Hard waste pick-up for Berri

A LOCAL council will bring back a popular hard waste collection service, though on a smaller scale than last year.

Berri Barmera Council will undertake a hard rubbish pick-up around the Berri township this June, having organised a districtwide pick-up last year.

Outgoing infrastructure services manager Dave Otto de Grancy said the pick-up would then be held in Barmera next year and the council's smaller towns in 2024.

"It will be on a three-year cycle," Mr Otto de Grancy said.

"People with a rural address won't get a pick-up.

"This year we will be picking up mattresses and e-waste as well."

Mr Otto de Grancy said council's general inspectors would be policing rubbish being put out before or after the set dates.

By JOSH BRINE



"The dates on the information forms will specify when people can put their waste out," he said.

"Last year a lot of people I don't believe read those forms properly, and we had a lot of waste being put out well before the due dates, which made the place look like a bit of a dump.

"We're asking people to read the brochure that comes out and get the rules.

"It makes it much easier to manage and it saves any confusion."

The collection will be undertaken by Cleanaway.



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Country Arts SA mentorships now open

RIVERLAND artists are invited to apply for funded mentorships to develop their artistic practice.

Guildhouse, a not-forprofit organisation that supports South Australian artists, is calling for applications from visual artists, craftspeople and designers to undertake funded mentorships.

In partnership with Country Arts SA, two mentorships will be awarded to regional artists, valued at \$5000 each.

The Catapult Mentorship program provides South Australian artists with the essential funding and support they need to develop their artistic practice.

Guided by a mentor of their choosing, mentorships are tailored by the applicant to suit the needs of their artistic practice and current career goals.

Guildhouse CEO Emma Fey said "robust connections between the mentee and mentor and thorough, achievable action plans have proven to be the successful recipe for meaningful mentorships".

"We look forward to facilitating more transformational experiences in 2022," she said.

"I am thrilled to work with visionary funders and philanthropists who recognise how important this is, at any stage of a career, and especially at this time."

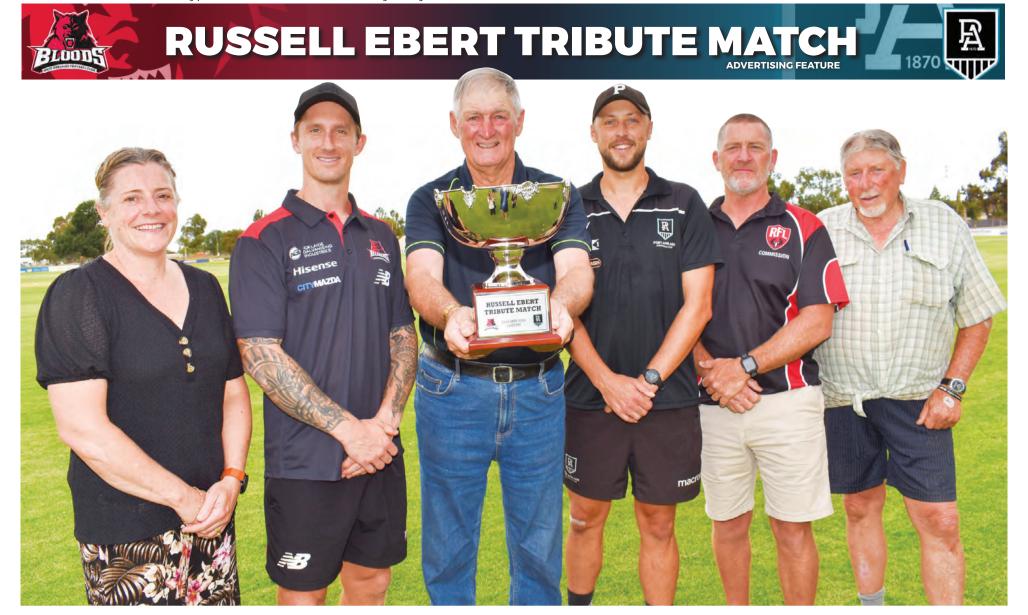
The 2022 round of Catapult mentorships continues to focus on applications that will provide a long-lasting impact on the career of the recipient.

To date, Catapult mentorships have supported a diverse mix of artists and learning outcomes, each with an ambitious drive to build on existing skills and extend the development and professionalism of practice.

2022 Catapult applications opened on Monday, May 2 and will close on Tuesday, June 14.

Full application criteria can be found on the Guildhouse website (guildhouse.org.au/ programs/catapult/).





The Russell Ebert tribute game is finally here, with West Adelaide and Port Adelaide ready to do battle this Sunday in front of a packed crowd at Loxton. Pictured are Russell's daughter Tammie Kernich (left), West Adelaide footballer Hamish Hartlett, Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Port Adelaide player Cameron Sutcliffe, Riverland Football Club chair Mark Wright, and Russell's brother, Bill. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Riverland set to pay tribute to one of its own

BEN LENNON

AFTER months of anticipation and planning, the Russell Ebert Tribute Game is finally here, with West Adelaide and Port Adelaide set to do battle in Loxton for SANFL premiership points this Sunday.

The match is the first of its kind following Ebert's unfortunate passing last year and set to be played in front of a packed house, with tickets now available at the door due to popular demand.

Ebert's local clubs Loxton and Waikerie

will play a curtain-raiser to the main event, while the Riverland Superdogs will take on the Peninsula Magpies earlier in the day, kicking off a true festival of footy.

The league match is set to see a host of familiar faces return to the region, with former Berri player Kaiden Brand and ex-Barmera-Monash player Jono Beech both set to don the red and black for the first time in the Riverland.

Both started their footballing careers as Riverland juniors and have gone on to become two of the region's most famous names in recent memory, with both players making it to footy's highest level, the AFL.

Beech is keen to return home for a game for the first time in over a decade and says that his fellow Westies players are relishing the chance to come out to the country for a kick.

"Everyone's pretty excited to be playing Port, particularly for the Russell Ebert game, and we're hunting our first win so we'll be focused on that," he said.

"I used to love playing in the Riverland.

I played a few A grade games for Barmera and loved that experience before I came down to Adelaide, so it'll be good to come

"I still follow Barmera-Monash and the boys are looking forward to watching a bit of footy before our game.

"I know a few Riverland boys that are going to feature in that game so it'll be nice to have a look."

The Riverland returns extend beyond the field, with former Berri Barmera Council employee Conny Wilson now the



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Extending a warm welcome to all visitors to Loxton for Sunday's match in honour of the late Russell Ebert and his significant contribution to sport in this region.

1908 Café 6am till late, breakfast till 3pm | Lunch 12-2.30pm | Dinner 6-8.30pm | Bistro Bar-Sports Bar-Main Bar-Drive Thru Bottleshop-Gaming Room all open early till late.

RUSSELL EBERT TRIBUTE M



CEO of West Adelaide.

Ms Wilson has been a driving force behind pushing the relationship between West Adelaide and the Riverland in recent months and says the festivities on Sunday are a perfect chance to continue that momentum.

'This is absolutely huge for us, for a couple of reasons," she said.

"Until about two years ago we didn't do enough with the Riverland. To focus on our zones has been a great drawcard and to be able to partner with Port Adelaide is our chance to honour someone that was instrumental in SANFL footy.

"Everybody loved Russell and you didn't have to barrack for Port. We're really looking forward to this."

There's no doubting that Ebert had a monumental effect on the game and the wider football population both in South Australia and interstate. He was a larger-thanlife character and Wilson believes that Sunday serves as the perfect opportunity to celebrate his impact.

"He was a gentleman himself, he was a good man," Ms Wilson said.

"He was so well respected, not only in the Riverland but right across Australia, and he's synonymous with football.

"We can learn a lot from Russell." Wilson mentioned that those involved in organising the event have all worked together harmoniously and that the powers-that-be are discussing making the event a

'They're talking about next year already," Ms Wilson said.

"The SANFL have loved it and they've supported us since the beginning.

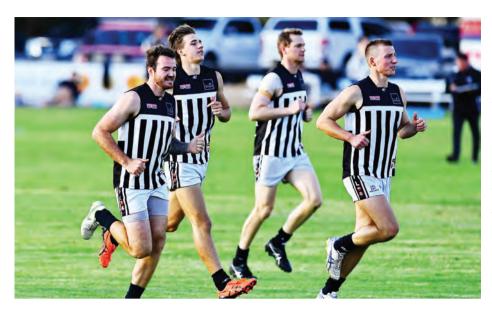
regular occurrence.

"Port Adelaide didn't hesitate and Loxton Waikerie council was exactly the same. Council CEO David Beaton has been outstand-

"Les Lange and the crew at the Loxton Football Club have been terrific and nothing has been difficult, which just makes it all so much

"By doing it this year, next year we'll have greater efficiency and we'll take learnings out of this."

The festivities begin with the Masters game at 9am and will continue right through until the conclusion of the SANFL match in the afternoon. The grandstand is being used by media and officials, with locals reminded to pack their deckchair if planning to attend.



Waikerie heads into the RFL curtainraiser with a 3-1 record to start the season. **PHOTOS: Grant** Schwartzkopff



Loxton will look to redeem itself in front of its home fans after losing to Berri in their its home game two weeks ago.



Everybody loved Russell and you didn't have to barrack for Port. We're really looking forward to this.

- Conny Wilson, West Adelaide Football Club CEO





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3000 show True Grit at Caudo's

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE 3000 participants of the ninth True Grit SA military-style obstacle course at Caudo Vineyard in Cadell on the weekend revelled in an outdoor event free of Covid-19 restrictions.

True Grit Events marketing manager Courtney Butler said more than 1000 of the 5000 people taking part or watching the event, travelled to the Riverland West region from interstate.

"Quite a few Queenslanders came down for the event this year, which was fabulous,"

"Last year it was a bit different with people worried about Covid, but this year we had a lot more people from interstate.

"A lot of Victorians come over and a lot of people from NSW, but it was great to see people from the Sunshine state come back."

This year the 10km endurance event featured 36 obstacles, half a dozen more than previous years.

Ms Butler said about 45 per cent of participants had taken part in True Grit SA before and were excited about the new challenges introduced this year.

We had a couple more water obstacles this year at the back of the course, which is very sandy," she said. "So they quite enjoyed having that refreshing change up there, which is fabulous."

Ms Butler said those taking part in the event ranged in age from 20 to 65. The event also featured an Elite Wave competitive

Dylan Pardy, 24, of Sydney, completed the men's section in 57 minutes and 45 seconds, while Emily Steven, 20, of Adelaide, finished it in one hour, eight minutes and 43

Owner of Caudo Vineyard, Christine Caudo, said it was "wonderful" to see the participants enjoying taking part in the military-style obstacle course.

"It seemed like they were just happy to be out in the country fresh air, running and

jumping and climbing," she said.

"The enthusiasm was remarkable."

Ms Caudo is predicting next year's event to attract twice as many people.

She said camping at Caudo Vineyard was becoming more popular.

"It has practically doubled from previous vears," she said.

"The campers are practically in part of the course, so they can be sitting in their tent watching."

Ms Caudo said campers had also become more sophisticated following the pandemic.

"During Covid, people have probably invested in things they can get out into the bush and camp in," she said.

"It really showed in the camping area."

Ms Caudo said the visitors also stayed in hotels and B&Bs across the region were fully booked.

"A very substantial amount of money would have come into the Riverland," she





The local True Grit SA event attracted competitors in the 20 to 65 age group.





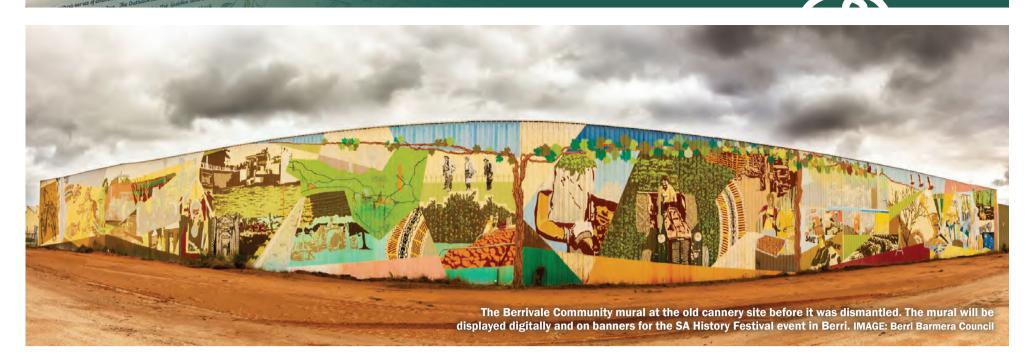
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Activating stories and town pride through Berri murals

THREE community murals in Berri will be the focus of a South Australian History Festival event, to be held at the end of May

Berri, Our Town Our Stories is a free, three-day event – from Friday, May 27 to Sunday, May 29, 10am to 3pm daily – showcasing different, but historically significant, town murals:

- the Berrivale Community mural
- the embroidered panels of children's picture book Possum One, made by Riverland Girl Guides
- the Berri Bridge Ngurunderi Dreaming mural

The event is a collaboration between Our Town Berri, Berri Barmera Council

and Part of Things.

Our Town Berri member and community steward Julie Ahrens said the purpose of the event is to "activate the stories of Berri and work together to build town pride".

"What Our Town is trying to do is promote a stronger sense of wellbeing and connectivity as a community," Julie said.

"One of the ways we're doing that is by exploring our story. Unfortunately, Berri doesn't have a museum or a gallery, so this event is going to be like a pop-up museum history exhibition.

"It's a way to bring the community together to celebrate some of our stories of the past.

"This year we've chosen to focus on some of our town murals and our hope is that people will come along and enjoy engaging in the murals and share their stories and memories."

The theme of the SA History Festival this year is 'reimagine' and invites events to "reimagine how we think about and share our history".

"That's why we're reimagining the murals in a new and different way," Julie said.

"Where the cannery mural was static and painted on steel, it's going to be on show in a visual, banner format that we've had made to bring the mural back to life "Down at the Berri Bridge, on Saturday and Sunday, the local artist who was involved in the mural, Shane Karpany, will be talking to people and explaining the mural.

"It has had some repairs and changes over the years, and he'll be able to chat with people about the story behind that. It's all about bringing our stories to light, and bringing people together around our history."

Local children from Berri Primary School will be included in the event, with the chance given for them to learn about and share their thoughts on the murals.

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- Julie Ahrens





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Yabbies painted as part of the Berri Bridge mural. The mural will be showcased as part of the Berri, Our Town Our Stories event for the SA History Festival. IMAGE: Berri **Barmera Council**

"We realised that perhaps some of our children - our mini historians - didn't know a lot about their local history, so through this exhibition we're bringing to light some of the children's responses to some of the history things they've been learning about the town," Julie said.

Students from Berri Regional Secondary College will also be included in the event through volunteering.

Julie said being part of the SA History Festival allowed the history of Berri to be promoted on a broader scale.

"People might see it in the History Festival calendar, and they might come along to have a look," she said.

"People who were involved in the murals might return to Berri. There were around 200 people involved in the Berrivale cannery mural... there's been some grief around the cannery mural no longer physically being available for people to see.

"So, this event is a new way of bringing that mural back to the community."

Julie said the partnerships between Our Town Berri, Berri Barmera Council and Part of Things made the event possible.

"Berri Barmera Council have been really fantastic helping with the logistics around the event - helping with the venue, planning, marketing..." Julie said.

"Parts of Things – the arts organisation - has been engaging artists to work with the mini historians.

"They have been significant. They were able to bring the creative ideas and some artists to bring the work to life.'

Julie said the event would offer the opportunity for community members to provide feedback and ideas for similar events in the future.

"If this event works, bringing people together around aspects of our history, then maybe people might think of some other things they'd like us to bring together and showcase," she said.

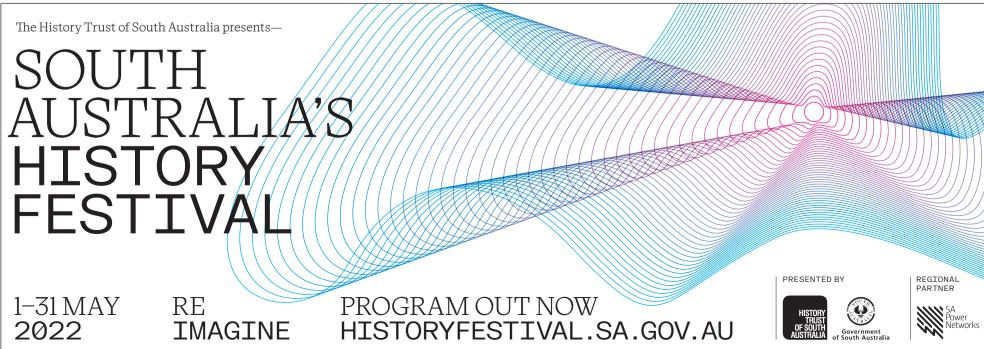
"That's what this is about. It's about getting people to think about new and different ways we can share and enjoy our stories. Because that builds connections. and it builds pride in our town.

"This event is one of the examples the people of Berri told us they wanted: to connect more around our stories. Already a lot of people have engaged in it in a whole lot of ways."

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Our Town Berri



Celebrating those who Guided pieces of Berri's history

AMONG the pieces being showcased in the Berri, Our Town Our Stories event is an embroidered artwork, depicting an Australian children's picture book.

Designed and made by Riverland Girl Guides in 1988, the project depicted the book Possum One: The Outback Rocketship with panels totalling a length of 21

"It was displayed widely, including at the Chaffey Theatre, at different events over the years and at the Festival Theatre," Riverland Girl Guides region manager Julie Ahrens said.

'It's a very special piece of work and it's been restored by the ladies who were originally involved in making the mural.

"It's interactive too. It has things like kangaroos with furry tails, little mice in pockets... things where children can interact with the

"It was a project supported by the Riverland Cultural Trust and the South Australian Department for the Arts as a bicentenary event.

"The written part had deteriorated, so as part of our reimagining we've had local business Tri State Graphics redesign the wording panels."

Julie said the picture book will be at the Berri Town Hall during the event, for children to read and learn about the mural first-hand.

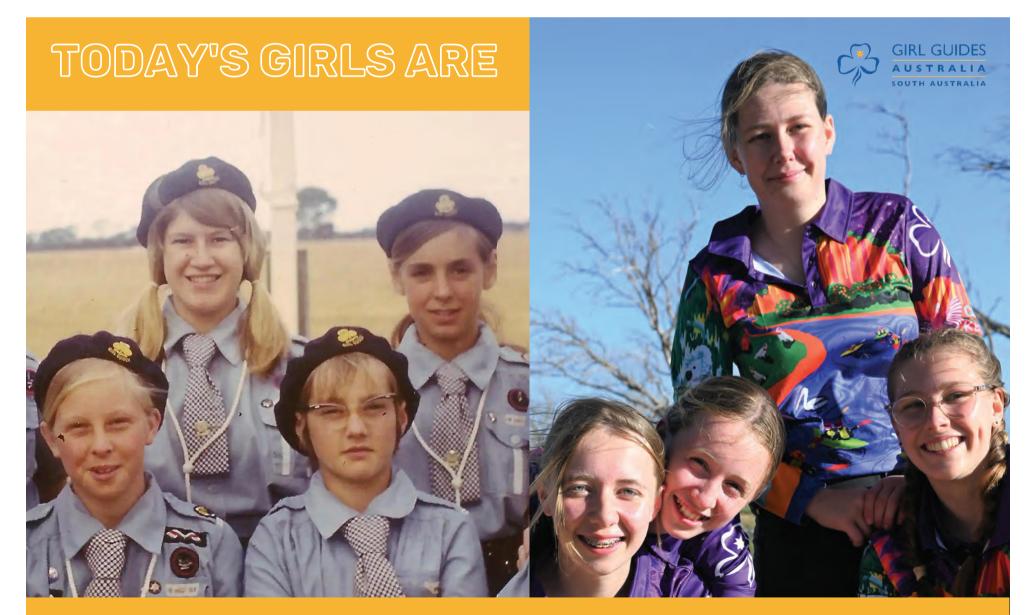
"When children come along, Riverland Girl Guides will be able to read it to them, and then the children will be able to walk along the 21 metres and have a look at it and explore the story in a different way," she said.

Local Girl Guides will also be volunteering throughout the event.





The original ladies involved in the Riverland Girl Guides embroidered mural depicting children's book Possum One helped restore the piece for the Berri, Our Town Our Stories SA History Festival event. PHOTO: supplied



TOMORROW'S WOMEN AND LEADERS

Berri Barmera's recruiting drive

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND council is in the process of filling six positions, from senior management to its maintenance team, following several recent resignations and retirements.

Applications closed last Friday for Berri Barmera Council's infrastructure services manager, property officer, infrastructure administration officer, maintenance team member and construction team member positions, while applications for the planning and development officer position close this Friday.

Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong said recruitment was "progressing well on a number of the vacancies recently advertised".

"A number of the recent vacancies have occurred off the back of retirement or staff moving on in pursuit of other opportunities," he said.



"It is important that council moves quickly to fill the gaps resulting from these changes to minimise the impacts on service delivery"

The planning and development officer position has been vacant since July 2021, when council's former planning and regulatory services manager Dylan Grieve resigned, with council engaging planning consultant David Altmann in the interim.

"Roles, such as the planning and development officer position, have been vacant for some time due to the specialised qualifications required for these types of roles," Mr Strong said.

"We have been fortunate to be able to maintain council's desirable standard of service through an experienced contractor."

Mr Strong said common functions of local government, including planning, could be a "natural fit" for shared-service delivery between the three Riverland councils to address future staff shortages.

"(But) the demands of an individual position don't always allow," he said.

"Nonetheless, the three Riverland councils, through the Riverland G3 Alliance, have an outstanding track record of partnership.

"Opportunities for shared roles are regularly explored between our organisations in the interest of things like business improvement, talent attraction and the most efficient means of delivery for the community.

"Across the councils we have recent examples of successful shared project officer roles (and) secondments, and our staff are well connected for peer to peer support"



At the official opening of the Waikerie Lifestyle Village Hub last week were: Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton, (left), *Murray Pioneer* Riverland West advertising consultant and Riverland West Chamber of Commerce deputy chairperson Paul McCormick, Waikerie Lifestyle Village community manager Doug Rogers, *Murray Pioneer* advertising sales manager Glenda Malinovski, Edwards Group CEO Stephen Edwards, and *Murray Pioneer* Riverland West journalist Christine Webster. PHOTO: supplied

Our Waikerie Lifestyle Village's hub of activity

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE Lifestyle Village residents and community representatives celebrated the completion of a central hub at the facility with an official opening last week.

Edwards Group CEO Stephen Edwards said more than \$1m was spent on constructing the Village Hub.

About 80 residents live at the residential land lease community, which consists of 60 completed homes and nine homes still under construction.

Mr Edwards said after an 18-month approval process, building the Village Hub took only about 12 months.

He said the development had to be approved by Loxton Waikerie council and also had to meet specific community centre requirements.

"It has a lot of unique features that had to be accounted for," Mr Edwards said.

"Things like the amount of lighting that is needed in relation to lights and also light through windows.

"With all community buildings it takes a little bit longer to tick all the boxes."

Mr Edwards said over 60 per cent of the tradespeople used by the village and the builders, are from regional areas.

He said plumbers and electricians from Waikerie have been used to fit out the hub and the homes in the residential land lease community.

Mr Edwards said the hub had already become a popular venue for activities like yoga, football celebrations, and a Rock 'n' Roll festival event about three weeks ago.

"The facilities are also there for our residents to use every day, for morning teas and



Stephen Edwards and Doug Rogers in the outdoor area of the Village Hub.
PHOTO: Christine Webster

a central place to gather as a community," he said.

Official guests at the opening on Wednesday included Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton and Loxton Waikerie councillors Clive Matthews and Peter Walker, Destination Homes Australia general manager Darren Disbury, and Riverland West Chamber of Commerce executive committee members.

Mr Norton congratulated Mr Edwards and Destination Homes Australia for completing the hub within 12 months.

"I hope you enjoy it, it is an A class facility," he told the residents at the official opening.

He said Mr Edwards and his company had contributed a great deal to the Waikerie community since the establishment of the village in 2010.

Mr Norton said the village continues to expand.

"They have grown it every year," he said.



"It is important that council moves quickly..."

- CEO Dylan Strong







Super 'no property fix'

USING superannuation to buy a home would push up house prices and increase housingrelated debt, according to a new property report.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced last weekend a policy to allow first-home buyers to invest a portion of their superannuation toward a home deposit, if the Liberal Party is successful at Saturday's federal election.

However, McKell Institute executive director Michael Buckland said the average long-term returns in a super fund were superior to the average growth in house prices.

"What first-home buyers desperately need is a little calm in the overheated housing market," Mr Buckland said.

"This proposal would kick start yet another house price spiral, stripping young people of their super savings and doing virtually nothing to improve real affordability.

"Young Australians need their retirement savings quarantined and compounding."

Health Professionals

FocusOne Health's new board member

FocusOne Health has announced the appointment of new board member Jennifer Duncan.

Chair Dr Ian Gartley said the appointment comes at a key point in FocusOne Health's development.

"Jennifer brings to the board a wealth of knowledge in not-for-profit governance and an absolute passion for organisations who work locally to deliver services that make a real difference for people in the Riverland, Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee communities," Dr Gartley

"This appointment demonstrates FocusOne Health's commitment to having a skills-based board that evolves with all the practical skills necessary, coupled with being an organisation that remains true to its rural and regional health values.'

Ms Duncan said she was "excited at the opportunity to contribute to the communities in the Riverland, Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee".

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Celebrating local volunteers in child protection

VOLUNTEERS in the Riverland play a vital role in making a difference to the lives of children and young people in care.

The Department for Child Protection's (DCP) Riverland office will recognise its hard-working volunteers during this National Volunteers Week (May 16-22) with a certificate and a special treat from the Barossa Valley Chocolate Company.

A recruitment drive to find more volunteers in the Riverland is being launched during National Volunteer Week.

"There's always room for more volunteers who are looking to give something back to the community in all parts of the state, including the Riverland," DCP Volunter Program project officer Dannielle



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"Children and young people in care can really benefit from the positive interaction with the volunteers.

"Our volunteer program supports the vital role of maintaining contact and relationship with a child's birth family.

"They may also help with fun days or picnics with a child, a group of young people or with their families."

Across regional and metropolitan South Australia there are more than 180 volunteers who are retired, semi-retired, or students studying social work, teaching or the social sciences.

"Volunteering can be personally and socially rewarding for the volunteers, sometimes even leading to employment," Ms Little said.

The Riverland DCP volunteer co-ordinator can assist volunteers with security clearances, mandatory training courses, ongoing support and any questions about the role of a volunteer.

To find out more, contact the Riverland DCP office on 8595 2400 or visit www. childprotection.sa.gov.au/volunteers.





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Salvos say thanks to dedicated volunteers

JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL charity store is thanking its more than 30 volunteers for their contributions as part of National Volunteer

The Salvation Army's Riverland Corps leader and Berri Salvos Store manager Helen Palena-Adamczyk said local volunteers would receive a certificate, badge and gift for their service to the local community.

"This store would not run without our volunteers; they are an absolutely essential and vital part of our team," she said.

"I think as a region we are getting better at celebrating our volunteers and a lot of places are hosting morning teas and events that are specifically aimed at saying thank you, because truly we can't function without them."

Ms Palena-Adamczyk said the Salvos Store had 26 volunteers who get rotated through the shop weekly, while the Riverland Corps, which consists of community services and church-based volunteers, included another 10 volunteers.

"We're always looking for more volunteers," she said.

"Things like holidays and sickness and



illness and all the usual things that happen can often take a volunteer out of the store, leaving a bit of a shortfall."

Ms Palena-Adamczyk said the store was currently being visited by about 500 customers per week.

We are very well supported by the community...

- Helen Palena-Adamczyk

"We are very well supported by the community," she said.

"It's very important to them because the cost of living is going up and we try to keep our prices at Salvos Stores as low as we can to ensure people can get



all volunteers for their hard work and dedication to volunteering in the community.

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good quality second-hand clothing at a very reasonable price."

Samantha Clarkson, who has volunteered at the Salvos Store for a combined 17 years, said she enjoyed spending time with customers and other volunteers.

"I just enjoy meeting people and the people we work with are good," she said. "It's just something different."

Sally Roesler, who joined the store in October 2021 after reducing her hours at her paid job, said she had "loved" the seven months spent volunteering.

"I was amazed at the amount of quality products that we've got here," she said.

"Everyone here is lovely, the customers are always great and the volunteers are a friendly group of people."

The Salvation Army is currently running its annual Red Shield Appeal, with the local Riverland Corps raising money across the region for its outreach pro-

"Here in our region, we have a target of \$18,000 to reach, and we spend all year raising those funds," Ms Palena-Adamczyk

"The beauty of those funds is that 100 per cent comes back to our region, provided we're in the community and serving the community.

"We're doing what we call our static collection points when we go out into the community... and at the end of May one of my volunteers is hosting a quiz night to raise funds.

"Things are tough out there but if everyone could just throw a few coins at the bucket when they see us out, we'd appreci-

Come and try volunteering at Meals on Wheels

ELYSE ARMANINI

RENMARK and Berri Meals on Wheels branches are encouraging Riverlanders to attend "come and try" shifts to help community members in need.

Meals on Wheels Renmark kitchen supervisor Rozz Dyer said she was "quite happy" for individuals to try a shift on a day and time that suits them.

"If they would like to come and have a try, and see if it's something they're interested in doing, all they have to do is ring and let us know," she said.

"We'll accommodate them on whatever day works for them. What they would do is come in, observe and help out, just to see whether it's something they might be interested in doing long-term.

Different shift options are available with Meals on Wheels, from 90 minutes dedicated to deliveries to four hours in the kitchen helping with vegetable preparation and cooking.

Mrs Dyer said the only criteria volunteers need to meet is being fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

"That's something that I can't avoid,"

"We don't have to go through the process of a police check or applications for the come and try day.

Mrs Dyer said Meals on Wheels plays a vital role for people in the community.

"We look to provide people with a third of their daily nutrition with the meals that we do, plus it's a wellness check to see that they're okay," she said.

"We get to know the clients quite well

while delivering to them. If we can see they're a bit off colour, or if we can't find them at home where they should be, then we contact a family member to check to make sure they're actually okay.

"The nutrition side of it is very important from our point of view. We've seen time and time again people's health has improved markedly when they get their regular meals. When they're older and more sedentary and they don't do as much, they tend to not eat as much."

Mrs Dyer said there is an urgent need for volunteers in Berri.

The nutrition side of it is very important from our point of view...

- Rozz Dyer

"We've got at least five shifts over there that we could fill," she said.

"The current Berri deliverers have been plugging the holes as best as they can for quite some time. We could do with at least half a dozen more people over there and we're getting to the stage where I need more people in the kitchen here in Renmark too.

"Meals on Wheels really does help people. Plus, it's good fun - we have fun here in the kitchen.

"By providing a good, healthy meal people are able to stay in their own homes much longer. Come and join us."





NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022 Better Together

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Wine workshop today focused on better water use

MEMBERS of the Riverland wine industry have been encouraged to attend an information session today focused on the improved use of water resources.

The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) is holding the Irrigation Efficiency: Getting the Most Out of Every Drop workshop at the Renmark Club from 8.30am to 12.30pm today.

An AWRI spokesperson said the workshop had been designed to "provide growers in the inland irrigated regions of Australia with information, resources, training and support to help them to get the most out of their water inputs".

"Even in years where water security is not a concern and water costs are low, good water management is key to vineyard profitability," the spokesperson said.

"With an oversupply of fruit and low grape prices, growers need to make informed, strategic decisions about vineyard inputs and make sure that every input has the desired effect.

"Minimising wastage and inefficiencies is key.'

A similar workshop was also held yesterday at the Loxton Research

Presenters for the event include Mark Skewes from SARDI, Jeremy Giddings from Agriculture Victoria, and Dave Gerner of Wine Australia.

Registrations for the event can be made by visiting the Riverland Wine website (https://tinyurl. com/2zrfpvsy).



Nationals candidate for Barker, Jonathan Pietzsch (centre), at the Riverland prepoll centre in Renmark this week, with the party's SA Senate candidates Damien Buijs and Lisa Sherry. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Pensioners told to get a job

A BARKER candidate says allowing pensioners to work without losing any pension payments would help alleviate labour shortages in regional areas.

Nationals candidate Jonathan Pietzsch has urged his own Coalition Government to consider the move if re-elected this Saturday, noting that a National Seniors survey showed one in five pensioners wanted to work, but only 2.9 per cent did.

"(It) not only means Australia is missing out on hundreds of thousands of keen and skilled workers, but also that the economy is suffering, with hundreds of thousands of positions going unfilled, adversely impacting on the economy," he said.

Mr Pietzsch said the first \$300 of fortnightly income from work is not assessed and is not counted under the pension income test.

"In addition, the Work Bonus provides that an eligible pensioner can earn \$180 from work before it affects their pension rate," he said.

"A single pensioner over age pension age, with no other private

income, can earn up to \$480 a fortnight from work and still receive the maximum rate of pension.

"Beyond this amount, the aged pension is reduced by 50 cents for every dollar earned, in addition to paying income tax at the Schedule 9 income tax rate.'

Mr Pietzsch said the proposal had the potential to "solve critical issues" and boost regional com-

He said the advantage include improving service delivery in sectors such as health and aged care, providing stability in the agricultural sector and maintaining national food security, and saving on reporting requirements to Centrelink.

Meanwhile Mr Pietzsch has been in the Riverland this week with Nationals SA Senate candidates Lisa Sherry and Damien Buijs. Mr Buijs was the unsuccessful Nationals candidate for Chaffey at the March State

Ms Sherry said she had been pleased with the Riverland response to the Nationals trio during the Riverland sojourn.

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The inspiring story of Riverlander Gary

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ENHANCED Lifestyles was established with a clear mission: to support individuals living with a disability to overcome challenges and live their lives to the fullest.

Read the inspiring story of Riverland local, Gary.

After suffering a stroke in 2019, Gary lost much of his mobility, including his ability to walk long distances, and was unable to use his right hand to its full capabilities.

These challenges began to chip away at his motivation and energy; realising that he wanted to regain his independence and improve his capacity, Gary reached out to Enhanced Lifestyles for support in 2020.

Gary started working with Talia, one of Enhanced Lifestyles' passionate Lifestyle Attendants.

Talia and her team were fully committed to bringing out the best in Gary, and quickly developed stro working relationships with

Now well and truly on his way to a more fulfilling lifestyle, Gary set an important personal goal to maintain a healthy diet by preparing nutritious meals for himself at home.

Each week. Garv and Talia research different recipes that they can cook together; putting a collaborative spin on cooking keeps Gary motivated and on track with his goal.

Before his stroke, Gary led an active lifestyle - he

was a keen footballer and worked physically demanding jobs. Losing much of his physical mobility was a difficult hurdle to overcome, but now Gary is determined to become more active so that he can be involved in his community.

Though he cannot drive, Kiran, another passionate Lifestyle Attendant on Gary's team, supports him to attend Pilates classes and physiotherapy sessions, where he focuses on increasing the strength in his legs, back, and right hand.

Gary's commitment to building his strength has led to vast improvements in his mobility and overall fitness levels.

When Gary first acquired his disability, he was hesitant to leave the house and socialise with others. Recognising that social contive wellbeing, Talia supported Gary to connect with his community by accompanying him to different cafes, hotels, and tourist destinations in the Riverland.

Their activities have included the monthly **Enhanced Lifestyles Coffee** Clubs, where Garv has developed friendships with other Enhanced Lifestyles customers in the region.

Talia is thrilled with Gary's progress, and often reflects on how she and the rest of Gary's team of Lifestyle Attendants have

empowered Gary to transform and challenge himself. "I've enjoyed seeing Gary grow as a person," Talia said.

"From when I first met him in 2020 compared to now, he is focused, driven, and is really loving life."

Likewise, Gary speaks highly of Talia and the team.

"I love working alongside Talia and my other Lifestyle Attendants each week," he

"They all go above and beyond for me by always finding new ways to support my goals. They've really helped me turn things around, and I'm fortunate to have them in my life."

Looking ahead, Gary is eager to do some travelling. He wants to visit his father in Phillip Island - something he hasn't been able to do for several years due to his mobility challenges and

Gary also wants to plan a trip to Mildura with friends from the Riverland with support from his Lifestyle Attendants.

These plans show that Gary's confidence and capacity has come a long way in the past couple of

If you're looking for support to achieve your goals in the Riverland, get in touch with Enhanced Lifestyles' local team on (08) 8501 4010 or email them via riverland@ enhancedlifestyles.com.au

Senate candidate scopes out local fruit fly issue

JOSH BRINE

A CANDIDATE hoping to become the first Aboriginal senator from SA spoke to locals about their battle with fruit fly outbreaks during a recent visit to the region.

Kerrynne Liddle visited the Riverland late last month with current South Australian Liberal Senator Andrew McLachlan, meeting with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and local producers to discuss fruit fly's impact on the region.

"I think one of the issues for us is people talk about fruit fly and they think it's about the fly," Ms Liddle said.

"When I think about these things, it's not about the flies. It's about the industry, it's about the sector, it's about jobs and it's about supply chain.

"When we are talking about the broad effect of the impact of fruit fly and understand that, you're starting to think about whole communities rather than an individual issue.

"I think what's really important is in being a representative of people for the regions – you're listening to the voices of all people in the regions not just the



regions, not just the loudest voices."

Born and raised in Alice Springs, Ms Liddle said her experience in the private and public sectors, including as a small business owner, would be an asset if elected.

"Coming from a regional centre myself it's always good to be visiting the regions and talking to people about what is current right now," she said.

"Issues such as cost of living (and) supply chain affect people in regional areas a lot differently to people in the city so it's good to come out here and listen to what they're saying about some of the things that are ahead of them...

"(My career) has been across a wide range of sectors – it's been in small business, it's been working for large corporations

"My skill will be that no matter the socio-economic health situation or regional situation, I'll bring my personal life experience... into the discussion and that's what I'll be focused on.

"My identity as an Aboriginal person through both of my parents is really an important part of me, but I think I've proven through my professional experience that I'm interested in representing the views of all South Australians.

"I think I have a particular set of experiences that might inform some of the work in that area, but so too does my work in big business and in jobs and training as well."



Barker MP Tony Pasin (left) with Professor Robyn Aitken, Flinders University dean of rural and remote health, and medical students Justin Martin and Amir Nori. PHOTO: supplied

Coalition's Riverland health hub pledge

A NEW regional health training hub will be established in the region if the Coalition retain government after this weekend's Federal Election.

The new training hub would support students intending to practice rurally to complete as much of their training as possible in the regions, and assist the new Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence.

The hub would be established by Flinders University to assist with the co-ordination of local medical training and education.

The project was announced by Federal Regional Health Minister, Dr David Gillespie, last week as part of a \$3.9m commitment to fund three new hubs across Australia.

"These hubs will create and navigate a rural pathway for young doctors and will improve the retention of medical graduates across rural and regional Australia," he said.

"The hubs do this through a range of approaches including supporting current supervisors of clinical training, assisting health services in obtaining accreditation for new training positions, and supporting local medical practitioners to become clinical supervisors."

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the hub would be a key component for the training and retention of medical professionals in the region.

"The Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence is a fantastic initiative based on the premise that focusing GP training where the shortage exists and using a collaborative model across jurisdictions is a key way to solve the issue," he said.

"I'm a big supporter of training GPs in our region because there is a better chance these students will stay here when their training is complete.

"It's all part of the plan to make our

regions even better places to live, work and raise a family."

The Coalition has committed \$146m of new investment to improve rural health and bring more doctors to regional areas.

I'm a big supporter of training GPs in our region because there is a better chance these students will stay here...

- Tony Pasin





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At the launch of the Conversations... Revisited exhibition at Waikerie earlier this month were Jan Heppner, Kirsty Sargerson, Betty Fulwood and Evan Kleemann, all of Waikerie. Mr Kleemann is featured in the book, Conversations, published in 2008. PHOTO: Christine Webster



BOOK LAUNCH: Robin Menzel with Nan Mackereth enjoying The Life of Macky book launch and SA History Festival event at the Rain Moth Gallery in Waikerie recently.

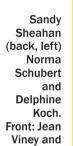


Robert Pickett, Italo Vardaro and Trevor Mackereth at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery celebrating the recent launch of Trevor's book, The Life of Macky. PHOTOS: supplied



HISTORY AIN'T BORING: Enjoying Loxton's History Sure Ain't Boring night at The Precinct recently were Jill Clifford, Sue Pannell, Carlene Noble and Genevieve Lehmann, all of Loxton. **PHOTOS: Lynn Schmaal**





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WEEKLY

Every Thursday and Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery on Barwell Avenue is open for sales. 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.

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.

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Riverland Brass Monday nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All wel-

WEEKLY

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. Inquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people, good times.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Make a Bee Hotel kids activity during Busy Bee Week at Barmera Library, from 4pm. Bookings required, contact the library on 8588 2872.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

U3A Riverland recommences Loxton yoga in CWA rooms.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

U3A Riverland crochet for beginners and experiences at the Berri Golf Club from

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 and THURSDAY,

50 years 'Know your Bible' (KYB) celebration. Speaker 'Digging For Gold'. Wednesday from 6:00pm at the Renmark Club, cost \$7 and buy own meal. Thursday from 9.30am at The Pines, Loxton, cost \$10 and includes morning tea. RSVP to 0467 010 814 by May 14.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Loxton CFA bingo at the Loxton Club, raising funds for Loxton RSL Bowling Club. Eyes down at 7pm. Raffles and supper available. All welcome.

MONDAY, MAY 23

Loxton Legacy Widows meeting in the RSL Hall, Tobruk Tce, at 10.30am. **MONDAY, MAY 23**

Riverland Stamp Club meeting, 10am at the Barmera Library.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea at Waikerie Bowling Club starting at 10am. Entry is \$5 and will feature a raffle and spinning wheel. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

U3A Riverland public presentation of The Role of LoxCare in the Community. With more than 65 volunteers, LoxCare is more than just a well-organised op shop. Everyone welcome to the clubrooms from 1.30pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

The next meeting of the Waikerie and Districts Cancer Support Group will be held at the RSL Hall, in Waikerie, from 10am. Fundraising for the Biggest Morning Tea with a teapot and teacup display.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 and SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Book fair at St Edmund's Anglican Church Hall, Langdon Terrace, Barmera. Fiction, non-fiction and children's books. Cash only. Open 10am to 4pm both days.

Candidate spruiks free water for irrigators

PAUL MITCHELL

WATER would be free including for irrigators – if Barker independent candidate Vince Pannell had his way.

The Mannum-based father of six, who has spent much of the past fortnight in the Riverland ahead of Saturday's Federal Election, said if implemented his idea would help struggling primary producers.

"None of this payingfor-water bullsh*t," he said. "In our constitution

it says quite clearly that water is free for everybody.

"There might still be limitations on how much irrigators could take, but they don't need to pay for

"And they certainly don't need to pay for it when they can't even take it (during allocation restrictions)."

Mr Pannell is one of five so-called freedom candidates contesting the Barker election, and said government handling of the Covid-19 pandemic inspired his candidacy.

"I lost my job through the vaccine mandates," he

"I was working as an IT (information technology) person, plus as an aged care helper, and aged care was mandated.

"The government broke laws over the last three years and they did coer-

"I thought, 'You're out of here, you shouldn't be running the country'.'

Despite his independent status, Mr Pannell has teamed up with fellow independent Barker candidate and friend Maddy Fry during the campaign. Even more unusually,



Vince Pannell, in Renmark last week. РНОТО: Deirdre Graham

Barker contender's online tirade

INDEPENDENT Barker candidate Maddy Fry caused a media ripple last week via a passionate online post that - among other things – made claims about paedophile coverups and an alleged black market in aborted foetus body parts.

the duo are supporting a third Barker candidate, Australian Federation Party's Kym Hanton.

"We got together and thought, 'Why don't we play this a little differently and give people a choice?'," Mr Pannell said.

'This doesn't normally happens in politics, but we're both supporters of Australia One.

In a short, but farranging video, peppered with several expletives, Ms Fry (pictured) said she wanted an improved hospital system and the lifting of the minimum wage, plus she wanted Australia to "stop aborting babies at full term and illegally on

"We're supporting Kym and if we don't get up, we hope he does.

"Again, political opponents supporting each other. What the?

"We're preferencing him, then all the freedom parties, and putting the majors last."

Mr Pannell said he was concerned that his candidacy has gone under the radar, due to his low internet and social media pro-

also called for an end to

'genital mutilation" and

vaccine mandates.

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parts".

"No one can find me on Google," he said.

"I'm not saying there's censorship, but all the evidence points that way."

Mr Pannell has conducted street walks in all five major Riverland towns and will be in the region today and tomorrow.



Wiggles tickets set to sell like hot potatoes

ONE of the most successful musical acts in Australian history is heading to the Chaffey Theatre.

Children's group The Wiggles will perform in Renmark on Saturday, July 9, as part of a tour across regional SA, Victoria and

"Anthony, Tsehay, Lachy and Simon are super excited to sing, dance and play music for children and their families, and will be bringing along their Wiggly friends too," a spokesperson said.

"Dorothy the Dinosaur, Captain Feathersword, Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus and Shirley Shawn the Unicorn are coming along for the fun, plus a special appearances by Caterina Wiggle and John Wiggle from the Fruit Salad TV Wiggles series."

Tickets – likely to sell like hot potatoes – went on sale last Friday.

Earlier this year The Wiggles made Hottest 100 history by becoming the first act to top Triple J's popular annual countdown with a cover song, Tame Impala's Elephant.

Hume releases increase due to flood risk

INCREASED volumes of water will be released from a Murray-Darling Basin storage in order to minimise the potential of flooding.

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) last week began increasing releases from Hume Dam.

MDBA acting executive director of river management, Dr Andrew Kremor, said the increase was due to high storage levels and lower demand before a period of peak inflows.

"We are aiming to provide a buffer against large rain events and reduce the risk of flooding over winter," Dr Kremor said.

based on long-term average inflows and a worst-case scenario that conditions will turn dry, which at this stage appears unlikely.

"We expect the releases we make now will have no impact on the security of water supply from the Hume Dam down the track.

"Catchments have dried out over autumn so it would take heavy rain or back-toback events to wet them up again."

Dr Kremor said it was likely Hume Dam - currently at 88 per cent capacity would fill before demand exceeded inflows.

"Over-bank flows in the "These decisions are Murray River downstream of Hume Dam require flows of 25,000 megalitres per day, and though we are still a long way from seeing that volume of water in the river, conditions can change quickly," he said.

"We advise people living near the river to keep up to date with the latest weather information including warnings, river conditions and rainfall in your area through the Bureau of Meteorology."

Further information regarding MDBA flood mitigation is available by visiting the website (www. mdba.gov.au/communityupdates/how-are-damsbeing-managed-reduceimpact-flooding).





New research on clot-busting stroke treatment

NEW medical guidance published this week says more Australians may be eligible for blood clot-busting drugs up to nine hours after a stroke, giving thousands more patients the chance of a better recovery.

The advice comes from the world-leading Australian Living Stroke Guidelines, a pioneering initiative that introduces research into clinical practice within months of publication, rather than years.

New research has found that clot-busting drugs are considered safe to give to some patients up to nine hours after a stroke instead of the traditional 4.5-hour window.

However, the research also says it remains critical to treat every stroke patient as fast as possible, as millions of brain cells die with every minute that passes.

Arthur's reopens after storm closure

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE doors to a rain-damaged op shop in Loxton reopened yesterday.

Located within the Loxcare community service centre, Arthur's Bazaar had been temporarily closed since Tuesday, May 3, due to the replacement of carpets damaged during a storm last November.

The storm's deluge overflowed the gutters and resulted in carpet damage, with water coming under the front door.

While clothing, bric-a-brac, books and sewing services were unavailable from Arthur's Bazaar during the shutdown, the rest of Loxcare remained open.

Loxcare co-ordinator Bev Scarfe said a new carpet was laid last

"We have also removed a woodpanelled wall in the shop to give a more open and customer-friendly retail space," Mrs Scarfe said.

"The counter top is also being replaced, the walls painted and a handrail added near steps to make it safer for our volunteers using the stairs to a store room.

"An assessment has been made of our guttering and drainage systems and these will be repaired and upgraded over the next six months.

The re-opening of Arthur's Bazaar also coincides with National Volunteers Week, with the shop decorated in red to honour all volunteers. All bric-a-brac will be half price along with other giveaways to customers.

Mrs Scarfe said that Loxcare is determined to recycle as many donated items as possible.

"If clothing and such is not up to the quality required in our op



Manager of Arthur's Bazaar Kath Nissen and Loxcare co-ordinator Bev Scarfe out the front of the newly renovated Arthur's Bazaar in Loxton. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

shops, then it is put into bags and sent to SA Cleaning Cloths in Adelaide," she said.

"Loxcare also sends surplus items to Containers of Hope, an organisation in Adelaide who fill

shipping containers with goods to support overseas communities.

"Loxcare volunteers are very dedicated and committed to this mission and we limit sending items to landfill as much as possible."

Lions Club's 'tremendous' Cancer Council support

"TREMENDOUS" community support has allowed the Lions Club of Renmark to make a sizeable donation to Cancer Council

The club staged a Biggest Morning Tea event in late April, in conjunction with its fundraising bazaar, and subsequently donated \$1000 to Cancer Council SA.

"We are pleased to be able to support the impor-

tant work carried out by Cancer Council SA and are very proud to be able to make this donation to this worthy recipient," said club president, Allan Maddocks.

Cancer Council SA counsellor Paula Jean thanked the club for its efforts.

"Thanks to the support of dedicated Australia's Biggest Morning Tea hosts like Renmark Lions, we are able to support countless

South Australians impacted by cancer, across every stage of their cancer experience," she said.

"Because of the funds raised through events like Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, we are, and continue

to be, able to be there to be a listening ear, a helping hand and a constant support to hundreds of South Australians during times when they need it most."

Don talks tin toys to Paringa WAB

PRIOR to the monthly meeting of the Paringa branch of Women in Agriculture and Business, a visit was made to the home of Don Matulick where members were amazed at the variety and scope of Don's collection of metal toys.

Aside from a staggering number of miniature tractors, trains, trucks, motor bikes and fire engines, the collection contained children's spinning toys, figurines, beer steins and a range of miscellaneous items.

Toys are made from a variety of materials such as plastic, tin, lead and metal alloys.

Tin toys originated in Europe in the mid-19th century. Australia commenced producing tin toys in the 1930s under the Boomaroo brand; the name being a combination of 'boomerang' and 'kangaroo'.

Boomaroo tin-plate and pressed-steel tractors, tippers, dozers, tankers, planes, cars, trucks of all varieties and toy cash registers, were in many cases copies of an American brand.

During the past two years of Covid and compulsory lockdowns hobbies have



Tina Wurst and WAB guest speaker toy collector Don Matulick of Paringa. PHOTO: supplied

come to the fore, resulting in increased interest in purchasing items online.

Don has built up his collection by sourcing garage sales, eBay and travelling friends who alert him to interstate sales of specific items. He also has several incomplete toy vehicles awaiting original parts to complete their restoration.

The general meeting fol-

lowed in the home of Jenny Curtis. This year's WAB Conference will take place in Murray Bridge on August

The Paringa WAB's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, at 7.30pm in the home of Jocie Cooper, of Renmark. Guest speaker is St Francis of Assisi College in Renmark principal, Nathan Hayes.





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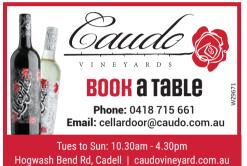
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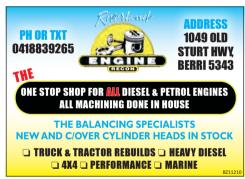
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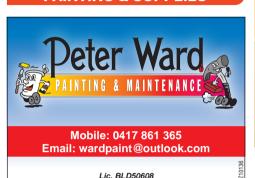
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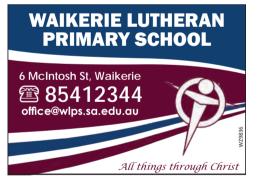








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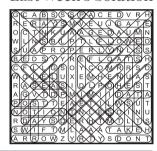
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

Interested in appearing on Buddy's Birthday list? Contact: Murray Pioneer Don't forget that if your name appears on my 8586 8000 birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Popcorn Chicken & Orange Juice, compliments of KFC in Renmark!

May 2022 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A friend who has the best of intentions is giving you bad advice: this person doesn't understand the level of your determination. Romance. A minor let-down from your partner may create tension for a while. Be careful to check all the details properly before you rely on them again.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Be careful not to get involved in any financial deals, especially towards the end of the week. A powerful aspect to Neptune could make you a bit diffuse at times. Romance. Don't mix work and pleasure. A relationship which is casual to begin with could soon become much more serious.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A powerful aspect to Saturn later in the week may make you quite negative at times. Do your best not to criticise your colleagues: you may find it hard to find anything positive to say about them at the moment. Romance. A meeting with friends will put you into contact with a new

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A favourable aspect to Jupiter will help to make this a lucky period for you. A break will come later in the week: make sure that you grab the chance when it comes. Romance. A willingness to listen to your partner will help you to get to grips with a disagreement which has been threatening to damage your relationship.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

You won't be happy if you feel that other people aren't taking your feelings seriously enough. Romance. A chance meeting at work won't lead to a major new relationship. You will enjoy the attention, however, and will want to spend more time in this person's company.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A dream will change your feelings towards an important person in your life. Be prepared to move ahead with a new plan. Romance. A more positive attitude will help you to get over a recent problem in your love-life. A second meeting with the same person will go much better than the first.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

You will be drifting from one thing to the next at the moment! Make sure that you don't forget an important appointment later in the week. Romance. A long chat with your partner will help you resolve a source of conflict which has been hovering in the background for the past couple of

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A few well-chosen questions will help you to get to the bottom of a recent mystery. Romance. You will be especially popular with members of the opposite sex at the moment. A meeting which was supposed to be platonic will soon become flirtatious.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

You have a lot on your mind at the moment. Try to think about things other than work for a change! Romance. A more positive attitude will help you to forget about your partner's faults and concentrate on their good points!

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

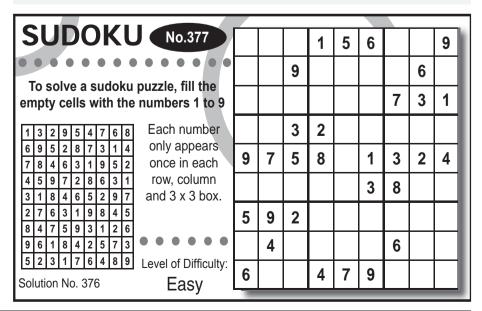
Do your best to focus on what is really important. A distraction later in the week could throw you off course. Romance. Your ability to intuit your partner's feelings will strengthen your relationship. When you find out what a recent disagreement was really about you will be surprised.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

A new friend who seems quite conventional will turn out to be much more interesting than you first thought. You will have to persist and get to know this person. Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus around the middle of the week will help to make a romantic get-together go with a bang!

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

Don't worry if a close friend doesn't agree with you about an area which you care about: you have plenty of other things in common. Romance. An acquaintance who is not really interested may waste a lot of your time this week. Ask the right questions before you get too involved with this person.



Enjoying their knitting and crocheting group session at the Big River Tavern in Berri are Riverland U3A members, back (from left): Bev Knight, Yvonne Stuffers, Helen McInerney, Julie John and Anne Menzel: Front: Joan Clements, Di March, June Plush and Chris Boyd. PHOTO: Ute Young



U3A members unwind with knitting, crocheting

EVERY second Wednesday the enthusiastic members of the Riverland U3A knitting and crocheting group gather.

Tavern in Berri the ladies come together to create rugs, socks, baby bonnets and jackets, many of which are donated to the local

From 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Big River

CWA for distribution to those in need.

They also boast an array of fashion jumpers and "funky" socks.

Currently some of the ladies are knitting red poppies, over 600 so far, for use at Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events.

Theresa Andrews and Anne Menzel have been sharing their skills for the past four years and say U3A has given them an excuse to get out of the house and make new friends. Sometimes the ladies enjoy a casual lunch and beverage at the tavern.

To join Riverland U3A and have a go at around a dozen different skills phone Shirley Sims (0413 189 377).

BPS kids chip in for Red Cross

STUDENTS at Barmera Primary School dressed up as health professionals on the last day of Term 1 to help raise awareness about and money for - Red Cross

After researching services and projects involving the Berri Red Cross, Student Representative Council (SRC) captains Mason and Alyssa, plus indigenous representative Jordan, organised a casual day dress-up event.

The students dressed up as medics, emergency services personnel, as well as in red and white to promote the Red Cross. The dress-up event raised around \$200 for people affected by the NSW and Queensland floods and the donation came as a "pleasant surprise" to the local Red Cross crew.

"We of course were thrilled that the children



Barmera Primary School invited members of the Berri Red Cross to visit the school to receive a donation of \$191, raised through a student-initiated casual day fundraising event. PHOTO: supplied

had showed interest in Red Cross and all of the incredible things that we do," the Riverland Red Cross newsletter stated.

'When speaking with the teachers, we learned that it was the children who had chosen Red Cross as their charity of choice for their casual day fundraiser.

"Red Cross is very grateful for the donation. The funds were sent to people in NSW and Queensland who are in the midst of recovering from recent floods.

'We thank the Barmera Primary School for their donation, their interest in Red Cross and their invitation (to visit the school)."



WELCOME to Federal Election week. This is when we have the opportunity to vote for the team to lead our country for the next term. Choose wisely for the future of our children and grandchildren in the vears to come.

We are advised that the Waikerie RSL is changing its bingo nights to Wednesdays. Tonight, May 18 will be the first of the new nights so call some friends and be there on time, as it's eves down at 7pm. RSL members welcome residents to share these nights of fellowship and fun.

Congratulations to the Waikerie Rowing Club on Saturday's successful naming of two new boats, honouring past members. The quad was named in honour of Ray Mackereth, who was president from 1979 to 1983, while the four was named in honour of Bryan 'Occur' Francis, who was the coach during the same period. The Waikerie Rowing Club welcomes anyone interested to become involved with this popular sport. With the River Murray at our door**KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN** WEBBER

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step, we have the perfect setting. Feel free to contact club members for more details.

Last week I let you know of the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event for cancer being held in Waikerie. Now I have details of the happenings in Morgan. The event will be held at the Morgan RSL on Tuesday, May 24, at 10.30am. Get a group of friends together and join in the community spirit, knowing you are helping the Cancer Council. Enjoy the homemade morning tea, plus raffles, lucky door prizes, spinning wheel, produce stall, auction, pre-loved fashions and more. Entry is \$10 per person.

Students, parents, fellow teachers and friends of Barry Anderson, a former Waikerie High School teacher, extend sincere sympathy to his family at this sad time of his recent passing.

Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group members enjoyed a getaway weekend in Adelaide. It wasn't the results against Brisbane Lions that we wanted but the weekend was still a great success. Jan Pearson and I were privileged to be included in the group that welcomed the Crows as they ran through the guard of honour at Adelaide Oval on Saturday evening. This was granted to our committee as we are annual sponsors of the Crows players. Many of the supporters attended the Magarey Room event after the game, compered by Sam Jacobs, who interviewed Crows players and assistant coach Scott Burns.

As well as enjoying a cruise around the city on the way home on Sunday, we called in at the Virginia Garden Centre. This would be somewhere special to meet friends for a relaxing get together. The Adelaide Crows Riverland

Supporters Group welcome new members and we look forward to arranging more social get togethers when the full details of home and away game times are confirmed. It may even be another day trip to Adelaide Oval. If you are interested contact secretary Jenny Sindos (0407 641 932) or myself for further details.

The SA History Festival display at the Waikerie Institute currently celebrating 100 years of Girl Guides in Waikerie will close this Sunday, May 22 at 4pm. Thanks to Riverland Girl Guides and their leaders who visited the display on Monday evening. We welcome community groups who may want to visit. Please contact Julie (0409 097 483) to arrange a time. Since the display opened a week ago it has been extremely popular. You have this week only left to see it.

Thought for the week: There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving and that's your own self.

- Aldous Huxley



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Itrasonic sound detects bats in Chov

NATIVE bat species have been detected in Chowilla by ultrasonic sound recorders.

Ecologists have been using high-tech equipment to detect native bat species on the Chowilla Floodplain.

Department for Environment and Water ecologist Grace Hodder said the Chowilla ecosystem is regularly monitored to inform environmental watering of the floodplain.

"What people might not know is that Chowilla is also home to a diverse assemblage of bats, which comprises more than half of the native mammal species inhabiting the floodplain," she said.

"The last dedicated survey for bats on Chowilla was conducted in the 1990s, so little is known about the species, how abundant they are and their habitat preferences.

"We wanted to fill these knowledge gaps, to help guide environmental watering to also support the microbats of Chowilla wherever possible."

Ms Hodder explained that ecologists used 'minibat songmeter' acoustic recording devices to record bat calls at 12 sites across the floodplain, using ultrasonic sound frequencies.

"We then visually examined these recordings, known as 'bat call sonographs' to detect the call signatures of the different bat species – with some quite interesting results," she said.



A lesser long-eared bat takes flight. PHOTO: supplied

"We were able to detect 12 different bat species. The most commonly recorded included the southern free-tailed bat, gould's wattled bat, the white-striped free-tailed bat and the little forest bat.

"The white-striped free-tailed bat is one of the few microbats whose foraging echolocation calls can be heard by humans."

Ms Hodder said that many of the species detected at Chowilla prefer

roosting and nesting in the hollows of redgum and other eucalypt species which are a major focus of environmental watering efforts.

"The study highlights the importance of maintaining and improving the health of redgum and blackbox eucalypt woodlands on the floodplain, particularly to support the growth of mature trees to the age at which they form these hollows which usually takes at least 100 years," she said.

The project was funded by The Living Murray, a joint initiative of the New South Wales, South Australian, Australian Capital Territory and Commonwealth Governments, coordinated by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

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Round 10

Points margin in highlighted game:

Entries close Friday, May 20 at 4pm

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Fremantle	Collingwood	
Geelong Cats	Port Adelaide	
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Hawthorn	Brisbane Lions	
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Richmond	Essendon	
Western Bulldogs	Gold Coast SUNS	
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Paul Reid	(6)	55
Brandon Martin	(6)	55
Dave Thompson	(6)	55
Curtiss Lynch	(5)	55

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR TOP TWO TIPSTERS

Tom Petch and Graham Gates

BONUS VOUCHER

Jasmine Schubert

WEEKLY WINNERS

Top two weekly tipsters plus a bonus meal voucher drawn each week.

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











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SA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVA

LEFT: HATS ON FOR BREAKFAST: All dressed up for the free chuckwagon breakfast in Barmera on Saturday morning as part of the Country Music Festival are Janice and Larry McDonnell, of Glossop, with their children Danielle, left, 5 and Aaron, 8.

BELOW: BOOT SCOOTIN' IN BARMERA: At the South Australian Country Music Festival in Barmera on Friday were Renmark busker Rod Slope (left), Marlene Voss, of Renmark, and Keith Brood, of Rochester, Victoria.

1992 Festival's popularity growing: 14th annual festival - co-ordinator Rocky Page

Everything about it was excellent - the new talent, the re-cord crowd, the great media coverage, the fact that all States were represented, fantastic guest artists and particularly the awards night and Sunday festi-

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2001

Festival 'most popular'

FESTIVAL SWEETHEART: Country music star Beecy Cole was inducted into Rocky's Hall of Fame at Barmera during the Riverland Country Music Festival over the weekend. The festival has been hailed as one of the most successful to be staged in years - Reports, pictures pages 8-9, 16-17.

BELOW: COUNTRY LUNCHEON: Enjoying lunch at the talent quest at Rocky's Hall of Fame on Monday are Nabeel Rasheed and Jenny Warnock, with her son Greg, 4, all of Renmark.

ABOVE: Owen Blundell performs in the new sound shell at Rocky Page's property near Barmera. In the background is Mandy Hembling, a member of Riverland band, Contrast.

LEFT: Having a rest from the full program of entertainment at the Country Music Hall of Fame on Sunday are the Verco family of Bamera, Michael, Glenn and their father, Neville.

"Some people from Tamworth even said they wished the music celebrations at Tamworth had the same atmosphere as the music festival in Barmera. "Everyone enjoyed themselves so much, and some have even booked accommodation for next year's Country Music Festival," Mr Page

1992

1988: 10th annual festival -

organiser Rocky Page

Rocky Page said overall, the weekend was a huge success.

THE LEGEND: Legendary country singer Smoky Dawson was a special guest at last week's country music festival. He and wife Dot visited Rocky Page's Hall of Fame last

BAKER BUSKS: Talented local, Ross Baker, of Berri, entertained Barmera shoppers on Saturday, as part of the SA Country Music Awards weekend, with his own composition, one of which was My Girlfriend, Gummy Lyn.

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BIRTH

THOMPSON (nee Gropler).

Aaron, Stephanie and Eloise are proud to announce the safe arrival of their daughter and little sister, Laura Hazel. Born at the Loxton **Hospital Complex** on Friday, May 13, weighing 4.3kg (9lb, 8oz).

A huge thank you to Dr Tait, midwives Sarah and Melissa, and all the staff at the Loxton Hospital Complex.

DIAMOND WEDDING **ANNIVERSARY**



HARTWIG, Merv and Judy.

> 19/5/1962 Lots of love and best wishes.

Love Michelle, Troy and family.





VINCE.

Happy 70th birthday, Vince, have a wonderful day and many, many more.

> Best wishes. Sid and Marie XXXXXXX.



RESTORE **SIGHT FOR JUST \$25**

4 OUT OF 5 PEOPLE WHO ARE The Fred Hollov 800 352 352

80th **BIRTHDAY**

CAMPBELL,

May 18.

Congratulations on

reaching your

80th birthday!

Hope you have a

wonderful day.

Love from Laz,

Julie, Kodie, Cohen,

Tenae and Derek.

XOXO.

IN MEMORIAM

Connor van der Biezen

"Connor"

Dear Connor,

I weep, but not for me.

I weep for all the tomorrow's

that you will never see.

It's not my loss that makes me sad

It's thinking what you never had.

Jeanette.

BALD, Malcolm DAWE, Barbara Joan. 'Bruce'

DEATHS

Passed away peacefully in Loxton on May 12, 2022.

Aged 77 years.

Much-loved father and father-in-law of Malcolm and Mary, Colin and Maggie, Brian and Tina.

Cherished poppa of Rebecca, Elizabeth and Sebastian, Chris and Taylor; Sam and Angelique,

Jake; Courtney and Cliff, and Dylan.

Great-poppa of James, Myles, Kyson and Danielle. Friend of Bev.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

DEATHS

Passed away peacefully at the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home, Loxton on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Aged 77 years. Loved wife of Neville.

Loving mother and

mother-in-law of Tim and Clara, Kevin and Catrina, Karen and Joseph, Adam and Paula, and their families.

Sadly missed.

Barbara's funeral details will be in a later edition.

Riverland 3 **FUNERALS**

Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

HOLLITT, Roger Allen.

Passed away peacefully at Melaleuca House, Loxton on Friday, May 13, 2022.

Aged 85 years. Loved husband

of Joyce. Loving father of

Maxine and Kym, and Wendy. Loved poppy of

Anthony, Craig, Matthew; Nicky.

Sadly missed, Forever in our hearts.

DEATHS

RITCHIE, Maisie.

5/7/1926 -8/5/2022

Passed away suddenly at home.

> Dearly loved wife of Alan.

Loving mum of Margaret (deceased), Dianne, Peter (deceased) and John.

Mother-in-law of Larry (deceased), Marie (deceased) and Karen.

Grandma of Brett. Karen, Narelle, Darin, Jackson and Taylor.

Great-grandma of Skye, Jasmyn, Jay and Georgia.

Remembered as a kind-hearted and gentle lady who will be loved forever.



DONATE 13 SALVOS (13 72 !

DEATHS

In memory of Eileen Thompson.

THOMPSON, Eileen.

Born March 19, 1929.

Spread her wings on May 8, 2022.

Beloved wife of Garth (deceased).

Dearest mum to

Kathy and Barb (deceased), favourite mother-in-law

to Ross.

Much-loved Tinna to Kaitlin and Chris, and their children, Montana, Kenya

and Cooper. Dale (deceased) and his son Jayden.

Ben and Kendall, and their daughters, Morrison and Perry.

Alana and Edward, and their son Henry.

Much-loved grandma to Chad and Esther, Judd and Tammy, and their daughters, Freya, Elyse and Sienna.

So many wonderful memories of a life well lived.

DEATHS



VOIGT, Leslie 'Les' Clarence.

Born March 28, 1922.

Passed away peacefully on May 12, 2022.

Aged 100 years.

Beloved and devoted husband of the late Muriel 'Mickie'.

Wonderful and much-loved father and father-in-law of Sharyn and David (deceased), Kim (deceased), Ken and Regi, Brad and Helen.

Adored pa of Craig. Cameron and Jaz.

Your spirit will always live in our hearts. You were our teacher. mentor and friend.

We will remember your beautiful soul, amazing sense of humour, smile and the kind, loving and caring gentleman truly loved by all.

No words can express how deeply loved you are and how very much you will be missed.

Treasured memories in our hearts forever.

YOUNG, Joseph Valentine 'Val'.

Son of George and Myrtle Young and brother to Nell Commane. Murray, Eric, Jim, Kevin and Kerry

Uncle to Mary, Joan (deceased), Robert and Errol.

(all deceased).

Uncle Val is now at peace

Privately cremated.

EXCITING COMPREHENSIVE **COVERAGE OF** RIVERLAND

FOOTBALL

AVAILABLE FOR SALE WEEKLY AT ALL FOOTBALL GAMES

FUNERALS

BALD, Malcolm 'Bruce'.

Relatives and friends are respectfully advised that Bruce's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety in the Tony Monte Funeral Home Chapel, 1 Webb Street, Port Adelaide on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 2.30pm, followed by a private cremation.



FAMILY FUNERALS 0400 012 089

HOLLITT.

The relatives and friends of the late Roger Hollitt are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted at Riverland Funerals Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Roger's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Berri Cemetery for the committal.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

VOIGT, Leslie Clarence.

Relatives and friends are respectfully advised that Les's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety at the Loxton Uniting Church on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 11am, followed by a private cremation.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Loxton Hospital Complex would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the service.









Facebook/Riverland Funerals

Happy Birthday Mate.

We miss you every day and every night

and every other moment in between.

Loved and forever longed for

Reece, Dad & Mum

Classifieds

IN MEMORIAM

HAMDORF, Greg.

Passed away May 19, 2021.

Life brings tears, smiles and memories. But tears dry, smiles fade, but the memories of you, Greg, will last forever in our hearts.

Forever missed by your Mum, Denise, David, Leela, Teresa, Hayley, and their families, and Darryl.



PEDISIC, Anton.

"Grief never ends... but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith... It is the price of love".

Love Mum.

PEDISIC, Anton.

I look up to the sky and talk to you. What I wouldn't give to hear you talk back. I miss your voice, I miss your laughter, I miss everything about you.

Love Dana.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SCHLOITHE, John Robert.

5/8/1946 -18/3/2021

The family of John invite you to join them in a celebration of his life, to be held on May 26, 2022 at 1:30pm.

The memorial service will be held at the Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 17th Street.

All welcome, but please no uniforms.



FIRLI, Tomo.

Carroll, Lenore, Vivienne, Fiona and family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and flowers following the passing of Tomo.

Special thank you to Bonney Lodge Cogan Wing, Barmera.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

FOR SALE

ALUMINIUM bow ladders, 2 year guar-3 leg antee. pick-Pinyon ing ladders, Engineering. Phone 85866057.

BOAT - 12ft Pelican on trailer. Canopy and safety equipment, 15hp Yamaha new one tank of fuel, been shedded. Price \$4200. Phone 0428835837.

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BOOKS approximately 50 James Patterson books, approximately 30 assorted books and DVDs aswell. \$150 for the lot negotiable. Phone 0439272499.

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FIREWOOD A1 quality redgum blocks, split or round, per bin. 118 Defontenay Road, Barmera. Open 7 days. Phone 85883298, 0401353909 0427883298. We will deliver.

FIREWOOD clean split redgum. Pick-up or deliver Phone 85823522 or 0407609400.

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GENERATOR - Dundiesel 37.5kVA, standby 41.3kVA, 3-phase model - 2722E, Engine capacity 4.15L, 644 run hours. Contact J. Grieger, Lameroo Hospital. Phone 85764600.

GRAFTED vines available for plant-Chard/Ram-Chard/Paulsen, Blanc/Ramsay. Nurseries Wilksch Pty Ltd. Call Damien 0488403223.

HAY - oaten, large rolls. Pick up or can deliver. Phone 0418615099.

FOR SALE

LOUNGE chair. Rocking action, body massaging, legs and feet foot rest. Chair in very good order. \$250 Phone \$500 new). Ken on 0409387606.

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MOWER - Greenfield 18.5hp B&S mower. Fastcut 32. Purchased new on May 16, 2012. Average 46 hours annual use. Professionally serviced from the start, in good working order and condition. Overhauled and fully serviced February 15, 2022 by the state agent. Detailed instruction book and some spares including 2 sets of new blades. Detailed work invoices in hand. Demonstration on site. Price \$3500 ono. Phone 85951383.

ROSES - Brad's Roses. New arrivals of roses are now available. Phone 0417855014.

STORAGE free. Pay 5 months in advance and get one month free on all sites. Renmark Central Storage 0488050482.

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VARIOUS - Isuzu D-Max genuine towbar, \$625: Lowrance 3-intransducer new. \$245; 5.8hp Parson outboard good parts, \$140; 2.2hp cury outboard, \$160; 2 Jet fire gas heaters, \$290 each; gas BBQ grill plus 6 pot size open bain-marie, \$135; 4.2m Stacer Seahorse with 30hp. 4 stroke electric and pull start trim, approx. 340hrs, fully serviced plus trailer, winch and lights, \$7600 ono. Phone 0419837890. Renmark.

WALNUTS - new season. \$70 per 10.5kg bag. Renmark North. Phone 0433244309.

MOTOR VEHICLES

CAMRY sedan One 2000. owner. 125,000km. New and battery. Registered. WUF693. Phone 85849040.

Commodore VS ute. 5 speed. Lowered Pedunregistered, fuel needs pump. Great project, shedded past 12 years. is, one owner. Registration WCJ269. \$2000. Loxton. Phone 0429081333.

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SUBARU Liberty RX25 Sports, 2002, all-wheel drive. Excellent condition. Registration WTD271, price reduced, now \$5500 ono. 4 months registration remaining. Phone 0417882378.

> **PUBLIC NOTICES**

LOXTON Retirement Village Residents Committee Mother's Day raffle winner drawn on Saturday, May 7, was Lil Tucker.

PALMS Bingo Club are still looking for someone to fill in the position of Secretary. If anyone is interested in taking on this position, please ring Darrel Hayes on 0408846535. Thank you.

TURMERIX Riverland and Mallee will be at the Mildura Field Days this Friday, May 20, 9am - 5pm. Saturday, May 21, 9am - 4pm and at the Port Elliot Markets, Saturday, Phone 9am 2pm. 0427847567.

FOR HIRE



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TRACTORS AND **MACHINERY**



HARVESTER Flory. 1996. Almonds, pewalnuts cans. Self-propelled nuts. pick-up/harvester in good working order with new pick-up belt, twin rod dirt chain worth \$15,000 alone, 5137hours, All \$65,000. Phone 0419833517.

VINE pruning machine, Ledgard, with pivot. \$15,000. Phone 0417532256.

GARAGE SALES

LOXTON - 138 Gratwick Road. Sunday, May 22, 8am - 1pm. Deceased estate. Vintage and retro including furniture. bedroom suite. Desk, wardrobes, blankets, handvman tools. grinder, circular saw. ride-on lawn mower. iack, car ramp, household items, filing cabinets, flat screen TVs. stereo, VCR player, records, VHS tapes, cassettes (some new). All must go.

LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road. Open Friday, May 20 and Saturday 21st, 10am 4pm. Closed Sunday 22nd. Plants. Specials \$10 each. Liriope evergreen giant, hebe's, lamb's ear, rosemary officinalis, dietes grandiflora, hibiscus variegated, blue statice, convolvulus silver bush. Limited stock. Phone 85841205.

RENMARK 243 Kulkyne Street. Saturday, May 21, from Moving 8.30am. house sale.

RENMARK West 418 Government Road. Saturday, May 21. 8am - 12noon. Lots of stuff.



bedroom, living room, kitchen. no pets. Phone 0402897167.

GIVE AWAY

STRAWBERRY plants and red Gladiolus bulbs. In Paringa. Phone 0417855014.

SITUATIONS VACANT



RIVERLAND Handy Service

Part time permanent cleaner guired. 20 hours a week minimum, Monday to Friday No weekends, public holidays or shift work. Work around school times.

Residential houses (no office cleaning. Experience preferred. Must be Covid-19 vaccinated able to pass a national police check Hold a full, clean drivers licence and be in good health.

Vehicle, Phone, uniform, equipment and PPE supplied. 2 weeks paid initial suitability on job assessment prior to offer of employment position applicable.

For further details contact Yvette on 0435021080 and have a confidential chat.

> **WANTED** TO BUY

CANOPY fibreglass to fit a Ford BA 2003 model. Flat Inside meastray. 2170mm urements long, 1770mm wide. Phone Lameroo. 0400900082.

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CHURCH **NOTICES-**



BERRI | BARMERA

Sunday, May 22

Berri 9am Barmera I I am Pastor Dean Mills

All Welcome Phone 8582 1853

LOXTON

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 22

St Peter's 8.30am HC 10.30am HC

10am HC Concordia da Costa

Myrla & New Residence Kohrt/da Costa Myrla

10.30am HC

Bookpurnong

da Costa Wed. May 25 Rest Home

8.30am HC

10.30am HC

Lutheran Ministry Centre Phone 8584 5522

Pastor Darrin Kohrt (Concordia and outlying) Pastor Jason Sander (St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA

Sunday, May 22 Renmark 9am HC

Paringa 10.30am

All Welcome Pastor Roland Adams Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Sunday, May 22

Waikerie 10am Lowbank 8.45am Ramco 8.45am

All Welcome Phone 8541 2689

Catholic Church **Mass Times**

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

WEEKS 1,3 & 5

Saturday Renmark 6.30pm Morgan 6.00pm Sunday Berri 9.00am

Loxton 11.00am Waikerie II.00am Barmera 6.00pm

WEEKS 2 & 4

Berri 6.30pm Waikerie 6.00pm Sunday Renmark 9.00am

Morgan 9.00am Barmera II.00am Loxton 6.00pm

UNITING CHURCH BERRI / BARMERA

Berri, Denny Street

Barmera, Nookamka Tce

Sundays at 10am

berribarmerauca.org.au T

> **LOXTON** Sunday, May 22

Shirley Ireland

Contact **Rev Linda Forsyth** 0401 815 488

RENMARK

10am Renmark Ave 8.30am Renmark West

Joy Checker Phone 0401 815 488



Sunday, May 22 10am

Loxton Senior Citizen Hall 25 Tobruk Terrace Ps Red Elliott 0439 507 098



Ps Sheryl Giles



Saturday, May 21

5pm - Berri

St Alban's Sunday, May 22

9am - Barmera 9am - Loxton The Resurrection

9am - Renmark

St Augustine's

I Iam - Waikerie

St James **Contact:** Fr. David Patterson

8586 3288

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

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lease help people in need We're all in this together.



Funding Applications

The Committee of the

Barmera Community Fund Inc

invite applications

from Organisations/Clubs

in the Barmera area

seeking funds for current

projects

Applications to:

The Chairman

PO Box 809, Barmera 5345

or by email to

martinhill1969@hotmail.com

Close May 31st, 2022



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Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Riverland General Hospital Berri Job Ref: 789035

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Traffic Impact Statement Various Morgan Intersections

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, that Mid Murray Council has a traffic impact statement produced by a traffic engineer endorsing a recommendation to install give-way signage and line marking at various intersections in Morgan.

The traffic impact statement is available for inspection on Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or at the Morgan Council Office.

Written submissions may be sent to the Chief Executive Officer no later than 5:00pm 8 June 2022. Council will consider all submissions received by the due date.

For more information contact Civil Project Manager, Lou Boughen on (08) 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

RIVERGUM

Our faith is in Christ

Ben Scales CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CENTRAL

ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBERS/DIRECTORS

The Presiding Members of the Berri, Loxton and Mypolonga Irrigation Trusts representing those Trusts as Directors on the CIT Board will

Rosenzweig of Berri, Lindsay Dowley of Loxton and Graham Wynne of Mypolonga have made themselves available for re-election for a further term of 3 years.

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 17 June 2022. 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 Andrew Baker, Business Manager, Central Irrigation

If a ballot is required, the Returning Officer will advise all members of that Trust two weeks prior about arrangements for conducting the

Matthew King

IRRIGATION

TRUST

retire through effluxion of time at the Annual General Meeting on 2 September 2022. Retiring Presiding Members/Directors, Brett

Any further nominations from other candidates

Trust, Barmera Telephone 8580 7100.

ballot by members.

Returning Officer





1.Cumulonimbus 2.Naples 3.Robin Hood **4.**Pole vault **5.**Thumper **6.**Encyclopeadia Britannica 7.60 8. Spain 9. Spike 10. Pinocchio 11. Nutella 12. Nevermore 13. Electric guitar 14. The Penguin 15. Judas Iscariot 16.Ambidextrous 17.Aristotle 18.Andre Agassi **19.**Dubai **20.**Venezuela

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The famous book that is sub-titled 'The Modern Prometheus' is Frankenstein.



DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2022-2023

DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL **MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2032 PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie in accordance with Section 123 and Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999, has prepared a Draft Annual Business Plan for 2022-2023 which sets out the objectives and activities that Council proposes to undertake for the coming year and a Draft Long Term Financial Management Plan for the next 10 years

Community Consultation commences on Wednesday 18 May 2022 and will conclude on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 5pm

Copies of the Draft Plans are available:

- Online at www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au
- By email at council@loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au By post to PO Box 409, Loxton 5333
- At our offices and Library/Visitor Information
- Centres located at
 - O Loxton Office at 35 Bookpurnong Terrace O Waikerie Civic Centre at
 - Strangman Road O Loxton Library & Visitor Centre at East Terrace

A public meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 31 May 2022 at The Precinct – Meeting Room Loxton. The public meeting will be available via Zoom with the link to be published on Council's website and social media. The Waikerie Council Chamber will also be set up to accommodate any community members without internet access. Community members are encouraged to attend. Time will be made available for interested persons to make verbal submissions and ask

Submissions from the community are encouraged and can be submitted online, email, post or at Council offices.

Written submissions and feedback will be accepted until Wednesday 8 June 2022.

David Beaton Chief Executive Officer



CALLING ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS TO ACTION

We strongly encourage all members to attend this highly important meeting,

correspondence from the College will follow in the coming days.

If you are unable to attend please notify the College ASAP and ensure your

proxy vote is arranged. Ph: 8583 2304 | Email: rgadmin@rivergum.sa.edu.au

Riverland Christian School Incorporated Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 31ST MAY, 7.30PM

Berri Church of Christ

1025 Old Sturt Hwy,

Berri SA 5343



Trainee Distiller & Cellar Hand Renmark - Full Time

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About the Role:

This role involves working in a collaborative team environment and your duties would include:

- Operation of winery and distillation equipment and machinery Effectively and efficiently carry out duties in the distillery during the
- distillation season, as directed
- Effectively and efficiently carry out duties in the spirit bond and cellar, as directed

The successful applicant will have:

- A good understanding of work health and safety requirements
- An aptitude for winery and distillery equipment and machinery
- Good literacy and communication skills
- The ability to work autonomously and as part of a team
- Excellent attention to detail
- A High Risk Forklift licence is preferred
- Confined space entry training (preferred not essential)

This is a varied and active role which covers every aspect of winery and distilling work from crushing through to preparing wines for bottling/despatch, distillation and bond work, in a small, dedicated team $\frac{1}{2}$

All applicants must be available to undertake shift work including afternoon shift and night shift during vintage and distillation season.

Applications (resume and covering letter) should be forwarded to: Raj Kaur HR & Safety Manager Angove Family Winemakers

PO Box 12, Renmark SA 5341 Email: HR@angove.com.au

Applications close: Tuesday, 24 May 2022

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GRADE 6 AND GRADE 7 MULTI SKILLED OPERATORS

Permanent, full-time positions

Council is seeking highly motivated and energetic individuals, with appropriate experience and qualifications, to join the Infrastructure & Field Services Department and fill the following permanent, full-time positions based from Council's Cambrai Works Depot:

- Grade 6 Multi Skilled Operator
- Grade 7 Multi Skilled Operator

The terms and conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Local Government Employees Award and Council's current AWU Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. Grade 6 position (\$58,691 pa) and Grade 7 position (\$60,215 pa).

The essential qualifications and experience for each position can be found in the Position Description relevant to each vacancy.

Previous Local Government experience will be highly regarded.

Appointment will be subject to the provision of sufficient evidence certifying that the candidate has received at least 2 doses, plus any additional booster COVID-19 vaccinations, as guided by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Position Descriptions are available by contacting Triana Hill on 8569 0100, or via Council's website www.mid-murray.sa.gov. au and further information in relation to these positions is available by contacting John Kain, Coordinator Construction, on 0429 999 751.

Applicants are required to submit a written application detailing experience, qualifications and a CV demonstrating their suitability for these roles. Applications specifying the position being applied for should be marked "Confidential - Grade 6 or Grade 7 Multi Skilled Operator" and submitted to the Human Resources Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238, or thill@mid-murray.sa.gov.au by 12 noon on Friday, 3 June 2022.

WZ10154

Ben Scales **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**





EXPRESSX TAXI DRIVERS RIVERLAND

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Drivers Licence
- South Australian Driver Accreditation (or willing to obtain)
- Reliable, punctual, and well presented
- Experienced with customer contact & service
- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances, security checks, and medical and eyesight certificate
- Excellent communication & problem-solving skills
- Honest, accountable & able to work in a diverse team
- Currently possess or willing to establish ABN and GST registration

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Sound level of computer literacy & numeracy
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ABOUT YOU

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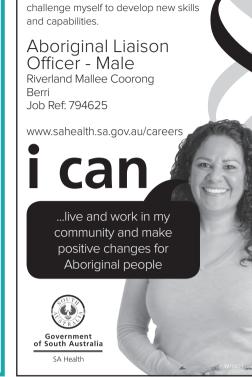
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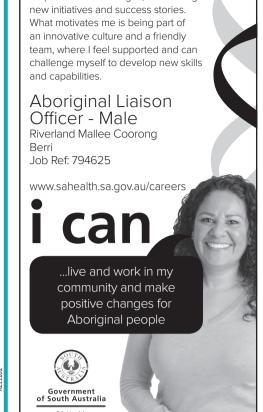
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON Sunday 29th May 2022 and can be emailed to hr@riverviewresthome.com.au





The Waikerie Rowing Club named one of its new boats after its former president, the late Ray Mackereth. His son Mark (left), widow Nan, grandson Ben, and son Kym were among those from his family who attended the boat christening at Waikerie on Saturday. PHOTOS: supplied

An oar-some day for Waikerie rowing duo

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie Rowing Club honoured two of its past members by naming two new boats after them in an official christening ceremony on Saturday.

The memory of the club's former member and coach Bryan Francis, who was in the role from 1979 to 1983, and the late past president Ray Mackereth, who was at the club's helm during the same period, will both be preserved by having their names on the side of both shells.

Thirty-five people attended the boat-naming ceremony at the Waikerie river front, opposite the rowing club boat shed.

Those who took part in the festivities included past and present members of the rowing club, plus Paul Othams from the Berri Rowing Club.

Waikerie Rowing Club captain and coach Leslie Lennell said Mr Francis

- who attended the boat christening – was surprised and humbled to have a boat named Bryan 'Occa' Francis.

"He was not aware that a boat was to be named after him, it was all top secret," Mr Lennell said.

"When we revealed the name, he was rather over-whelmed."

Mr Lennell said Mr Francis' family, including his children and grandchildren, were at the ceremony to witness the occasion.

"It was a big day for Bryan," he said.

Mr Lennell said Mr Mackereth's widow Nan was also surprised and "quite emotional" to be given the task to crack a bottle of champagne over a boat named in her late husband's honour.

"Nan did not know about it either," he said.

Mr Lennell said Mr Mackereth, who passed away some years ago, was an important figure in the club's history during his time as president.

"Under his tenure, we had some of our best years ever, in regard to obtaining equipment and attracting new members and entering and competing in regattas," Mr Lennell said.

Mrs Mackereth is a former secretary of the Waikerie Rowing Club and two of the couple's sons, Kym and Mark, were also part of the rowing club.

"It was a real family affair with the Mackereth mob," Mr Lennell said.

The Waikerie Rotary Club donated \$5000 towards the purchase of the two boats: a 2014 WinTech and a 2011 WinTech. The Waikerie Rowing Club matched this by raising \$5000 of its own.

A total of \$7000 from the funds raised was used to purchase the two shells from Melbourne and the remaining \$3000 was used to purchase a new set of eight oars from NSW.



Former Waikerie **Rowing Club** coach Bryan **Francis** was also honoured for the service he gave to the club, by having a new boat named after him on Saturday.

Berri's Giorgia Whitehead (left) and Renmark's **Emma** Stockman enjoyed a tough battle in the first half of their Riverland A1 netball encounter last Friday. **PHOTOS: Grant**

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Berri pushes reigning premier

BEN LENNON

RENMARK'S undefeated streak came under threat last Friday as Berri pushed the reigning premier to the brink in Riverland A1 netball.

Berri came out firing and held a narrow lead at both the first and second intervals, before Renmark was able to wrestle the game back in the dying moments to pick up a seven-

Both teams competed with high intensity according to Riverland netball doyen Wendy Gambling.

"It was played like a grand final from start to finish, honestly," she said.

"Renmark had to step up, they haven't been in this position for a long time."

Both sides were on fire in the goal-circle early on however in the second half, Renmark sent Zoe Siviour into the back third, with Sonja Modlinski replacing her as goal shooter.

The move paid dividends as Renmark was able to claw its way in front, before a number of goals in the dying minutes sealed the victory for the ladder-leaders.

Giorgia Whitehead and Lana Gregoric were pivotal in Berri's push, bouncing off of each other well in goals for their side, while Shenae Rucioch continued her strong run of form in wing attack for Renmark.

The win means Renmark moves to 4-0 for the season, setting up a mammoth clash with Barmera this week.

Last years grand finalists remain the only two unbeaten teams in 2022, with Barmera taking care of a gallant Loxton last week by 11 goals.

The contest saw a clash in styles,



Lauren Collins was at her brilliant best on Friday night, combining well with the Renmark mid-court, leading to a number of scoring opportunities.

with Loxton aiming to utilise its height advantage and Barmera looking to break quickly in transition.

Strong defensive work in Barmera's back-half allowed the unbeaten side to cause a number of turnovers, allowing their running game to come to the fore.

Loxton brought the game back to within two goals in the third term, before impressive ball movement saw Barmera run the game out well, eventually emerging on top by 11 goals.

depleted Waikerie to the sword to pick up its first win of the A1 season.

The competition's bottom two sides battled it out and North started strongest, doubling Waikerie's score in the opening term.

Loxton North's dominance continued throughout the match, with Ellie Thomas dynamic in the goal circle, scoring 50 times for her side.

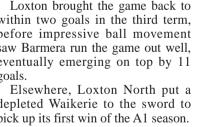
She was aided by Paige Roberts, who picked up 27 goals of her own, while Georgie Brown played an important role in defence, shutting down Waikerie star Hannah Lehmann.

Lehmann has carried a knock throughout the season and this week was paired with youngster Chelsea Helbig in the front third, with Waikerie struggling for players due to Covid.

Helbig found the net 21 times for her side, while Julia Golding and Rachael Sparrow were named as their side's best players.

This week Renmark and Barmera will face off in a battle of the competition's best sides, while Berri will take on Loxton North in Loxton.

Meanwhile, Waikerie will travel to Loxton to take on the Tigers as it continues its search for its maiden A1 win in 2022.



NETBALL RESULTS

BARMERA		77	LOVEON	-
BARMERA	14	28	LOXTON 41	59
LOXTON BEST: Barmera - A. Haig	9 h. K. Barnett.	23 Loxton - F. Foul	35 ds. B. Durdin.	48

RENMARK		V	BERRI	
RENMARK	15	32	47	64
BERRI	16	34	46	57

BEST: Renmark - L. Collins, Z. Siviour. Berri - G. Whitehead, L. Gregoric.

LOXTON NO	LOXTON NORTH		WAIKERIE	
LOXTON NORTH	16	34	55	77
WAIKERIE	8	21	25	33

BEST: Loxton North - G. Brown, E. Thomas. Waikerie - J. Golding, R. Sparrow

Barmera 42 d Loxton 31.

BEST: Barmera - L. Hill, G. Stewart. Loxton - S. Walding, T. de Wet.

Loxton North 64 d Waikerie 27. BEST: Loxton North - T. Wainwright, M. Pfeiler. Waikerie - M. Leske, B.

Berri 50 d Renmark 37.

BEST: Berri - A. Felini, W. Peters. Renmark - K. Schumann, B. Martinson.

B1

Cobdogla 40 d Waikerie 0. (forfeit)

Loxotn North 47 d Loxton 46. BEST: Loxton North - V. Nobile, E. Ramos. Loxton - A. Wehrmuller, N.

B2

Loxton 39 d Berri 34.

BEST: Loxton - E. Flavel, D. Gibbs. Berri - D. Glassey, B. Talbot.

Loxton North 57 d Renmark White

BEST: Loxton North - K. Wallis, S. George. Renmark White - T. Le Cornu, J. Bond.

Waikerie 56 d Renmark Blue 47. BEST: Waikerie - E. McDonald, A.

Barmera 47 d Loxton 45.

Best: Barmera - M. Bourton, P. Tsorotiotis. Loxton - R. Schubert, T.

Renmark White 44 d Loxton North 36.

BEST: Renmark White - L. Dunne. Loxton North - S. Warman, J. Worsfold.

Berri 56 d Renmark Blue 22.

BEST: Berri - N. Bryan, C. Reid. Renmark Blue - H. Brown, C. Greer.

Barmera 48 d Waikerie 11.

BEST: Barmera - A. Sampson. Waikerie - C. Miller, E. Koch.

Berri 56 d Cobdogla 19. BEST: Cobdogla - E. Pech, P. Collins.

Renmark 41 d Monash 33. BEST: Renmark - F. Bannister. C. Jones. Monash - S. Coulthard, M.

17A

Berri 55 d Renmark 25.

BEST: Berri - A. Morgan, L. Fenwick. Renmark - K. Schumann, J. Crook.

Waikerie 37 d Loxton North 35. BEST: Waikerie - S. Thomas, F. Arnold. Loxton North - P. Roberts, J. Inglis.

Barmera 51 d Loxton 30. BEST: Barmera - P. Lawrie, T. Dillon. Loxton - J. Inglis, M. Hicks.

Loxton North 49 d Waikerie 25.

BEST: Loxton North - K. Campbell, A. Gilgen. Waikerie - L. Kamau, K. Oliver.

Berri 33 d Renmark Blue 27.

BEST: Berri - J. Ridley, E. Doughty-Casey. Renmark Blue - P. Martinson,

15A

Barmera 31 d Loxton 28.

BEST: Barmera - J. Kassulke. L. Moore. Loxton - B. Hahn, S. Blaser.

Loxton North 42 d Waikerie 12. BEST: Loxton North - S. Gibbs, H. Paull. Waikerie - H. Arnold, M.

Coombe. 15B

Renmark Purle 52 d Barmera 28. BEST: Renmark Purple - A. McDonald, L. Webb. Barmera - C. Kollias, A. Kassebaum.

Renmark White 40 d Loxton North 8. BEST: Renmark White - A. McConchie, C. Hodgson. Loxton North - L. Ferber, J. Haenen.

Renmark Blue 53 d Cobdogla 7.

BEST: Renmark Blue - C. Gadaleta, S. Gardner. Cobdogla - K. Molkner, M. Obst.

13A

Barmera 51 d Loxton 27.

BEST: Barmera - M. Kassulke, H. Brattoli. Loxton - G. Eatts, A. Pannell.

Loxton North 46 d Waikerie 12.

BEST: Loxton North - K. Harman, E. Abbott. Waikerie - C. Salt, K. Gore.

Loxton North 40 d Cobdogla 22. BEST: Loxton North - M. Andriske, A. Hughes.

Berri 25 d Renmark 13. BEST: Berri -T. Glen, M. Pitt.

Renmark - M. Hayes, E. Long.

Loxton 17 d Berri 16.

BEST: Loxton - S. Reichstein, K. Schutz. Berri - C. Knight, A. Lippis.

Loxton North 36 d Renmark White 4. BEST: Loxton North - A. Thomas, S. Angeleski. Renmark White - A. Yard

Renmark Blue 33 d Waikerie 19. BEST: Renmark Blue - E. Lang, G. Wegner. Waikerie - L. Valentine.

11A

Berri 22 d Renmark 4.

BEST: Berri - C. Muller, E. Isaacs. Renmark - C. Pearce, S. O'Bryan.

Loxton North 7 d Waikerie 6. BEST: Loxton North - Indigo Williams,

Ava Stone. Waikerie - I. Venning, P. Zarmbalas.

Loxton 30 d Barmera 8. BEST: Loxton - M. Schwarz-da Silva,

M. Thiele. Barmera - J. Wright, G.

11B

A. Vowles.

Berri 7 d Barmera 2.

BEST: Berri - S. Jury, E. Knight Barmera - J. Edwards, C. Parrotta.

Loxton Gold 9 d Waikerie 6. BEST: Loxton Gold - H. Webb, C.

Andriske. Waikerie - not supplied Loxton Black 33 d Cobdogla 4.

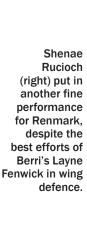
BEST: Loxton Black - S. Tonkin, E. Hondow. Cobdogla - L. McKinnon, L.

Renmark White 32 d Loxton Tigers BEST: Renmark White - R. Stuetzel

S. Nikolis. Loxton Tigers - M. Rattray,

Renmark Blue 11 d Loxton North 7.

BEST: Renmark Blue - J. Davidson, A. Lindner. Loxton North - E. Bradtke, A. Cass.





Barmera picked up its second consecutive win of the Riverland soccer season when it defeated Berri last Sunday, thanks largely to a Jacob Trudigan double. **PHOTOS: Grant** Schwartzkopff

Riverland soccer season kicks into gear

RENMARK has registered its first win of the Riverland open men's soccer season after it put five goals past Loxton in a dominant performance last Sunday.

Olympic were bested by Barmera in the opening encounter of the season, but in round two a young Renmark side was able to hit its straps.

Chris Miller was unstoppable up front, netting four times, while Hari Sahota added one of his own as Olympic climbed to second on the ladder

Coach Ali Altundag encouraged his players to play a more expansive passing game than the week prior and it paid dividends, as the side was able to move the ball through the Loxton defence comfortably.

It was a true family affair, as Altundag's son Bedirhan made his senior debut in the match, as did son of club stalwart Michael Cartwright, Jacob.

Elsewhere, Barmera maintained its unbeaten start to 2022, narrowly defeating Berri thanks largely to a Jacob Trudigan double.

Martin Barber continued his strong start to the year, scoring for the second successive game, while Josh Pentille was deemed best on ground for the victorious

Thomas Pipinis excelled for Berri, which now sits below Renmark in third position on the

Barmera won the only match of the weekend in the women's competition in convincing fashion, finding the back of the Loxton net on 14 occasions.

JiJi Mitchell was sublime in the win, netting six times and playing a vital role in a number of Barmera's goals.

Macey Bourton added four of her own as Barmera stormed

Another Barmera side reached double-digit goals on the weekend, with the under 12s side scoring 12 times in their win over Berri.

RESULTS

Barmera 3 d Berri 2.

Best: Barmera - J. Pentille, J. Wallace, J. Tsorotiotis. Berri - G. Koutouzis, T. Pipinis, D. Greer, Goals: Barmera- J. Trudigan 2, M. Barber.

Berri - M. Barber.

Renmark 5 d Loxton 0.

Best: Renmark - C. Miller, S. Bradbrook. Loxton - T. O'Shaughnessy, J. Hoffman. Goals: Renmark - C. Miller 4, H. Sahota.

WOMEN

Barmera 14 d Loxton 0.

Best: Barmera - J. Mitchell, K. Tsorotiotis, M. Rayner. Loxton - M. Lockwood, S. Serchell, G. Pumpa.

Goals: Barmera - J. Mitchell 6, M. Bourton 4, S. Beams, K. Tsorotiotis, M. Coombe, M. Mitchell

UNDER 16

Barmera 2 d Berri 1.

Best: Barmera - S. Beams, Z. Pattsis, N. Cocks. Berri - H. Lange, B. Menadue, J. Krendl.

Goals: Barmera - R. Verrall, A. Garafoulis. Berri - B. Pankhurst.

Renmark 4 d Loxton 0.

Best: Renmark - G. Tsolomitis, A. Son, A. Cartwright. Loxton - S. Martin, J. Bertram. Goals: Renmark - H. Dedes 3, G.

Tsolomitis. **UNDER 14**

Renmark 4 d Loxton 1.

Best: Renmark - J. Alexandropolis, K. Strout, N. Memetis. Loxton - J. Perram, J. Ekiva, S. Setchell. Goals: Renmark - B. Altundag, J. Curtis, B. Lock, J. Cartwright. Loxton - C.

Berri 4 d Barmera 0.

Best: Berri - Z. Hronopolous, A. Lange, C. Vallelonga. Barmera - H. Beams, M. Mitchell, B. Kimberley. Goals: Berri - Z. Hronopolous 3, C.

Vallelonga. Under 12

Renmark 2 drew with Loxton 2.

Best: Renmark - N. Memetis, T. Launer, J. Parker. Loxton - C. Setchell, H. Martin,

Goals: Renmark - N. Memetis 2. Loxton - C. Setchell, S. Williams.

Barmera 12 d Berri 3.

Best: Barmera - E. Bascomb, J. Sweet, J. Doupis. Berri - K. Krendl, D. Heuzenroeder, H. Vrakking. Goals: Barmera - J. Sweet 6, Z. Cole 2, J. Doupis, C. Ogle, A. Perry, J. Hunter.



Sam Bradbrook (right) was named second-best in Renmark Olympic's 5-0 victory over Loxton last weekend.



Barmera stormed to victory against Loxton in the women's competition, to continue its unbeaten start, with Kayla Tsorotiotis again in the goals.

NAME CORRECTION: Riverland softball star Johanna Grauer's name was incorrectly printed as Johanna Brauer in last week's article - 'Local duo Starz on national softball stage'.

Riverland pennant golf reaches fever pitch ahead of grand finals

THE Riverland golf pennants regular season has come to an end, with just one match-day remaining to determine the 2022 champions.

The grand final round will be played in Loxton this Saturday, with Loxton and Barmera doing battle in both division one and division two.

The two leading division one sides have been evenly matched throughout the campaign, with both clubs finishing on 21 games won for the duration of the regular season.

However, Loxton will go into both matchups with confidence, having finished on top of the ladder in division one and two thanks to fewer games lost and a superior winning

Berri topped the division three ranks, winning 21 games for the season with a winning margin of 106, the highest across all three divisions and will take on Barmera in the Stableford: R. Knight 37

Loxton was the most successful club overall, winning 58 games across the three divisions, with Barmera finishing second in the overall table by seven wins.

FINAL STANDINGS:

DIVISION ONE

Loxton 10, Barmera 10, Berri 2, Waikerie 2. Grand final: Loxton vs Barmera.

DIVISION TWO

Loxton 8, Barmera 8, Berri 6, Waikerie 2. Grand final:

Loxton vs Barmera. **DIVISION THREE**

Berri 8, Barmera 8, Loxton 6, Waikerie 2. Grand Final: Berri vs Barmera.

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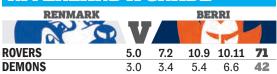
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(cb), C. Hyde 37, M. Boon 37, S. Wade 35, W. Thiele 33 (cb), K. Wyman 33, S. Knight 32.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Stableford: G. Nunn 40. D. Gregoric 38 (cb), J. Parker 38, E. Gregoric 38, P. Mudge 37, B. Hartshorne 36, P. Jealous 35, R. Knight 34 (cb), R. Keightley 34, G. Tognon 34, A. Giles 33 (cb), C. McKinlay 33, C. Berry 33, G. Chisholm 33, M. Clifford 33, S. Ormsby 33, G. Leyson 33, P. Martin 33.

RIVERLAND A GRADE



BEST: Renmark - T. Woolford, F. Sampson, J. Rowe, J. Vater, M. Woolford, D. Woolford. Berri - A. Holtham, S. Hawkins, J. Westley, M. Hodge, J. Egel, M. Corbett.

GOALS: Renmark - T. Charlton 3, D. Austin 2, T. Blight, K. Morath, J. Rowe, M. Woolford, T. Woolford. Berri - S. Hawkins, J. Westley 2, J. Egel, M. Hodge.

BARMERA-MONASH LOXTON **TIGERS** 6.6 13.10 **88 ROOS** 6.6

BEST: Loxton - B. Hill, J. Will, C. Lange, W. Gutsche, L. Evans, B. Tregeagle. Barmera - M. Middleton, J. Smith, M. Mock, A. Hodgson, M. Wutke, B. Drogemuller.

GOALS: Loxton - J. Will 4, B. Tregeagle 3, L. Harder 2, T. Eagle, L. Evans, C. Lange, H. Campbell. Barmera- Monash - M. Wutke 3, D. Klingbiel 2, M. Mock 2, D. Campbell.



BEST: Waikerie - M. Spencely, M. Hahn, T. Geehman, S. Braun, B. Smith, J. Bee. Loxton North - T. Kent, B. Pfitzner, J. Proud, M. Eckermann, K. Wilksch, J. Voigt.

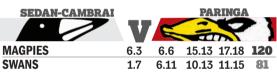
GOALS: Waikerie - M. Spencely 8, M. Hahn 2, K. Hilton, A. Lo lacono, C. Miller. Loxton North - T. Kent 3, C. Koehne 2, S.

INDEPENDENT



BEST: BSR - M. Clark, N. Mueller, N. Laver, J. Verrall, J. Mapstone, T. Cowland. Brown's Well - B. Hampel, D. McNeil, B. Edmonds, M. Fitzgerald, J. Shannon, S. Cocks.

GOALS: BSR - J. Verrall 4, R. Hartley 3, M. Clark 2, A. Bajszi, C. Gribble, C. Horstmann, N. Laver, J. Mapstone, M. Martinson, D. Oakley, A. Sparks.



BEST: Sedan-Cambrai - S. Klose, N. Schulz, B. Nicolai, C. Thompson, J. Le Couteur, A. Klose. Paringa - C. Gardner, I. Frahn, H. Sanford, F. Peters, H. Schultz, D. Hill.

GOALS: Sedan-Cambrai - J. Grace, J. Le Couteur 5, P. Hefford 2, S, Kain, A. Redden, J. Roesler, K. Stone, C. Thompson. Paringa - D. Hill 4, C. Gardner 3, C. Baptie 2, H. Sanford, H. Schultz.

WUNKAR			RAMCO		
BULLDOGS	0.3	2.7	5.9	9.12	66
ROOSTERS	2.5	4.5	8.7	9.10	64

BEST: Wunkar - T. Renshaw, K. Petch, A. Kelly-O'Sullivan, T. Deiager, L. Biele, M. Wilson, Ramco - J. Parfitt, M. Baddack, A. Burckett, K. Kuchel, P. Elliott, B. Fridd.

GOALS: Wunkar - T. Renshaw 4, L. Biele, T. Dejager, K. Petch, M. Wilson, J. Wood. Ramco - J. Parfitt 3, A. Burckett, J. O'Callaghan 2, M. Baddack, C. Hawke.



OTHER GRADES

B GRADE

Loxton 25.11 (161) d Barmera-

Monash 1.3 (9). BEST: Loxton - N. Flight, J. Hoffmann, R. Liddle, B. Yeomans, B. Falting, J. Loxton. Barmera-Monash - J. Kleinig, L. Hoare, N. Scadden, B. Francis, C. Scordo, A. Norman.

GOALS: Loxton - N. Flight 10. R. Liddle 9, B. Yeomans 3, J. Hoffmann, J. Norman, B. Wehrmuller. Barmera-Monash -D. Bates-Weetra

Loxton North 13.11 (89) d Waikerie 2.4 (16).

BEST: Loxton North - J. Neumann, R. Hammerstein, H. Cook, M. Trezise, B. Romeo, M. Arnold. Waikerie - J. Sutton, L. Exton, B. Haynes, R. Shaw, R. Turner, J. Trandafil.

GOALS: Loxton North - H. Cook 7, K. Worsfold 2, D. Proud, B. Romeo, J. Tapper, L. Worsfold. Waikerie - A. Lean, R. Turner.

Berri 13.12 (90) d Renmark 4.3 (27).

BEST: Berri - M. Grosser, J. Lee, J. Marr, J. Jackson, M. Barber, S. Milburn. Renmark - D. Johnson, J. Bonner, C. Gartery, S. Bradbrook, M. Edwards, S. Kahlon. GOALS: Berri - M. Barber 4, T. Newton 3, J. Milburn 2, J. Marr, J. Staunton, M. Toogood, J. Jackson. Renmark - M. Edwards, C. Munn, H. Twyford, M. O'Loughlin.

UNDER 18

Loxton 5.8 (38) d Barmera-Monash 3.5 (23).

BEST: Loxton - H. Campbell, B. Salmon, C. Wright, D. Rothe, N. Katsaitis. Barmera-Monash - Details not provided. GOALS: Loxton - H. Campbell 3, B. Salmon, C. Wright, Barmera-Monash -Details not provided.

Waikerie 9.12 (66) d Loxton North 6.5 (41).

BEST: Waikerie - H. Greaves, C Daniels, R. Schutz, S. Trandafil, J. Trandafil. Loxton North - E. Wagner, J. Koehne, T. Hobby, J. Lloyd, K. Fielke, Z. Zimmermann.

GOALS: Wakerie - B. Burgemeister, C. Daniels, K. Hilton 2, M. Carter, C. Radolovic-Tripodi. Loxton North - C. Ebert, K. Fielke, T. Hobby, J. Koehne, J. Lloyd, Z. Zimmermann.

Berri 9.5 (59) d Renmark 8.9 (57)

BEST: Berri - R. Kruger, D. Westley, T. Varbai-Heward, M. Foulds, J. Sawyer, J. Campain. Renmark - B. White, D. Orr, R. Curtis, L. Harrington, N. Stockman, T. Johnson.

GOALS: Berri - R. Kruger 3, D. Westley 2, M. Foulds, J. Kelly, A. McNab, J. Sawyer. Renmark - N. Stockman 3, A. Herrador, T. Johnson 2, L. Harrington.



UNDER 15

Loxton 10.7 (67) d Barmera-Monash 7.3 (45).

BEST: Loxton - R. Montgomery, C. Rankine, M. Sexton, H. Westbrook, J. Marlor, K. Evans. Barmera-Monash - R. Hunt, W. Nuske, F. Dillon, B. Rashleigh, K. Gartner, J. Clarke. GOALS: Loxton - R. Montgomery 4, M. Sexton 3. H. Westbrook 2. I. Marlor. Barmera-Monash - F. Dillon 4, J. Dymmott, R. Hunt, B. Rashleigh.

Loxton North 21.9 (135) d Waikerie 0.0 (0).

BEST: Loxton North - K. Serafin, J. Hutchinson, R. Wooldridge, J. Wooldridge, L. Clayton, J. Badran. Waikerie - H. Radolovic-Tripodi, A. Hashemi, T. Edwards- O'Cass, F. Andrew, E. Lawrance, A. Kipling. GOALS: Loxton North - K. Serafin 10, J. Hutchinson, W. Nitschke 3, W. Simes 2, M. Hall, A. Lloyd, R. Wooldridge.

Berri 6.7 (43) d Renmark 4.5 (29).

BEST: Berri - B. Wenman, L. Watson, Y. Exarheas, J. Krendl, S. Andrenacci, D. Hronopoulos, Renmark - L. White, E. Evans, A. Leesue, M. Petersen, C. Goodman, A. Schumann.

GOALS: Berri - B. Wenman 3, C. Lloyd, C. Robertson, L. Watson. Renmark - C. Goodman, I. Morgan, J. Saegenschnitter, L. White.

*ALL RESULTS MUST BE POSTED ONLINE BY MONDAY MORNING TO BE INCLUDED

UNDER 13

Barmera-Monash 17.16 (118) d Loxton 0.1 (1).

BEST: Barmera- Monash - H. Banks, N. Gartner, J. Norman, S. Humphries, D. Marks, M. Rashleigh. Loxton - D. Mayes, T. Marlor, B. Duthie, N. Hammerstein, C. Thiele-Butterworth, J. Thompson. GOALS: Barmera-Monash - B. Sullivan, S. Warnett 3, G. Gartner, S. Humphries, D. Marks, M. Morris 2, J. Garoufalis, C. Klingbiel, M. Rashleigh.

Waikerie 10.9 (69) d Loxton North 6.6 (42).

BEST: Waikerie - E. Lawrance, J. Taverner, H. Radolovic-Tripodi, J. Coombe, A. Kipling, N. Camerlengo. Loxton North - C. Schwarz, T. Meaney, A. Kent, S. Williams, D. May, T. singh Rai. GOALS: Waikerie - E. Lawrence, J.

Taverner 3, J. Coombe, A. Kipling, J. Scott, A. Tregenza. Loxton North - A. Kent, T. Meaney 2, T. singh Rai, C. Schwarz.

Renmark 9.13 (67) d Berri 0.2 (2).

BEST: Renmark - H. Riedel, H. Pitman, J. Tregeagle, C. White, J. O'Bryan, N. Martinson. Berri - P. Jackson, S. Marsden, C. Blanck, R. Critchley, R. Wishart, T. Ferreira. GOALS: Renmark - J. Tregeagle 4, M. Petersen, C. Phillips, H. Pitman, J. Smith, C. White.



LADDERS

A GRADE	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
RENMARK	4	0	0	277	189	8	146.5
WAIKERIE	3	1	0	290	215	6	134.8
LOXTON	2	2	0	306	233	4	131.3
BERRI	2	2	0	274	283	4	96.8
BARMERA-MONASH	1	3	0	228	321	2	71.0
LOXTON NORTH	0	4	0	209	343	0	60.9
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MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS'

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
M. Spencely	W	5	17
T. Kent	LN	2	10
T. Woolford	R	5	10
M. Hodge	В	0	9
D. Woolford	R	0	9
J. Smith	BM	2	8

RWFL	W	L	F	A	P
BERRI*	3	0	164	14	6
BARMERA-MONASH*	2	1	137	58	4
WAIKERIE	2	2	125	157	4
RENMARK*	1	2	141	101	2
I.OXTON NORTH*	0	3	36	273	0



Round

RESULTS

Waikerie 9.5 (59) d Loxton North 5.5 (35).

BEST: Waikerie - J. Oakley, C. Helbig, B. Kafexholli, J. Turner, B. Ferguson, S. Vowles. Loxton North - T. Mitchell, T. Smith, A.

Charles, J. Hansen. GOALS: Waikerie - B. Kafexholli 4, G. de Crespigny, J. Oakley, R. Smith, J. Turner. Loxton North - E. Reichstein, T. Smith 2. T. Mitchell. Berri 10.7 (67) d Renmark 1.1(7).

BEST: Berri - P. Tieste. B. Cooper, K. Kregar, A. Shapley, Player, E. Hinge. Renmark - E. Fry, C. Kenyon, S. Coombs, J. Crook, K. Ratcliffe, G. Hodder. GOALS: Berri - Player 8, M. Katsaitis, M. Wishart. Renmark - F. Morgan.



Renmark and Berri did battle in the RFL A grade match of ther round last weekend, with the Rovers emerging victorious by 33 points. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Woolford trifecta helps Renmark home

BEN LENNON

A DOMINANT performance from the Woolford brothers saw Renmark triumph by 29 points in its clash with Berri in RFL A grade football last Saturday.

Matt, Tim and Dan all found themselves in the best players list after excelling in the middle of the ground, with coach Josh Vater heaping praise on the trio.

"It's pretty nice to have all three of them. They don't require a whole heap of direction, they just do their thing," he said.

"I've never seen any of them play a bad game. You just know what you're going to get week in week out, regardless of whether they cop a hard tag.

"It's amazing to have them all in the same team and it's pretty nice for those boys to be able to play with each other as well."

The win was the fourth on the bounce for the Rovers, making them the only undefeated side in the competition, with Waikerie now sitting in second after its win over Loxton North last weekend.

Vater said that last weekend's game was the closest his side had been to a full fourquarter performance, but said plenty of work was left to be done to get to where they want to be.

"We're definitely not quite at the level we want to be, but as the season's gone on, we've picked up in certain areas," he said.

"Last weekend's game was probably the most satisfied we've been in terms of how we've played, but there were still chunks of the game where we underperformed and didn't do some things as well as we would've liked.



Matt Woolford, alongside brothers Dan and Tim, was named in the best players as Renmark defeated Berri last Saturday.

"It was a shootout early and was very fast-paced, where both teams were probably capitalising on mistakes from the opposition.

Both teams, when they moved the ball fast into attacking 50, were able to score, but there were times when both teams had a lot of the play but it was slow so neither side

"There were some large numbers behind the ball at times which made it tough for both sides."

Berri's outside running has been a feature of its game under Clint Ridgway this year, with wingers Tom Jolly, Jacob Grieger and Jason Westley all enjoying strong starts to

Combining them with some stronger bodies inside has helped propel Berri up the ladder, with Vater impressed by his opposition's performance on the weekend.

"They'll be top four for sure and I wouldn't be surprised if they pushed for the top two this year," he said.

"They've been really targeted with their recruiting. Over the last few years they've developed some outside run but (Luke)

Teasdale was a bit of a lone hand in the mid-

"They've picked up a couple of bigger bodied midfielders now, and when they do get it on the outside they look to capitalise on mistakes a lot.

"They've been really impressive and they've come a long way in the last few years."

Berri's model of promoting juniors and focusing heavily on local players, while only recruiting specific players from outside of the region, appears to be paying dividends.

It is a model Vater believes many good sides have in common.

"It's how you get sustained success," he

"Waikerie for a long time and probably still, their core group from the last period of success has been mainly local-based players.

"It's something we've worked really hard on as well over the last five or six years, before I even came here, making sure we develop our juniors."

Tom Charlton booted three goals for Renmark, while Fraser Sampson was at his talismanic best across half back for the

Matt Hodge continued his run of goalscoring games for Berri, while youngster Archie Holtham put in his best performance of the season after being praised for his early season form by Ridgway.

Renmark welcomes Barmera-Monash this Saturday, while Berri will do battle with Loxton North in its bid to climb back up the table after slipping to fourth following last

Millard's men topple Barmera-Monash

A STRONG four-quarter effort saw Loxton triumph over Barmera-Monash in last weekend's round of Riverland A grade football.

Loxton came into the match having fallen to Berri at home the week prior and the Tigers were in need of a bounce-back victory, with coach Dillon Millard set on going deep into the 2022 finals.

Both sides got off to a reasonable start, with Loxton holding a 14-point lead at the main change and the Tigers were able to capitalise on the mistakes of a young Barmera-Monash side in, running out eventual 31-point winners.

It was the outside run of Loxton that was crucial to the win, with winger Brodie Hill named best on ground for his side in an impressive performance.

Mercurial forward flanker Jesse Will returned to form at a crucial time for his side, booting four goals in the victory.

He was aided on the other flank by Che Lange, who added one of his own and picked up plenty of the ball, sending Loxton forward on a number of occasions.

Talismanic utility Luke Harder kicked two after being named at full forward but once again running

5 Jesse Will 4 Brodie Hill PIONEER WRITERS **3 Mason Middleton** BM 2 Jake Smith BM AWARD 1 Will Gutsche

through the midfield, with the star proving he is able to play a number of roles for Millard's men.

Will Gutsche was again at the heart of everything Loxton did, with the centreman able to ensure Loxton's wide players saw plenty of the ball, enabling them to get clean entries into the forward 50.

The loss means Barmera-Monash slip to 1-3 for the year, with Berri and Loxton now a win ahead of the Roos in fourth and third respectively.

Barmera's Jake Smith continued to prove that he is one of the competition's most dominant midfielders, racking up both disposals and clearances for his side.

His form has been helped largely by the impressive performances of ruckman Mason Middleton, with the former draft hopeful stringing

together a number of strong show-

His tap work has allowed Smith to get first look at the ball often enough to impact the game and feed the young Roos up forward.

Matt Wutke was once again the beneficiary of this service, kicking three goals in the loss and bringing his 2022 total to seven from four

The Roos will travel to Renmark this week as the tough tests continue, while Loxton is set to do battle with Waikerie in a curtain-raiser to the Russell Ebert SANFL tribute game in Loxton on Sunday.

RFL 'happy' with disciplinary process

BEN LENNON

THE RFL's new match-day disciplinary system has been brought into action early in the 2022 season, with an eight-match suspension handed out to a senior footballer following round one last month.

The RFL A grade player in question was found to have breached the league's code of conduct surrounding umpire abuse, as well as the SANFL's member protection policy, which covers all affiliated leagues.

RFL president Mark Wright was quick to condemn the actions of the player and said the RFL's policies have been put to good use in this case

"We became aware of the incident because the abuse was directed to the umpire himself on social media, and he's one of our most senior umpires in the league," Mr Wright said

"He went into his own Facebook messenger and delivered a message (to the umpire) that was not suitable.

"We took a big stance on that. Once we became aware of it, we gave the player a notification of a tribunal hearing to answer a breach of our code of conduct and member protection policy.

"As a result, he got two games for the code of conduct breach and six games for the member protection policy breach, so that was the bigger hit because it was a more severe breach of the umpire's rights and wellbeing.

"He also received a \$700 fine, and there's a letter of apology coming from that player to the umpire as part of the penalty. We've been assured the player is quite remorseful after the fact, so we're pretty happy with the outcome."

It isn't the first time the RFL has had to utilise disciplinary actions under Mr Wright's watch, but the president believes the system has been working well.

The system was introduced last year and saw the implementation of match-day officials.

Their role includes listening to umpire advice on the day and trying to quell instances of abuse at the source.

These incidents are to be reported back to the RFL and the appropriate action would follow from the RFL commission.

Mr Wright outlined the steps in place for when incidents of umpire abuse arise and said overall, last year was "pretty good".

"We had three crowd behaviour incidents reported by an MDO, two of those were crowd, one was a coach," Mr Wright said of the 2021 season.

"They were given formal notice and a written warning for that first occasion offence of umpire abuse.

"If that occurred again within the 24-month period, so this season as well, they'd be given a fourweek ban.

"Out of the grand final we had two crowd members on grand final day behave in a manner that caused one of them to get a four-week ban and the other to have a two-week ban due to umpire abuse.

"At the end of the day, four warnings and two suspensions is pretty good out of a whole season, including finals and grand final day, with grand final day being more heated than any other day."

On the issue of umpire abuse, Mr Wright stressed that the RFL was taking a "strong" approach to eliminating it both on-field and from the crowd.

"As a footy community we don't

expect the umpires to get it right all of the time, but they call as best as they can," Mr Wright said.

"We're lucky enough in the RFL that we've still got an umpires' panel and this is why we've brought in these mechanisms to combat umpire abuse, because otherwise we won't have any umpires.

"We're lucky that this umpire is a very senior umpire and is very resilient.

"They're volunteers, and we ensure that they get paid, but they're still volunteering their time to provide a community service.

"The system is here to educate and we ask people to not engage in that kind of abusive behaviour and if they do cross the line, these are the penalties.

"In saying that, we acknowledge that it's by no means a massive issue; it's the minority that causes an issue for the majority."



Spencely's super eight seals win

ANOTHER dynamic performance from one of the league's best ensured that Waikerie remained within touching distance of Renmark after last week's round of RFL A grade football.

Matt Spencely continued his incredible start to the season, booting eight goals in Waikerie's 35-point win over Loxton North last Saturday afternoon.

He continued his role of switching between both the midfield and the forwardline as Loxton North struggled to find a match-up for him.

Waikerie coach Shayne Stevens said that Spencely's versatility makes him difficult for opposition teams to handle.

"His anticipation and the way he reads the play, you can't teach blokes that stuff," he said.

"For a smaller guy he can take a grab in a pack and he's excellent on the ground as well. "Whether he gets 30 touches or five

touches, he doesn't waste any and he's so damaging for us."

Spencely was joined in the forward half by Mitchell Hahn, who kicked two goals in the win and was named as his side's secondbest player.

Also putting in a strong performance was skipper Tristan Geehman, who was named in the best players for the third week in a row after a quiet start to the year.

The win is Waikerie's second in as many weeks, with the round two loss against Renmark now a distant memory.



Matt Spencely starred in the win, booting eight goals for the Magpies while playing a number of positions.

Stevens is hoping his side can continue to build on this momentum heading into Sunday's Russell Ebert tribute clash at Loxton Oval.

"We've probably overachieved a bit in regards to the fact we played five under 18s in the A grade on Saturday," he said.

"We're probably going under the radar a bit and have plenty of depth to come back so as a club, we're pretty happy with where we're sitting."

While the first win of the season continues to elude the Panthers, coach Brett Tschirpig can take solace in the fact that his side is

much improved from last season and continues to get better each week.

This week saw the emergence of new recruit Bradman Pfitzner, with the slightly-built former Gumeracha player named in the best players after putting in a strong shift on the half-forward flank.

Tyson Kent was again the most impressive performer for North, kicking three goals, his most in a single match for the year.

Loxton North will host Berri this weekend and will be hoping to pick up its maiden win, though Clint Ridgway's Demons will prove a stern test for the improving Panthers.

Bulldogs bite back in Independents

A FINAL-quarter flurry from Wunkar saw the Bulldogs get over the line against reigning premier Ramco in last weekend's round of RFL Independent football.

The Dogs went into the clash needing a victory to stay within touching distance of the ladder leaders, and thanks largely to four goals from Tyson Renshaw, they were able to pull it off.

Tom Wood's side was down by 16 points at the final break but managed to hold the Roosters to just nine points in the last term, kicking four goals of their own to secure the two-point win.

Jack Parffitt proved that he is in the conversation for the competition's most dominant ruckman, picking up another best-onground performance in the loss for Ramco.

He was aided by Max Baddack and Adam Burckett, with the latter hitting the scoreboard twice in the clash, but it was not enough for the champions to topple a spirited Bulldog outfit.

Elsewhere it was business as usual as BSR picked up yet another convincing win, this time at the expense of Brown's Well.

The Redbacks piled on the goals in a commanding performance that saw them run out 69-point victors.

Jacob Verrall and Richard Hartley combined for seven goals, with the former taking his tally to eight for the season.

The Bombers fought hard and continue to improve under Aaron Bullard but still have work to do to catch up with the top four sides in the division.

Ruckman Brian Hampel was the standout player of the day for Bullard's men, while Maxwell Fitzgerald continued his strong form in front of goal, kicking three in the loss.

The win means BSR retains its unbeaten record, but hot on its heels is Sedan-Cambrai, with the Magpies picking up another win, this time over Paringa in Paringa.

Ten goals between Jackson le Couteur and Jack Grace saw the Magpies over the line as Chris Eaton's men picked up a 40-point victory.

Chris Gardner played his best game of the season for the Swans and was named their best player, while early-season returning recruit Dean Hill kicked four majors.

Round five sees last year's grand finalists do battle for the first time this year as Ramco travels to Sedan-Cambrai, while Wunkar will attempt to become the first team to knock off BSR.

Brown's Well and Paringa will go head-tohead in a battle of the cellar-dwellars, with one of the two sides set to remain the only team without a win for 2022, barring a draw.



Tennis Seniors Berri Teams 45-50+ A grade winners the Firebirds: Pam Cook (left), Cynthia Henderson, Tricia Rabbitt and Carole Johnson. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Seniors flock to Berri tennis carnival

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE three-day, 34th annual Tennis Seniors Berri Teams event concluded on Monday.

Held every May, the carnival boasted 89 teams this year, with over 500 players aged 35 and over taking part in the event.

Competing in 16 different age groups, players from South Australia and interstate flocked to the Riverland to play on courts in Berri, Barmera, Loxton and Renmark.

Presentations were held Monday afternoon at the Berri Tennis Club.

Treasurer of the Riverland

Tennis Seniors Association, Barb McPherson, said the carnival was an opportunity for people to come out and play tennis in the Riverland.

"It all ran smoothly, and it is a big credit to the committee and all the clubs making sure that everything went well," she said.

"Many teams have been coming forever. It's great."

One team, The Golden Girls who were competing in the Women's 70+ age group, even had a player who is 89 still out on the court.

President of Tennis Seniors South Australia Ian Delbridge, who has been competing in the carnival for

27 years, described the carnival as "just terrific".

"As per usual, Berri have done a great job, and the committee of Tennis Seniors Riverland have done a great job," he said.

"They have accommodated everyone, including the sponsors and the players.

"It's the camaraderie and meeting up with the people year after year - I love it. It's the people that draw you back, and the Riverland itself."

The 2023 Berri Teams Carnival will be held over Saturday, May 20 to Monday, May 22.

MORE PHOTOS NEXT WEEK



James Gregory (left) and Mark Haines after taking out the SA Champion of Champion pairs title at the Torrensville Bowling Club earlier this month. PHOTO: Bowls SA

Pairs double completed, nearly two decades later

FORMER Riverland lawns bowls prodigy James Gregory has completed a state bowls double – 18 years apart.

Gregory teamed up with Mark Haines to win the Champion of Champion pairs title at the Torrensville Bowling Club earlier this month, with the duo now to progress to the national event.

The victory comes 18 years after Gregory - then aged just 14 – teamed up with the same player, Adelaide-based Haines, to win the state under 18 pairs

Gregory, who also won the state under 18 singles title as a 13-year-old, was a star bowler for Barmera, before he moved to Adelaide and joined the West Lakes Bowling Club.

To clinch the title, Gregory and Haines scored a thrillTwo State titles for bowls young gun

The Murray Pioneer from May 2003

ing extra-end victory over Port Wakefield's Will and Greg McPharlin.

Still a West Lakes member, Gregory, 32, is a greenkeeper in Adelaide and runs a business that looks after a number of major metropolitan bowls clubs.

In 2004 he won the prestigious Peter Frankcom Junior Sports Star of the Year award, presented at the annual Riverland Sportsperson of the Year dinner.

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2005 BF FALCON AUTO SEDAN A/c, cruise control, e/windows. XHG-449

Berri secures a bounceback win

BERRI picked up a narrow win in the third round of Riverland A grade men's hockey last week, downing a defiant Renmark by a single goal.

Dylan Couzner was the key to Berri's success, finding the back of the Renmark net twice in a man-of-the-match performance.

Lincoln Matulin was named best for Renmark, despite Nick Hocking netting a hat-trick in the loss to continue his hot start to the season.

Jam Radloff was also named in the best players for Renmark, with his play in goal one of the major reasons Renmark was able to stay in the contest.

Elsewhere, Waikerie continued its winning ways with a 4-1 rout of Loxton on Friday night.

It was a match with plenty of feeling in it, with players from both sides receiving a yellow card in the hotly contested affair.

James Lange of Loxton was booked for unsportsmanlike conduct, while James Smith received his yellow for physical contact.

Lucas Hocking scored twice in the win that saw Waikerie tighten its grip on top spot of the table.

Berri's women also picked up a win, defeating Renmark by three goals in a strong

Maddy Spanno scored twice, while Tracy Townsend was deemed the best player on the ground for her work in the Berri net.

RESULTS

MEN

Berri 4 d Renmark 3.

Best: Berri - D. Couzner, J. Burgess, D. Shawyer. Renmark – L. Matulin, J. Radloff, N. Hocking. Goals: Berri - D. Couzner 2, B. Stokes, J. Roberts. Renmark - N. Hocking 3. Waikerie 4 d Loxton 1

Goals: Waikerie - L. Hocking 2, J. Brewer, O. Kroehn. Loxton - M. Wheeler.

Berri 6 d Renmark 0.

Best: Berri - R. Vallelonga, D. Segui, A. Herbert. Renmark - H. McDonald, M. Shugg, K. Christian, M.

Goals: Berri - R. Vallelonga 3, A. Segui 2, M. O'Callaghan.

Waikerie 5 d Loxton 0.

Best: Waikerie – J. Brewer, M. Johnson, A. Boehm, R. Edwards. Loxton - I. Schaefer, J. Mickan, D. Schubert,

Goals: Waikerie - K. Johnosn, L. Ebert 2, E. Johnson.

Under 17

Berri 6 d Waikerie 1.

Best: Berri - K. Stokes, T. Faehrman, S. Martin, W. Stokes. Waikerie – E. Kroehn, O. Kroehn, J. Ebert. Goals: Berri - K. Stokes 3, L. Stokes, W. Stokes, O. Sims. Waikerie - O. Ebert.

Loxton/Renmark 3 d Waikerie 1.

Best: Loxton/Renmark - I. Schaefer, F. Hayes, T. McDonald. Waikerie - O. Kroehn, E. Kroehn, J. Ebert, M. Wickham.

Goals: Loxton/Renmark – J. Botten 2, H. Cooper. Waikerie - J. Ebert.

WOMEN

A grade

Berri 3 d Renmark 0.

Best: Berri - T. Townsend, A. Hibberd, E. Schaefer. Renmark - E. Pick, A. Schubert, K. Pick. Goals: Berri - M. Spanno 2, D. O'Callaghan.

B grade

Renmark 3 d Berri 0.

Best: Renmark - K. Barton, A. Harding, K. Botten, A. Schubert. Berri - M. Watkins, K. Jury, E. Vallelonga,

Goals: Renmark - K. Beer, K. Barton, T. Shawyer. Waikerie 4 d Loxton 0.

Best: Waikerie - V. Schmidt, A. Kroehn, A. Nitschke. Loxton - M. Gillett, J. Gilliland, L. Pearson, A. James. Goals: Waikerie - V. Schmidt 3, A. Matulick.

Loxton 1 d Waikerie 0.

Best: Loxton N. Burgemeister, E. Barnes, E. Schaefer, R. McDonald. Waikerie - J. Kroehn, A. Nitschke, E. Kroehn.

Goals: Loxton - E. Schaefer. Renmark d Berri (forfeit).



Lucas Hocking scored twice for Waikerie in his side's 4-1 win over Loxton in A grade men's hockey action last week. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Waikerie's win over Loxton was its third in a row to start the new season.

Riverland cyclists honour Heritage

THE Riverland Cycling Club hosted its annual Stan Heritage Memorial Handicap in trying conditions last Sunday.

Stan's son, Kevin Heritage, was in attendance as riders were released in small groups according to their handicaps.

Nic French finished first ahead of runner-up Ian Thomas, while Riverland cycling legend Clint Bambrick picked up the fastest time of the day.

He was joined by Lee Stevens for most of the race, but neither was able to catch the leaders,



Stan Heritage Memorial Handicap winners (from left): Lee Rasheed (third), Nic French (winner), Kevin Heritage, Ian Thomas (runner-up) and Clint Bambrick (fastest time). PHOTO: Facebook

despite averaging over 40km/h. Club officials thanked Kevin Heritage for his continued sup-

port of the race over the years.

RESULTS

Stan Heritage Memorial: N. French, I. Thomas, L. Rasheed, S. Hardwick, H. Ranson, R. Strout, J. Stevens, A. Ylia, C.

RC Ones' dominant darts performance

THE fourth round of the Riverland winter darts season saw two of the competition's strongest sides win in convincing fashion, with RC Ones and Cobby Eagles both picking up victories.

Newcomer to the RC Ones line-up Tamara Josephs pulled off the highest peg-out of the night with her 107 in what was a game littered with skill from the victors.

Cobby Eagles were pushed by Monash Wanderers, with seven games going the full three legs, but the league leaders were cool under

Danny Coombe was impressive for the Eagles, while Wayne Bonham of Monash Wanderers had the highest average of the night with 21.12.

RESULTS

RC Ones 15 (L. Platten 140 x 3, 125, 100 x 4, C. Wagner 140, 134, 123, 121, 100 x 4, L. Rasheed 140, 121, 100, W. Schwartzkopff 135, 121, 100 x 4, T. Josephs 111, 107, 100 x 2, 107 peg out) d Expendables O (D. Higgs 121, 101, A. Barnes 120, 100, S. Lockwood 104, 100, G. Norman 100 x 3, A. Weidenhofer 140). Cobby Eagles 10 (D. Parfitt 140 x 3, 121, 120, 100 x 4, D. Coombe 140 x 2, 123, 121, 100 x 6, R. Stemp 140, 135, 100, J. Broekers 140, 125, 121, 100 x 3, A. Hargreaves 100 x 9) d Monash Wanderers 5 (C. Martin 160, 140 x 4, 100 x 3, D. Martin 140, 132, 105, W. Bonham 140, 125 x 2, 122, 121. 100 x 5, A. Martin 126, 100 x 3, R. Martin 140).



JUNIOR SWANS KICK OFF: History was made last Friday night as the Paringa Swans entered the RFL junior competition for the first time. Pictured is the inaugural Paringa under 11s team that took to Paringa Oval. PHOTOS: Facebook



State shooting titles a success in Morgan

BEN LENNON

OVER 30 shooters from both South Australia and Mildura made their way to Morgan recently, as the Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club held its leg of the state titles, the Mid-Murray Championships.

Club secretary and treasurer David Klemm was thrilled that the club was able to host the prestigious event in such difficult times for many sports in the country,

"We've been doing this for over 10 years now and it's slowed down a little bit due to Covid, but we're trying to keep the numbers up and we're not dwelling on it, it's the same for most clubs," he said.

"It does our reputation a world of good and we get a lot of people from all over the state. These people support Morgan by staying at the caravan parks, going to the pubs and things like that.

"It helps us at the club and it helps the town which I find very important."

The local shooters enjoyed a fruitful tournament, with a number notching top-three placings, particularly in the

"'Crespy' (Mark Cresp) and Josh Gordon, who are both from the Riverland, did well in the 50m and Gary



Shooters from across the region tested their skill at the recent Anzac weekend events at the Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club. PHOTO: supplied

Frittum came first in the 50m B grade," Mr Klemm said.

"Colin Clarke came first in the class one masters and he's a Morgan shooter, so the local guys did really well."

Mr Klemm encouraged those keen to try the sport to contact the club and mentioned it is making strides towards catering for all ability levels.

"At a club level, everyone is invited to have a shoot and as for the club, we've just acquired the Morgan sporting complex and we're looking to set up an air rifle range to cater for juniors in particular." Mr Klemm said.

"We've even got one member who's 84 years old and he's still going, so we're trying to drive that participation regardless of age or ability.'

The club also hosted a shoot over the Anzac weekend, with many local shooters enjoying the festivities, which included a roast cooked by Renmark shooter Cresp.

Renmark will get its chance to host a state title leg when the tournament makes its way to the Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club later this year.

Locals ready for eightball carnival Reccia, Stephen O'Hara.

The Riverland is set to take two teams to this year's SA Affiliates eightball carnival in Bordertown over the June long weekend.

Last year saw the Riverland Eightball Association finish first in the carnival and those involved are keen to defend the crown in 2022.

Meanwhile, round eight of the Riverland winter eightball season took place last week, with Barmera Balls Deep maintaining its spot on top of the division one table.

Monash Club Bandits remain level on points with the first-placed team, with their win over Renmark Bowling Club keeping them within striking distance.

Elsewhere, Loxton and Mundic Yabbies played out an eight-all draw.

Teams for SA Affilliates carnival Riverland 1

Peter Kennedy (c), Glen Carter, Bruce Knight, Mick Radak, Shawn Salmon, Kon Haritos. Riverland 2

Steve Formby (c), Tony Ricks, John Harding, Colby Knight, Matt

RESULTS

Division one/two

Barmera Balls Deep 13 d Cobbers 3; Loxton 8 drew with Mundic Yabbies 8; Monash Club Bandits 11 d Renmark Bowling Club 5; Lyrup Club Muppets 16 d Lyrup Club Odd Bunch 0: Loxton RSL BC 10 Barmera Bowling Club 6; Monash Club 9 d Paringa Bushy 7.

Points: Barmera Balls Deep 13; Monash Club Bandits 13; Lyrup Club Muppets 12; Monash Club 10; Loxton RSL BC 8; Mundic Yabbies 8; Cobbers 7; Loxton 6; Barmera Bowling Club 5; Paringa Bushy 4; Renmark Bowling Club 4; Lyrup Odd Bunch 2.

Division three

Loxton Black 13 d Cobby Scorpions 3; Cobby Club 13 d Renmark Bowling Club 3; Lyrup Club 11 d Cobby G.O.B 5; Titko Radlyanko 11 d Barmera Pelicans 5.

Points: Loxton Black 16: Titko Radlyanko 14; Barmera Pelicans 10; Cobby Club 9; Cobby G.O.B 7; Lyrup Club 6; Renmark Bowling Club 2; Cobby Scorpions

Division four

Cobby Roos 10 d Bourbon Legends 6; Lyrup FARQ 13 d Lyrup Club Blue 3; Cobby Eagles d Riverland Respite (forfeit). Points: Lyrup FARQ 14; Lyrup Club Blue 10; Cobby Roos 9; Bourbon Legends 8; Cobby Eagles 5; Riverland Respite 0.

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Waikerie superstar Matt Spencely booted eight goals in his side's win over Loxton North last Saturday. The Magpies now sit second with a 3-1 record. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Wright 'happy' with disciplinary process

BEN LENNON

THE RFL's new match-day disciplinary system has been brought into action early in the 2022 season, with an eightmatch suspension handed out to a senior footballer following round one last month.

The RFL A grade player in question was found to have breached the league's code of conduct surrounding umpire abuse, as well as the SANFL's member protection policy, which covers all affiliated leagues.

RFL president Mark Wright was quick to condemn the actions of the player and said the RFL's policies have been put to good use in this case.

"We became aware of the incident because the abuse was directed to the umpire himself on social media," he said.

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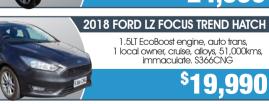
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