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Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall and Berri Regional Childcare Centre Inc. committee chair Anna Rosensweig discuss the centre's plans for growth, in response to increased local demand for childcare. Ms Winnall said the council would continue to back the centre's aspirations. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

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RED WINE ON BLUEPRINT



OVERSUPPLY issues and water security are among the short-term issues to be prioritised in a Riverland wine industry 10-year blueprint to be unveiled next week.

Developed after consultation with the entire supply chain, the strategy aims to help the local industry recover from one of its most challenging years, while also setting a long-term path for future prosperity.

Riverland Wine chief executive Lyndall Rowe said the blueprint is intended to be a game-changer for local stakeholders.

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Almond hub officially opened

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE Almond industry’s new centre of excellence was officially opened in Loxton yesterday.

The Almond Board of Australia (ABA) held an open day and official opening of its Almond Centre of Excellence yesterday morning, with about 200 industry stakeholders attending the event at the 60-hectare experimental and demonstration orchard.

ABA chairman Peter Hayes said the project was a “great foresight” by former CEO Ross Skinner and former chairman Brendan Sidhu.

“Together they forged an alliance that firstly won the support of the ABA directors, and then state and federal governments undermined the development of this facility,” he said.

“As we enter times when growers are under more pressure than ever to do more with less, the Almond Centre of Excellence orchard allows trials and research to assist in that goal.”

The ABA has now taken ownership of the site following a long-term lease with the State Government.

ABA chief executive officer Tim Jackson said taking ownership of the orchard will “trigger the final phase of infrastructure



At the opening of the Almond Board of Australia’s (ABA) Almond Centre of Excellence yesterday morning were PIRSA chief executive Professor Mehdi Doroudi, former ABA chairman and current Riverland grower representative Brendan Sidhu, Hort Innovation head of industry services and delivery Corrine Jasper and former ABA CEO Ross Skinner. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

and mark the culmination of the project”.

“Planning has begun to construct amenities on site to service staff, researchers and visitors,” he said.

“The Almond Centre of Excellence orchard aims to advance almond production systems and ensure the long-term sustainability of the industry.”

Meanwhile, a major cash injection was announced for the Almond Centre of Excellence on Monday.

The centre will receive \$6.2m, with funding derived from a combination of research and development levies, crop receipts and co-funding from the Federal Government.

Hort Innovation chairperson Julie Bird said the “significant investment” into the centre demonstrates almond growers’ commitment to their future.

“The almond industry has grown production from 7000 tonnes in 2002 to more than 140,000 in the 2023 season,”

she said.

“Production is forecast to exceed 200,000 tonnes within the next five years and annual sales to exceed \$1b.

“The Almond Centre of Excellence is a shining example of how Hort Innovation works proactively with industry to prepare for the future.

“The centre equips almond growers to embrace best management practices, not only in production, but in sustainable farming methods.”

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About 120 people attended the Loxton Mardi Gras Strawberry Fete at the Alawoona Institute on Saturday. PHOTO: supplied

Strawberry fete success

ALAWOONA’S population was significantly bolstered on the weekend when 120 people attended a special strawberry fete fundraiser.

The Loxton Mardi Gras’ annual Strawberry Fete took place at the Alawoona Institute on Saturday and featured dinner, dancing and the sashing of this year’s 12 jun-

ior ambassadors.

Loxton Mardi Gras chairperson Liz Dymmott hailed the event a success, raising over \$1000.

“It was really good,” she said.

“We had all 11 junior ambassadors sashed, so that was brilliant.”

- STEPHANIE THOMPSON

Festival guide in today’s Pioneer

THE comprehensive guide to this year’s Loxton Lights Festival is included inside today’s edition of The Murray Pioneer.

The eight-page supplement features information on all the events happening as part of the festival – including the Christmas Tree Trail and Festive Ferris Wheel – which begins on 25 November and finishes on 31 December.

Loxton’s Light Up Day, which starts the festival, will be held in the town’s main street, from 9am, on Saturday 25 November.

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“And it will help us as we plan for the future.”

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The council will meanwhile continue to back the centre’s aspirations, after responding promptly to an initial response, Mayor Ella Winnall confirmed.

“Council staff have already been working with the childcare centre on this,” Ms Winnall said.

“As soon as Berri Regional Childcare Centre reached out to us to indicate their interest in expanding, council set up a meeting to discuss the needs of the community-run centre, and potential opportunities for growth.

“We’ve invited the childcare centre to bring an update as a report to the chamber, and we look forward to receiving that so the council can consider how we might be best placed to support them.”

Ms Winnall said any decision for a new development would be up to the centre and its management board, but reaffirmed that council would continue to liaise with and support the group.

“We understand the board of the childcare centre have a number of sites that they’d like to look into, and those sites have various ownership,” she said.

“It’s still early days for the childcare centre in determining their needs for a new site, and we will continue to liaise with them on this, particularly if council land is a suggested solution.”

“It’s great to see the board of the childcare centre considering how they will be able to meet that demand in the future...”

- Ella Winnall

Ms Winnall said an increased-capacity childcare centre would address an all-too-common scenario across much of Australia, while also helping to drive growth in the local district.

“We all know there’s a shortage of childcare access as it is, and (this plan) is not just to meet the immediate demand now, given we want to grow our community,” she said.

“If we want to attract and retain new residents in the area, we need to have access to childcare.

“When we see that growth, I’d expect the demand for childcare would increase – so it’s great to see the board of the childcare centre considering how they will be able to meet that demand in the future.”

In its short-lived petition the centre’s committee said current waiting times for a place can exceed 12 months, with each of its rooms fully booked every day, subject to staffing needs.

The committee said over 30 children are waiting for a place in the 16-child capacity room for kids aged up to two.

“Lack of childcare in the area means that parents have less participation in the workforce and families with vulnerable children cannot find respite care,” it said.

“Given the regional nature and the high running costs of childcare, no private childcare provider seems willing to enter the area and so it falls on the community to seek ways to increase childcare places.”

To access the survey scan the QR code on this page or visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3S8HTZB>

PAGE 8 Woodleigh funding

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Waikerie’s iconic orange-shaped rubbish bins might be replaced, with Loxton Waikerie council citing safety concerns. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



Iconic bins to be replaced?

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A RIVERLAND town’s iconic rubbish bins could soon be a thing of the past, with a local council citing “several safety risks” as its reason for replacement.

At today’s meeting, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) will discuss the potential replacement of its orange-shaped waste bins through the Waikerie town centre following two incidents of “needle stick paraphernalia” in rubbish bins recently.

In a report to councillors, DCLW infrastructure services director Greg Perry said the orange-shaped waste bins were identified as a “significant” risk from sharp objects and needle stick injuries.

“The potential risk of injury is when emptying the waste bins because it must be done by hand and the only thing that holds the deposited waste in the



The proposed replacement bins for Waikerie. PHOTO: supplied

orange bin is a garbage bag,” the report said.

“The waste garbage bags are relatively weak and susceptible to tearing from sharp objects and shear weight of deposited waste.”

The report stated the Waikerie Ramco Grounds Committee is conscious the 18 orange bins are symbolic to the area.

“The idea to close the top and turn them into a sculpture piece was supported,” the report said.

“The Rotary Club of

Waikerie has agreed to modify six iconic orange bins that will remain as street art.”

At today’s meeting, council will discuss allocating \$52,000 to replace the orange bins with 10 stainless steel ‘wei kari’ moth-style bins, with the remainder to be plastic waste bins with stands.

The report said that the capacity of the orange balls is small compared to a normal bin, meaning less new ones would be required.

Ticket winners have luck of the Irish

A GROUP of locals will enjoy a sample of Ireland this weekend at the Chaffey Theatre, thanks to The Murray Pioneer.

Fay Webb, of Berri,

Kerry Battams, of Monash, and Marg Jenke, of Renmark, were winners of The Pioneer’s recent ticket giveaway, with each receiving a double pass to

Saturday’s performance of A Celtic Christmas.

The performance, at the Chaffey Theatre, in Renmark, begins at 7.30pm.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Childcare conundrums

IT is somewhat surprising to see how quickly childcare has become a major challenge in South Australia.

The days of being able to raise even a single child with just one parent working seem to be long gone. Having both parents of a household working no longer seems like a choice – as it was maybe 20 years ago – but is now a necessity.

This rapidly increased demand has generated the strain on local childcare accessibility that is currently so evident. Spots at childcare centres, many already with waiting lists, are charged at premium prices.

We’ve all heard the anecdotal reports of parents losing their child’s spot after being absent for a day, or still having to pay a full rate even when giving advance notice of an absence.

The challenges of modern life become even more difficult for those parents unable to look towards fellow family members for support when needing children to be looked after.

This added constraint, in turn, has noticeably changed aspects of the community in recent years. The more time parents have to spend at work the less free time they have to volunteer with our local schools, sporting clubs and community groups.

There are also flow-on effects for local businesses, as staff weigh up the benefits and drawbacks of returning to work after becoming a parent, and how many hours can be spared.

Even more importantly, access to affordable and reliable childcare services is crucial for our communities to continue expanding and attracting new, young workers.

However, this issue does seem to be one high on the priority list for all three Riverland councils.

As seen inside this week’s edition of The Pioneer, Berri Barmera Council is working with local members of the community to identify where the challenges lie surrounding childcare, and how they could most effectively be fixed for the long term.

Although it is quite early to tell if a new centre will be built for Berri – as outlined by the town’s mayor – this proactive approach, involving heavy consultation with the surrounding community, should provide a foundation for progress to be made.

In Renmark progress is being made on the construction of a new childcare facility, while Loxton’s Woodleigh centre is also evidently seeking to increase its capacity.

So, the intention is there from local, state and federal governments to help alleviate the pressure facing young Riverland families.

Will the efforts so far provide the long-term solution so desperately needed in regional communities?

Regardless of any government assistance, the support of private enterprise will also be needed.



Three magnificent horse teams harvesting wheat on the Rudiger family farm, Loxton, 1920s. The teams are harnessed to their mostly obscured strippers while the driver of the righthand team is just visible between his charges. In early-1907, Carl and Pauline Rosenberg began farming in Loxton’s Hut one year before the town was officially re-named Loxton. The Rosenbergs paid £1 (\$2/acre) for their farm. With their 11 children, Carl and Pauline cleared the land, grew wheat, and grazed livestock. Carl died in 1933, and Pauline aged 81, in 1939. The Murray Pioneer wrote that Pauline was the ‘last Murray land pioneer of the district’. One of the Rosenberg’s daughters, Thusnelda married Paul Alfred Rudiger and this couple managed the farm with its many challenges including drought, fire, and plague but also enjoyed good years. In the early-1960s, Paul and Thusneld’s son Reginald and wife, Marjorie managed the farm with its changes including tractors and trucks instead of horses, and bulk handling farm equipment. In the early-1990s their eldest son Paul and wife Briony, assumed the property and have continued to present. The farm *Ulymah*, is one of the last owned by an original family that settled in the Loxton District. DETAILS: Brycen Rudiger. PHOTO: Kelly Bonato, “A Colourful History”.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mayoral interviews

I FOUND the interviews with the three Riverland mayors printed in The Murray Pioneer last week to be quite interesting, in particular, the responses to the final question: “What are you looking forward to in the next three years of your council term?”

Mayors Trevor Norton (Loxton Waikerie) and Peter Hunter (Renmark Paringa) were quite detailed and articulate on how they were proceeding and gave specific details on what was/will be happening in the future within their council areas.

However, it was quite the contrary with Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella Winnall.

I consider Mayor Winnall’s vision – or lack of – to be nothing more than bland “motherhood” statements for reasons I will detail.

Her comments in relation to the question detailed above were:

“We have some really exciting projects on the horizon at Berri Barmera, and I’m so excited to start seeing some of those community plans coming to fruition.”

Absolutely meaningless. As Pauline would say, “please explain”.

Exactly what are these community plans?

Who will they benefit?

Are they properly costed and necessary expenditure of ratepayer money etc.?

Or are they just idealistic, hare-brained projects – as epitomised by the proposed “Coombe Street parkland” project – at a mega-million dollar cost to ratepayers?

In my view, this showed how grossly out of touch Berri Barmera Council is with reality.

“We are working on delivering council’s growth strategy, which will help with the housing shortages, but also help with rates.”

Again, this is meaningless without any detail.

It is quite obvious that Mayor Winnall’s comments on where the Berri Barmera Council is heading in the future told us,

ratepayers and the community, absolutely nothing. I found them very disappointing.

Once again, these are my personal observations, assessments and conclusions.

I find the functioning (or lack of) of the Berri Barmera Council actually defies belief and is irresponsible.

CHRIS PAGE
Berri

Corella challenges at the lake

ONCE again the inaction of the Berri Barmera Council has resulted in corellas settling into the lakefront area and damaging all the trees.

I have made several phone calls in the last couple of weeks advising council of the arrival of the ‘scouts’ that check things out, and my request that they be frightened off has resulted in nought, nothing, as usual.

I wonder if a fire truck’s high-pressure hose would do the trick?

AIRLIE HEINICKE
Barmera

Crash or cash?

LAST Wednesday’s Optus crash should highlight the need for a ‘no’ to the phasing out of cash handling by banks, as predicted for the future.

A.E. SCHEER
Loxton

The power of fear

THERE is something terribly wrong when a unique and well-loved Riverland attraction like the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum can be shut down by bureaucratic timidity.

Fear is a bureaucrat’s friend. In this case it absolves them from assisting the volunteer community.

May I suggest that the Riverland’s mayors make a united approach to government and the Adelaide media on the Cobby museum’s behalf.

It is just not good enough that the museum volunteers are being continually rebuffed by bureaucrats who don’t themselves suffer from the consequences of their actions.

All Riverlanders are affected by this pitiful display of weakness.

DAVID KIMBER
Loxton

Highlighting health imbalance

NOVEMBER is National Rural Health Month – a month which highlights the inequities that rural, regional and remote Australians face when trying to access the same health care as their urban counterparts.

This November, we take the opportunity to highlight the myriad of issues faced by rural and remote communities in Australia when trying to access health care, aiming to draw the attention of health sector stakeholders to work towards tangible and sustainable solutions.

We’re keen to voice the healthcare concerns of the 7,000,000 people living in rural and remote Australia throughout this month and highlight the contributions of rural health and medical practitioners.

Rural areas have fewer health providers across most registered professions, although the burden of disease and deaths increase with remoteness. Rural and remote Australians are not second-class citizens and should be able to access equitable health services to their urban counterparts.

The National Rural Health Alliance knows from the Evidence base for additional investment in rural health in Australia, released earlier this year, that each person in rural and remote Australia is missing out on nearly \$850/year of healthcare access.

This equates to a total annual rural health underspend of \$6.5bn. This is money that could have allowed Australians living rurally to access health and medical services where they live.

Rural people experience a triple health disadvantage: poorer circumstances in terms of social determinants of health, a lack of service availability, and higher costs of access and delivery, all resulting in poor health outcomes, despite their sizable

social, cultural and economic contribution.

Keep your eye on the Alliance’s social media accounts and the hashtag #RuralHealthMatters throughout November for day-to-day stories of rural Australians trying to access equitable care.

SUSI TEGEN
Chief executive
National Rural Health Alliance

Making uni more accessible

EVERY young person in our state that aspires to undertake higher education deserves the opportunity to attend a top university here in South Australia – no matter their postcode or financial position.

With a new university on our horizon, our government is establishing an important fund which will provide financial assistance to regional students, removing some of that burden and creating new opportunities for our young people.

For those in country communities, attending University in Adelaide can mean moving, often very far, away from their family home for the first time.

For many students this upheaval comes with enormous financial strain and emotional turmoil.

That’s a lot to place on an 18 or 19 year old and their family. It can sometimes be enough to stop a young person from attending university altogether.

Before Parliament there is legislation which, if passed, will enable the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide to merge and become Adelaide University.

It’s a university for all South Australians, and therefore all South Australians should have the same opportunity to attend.

Our government will establish the \$120m Student Support Fund in tandem with the new university to assist students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds in accessing higher education.

We are quarantining \$20m of that \$120m fund for students from the country and outer metro areas.

“It is just not good enough that the museum volunteers are being continually rebuffed by bureaucrats...”

- DAVID KIMBER



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Of course, young people in our regions don’t always have to move to the city to attend university.

Not only are online courses much more accessible and user-friendly than ever before, but there are established, high-quality university campuses based at regional centres.

In an unambiguous vote of confidence in our regional communities, both the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide have given public undertakings that none of these sites will be closed should the new Adelaide University be established.

In fact, both believe that by coming together as one university, their ability to invest in regional education will increase.

We want the creation of a new university to benefit all South Australians, no matter what part of our great state you call home.

Because if you want to attend university, you deserve that opportunity.

PETER MALINAUSKAS
South Australian Premier

A complicated subject

THERE is, in my opinion, far too much complicated talk concerning human-induced climate change in Australia, which can lead to confusion, and in many instances, ultimately being turned off from the discussion.

I wonder how many Australians realise that the single action of ceasing the burning of fossil fuels to create energy would quickly bring an end to human-induced climate change.

BRIAN MEASDAY
Kingswood

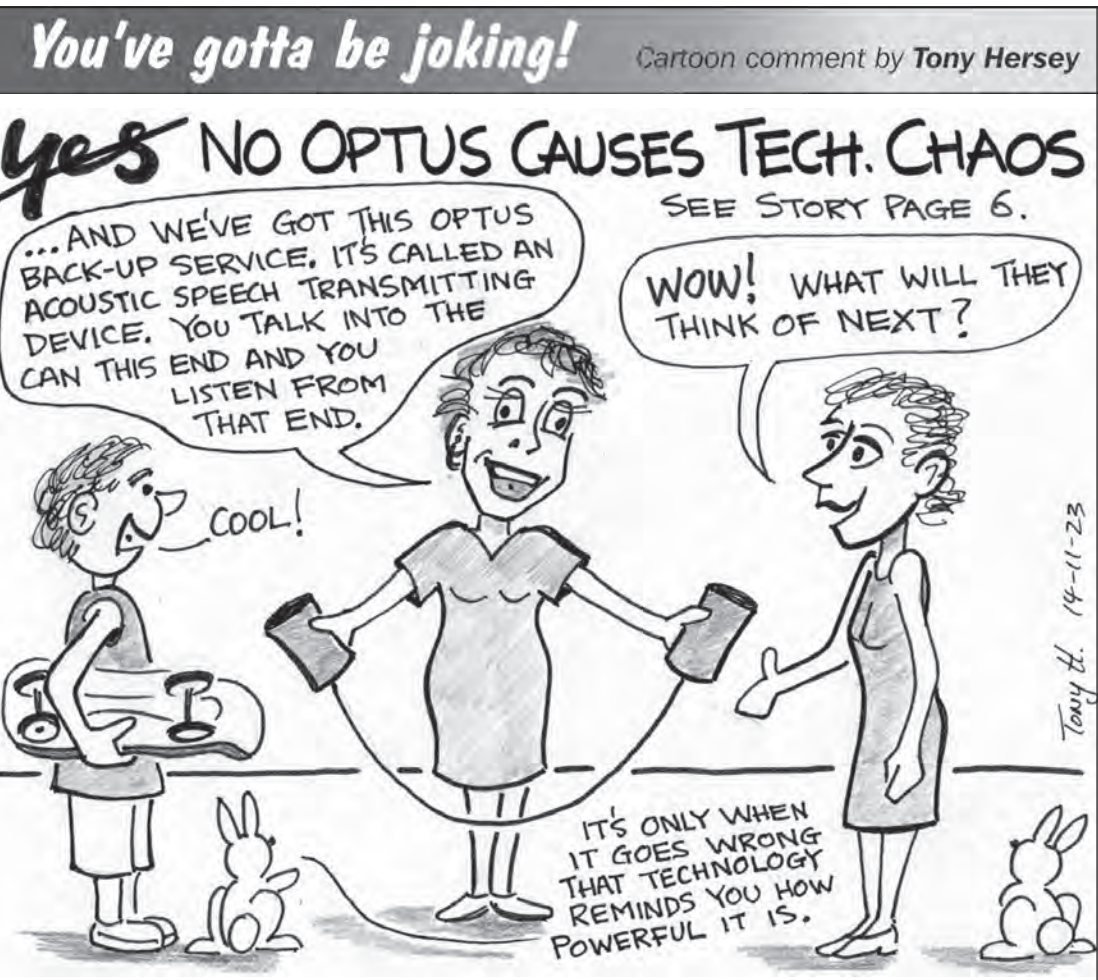
A time for support

THE Salvation Army is launching their annual Christmas appeal in South Australia, which will help The Salvos support individuals and families in the local community who are experiencing hardship this Christmas.

The rising cost of living, interest rate and rental price hikes have meant more people have been turning to The Salvation Army for support, making this year’s Christmas Appeal vitally important.

The Salvos are aiming to raise \$25m nationally, so nobody struggles alone this Christmas.

Christmas is the busiest time of the year for The Salvos, and this Christmas we expect the additional stresses of this year will result in more people than ever struggling to afford



Christmas for themselves and their families.

The Salvation Army are here for you. Whether it is practical support like food or presents, or if you are feeling down or lonely this Christmas, reach out to us at The Salvos.

There are many ways that you can partner with The Salvos to support your community this Christmas, including lending a hand, donating products such as gifts and food, or offering a financial donation to our Christmas Appeal.

The Salvation Army also hosts a number of special community celebrations during the festive season.

During the Christmas period last year, thanks to the generosity of the Australian public, The Salvation Army nationally:

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CLARE MACADAM
Public relations secretary for SA/NT
The Salvation Army

The milk of our blindness?

MEDIA stories of the strikes in

the dairy industry mostly discuss possible shortages in shops and the likelihood that perishable milk will be wasted.

There are mentions of the exploitation of the drivers and factory workers, but what of the main victims – the cows and calves?

One farmer has reported tipping 14,000L of milk down the drain. That represents the milk produced by about 700 cows in a day, not for greedy corporations but for their calves, who are instead taken from them and killed, or forced into the same cycle of endless artificial insemination until worn out.

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Special projects co-ordinator
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Looking back...

10 years ago 15 November, 2013



Winery sale to Adelaide/Hong Kong business to benefit growers

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Child sex charge dropped

A 16-year-old man charged with child sex offences has been charged with child sex offences. The charges were dropped after the man was found to be a victim of a scam.

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Jeanette Staehr’s letter (‘From sorrow to hope’, *Pioneer*, 8/11/23), states in part that First Nations people apparently want Australia back, along with all its first-world improvements. When the English came to Australia they were, overall, heartless at that time. Around that time we also saw the transportation of convicts. One of my great-grandfathers was sent to Tasmania for stealing bacon. He

was 11 years old and given four years in the reformatory for larceny. He was stolen from his family, never to see them again. Perhaps I should seek compensation from our newly crowned king?

GARY Waikerie

The front page of last week’s *Pioneer* advised people to get more booster shots for Covid. Is there any evidence that the vaccine

actually stops Covid and/or stops transmissions yet? Last I read it may, at best, ‘protect you from hospitalisation’, and that was only a maybe. Do we actually have any hard evidence after two years that vaccinations are doing anything?

ERIC Berri

Our SA Premier Peter Malinauskas made two main election promises. One, he would fix ramping and

TEXT LINE

Red wine among blueprint’s priorities

ALEXANDRA BULL
and PAUL MITCHELL

OVERSUPPLY issues and water security are among the short-term issues to be prioritised in a Riverland wine industry 10-year blueprint to be unveiled next week.

Developed after consultation with the entire supply chain, the strategy aims to help the local industry recover from one of its most challenging years, while also setting a long-term path for future prosperity.

“It’s a 10-year strategic plan...” said Riverland Wine executive officer, Lyndall Rowe.

“But the prioritised issues are the immediate oversupply (of red wine grapes), water security, repositioning the Riverland wine

industry, industry capability and business sustainability.”

A surplus of red wine grapes in particular and the likelihood of associated low prices for locals able to sell their grapes have contributed to forecasts of difficult vintage for the Riverland industry.

Ms Rowe said the Riverland Wine Industry Blueprint is intended to be a game-changer for local stakeholders.

“It’s been a really challenging few years (but) I am really optimistic and looking forward to what the blueprint proposes,” she said.

“It’s about repositioning the Riverland as one of Australia’s most forward-thinking and progressive wine regions.

“And we do that buy



Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe, pictured with the organisation’s grower engagement officer Charles Matheson, will next week launch Riverland Wine’s industry 10-year blueprint. PHOTO: supplied

championing our growers and producers, and that’s just not locally, that’s nationally and internationally.”

The blueprint will be officially launched by Clare Scriven, SA Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, at the Riverland Wine Centre, at Lyrup, on Tuesday.

Ms Rowe said the blueprint would “provide a way forward” by uniting local industry participants.

“It’s a fantastic way of bringing everyone together... the local industry, government, large winemakers, small winemakers, the whole chain, grape growers and so on, so we are all on the one page and working to a shared vision,” she said.

The blueprint’s development was funded by the State Government, Riverland Wine, Wine Australia and Wine Grape Council SA.

Riverland Optus users left in limbo during outage

ALEXANDRA BULL

RIVERLAND residents and businesses with telecommunications company Optus were among those affected by a nation-wide outage last Wednesday.

Multiple local businesses were left without eftpos facilities for hours, while mobile and internet users were unable to access data, calls and texts, and NBN services.

The cause of the outage, a routine software update, was confirmed by Optus on Monday 13 November.

At about 4.05am last Wednesday, the Optus network received changing to routing information from an international peering network following a software upgrade.

These routing information changes propagated through multiple layers in the network and exceeded pre-set safety levels on key routers, resulting in those routers disconnecting from the Optus IP Core network to protect themselves.

Most services were restored by 5.30pm on Wednesday 8 November, with more

than 11 million services impacted.

Optus CEO Kelly Bayer Rosmarin apologised for the unexpected outage.

“We truly appreciate our customers’ patience and understanding as we worked to restore our operations,” she said.

“We know that there is nothing we can do to make up for the outage and what customers want most is for our network to work all the time – which is our number one priority – but we also want to acknowledge their patience and loyalty by giving them additional data to help during the holidays when so many people consume more data with friends and family.”

From Monday this week eligible post-paid customers, both small businesses and consumers, will be able to access 200GB of extra data, and customers have until the end of the year to activate.

Eligible prepaid customers will be able to access unlimited data on weekends until the end of the year.

For more information visit (<https://www.optus.com.au>).

Chaffey’s new doors

NEW electronic doors have been installed at the entrance to the Chaffey Theatre to improve accessibility for patrons.

In a covid-conscious era, there is an added benefit with the new doors limiting the need to touch handles.

New lighting has also been placed inside the foyer, which will enhance the space and enable more works to be displayed from local and touring artists.

The new electronic doors at the Chaffey Theatre at Renmark being used by Keegan Wegener (left), Luke Meaney, Nicole Kruger, Adam Pedler and Lee Ward. PHOTO: supplied



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Community is crucial for fruit fly battle

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOCAL grower is encouraging more community engagement in the fight against fruit fly.

Tim Grieger, who is an industry partner and presents at the Department for Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) fruit fly meetings, said the latest round of meetings saw lower than optimal attendance.

"The intention of those meetings was to engage with the community and provide information that we felt everybody was looking for and that's what they did," he said.

"Those that were at the meetings really appreciated the opportunity to connect with those in the industry and the information we were able to provide.

"Some very good questions came from all of the meetings, which was really interesting and we really appreciated them.

"I think people appreciated the opportunity to engage and connect, and that's part of what we want to achieve."

With eradication of fruit fly the main goal, Mr Grieger – based in Renmark – said the community needs to continue to support PIRSA's eradication program.

"We will continue to engage with the community and we look forward to further ways of connecting with the community in the new year," he said.

"Communities and the public can help so much, and as we have said many times, please don't share your fruit.

"I know it's a long time,



Local grower Tim Grieger is encouraging the Riverland community to engage more in the battle against fruit fly.

PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

it's a long process and we still have a way to go yet, but the indicators are that we are working toward achieving the goal and that given a bit more time, we will get there."

Mr Grieger recently also

visited the Sunraysia region, to see first hand what it is like having to live with fruit fly in an endemic situation.

"I spoke to a grower and I spoke to a home gardener and my message coming back is we do not want to

have to live with fruit fly," he said.

"We just do not want that and I want to carry that message to the community; if you have had to live with it, you would know what I mean.

"We want to assure people that to achieve eradication we will then be able to have a strong future with no fruit fly, and that's the goal. To get there we need everybody supporting the whole program."



Inspecting the building site of the new share homes at Orana, Loxton, was service manager Karen Millington with residents Allen Zanetic and Trevor Lloyde. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Loxton's new home sweet home

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

NEW accommodation in Loxton for those living with a disability is nearing completion, with residents excited to move into their new homes.

Three new buildings are being constructed at Orana, Loxton, and will include share homes and a communal area, along with office and storage space.

Orana service manager Karen Millington said works were expected to be completed by the end of March.

"We are super excited that it is coming and we are so close now," she said.

"It is going to be wonderful when it's finished."

The homes will feature three bedrooms each with private ensuites, along with shared kitchens, dining and lounge room areas.

The new homes will enable the demolition of the older section of the property, which was a former motel.

Ms Millington said residents were looking forward to their new homes.

"Everything will be brand new and I think they are excited about that," she said.

"They love watching the new build.

"It's been really exciting for them and they have loved every moment of it."

Hand Built Homes are constructing the new homes, while the landscaping will have some special expertise.

"Hand Built Homes have been excellent," Ms Millington said.

"The Orana workshop is doing all our landscaping."

Ms Millington said an increase in demand for residential options could see further expansion in the next few years.

"We are the largest supported independent living home in the Riverland that provides 24-hour care," she said.

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Cash boost for Loxton childcare

By **STEPHANIE THOMPSON**
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LOXTON’S new childcare centre project has received a significant funding boost.

Loxton District Children’s Centre ‘Woodleigh’ received \$900,000 from the Federal Government’s Community Child Care Fund – Establishing Child Care in Limited Supply Areas.

Loxton District Children’s Centre ‘Woodleigh’ director April Watson said the funding would go towards professional development for staff, building costs and fit-out for the expansion project.

“We are very excited and proud to see our project come to life, beginning with professional development for staff throughout the remaining months of this year,” she said.

The new Woodleigh building, earmarked for Kokoda Terrace, Loxton, will increase the centre’s capacity from 80 to 157 children.

Barker MP Tony Pasin welcomed the funding and said he was proud an initiative he campaigned heavily for was continuing to support local projects.

“All Australian families deserve access to quality early learning and care services, regardless of where they live,” he said.

“Access to quality childcare is good for families, good for communities and good for local economies.”

PAGE 6 Editorial

Christadelphian local community enjoys fellowship

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

COMMUNITY members from all backgrounds and faiths took part in a free sausage sizzle and activities on the Waikerie riverfront on Sunday.

The free event, that attracted about 70 people, was organised by the Riverland Christadelphians.

Volleyball, face painting, and backyard games were among the activities on offer.

Riverland Christadelphians member Bronte McLean, who organised the event, said the gathering was an opportunity for her group to share their beliefs if people were interested.

“We had these leaflets printed out to share our faith,” she said.

Ms McLean said the gathering also enabled locals to relax and enjoy each other’s company after a difficult year, including high cost-of-living pressures and recovery



Face painter Charlotte McLean (left) with Fletcher Craddock and Rory Wallace, both 6.



About 70 people took part in the Riverland Christadelphians fun day on Sunday.
PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

from the River Murray flood.

“It was a fairly casual event,” she said.

“Showing that we all care and support each other is vital during a time when things are tough in the world.

“Times are really hard, and people are

worried about the wars going on in the world.”

Ms McLean said a highlight of the day was a volleyball competition between a local Fijian rugby team and some of her church members.



At the Riverland Christadelphians fun day on Sunday were Jo Mansfield, Olive Shaw, 2, Riannah Shaw with baby Jackson, Kelly Fredrickson, and Rebekah Wallace.



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TIME TO GROW AGAIN: Renmark Paringa Council staff and Berri-based contractor Torn Turf last week undertook reseeding on approximately 8000sqm at the SS Ellen Park, in Lyrup. The area was heavily impacted by the flood, with council advising it would “be subject to increased and frequent irrigation to give it the best possible chance to return to pre-flood standards”. PHOTOS: supplied



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RPC moves to speed up bridge process



HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND council hopes the process to replace a major local bridge can be done with maximum efficiency.

Renmark Paringa councillors at last month’s general meeting passed a motion to amend the procurement process previously endorsed for the Twentyfirst Street Bridge Replacement, and release a design and construct tender.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said the combined tender was aimed at

shortening the project’s timeframe.

“Council have endorsed an approach which combines the design process with the construction phase for the Twentyfirst Street Bridge replacement,” Mr Hunter said.

“This approach allows council to commence sourcing a construction contractor immediately, while initial survey and design works continue.

“Ultimately, this approach will mean council will be

able to deliver the project in a shorter timeframe.”

Figures contained within council’s October general meeting agenda estimate construction for the new bridge – with the combined tender – to be complete in late 2025.

The Twentyfirst Street Bridge has remained closed to motorists since it sustained damage during the River Murray flood.

Limited access was allowed last month for pedestrians and cyclists.

Permanent Berri library location ‘to be determined’

ELYSE ARMANINI

COMMUNITY engagement will be undertaken for a “balanced view of library services” in Berri, according to Berri Barmera Council.

Berri resident Chris Page, in a Letter to the Editor published in The Murray Pioneer on 1 November, said he was “totally gob-smacked” by Berri Barmera Council’s (BBC) request for tender (RFT) regarding the Berri library relocation to 29 Riverview Drive.

The RFT states contactors are required to “remodel this light industrial building into usable space for a period of five (5) years”.

In his letter, Mr Page calls the library relocation “an excessive waste of money” by council.

“So, at the great expense of \$1.4m we get use of a temporary library for five years,” he said.

“This equates to \$280,000 per year for five years. We may as well have a bonfire and burn the \$1.4m.”

In response to Mr Page’s letter, BBC acting CEO Craig Grocke told The Murray Pioneer the library’s permanent relocation would be “determined in coming years”.

“29 Riverview Drive will be the location of the library for the near future, and how long cannot be confirmed as this is subject to future discussions with elected members on a civic hub in Berri which may include a new location for the Berri Library in the longer term,” he said.

“The building will benefit from an upgrade, regardless of its civic use as a library or for other civic purposes that may be assigned.

“It is an investment in the improvement

of Berri’s riverfront as a tourism destination whether council is the tenant, or the private sector if it is leased, for example.

“Councils have a responsibility to improve the public realm and prime locations that attract investment to help the visitor economy. For this reason, the RFT suggests five years to acknowledge the design needs to be flexible to future possible land uses.

“The current building doesn’t meet building regulations, its limited in its current configuration and, as I am sure most people will agree, it is an ugly duckling of a building in a precinct that has been improved over the past decade.

“It’s time to continue that improvement, just as our neighbouring councils are improving their civic spaces to attract tourism and new residents as a growth and diversification option for the Riverland’s regional economy.”

Mr Grocke said the library “is required to move” from its current location at 36 Kay Avenue, where it is shared with Berri Regional Secondary College.

“Residents in our council expect to have a library service, and more,” he said.

“Our libraries provide more than books, and include programs for children, young mums, digital literacy and digital security learning for our aging population, and a meeting place for many community groups.

“A community survey will be launched soon to explore the functions of our library to shape the design of space within the Irvings building.

“We are looking forward to engaging our community to gain a balanced view of library services for Berri.”

Renmark High School student STEPHEN FILES, as the recipient of the Premier’s 2023 Anzac Award, gave the following speech at Renmark’s Remembrance Day ceremony...



Renmark High School student Stephen Files, the Premier’s 2023 Anzac Award winner, and student leaders Lachlan and Sakina, respresented the school at the Renmark Remembrance Day ceremony on Saturday. PHOTOS: Facebook

‘Anzac spirit in everyday life’

GOOD morning. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning at Remembrance Day.

It is very humbling to be before so many leaders and community members, family and friends, and heroes that have made so many sacrifices to serve our country.

As part of the Premier’s Anzac Spirit Prize that I contested, I researched and presented about Renmark High School graduate and World War II hero, Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy.

Elaine’s story made me reflect deeply about what the Anzac spirit is and how I can live this today – something we should all be reflecting about on days of remembrance like this.

As a 15-year-old Renmark boy in 2023, I’m not ashamed to share that the thought of the Anzac legend and how to live it today is a very daunting one. We all hear courage, bravery, intelligence and mateship but what does that mean and how can I live up to it?

A moment of clarity was achieved for me through my research of Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy, when I got to meet a group of five Riverland Vietnam War veterans at Renmark High School.

These five veterans were nothing short of inspiring. As we talked I heard, saw and felt their experiences, I felt connected to them. It amazed me that there was a time where they were just like me. They went to the same school as and learned the same subjects I learned and even played for the same sports teams.

A total of 72 Vietnam War veterans came from my high school – Renmark High School. This is more than any other county high school in Australia, and this makes



me very proud and inspires me to do great things too.

This is the answer on how to live the Anzac spirit as a 15-year-old in Renmark.

While I can’t demonstrate this culture in combat, I can demonstrate it here in Renmark in my everyday life. Whether it be in my sport, or my schoolwork, with my family or even just helping another person in the community. The Anzac spirit drives me to be the best person I can be to honour the sacrifices made by our veterans.

I encourage everyone here today – the Renmark community – to live their day-to-day lives like the 72 Renmark High School veterans that served our nation in the Vietnam War, and like all the Australians that have served our country in all wars.

Do something for someone else. Care for other people. Serve your community each day the best you can and be the best person you can be each and every day.

Thank you and lest we forget.

New committee formed to help manage threat of varroa mite to Riverland bees

A NEW advisory committee has been established in response to the threat varroa mite poses to the Riverland bee industry.

The new South Australian Varroa Industry Advisory Committee (SAVIAC) will play a key role advising the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) during the transition to a management phase.

SAVIAC will ensure decisions being made in relation to preparing for and managing any potential detections of varroa mite in South Australia are being made with the

benefit of relevant knowledge and expertise.

Varroa mite is a distinctive small mite and parasite of the European honey bee and Asian honey bee, and is regarded as the most serious global pest of honeybees with death often occurring in infested hives left untreated.

Since its detection in June last year at Newcastle, varroa has now spread within New South Wales to a point that eradication is no longer considered possible at the national level.

Minister for Primary Industries

and Regional Development Clare Scriven said “varroa mite attacks European honey bees and is considered a great threat to Australia’s honey and honey bee pollination plant industries”.

“It’s estimated that establishment of varroa mite in Australia could result in losses of over \$70m to pollination-dependent industries alone, so it is very important to get its management right,” she said.

“Our new advisory committee, representing key industry stakeholders across industry, will have a key role in providing advice,

expertise, and insight to assist PIRSA as it undertakes the planning, implementation and monitoring of our response to the varroa mite threat.

“I am confident that the group represents an excellent cross-section of expertise to ensure that we will have the benefit of robust advice when making critical decisions about varroa.”

There are currently no known varroa mite cases in South Australia.

The committee will include two representatives from the Beekeepers

Society of South Australia, two members from the South Australians Apiarists’ Association and one representative nominated by the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council, the national body representing the honey bee industry.

There will also be representatives (one each) from large commercial beekeepers and the pollination dependent-industries.

Specialist members will also be on hand to provide expertise in dealing with the environmental impacts of varroa management and varroa detection and management.

“It’s estimated that establishment of varroa mite in Australia could result in losses of over \$70m to pollination-dependent industries alone...”

- Clare Scriven, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

TERRY'S TAKE

A LIMERICK BY TERRY MARTER

Berri mums are much needing child care.
It allows them to work; that's so fair.
The council, they find,
Is supportive and kind.
Perhaps they can leave their kids there.

PAGE 3 Child care challenge



Applications open for social impact grants

RIVERLAND not-for-profit groups have been encouraged to apply for a new funding program aimed at strengthening regional communities.

The State Government last week opened applications for round one of the Grants SA 2023/24 Social Impact program.

Minister for Human Services Nat Cook said “united and strong communities are important in breaking down isolation, supporting new skills development and creating lasting bonds”.

“I’m well aware of the importance of strong and supportive communities,” Ms Cook said.

“These social impact grants will empower local organisations to make a lasting impact on people’s lives and I encourage all eligible organisations, Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations, certified social enterprises, and other community-based groups to take advantage of this opportunity.

“These grants are more than just funds – they are a vote of confidence in the incredible work that community organisations do each day. It’s a testament to their dedication and the positive change they bring to our communities across the state.”

The grants – of up to \$10,000 – can be used in a range of ways, including:

- Minor upgrades to infrastructure to encourage participation, especially in regional and remote areas. Examples include disability access upgrades or inclusions, counselling rooms, kitchens, bathrooms, and community spaces.

- Establishment or expansion of community gardens for locally grown fruits and vegetables.

- Materials and resources for programs that enable, encourage, and increase participation in community activities.

- Equipment purchases to establish or improve a program or a facility to ensure it is a safe space for all participants/community members. Examples include IT equipment, digital technology, catering equipment, furniture and air conditioning.

Applications for round one of the Grants SA 2023/24 Social Impact program will close at 3pm on Thursday 14 December.

Funding guidelines and information on how to submit applications are available by visiting the website (dhs.sa.gov.au/how-we-help/grants).

Virus vaccine welcomed in SA

THE peak body representing SA citrus growers has welcomed the development of a vaccine to protect the industry against citrus tristeza virus.

“Anything we can do to produce a healthier tree is beneficial,” Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke said.

“If you buy your tree from a quality nursery, you are unlikely to get it.

“If they can vaccinate a citrus tree to ensure that is doesn’t come out of the nursery with the virus, that is a good thing.”

Mr Doecke said the tristeza virus posed no “big problem” in the Riverland and he had yet to experience it himself.

“It stunts the growth of the tree, it will produce fruit, but it will grow to half the size of a normal tree,” he said.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke says measures such as the vaccine to protect citrus trees from citrus tristeza virus is beneficial to the industry. PHOTO: Christine Webster

New vaccine set to combat citrus virus

A VACCINE-like solution to arm Australian citrus growers – including those in the Riverland – with an effective way to combat citrus tristeza virus (CTV) is being developed.

Delivered through Hort Innovation, the \$1.5m initiative will see researchers work with the citrus industry to gather information about different variants of the virus from across major citrus-growing regions so that an effective plant-protection solution can be developed.

The impact of CTV on citrus crops can vary from no effect to 100 per cent tree death, depending on the variant.

CTV can cause tree decline

and stem-pitting, resulting in significant loss of yield and productivity. Control options are currently limited.

Hort Innovation chief executive officer Brett Fifield said the research was an innovative way of safeguarding the citrus industry against the threat of CTV.

“Biosecurity is a key priority for the citrus industry, with more than \$7.8m invested into a range of programs to bolster preparedness,” Mr Fifield said.

“Access to a CTV vaccine will be game changer for citrus growers, as they will be able to trigger their trees’ immune response and elevate their defence systems against the virus.”

Citrus Australia chief executive officer Nathan Hancock said the investment was welcomed by industry in the hope that it will help growers reduce the impact of CTV on their orchards.

“CTV is difficult to manage in the field, as it is transmitted by winged aphids, which are highly mobile and rapidly spread the virus between trees,” Mr Hancock said.

“Even if certified virus-free nursery plants are used to establish an orchard, the trees are prone to becoming infected after planting, which is why additional measures are needed.”

University of Queensland principal research fellow Dr



The citrus tristeza virus can cause tree decline, stem-pitting, and a significant loss of yield. PHOTO: supplied

Andrew Geering said the research will pinpoint the core causes of the virus to develop an effective in-field solution.

“CTV is a highly variable virus, with many strains known to occur,” he said.

“Some strains are mild and may have no visible effect on citrus plants, while others can be severely destructive.

Dried Fruits Australia CEO Thomas Cheung has encouraged Riverland members to participate in a vote to change the dried vine fruits levy. PHOTO: supplied



Local growers urged to participate in vote on dried fruit levy

ENSURING Riverland dried fruit producers remain sustainable in future years is the aim of a proposed change to an industry levy.

Local Dried Fruits Australia (DFA) members will this month vote on a potential increase in the dried vine fruits levy from \$11/tonne to \$20/tonne.

DFA CEO Thomas Cheung said the dried vine fruits levy – unaltered for three decades – was no longer suitable for industry needs.

“We are lagging behind so many other industries nationally,” Mr Cheung said.

“Changes are desperately needed to support sustainable industry development in terms of R&D innovations, new varieties and marketing.

“This change is needed to ensure we can deliver on our strategic plan’s vision to continue as a profitable and sustainable industry

delivering innovative growth and quality dried grapes.”

Mr Cheung said an increased levy would better support the Australian dried grape industry’s research and development program moving forward.

Mr Cheung said an increased levy would ensure “a sound foundation for the future of our dried grape growers, processors and all stakeholders”.

“If the vote proves successful the earliest it could come into effect would be the 2025 season,” he said.

The levy vote will be conducted by independent ballot this month and all growers are strongly encouraged to have their say.

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Police act on illegal burn offs at Riverland West

POLICE are reminding property owners that penalties range from \$100 to \$1000 for lighting fires during a fire danger season.

A police spokesperson said a Sunlands property owner was recently fined for burning off without a permit.

The CFS was called to a tree and scrub fire in relation to the incident.

A Waikerie property owner was also issued a caution notice after the CFS was called out to a grass fire related to a burn off.

The Fire Danger Season in the Riverland and Murraylands began on 1 November, and will finish on 15 April.

For more information visit: cfs.sa.gov.au

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Former local Major General Cheryl Pearce (right) was present at Loxton's Remembrance Day service on Saturday. She is pictured with daughter Michallie Pearce, of Coff's Harbour, and father Leith McDonald, of Loxton.

PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



A number of students from local schools laid wreaths during the Renmark ceremony.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Waikerie marks Remembrance Day with strong crowd

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

RIVERLAND West's community demonstrated the tradition of Remembrance Day is still strong with 150 people of all ages taking part in a service at the Waikerie War Memorial Gardens on Saturday.

The Australian Red Cross Waikerie branch, Legacy, students from Waikerie High School and Waikerie, Ramco and Waikerie Lutheran primary schools, plus representatives from Warrawee Lodge and the Waikerie Childcare Centre, and local Vietnam veterans, were among those who laid wreaths at the war memorial.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton also laid wreaths.

Adelaide-based musician Glenn Varona played the flute at the ceremony.

The 420 Waikerie Army Cadet Unit provided the catafalque party at the service that was addressed by Pastor Darian Jones from the Waikerie Uniting Church.

RSL Waikerie Sub-Branch president Paul Croft, who acted as host, said remembering the sacrifices of Australians who served their country in conflicts such as World War I and World War II was important to locals.

"In Waikerie, we no longer have any WWII veterans," Mr Croft said.

"Unfortunately, they have all passed.

"We have veterans from the Malayan Emergency and from Vietnam who are members of the Waikerie RSL."

Mr Croft said he was aware of veterans



RSL Waikerie Sub Branch president Paul Croft hosted the Remembrance Day service at Waikerie. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

from more recent conflicts living in Waikerie who had yet to join the RSL.

He said the club would welcome connecting with former defence personnel if they were interested, as its role was to provide them with assistance if required.

Mr Croft said support for the RSL at Waikerie was strong.

"Membership is great, and it is growing each year," he said.

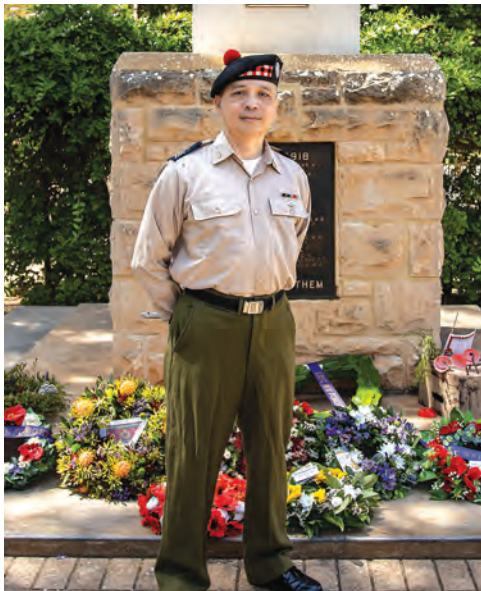
"It is up to current members to continue the traditions and provide a facility for veterans or members of the community."

The Waikerie RSL has three categories of membership, including service, affiliate and social.

Mr Croft said a service membership was for someone who had previously served in the defence force and affiliated membership was for relatives of someone who had served.

He said social membership was available for anyone else who wanted to join the Waikerie RSL.

Mr Croft said everyone is welcome to visit and enjoy the facilities at the local RSL club without being a member.



Adelaide-based musician Glenn Varona played the flute at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Waikerie.



Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (right) were among those who participated in the Remembrance Day service at Waikerie.

Riverland communities remember the sacrifices

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and STEPHANIE THOMPSON

RIVERLANDERS gathered to pay respects for the sacrifices of local servicemen at local Remembrance Day services.

Renmark's Remembrance Day ceremony was held at the town's Cross of Sacrifice last weekend.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said the involvement of local youth was an ongoing highlight of annual military commemorations.

"There were good numbers in attendance and the weather treated us well after the heat (on Friday)," Mr Hunter said.

"The particular highlight for me was the way that young Stephen Files spoke. The way he spoke about links to the community was exceptional.

"For a person so young to pick up those aspects of community was just a beautiful part of the ceremony.

"It adds to the whole atmosphere and as a

society, remembering what was done to keep us safe."

Meanwhile, over 200 people attended the Remembrance Day service at Loxton's Cross of Sacrifice.

Loxton RSL sub-branch president Rob Manuel led the service, while Major General Cheryl Pearce spoke at the event.

Maj-Gen Pearce is the daughter of Leith and Sue McDonald and grew up in Loxton and returned to the area to celebrate her father's birthday.

Maj-Gen Pearce said it was important to take the time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who came home with "physical and mental wounds" and those who are still serving our country.

"Australians serve our country with pride, with dignity, loyalty and honour," she said.

"Many have made that sacrifice, but many continue to serve proudly."

A catafalque party was also present at Loxton's Remembrance Day Service.

Barmera stops to remember

ALEXANDRA BULL

A 'GOOD turnout' marked Barmera RSL's Remembrance Day service on Saturday 11 November.

Barmera RSL vice-president Neil Lang said "for a smaller RSL, we got a good turnout".

"It was good to see all the school children and young people come out, including the scouts and the girl guides," he said.

Local organisations and schools laid wreaths at the Barmera RSL flag pole on the day where the service was held this year.

"To us, the serving members of the RSL it's remembering of fallen comrades and forebears," Mr Lang said.

"It's to also remember those that have fallen since the days through injuries they received in the war and passed later on in life.

"That's what's important to us, to keep the memory alive so the reason why is not lost."

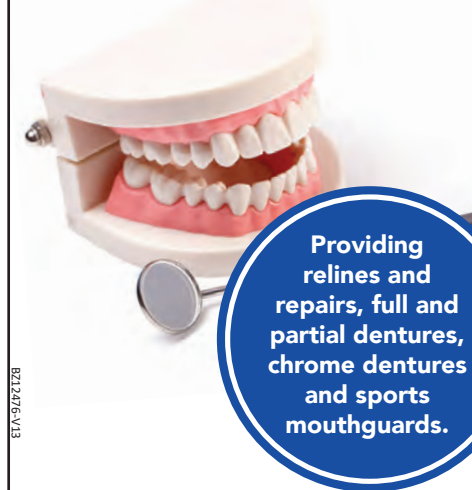


Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall laid a wreath at the Barmera RSL Remembrance Day service.

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He said at 11.57pm on Friday power was restored to all but 42 customers, who sub-



“Ultimately we could not track it down. Possibly it related to smoke from the fire (which was not related to our infrastructure) causing the outage, but we can’t prove that conclusively.”

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

"The CFS remains committed to our cadet program which continues to be a fantastic training ground for future firefighters," a CFS spokesperson said.

“It’s just worth noting that the licence to drive a truck

"The CFS is actively taking steps to find a replacement coordinator and once successful will enable the continuation of the cadet program."



At the Women's Wisdom and Wellbeing event at the Loxton Club recently were guest speakers Sharn Elder, Rachel Soderstrom, Suzi Evans, Leesa Scanlan and Bel Ryan. Front: Cecilia Ronson. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

Mrs Evans said she was



At the men's meal and mental health talk at the Mantung Hall recently were Chris McDermott, Suzi and Mick Evans, Dan Menzel and John Mannion. PHOTO: supplied

"It's the ripple effect."

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'Landmark' reforms to tackle SA's rental crisis

RIVERLAND renters will have increased security regarding their tenancies under new proposed legislation.

The State Government last week introduced reforms to the Residential Tenancies Act 1995 into Parliament.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the measures were targeted at addressing the state's "rental crisis".

"We've already delivered on significant reforms to make the system more affordable for renters," Mr Malinauskas said.

"This legislation will add extra protections, particularly for those who have pets, or who may find themselves being forced to end a tenancy, while at the same time safeguarding the rights of landlords.

"We're cutting taxes for first homeowners, releasing huge tracts of land for housing, making strategic purchases of brownfield sites to offer more affordable homes, turning around a generational decline in the number of public homes."

The State Government's proposed amendments would:

- Introduce prescribed grounds to terminate or not renew a tenancy
- Extend the notice period to end a tenancy from 28 days to 60 days
- Allow tenants to have pets in rental homes with reasonable conditions
- Protect tenants' information
- Ensure rental properties comply with minimum housing standards
- Provide additional support for victims of domestic violence

Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs Andrea Michaels said "improving security for tenants while balancing the rights of landlords" had been a priority.

"These are the biggest reforms to South Australia's residential tenancy laws in a generation," Ms Michaels said.

"With a vacancy rate of less than one per cent in South Australia... tenants are facing unprecedented levels of housing insecurity with many fearing becoming homeless.

"The State Government is seeking to provide tenants with additional security in their rental home while still protecting the rights of landlords."

REISA CEO Andrea Heading said the new legislation would "modernise South Australia's residential tenancy laws".

"REISA has collaborated closely with the Government on these reforms and believes that a workable solution has been proposed, that protects the rights and interests of both landlords and tenants," Ms Heading said.

It is understood the State Government will also support the establishment of a new tenant advocacy service, which would:

- Educate and inform tenants
- Advise and support tenants to resolve tenancy issues
- Assist tenants with completing tenancy forms or drafting tenancy related letters
- Support tenants at tribunal hearings
- Assist policy development and advocacy

This legislation will add extra protections, particularly for those who have pets, or who may find themselves being forced to end a tenancy, while at the same time safeguarding the rights of landlords...

- Peter Malinauskas

Biscuits galore and way, way more for CWA Christmas

OVER the past several years Loxton residents have become used to being able to find easy Christmas gifts by way of the SACWA's very lovely jars of biscuits.

This year is no different, but there will be so much more at the Christmas Market, being held at the Loxton SACWA Hall and surrounding grounds on Sunday 19 November.

Stall holders from all over the Riverland will have their market stalls set up from 9am to 4pm, selling everything from native plants and wood carvings to jewellery, baby clothes and toys.

There will be plenty of options for those needing food. There will be a sausage sizzle, strawberries, ice cream and Devonshire tea available all day.

Conveniently next to the Loxton's great playground, kids might like to spend time there while parents enjoy the market.

Younger kids might also like to resemble their favourite animal by having their face painted.

Using their best recipes, members of the SACWA Loxton District Branch are cooking all the biscuits that will be packed into the over 100 decorated jars.

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Pauline Smith, Roma Mewett and Leigh Petch with a sample of the jars to be filled with biscuits, that will be sold at this weekend's Christmas Market, at the Loxton SACWA Hall. PHOTO: supplied



CRAFTING SUPPORT FOR THE REGION:
Barmera Uniting Kraft Ladies Kath Franklin and Dorothy Wise donating a cheque of \$500 to Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Riverland Support Group president Alan Eckermann. PHOTOS: supplied



Ms Franklin donating a cheque to Sue Webber, of the Barmera Girl Guides, on behalf of the Barmera Uniting Kraft Ladies. The Kraft group also recently donated \$200 to the Riverland Christmas Appeal.

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Angove Family Winemakers was awarded the trophy for Best Tasmanian Chardonnay for its Lost Farm Tasmanian Chardonnay at the Melbourne Royal Wine Show. Pictured is managing director Richard Angove. PHOTO: supplied

Angoves’ royal chardonnay

A RIVERLAND winery has taken home a trophy at the recent Melbourne Royal Wine Show.

Angove Family Winemakers was awarded the trophy for Best Tasmanian Chardonnay for its Lost Farm Tasmanian Chardonnay, the second year in a row the wine has been awarded the trophy.

Lost Farm Wines is a cool climate winemaking project of the Angove Family, with the wine made and bottled at Angove Family Winemakers, in Renmark.

“To bring some of our family history to this new adventure and to remember our original farm, lost to urban sprawl in 1974, Lost Farm Tasmania was born,” Angove

Family Winemakers managing director Richard Angove said.

“We are incredibly grateful and excited to win such a prestigious trophy; these wines are made with such care and dedication by our team.

“To our small group of growers, growing such amazing fruit; to our small winemaking team looking after each individual barrel, there are many hands that have helped craft this wine on its journey, it really goes to show that with a shared vision, anything is achievable.”

The Lost Farm Tasmanian Chardonnay is available for tasting at the Angove Renmark Cellar door.



Barmera-based Ricca Terra was recently named among the Halliday Top 100 Wineries list for 2023. Pictured is winemaker Ashley Ratcliff. FILE PHOTO

Riverland winery makes prestigious list

THE prestigious Halliday Top 100 Wineries list for 2023 was revealed last month, with a Riverland winery making the list.

Barmera-based Ricca Terra came in at number 94 on the list, with Halliday Wine Companion chief judge Campbell Mattinson saying “if you’re looking for something different, and interesting, look no further. This winery is one of the

first wineries I would recommend”.

Ricca Terra is also a five-star awarded wine business with the Halliday Wine Companion, and recently was awarded a trophy at the Brisbane Wine Show, plus numerous trophies at the Riverland Wine Show, including the trophy for Most Successful Riverland Exhibitor.

“We are so proud of these

recent accolades, in particular making the top 100 wineries in Australia,” Ricca Terra owner Ashley Ratcliff said.

“These results clearly demonstrate that the Riverland is a premium wine-growing region.

“Of greatest importance is the amazing support from Riverland bottle shops and restaurants. We are so appreciative of local support”

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Conley Fabrication and Steel Sales staff members Mitchell Standerwick-Blight (left), Liam McIntosh, and Jack Conley. PHOTO: supplied

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Local artists encouraged to support charities this Christmas

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The colouring book is the idea of Berri man Peter Cottrell and is aimed at supporting charities over Christmas.

For more information and to donate artwork contact Peter on 8582 4475.



SAPOL Superintendent Scott Denny receives the 2023 Jim Hullick Award from LGA CEO Clinton Jury. PHOTO: supplied

Scott gets LGA guernsey for flood effort

A SENIOR South Australian emergency service figure has been distinguished for his service to Riverland communities during the recent flood.

The Local Government Association (LGA) last week named SAPOL Superintendent Scott Denny as recipient of the 2023 Jim Hullick Award for his work in strengthening partnerships between Riverland councils during the River Murray flood.

Supt Denny said improving available emergency services in regional areas had been a priority.

"During my two years in the region, I was lucky enough to meet a lot of incredible people and develop some wonderful relationships with the common goal of making the community safer, more connected and a place everyone would love to live," Supt Denny said.

"You don't do the job for recognition, but I'm proud and honoured that the community saw fit to nominate me for this award."

"It's only through collaboration between local and state government, and other stakeholders, that we can continue developing our regional communities."

LGA CEO Clinton Jury said Supt Denny "played a pivotal role in building strong relationships" between emergency services, local government, community groups, and state authorities, particularly during the flood event.

"While in Murray Mallee, Scott went over and above the call of duty to attend forums with stakeholders on a range of community issues – including those outside of emergencies," Mr Jury said.

"This helped build trust and respect, and he was acknowledged as a leader and mentor in the community."

"As a result of the partnerships Scott helped create, there is now more communication between stakeholders in the region on emerging issues such as family violence, misuse of alcohol and drugs, mental health and extreme weather preparedness."

"I congratulate Scott on receiving the 2023 Jim Hullick Award – he exemplifies the spirit of collaboration and has done so under some very challenging circumstances."

The award, named after former LGA CEO Jim Hullick, honours state and federal public servants who have gone above and beyond to collaborate on projects with local councils.

Tender process complete for Renmark housing scheme

FIVE new homes in Renmark being built for teachers, healthcare workers and police are expected to be completed in 2025.

Tenders closed yesterday for the pilot program of the Regional Key Worker Housing Scheme – being run by Renewal SA's Office for Regional Housing.

Minister for Housing Nick Champion said "pushing ahead to get the homes built and ready for key workers to move in to" was a priority.

"We have locally tailored, strategic housing projects underway all around

the state," Mr Champion said.

"Our regional centres need appropriate housing for essential workers so that they can attract and retain a strong workforce to support their local community, and we are making this happen."

"These projects are being driven by partnerships between the state government, regional councils and local industry."

Office for Regional Housing director Matthew Hunt said the State Government had "tried to streamline this procurement process with simplified doc-

umentation so we can forge ahead to delivering these houses quickly".

"In Renmark, we purchased land in September, and we are now looking for builders who have standard designs that meet our requirements for the site and who can start construction of five homes next year for completion in 2025," Mr Hunt said.

Once constructed, the properties will be head-leased to Government Employee Housing (GEH), which will co-ordinate tenancy for key service and agency workers.



DAY OF FUN: Katy and Simeon Craddock of Waikerie at the recent Ramco Primary School's Giant Fete. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick



Enjoying the atmosphere at the recent Ramco Primary School's Giant Fete was Scott (left), Ivy, Leanne, and Josh Jones all of Waikerie.

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McDonalds cooking for a good cause

ALEXANDRA BULL

A RIVERLAND family who has spent 144 nights at the Ronald McDonald House is urging locals to get behind McHappy Day this Saturday.

Waikerie’s Leonie Mortimer, whose grandson Jasper was born with a serious heart condition, has spent a considerable time with her family in Ronald McDonald House, which is part of the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), with Jasper requiring surgery soon after birth at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

“We would have struggled badly if we did not have that accommodation available to us,” Ms Mortimer said.

“Where could we have afforded to stay for 144 nights that was so close to the hospital?

“They (RMHC) are awesome. They just help you out with anything and everything, the support is amazing, the houses are beautiful, it’s like being as close to home as you can be, so we would have certainly been lost without it.”

McHappy Day is the largest

““ We would have certainly been lost without it...

annual fundraiser for RMHC, helping seriously ill and injured children and their families stay together while receiving medical care in a nearby hospital.

From now until McHappy Day on Saturday 18 November, Riverland locals can pick up a pair of exclusive Grimace or Hamburglar themed Silly Socks or Helping Hands from McDonalds Renmark, with 100 per cent of the profits going directly to RMHC.

“Before this all happened, I knew about the RMHC but now I am absolutely amazed and we will be going and supporting McHappy Day and also down the track making donations or sponsoring a room so that somebody else has that available to them,” Ms Mortimer said.

“Get to McHappy Day and support them that way or just donate to the charity.

“Until you are actually faced with having to deal with something like that, you just have no real idea.”

McDonald’s launched McHappy Day in Australia in 1991 to help raise funds



Waikerie baby Jasper Mortimer and his family have spent 144 nights at Ronald McDonald House. PHOTO: supplied

for Ronald McDonald House Charities, and there are now 18 Ronald McDonald houses nationally, with the charity caring for almost 35,000 families every year.

McDonald’s Australia regional director said “we are asking Riverland locals to top up their Macca’s order with a pair of Silly Socks or Helping hands if they are in a position to do so”.

“The funds raised will go

directly towards helping RMHC continue to make a real difference to the lives of seriously ill or injured children and their families across Australia,” she said.

In addition to providing a home away from home, RMHC also runs Family Rooms, Family Retreats, Hospitality Carts and a National Learning Program to support families through and after their child’s hospital journey and ongoing recovery.

- Leonie Mortimer

Buy a burger and show your support

A RENMARK fast food eatery has encouraged locals to participate in a major annual fundraiser.

In the lead up to this Saturday’s McHappy Day, local customers can purchase a pair of Grimace or Hamburglar themed Silly Socks or Helping Hands from the Renmark store, with 100 per cent of profits going directly to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

McDonald’s Renmark owner Louise Edwards said “every year, we are blown away by the generosity of customers who dig deep for McHappy Day and help us raise much needed funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities”.

“Over the next few weeks, we are asking locals to top up their Macca’s order with a pair of Silly Socks or Helping Hands, if they are in the position to do so.

“The funds raised will go directly towards helping Ronald McDonald House Charities continue to make a real difference to the lives of seriously ill or injured children and their families across Australia.”

❑ Picking up a pair of Silly Socks for \$5.95, or Helping Hands for \$2, \$10 or \$50, from their local Macca’s or via McDelivery.

❑ Buying a Big Mac on McHappy Day from their local Macca’s or via McDelivery, with \$2 from every Big Mac sold going directly to RMHC.

Donations can also be made online by visiting: www.rmhc.org.au/give

Kerbside flood waste collection to end

THE State Government has announced the kerbside collection element of the River Murray Flood Waste Clean-Up Program will conclude on Friday 24 November.

Disaster Management Australia (DMA) said kerbside collections were ending to ensure river communities had clear streets and were safe to enjoy during the summer period.

The flood waste clean-up program is funded by the Federal and State Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement.

DMA was appointed to oversee, co-ordinate, and manage the program and has since removed over 17,000 tonnes of debris from the community, diverting over 45 per cent from landfill.

Disaster Management Australia senior stakeholder manager, Tom Radford, said since February, the kerbside clean-up operations had serviced a vast area of regional South Australia, spanning Renmark to Tailm Bend.

“This work has removed over 9,700 tonnes of flood-affected

debris from the kerbside,” he said.

“As part of the program, DMA is removing waste from the river that was relocated by the flood hazards, such as submerged caravans, tanks, and household furniture,” Mr Radford said.

“Over 5195 items, totalling over 59 tonnes, have been removed.

“The second stage of this collection will commence in the coming weeks with land and water collection assets.”

“If people in the community would like their flood waste disposed of it is important that the registrants’ case manager is informed so it can be scheduled for collection,” Mr Radford said.

“The community is reminded to place waste safely on the kerb or roadside, and where possible, sort the materials to help with recycling.

“To be eligible, it must be flood-affected.”

For more information or to arrange kerbside collection, please call DMA at 1800 418 491, or visit (greenindustries.sa.gov.au/flood-disaster-waste-management).



Disaster Management Australia volunteers have supported the clean up of Riverland West properties impacted by the River Murray flood. FILE PHOTO



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CFS keen to restart cadets program

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie CFS is keen to re-establish its cadet program after it folded earlier this year. The program that caters for 11 to 18 year old cadets had to cease due to the co-ordinator leaving and changes to the program’s structure.

Waikerie CFS captain Shaun Arnold said under the changes, cadets had to be 18, instead of 16, before they could become an active CFS volunteer.

Mr Arnold said in the future this meant two cadet co-ordinators would be required to cater for the needs of the various ages.

He said quite a few teenagers in the town were keen to join the cadet program, but nobody was available to run it.

Mr Arnold said an open day held last month at the Mid Murray CFS Group headquarters attracted about 200 attendees, and among them were a lot of youngsters inter-

ested in the organisation.

He said the event resulted in several people inquiring about joining, and hopefully this could result in finding someone to run the cadets.

“It is hard at the moment to find someone who is able to take the time and responsibility to run the cadet program,” Mr Arnold said.

Mr Arnold’s father, Mike, who is now 85, established the cadet training program in South Australia in 1976, when he was Waikerie CFS captain and chairperson of the SA’s firefighting drill competitions.

Shaun Arnold and two of his friends, David Allen and Paul Burton, were the first cadets to join at Waikerie at the age of 14.

At the age of 16, Mr Arnold became a fully-fledged firefighter.

“After forty-six years ago, I am still at it,” Mr Arnold said.

“A number of us wanted to be in cadets

and drill competitions and we also convinced other SA towns to have kids and it went on from there.”

Mr Arnold said due to state government legislation the structure and requirements of CFS cadet training had changed.

He said changes in regulations had also made it hard to train cadets in a fire truck.

“You need a truck licence to take out the vehicle for training,” Mr Arnold said.

He said in more remote farming areas such as the state’s West Coast, young people should be encouraged to join the CFS as it was far safer than being part of a rural fire fighting unit.

“I know where I would rather be, in the protection of a fire truck and not on the back of a rural firefighting unit,” Mr Arnold said.

He said encouraging young people to join the CFS cadets was also a way of encouraging them to remain in Waikerie.



The Waikerie CFS unit is seeking to restart its cadet program. FILE PHOTO



Warren Altschwager and Debbie Avery at the A Touch of Class Melbourne Cup event, held last week at the Loxton Club. PHOTOS: supplied



Trish Koch and Simone Altmann.

Loxton Club wins big with cup function

THE ‘A Touch of Class’ Melbourne Cup function was held at the Loxton Club, on Tuesday 7 November.

This annual event on the calendar brings everyone together and also benefits the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Riverland Support Group.

A small committee plans this function, along with the support of the Loxton Club, which provides their excellent facilities.

The amount raised was \$1285 with about 85 Melbourne Cup revellers attending this established Loxton event.

Further photos will be printed in next week’s edition of the Pioneer.

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Winners are grinners with best headgear Michelle Hill, best dressed David and Sherri Pocock, with vibrant compère for the Loxton event, Kerri Blaser.

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ILLUSTRATING CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Berri Carols by the River organisers held a recent poster competition, which was won by Tahlia Richardson, of Rivergum Christian College. She is holding her winning design and is accompanied by the two comperes for the carols, to be held on 10 December. PHOTO: supplied



RACE DAY: Locals Bill Drewett and Steph Brauer at Flemington to celebrate last week's 2023 Melbourne Cup. PHOTO: supplied



LOCALS LOVE THE CUP: Locals enjoyed Melbourne Cup celebrations at the Loxton Hotel last week. PHOTOS: supplied



COMMUNITY DIARY

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

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY
Social badminton at the **Barmera Recreation Centre** Thursday evenings, 8.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings, 9am to 10.30am. Racquets available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY
Riverland Concert Brass Band meets

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

WEEKLY
AA meetings throughout the Riverland. Kingston Institute Hall, Sunday, 2pm. Loxcare, Tuesday, 8pm. Chaffey Community Centre, Wednesday, 7pm. Loxton Uniting Church Hall, Thursday, 12.30pm. St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Berri, Thursday, 8pm.

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

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

WEEKLY
Mainly Music for children aged 0 to 5 at Rivergum Christian College. Every Thursday, 10am to 11.30am during school terms. \$5 per week, per family. Cost goes towards morning tea for adults, pack a snack for your child. Come and try your first session free.

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

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

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

MONTHLY
Loxcare Community Hub free mobile phone/tablet/computer questions and answers on

the third Friday of each month from 10am. Enjoy a cuppa and learn about your devices as part of the Be Connected Network.

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER
Loxton Men's Shed giant clearance/garage sale from 8am. Proceeds to the Loxton Historical Village. Sausage Sizzle by Jim West, Mardi Gras Ambassador for the Loxton Historical Village. See our Facebook page from 10 November for details of what will be on offer.

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER
Christmas market 9am-4pm at **SACWA Hall** and grounds, Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Huge variety of goods/gift ideas from 25 stall holders from all over the Riverland.

Tuesday 21 November
The Renmark Garden Club is meeting at 6pm in their club rooms to conduct the AGM. Combined tea supplied, followed by election of members and concluding with the ever popular plant swap.

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
Compassionate Community Conversation free morning tea at the Berri Hotel from 10am to 11.30am. Come along, join the conversation and discuss how together we can build a compassionate community in the Riverland. Everyone is invited. Phone 8271 1643 to RSVP.

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER
Walkerie Community Christmas Pageant, 6pm start on McCoy Street. All welcome.

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER
Renmark Lions Club 'fundraising bazaar' 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No2 Oval, W. E. Wood Hall. Many bargains. EFTPOS available, barbecue, hot donuts. All proceeds to be donated to Movember in support of Prostate Cancer Research. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER
Loxton Light Up Day is the town's biggest party of the year and one of the Riverland's favourite family festivals. Come celebrate the start of the festive season in Loxton. Full details at www.loxtonlights.com

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REMEMBERING SACRIFICE: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (back, left), and District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton (back, right) at Waikerie's Remembrance Day ceremony last Saturday. PHOTO: supplied



CATCH OF THE DAY: Riverland youngster Todd Amos, 16, recently caught this impressive callop near Berri. Caught a river monster recently? Send a photo to (photos@murraypioneer.com.au) to feature in the Pioneer. PHOTO: supplied



ROOM FOR ACTIVITIES: Kingston-on-Murray Primary School students visited the Riverland Special School recently to celebrate Children's Week. Students took part in a number of recreational activities, before enjoying a sausage sizzle lunch and a slushie. PHOTOS: supplied



Children from around the Riverland got in the Halloween spirit last month, swarming the streets of Renmark to take part in trick or treating. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Aidan and Charys made the most of Halloween last month.



LAURIE'S INSIGHT: The Renmark Rotary Club welcomed Laurie Wilkinson as a guest speaker at a recent meeting. PHOTO: supplied



The Renmark Ladies Probus Club recently held its Annual Picnic event at Lock 5. Pictured are Judith Stuckey and Lyn Bulger PHOTOS: supplied



President Jenni Natrass inducted new members Beverley Gartery and Leona Rover at the group's September meeting.



IN FOR A COFFEE: Riverland-based MLC Nicola Centofanti with Country Bakehouse operator Tim Vivian. PHOTO: supplied



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A team of 15 Habitat for Humanity SA volunteers last week assisted flood clean-up efforts for two property owners in the Marks Landing area near Swan Reach. PHOTOS: supplied

Many hands make light work for Murray River flood victims

A 15-STRONG band of volunteers descended on Swan Reach last week to clean up and restore gardens, and lift the spirits of property owners, following the devastating Murray River floods almost a year ago.

The Habitat for Humanity SA's disaster recovery team, which has already worked on five flood-affected properties in the Lower Murray region, spent two days – 6 November and 7 November – helping two property owners in the Marks Landing area, near Swan Reach.

Natalie Fuller – who previously co-ordinated the organisation's 2019-20 bushfire recovery volunteers and now, in retirement, is voluntarily managing the flood recovery program – says property owners near the Murray needed a hand in what has been a challenging period following the flood.

“As with the bushfires, property owners along the Murray often struggle to see the way forward in the face of such devastation, and that's where our volunteers can step in, make a real difference and lift the landowner's spirits,” Ms Fuller said.

“The 15-person team we took to Swan Reach (was) able to achieve a lot in terms of removing flood debris, landscaping eroded areas, repairing garden beds and replanting, over those two days.”

Ms Fuller said Habitat for Humanity receives referrals for assistance from the SA Housing Authority's Emergency Relief Unit, for homeowners whose principal place of residence was impacted by the floods.

Habitat for Humanity then makes its own assessment of the work needed and the number of volunteers required. The Swan Reach team of 15 volunteers was the largest the organization has assembled to date, with most teams numbering from eight to 10 people.

Ms Fuller said the group's work could only be carried out with the generous support of sponsors, including the RAA, Foundation SA and the State Government.

It is understood the Swan Reach Progress Association sponsored accommodation and food for the volunteers.

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the quiz

1. Who was the patron saint of animals?

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2. In Jonathan Swift's 'Gulliver's Travels', what was Gulliver's first name?

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3. What does OPEC stand for?

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4. Which English band released the single 'Turning Japanese' in 1980?

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5. In which country was the author Hans Christian Andersen born?

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6. In how many films did Sean Connery play James Bond?

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7. What is the name of the electronic system used at Wimbledon tennis matches which is used to determine whether a ball is in or out?

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8. How many chess pieces are on a board at the start of a match?

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9. Of which US state was Bill Clinton Governor before he became US President?

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10. Which is the final book in the 'Chronicles of Narnia' series by C.S. Lewis?

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11. Whose plays include 'The Rat Trap', 'Private Lives' and 'Post Mortem'?

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12. In which Disney film does the villain Jafar appear?

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13. Ruby is the traditional birthstone of people born in which month of the year?

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14. On which continent are the Atlas Mountains?

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15. What is the national language of Liechtenstein?

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16. What type of creature is a 'remora'?

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17. If you were to suffer from mysophobia, what would you be afraid of?

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18. What is ten cubed?

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19. Nick Mason was most famously the drummer with which band?

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20. Which US state is nicknamed the 'Heart of Dixie'?

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BONUS QUESTION: How was Mrs Hugh McCorquodale better known in the literary world? Answer in next week's Quiz

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SA police presence felt (and heard) again in the Riverland

MEMBERS of the SA Police Band visited both Loxton Senior Citizens and Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club last month, delighting many in the community and giving band members a day to remember.

The Clarinet Quartet were guests of Probus at their 35th anniversary celebration, held at the Waikerie Club on 24 October.

Their repertoire ranged from classical – Carmen and Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy were jazzed up somewhat – to TV favourites such as themes from the Muppets and Midsomer Murders, and

old favourites including Danny Boy, Baby Elephant Walk, the Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines, and Yesterday.

Along with the concert, they talked about the band’s background, how members must audition to join, how much they missed performing to live audiences during Covid restrictions and their varied clarinets and sounds.

They are especially proud that the whole band was the only Australian band invited to attend Queen Elizabeth’s 90th birthday celebration.

Road safety issues were raised

with reminders about the fatal five causes of most accidents – drink and drug driving, distraction, speeding, seatbelts being unused and dangerous road users. Vulnerable road users are a priority, which includes pedestrians and some audience members who have limited mobility, plus bike and motorbike riders.

Three members who have been with the Probus club since 1988 were presented with certificates by Rotary’s president elect Peter Wilson, who also presented the club with their celebratory certificate.



The SA Police Band Clarinet Quartet performing at the Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club’s 35th anniversary celebration, held last month at the Waikerie Club. PHOTO: supplied

A very special morning tea was shared and 47 people stayed for an extremely enjoyable lunch.

The club’s end of year/Christmas meeting will be on 28 November, back at the Bowling Club, at 10am, with entertainment

from the Waikerie Singers and a glorious shared lunch – judging from previous shared lunches. Guests are welcome. If more information is needed contact Chris on 0428 412495, or Maxine on 0402 008 752.

New Enhanced Lifestyles chair TRUDY GEPP has submitted the following written piece regarding her recent visit to the region...

Trudy’s reflections on first Riverland Lifestyle lunch

WHEN I was first elected as board chair about a year ago, it was a bittersweet moment for me – I’d served as interim chair after the passing of my friend and mentor, Deb Clark, who had devoted much of her time mentoring me to eventually take on such a role.

Stepping up as chair, I had a to-do list of ten things I wanted to achieve. An important lesson I learned from Deb was the importance of getting out there and understanding the experiences of customers from different backgrounds.

So, one of the items on my list was to meet our customers and their families who lived in the Riverland. Last week, I’m pleased to say I finally realised that goal.

Chris – my husband for those who don’t know him – my lifestyle attendant Michelle, our CEO Tim Baker and I travelled up to the Riverland to attend a Lifestyle lunch.

An early start of about 4.30am allowed enough time to get up, get ready and leave by 8.30am. If you can believe it, the longest

part of our trip was going about 10km down South Road, but the moment our wheels hit the Northern Expressway, it was smooth sailing for the rest of the journey.

The drive took a little over three hours and we arrived in Berri at 12.05pm, just in time for lunch.

We unloaded the van, headed inside, greeted customers, and enjoyed a very welcome meal after such a long journey.

It was a great turnout, with 14 customers, eight lifestyle attendants, and one informal carer in attendance. I was really pleased to see so many happy faces – old and new alike – around the table.

Between us four visitors, a lot of in-depth discussions were had with many different people. Throughout the lunch, I heard many ideas for improvements, gained a lot of insight into challenges faced by our customers and lifestyle attendants, and also received some lovely feedback.

I found these conversations most informative, and judging by my debrief with my



Local Enhanced Lifestyles clients gathered at the Berri Hotel last month for the Riverland Lifestyle lunch. PHOTOS: supplied

travel companions, I wasn’t the only one.

Being a member-governed organisation, this type of open communication is a big part of our ethos – hearing directly from customers about what’s working and what’s not working is so valuable for continuous improvement.

It’s also a way customers can get involved in a less-formal setting than the board or our Member Advisory Group (though I recommend checking them out).

After several hours of networking and socialising, we took another drive – this one much shorter – to visit our Berri office.

On the way, my head was absolutely spinning with all the ideas I had after the lunch,

and my conversations with local staff only served to create more.

We then went on to Renmark where we unpacked the day’s events over a meal.

Making good use of our night, Tim and I took the opportunity to discuss some board business, before everyone retired to bed.

We were up early the next day to return to Adelaide by mid-morning, and then I was off to a board meeting in the afternoon.

All in all, the trip was memorable, invaluable, and worthwhile.

Thank you to our wonderful Riverland customers and staff for making us feel most welcome and sharing openly with us.

- Trudy Gepp



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MEET the TEAM

Riverland historian ROSEMARY GOWER has provided the following obituary for well-known Renmark woman NAN HARDING...

A policeman’s wife dedicated to community

A PRIVATE memorial service was held at the Folklore Gallery on Saturday for the late Nan Harding, who passed away recently.

Nan was the widow of the late Frank Harding, whose paintings are exhibited in the gallery where the memorial was held.

It was attended by Nan’s three daughters, Wendy, Megan and Nicole, with their family and invited guests.

Nan was very special to those who knew her. She might have come in a small package, but she cast a big shadow and touched many lives.

Nan was born Nanette Dawn to Ted and Hazel Duggin on 21 January 1939, in Renmark. She had three brothers, Neville, Kevin and Ronald.

Her father was unable to serve overseas when World War II broke out because he worked on the land and he, like many other local fruit and vegetable growers, came under the Reserved Occupations Act.

Nan recalled her father having to use Italian Internees from Loveday, who were brought up to Renmark on army trucks, to pick his fruit during the harvest because of the labour shortage.

They lived on a mixed fruit property out of Renmark. Her father then decided to buy into a dairy at Meadows for a few years, before returning to Renmark.

Nan was working in the Renmark telephone exchange during the 1956 floods. When a bank or a bridge went under the girls had to contact all people living in that area to evacuate.

Sometimes they had to rush into the exchange during the middle of the night in an emergency and they would be wearing pajamas and rubber boots.

She met her husband Frank at

a friend’s 21st birthday party. He approached her father the next day to ask if he could take her out and she said he was so nervous he screwed up his hat in his hands.

When Frank was working at the police station at Port Augusta, he used to drive to Renmark to court Nan on his days off.

On their honeymoon they toured Victoria visiting some of the pubs his father had owned in Bendigo and around the state.

That was when Frank told her about a gold nugget he found. He broke it in half to give the other half to his mate as he thought it was fool’s gold. He showed it to people in the pub that night.

As a result of his find, the next day half the town was digging up the railway yards where he found it.

Frank and Nan started their married life in Port Augusta, where their first child, Wendy, was born.

When Frank successfully applied for a post to Marree, they packed up the house and drove to his new police station with their new baby.

The first night in Marree, Frank was called out to a brawl at the hotel where he fired his gun into the ceiling and got everyone’s attention. He never had a problem again.

They had an amazing social life mixing with station people along the Birdsville track. Nan spoke fondly about those times camping under the stars and having such great fun.

Wendy frightened the life out of Nan on several occasions during their time there. Once she and her little friend went missing and were found in a yard containing wild brumbies and were wandering among the horses.

On another occasion her parents

came in to find Wendy eating a charred stumpie lizard, courtesy of the local Aboriginals. She told them theirs was in the fridge.

Every year the whole community came out to celebrate when people from the city poured into town for the Marree races.

Their house would fill to capacity when friends from the stations came to join the excitement.

While they were there Donald Campbell was attempting his land speed record on Lake Eyre and he and Frank became great mates. They used to go out shooting using Frank’s old powder, cap and ball pellets.

When Nan’s mother became terminally ill they were posted back to Adelaide, and Frank was assigned to the Vice Squad. This involved a lot of undercover work.

Nan helped nurse her mother until the end when Frank carried her into the hospital for the last time.

After Megan was born they were transferred to Whyalla, where Wendy began school. Nan had to hide behind bushes as she followed her to school because she was ‘a big girl’ now.

Their next posting was back to Renmark. It would be Frank’s last posting because he retired in 1975 and spent the next 15 years painting.

At one exhibition in Victoria he sold 100 paintings in half an hour. His work was sold all over the world.

Nicole was born in Renmark and had two big sisters to mother her as well.

Frank was a prolific artist. Before he left the police force, he used to paint at night.

They built a new home and a separate studio that Frank filled with a wide range of paintings

using different styles, mediums and subjects. It included a series on Australian bushrangers. He also did a Ned Kelly series.

Later his style and major topic changed to include a series he called They flew for the King. They had to build another room for that display. It was very successful.

Nan made up his cavasses, framed his paintings and organised his exhibitions. She also began making beautiful lead light windows.

Frank and Nan took their girls overseas for a three-month tour of England and the continent, and they had the most amazing holiday visiting all the major tourist attractions, which included galleries and museums.

Frank’s passing away suddenly in 1990 was a dreadful shock to Nan and the girls. It was left to Nan to finish his galleries and to continue to raise their girls.

Nan described Frank as a loving, thoughtful, gentle person who cherished all his girls.

After moving to Renmark, Frank became good mates with Rocky Page and supported his concerts and the country music festival.

Several years after Frank’s passing, Nan and Megan joined Rocky’s committee.

Rocky talked Megan into being responsible for organising the New Talent Awards, and taught Nan the ropes on how to run the annual festival at Barmera.

When his health began to fail, he asked Nan to take over his role as president of the Riverland Country Music Club, and to assist to organise the Riverland Country Music Festival and New Talent Awards.

She was lucky to have friends like Dot and Murray McDonnell and other dedicated members of the committee to support her dur-



ing his last festival, which Rocky spent in hospital in Adelaide before passing away.

She accompanied him to the US and to Nashville before he passed, and after he died, she continued to run the festival to keep his dream alive.

Nan was a great organiser, but she hated having to address the media. She refused to appear on television and hated having to speak on the radio. She was very good, however, at encouraging others to step up. She had the ability to bring out the best in people.

While Frank was in the police force Nan cooked meals for the prisoners. One of the inmates being held in the cells told her that he had been in most of the cells around the state, but her cooking was the best he had tasted.

She adored her grandchildren and taught them many skills, including how to play poker. She was also a practical joker and loved to play tricks on them.

Nan was so proud of her daughters and their families and would have been delighted with the service they held in her honour, despite telling them that she did not want a funeral.

- Rosemary Gower 11/11/23



RIVERLAND CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

The Dash, a short story written by Brent Morrell

“YOU’VE got to go back”, said Wally.
“Can’t be done”, said Johnno.
“Has to be done. You got us into this mess, you can get us out of it.”
There, it had been said. Johnno knew it was true, but he had hoped for some mercy. All nine stared at him. They had planned this for weeks. Everyone had a part to play and Johnno had let them down. Now he had to make good. His role was critical. There was no question. He had to go back.
“Ok. I’m off.”
“You’ve got an hour. Be dark by then, no moon. Won’t be safe.”
“Yeah, yeah, I know.”
Johnno hated it when people stated the obvious. Of course he knew, and was fearful of the danger. He certainly did not need reminding.
“I’ll come with you,” said Reg.
“Nah, thanks mate. Be quicker on my own.”
He ran to the back of the boat, jumped into the dinghy and pulled on the starter cord. Nothing happened. Again, and again, and again. Johnno swore.
“Pump up some juice,” called one of the gang.
“Give it some choke,” called another.
Johnno, flustered now, took all the advice then yanked some more. The smell of petrol fumes filled the air.
“Jeez, now you’ve flooded it you mug. Give it a rest for a couple of minutes.”
He didn’t have a couple of minutes to spare, but Johnno knew that he had no choice. He used the time to compose himself and to visualize what had to be done.
Two more pulls, a cough, then an almighty

roar and a cloud of blue smoke. Johnno cast off then wrapped on all of the Yamaha out-board’s 15hp. This was usually his favourite time – full throttle over the ripples, squinting into the wind, cap turned around to stop it blowing off. Today was different. This was urgent. He now had less than 30 minutes to get to town.
Johnno was taking chances he normally would not. Cutting corners, skimming across sandbars, twice bouncing off the bottom and once clipping an underwater snag. He couldn’t back off – every second counted. Man and dinghy flew into corners blind, sometimes on the wrong side of the river. On edge, ready to take evasive action, please let no one else be out this late in the day. It was not like Johnno at all, but this was critical. It was all about respect. He would never live it down if he didn’t come through.
It was working, he was making good time. As the markers flashed past he thought ‘I can do this’.
Then, as he slid out of a corner, disaster! The boat lurched as it slammed into a savage chop where there had been calm water. The tiller slammed into Johnno’s ribs and the dinghy all but capsized.
Bloody wakeboarders. There were two of them, churning up almost 2km of river, their riders performing spins and somersaults in a last run for the day. Johnno had no choice but to slow right down. His little flat-bottomed dinghy could not survive at speed in this maelstrom. Bouncing from wave to wave at what seemed a crawl, all the time that had been made up was lost.
Johnno glanced with dismay at the display

on his phone. He would never make it in time. But wait – the phone was showing a signal. He could phone Mick. There might just be a chance.
He pressed Mick’s number. The phone rang for what seemed an eternity.
“Mick here. Can you hold on a minute?”
Before Johnno could say no, Mick had put the phone down. There was a babble of voices, presumably Mick had customers. Dinghy back on the plane now, but slower, water sloshing around his feet. Pull out the bungs and let it drain. Johnno heard Mick come back on the line.
“G’day mate. Been expecting to hear from you.”
“G’day Mick. Can you get down to the wharf in about 15 minutes and bring the stuff?”
“We’re flat out here, but I’ll come down as soon as we close up. Your gear is all ready to go.”
“Thanks mate. See you soon.”
Johnno went back to coaxing every bit of speed from the boat that he could. Dusk was just gathering and he had yet to return. There was the wharf. Just a minute to go, but no sign of Mick. What was keeping him? A late rush of customers? An accident?
Johnno’s hopes plummeted again. Optimism swung back to despair. Disconsolate, he replaced the bungs and glided the dinghy into the landing. Making the boat fast, he looked up at the sound of a vehicle. A white van rolled into the parking area, its sides proudly displaying “Mick Adams – Butcher.”
Now to get back to the houseboat before dark.

Dear Station Manager, a creative piece by Meredith Dunn

DEAR station manager,
I have had the dubious pleasure of experiencing Shifty’s cooking expertise for six long painful months as he ‘cooked’ for us shearers on your station.
While we all enjoyed his ‘crisp’ bacon, it beggars belief that anyone could burn 20 fried eggs while simultaneously charcoaling an entire loaf of bread slices on a daily basis.
His scones should more appropriately be named rock cakes, there were burnt onions in the butter and his jam was the consistency of gravy, while his gravy was the consistency of his cakes, which made quite good foot-stools after a long day’s shearing.
As for his handling of steaks, roasts, stews and curries, I regard the loss of the poor beasts sacrificed on his altar of incineration as a sheer tragedy.
In short, dear station manager, I respectfully request that you fire Shifty forthwith and employ someone who can actually cook.
Yours sincerely,
and here follows all the signatures of my fellow shearers.



Supercats continue their super start

ONE side stands alone at the top of the Riverland basketball division one women’s ladder after a month of action, with Loxton yet to drop a match in four outings.

The Supercats maintained their unbeaten record with a narrow win over Barmera on Thursday night, running out six-point victors in a tight affair at Loxton.

The sides shared the points when they met for the first time this year in round one, but the Supercats managed to edge ahead last week, thanks largely to the efforts of Summer Smith.

Her 18 points helped the home side establish a slender lead, which they maintained down the stretch, leading by single digits at the end of each of the four quarters.

Leah Uren also chipped in with 10 points, while Chelsea Wutke led Barmera for scoring with her 15, with nine coming from beyond the arc.

Elsewhere in the top women’s division, Berri had all the answers for Waikerie, emerging from its clash at the Toyota Arena with a 63-point win.

The travelling Warriors struggled to score, hitting just three shots in the first half, while the Blazers were on fire at the other end.

Bella Gates poured in 20 points in her side’s win, while the rest of the side contributed relatively evenly.

Waikerie finished the match with just 11 points to its name, with eight of those coming from Cody Turner and Sienna Hyde.

Renmark’s hot start to the men’s division one season continued against Berri, with the Steamers dropping 83 points on their opposition to make it three wins out of three.

The free-scoring guard combination of Declan Johnson and Judd Hansen led the way again, with the duo combining for 35 points in the victory.

Johnson got to the line with ease and drained four free throws, while both players nailed two each from deep.

Athletic big Brody Rover was also a threat from beyond the arc, hitting three three-pointers on his way to 13 points.

Harrison Campbell topped the Berri scoring charts, but the Blazers were made to play catch-up from start to finish after Renmark’s strong opening half saw it lead by 15 at the main break.

Meanwhile, Rogan Kennedy starred in Loxton’s 47-point win over Waikerie, dropping 21 points in the victory.

The Supercats burst out of the blocks to establish a 19-point lead in the opening stanza and never looked back, with Jasper Hutchinson and Carter Wright also producing double-digit points



Bailey Hahn puts up a shot for Loxton last Thursday.

MEN				
Division one				
Renmark	16	38	56	83
Berri	10	23	41	52
Points: Renmark – D. Johnson 18, J. Hansen 17, R. Curtis 14, B. Rover 13, A. Haynes 12, Z. Gartery 7, J. Smith 2. Berri – Harrison Campbell 14, R. Kunoth 12, B. Nagy 9, Heath Campbell 7, J. Szalbot 6, O. Hunyadi 4.				
Loxton	25	40	54	80
Waikerie	6	22	29	33
Points: Loxton – R. Kennedy 21, J. Hutchinson 13, C. Wright 10, J. Boughen 9, B. Whitelaw 7, J. Will 7, L. Warnett 6, B. Tregeagle 4, J. Drake 3. Waikerie – K. Hahn 15, S. Trandafill 6, L. Exton 4, J. Trandafill 2, D. Kranz 2, L. Ebert 2, R. Fridd 2.				

Division two				
Supercats 61 d Loxton 49; Tigers 53 d Berri 39.				
Division three				
Paringa 62 d Renmark 28; Tigers 38 d Rovers 36; Steamers 47 d Lakers 27; Barmera 43 d Allstars 29; Waikerie Black 66 d Chaffey 34; Waikerie White 27 d Loxton 24; Berri 30 d Supercats 25.				
Division four				
Renmark 50 d Berri 24; Barmera 45 d Loxton 33.				
Under 16				
Renmark D1 56 d Border Sports 18; Loxton D1 57 d Barmera D2 25; Barmera D1 52 d Berri D2 8; Renmark D2 38 d Loxton D2 17; Waikerie D2 45 drew Lakers D2 45.				

Under 14 (div one)				
Renmark 38 d Loxton 29; Berri 59 d Waikerie 19.				
Under 14 (div two)				
Renmark 28 d Supercats 20; Waikerie 34 d Loxton 31; Border Sports 35 d Lakers 8; Berri 41 d Barmera 29.				
Under 12 (div one)				
Loxton 37 d Renmark 14; Berri 32 d Waikerie 10; Barmera 32 d Supercats 9.				
Under 12 (div two)				
Loxton 13 d Berri 4; Waikerie 22 d Lakers 0; Supercats 38 d Barmera 0; Renmark 48 d Pelicans 10.				

WOMEN				
Division one				
Berri	17	33	54	74
Waikerie	2	6	8	11



Summer Smith top-scored for Loxton’s division one women’s side last Thursday, dropping 18 points in her side’s win over Barmera. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Renmark big Alex Haynes rises under pressure from several Berri defenders.

Points: Berri – B. Gates 20, M. O’Leary-Fletcher 13, I. Thiele 9, S. Glen 9, A. Westley 8, A. Fenwick 7, E. Westley 4, A. Morgan 4. Waikerie – C. Turner 4, S. Hyde 4, A. Salter 2, Y. Wen-Liu 1.				
Loxton	15	31	44	58
Barmera	12	28	39	52
Points: Loxton – S. Smith 18, L. Uren 10, E. Foulds 7, B. Hahn 6, K. Harman 5, M. Hogan 5, L. Hutchinson 4, M. Pfeiler 2, S. Rucioch 1. Barmera – C. Wutke 15, S. Whitbourne 10, T. Dillon 9, L. Hill 6, K. Barnett 5, J. Kassulke 4, H. Hodgson 3.				
Division two				
Barmera 31 d Renmark 25; Berri 45 d Loxton 30.				
Division three				
Tigers 22 d Allstars 21; Berri 43 d Waikerie 9; Renmark 45 d Supercats 22; Loxton 45 d Barmera 21; Lakers 31 d Steamers 30.				
Division four				
Waikerie 27 d Supercats 25; Barmera 42 d Tigers 12;				

Blazers 14 d Loxton 8; Renmark 12 d Berri 6.				
Under 16 (div one)				
Berri 36 d Waikerie 34; Loxton 51 d Renmark 16; Barmera 33 d Supercats 14.				
Under 16 (div two)				
Border Sports 22 d Waikerie 12; Loxton 30 d Renmark 16.				
Under 14 (div one)				
Renmark 44 d Loxton 16; Supercats 22 drew Barmera 22; Berri 43 d Waikerie 30.				
Under 14 (div two)				
Renmark 17 d Barmera 4; Waikerie White 28 d Loxton 16; Lakers 26 d Berri 8; Supercats 22 d Waikerie Black 18.				
Under 12				
Berri D1 36 d Barmera D1 12; Loxton D2 7 drew Supercats D2 7; Barmera D2 20 d Berri D2 10; Border Sports 32 d Waikerie D2 11; Loxton D1 52 d Lakers D2 2.				

RIVERLAND EIGHTBALL RESULTS

PLAYERS from across the region returned to the Lyrup Club on Wednesday 1 November, for the first round of the Riverland Eightball Association summer season.

A dozen teams were in action, with Cobbers the best of the bunch in the very early stages, topping the ladder after one round following a 13-3 win over Lyrup Lost and Found.

Round two saw the tables turn for Cobbers, with Four Cues taking them down 9-7, while

Lyrup Club Lions also secured a victory to maintain a 2-0 record.

RESULTS	
Round one	
Four Cues 11 d Cue It 5; Cobbers 13 d Lyrup Lost and Found 3; Loxton 8 Ball 8 drew with Chalk a Cue, Sink a Few 8; 8 to Go 9 d Up and Comers 7; Shut up and Shoot 8 drew with Bye Week 8; Lyrup Club Lions 10 d Misfits 6.	
Round two	
Misfits 13 d Cue It 3; Lyrup Club Lions 12 d Bye Week 4; Shut up and Shoot 13 d Up and Comers 3; Chalk a Cue, Sink a Few 13 d Eight to Go 3; Loxton Eightball 12 d Lyrup Lost and Found 4; Four Cues 9 d Cobbers 7.	

Third round darts thriller

ROUND three of the summer season saw old foes Monash Wanderers and Expendables contest the closest match of the night.

Scores were level after the doubles, then Wanderers kicked into gear to lead 4–2 after the first round of singles.

Wanderers continued on to eventually win 8-3, with Wayne Bonham and Calib Martin scoring a maximum 180 to lead their side to victory, while Graham Norman led the way for the Expendables.

RC Ones continued its strong form with a

comfortable 9-2 win over Lyrup Lion Cubs #2.

Cubs battled hard all night, but RC Ones never let them into the match.

New player Tyson performed well and scored his first maximum score of 180, while Chloe Fletcher and Broden May were best for the Cubs.

Cobby Eagles showed why they are favourites for the title with a 10-1 win over Lyrup Lionhearts.

Allen Hargreaves and Noel Peatey were the standouts for Eagles with Hargreaves notching a maximum 180 and the highest

peg-out with 120.

RESULTS	
Monash Wanderers 8 (C. Martin 180, 140 x 2, 100 x 3, W. Bonham 180, 103, 100 x 4, D. Martin 1211, 119, K. Hayes 100 x 2) d Expendables 3 (M. Hammerling 100 x 4, D. Roessel 101).	
RC Ones 9 (T. Collins 180, T. Stoneham 160, 100 x 3, W. Schwartzkopff 125, 100 x 5, C. Wagner 125) d Lion Cubs #2 – 2 (C. Fletcher 152, D. Strother 137).	
Cobby Eagles 10 (A. Hargreaves 180, 140, 100 x 5, 120 peg out, J. Broekers 140, 123 x 2, 100x 4, N. Peatey 140, 121, 116, 100 x 3, R. Stemp 133, 100 x 2, G. Dyer 121) d Lyrup Lionhearts 1 (R. Burgess 140, 120, 100 x 2, C. Gibbs 140, 121).	



JUNIOR BALLERS: Joel (above) and Noah in action during last week’s round of Renmark basketball. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Cricket’s swings and roundabouts

A SEE-sawing day one has this round’s only Riverland Turf Cricket Association A grade contest delicately poised, with a star batsman’s return helping turn the tide for the home side.

Renmark North welcomed Berri for the first day of its two-day contest, and with Tarque Williamson winning the toss, the Bluetongues elected to bat.

Colin Packer and Dean Hill battled through the opening overs before both were dismissed, with Berri openers Aaron Nobile and Brad Rosenzweig removing one each.

Blake Henderson was soon dismissed LBW by Rosenzweig, before the Berri seamer also removed North’s captain, leaving the Bluetongues in a spot of bother.

The returning Liam Jackson, alongside Roley Boon, helped salvage the innings for the home side, with the latter playing some expansive shots on his way to a well-made 42 from 44 balls.

Boon threw his hands at one of Reece Lehmann’s off-spinners and was clean bowled, but Jackson remained at the crease.

He brought up his 50 in style with a boundary, but he was running out of partners, as the Berri bowlers began to clean up North’s lower order.

Jackson eventually hauled out for 59, and before long the Bluetongues were in the field, looking to defend a modest total of 143.

The home side had 20 overs at the Demons to close out the day and fought back hard with the ball, skittling the visitors’ top order to have them 5/44 at the close of play.

Zakk Gallo was instrumental, picking up two wickets, while Cody Reese managed a pole with his first ball for the club.

A Toni Bharker full-toss saw the visitors lose the prized wicket of reigning cricketer of the year Rosenzweig, with Marty Sumner and Wayne Scadden unbeaten at the end of

the day’s play.

Rosenzweig was the pick of the bowlers for Berri, finishing the first innings with five wickets, while Nobile picked up two for his efforts.

Parilla’s match with Murrayville never got under way, with Murrayville unable to field a side, gifting the Roosters maximum points and an outright victory, without the side having to lift a finger.

Meanwhile, Marcel Waanders stole the show in the B grade for Waikerie Ramco, producing a devastating spell to help his side to an emphatic win over Brown’s Well.

The quick took a remarkable 7/9 from his seven overs, as the Cows were dismissed for just 27 runs, with brother Thomas picking up two of his own.

Waikerie Ramco passed the total two down, while elsewhere, Monash picked up a handy victory away from home against the previously top Renmark North.

Ryan Gillespie’s 61 in the first innings helped set up the win for the Turtles, before the visitors skittled North for just 62 runs, with skipper Jarryd Roberts taking four.

Youngster Armaan Khaira was the pick of the bowlers for the home side, jaggig 4/20 in an impressive display.

RESULTS A GRADE

Renmark North 143 (L. Jackson 59, R. Boon 42, C. Packer 14, B. Rosenzweig 5/34, A. Nobile 2/37, B. Oakley 1/5, R. Lehmann 1/30) vs Berri 5/44 (W. Frankel 15, M. Sumner 12no, Z. Gallo 2/12, R. Boon 1/4, T. Bharker 1/5, C. Reese 1/7). Parilla d Murrayville (forfeit).

B GRADE

Monash 8/164 (R. Gillespie 61, L. Verrall 37, M. Smith 20, J. Roberts 11, A. Khaira 4/20, A. Singh Dhillon 2/29, T. Coombs 2/30) d Renmark North 62 (W. Coombs 24, T. Bannister 12, J. Smedley 10, J. Roberts 4/16, H. Schultz 2/1, L. Verrall 2/5, J. Nelsson 2/13). Waikerie Ramco 2/28 (N. Andrew 15, F. Andrew 13no) d Brown’s Well 27 (M. Waanders 7/9, T. Waanders 2/14). Loxton 2/122 d Gerard 119.

Warriors made to wait for the win

THE Warriors are becoming accustomed to close matches, with another Riverland Turf Cricket Association under 16s result coming down to the wire over the weekend.

At home, Waikerie Ramco managed to bowl Loxton out on the second to last ball of the match, securing the points in dramatic fashion.

Waikerie won the toss and sent the travelling Tigers into field, and despite the early wicket of Jack Coombe, the home side was in strong form.

The two captains, Ruben Waanders and Shephard Humphries would push for runs until Waanders retired for 31, and Thomas Lynch got the much-needed break-

through when he knocked over Humphries for 28.

This is where the Tigers were able to break into their stride and didn’t allow another batter to make 10 runs.

By the end of the Warrior’s 25 overs, they had made 98 for six, with Henry Lynch being the only bowler to take multiple wickets, picking up two for just four runs off his over.

Loxton’s run chase faltered early, with Ryder Montgomery immediately dismissed by Humphries before Rhys Wooldridge and Jake Perram steadied the ship, putting on a 59-run partnership.

Perram would retire for 30 runs and Isaac Leske would

take the important wicket of Wooldridge, sending two fresh batsmen to the crease.

Leske would continue to rip through Loxton’s middle order taking two more wickets without conceding a run.

Cody Henning would lead the charge for Loxton in the late stages of its innings as the travelling side pushed for quick runs.

Waikerie would capitalise on Loxton’s attempts to make quick runs by getting three run-outs, before Humphries took the final wicket in the final over of the match.

Waikerie 6/98 (R. Waanders 31no, S. Humphries 28 and 2-10, I. Leske 3-2, K. Schiller 1-1) d Loxton 90 (J. Perram 30no and 1-10, R. Wooldridge 18, H. Lynch 2-4, B. Kakoschke 1-1).



FAMILY IN THE FIELD: Loxton’s B grade cricket side sported two father and son duos on the weekend, with Thomas Lynch partnering his dad Brian, and Jake and Matt Perram joining forces for the Tigers. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Liam Jackson topped the scoring charts for Renmark North with 59 on Saturday.
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Archie Peltz gets his whites dirty fielding a ball during Berri’s A grade clash with the Bluetongues on Saturday afternoon.

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Applications accepted until Friday, 1st December 2023.

To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to: jobs@almondco.com.au.

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Please submit your cover letter and current resume to:
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dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au

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**Admin Officer –
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The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council SA offers a range of alcohol and drug harm minimisation and treatment programs to Aboriginal and vulnerable people who live or come from outlying areas in the Riverland and who are experiencing problems caused by alcohol and drug use.

This Position will be based at the Riverland Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council based in Berri. This is an exciting opportunity for highly qualified people to become part of a dedicated team in the Riverland, helping clients to achieve a alcohol and drug free lifestyle.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

To obtain the selection documentation and application processes, please request a copy of the Job Application Pack by phone: (08) 8351 9031 or email prachi@adac.org.au

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Riverland Respite and Recreation Service Inc. is holding their Annual General Meeting on November the 30th at 6pm

It will be held at the Day Options Venue, 28A Kay Ave Berri

Please RSVP to 8582 3110

Please RSVP for seating and catering purposes to 8582 3110

Members of the community are invited to attend.

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District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
LOXTON WAIKERIE
TEMPORARY ROAD
CLOSURE**

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie hereby exercises the power pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and Clause "F" of the Instrument of General Approval of the Minister dated 12 March 2001 to:

Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 1pm on Thursday 23 November to 5.00pm on Sunday 3 December 2023 for the 2023 Loxton Lights Up event;

From 1pm Thursday 23 November to 5.00pm on Sunday 3 December 2023

- Murray Street between East Terrace crossover.

From 1.00pm-11.00pm Saturday 25 November 2023

- Drabsch Street from Pyap Street to and including East Terrace crossover
- East Terrace, between Bookpurnong Terrace and Allen Hosking Drive
- William Street (below Beverly Street) and its continuation into
- Pioneer Walk and Allen Hosking Drive to McMillan Street
- Beverly Street between William Street and East Terrace crossover
- Pflaum Terrace, between East Terrace and Pyap Street
- Murray Street from East Terrace to Pyap Street
- Edward Street from Martha Street to East Terrace
- East Terrace car park entrance from Edward Street

Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that person taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238

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Greg Perry 8584 8000
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David Beaton
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60th BIRTHDAY

ELEFThERiADiS,
Jane.

17/11/2023

To my special wife,
happy 60th birthday.

I hope your day is
filled with lots of love
and happiness.

Love from your
husband, Andrew xx

Wishing you a
happy 60th birthday.

We are so lucky to
have a mum like you.

Thanks for all you do.

Enjoy your birthday
celebrations. x

Lots of love
Penny, Jake, Harry,
Chloe, Josh,
Harry and Amilee.

80th BIRTHDAY



TAYLOR, Lorna.

Happy 80th birthday
to our #1 wife, mum,
nanna and great-
nanna.

Love Brad,
David, Nigel,
Jacqui and Brett,
Matthew and Kim,
and all the grandkids.

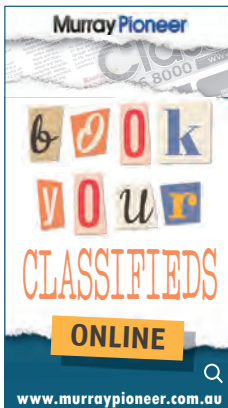


TAYLOR, Lorna.

A very big happy 80th
birthday, Lorna.

Wishing you
the happiest of
celebrations.

Love all your Murray
Pioneer family xx.



DEATHS

BOSMAN, Hein.

It is with a deep
sense of regret I
note the passing of
a respected former
mayor of the District
Council of Berri
(1975 – 1979),
a past president of
the Rotary Club
of Berri, and a
personal friend of
Margaret Evans
and her late
husband, Blue.

Deepest condolences
are extended to
Trish, Don and family,
and Terry.

BURDON, George
Williams.

Passed away
peacefully, with
his beloved Flossy
by his side, at
Calvary St Catherine's,
Berri on Thursday 2
November, 2023.

Aged 94 years.
Loved and loving
husband of Florence.
Loved dad of Angela,
Craig, Ruth, Ian and
their families.
Cherished George
and grandpa of 9
grandchildren.

“Forever In
Our Hearts”.

George's family
sincerely thank
everyone that
cared for him.

HASTWELL, Graham
'Harry'.

18/8/1943 –
5/11/2023

Aged 80 years.
Son of Les and
Flo Hastwell.
Brother of
Maureen Baehnisch,
Malcolm Hastwell,
Lesley Florence
and Elaine Vasey
(all deceased).
Loving husband
of Helen for 61 and
a half years.
Loving father of
Les and Matt.

Harry will be
sadly missed and
remembered.

Harry was privately
cremated.

The family sincerely
thank all the staff at
Barmera Medical,
Barmera and Berri
hospitals, Ambulance
SA, RFDS, Royal
Adelaide ICU for your
help and support.

If you wish to
remember Harry, a
donation to the Royal
Flying Doctor Service
(Renmark Patient
Transfer Facility)
would be appreciated.

DEATHS

KRUGER, Rex James.

Passed away
peacefully at Bonney
Lodge, Barmera
on Saturday 11
November, 2023.

Aged 83 years.

Loving husband
of Eileen.
Loved father and
father-in-law
of Lyndon,
Grant and Simone,
Lisa (deceased),
Tim and Jane.
Very much-loved
Poppy of Gemma,
Regan and Connor.

A special smile,
A special face.
And in our hearts,
A special place.

Rest quietly now,
your brave fight
is over.

A heartfelt thank you
to the staff at Bonney
Lodge who lovingly
cared for Rex over the
past five years.

KRUGER, Rex.

Passed away Saturday
11 November, 2023.

Loved and respected
brother, brother-in-Law
and uncle of Neville,
Teresa, and family.

Sincere condolences
to Eileen and family.

Rest peacefully now,
Rexie.

NIXON, Olive Rose.

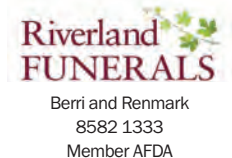
Passed away
unexpectedly, with
family present, at the
Riverland General
Hospital on Monday 6
November, 2023.

Aged 90 years.

Loving wife of Ross
(deceased).
Loved mother of
Maxine and John
(deceased),
Colin,
Dean and Margaret,
Kathryn and Michael.
Cherished grandma
and great-grandma.

Always in our
thoughts,
Forever in our hearts.

Olive was privately
cremated at
the Riverland
Crematorium
according to her
wishes.



DEATHS

TSOROTIOTIS,
Panagiota.

Born in Meligalas,
Greece on 9
February, 1937.

Passed away
peacefully on
Wednesday 8
November, 2023.

Loved wife of Sotirios
(deceased).
Sons Con and George.
Daughter-in-laws
Julie and
Sharon (deceased).
Grandchildren Sam,
Josh, Bianca, Pamela,
Kayla and Georgia.

Will be sadly missed,
But not forgotten.

Loved always.

WESTBROOK, Warren
Reginald.

Passed away
peacefully at the
Loxton hospital on 9
November, 2023.

Aged 82 years.

Beloved husband
of Dot.
Dearly loved father of
Matthew, Meredith
and Peter.
Father-in-law
of Lisette.
Loved by his
grandchildren.
Loved son of Reg
and Edna (both
deceased).
Brother and brother-
in-law of
Jeffrey and Kay,
Barbara and Darion,
Dean and Michael.

Farewell to Warren,
wonderful husband
of mine.

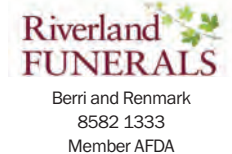
FUNERALS

BURDON.

Family and friends
of George Burdon
are respectfully
invited to attend his
funeral service to be
conducted entirely at
the Riverland Funerals
Chapel, 32 Hughes
Street, Berri on Monday
20 November, 2023
at 11 am, followed by
a private cremation
at the Riverland
Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if
desired, a donation
to Royal Flying Doctor
Service in George's
memory would be
appreciated.

Donations may be
made at the service.



FUNERALS

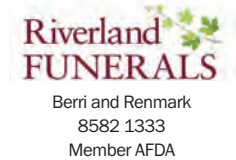
TSOROTIOTIS.

The relatives and
friends of Panagiota
Tsorotiotis are
respectfully invited
to attend her funeral
service to be conducted
at St Dimitrios Greek
Orthodox Church,
Berri on Thursday 16
November, 2023 at
11am.

In lieu of flowers if
desired, a donation
to Royal Society for
the Blind in Betty's
memory would be
appreciated.

Donations may be
made at the service.

At the conclusion of the
service the cortege will
proceed to the Barmera
lawn cemetery for the
committal.



WESTBROOK.

Relatives and friends
are advised that
Warren's funeral
service will be
conducted at The
Pines, Henry Street,
Loxton on Wednesday
15 November, 2023
at 11am.

In Warren's memory,
donations to the Royal
Flying Doctor Service
would be appreciated.

Envelopes will be
available at the service.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

DELAINE, Mary.

Family and friends
are warmly invited to
celebrate the life of
Mary Delaine.

Aged 96 years.

RIP.

5 June, 2023 in
Perth, WA.

Memorial to be held
at the Loxton Hotel,
Reflections Room.

Saturday 18
November at
10.30am.

RSVP to Annie on
0428847557 by
10 November, 2023
please.

RETURN THANKS

BATTAMS, Nancy
Evelyn.

Kathy, Bruce, Annie,
Wes, Anne, and
families wish to express
their sincere thanks
for the kind messages
and support received
on the passing of our
much-loved mum and
grannie.

*Rest in
peace*

STOECKEL, Dean
Andrew.

Memorial 20 October,
2023.

Thanks for all the
wonderful wider
community support to
me and my family.

Your phone calls,
letters, prayers, hugs,
and cards were really
appreciated.

Please accept this
thanks as many
addresses are
unknown.

Dean's loving wife,
Annie.

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CARAVAN - Windsor Genesis, 2010. 19.6ft, pop-top, roll-out awning, 130L fridge, TV/stereo, double bed, gas hot water, combo shower/toilet, grey water tank, air conditioner and microwave. Registered. \$39,500. Phone 0428301245.

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FIREWORKS display, Renmark riverfront. 18 November, approximately 9pm. Contact Sean 0417877116.



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GARAGE SALES

GLOSSOP - 19 Dalziel Road. Saturday 18 November, 8.30am - 2pm and Sunday 19 November, 8.30am - 2.00pm. Ex cafe catering items, fire pump, mulcher, sweeper and other assorted household items. No early birds.

LOXTON - 1679 Bookpurnong Road. Saturday 18 November, 8am - 4pm. Furniture items, white goods, shelving, benches and kitchen appliances. Something for everyone. Doors open 8am.

LOXTON - 74 Drabsch Street. Saturday 18 November, 7.30am - 2pm. Furniture, baby cots and pram, bike, books, bric-a-brac. Plus lots more.

LOXTON - 26 McMillan Street. Saturday 18 November from 8am, at the Loxton Men's Shed. Big clearing/garage sale in aid of the Loxton Historical Village. Sausage sizzle available. See the Loxton Historical Village Facebook page for a list of items available.

LOXTON - Peter Jackson Crescent. Saturday 18 November, 7.30am - 12.30pm. Single beds, range of cupboards, glass cupboards, indoor/outdoor blinds, CDs, air-conditioner, ovens, fans, gopher - good condition, folding walking frames, tables, roller doors, dog clothing, toilet cistern, Christmas decorations, travel bags, plus extra products to see.



MONASH - 159 Nixon Road, Saturday 18 November, 8:30am - 2pm. Wood stove, mechanical trailer brakes, HQ hubs, dog beds, fridge, variety of household items, electrical goods, large salt lamp, toys, old car magazines, spinning wheel and wool, Star Wars chess set, and much, much more.

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Riverland CHURCH NOTICES

Lutheran Church of Australia

BERRI | BARMERA

Sunday 19 November

Barmera 9am
Berri 11am

Pastor S Trautwein

All Welcome

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LOXTON

Sunday 19 November

St Peter's 10am

64 Bookpurnong Terrace

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RENMARK | PARINGA

Sunday 19 November

Renmark 9am
Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome

Pastor Roland Adams

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WAIKERIE

Sunday 19 November

Lowbank 8.45am
Ramco 8.45am
Waikerie 10am

All Welcome

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Catholic Church Mass Times

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

WEEKS 1, 3 & 5

Saturday
Morgan 6pm
Renmark 6.30pm

Sunday
Berri 9am
Loxton 11am
Waikerie 11am
Barmera 6pm

WEEKS 2 & 4

Saturday
Waikerie 6pm
Berri 6.30pm

Sunday
Renmark 9am
Morgan 9am
Barmera 11am
Loxton 6pm

Anglican Church Riverland

Saturday 18 November

5pm - Monash St Oswald's

Sunday 19 November

9am - Renmark St Augustine's
9am - Loxton The Resurrection
11am - Barmera St Edmund's
11am - Waikerie St James

Contact:
Fr. David Patterson
8586 3288

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Sunday 19 November

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LOXTON

Sunday 19 November

10am HC

Rev Linda Forsyth

Contact
Rev Linda Forsyth
0401 815 488

RENMARK

Sunday 19 November

8.30am

Renmark West 10am

Renmark Ave

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District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Citizen of the Year Awards OPEN

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?

Nominate them now for the Citizen of the Year Awards.

Award Categories:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award
- Active Citizenship Award

Nominations are now open – you can download a nomination form from our website <http://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au> or make a nomination online and find out more about the awards at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au

If you have any questions or require assistance, please email council@lwdc.sa.gov.au or call Sue Schultz on 8584 8000.

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Nominations Close Friday 17 November 2023

Please return the completed form to the District Council of Loxton Waikerie
PO Box 409, Loxton SA 5333 or email council@lwdc.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

LZ15303



Berri RSL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4th December 2023
At 7:00pm

Berri Cottage Homes
Community Centre
1 McGilton Rd, Berri

Enquires phone Andrew
0488 978 561

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The Renmark Club Committee would like to announce the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023
from 8pm at the Renmark Club

2022 AGM Minutes available for members to collect from reception.

Nominations for board close
5pm Monday 27th November 2023

RZ12724



LOXTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB & LOXTON NORTH SPORTS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Junior Football Committee AGM: 6pm onwards
LN Sports Club AGM: 6.45pm onwards
LN Football Club AGM: 7.30pm onwards
at the Loxton North Sporting Club

HAPPY HOUR FROM 6pm-7pm

Enquiries or Apologies to:
Junior Football, Leonie: 0428 255 896
Sports Club, Ryan: 0438 841 355
Football Club, Tracy: 0467 709 942

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE
DRY ZONE AREA 1
SUSPENSION

LOXTON LIGHTS UP CELEBRATIONS

Loxton dry zone area 1 (East Terrace) regulations will not be in force for the period **3.00pm – 10.30pm Saturday 25 November 2023**. The consumption and possession of alcohol during this period is permitted.

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

LZ15418



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Berri Barmera COUNCIL

ROAD CLOSURE

Barmera Christmas Pageant 2023

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

a) Declare the Barmera Christmas Pageant 2023 to be held on Barwell Avenue, Bice Street, Pascoe Terrace, Laffer Street and Nookamka Terrace, Barmera, as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.

b) Hereby make an order –

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

THE SCHEDULE

Location	From	To
Barwell Avenue between Nookamka Terrace, Laffer Street and Bice Street, Pascoe Terrace and Scott Avenue, Barmera.	3.00pm Friday 8 December 2023	10.00pm Friday 8 December 2023
Fowles Street between Langdon Terrace and Pascoe Terrace, Scott Avenue between Barwell Avenue and Sims Street, Sims Street between Scott Avenue and Langdon Terrace, Langdon Terrace between Sims Street and Fowles Street Barmera.	6.00pm Friday 8 December 2023	7.30pm Friday 8 December 2023

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

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

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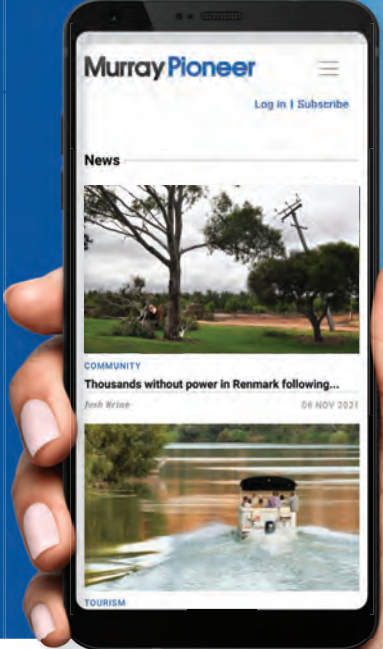
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Berri bounces back in Saturday pennants

THE reigning Bowls Riverland division one Saturday pennant champions produced a statement victory last weekend, knocking off a fellow contender and returning to the winners' list.

Berri travelled to Waikerie and took care of business in a rematch of the 2022/23 grand final, running out three-shot victors under the dome.

Wayne Collins' rink flew the flag well for the home side with a six-shot victory, but Mason Kaufer and Andy Hill's fours were in top form and helped Berri bounce back from its loss against Loxton RSL the weekend prior.

The win sees the side leapfrog Waikerie into second spot on the table, just seven points behind lad-

der-leaders Barmera, who secured an 11-shot victory over Renmark on Saturday.

Andy Gapco's rink produced a 10-shot win, while Ron Reynolds' four was also victorious, helping the Pelicans hold on to top spot.

Elsewhere, Loxton maintained its hot start to the season with a comfortable win over The Lawns.

All three rinks picked up wins for Loxton, with the side now sitting inside the top three following Waikerie's loss to Berri.

The reigning champs will sit out this weekend with the bye, while The Lawns hosts Barmera, Waikerie heads to Loxton RSL and Renmark takes on Loxton.

Meanwhile, Waikerie remains on top of the division two table

on score differential alone after its 11-shot win over Monash.

Berri currently sits in second, tied on 104 points for the year, while Monash and Loxton make up the remainder of the top four.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Berri 63 d Waikerie 60.
A. Hill 24 d A. Fulwood 20; M. Kaufer 25 d G. Frahm 20; K. Treloar 14 lost to W. Collins 20.

Loxton 69 d The Lawns 41.
D. Schliebs 19 d R. Lawton 14; S. Roberts 28 d P. Lawton 11; J. Vaughan 22 d S. Leesue 16.

Barmera 58 d Renmark 47.
A. Gapco 24 d W. Dopson 14; R. Reynolds 19 d K. Schulz 14; J. Morena 15 lost to M. Lacey.
Points: Barmera 111; Berri 104; Loxton 93; Waikerie 88; Loxton RSL 63; Renmark 44; The Lawns 43.

DIVISION TWO

Waikerie 69 d Monash 58.
R. Davies 22 d I. Potts 17; M. Morete 26 d M. Wood 22; D. Thompson 21 d M. Kruger 19.

Lyrup 66 d The Lawns 50.
S. Munro 27 d B. Symonds 14; N. Nattrass 16 d K. Smith 13; T. Gyss 23 drew with R. Ashworth 23.

Berri 58 d Loxton 52.
J. Trezise 17 d H. Appleton 14; C. Gaskin 22 d B. Bullock 17; B. Hollis 19 lost to W. Harrison 21.

Renmark 62 d Barmera 59.
T. Matulick 23 d P. Thompson 19; S. Schulz 23 d I. Lloyd 16; M. Spano 16 lost to C. O'Connor 24.
Points: Waikerie 104; Berri 104; Monash 95; Loxton 85; Barmera 79; Lyrup 75; The Lawns 56; Renmark 26.

DIVISION THREE

Loxton 74 d Berri 44.
F. Armfield 25 lost to L. Knight 26; D. Sparrow 30 d W. Couzens 10; P. Madden 19 d B. Knight 8.

The Lawns 68 d Barmera 49.

M. Hudson 15 lost to T. Brown 20; D. Wilson 34 d H. Robinson 15; P. Brown 19 d K. Brown.

Berri Red 52 d Waikerie 48.
S. Hall 25 d M. Morley 20; L. Blades 12 lost to T. Strauss 15; J. Price 15 d W. Burris 13.

Renmark 61 d Monash 42.
B. Lockett 29 d W. Pahl 7; D. Beer 15 drew with J. Sutherland 15; B. Cornelius 17 lost to J. John 20.
Points: Waikerie 130; Berri Red 125; Loxton 100; The Lawns 78; Renmark 72; Berri 56; Monash 33; Barmera 30.

DIVISION FOUR

Loxton 60 d The Lawns 48; Waikerie 69 d Berri 46; Moorook 61 d Loxton RSL 43.
Points: Loxton 104; Moorook 98; Waikerie 84; Loxton RSL 78; The Lawns 54; Berri 50.

DIVISION FIVE

Lyrup 51 d Waikerie 27; Monash 43 d Loxton 30.
Points: Monash 126; Lyrup 108; Barmera 48; Loxton 42; Waikerie 36.

Stalemate as Wednesday pennant sides inseperable

NOTHING could separate two of the contenders for the 2023/24 Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennant division one throne last week, with scores level at the end of all three rinks.

Waikerie welcomed Barmera to the dome on Wednesday morning, and

neither side was able to pull ahead, finishing the match with 54 shots each.

The visitors walked away with 14 points compared to Waikerie's 12, due to winning two of the three rinks, with Jenny Morley's four the only victorious Waikerie quartet.

Berri remains on top of the table after a convincing win against Renmark, with wins coming in all three rinks at home.

Elsewhere, Monash defeated Loxton by 31 shots in a comprehensive display at home, leaving Loxton alone at the bottom of the

division one ladder.

Division two was also home to a draw, with Berri Blue and Barmera locked on 33 shots apiece at the close of play.

DIVISION ONE

Waikerie 54 drew with Barmera 54.
M. Morley 18 lost to M. Morrow

22; J. Morley 20 d J. Gartner 13; C. Davies 16 lost to K. Mellon 19.

Monash 79 d Loxton 48.
R. Potts 25 d M. Schutz 12; S. Elsdon 26 d B. Mattner 24; C. Traeger 28 d M. Tygh 12.

Berri 78 d Renmark 39.
C. Eichenberger 25 d S. Schulz 9; R. Butt 28 d M. Spano 14; K. Treloar 25 d D. Beer 16.
Points: Berri 139; Barmera 128; Renmark 110; Waikerie 104;

Monash 71; The Lawns 70; Loxton 15.

DIVISION TWO

Berri Blue 33 drew with Barmera 33; Berri Red 51 d Renmark 25; Waikerie 41 d The Lawns Red 39; Loxton RSL 36 d Lyrup 32; The Lawns 40 d Moorook 36.
Points: Berri Red 141; Berri Blue 128; Loxton RSL 116; The Lawns 98; The Lawns Red 96; Lyrup 94; Renmark 74; Waikerie 71; Barmera 15; Moorook 7.

Top side tastes triples defeat

THE last remaining unbeaten record in Bowls Riverland midweek triples no longer stands, following The Lawns Red's loss to Monash last week.

Monash went into its clash against the competition front-runners with just one win to its name, but victories to fours led by Mark Voigt, Brenton John and Wendy Pahl helped secure the points for the home side.

Red remains on top of the table, with Renmark Gold close

behind in second, followed by Berri Blue in third.

RESULTS

Renmark Gold 71 d Loxton White 60; Barmera Pelicans 70 d Loxton RSL 59; Renmark Green 66 d Loxton Red 56; Waikerie 98 d Barmera 39; Berri Red 69 d Lyrup 56; Monash 75 d The Lawns Red 62; Berri Blue 73 d Loxton Blue 55.
Points: The Lawns Red 160; Renmark Gold 144; Berri Blue 138; Waikerie 134; Loxton Blue 133; Barmera Pelicans 129; Loxton White 130; Renmark Green 123; Berri Red 84; Loxton Red 75; Monash 68; Lyrup 62; Loxton RSL 39; Barmera 27; The Lawns 24.



SAPSASA STARS: The Riverland's SAPSASA cricket side placed fourth at a recent state carnival in Adelaide, narrowly going down in the third-place playoff against Kangaroo Island. PHOTOS: Facebook



Young gun netts Spring Classic

BEN LENNON

A NEW Barmera Golf Club Spring Classic champion was crowned last weekend, with a young local taking the course by storm in a true example of a home ground advantage.

Taking on competitors of all ages in the open A grade, which is limited to players with a handicap lower than 10, Barmera local Harry Banks shot 80 off the stick to storm to a record-breaking victory.

The 14-year-old, whose family owns a house on the seventh hole, said his knowledge of the course “helped a lot” in his win.

“I live on the seventh hole so I’m out there all the time,” he said.

“It was definitely a fun weekend. The weather made it a bit harder, which is why the scores were pretty spread out, but it was fun knowing it was a big weekend and it was nice to play well.

“I made a couple of little mistakes, like some four-foot putts missed and a couple of bad drives, but my scrambling was pretty good and when I hit the fairway I took my chances.”

The youngster, who doubles as a dynamite footballer for the Barmera-Monash Roos in the winter, can be seen on the course almost daily.

While footy is his main love, Harry has his sights set on lowering his handicap as much as possible.

“I play with dad a bit, Paul and Sam Butterworth, Max and Sam Jericho and guys like that, who are all my mates,” he said.

“Max is an extremely good golfer and hopefully getting closer to his goal, and he helps me whenever he comes back.

“Being a bit younger I don’t hit it as far as some other people, but I know the course really well.

“Golf is more of a hobby as well as a secondary sport to footy, but I’d like to get down to a low single-figure handicap.”

Club president Neville McPherson believes Harry to be the youngest winner of the Spring Classic, and was pleased to see reward for his efforts.

“It’s an interesting event because for most events it’s a best off the stick score, but when we started we had half the state team coming up every year,” Mr McPherson said.

“If we did it that way, nobody would have a chance. So, we made it a nett score, where you take handicaps off of it.

“That doesn’t take away from the fact that for a lad his age, to do what he’s done, is really fantastic.

“He’s going to be a very good sportsman, and the work he puts into golf is phenomenal.

“When they first bought the house about a year and a half ago, he went out there for a hit 40 days in a row.”

Doug Johns shot the best score off the stick of the day, producing a round of 74, while Jess Reynolds took out the Ladies Classic with a nett score of 74.

Mr McPherson was “very happy” with the field of 150 players that took part.

“That’s in addition to the 115 players who attended the club dinner, provided by Jake Barreau and the Birkenhead Tavern, on Saturday Night.

“I’d also like to acknowledge the valuable sponsorship given by Adami Sands and Metals, DPR Insurance, Barmera Comfort Inn and Aussie Hire and Events.”

RESULTS

Friday 4BBB Stableford

Men: Dennis Rebbeck (Glenelg) and Rob Surplice (Eagles) 45 pts; Derek Logan (Vines) and David Pateyjohns (Willunga) 43 pts.
Mixed: Tony Gay and Janice Baker (Port Phillip Island) 42 pts; Nev and Pat Hamood (Barmera) 41 pts.

Saturday Spring Classic

Winner: Harry Banks (Barmera) 80 nett 71.
A grade: D. Fechner (Waikerie GC) 77 nett 72, A. Doyle (Willunga) 78 nett 73.
B grade: D. Carr (North Adelaide) 90 nett 72, G. McPherson (Blackwood) 92 nett 73.
C grade: P. Ivanovic (Barmera) 103 nett 73, D. Bown (Eagles) 97 nett 73.
Ladies: J. Reynolds 94 nett 74, M. Williams (Barmera) 91 nett 74
Best nett: M. Heuzenroeder (Berri) 93 nett 70
Sunday Stableford
A grade: S. Williams (Willunga) 37pts, K. Martin (Barmera) 37.
B grade: N. Schroder (Willunga) 40, J. Marr (Barmera) 39.
C Grade: D. Rebbeck (Glenelg) 34, D. Bown



Barmera Golf Club Spring Classic winner Harry Banks, following his victory on Saturday. PHOTOS: supplied



Ladies Spring Classic winner Jess Reynolds alongside Barmera club captain Tim Wood.

(Eagles) 33.
Ladies: M. Middleton (North Adel) 35, B. Blythman (Barmera) 35.

Good things come in threes for Espadas

A RARE feat headlined last Sunday’s round of Riverland futsal, with goals once again not short on supply across all grades.

A hat-trick of hat-tricks saw Espadas steal the show in the men’s division, with Tony Mitchell, Jasper Hoffmann and Cooper Ebert all bagging three goals apiece.

The trio helped their side to a handy win over Chicken Tikka Mo Salah, while Neville, Banana Slugs and ABCDE FC also added to their points total for the year with victories.

Chicks ‘n’ Kicks failed to break tradition in the women’s division, registering yet another draw, this time against Sam.

The two sides played out an entertaining 5-5 match, making it back-to-back 5-5 results for Chicks ‘n’ Kicks.

Angry Plovers scored a narrow victory over The Mixers in the mixed division, thanks largely to strong showings from Brenton and Kyle Kenefick, while Rooney Tunes, Ajax Trees Down and Banana Slugs all recorded comfortable victories.

RESULTS

MEN

Neville 7 d The Mildly Uncoordinated 3.
Best: Neville – A. Son, A. Cartwright. The Mildly Uncoordinated – S. Martin, J. Botten.
Goals: Neville – A. cartwright, B. Clark, C. Lachie-Hefford 2, G. Tsolomitis. The Mildly Uncoordinated – M. Sexton 2, S. Martin.
Espadas FC 12 d Chicken Tikka Mo Salah 2.
Best: Espadas – T. Mitchell, C. Mitchell. Chicken Tikka Mo Salah – J. Bourton, K. Kenefick.
Goals: Espadas – T. Mitchell, J. Hoffmann, C. Ebert 3, C. Mitchell, T. O’Shaughnessy, own goal. Chicken Tikka Mo Salah – J. Bourton 2.
Banana Slugs 4 d Jim’s Futsal 3.
Best: Banana Slugs – A. Perry, H. Partridge. Jim’s Futsal – S. Beard, P. Johal.
Goals: Banana Slugs – B. Croxton 4. Jim’s Futsal – P. Johal 2, B. Kenefick.
ABCDE FC 9 d Neville 5.
Best: ABCDE FC – J. Perram, M. Barber. Neville – A. Son, A. Cartwright.
Goals: ABCDE FC – M. Barber 4, K. Barber Jr 3, A. Sarakinis, J. Perram. Neville – A. Son 2, G. Tsolomitis, C. Lachie-Hefford, A. Cartwright.

WOMEN

Banana Slugs 12 d The Ring Ins 0.
Best: Banana Slugs – J. Mitchell, A. Perry. The Ring Ins – S. Heywood, A. Whiting.
Goals: Banana Slugs – M. Coombe 6, A. Perry, M. Mitchell 2, G. Skilton, T. Verrall.
Sam 5 drew with Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 5.
Best: Sam – A. Kondoprias, S. Setchell. Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace, L. Quinn.
Goals: Sam – A. Kondoprias 3, M. Greer, A. Babaniotis. Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace 2, N. Koutouzis, C. Muller, L. Quinn.

MIXED
Banana Slugs 8 d Goal

Diggers 3.

Best: Banana Slugs – A. Perry, J. Coombe. Goal Diggers – T. Mitchell, K. Whiting.
Goals: Banana Slugs – M. Coombe, A. Perry 3, J. Skilton, B. Croxton. Goal Diggers – C. Ebert, T. Mitchell, A. Watkins.

Angry Plovers 6 d The Mixers 5.

Best: Angry Plovers – B. Kenefick, K. Kenefick. The Mixers – A. Garoufalidis, M. Greer.
Goals: Angry Plovers – K. Kenefick 3, T. McCart 2, B. Kenefick. The Mixers – A. garoufalidis, M. Greer, C. van der Merwe, C. Garoufalidis, R. Wishart.

Rooney Tunes 8 d The Mildly Uncoordinated 3.

Best: Rooney Tunes – J. Perram, M. Rayner. The Mildly Uncoordinated – S. Martin, J. Botten.
Goals: Rooney Tunes – M. Barber, R. Verrall 3, Mikayla Rayner, Mitchell Rayner. The Mildly Uncoordinated – S. Martin 2, M. Sexton.

Ajax Trees Down 8 d G1 Youth 0.

Best: Ajax Trees Down – A. Kondoprias, T. O’Shaughnessy. G1 Youth – M. Lockwood, H. Rosenzweig.
Goals: Ajax Trees Down – U. Carney 3, T. O’Shaughnessy 2, C. Mitchell, A. Kondoprias, A. Babaniotis.

UNDER 15

Hardly Working 13 d Banana Slugs 2.

Best: Hardly Working – J. Hunter, E. Bascomb. Banana Slugs – Z. Cole, J. Doupis.
Goals: Hardly Working – J. Hunter 6, E. Bascomb 3, C. Setchell 2, J. Sweet, C. Schwarz. Banana Slugs – Z. Cole, A. Perry.

Five Guys 10 d Blue Stingrays 2.

Best: Five Guys – A. Ielasi, J. Perram. Blue Stingrays – B. Kimberley, C. Williams.
Goals: Five Guys – J. Lewin, L. Perram, C. Bourton 2, J. Perram, B. Perram, A. Ielasi, own goal. Blue Stingrays – A. Pruesker, own goal.

Red Devils 16 d Red Roosters 3.

Best: Red Devils – I. Atsaves, A. Kazantzis. Red Roosters – G. Matianos, J. Peltz.
Goals: Red Devils – I. Atsaves 7, A. Kazantzis 4, L. Crawford 2, M. Lock, D. Atsaves, A. Watkins. Red Roosters – W. Guihennue 2, J. Peltz.

UNDER 14 GIRLS

Blue Stingrays 13 d Pitch Perfect 0.

Best: Blue Stingrays – E. Tsakarellos, S. Kaur. Pitch Perfect – A. Whiting-Walker, N. Koutouzis.
Goals: Blue Stingrays – C. Formby 5, B. Kimberley, E. Tsakarellos 4.

Blue Bombers 5 d Banana Slugs 1.

Best: Blue Bombers – E. Rothe, E. Cresp. Banana Slugs – A. Perry, E. Passmore.
Goals: Blue Bombers – E. Rothe 3, C. Muller, E. Cresp. Banana Slugs – Z. Sherrin.

UNDER 12

Banana Slugs 6 d La Masia 2.

Best: Banana Slugs – L. Stark, L. Stone. La Masia – N. Edwards, P. Atsaves.
Goals: Banana Slugs – L. Stark 3, T. Skilton 2, Z. Cole. La Masia – N. Edwards 2.
Five Guys 13 d Strawberry Elephants 1.
Best: Five Guys – J. Lewin, I. Ielasi. Strawberry Elephants – F. Sidhu, A. Akawee.
Goals: Five Guys – L. Perram 7, J. Lewin, A. Ielasi 2, C. Bourton, B. Perram. Strawberry Elephants – A. Akawee.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

BERRI

Wednesday 8 November

Stableford: I. McHugh 41, S. Gore 38, T. McHugh 34, C. Berry 34, M. Wilksch 33.

Saturday 11 November

Stableford: D. Gregoric 42, J. Goldsworthy 41, P. Morris 39, P. Frahn 39, R. Keightley 38, A. Thiel

38, C. Mckinlay 38, A. Thurmer 37, J. Brand 36, K. Wyman 36, J. Adams 36, L. Berry 36, J. Szalbot 35, C. Berry 35, W. Hocevar 35, A. Brand 34, K. Traegar 34, B. Paige 34, D. Tyler 34.

Sunday 12 November

Stableford: R. Dale 39, T. Jolly 37, P. Mudge 35, K. Wyman 35, G. Harris 34, G. Bentley 34, I. Bradshaw 33,

W. Hocevar 33, S. Breakwell 33.

LOXTON

Wednesday 8 November

Stableford

Men: J. Reynolds 40, T. Sawade 40, G. Robinson 40, S. Koch 38, A. Searles 37, G. White 36, D. Sunman 35, P. Harman 35, B. Skinner 35.
Women: J. Patching 38, J. Cooney

36, M. Thomson 33.

Saturday 11 November

2B Ambrose

Men: P. Harman/R. Harman 54, K. Martin/K. Rivett 54.75, T. Vivian/S. Harris 55.25.
Mixed: D. Harman/N. Harman 58.25, P. Rohrlach/S. Pendle 58.5, J. Patching/D. Marsland 59.75.



UP FOR THE CUP: Loxton Golf Club hosted its annual Melbourne Cup Day Ambrose and lunch, with winners crowned both on-course and off for a four-ball Ambrose and a horse racing game. PHOTOS: supplied

Home side snaps its winless streak

JUST one side remains winless after four rounds of Riverland division one tennis, with a top club breaking its drought in last weekend’s designated match of the round. Renmark welcomed Loxton Yellow on Saturday for a clash between the two early-season cellar dwellers, and the match that followed would eb and flow through to the end.

Renmark took an early 3-1 lead after the doubles, with father and daughter, Phil and Tasman Smith registering a win for the visitors. Loxton hit back in the singles in convincing fashion, winning three of the four contests, with youngster Henry Dring the sole winner for Renmark.

Scores were tied at 4-4, when Jackson McGuire and Haylee Poulish proceeded to put the home side 5-4 up, making for a grandstand finish.

At four-all in the final rubber and with the game in the balance, father and son, Ben and Henry Dring, edged out Justin Lane and Tasmin Smith 6-4 to secure Renmark’s first victory of the season.

Meanwhile, Berri maintained its status as the team to beat with a win over Cobdogla Blue, thanks largely to a strong singles performance that saw the side drop just one rubber.

Elsewhere, Cobdogla Gold roared back into form against Loxton Black, trouncing the visitors 10-0 on Saturday. The home side churned out wins in every rubber across both the singles and doubles, securing its third win of the season and moving into second spot.

In the junior divisions, Renmark took the chocolates in the yellow division’s match of



Justin Lane in action for Loxton Yellow. PHOTO: John Pick

the round against Cobdogla Blue. Henry Dring and Joel Sleep stood out for Renmark, while Angelo’s Myer and Jacob Bobbin recorded good singles’ wins for Cobby, with the game played in good spirits by all.

SENIORS DIVISION ONE MATCH OF THE ROUND Renmark 6-41 d Loxton Yellow 4-39

Doubles: E. Sleep/J. Pick d J. Lane/P. Smith 6-2; H. Poulish/B. Dring d L. Cockshell/L. Jachmann 6-0; E. Sleep/J. Pick d J. Lane/L. Cockshell 7-5; J. McGuire/H. Dring lost to P. Smith/T. Smith 2-6; B. Dring/H. Dring d J. Lane/T. Smith 6-4; J. McGuire/H. Poulish d L. Jachmann/L. Cockshell 6-2. Singles: E. Sleep lost to J. Lane 1-6; J. McGuire lost to P. Smith 0-6; H. Poulish lost to L. Cockshell 1-6; H. Dring d L. Jachmann 6-2. **Berri 6-52 d Cobdogla Blue 4-41** Doubles: R. Bielak/B. Rogers lost to H. Carter/ unspecified player (U/P) 6-7; P. Reid/C. Staehr d K. Liddell/U/P 6-0; R. Bielak/P. Reid lost to H.



Renmark youngster Henry Dring was instrumental in his side’s division one victory against Loxton Yellow, and featured prominently in Renmark’s win in the junior yellow division. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Carter/U/P 3-6; B. Rogers/C. Staehr d K. Liddell/U/P 6-2; R. Bielak/B. Rogers lost to H. Carter/U/P 1-6; C. Staehr/P. Reid d J. Inglis/U/P 6-3. Singles: R. Bielak d H. Carter 7-6; B. Rogers d U/P 7-5; P. Reid d K. Liddell 6-0; C. Staehr lost to J. Inglis 4-6.

Cobdogla Gold 10-60 d Loxton Black 0-18 Doubles: C. Battams/U/P d A. Waters/S. Gillett 6-4; T. Nettle/U/P d C. Cornelius/S. Erasmus 6-2; C. Battams/U/P d A. Waters/C. Cornelius 6-1; T. Nettle/A. Myer d S. Gillett/C. Kruger 6-1; C. Battams/T. Nettle d A. Waters/C. Cornelius 6-0; A. Myer/U/P d S. Erasmus/C. Kruger 6-4. Singles: C. Battams d A. Waters 6-2; T. Nettle d S. Gillett 6-1; U/P d C. Kruger 6-0; A. Myer d S. Erasmus 6-3.

DIVISION TWO Berri 12-94 d Barmera KIDS 7-77; Loxton 17-112 d Barmera GOATS 2-51; Cobdogla (bye).

DIVISION THREE Cobdogla 8-49 d Loxton Bashers 2-33; Barmera “Tennis the Menace” 5-37 d Moorook 5-36; Berri Racquetters 7-50 d Berri Ace Kickers 3-43; Loxton Smashers 6-46 d Renmark 4-42.

GIRLS DIVISION Berri Alisha Molik 5-35 d Renmark 2-25; Barmera Thunderbirds 7-49 d Loxton Barty 0-13; Barmera

Vixens 5-35 d Cobdogla 3-28. **JUNIORS GREEN 1** Renmark 7-44 d Berri 1-25; Loxton Millman 5-43 d Cobogla 3-29; Waikerie (bye). **GREEN 2** Berri Alex 8-54 d Loxton Newcombe 0-6; Loxton Hewitt 4-34 d Waikerie 4-32. **GREEN 3** Renmark 6-43 d Cobdogla 1-16; Loxton Kubler 3-30 d Barmera 3-29. **GREEN 4** Waikerie 8-48 d Berri Thanasi 0-12; Loxton Saville 6-43 d Cobdogla 2-16; Berri Dasha 7-49 d Barmera 0-21. **ORANGE 1** Renmark 5-26 d Waikerie 2-16; Barmera 6-26 d Loxton Popyrin 2-13; Cobdogla 4-23 d Loxton Kokkinakis 2-21. **RED** Berri Nick 4-27 d Renmark 3-15; Cobdogla 5-15 d Loxton Tomljanovic 3-12; Berri Ash (bye). **YELLOW** Berri Novak 6-41 d Loxton DeMinaur 2-30; Barmera 5-37 d Loxton Hijikata 3-29; Renmark 6-40 d Cobdogla Blue 2-24 (Match of the Round).

Masters make their way to the region

CRICKETING royalty is set to hit the Riverland this Friday, when the Australian Cricketers’ Association (ACA) Masters Tour comes to town.

The tour features cricket clinics at Loxton and Waikerie Primary Schools on Friday morning, before a T20 exhibition match between a squad of legends and a Murray Districts all-stars side takes centre stage at Loxton Oval.

The touring squad boasts famous SA cricketing names like Peter Sleep, who played 14 test matches for Australia across a decade, as well as Netherlands international Tom Cooper and dual-code athlete Katelyn Pope.

Also in the side is media personality and former Australia representative Wayne ‘Flipper’ Phillips, plus a number of fellow former state stars.

Riverland Turf Cricket Association juniors will have the bye on Saturday, allowing kids from across the region to attend a training camp and clinic run by the visiting players, followed by a community dinner at The Precinct, Loxton.

A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a talented young player from the region, which

includes the unique opportunity to receive mentoring from one of the Masters players following the tour.

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Peter Sleep
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Nathan Scadden
Reece Lehmann
Shilo Dabinett
Tom Wurfel



Brad Rosenzweig will lead the Murray Districts team against the ACA Masters touring side on Friday night at Loxton. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



BLACK ARMBANDS: The Renmark North Cricket Club donned black armbands over the weekend in the A grade, B grade and the under 12s, in honour of beloved club member Jacob Mackenzie’s father, Paul Eric Mackenzie, who passed away earlier this month. PHOTOS: Facebook



Novita's donor development specialist Matthew Robran (back,m left) with volunteers from the organisation at Waikerie on Sunday. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick



Boats lined up along the Waikerie riverfront on Sunday in preparation for the Mighty River Run fundraiser that will run from Monday until tomorrow when it will wrap up in Waikerie.



Crews from the Mighty River Run fundraiser and clients from Novita met for lunch at The Precinct, in Loxton, and dressed up as their favourite characters. PHOTO: supplied

Fundraiser on the Murray returns

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

PARTICIPANTS of the Mighty River Run fundraiser are thrilled to be back on the River Murray after high flows and an approaching flood forced them to cancel last year's event.

The crews are keen to raise more than \$500k this year.

This event is the 16th to raise money for Novita, SA's biggest providers of disability supports, services, and equipment.

The crews from across SA, including the Riverland, arrived in Waikerie for a safety compliance

inspection on Sunday followed by an official opening dinner at the Waikerie Hotel.

Novita's donor development specialist Matthew Robran said the evening was an enjoyable way "to kick off" the event.

"We presented some awards and were able to introduce the teams to everyone, particularly the new crews and more fundraising was done," he said.

Mr Robran believes raising half a million dollars would be achievable for the crews.

The 36 boats then left from the Waikerie Riverfront on Monday

for their five-day cruise along the river.

Mr Robran said it was "terrific to see" the boats cruising single file along the river again.

"We know everyone in those boats has done an enormous amount raising money for Novita," he said.

"For them to get their reward for the effort they do by enjoying the Murray and a beautiful day with their friends and colleagues on the river was really nice."

The crews on Monday had lunch at The Precinct, in Loxton, with clients from Novita, who receive

support from the funds that are raised.

Both the Mighty River Run participants and the crews dressed as their favourite characters.

A tribute night to the late Russell Ebert was then held on Monday night at Berri.

The Berri-born AFL footballer and coach who died in 2021 was a co-founder of the annual fundraiser for Novita and supported the organisation and people living with a disability for 40-years.

Yesterday, crews were expected to leave Berri at 8.30am and head to the Woolshed Brewery for

lunch at Murtho, and have dinner at Renmark.

Today they will travel from Renmark to Moorook South and then to Barmera, where they will spend the night.

The crews will then leave Barmera tomorrow morning and have lunch at the Overland Corner Hotel, before wrapping up their fundraiser at Waikerie.

Mr Robran said "everyone was enjoying being back on the river again" after last year's event was cancelled.

"The river is looking fabulous," he said.

Sunny days continue in softball action

SUNRAYSIA continued its strong start to the Riverland softball season, taking down another cross-border rival in emphatic fashion in last week's round of action.

Berri made the trip to Mildura to take on the A grade ladder leaders and came up short by six runs, making it three consecutive victories for the Sunraysia side.

Breeana Wade was crowned the Domino's Renmark Player of the Day after her strong performance in the win, while Tara

Martin and Steph Neaylon also contributed well.

Cheryl Taylor was best for Berri alongside star players Kristen Hibberd and Cara Venning.

Berri's fortunes differed in the B grade, as the side secured a narrow victory over Cobdogla.

Vanessa Wade led the side to a two-run win, while Chantelle Starkey impressed for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Loxton trounced Renmark by 20 runs in the B grade competition, and Cobby's C grade

side came away with the chocolates against Renmark.

A GRADE
Sunraysia 8 d Berri 2.
Best: Sunraysia – B. Wade, T. Martin, S. Neaylon. Berri – C. Taylor, K. Hibberd, C. Venning.

B GRADE
Berri 18 d Cobdogla 16.
Best: Berri – V. Wade, L. Banks, A. Collard. Cobdogla – C. Sharkey, J. Cook, M. Haaja.

Loxton 26 d Renmark 6.
Best: Loxton – B. Pahl, J. Hucks, A. Munster. Renmark – B. McAllister, R. Broad, S. Jungfer.

C GRADE
Cobdogla 7 drew with Renmark 7.
Best: Cobdogla – K. Swart, B. Smith, K. Sharkey. Renmark – R. Broad, S. Stevens, P. Seekamp.



Marley Fridd had the best of both worlds last week, turning 13 years of age and making her Riverland baseball debut on the same day. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Red-hot baseball form continues for Berri

A COMPREHENSIVE performance saw the reigning Riverland baseball champions stamp their authority on the competition last Friday night at Glassey Park.

Up against a crop of up-and-comers in the Riverland Pirates outfit, Berri Red set about reaffirming its status as the team to beat this year, blasting seven runs in each inning to run out victorious.

Jesse and Jamie Frazer secured four bases each, while Paul Reid nailed a three-bagger in the first inning to set the tone for the side.

Tony Halupka's consistency on the mound was too much to handle for the young side, with the Pirates held scoreless across the three innings, as Berri's form at the plate continued.

Steve Goldspink and Luke Sutherland were also influential with the bat, while Red batters were walked 11 times throughout the contest.

Meanwhile, Renmark was made to work hard for the points against a spirited Berri Blue side.

The Angels scored an early lead, with Raiden Wakefield the standout player with

bat in hand, and last season's grand finalists never took their foot off the gas.

Some great fielding helped keep Blue in the contest, with youngster Ethan Thomas taking a great catch at centre-field to end Renmark's bat.

Riley Halupka brought in two runs to put Berri Blue on the board in the final inning, but the damage was done, as David Grenfell's strong pitching had helped keep Blue scoreless to that point.

RESULTS

Innings	1	2	3	T
Berri Red	7	7	7	21
Pirates	0	0	0	0

Bases: Berri Red – P. Reid 5, Jesse Frazer, Jamie Frazer 4, S. Goldspink 3, L. Sutherland 2, W. Cox, A. Arnold. Pirates – A. Halupka, R. Halupka.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	T
Renmark	0	2	4	1	0	7
Berri Blue	0	0	0	0	2	2

Bases: Renmark – R. Wakefield 3, C. Lawton 2, D. Grenfell 1. Berri Blue – R. Halupka, A. Arnold 2, R. Bevis, W. Cox 1.



DYNAMIC DUO: Emma Hoffmann (left) and Trish Stieler took out the Riverland Women's Eightball Association mystery doubles tournament at the Lyrup Club on Monday night. PHOTO: supplied

5RM NATURAL FRACTIONS BERRI HOTEL SPOTY

BEN LENNON

ANOTHER name has been etched into Riverland sporting folklore, with a local gymnast’s triumph at last Friday’s 5RM Natural Fractions Berri Hotel Sportsperon of the Year Awards a sign of what can be achieved through commitment and hard work.

At just 19 years of age, Rebekah Thomson was crowned the Riverland’s top sporting performer for 2023, following a stellar year in the gymnastics arena, particularly in the field of trampolining.

The teenager, who is currently on national trampolining duties at the world championships in Birmingham, began her career at the Riverland Gymnastics Academy at the age of nine.

Since then, she has gone from strength to strength, representing her state and country at various tournaments with plenty of success along the way. But it all started in the Riverland.

“I am so honoured to have been named this year’s Riverland Sportsperon of the Year winner,” she said.

“I couldn’t believe it when my Mum sent a photo of the winner’s trophy to me with my name on it.

“I had to check it twice, as I had just landed in Birmingham and was quite tired after the long flights.

“I really didn’t think I would win it, but I am so very grateful to my Riverland Gymnastics Academy (RGA) coach, Carolyn Martin, for always supporting me and nominating me this year.

“Even though I recently moved to Adelaide so I could increase my training to six times a week, I am still a member and a coach with RGA, and hopefully always will be.

“It’s like home to me.”

Thomson’s win made history, as she became the first gymnast to win the award.

Although she was “disappointed” at being unable to attend the ceremony on Friday night, her mother Tammy was on hand to accept the award in her absence.

“I have attended a few of these nights now, and have always enjoyed them, so I was really disappointed when I found out I wasn’t going to be able to attend this year,” she said.

“I’m sure my mum was secretly hoping that I wouldn’t win though, so she didn’t have to accept the award on my behalf.

“She doesn’t like public speaking and probably wanted to walk out when she heard my name called.

“I really would like to thank my mum and dad for everything they have done and continue to do for me to make all this happen. I couldn’t do it without them.

“I would also like to thank 5RM, the Berri Hotel and Natural Fractions for sponsoring and putting on such a great event, where all the local athletes are recognised for their achievements.”

A plethora of other local stars were also



Riverland gymnast Bek Thomson was crowned Riverland Sportsperon of the Year on Friday night at the Berri Hotel. PHOTO: supplied

celebrated on Friday night, while guests were entertained by a mid-evening interview conducted by Lachie Winnall, showcasing the life and times of the latest Graham Charlton Legend of Sport inductee, Vicki Jaensch.

Jaensch relived her early days with the Berri Swimming Club, where she learnt the skills that would make her a formidable swimmer on the Australian circuit in her late teens and early 20s.

Jaensch spoke with immense pride of her local club, which saw success earlier in the night, when Michael Kassebaum was rewarded for his tireless poolside efforts with the Almondco John Ormsby Coach of the Year Award.

Kassebaum is a much-loved figure around the club, wearing many hats on a weekly basis.

He cited the “smiles on kids’ faces” as a driving factor behind his coaching career, with an emphasis placed on achieving personal bests and getting young people in the water culminating in the club taking out all three Riverland championships in 2022/23.

Meanwhile, Summer Smith added to her rapidly growing resume by taking out the prestigious Magic 93.1 Gallard Group Peter Frankcom Junior Sports Star Award, ahead of a particularly talented class of nominees.

The star netballer finished first ahead of lawn bowls star Cameron Hill, following an exceptional year at both local and state level.

Rounding out the award winners was fitness guru and Riverland stalwart Alan Coulter, who gave an inspiring speech about his journey and life in the Riverland.

Now in his 70s, Coulter took out the Almondco Steve McFarlane Contribution to Sport Award ahead of ‘Table Tennis Dennis’ Robinson and Damien Philp, after dedicating decade after decade to helping Riverland athletes.



5RM general manager Greg Bakker with newly inducted Graham Charlton Riverland legend of Sport Vicki Jaensch, Wendy Gambling and Todd Charlton. PHOTOS: Ben Lennon



Almondco John Ormsby Coach of the Year finalist Stephen Marks with winner Michael Kassebaum.



Almondco Steve McFarlane Contribution to Sport Award winner Alan Coulter (left) with fello finalists Dennis Robinson and Damian Philp.



Magic 93.1 Gallard Group Peter Frankcom Junior Sports Star finalists Lachlan Stokes (left), Cameron Hill (runner-up), Bailey Hahn, Summer Smith (winner), Molly Petersen, Lachlan Keynes and Jarred Lawrie.

Berri Swimming Club duo Vicki Jaensch and Michael Kassebaum with their awards.





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5RM general manager Greg Bakker (left) with Tammy Thomson (mother of Sportsman of the Year winner Bek) and SPOTY nominees Kayla Mudge, Judy Strauss, Liam Richardson, Jesse Will and Elise Foulds. PHOTO: Ben Lennon. INSET: 2023 winner Bek Thomson was unable to attend due to her involvement at the World Trampoline Championships at Birmingham. PHOTO: supplied

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