



Getting ready for the festive season are Loxton sisters Maddalyn, 13, Erin, 5, and Kasey Hoffmann, 8.
PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



Just call us the Merry Pioneer

THE festive season is calling and this week's edition of *The Murray Pioneer* has your Christmas event planning sorted.

The 2023 *Riverland Christmas Gift Guide* is inserted free, stacked with event information for all over the region to help set your plan of festive outings throughout December, and gift ideas from local businesses for every member of the family.

The winning Christmas poem is revealed in the *Gift Guide*, written by Sophie McDonald of Waikerie Lutheran Primary School, and the runners-up are announced.

Inside the paper you will find feature spreads on the upcoming Barmera, Renmark and Morgan Christmas pageants, highlighting all the exciting things each event will bring to its respective town.

The final *SA Farmer* of 2023 is also included free this week, with feature stories from across the Riverland, Mallee and Lower North.

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from current challenges, according to a governing body's long-term plan, unveiled in Lyrup yesterday.

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Woman arrested for petrol theft

MURRAY Mallee Police at Barmera have investigated a spate of petrol drive offs from Riverland service stations, resulting in the arrest of one woman.

On Saturday 18 November, a 48-year-old woman, from Renmark, was arrested and charged with 15 counts of theft.

She has been bailed to attend the Berri Magistrates Court on 22 January 2024.



Local drivers caught breaking road rules

RIVERLAND police have had a busy couple of weeks on local roads with one local motorist reported for driving while more than double the legal alcohol limit.

On Friday 10 November, police reported a 26-year-old woman after she was stopped while driving a motor vehicle on Twentyseventh Street, Renmark South.

She underwent a breath test and returned a positive result of 0.119.

The driver was issued a six-month immediate loss of licence notice and will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Saturday 11 November, Riverland police stopped a motor vehicle on Renmark Avenue, at Renmark.

Checks revealed that the driver, a 28-year-old woman, from Berri, was disqualified from driving and was reported for driving while disqualified.

Her car was impounded for 28 days and the driver will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

Police then reported a 48-year-old woman, from Waikerie, on the same day for driving while disqualified.

It is alleged that she was stopped on the Sturt Highway, at Blanchetown, for the purpose of a random breath test, with checks revealing that she was currently disqualified from driving.

Her car was impounded for 28 days and she will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court a later date.

Flood work continues on major local road

ROADWORKS on a major road connecting two Riverland towns are expected to continue into December.

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport has been undertaking flood recovery works on Bookpurnong Road, between Gurra Road and Kemp Road.

The project involves fixing up the sides of the road and repairing the road surface, which was damaged in the River Murray flood.

A DIT statement estimates the works will be completed in early December.

“Traffic will be intermittently reduced to a single lane with temporary traffic signals in place to control the direction of traffic,” the statement read.

“Outside of working hours, the road will re-open to traffic in each direction with some



Flood recovery works are currently being undertaken on a section of Bookpurnong Road, between Gurra Road and Kemp Road.

IMAGE: supplied

speed restrictions in place.”

A section of Bookpurnong Road was closed between December 2022 and February 2023, due to high water levels.



The SACWA Loxton District Branch raised about \$2000 from its Christmas market on Sunday. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

Market bicky jars in hot demand

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LARGE jars filled with homemade biscuits were the hot ticket item at a special Christmas market in Loxton on Sunday.

The SACWA Loxton District Branch held its Christmas market in “perfect” weather conditions and president Carol Beswick said she was “really pleased” with the result.

“All in all it went really, really well,” she said.

“It was worth well it.”

Mrs Beswick said

she was disappointed some stallholders were a no show on the day, but said the event was still a success, raising about \$2000.

“The cookie jars go really well every year,” she said.

“We use the Moccona coffee jars and the ladies decorate them with Christmas decorations and then everyone does a lot of cooking and the jars are then filled with home-made biscuits.

“I think we had 102 big jars and then we had quite a few cellophane bags filled too.

“I think within an hour, they had walked out the door.”



At the SACWA Loxton District Branch Christmas market on Sunday afternoon were Gemma Downe and Lyn Steicke.

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Funding to support wine blueprint

ALEXANDRA BULL

FOCUSING on “sustainable production levels” and adapting with market trends will be key to the Riverland wine industry’s recovery from current challenges, according to a governing body’s long-term plan.

The State Government yesterday announced a \$200,000 commitment – to be delivered over two years – towards support of the Riverland Wine Industry Blueprint, which was launched yesterday by Riverland Wine at the Riverland Wine Centre.

The 10-year blueprint defines a pathway to recovery following the challenges of recent years, including an oversupply of commercial red wine grapes, the loss of the China market, the Covid-19 pandemic, escalating input costs and extreme inflationary pressure on global shipping rates, and changing consumer preferences challenging the industry’s sustainability.

The blueprint was developed with the support of Riverland wine, the State Government, Wine Australia and Wine Grape Council of SA.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven launched the blueprint at the Riverland Wine Centre, at Lyrup, along with Riverland Wine independent chair Dr Darren Oemcke and Riverland Wine representatives.

Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe said ensuring the industry was profitable for local winemakers and grape growers was a priority.

“This blueprint will assist the Riverland wine industry as it continues to deal with ongoing challenging conditions and navigates its way through changes to improve productivity and ensure sustainability of the sector over the next decade,” Ms Rowe said.

“By working together, industry and government have come up with this strategic plan to ensure a return to sustainable and



Grape grower Brett Rosenzweig, independent chair of the Blueprint Steering committee Dennis Mutton, project manager of the Riverland Wine Blueprint Justin Ross, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven, Riverland Wine independent chair Dr Darren Oemcke, Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe and Mallee Estate managing director Jim Markeas at the Riverland Wine Industry Blueprint launch. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

profitable grape and wine production in the region.”

Five priorities outlined in the blueprint are:

- ❑ A rapid transition to more sustainable production levels
- ❑ Becoming an adaptable wine region responding to trends and filling market gaps
- ❑ Developing and promoting a meaningful regional identity
- ❑ Developing passionate leaders and a skilled workforce
- ❑ Supporting agile wine businesses that are sustainable and profitable

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said the State Government funding would support the implementation of these priorities.

“Growers and producers in the Riverland wine region have been through what can only be described as one of the industry’s toughest periods,” Ms Scriven said.

“This investment will help support the region’s grape growers and winemakers to get on the road to recovery.

“We are committed to working in collabo-

ration with the Riverland wine industry to help implement the recommendations identified in the blueprint as priorities, which is why I’m delighted to announce after initially funding the development of this blueprint we are now able to provide further funding for its application.”

Ms Scriven said the \$200,000 commitment is “really about making sure Riverland Wine has the resources to progress to the next step”.

“Collaboration is one of the key things that has been identified as being essential for the Blueprint to be fully realised,” she said.

“The Blueprint is designed to set-up the industry for the next 10 years so we can continue to have a thriving industry, and a better and stronger development of the industry in the Riverland.

“It will provide the resources to continue that engagement with all of the parties involved in the industry here in the Riverland.”

For more information and to view the Blueprint, visit the website (www.riverland-wine.com.au).

Special meeting to be called for the Queen

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL council is expected to call a special meeting in the coming weeks to decide if a prominent Riverland paddleboat will call Loxton home.

The Murray River Queen, which is currently moored at Renmark, is attempting to relocate to Loxton’s riverfront following an ongoing process.

While the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) has supported plans to move the vessel, it has requested more information regarding costs for permanent mooring facilities.

The construction of the Murray River Queen mooring facility is currently out for tender and will close at 4pm today.

Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton said he expected to call a special meeting in the coming weeks.

“We’ll get the tenders in and we’ll have to do evaluations on them,” he said.

In April 2021, DCLW elected members agreed in-principle for the Murray River Queen to relocate from Renmark to the Lions Park, Loxton, near the Tree of Knowledge.

At DCLW’s September meeting, councillors agreed for Ms Neale to repay council’s investment into the mooring facility over 15 years via the annual sub-licence fee, with higher fees in the middle years (two-10 years).

The Murray River Queen currently has a sub-licence agreement with Renmark Paranga Council, allowing it to stay moored at the Renmark riverfront until the end of January.



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Water safety programs available this summer

ALEXANDRA BULL

AHEAD of National Water Safety Day, Surf Life Saving SA is encouraging Riverland youngsters to get involved with water safety programs in the area.

With VACSWIM programs kicking off over the summer school holidays at pools across the Riverland, the aim of the program is to not only teach young people how to swim but to also educate them on how to keep themselves safe in and around the water.

“We are delivering VACSWIM programs at seven locations within the Riverland in December and January, and excitingly we have two new locations with Lake Bonney and at the River Murray in Renmark,” said Natasha Hudoba, Surf Life Saving SA community programs manager.

“For us it’s to provide more children with the opportunity to learn how to be safe around different types of water.

“There are opportunities for the children to participate in potentially a pool for one block and then go to the river for the next block; they are learning similar skills on how to be safe but adapting those skills to be

relevant to the environment they are participating in.

“With summer being super-hot this year we are expecting more people to head down to the river.

“Given the flood last year and people not having the opportunity to use the river, we are really hoping we can educate kids, as well as their parents, to make sure they are using the water safely and hopefully prevent any drownings around the water.”

As well as the VACSWIM program, Surf Life Saving SA will now offer the Rippers program, the Riverland’s take on the iconic Nippers beach program.

“The Rippers program will occur over the weeks in the first school term next year and will follow on from VACSWIM,” said Georgia Brazenall, Surf Life Saving SA member development manager.

“It’s a river and lake adaptation of the traditional Nippers program we run at beaches in South Australia.

“Kids aged five to 12 will be able to learn water safety and rescue skills, and they will be able to compete in some surf sports that are adapted to the river environment, like swimming, board paddling and sprinting.

“They will be learning well-rounded skills to eventually become a lifesaver but in the environment they have grown-up in.”

The Rippers program will be held at Lake Bonney and Renmark over February and March 2024.

Ms Brazenall said Surf Life SA saw a gap in open water safety training in the Riverland for children, which resulted in the creation of the Rippers program.

“At the beaches, children have the opportunity to see lifesavers wearing the red and yellow, and see the flags up and know they are going to be looked after,” she said.

“We don’t have those services as far extended across the state as we would like and that all starts with the Nipper program and educating children on how to be safe and eventually grow into the lifesavers that will watch the waterways and look after the community into the future.”

Ms Brazenall and Ms Hudoba also visited schools in the Riverand last week, holding theory sessions with students on how to be safe around water in the lead up to summer.

For more information visit (www.surflifesavingsa.com.au/).

“They will be learning well-rounded skills...
- Georgia Brazenall, Surf Life Saving SA member development manager



Federal Government funding for a proposed bypass to divert heavy vehicles around Truro was last week scrapped in a “disappointing decision”, according to a local transport operator.
FILE PHOTO

Truro bypass call to impact local drivers

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and PAUL MITCHELL

THE future safety of Riverlanders who travel the Sturt Highway to Adelaide will be compromised by a decision to scrap the planned Truro bypass, a local transport operation says.

Federal funding was last week officially withdrawn from a nationwide list of infrastructure projects, including the bypass, which was intended to deliver safety benefits by diverting heavy-vehicle traffic around Truro.

While the Albanese Government announcement has drawn criticism from the opposition at both state and federal levels, a local transport operation says the decision will have hyper-local impacts.

“This is a very disappointing outcome,” said Justin Pickering, director and Renmark manager of Pickering Transport.

“The missed opportunity to create a dual-lane bypass, to keep pedestrians and motorists safe, can only be disastrous.

“There is a serious safety issue as Truro has outlived the volume of traffic that goes through there every day.”

The withdrawal of funding equates to a failure to tackle an acknowledged road accident hot-spot, according to Riverland-based Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who pointed to a strong response to a petition calling for the bypass.

Mr Whetstone also said the SA Labor Government had played a role in the Truro project’s demise by failing to advocate for the project.

“This government is doing nothing to address the 40 horrific deaths that have occurred on one of South Australia’s deadliest highways since 2018,” Mr Whetstone said.

“Labor has failed the 4000 people who travel the Sturt Highway every day and the 12,436 community members who signed the petition in strong support of the Truro freight route.”

Mr Whetstone called on the SA Government to step in and “deliver this critical piece of infrastructure in full”.

“There are more heavy vehicles and commodities on the road than ever before since Labor closed rail in Loxton and Pinnaroo,” Mr Whetstone said.

Federal boost to road funding

INCREASED road funding will improve road safety, while also lifting the burden on councils, the Federal Government says.

After announcing infrastructure funding cuts last week, attributed to cost blowouts, the government says Roads to Recovery funding will rise gradually from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year, while Black Spot funding will increase from \$110 million to \$150 million.

The government will also

merge the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) and the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) into a new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

“Regional road networks have been battered by severe weather events over the last few years,” said Catherine King, Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

“This funding will help councils to fix and maintain our roads

“This investment will sup-

port regional communities, and help move freight to and from our rural production centres.

“We are doing this in a responsible way, to give councils the funding they need while also ensuring the increase doesn’t put pressure on inflation.”

The funding was yesterday welcomed by the GrainGrowers group, which said it was “great to see local roads getting the attention they deserve”.

Hoody's HANGING UP HIS BOOTS

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In December this year 2023, I will complete my 55 years in the Agricultural Machinery Industry. Looking back 55 years, was this goal in my mind? – I am not sure except that I knew then I had an absolute want and passion for agricultural machinery, the land, its soil and its owners.

Maybe I should write a book on these years and speak of the ups & downs, the friendships from it, the dramatic changes in agriculture over those years or more so the dramatic changes in how dealings in this industry have gone and are now being handled by the so called “corporate” style dealers.

Nevertheless, there comes a time that I do need to stop and “smell the roses” and silly me , I didn't listen or act on the serious warnings that I had on August 28TH 2020.

On this note, and very sadly I am announcing that I am going to “hang up my boots” as my body is very tired and in further need of “repairs and maintenance” – my wife has suggested that I will be a “new Bionic Man!”- I will wait and see.

I mentioned above that our industry has changed so dramatically over the past two decades, and in my opinion and sadly for you the primary producer, the day of the smaller agricultural machinery dealership are all over.

Until the day I die, my handshake will be my word and I will know you by your name or nickname – I never want to know you as account number XYZ!

The next line is the saddest, the most difficult and the longest time I have ever spent making a decision and I feel so sorry about it, as there will be 55 years of hands-on practical experience and a massive wealth of knowledge no longer available 24/7.

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My phone will always be on to help and advise you where and when I can.

I have not yet decided my business plans for the ‘wind down’ over 2024 – we will be open certain times each week – this will be advised.

I have totally enjoyed the 55 years in agriculture and I thank you all sincerely for your business and friendships.

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Company Director



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Hundreds of people gathered together to celebrate Monash Primary and Preschool's 103rd birthday last Friday. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

103 and still going strong at Monash

ALEXANDRA BULL

CURRENT and former Monash Primary and Preschool students came together with community members last Friday to celebrate the school's 103rd birthday.

After Covid-19 thwarted the schools 100th anniversary celebrations in 2020, around 300 people turned out for the occasion.

Monash Primary and Preschool principal Vanessa Wainwright said the celebrations were "magnificent".

"It was very momentous, and to have the Riverland Brass Band back up our school students made the event feel so special," she said.

"The event showcased all our students and their different performances they put on."

"It was a very special and humbling night and a lovely showcase of what has

occurred over the last 103 years."

Current students performed the Military Two Step, The Charleston and sung the Monash Primary School song, with the festivities also including speeches from former students, a roll call of previous students and a poem created by preschool students and educator Mel Alder.

"Everyone was very impressed by the students and their knowledge of the school history," Ms Wainwright said.

"I think there's always a worry that the history gets lost over time, so just hearing the children sing the Monash song and the traditional ringing of the bell, and sharing of where everything came from and what it is all about was a huge highlight."

"The students love looking at people who have been here over time and it just reminds them how special



the school is and how it has had an impact of lots of people throughout generations."

Mrs Wainwright said it was important for the Monash Primary and Preschool community to come together to celebrate the school's history.

"It all comes back to being part of the Monash community and people understanding how the school has evolved and the work of the returned soldiers," she said.



CEO's return confirmed

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A RIVERLAND council CEO currently on leave has confirmed he will return to the role next year.

Renmark Paringa CEO Tony Siviour said he was "looking forward" to returning to council, after a planned break was delayed due to the recent Murray River flood.

"Last year I intended taking three-months leave, however this was not possible due to the 2022 Murray River floods," Mr Siviour said.

"After 32 years in local government across six local councils I have accumulated considerable leave, which I am entitled to take. I commenced in August 2023 (and) I have been using this time to get back to the things that are important in life which sometimes get pushed aside due to busy schedules."

"I am looking forward to returning to my position at council in the new year. While I have been enjoying lots of fishing and boating I have missed being involved in some of the exciting projects council is currently working on, as well as watching some of council's long-term staff continue to grow and move into management roles within the organisation."

Mr Siviour joined Renmark Paringa as CEO in 2011.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said he remained "incredibly thankful" for Mr Siviour's "leadership and guidance" through the flood event.

"I continue to be amazed by the workload and issues that were dealt with by the emergency response team here at Renmark Paringa Council," Mr Hunter said.

"There were challenges daily and they were met in a timely and efficient manner. Staff visited all 38km of levees and not only made ongoing changes to plans on a daily basis, but also provided individual support for hundreds of ratepayers and visitors to our region."



• Tony Siviour

"There was no blueprint nor map for what should be done and many decisions had to be made before any funding was secured – we constantly pushed the boundaries to get ahead of the rising waters."

Mr Hunter said Mr Siviour's efforts would be vital in the ongoing flood recovery effort.

"Following the peak, we then had some 28 pages of recovery items to be worked through, and this was just the starting point for what has become a very-big agenda, likely to cost a further \$25m beyond the flood mitigation while trying to manage the loss of normal staff functions – from daily routines – for six months while we attended to the flood issues," Mr Hunter said.

"The public have been incredibly supportive, as has the State Government – but all of the efforts rely on quality leadership and our staff response was of the highest order – I for one will be eternally grateful for the work they did – the decisions they made and for what has been achieved to date."

"Following these efforts, our CEO took his well-deserved leave as per his decision in 2022 – delayed for our benefit."

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- Tony Siviour

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THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Pulling the rug out

SOMETIMES even the best of ideas go unrealised.

Last week’s announcement of out-comes from the Federal Government’s review of national infrastructure pro-jects – initially planned to last 90 days – may not have been the most surprising, but will still no doubt be a considerable blow to the local residents, businesses and members of government who were in support of constructing a Truro bypass.

Indeed, new stipulations for infra-structure projects to proceed – such as having an even funding split from State and Federal Governments – would seemingly make the project unfeasible in any form other than the most basic plan.

The project – formally known as the Truro Freight Route – is one of dozens across the country now cast into uncer-tainty, but the simple volume of planned infrastructure work fails to reflect the importance of these projects to their sur-rounding communities.

In today’s Pioneer we see a wide range of perspectives on the decision, including from our region’s MPs, a mayor, and the senior figure of a local transport company.

A similar message was echoed by all voices: that the Truro Freight Route was necessary to improving safety for those travelling between the Riverland and Adelaide.

Being able to commute such a long distance with a relatively comfortable journey – from Renmark to Adelaide for instance – when we have an appoint-ment, or want a weekend away, is something risky to take for granted. As has been seen far too much this year, sometimes the journey can also take a tragic turn.

The combination and sheer volume of heavy vehicles and people travelling for holidays or work would seemingly make the need for safe major roads a priority, and makes the Federal Government’s funding decision look quite puzzling.

Making this a one-two punch of sorts was an announcement that Federal Government funding to improve the conditions of roads – under the Roads to Recovery program – would gradually increase from \$500m to \$1bn each year, with Black Spot Funding also increasing from \$110m to \$150m.

While on face value this looks like a move to benefit all motorists, the more hardened sceptics among us would be expecting that extra funding to be spent largely on metropolitan roads, while fatal accidents continue to be experi-enced on our regional highways.

With its decision regarding infrastruc-ture projects, the Federal Government decision-makers have appeared to value budgetary pragmatism over the safety of citizens.

Time, and South Australia’s road toll, will be the ultimate judges of their suc-cess.



Recycling sleepers, Wunkar, 2023. In late October a problem with the railway in the Loxton Historical Village led to an unanticipated act of recycling. During the Village’s ‘big cleanup’ following the 2022-23 flood, a long-unused railway gangers’ cart (section-cart) was dusted down and ‘got going’. The cart used to carry the gangers when maintaining the local lines. Before running the cart on the Village railway, the timber sleepers were inspected. Many had rotted and needed replacement. But, where to find replacements? In 1912-13, the railway from Taillem Bend to Karoonda was laid with light rail (41lb/yard) on steel sleepers that surface-rusted but didn’t rot. In 1925, the Karoonda line was replaced with stronger rail (60lb/yard) to accommodate heavier locomotives, while the original rails and sleepers were recycled in the new Wanbi to Yinkanie line. Forty-six years later, in 1971, this railway closed, and many sleepers were repurposed as strainer posts in fences, but some 200 were abandoned in a farm-stack at Wunkar. Recently, a team from the village retrieved those sleepers that had for 52 years awaited salvage or scrap. The salvaged sleepers are now ready for their next recycling – installed in the village’s revamped railway. PHOTO: Richard Wood

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Serious about local bridge solution

AS readers would be aware the Twentyfirst Street bridge, in Renmark, was deemed unsafe after the 2022 floods.

It has been closed since the end of 2022.

An article in The Murray Pioneer (;RPC moves to speed up bridge process;, 15/11/23) state council “estimates con-struction for the new bridge – with the combined tender – to be complete in late 2025”. That is another two years. By that point the bridge will have been out for three years.

The Riverland Mini Mart, on Twentyfirst Street, has struggled over the past 12 months due to a lack of traffic that would nor-mally come into Renmark over the bridge. Another two years would be an unacceptable bur-den for this business alone.

It is also not a minor incon-venience for those living in the Renmark West area to either come into town via Ral Ral Avenue, or trying to get onto the Sturt Highway now from Twentyfifth or Twentysixth Street with the increased traffic.

Twentyfirst Street has been the main access to the Renmark Cemetery for funerals, to the Angove Family Winery for tour-ists and to the Waste Transfer station for many locals.

In the past I have attended a Renmark Paringa Council meeting and asked if they have considered a temporary bridge be installed, and provided Australian companies that sup-ply these.

There are Australian compa-nies such as Mabey Group that have temporary bridges for sale.

With the Federal Government cutting funding for approved projects such as the Truro bypass, in my view it would seem highly unlikely there is going to be funding or grants available for the Twentyfirst Street bridge in Renmark any-time soon.

Hence I believe it is now time for the Renmark Paringa Council to seriously look at a temporary solution for the Twentyfirst Street bridge.

ANN RYAN
Chairman
Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum

Inconvenient facts about Paruna park

I WRITE in regards to the article in The Murray Pioneer headed “Council sticks to Paruna campfire rules” (1/11/23).

I do not know what rules the council has for campfires at the caravan park at Paruna, but I do know it is illegal to burn pine posts and other toxic waste.

Having fire buckets for camp-fires is not going to stop some campers from burning hazardous material at the caravan park.

My property does not border the caravan park, but I do get the hazardous smoke from these fires at my place.

I do not get as much of the smoke from these fires as Peter Davis or other people staying at the caravan park, but why do we have to put up with the smell and hazards from these fires, and in Mr Davis’s case, be forced out of his own house to find a place to sleep?

What about other campers, what are they meant to do? Pack up and leave?

As stated by council CEO David Beaton, staff regularly visit the site to undertake main-tenance and “have not observed the camp grounds in the condi-tions Mr Davis claims”.

Mr Beaton also said “the council’s volunteer manager also has not regularly observed such behaviour”.

The reason they have not observed these conditions is because Mr Davis cleans up the unsightly mess from campfires when the campers leave.

As for “council’s volunteer manager at the site liaises directly with the users of the site at the time of payment and cleans the facilities regularly”, the manager only liaises with campers when they pay for camping fees and to collect the key for the shower.

The manager is not at the site, as claimed. Campers go to the manager’s house to do this and are not given receipts.

I believe the facilities are not cleaned on a regular basis and that they are lucky to be cleaned once a month, the only time the manager spends at the caravan park, which is only about 20 minutes.

I understand the manager is not a volunteer and is paid.

I also understand that Paruna

Progress Association is supposed to be involved with the upkeep and help with maintenance of the caravan park.

If so, why is Mr Davis the only person that cleans up the unsightly mess from the camp-fires and planted shrubs that were supplied by council and waters them?

Should that be the job of the managers or Paruna Progress?

I can see most of the caravan park from my place and see Mr Davis doing some tidying up at the caravan park on a regular basis.

Paruna gets mail three days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The mail shed is at the caravan park. I sort the mail and I am there from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on mail days.

I am asked on a regular basis if I can sweep and wash the floors, to get rid of spider webs, for some more toilet paper, paper hand towel, or to fill the liquid soap dispenser, or to clean the toilets so people can use them.

Quite a few people look at the state of the toilets and leave.

Finally, regarding the Paruna Progress Association president, Adrian Wright, writing to coun-cil in support for leasing of the golf club land for community activities.

It might be that Mr Wright and the very few Paruna Progress Association members support leasing the golf club, but not the rest of the commu-nity, I believe.

JILL NORTON
Paruna

Reality of my Paruna camp experience

I WAS intrigued to read Jody Flavel’s and David Beaton’s accounts of what is going on with the Paruna campground and Pocock Memorial Park (‘Council sticks to Paruna camp fire rules’, Murray Pioneer, 1/11/23).

We must live in alternate realities.

My reality is based on first-hand observation.

My entire back fence adjoins the RV park and Pocock Park. I am able to observe what goes on all day, every day, as I rarely leave my property.

No receipts are issued by the manager, making the claim of a

fantastical increase in vans and tents hard to verify, yet this is the reason for council’s merger of the Eileen Pocock Park Lot 3 donated block with the RV park.

Let me assist Mr Beaton and Ms Flavel with some hardcore facts. From 1 October to 5 November, over a period of 36 days, 54 vans and/or tents, not even an average of two a night, were in the campground.

During this period both SA and Victoria school holidays were on, plus the Loxton Show and the Mindarie-Halidon Races were held. A cavalcade of cara-vans.

Luckily the donated Lot 3 Pocock Memorial Park and Playground was annexed.

I will be able to supply you with factual figures, as interestingly no receipts are issued to campers.

Jody apparently does not accept my account of campfire abuse and my sleeping in my car at the gravel pit as ‘firm evidence’.

In future I will video such abuse. In the meantime Cr Flavel, for your evidence bag, the toxic coals and ash from the treated pine posts illegally burnt outside my back gate, with the resulting gases filling my home, were finally tracked down.

The couple of campfire abus-ers who aggressively objected to me pointing out they were burning council property had thoughtfully placed the still-hot toxic chemical-laden waste in a plastic bag, along with the night’s 22 stubbies enjoyed, beside their highly toxic camp-fire.

Flammable waste was in the bin.

I believe the campground manager, who cleans the facili-ties regularly and liaises directly with the users of the site, appears once a week for around 10 min-utes. I think you may discover this is not a voluntary service.

I am on site and regularly interact or liaise with campers. They ask me if I am the care-taker.

Both the postmistress and myself have been asked on many occasions if we could supply the toilets with toilet paper, paper towels, loan them a broom to sweep out the toilets, or provide them with a receipt for monies paid.

PETER DAVIS
Paruna

“We must live in alternate realities. My reality is based on first-hand observation...”

- PETER DAVIS



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Historical links of Paruna

IT appears Jody Flavel (‘Council sticks to Paruna camp fire rules’, Murray Pioneer, 1/11/23) is confused over the Pocock Park’s origins, claiming it never was a Pocock Memorial Park or playground, just a bit of land where some relatives put up a sign or two and planted some shrubs.

So here you are Jody, some historical facts, and let’s get this quite clear.

Paruna from Scrub to Hub 1913-1983: Community Organizations Paruna Progress Association (pg 71):

“In 1965, this body accepted responsibility for the development and maintenance of the Pocock Memorial Playground. This is on land next to the Bowling Club, and was donated for a playground by Mrs E.E. Pocock”.

In reply to Jody Flavel’s claim of an historical link existing with fires on the grounds of Lot 6, where the Paruna Hall stood for 65 years and Lot 3, the donated land of the Pocock Memorial Park quietly merged with the campground mid-2023.

From 1965 and 1974 respectively, the Paruna Progress Association has been responsible for the maintenance and development of Lot 3 Pocock Park and Lot 6 the Hall.

Do Paruna Progress Association minutes contain a reference to the mid-year inclusion of Pocock Park into the Paruna Campground?

If Paruna Progress Association dealt with council on this matter and this was the outcome, why weren’t Paruna residents informed beforehand of the handover?

When did Paruna Progress Association hand over the development of Lot 6 to council for a campground? Where are the minutes pertaining to these matters?

I understand the Progress Association books are being reviewed by a statutory authority.

For your information, Jody, fires are not an historical occurrence on Lots 3 or 6. In my view the campfire nuisance came to Paruna residents, not the other way around.

I doubt a court of law would uphold your ‘historical’ defence of campfires in a case of nuisance brought against council-lors and the Loxton Waikerie council by Paruna residents.

I understand the Paruna Progress Association, like the local CFS, has few members, with volunteers deserting both bodies.



It will be interesting to see if both the Paruna campground and the community land leased to business entrepreneurs is lost to the community forever, eventually free-helded, and sold off by Loxton Waikerie council.

I understand this is going to be the case with the Loxton Big 4 Caravan Park, also council-owned. If privatised and sold off, will Loxton residents still be allowed access to the riverbank and floodplain?

I suspect it will be under licence to the council, who charge per night for no toilets and no power.

However, campfires are permitted and their unsightly remains are evident along the riverbank.

MICHAELA FOGARTY
Paruna

Digital reliance risk

THE Optus outage was a powerful reminder of the risks of totally relying on the internet for commerce and banking transactions.

The last service for our car was not able to be booked because their system was down.

I phoned them. They would get back to us. Then days went by and they didn’t get back to us, so we went to another garage and booked the car in as it needed to be serviced before our forthcoming trip. Even there, when we went to pay for the service they could not transact the payment because their system was down. So we paid with a cheque.

The use of cash and cheques

is being phased out. Digital services are very convenient when they are working, but can be utterly disastrous when they are not.

During a recent power outage a friend rang and asked if we, by any chance, had a jerry can of petrol he could buy to get him through until the power came back on for the service station pumps to work again. Country people are used to slow service or no service, but city people didn’t like it at all when it happened to them.

Internet thieves don’t even need to leave home to steal money and identities, and power and internet outages are inevitable, so the backup system is still needed.

It is time to stop the ridiculous big banks scheme to phase out the use of cheques and cash, and for the government to provide an alternative banking service in the way New Zealand and Japan have by establishing an Australia Post People’s bank.

This is not a problem ‘a few good funerals’ can fix. It is the responsibility of parliament to enforce rules that enable society to function, that is ensuring cash is accessible and accepted everywhere.

JEANETTE STAEHR
Barmera

Collateral damage?

THE deaths of innocent civilians in the Hamas war in Gaza is a tragedy. Even if it is because the combatants are embedded among the general population, the outrage and despair is

understandable.

Even if the objective is eliminating a terrorist threat it is difficult to accept such suffering and loss of life as collateral damage.

However, it cannot be used to justify the wave of anti-Semitism we are seeing. Using this as an excuse to foster hatred between religious faiths will not end well.

There are indeed differences that may initially appear irreconcilable, but far more could be achieved by investigating the root causes and working together to achieve a peaceful solution.

While the conflict continues civilian deaths will be inevitable and will only stop when the war stops and peace ensues. This is what we should be working towards.

We should have learnt from World War II when the many thousands of civilians were killed in bombing raids over cities and densely populated areas.

Have we forgotten the horror of Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, Hiroshima, et al and the destruction of infrastructures and death on such a massive scale?

Was the logistical effort and the loss of life on both sides the price we had to pay for victory and peace?

The command that ordered the bombing of cities and the crews that carried them out are seen as doing their duty and their actions justified as the means achieving the end. Why then do we see the actions of the Israeli Defence Force so differently?

The Jews were victims then. The Jews are victims now.

JACK TUBB
Renmark

Looking back...

10 years ago 22 November, 2013



Bunnings?

By ALEXANDRA LOKAN
The Riverland is an area of interest to Bunnings and its competitors in the region. The company has been seen at various public meetings and has been seen to be actively involved in the region. The company has been seen to be actively involved in the region. The company has been seen to be actively involved in the region.



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Glossop High School, SA, will welcome the school's longest serving principal at the end of the year.

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BUNNINGS?: Several Riverland businesses have banded together to oppose mooted plans by national home improvement company Bunnings to build a development in the region. Riverlanders Opposing Bunnings Development (ROBD) is a coalition of local business owners who hope to gain public support against a Bunnings store on the basis that it would cost local jobs. The group will hold public meetings in Renmark and Berri next week to ramp up support against a possible development.

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

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TEXT LINE

I want to know why there are always cars parked on both sides of the road between Loxton Lutheran School and Riverview Rest Home, when there is ample parking provided for staff and visitors. The road becomes a single

lane most days.

CB
Loxton

Scrapping the Truro bypass is another illustration of how regional communities are so often forgotten

in the halls of Canberra. When will our leaders learn that Australia isn’t run through city centres?

STEVE
Cooltong

Considering the state’s road toll

has reached the 100 mark for 2023, one would think any projects aimed at increasing road safety would be a priority.

JENEVIEVE
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CHRISTINE WEBSTER

“ It doesn’t mean that we can’t have access to a plan that tells us if and when duplication is going to happen, where it is going to go and what the program is...

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

“It was very well constructed. On the first day we had quite a thorough briefing on the state of

Their plan was to design and construct



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Riverland Wine lands resilience award

ALEXANDRA BULL

RIVERLAND Wine has been awarded the Regional Resilience Award at the 2023 South Australian Regional Showcase Awards for its recent photo exhibition showcasing stories of resilience and success.

The photographic exhibition, showcased at the National Wine Centre of Australia in Adelaide earlier this year, featured Riverlanders who were either attached to or in the wine industry, along with their stories.

The exhibition was shot by Matt Wilson, an award-winning photographer based in the United Kingdom.

Riverland Wine executive officer Lyndall Rowe said the team was “absolutely ecstatic” to receive the award.

“It’s validation of the genuine interest in our region and it’s thrilling to know the stories about the Riverland have resonated with the readers,” she said.

“This award is a testament to the unwavering resilience and determination of the Riverland wine community, in the face of significant challenges, such as Chinese tariffs, rising transport costs, and lower tourism numbers due to flooding.

“The exhibition featured powerful photographs and stories, and highlighted the exceptional journey of the Riverland. It underlined the diversity of our region and the unique challenges we have encountered.

“The incredible photographs taken by Matt Wilson celebrate individuals who are at the heart of our industry – grape growers, winemakers, hospitality and accommodation providers, and community members.”



Peter Hill and family next to his portrait at the exhibition. PHOTOS: supplied



An exhibition photograph of Ricca Terra winemaker Ashley Ratcliff shot by Matt Wilson.

“It’s validation of the genuine interest in our region and it’s thrilling to know the stories about the Riverland have resonated with the readers...”

- Lyndall Rowe

Councillor calls cuts ‘disgusting’

A RIVERLAND councillor has described cuts to South Australian infrastructure projects as “absolutely disgusting”.

The Labor Federal Government has axed almost \$400 million of funding to SA projects, including several major regional projects, notably the Truro bypass.

Berri Barmera councillor and deputy mayor Trevor Scott reacted savagely to last week’s news, taking to a personal social media account.

“We were sure this was going to happen,” Mr Scott said.

“Absolutely disgusting.”

PAGE 4 Bypass cancelled?

AgriFutures scholarship now open for university students

RIVERLAND university students can now apply for the AgriFutures 2024 Horizon Scholarship.

The scholarship provides a \$5000 annual bursary for the final two years of the students’ degree.

It also offers opportunities for professional development, industry work placements, exclusive networking events, and participation in industry gatherings.

Previously, the Horizon Scholarship program was open to students in their first two years of tertiary studies, but it is now available to students who are in their final years of study to better connect them with

industry networks, providing momentum when entering the workforce.

To be eligible for the Horizon Scholarship, entrants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident enrolled full-time in the last two years of an agriculture-related undergraduate degree at an Australian university.

Applications for the scholarship opened Monday 20 November and will close Friday 12 January 2024.

For more information and to apply visit (www.agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/horizon-scholarship/).



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Mental health boost for Renmark

RENMARK mental health services will receive a boost at the hands of Flinders University, which will roll out an innovative project aimed at expanding the reach of quality mental health services in underserved regional, rural and remote areas.

Funded by more than \$3.8m from the federal Department of Health and Aged Care Pathways to Practice program, the initiative seeks to attract, train and retain a new generation of mental health professionals, including psychologists, occupational therapists, mental health nurses and social workers, to bolster the mental health sector.

Project leader pro vice-chancellor Chris Brebner said “the initiative is underpinned by collaborations across Flinders University, drawing on strengths across mental health disciplines”.

“A ‘hub and spoke’ approach to mental health training will enhance the state’s workforce capacity and increase opportunities for more students to take up training in these fields,” he said.

“This approach aims to create a stronger pipeline of future mental health workers by training more students in non-acute mental health service settings, thereby encouraging them to enter the mental health sector upon

graduation.”

Co-ordinator Natalie Papps will lead the Flinders University project after a career in occupational therapy and work on solving health workforce challenges in Victoria.

“The goal is to increase the number of mental health clinicians by enhancing numbers of student placements across South Australia, including areas like Renmark, while also contributing real support to clinicians working in those communities,” Ms Papps said.

“This funding initiative provides key resources to further facilitate regional placements for students, enabling telehealth supervision and providing specialised supervisor training.”

Recent engagement with student placements in rural and remote areas through the National Disability and Insurance Scheme supports the program.

The new pilot project fits into the wider 10-year National Mental Health Workforce Strategy aiming to fill the demand for mental health services that are outstripping supply.

Health workforce professionals are unevenly distributed across Australia, notably in rural and remote areas, and indigenous communities.



Past members of the Petticoat Lane Auxiliary joined together in Berri last week to share memories from the fundraising group’s 55-year history. Back: Judith Becker (left), Shirley Ingerson, Dorothy Vlemmix, Emily Bishop, Irish Dale, Mary White and Mary Heuzenroeder. Front: Sylvia Vonic and Steph Knight. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

Celebrating 55 years of Petticoat Lane

ELYSE ARMANINI

MEMORIES were shared and achievements celebrated when members of the Petticoat Lane Auxiliary last week gathered in Berri.

The gathering at Calvary St Catherine’s was a special occasion for those attending, acknowledging the end of the group after 55 years of fundraising and community involvement in the Riverland.

As part of the closure, the final funds in the Petticoat Lane bank account – around \$15,000 – were donated to Calvary St Catherine’s, with a total donation amount from the half-century of fundraising estimated to be almost \$1m.

Recent member Mary Heuzenroeder, who spent time among the group with her mother as a younger woman, thanked the church communities and the committee “for their efforts over those years, raising money for St Catherine’s and now Calvary”.

“Many thousands of dollars have been raised and donated to purchase ‘big ticket’ items over the years,” she said.

“Wheelchairs, washing machines, a bus purchased for \$10,000, and much more.

“In the last three years alone, two multi-purpose hygiene Carendo chairs valued at \$14,000 have been funded by the

account. The efforts of Petticoat Lane have been invaluable with helping Calvary St Catherine’s and its residents.”

Calvary SA director of mission Mark McCarthy said it was “clear to see the impact the auxiliary that started in 1965 has had, not only on life at St Catherine’s, but the local community”.

“It brought together groups that were probably quite separate and sometimes polarised, with all of the different church groups, the cultural groups and the Riverland as a whole joining to make the Petticoat Lane bazaars such a wonderful experience,” he said.

“In a way, the by-product of that was the amazing fundraising for St Catherine’s.”

Mrs Heuzenroeder thanked the service clubs including Rotary, Lions and Apex for the support shown to Petticoat Lane over the 55 years.

“Thank you also to all those who have contributed in any way,” she said.

“From serving on committees and holding positions, to organising events and stalls over the 55 years. Special thanks and acknowledgement to Shirley Ingerson for serving as president for 25 years, and to June Reece for many years before that.”

Feedback wanted on mental health paper

RIVERLANDERS who have previously experienced challenges associated with mental health are encouraged to provide feedback on potential legislation reforms.

A discussion paper was released earlier this month as part of an Office of the Chief Psychiatrist (OCP) response to an independent statutory review of the Mental Health Act 2009.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton said feedback received would be used to inform the development of a draft bill to make amendments to the act.

“We need to get the balance right for our mental health laws – ensuring we prioritise wellbeing and rights of consumers, and protection and appropriate

treatment,” Mr Picton said.

“Reforming this legislation will be the next step in making real change for people experiencing mental distress.”

Through the release of the discussion paper, the OCP is seeking community feedback on a number of areas of the Act including:

❑ A greater focus on wellbeing and prevention strategies reflected in the Objects of the Act

❑ A focus on human rights – including how a person can be supported to make decisions wherever possible rather than have others make decisions for them

❑ Changed guiding principles written in a positive rights-based language

❑ Further safeguards for

children and young people who are subject to mental health treatment orders

❑ Promoting Aboriginal mental health, implementing culturally responsive and appropriate services and including a new Statement of Recognition of Aboriginal people that informs care

❑ Providing clearer frameworks, processes and roles, including a clearer structure for Community Treatment Orders.

Consultation via YourSAY will be open until 21 December.

For further information and to provide feedback on the discussion paper, visit the website (www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/mentalhealthactreview).

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Shirley Ingerson (right), Petticoat Lane president for 25 years, unveiled the commemorative plaque that will be displayed on a water feature at the front of Calvary St Catherine’s. She is pictured with St Catherine’s home manager, Harpreet Aulakh.

It’s Black Friday sales time in the Riverland

TRADITIONALLY American, the Black Friday sales event has taken over Australia in recent years.

The sales are a perfect time to get ahead on Christmas shopping for the bargain lovers among us.

Locally, some stores are offering incredible discounts, including Toyworld

in Renmark and Berri for the young and young-at-heart, and Harvey Norman for big-ticket items, with Christmas wishlists sure to be ticked off.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, more and more of Australians participate in Black Friday (and

Cyber Monday), taking the opportunity to save money in October and splurge in November.

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Orange bins get scrapped

WAIKERIE'S iconic orange bins will soon be unusable, with a local council agreeing to turn them into street art instead.

At last Wednesday's District Council of Loxton Waikerie meeting, elected members agreed to replace the orange waste bins in Waikerie's main street with stainless steel and plastic bins, following a number of safety risks with the iconic bins.

In a report to councillors, infrastructure services director Greg Perry said the bins were identified as a "significant risk" due to 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 orange bin is a garbage bag," he said.

"The waste garbage bags are relatively weak and susceptible

to tearing from sharp objects and (the) shear weight of deposited waste."

At the meeting, councillors Gary Pfeiler and Sonia Fowler moved the recommendation for council to allocate \$52,000 to replace the orange waste bins in the Waikerie main street precinct.

The bins will be replaced with 10 stainless steel 'wei kari' moth-style bins, while the remainder will be plastic waste bins and stands.

In the report, it stated that the Waikerie Ramco Grounds Committee was conscious the orange bins are symbolic to the town.

"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."

Loxton Waikerie councillors last week agreed to replace the orange waste bins in Waikerie's main street, PHOTO: Paul McCormick



The proposed replacement bins for Waikerie. PHOTO: supplied



BACK TO SCHOOL: Renmark Paringa Council representatives were last week given a tour of St Francis of Assisi College, in Renmark PHOTOS: supplied



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Students from St Joseph's School Renmark celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights last week. They are pictured creating Rangoli artwork. PHOTOS: supplied

Diwali celebrations give Renmark students cultural insight

ALEXANDRA BULL

STUDENTS from St Joesph's School Renmark recently celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

Throughout last week, students celebrated the five days of Diwali, which included the school's local priest talking to the students about the importance of the holiday, students from an Indian background sharing a video they created on Diwali, a group of students performing a dance and having a taste of Indian sweets, as well as creating Rangoli at the entrance to the school.

"Rangolis are drawn on the entrance of the houses as a sign to welcome guests and the Gods, so it's a very important part of Diwali," St Joseph's School Renmark teacher Giulia Del Zoppo said.

Mrs Del Zoppo said a number of students at St Joseph's celebrate Diwali and thought it was a "great way to connect with their community and how they celebrate".

"Our celebration of Diwali week was a culmination of all the teaching and learning the students across the school have been immersed in over the past 10 weeks in our

languages, art and technology unit based on India facilitated by Mr Reeks, Mrs Pfeiffer and myself."

It was the first year the school has celebrated Diwali.

"The kids have loved it. We believe it is significant to highlight this celebration as a community and have everyone involved," Mrs Del Zoppo said.

"As a teacher, I think it's important for students to learn about different cultures and how their classmates celebrate their religion and festivals."

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Horticulture representatives visit Canberra



Barker MP Tony Pasin (left), SA Senator Alex Antic, Bowman MP Henry Pike, and Citrus SA's Louise and Mark Doecke. PHOTO: supplied

REPRESENTATIVES from the Riverland's horticultural industries visited Parliament House in Canberra recently to highlight the vital role the Murray-Darling Basin plays in the production of food and fibre.

The Federal Government in August reached an agreement to deliver the Basin plan in full with the New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, and Australian Capital Territory governments, but without Victoria.

The agreement includes extending the timeframe to deliver 450GL of water for the SA environment from 2024 to 2026, and the reintroduction of voluntary water buybacks.

The Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee was open for public submissions until 11 October.

The Senate Committee is expected to hand down its report this month.

The inaugural Taste of the Basin event, organised by the group of Basin-based Federal Coalition parliamentarians, showcased a variety of produce from the Basin including wine, dairy, rice, fruits, nuts and cotton, all of which are dependent on irrigation.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the event highlighted the importance of water to Australia's food security

and economy.

"Producers were able to tell policy makers firsthand how important our rivers are to food and fibre production, from Queensland to South Australia," Mr Pasin said.

"Unlimited water buybacks will impact our productivity and will make food prices in Australia more expensive.

"Everyone wants a healthy river, but they also want healthy industries and communities and to do that we need jobs across the supply chain," Mr Pasin said.

Mr Pasin said Barker producers were represented at the event with Nippy's, Almonds Australia, and Citrus SA showcasing their produce.

Riverland citrus industry promotes the Basin's productivity

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Riverland citrus industry was among those promoting the variety and abundance of commodities produced along the Murray-Darling Basin.

Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke, his wife Louise, and Jeff and Tina Knispel from Riverland juice and flavoured milk producer Nippy's, were among those at Parliament House for the recent Taste of the Basin event.

Mr Knispel brought produce representing the citrus industry along to display during the deputation to Canberra.

Mr Doecke spoke to several politicians including SA Senator Alex Antic, Bowman MP Henry Pike, Federal Minister for Environment Tanya Plibersek's water advisor, Senator Anne Ruston, and National Irrigators Council chair Jeremy Morton.

"It was a very good opportunity to engage with the people who will develop the next steps in the Basin plan," he said.

Mr Doecke is opposed to the introduction of unlimited water buybacks in



Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke (left), Nippy's director Tina Knispel, Federal Barker MP Tony Pasin, and Nippy's joint managing director Jeff Knispel. PHOTO: supplied

the Basin.

"I think irrigators have already done their fair share for the Basin's health," he said.

"It is only irrigators and the infrastructure they use that has made the changes through the last round of buybacks and on-farm improvements to put

recovered water back in the river.

"I think we need to get some efficiencies from the environment to negate the need to take further water from growers."

Mr Doecke said SA growers had always been some of the most efficient growers in the country.

"We have had a cap on diversions for decades, if anything we should be rewarded with some seasonal allocation as other States have," Mr Doecke said.

"I don't think those who cry 'more water for the river' actually know what they are asking for.

"450GL of water taken from farmers equates to the districts of Renmark, Loxton, Berri, Barmera, and Waikerie all walking off their land and pumping no more.

"That's billions of dollars of export income and thousands of jobs gone for a river that, in South Australia's case, already uses (a lot) of its water for the environment.

"Think about the implications of the decisions to be made."

No new fruit fly outbreaks

NO new Queensland fruit fly outbreaks were declared, and no outbreak area boundaries were extended in the Riverland for the last fortnight.

The total number of outbreaks remains at 45 and restrictions remain in place for existing outbreaks and suspension areas.

Outbreak area boundary extensions also affect yellow suspension area boundaries.

The Fruit Fly Emergency Response Team has also welcomed a new incident controller, Con Poulos, who joined the team earlier this month.

A Riverland resident with a small horticultural property in Monash, Mr Poulos will be based at the Loxton Research Centre, providing local knowledge to the eradication program.

"I'm honoured to join the dedicated and determined emergency response team here at PIRSA, and taking on a new role in the fight against the fruit fly pest impacting the Riverland," Mr Poulos said.

"Our depth and breadth of experience in a range of fields the advantage we have over fruit fly, and I look forward to bringing new perspectives to the table as we work together in our goal of eradication."

The end date for all outbreaks is currently 8 February 2024, but this may change if more fruit flies are detected.

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The Bugle Hut is undergoing restoration and is expected to be completed by March.
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Bugle Hut farmers Jamie and Kiara Fisher, with daughter Aurora, at the Bugle Hut, which they are in the process of restoring. PHOTO: Jacob Jennings Photography

Restoration Bugle Hut

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

TELL people you are restoring a 106-year-old stone building and you will have them question your sanity.

That is exactly what is happening to locals Kiara and Jamie Fisher, who are in the process of preserving the Bugle Hut hall.

“People think we’re crazy,” Mrs Fisher said.

“People think we’re absolute idiots for investing in something that is worthless.”

The Bugle Hut hall, which is 25km north-east of Loxton, was built in 1917 and is in the history books as both an institute and school.

After moving to the area about 10 years ago, Mrs Fisher said she felt a sense of duty to preserve the building, which is on the corner of their farm.

“I contacted the previous owner a couple of times and they didn’t want to sell it, and then I contacted them again and finally they agreed to sell it to me,” she said.

“Over the last decade, I’ve seen the building go backwards, backwards and backwards.

“I just want to make sure it’s not just another beautiful stone building that either gets demolished or nature takes over and does it for us.”

Mrs Fisher said her main aim is for the building to give back to its local community.

“I didn’t originally know what I wanted to do with it, but after some considerations, I wanted to do something that the community is going to be able to utilise,” she said.

“We’ve never caught up with all of our neighbours.

“There’s nowhere for everyone to do that unless it’s somebody’s home.”

While once thriving communities, Bugle Hut and surrounding areas such as Nangari, Taldra and Taplan no longer have schools, halls or churches.

“The overall idea is for it to be a gather-

ing place for people from the 5311 area code I guess,” Mrs Fisher said.

Last month, a working bee was held, with current and former farmers from the area chipping in.

Mrs Fisher said the restoration works would include a “very basic fit out”.

“It’s going to be a big empty space,” she said.

“People from the area will be able to host birthdays and have end of harvest gatherings and shearing parties and just generally to celebrate things.

“Then further from there, if people from outside of the area want a cool venue, we will be hosting weddings and those sorts of things as well.”

The project, which is expected to be completed in March, will fit about 120 people.

The electrical fit and new floor was recently completed, while a new roof will go on next month.

“We have taken the ceiling out and we are not replacing it,” Mrs Fisher said.

“We are going to leave the rafters exposed and we have really nice lighting going in and a couple of ceiling fans.

“It is going to have a honed-cut concrete floor, so that will be nice and cool.

“To the church side of the building, we are basically doubling the footprint of the hall with an outdoor patio.”

Aside from people thinking the couple are “crazy” for taking the project on, Mrs Fisher said people were supportive of the venture.

“Everyone is equally as excited and willing to put in the effort, which is amazing,” she said.

“There’s been heaps of people who have said, ‘Wow, this is awesome. Thanks so much for essentially saving a piece of history’.

“I am really happy with the response, to be honest.”

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Despite its age, the Bugle Hut is still in solid condition. A new floor was recently laid, while the ceiling was removed. The rafters will be left exposed, while a new roof will be put on before Christmas. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Old favourites and new inclusions for Barmera pageant

ELYSE ARMANINI

CHRISTMAS spirit is alive and well already in Barmera, but it is set to get even more festive when the town hosts its annual Christmas celebration event early next month.

The Barmera Christmas Pageant and Firework Display has run for more than 40 years, and has established itself as a well-known, exciting event for locals – and visitors to the region – to look forward to each year.

The 2023 event will be held on Friday 8 December, with a range of entertainment options and things to see and do while spreading the Christmas cheer.

An ever-popular part of the

event, the vintage car parade will begin the night of festivities at 6.15pm, before setting up as a display by Rocky's Hall of Fame for those who wish to take a closer look.

Floats by local businesses and schools will take to Barwell Avenue for two laps in a parade following the vintage cars, with new and returning floats to look out for.

Returning to the pageant procession this year is the bike and scooter decoration competition for children aged eight to 13, allowing their creative sides to come out to play. Prizes will be awarded to the top three decorations, with \$50, \$30 and \$25 up for grabs respectively.

Santa will make his long-

awaited appearance during the parade before heading into his cave in Bonney Theatre, which will open for the season from 7pm.

While waiting for the firework spectacular – delivered by Ballistic Fireworks on the town oval from 9.15pm – event goers can find something to eat, enjoy live music and entertainment, including rides, a jumping castle, face painting, and performances by Mr Oopy, Marianna the Mermaid and Rosie Clark's School of Dance.

Barmera Christmas Planning Committee member and Barmera Central co-ordinator Kelsey Hogan said inclusive efforts have been made for pageant attendees this year.

"We are having a sensory space at the pageant, located in Langdon Terrace, by the Anglican Church, where you can view the float parade without the noises," she said.

"We are hoping this works well so we can continue to improve on this in the future."

While the pageant is the biggest event for Barmera during December, Ms Hogan said the town "comes alive" throughout the month with several special additions to the main streets.

"The Shop Windows and Street Display group have been working hard to decorate the Bonney Theatre balcony and providing new displays in the shop windows down Barwell Avenue," she said

"Santa's Cave will be open throughout December with new displays, and the Barmera Christmas Markets will be held on 3 December and joined by the Riverland Toy and Tucker Run.

"We would like to thank all volunteers involved in the Barmera Christmas planning who have helped throughout the year. If you wish to be a part of the Barmera Christmas planning please get in contact with us at Barmera Central."

Registrations for the float parade can still be made, with free entry. Forms can be found online (www.barmeratourism.com.au/download/float-entry-form) or by contacting Barmera Central (8588 2899).

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Community comes together for much-loved event

ELYSE ARMANINI

IMMENSE support has been shown in the lead-up the 2023 Barmera Christmas event after the organising committee called for help earlier this year.

The Barmera Christmas Planning Committee faced a bumpy start to the planning following a financial shortfall due to challenges in fundraising efforts such as Covid restrictions, the recent flood event, fruit fly outbreaks, and other operational issues.

Committee member Kelsey Hogan said the support received was “phenomenal”, including from businesses, community members, council and local schools.

“I cannot believe the amount of support we have received,” she said.

“We have hit many bumps in the road this year and it’s been quite a journey, but we are very excited to be going ahead and

hope to bring joy to the community once again and officially kick off the Christmas season in Barmera.

“Each sponsor or donation comes with its own story as to why they are helping us out, whether it be memories they have of the pageant and fireworks as a kid, or how the pageant itself makes them feel.

“It’s been such an incredible, heartfelt experience. We would like to thank these sponsors once again for their contributions – this event would not be happening if it wasn’t for their support, and we are very grateful.”

Major sponsors this year include Berri Barmera Council, SA Carp Frenzy, Ashborn Industries, Riverland Fabrications, Riverland Temporary Fencing, WIN TV and Ballistic Fireworks.

Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall said council was “proud to have been able to support the pageant this year to get them

past the financial difficulty”.

“To provide some extra funding as a once off to get them back on their feet so they can continue long into the future made sense,” she said.

“It’s such a popular event, not just for Barmera but for our whole district and the Riverland. I think everyone loves seeing all the work people put into the floats, seeing Santa of course, and nothing beats the fireworks at the oval afterwards.

“Council have a float in this year too – so I’m really looking forward to getting amongst it and seeing the pageant from a different side of the line this year.”

“It’s such a popular event, not just for Barmera but for our whole district and the Riverland.

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‘Extra special’ fireworks display

ELYSE ARMANINI

A FITTING tribute will be made for a local legend during the fireworks display at this year’s Barmera Christmas Pageant.

Riverland-owned business Ballistic Fireworks, run by founder Mike Philpot and his son Sean, has officially been part of the festive event for more than a decade.

Sadly, Mike passed away in October this year. He was the fireworks provider for the Barmera display for more than 35 years, and a much-loved member of the community.

Now manager Sean, and his mother Jill, are continuing the Ballistic business legacy, and the Barmera pageant is part of that.

“It’s a special event for our team, with the majority of our crew being local to the Riverland region,” Sean said.

“Each year we essentially do the show at cost price and our team volunteers their labour to ensure it’s the biggest and best event in the Riverland.

“We treat it as an opportunity to really do something special for our local community that has always been strong supporters of our business.

“Seeing the community and businesses rallying around the event has been unreal. The reputation of the event has always been an incredible one, and this is reflected in how many people have come together to ensure we can have the event again this year. We thank every single donor and sponsor for their contributions to make it happen.”

Sean said the team was working “extra hard” to put together a show in memory of his late father.

“Our team is dedicating this year’s display to Mike, it will be the biggest and best yet, we will have nearly 20 firing positions across the Barmera oval and plan on shooting nearly 600 individual fireworks.

“Bright colours and rapid sequences will be a feature, as well as the old man’s favourite song American Pie.”





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Riverlanders called to protect against Covid-19

RIVERLAND residents have been encouraged to protect those in the community who are more at risk of the effects of COVID-19, with the state recording a nearly 50 per cent increase in reported cases in just a week, coinciding with the start of holiday festivities.

During this wave, susceptible groups such as older people, those with chronic illness, or who are immunocompromised can enhance their immunity and reduce their risk of severe illness by having Covid-19 vaccine booster.

Latest case numbers reported on Tuesday November 14 with 2496 weekly cases recorded.

This compares to 546 cases recorded in the last week of August.

An average of 30 people a week are admitted to hospital with Covid-19, but there is often up to a two-week lag in hospitalisations after case numbers increase.

“With South Australia experiencing a COVID-19 wave as we head into the festive season, we are asking people to take sensible steps to protect themselves, their loved ones and the community,” Minister for Health Chris Picton said.

“This is especially important if you are older or live in aged care facility, and for those with medical conditions that increase the risk of severe disease.

“If you are eligible, please get a booster. Check in with your GP and plan so you can get antivirals quickly. It could save you a trip to hospital, or your life.”

As a relatively new virus, waves of

Covid-19 can be expected approximately every three to six months as population level immunity naturally wanes over time.

Vaccine booster doses are readily available through GPs and pharmacies. Current vaccinations offer protection against all variants, reducing the likelihood of severe disease, hospitalisation and death.

In addition, people who are in higher-risk groups are encouraged to have a plan in place with their GP to receive antiviral treatments if they contract Covid-19.

The most common variant reported in South Australia at the moment is XBB, a recombinant Omicron variant.

Less than five per cent of currently circulating strains are BA.2.86, a relatively new Omicron variant that is commonly referred to as Pirola. The current wave does not appear to be driven by Pirola.

SA Health chief public health officer professor Nicola Spurrier said “as South Australians we have the tools to reduce the impact of this current wave, and to protect those we love from severe illness”.

“I strongly recommend if you have a family member living in residential aged care, and they haven’t had a vaccination or a Covid-19 infection in the last six months, to speak to their aged care provider and support them to have another booster dose,” she said.

“Please take measures to protect others who are more susceptible to severe illness from Covid-19, including avoiding contact with them if you have symptoms and wearing a mask when necessary.”



Loxton local Lynn Hand is Loxcare’s new co-ordinator and said she is looking forward to working with the community. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Loxcare welcomes local Lynn

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOXTON community organisation has welcomed its new co-ordinator.

Loxton’s Lynn Hand has stepped into the Loxcare co-ordinator role and said she was looking forward to supporting the community.

“What I really enjoy is the fact that we are a not-for-profit organisation,” she said.

“We are giving back to the community and we are able to help people out

“I am hoping to bring

some new ideas to Loxcare to be able to build our membership base and expand on what we are doing here.”

Mrs Hand, who is a born and bred Loxton local, comes from a human resources, safety and administration background.

“I am really happy to be back in the community side of things,” she said.

Only a few weeks into the role, Mrs Hand said she was quickly realising the “many” services Loxcare provides.

“We basically look after

the Loxton area, so the old Loxton council area,” she said.

“Anyone in the Loxton area that is struggling, homeless, or in need, by all means come and see us.”

Loxcare has about 65 members and Mrs Hand encouraged anyone interesting in supporting the organisation to get in touch.

“We are always looking for volunteers,” she said.

Loxcare recently farewellled Bev Scarfe after four years in the co-ordinator role.



A TOUCH OF GREEN AND GOLD: Students from St Francis of Assisi College at Renmark were paid a visit by sprint track cycling Australian athlete Kristina Clonan. Ms Clonan discussed everything from nutrition to her training regime with the students, as well as offering them advice on how to get started on their own sporting career.

PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Efficient signing and witnessing process for rural SA

THE signing of statutory declarations and affidavits for South Australians in regional areas – including the Riverland – would be made easier under proposed State Government legislation reforms.

The State Government last month announced proposed changes to the state’s Oaths Act, permanently allowing for the electronic signing of statutory declarations and affidavits.

Attorney-General Kyam Maher said regional residents had limited access to lawyers and trusted persons eligible to sign and witness statutory declarations and affidavits.

“It’s often easier for South Australians living in metropolitan areas to find the legal practitioners or trusted persons needed to witness signings of affidavits or statutory declarations,” Mr Maher said.

“However, for people in regional and remote areas it can be a time consuming and costly task.

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Consultation on the proposed changes is expected before the end of 2023.

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Quilts of love get council support

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND council's community grant program has supported a local group's ongoing efforts to brighten the lives of those experiencing serious illness.

Renmark group Crafty Capers recently received \$1000 through Renmark Paringa Council's Community Support Funding program to purchase wadding used for quilts that are made and donated to hospital and hospice patients suffering serious, long-term or terminal illnesses.

Crafty Capers president Rita Blake said the quilts

assisted a patient's wellbeing, and were afterwards retained by them, or their family.

"We do this out of love for the people," Ms Blake said.

"We love sewing, but you can't keep all of them in the wardrobe. So you need to give them away, and they have a purpose."

"We're so grateful for council giving us the grant. It's important, because the wadding in the middle is quite expensive."

This year's quilts are being donated to Ronald McDonald House, Mary Potter Hospice and Cronio Facial patients.

The group has donated more than 900 quilts in the past seven years.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said "council recognises and supports the major contribution that not-for-profit organisations provide to our local community".

"We are confident that the funding provided will assist these organisations to deliver projects and events with strong community benefits for the Renmark Paringa area," Mr Hunter said.

New Crafty Capers members are always welcome and anyone interested can contact Ms Blake on 0407 949 546.



Renmark Paringa Mayor examining the quilts made by Crafty Capers, with the group's members Denise Bihun, Sue Dimitrijevic, and Lyn Ashworth, and president Rita Blake. PHOTO: supplied



Teachers from participating schools recently came together for professional development and teacher training with Growing with Gratitude and Makers Empire staff, and guest speaker Jo Rea from Scotch College. PHOTO: Makers Empire

Students learning to be Naturally Brave

NINE Riverland primary schools are currently taking part in a pilot program to help students understand disaster risk in their communities.

The Naturally Brave program, for students in years 3 to 6, aims to allow students to create a 'disaster reduction risk action plan', and to become well-informed on why and how natural disasters happen and the impact they have on communities and environment.

Students' emotional wellbeing is also set to be supported with skills such as ownership, volunteering, self-awareness and gratitude taught, plus coping strategies in an evacuation circumstance.

The program is delivered By Makers Empire, in partnership with Bushfire Kids Connect and Growing with Gratitude, and is supported by SA Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Joe Szakacs, and the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) through the Disaster Risk Reduction Grants program.

Local schools involved are:

- Berri Primary School

- Kingston-on-Murray Primary School
- Cobdogla Primary School
- Monash Primary School
- Glossop Primary School
- Loxton Primary School
- Barmera Primary School
- Renmark North Primary School
- Our Lady of the River, Berri
- St Albert's School, Loxton

"The Naturally Brave project is the ultimate disaster-ready initiative for young people, combining 3D technology, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), and a focus on empowering and assisting those affected by natural disasters," said Ash Manuel, Growing with Gratitude founder.

"It aims to equip young individuals with disaster-ready skills while nurturing empathy in those who haven't experienced such calamities."

Students are in the midst of creating innovative solutions to support families impacted by natural disasters, and their ideas and research will be displayed at Our Lady of the River School on Thursday 30 November.



TIME FOR A CHECK: The Renmark Lions Club earlier this month provided a free skin cancer screening service for locals. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

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RENMARK

Christmas Pageant

Give your bike the festive spirit and win

SHOW your Christmas spirit in the 2023 Renmark Paringa Christmas Decorated Bike Competition.

Sponsored by Almondco Australia, the Renmark Christmas Celebrations Committee are holding a Christmas Decorated Bike Competition for children living in the Renmark Paringa Council area, to be held at the St Joseph's School Renmark oval, at 36 Twelfth Street, on Monday 18 December, at 10am.

Please enter through Gate 2 after oval.

There will be a boy and girl individual category for 13 years old and under, 10 years old and under, 6 years old and under, however a decorated bike can only be registered in one category.

A child's bike will only be accepted on the day if it is registered in the competition, and a parent or guardian accompanies the child to the school with the

decorated bike.

CATEGORY 1: 13 years and under boy

CATEGORY 2: 13 years and under girl

CATEGORY 3: 10 years and under boy

CATEGORY 4: 10 years and under girl

CATEGORY 5: 6 years and under boy

CATEGORY 6: 6 years and under girl

Register now online (www.renmarkchristmaspageant.godaddysites.com/decorated-bikes).

Three judges will inspect each category, with prize money for each:

- First Prize \$50
- Second Prize \$30
- Third Prize \$20

Registrations close at 5pm on Friday 15 December and winners will be announced in the Murray Pioneer, and the Renmark Christmas Pageant Facebook page on Wednesday 20 December.



Local lights to shine this Christmas

SHOW your Christmas spirit by participating in the 2023 Christmas Lights Decoration Competition.

The Renmark Christmas Celebrations Committee, in conjunction with the Renmark Paringa Network and Almondco Australia, are holding a Christmas Lights Decoration Competition for town residents, businesses and rural residents – those outside the CBD – in the Renmark Paringa Council area.

There will be three individual categories, however a set of lights may only be registered in one category.

CATEGORY 1: Town Resident's Lights

CATEGORY 2: Business Lights

CATEGORY 3: Rural Resident's Lights (outside of township)

Register now online (www.renmarkchristmaspageant.godaddysites.com/christmas-lights).

Three judges will inspect each category and by entering the competition, you are allowing the judges to enter your property to judge your lights and take photos of the lights.

Prize money for each category is:

- First Prize \$150
- Second Prize \$100
- Third Prize \$50

Registrations close at 5pm on Friday 15 December and winners will be announced in the Murray Pioneer, and on the Renmark Christmas Pageant Facebook page on Wednesday 20 December.



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Countdown on to pageant return

REMARK is ready to welcome the holiday season with less than two weeks to go until the return of a community-run Christmas pageant.

The town's main streets will be transformed into a festive wonderland on Friday 1 December, with upwards of two-dozen floats set to feature in the pageant.

Attendees will also be able to



“The town's main streets will be transformed into a festive wonderland...

enjoy late night shopping at local businesses, with a food court also to be located in the Taylor Riverfront Precinct carpark.

Children will be able to enjoy Santa's Cave in the former Target building, at the corner of Renmark Avenue and Ral Ral Avenue, from 4pm with face painting and free photo with Santa, taken by Grant Schwartzkopff.

Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm will also feature from 2.30pm to 5.30pm, opposite Yates Menswear, plus clown entertainment and sideshows.

The pageant, which begins at 6pm, will be fol-

lowed by a fireworks display outside the Renmark Club, at 9pm.

Road closures will be in place from 2pm to 10pm.

The jumping castle previously advertised for children has been cancelled by the contractor due to issues with insurance.

The return of a Christmas pageant to Renmark has been made possible with the support of numerous local business sponsors, and volunteers.

Further information is available by visiting the Renmark Christmas Pageant Facebook page (www.facebook.com/renmarkchristmaspageant).

REMARK CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023

2.00pm	ROAD CLOSURES MURRAY AVENUE – From Renmark Avenue to Tapio Street REMARK AVENUE – Both sides from Murray Avenue to and including Fifteenth Street crossover RAL RAL AVENUE – Both sides from Renmark Ave to and including Murtho St crossover JAMES AVENUE – From Ral Ral Ave to 11th St
2.30pm to 5.30pm	FARMER DARCY'S TRAVELLING FARM will be located on the lawns opposite Yates Menswear on Murray Avenue “Lamb, goats, alpaca, calf, rabbits, guinea pigs, chicks, chooks”
4.00pm	SANTA'S CAVE (former Target building) is open FREE Face Painting between 4pm and 6pm provided by Hannah and Emma FREE Swatty's Photo between 4pm and 5.30pm and 7.30pm to 8.30pm with Father Christmas
4.00pm	Floats start lining up in order on Murray Avenue for safety inspection
5.50pm	Pageant float winners announced
6.00pm	Start of Pageant
7pm - 9pm	Clown entertainment
9.00pm	Renmark Club – Costa Group fireworks display



Unsure where you should locate yourself to watch the pageant? Check out this handy map showing the pageant's path from the Renmark Visitor Information Centre to Jarrett Memorial Gardens.





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The rapid 150kW charger that was recently installed at Morgan. PHOTO: supplied



Region opens to electric vehicles

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE RAA is continuing to open up the Riverland as a destination for electric vehicles with more charging stations coming online. A rapid 150kW site was recently installed at the Morgan Riverfront Reserve Caravan Park and a fast 7kW station has been placed at the Loxton Courthouse. The RAA’s electric vehicle (EV) charging program director Andrew Howard said Renmark

would also soon have a fast 7kW site in the Fifteenth Street car-park. “We’re pleased to see the progress the RAA Charge network is making in the Riverland and expect demand for these sites to grow as EV ownership increases,” he said. “We’ve already installed a good mix of both rapid and fast chargers to cover different charging scenarios for drivers, and there are still a few more

sites to come online.” Mr Howard said the Morgan EV site had 16 sessions since it was launched last month. “The Riverland is an important tourist region that we want to open up to EV drivers, so they can travel with confidence on their holidays and road trips to the area,” he said. The RAA has installed eight EV charging stations at Waikerie. Six are at premises owned by

the Waikerie Hotel Motel, three of these are at its McCoy Street venue and the other three at its off-site motel on Ian Oliver Drive. Two EV chargers have also been placed at Waikerie’s Civic Centre, on Strangman Road. One of these is yet to be operational and is expected to go live early next year, once SA Power Networks have completed the necessary works.

Fire season underway

RIVERLAND police have reminded the community that fire danger season has commenced after two separate incidents were reported on the same day. At 3.10pm on Wednesday 1 November, CFS and police were called to a fire reported at a Swan Reach property. A 73-year old man was issued a \$572 fine after an accidental grass fire became out of control. Later, at about 8.30pm, MFS and police attended a small burn off at a Renmark West property. A SAPOL spokesperson said “now that fire danger season has commenced, it is a good time to prepare for the fire season, including knowing what you can and cannot do during the fire danger season and on total fire ban days”. For more information visit the CFS website (www.cfs.sa.gov.au).



PLAYGROUND TAKES SHAPE: Works are progressing to construct the new playground at the Loxton Oval. PHOTO: supplied

Support for men’s health at local fundraiser

A LOCAL community group has pledged to donate all the proceeds from a monthly fundraiser in support of Men’s Health Awareness Month. All funds raised at the Lions Club of Renmark’s bazaar this Saturday will go to Movember, a global fundraising event, started in 2003 and now an annual tradition. Movember encourages moustaches and beards to be grown while raising awareness and funds for men’s health issues, including prostate and testicular cancers. “With many of our club members having suffered from prostate cancer, our club has agreed to donate all the proceeds from our

forthcoming monthly bazaar to this cause,” said Paul Farr, Renmark Lions president. “Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in Australian men. Movember has been instrumental in funding research and programs aimed at early detection, prevention, and support for those affected by the disease. “By participating in this year’s Movember, we can contribute to the ongoing battle against prostate cancer and help save lives.” The bazaar will be held on 25 November at Renmark’s No.2 oval – W.E. Wood Hall, from 8am to 12 noon.

Loxton Rotary’s night of nostalgia nears

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOXTON service group will celebrate its history next week with a special night of nostalgia. The Rotary Club of Loxton’s Down Memory Lane dinner, at the Loxton Club on Tuesday night, will celebrate 100 years of Rotary in South Australia. Rotary Club of Loxton program co-ordinator Robert Fielke said the

organisation had a rich history in Loxton, spanning 65 years. “The Rotary club has had significant contribution to the town that we have today,” he said. As part of the celebrations, the club is seeking any memorabilia from past members and the public that may be suitable for the occasion. “We are breaking the night up into two sections,”

Mr Fielke said. “The first will be the impact Rotary has had on the Loxton community and then on the second half of the presentation, it will be on Rotary International. “That will be on the contribution we’ve had to Rotary International and it’s a good story.” Bookings are essential. For more information, contact Mr Fielke on 0428 834 509.

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Next move for commercial wine group

A REPRESENTATIVE group for the country's wine producers – including those in the Riverland – is seeking to become a formalised governing body.

Australian Commercial Wine Producers (ACWP) recently wrote to Federal Minister for Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries Murray Watt, seeking to be formally recognised as a declared representative body as provided for by the Wine Australia Act 2013.

ACWP chair Bill Moularadellis said the organisation was in the best position to represent the local wine industries needs.

“Our members account for over 60 per cent of Australian wine production and contribute a similar proportion of the mandatory levies,” Mr Moularadellis said.

“We seek equitable status with Australian Grape and Wine (AGW), whose members contribute less than 25 per cent of the industry's total production and levy revenue.

“AGW no longer has the industry mandate to continue to exclusively represent the interests of all Australian producers and it certainly does not have the moral authority to convene the R&D and Marketing Advisory Committees which advise Wine Australia's strategic priorities.

“It is fair and just that members of ACWP have at least an equal formal voice in setting the directions and priorities of the industry especially at this time when the industry is facing its worst crisis in more than a generation.”

It is fair and just that members of ACWP have at least an equal formal voice in setting the directions and priorities of the industry...

- Bill Moularadellis



COUNCIL PREPS FOR XMAS: Renmark Paranga Council staff member Neville Geue (above) and Dave Dempster, from Riverland High Works, installed “eye-catching” Christmas decorations in the town last week, ahead of the festive season. PHOTOS: supplied



MORGAN Christmas Pageant

ADVERTISING FEATURE



Last year's Morgan Christmas Pageant and Fair attracted a good turnout despite shacks being closed off due to the River Murray flood.



Annalyse Osborne (middle), visiting Santa's Cave during last year's Morgan Christmas Pageant and Fair. She is pictured with Mrs Claus (Morgan's Sue Smith) PHOTOS: supplied

Morgan's festive mood

SPONSORSHIP from Riverland West businesses, and those outside the region, has enabled organisers of the Morgan Christmas Pageant, to be held on 9 December, to bring back fireworks if weather permits.

The event, run by the Morgan Lions Club, last had fireworks in 2019.

In 2020 and 2021, Covid-19 restrictions led to the cancellation of the annual pageant and last year a modified event was held due to the flood.

Morgan Lions Club treasurer and interim secretary Millie Long hoped for a big crowd to attend the event.

“In previous years up to 10,000 people have attended the Morgan pageant and fete,” she said.

“It brings people from far and wide.”

Ms Long said the 2022/2023 flood had impacted businesses in the town and hopefully this year's pageant would give the area a welcome financial boost.

She said in May, it did not appear possible to raise the \$8000 required to fund fireworks.

“Earlier in the year we did a drive for some sponsorship, but we did not get much of a response,” Ms Long said.

However, after advising the community the fireworks would again be missed due to a lack of funds, donations started coming in.

“A few businesses individually contacted me and said if the fireworks could occur they would donate \$1000,” she said.

“Then before I knew it we reached our \$8000 target and then some.”

Mid Murray Council also provided a \$2000 grant towards the pageant.

Ms Long said an all-day food event run by the Morgan Lions Club last month raised \$800 for Santa bags filled with goodies to be handed out at Santa's Cave.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, a sausage sizzle, and sweet chilli chicken wraps were

among the items sold at the fundraiser.

The Morgan Christmas Pageant and Fair, on Saturday 9 December, begins at 3pm and will feature live music by The Chasers, and activities for children including a jumping castle, rock climbing wall, face painting, and lawn games.

A variety of food vans will be on offer and stalls on offer will include arts and craft, leather goods, jewellery, Christmas goods, and Barossa Motorcycles.

The pageant around Morgan's CBD begins at 6pm and the floats will assemble on the riverfront after the procession to enable people to look at them.

Santa's Cave will also be open and the fireworks will begin at 9.30pm unless a total fire ban is issued.

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SA Minister for Energy Tom Koutsantonis presenting the Safety and Wellbeing award to SAPN Riverland regional operations manager Steve Logos for the organisation’s work during the River Murray flood.

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SAPN gets guernsey for flood event efforts

A STATE utility provider was awarded for its efforts to prioritise safety and efficient service during the recent flood event.

SA Power Networks (SAPN) earlier this month received the Health and Safety Award for the energy sector at the Premier’s Awards for Mining and Energy for its response to the River Murray flood.

SAPN CEO Andrew Bills said ensuring staff safety, while also efficiently maintaining and reconnecting supply of electricity to local homes was a priority.

“Apart from the emotional and economic impacts of the prolonged flood, electric shock due to flood inundation of electricity infrastructure was a key risk to the community, emergency services personnel and SA Power Networks employees,” Mr Bills said.

“To ensure a safe response to the floods, SA Power Networks created a raft of new safety procedures for employees; adopted modern artificial intelligence (AI) and remote sensing LiDAR processing capabilities to help manage connection and recon-

nection of power; and undertook extensive community and stakeholder engagement to manage risk, inform the community and support wellbeing.

“The safety outcome highlights the collaboration with emergency services, government and the community to ensure safety. Our focus had to be on avoiding the very significant potential for an electric shock or even electrocution.

“We knew having power disconnected was disruptive, so our use of modern AI technology meant we were able to reconnect power earlier because we had a very accurate understanding of where floodwaters were receding and where we could reconnect supply safely.”

Approximately 4000 stobie poles and 400km of powerline were impacted by high water levels during the flood event.

SAPN’s Flexible Exports option for solar also received the Innovation and Collaboration Award for the energy sector.

Riverland businesses headline Adelaide event

TWO local bsuinesses were showcased last weekend at the annual CheeseFest event in Adelaide.

Riverland-based Polka and Twentythird Street Distillery featured at the two-day event, with thousands of people descending on Rundle Park for the Saturday and Sunday.

“South Australia’s regions create world-class, premium produce and we are taking every opportunity possible to make that known,” Minister for Trade and Investment Nick Champion said.

“CheeseFest attracts international and interstate visitors, creating a platform from our regions to expand their customer base.”



Twentythird Street Distillery’s drinks featured at last weekend’s Cheesefest event in Adelaide. FILE PHOTO



GROWING STRONG: Grass regrowth at SS Ellen Park, in Lyrup, which was recently reseeded by Renmark Paringa Council and local contractor Torn Turf. The area sustained significant impacts during the River Murray flood. PHOTOS: supplied



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Riverland Christmas Poem Writing Competition

WAIKERIE Lutheran Primary School student Sophie McDonald, 9, was selected as the winner of The Murray Pioneer's 2023 Christmas Poem competition. Sophie's poem was titled Froggy's First Christmas. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



WINNER



Congratulations

Sophie McDonald

Age: 9 | Waikerie Lutheran Primary School



Froggy's First Christmas

I wrote this poem for the Murray Pioneer.

In a pond far away,
there a little frog lay.

Sad and alone, if all truth be told.
The Christmas spirit, he did not hold.

A soft jingle of the night,
in the distance a sleigh takes flight.

The frog woke with a start,
after hearing the Christmas spark.

The frog started to dance,
it was an elegant prance.

He saw the sleigh through the night,
he was no longer sleeping tight.

Sadness had gone and joy would come,
Santa's job would almost be done.

In the morning the sun arose,
I think you know how this story goes.

A package lies at his feet,
he opened it, what would he meet?

A baby frog jumped out the gift,
and little froggy's mood began to shift.

You'll see the pair in the far away pond,
playing in the water and far beyond.

No longer sad and ever so lonely.
The joy of Christmas made this
pond so homely.

Sophie's our poem champ

THE winners of The Murray Pioneer 2023 Christmas Poem Writing Competition are revealed in today's edition.

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School student Sophie McDonald, 9, was the overall winner, and her poem has been featured in the 2023 Riverland Gift

Guide, inserted free inside today's Murray Pioneer, and is printed below.

The poems written by runner-up Cordelia Bland, 12, of Cobdogla Primary School, and the third placegetter, Alora Plaquet, 10, also of Cobdogla Primary School, are also on this page.

Congratulations

RUNNERS-UP



Will Miller

Age: 12 | Cobdogla Primary School

Joyful Jolly Christmas

I lay down, on my big, bulky bed,
Then comes the big, jolly man in red,
He delivers the presents to my uncle's home,
Then he munches on our cookies, all alone.

Early in the morning, I wake up,
Pouring some orange juice in my cup,
Take a shower, then I get ready,
Getting prepared to see Uncle Freddie.

We arrived at twelve o'clock in the driveway,
Siblings and cousins run in, starting to play,
While Grandpa Jeff hears the extremely loud cheer,
He shouts, "BE QUIET I'M READING THE MURRAY PIONEER!"

We unwrap our presents to reveal new clothes,
And I got silly glasses with a funny looking nose,
We then had a feast with potatoes and ham,
Broccoli, carrots, cauliflower and hot roast lamb.

We left the house and said goodbye,
We get in the car, and drove into the night sky.



Alora Plaquet



Age: 10 | Cobdogla Primary School

The Chaotic Christmas

The sun was yelling at me to put sunscreen on,
Although I did, I was dying from the heat,
And hoping the food would soon be done.

Eating LOTS of food, now it's time for a snooze,
Nanna having her nap, with the cat on her lap.

Aunty Kelly, watching the telly
Dad's yelling at the Twins
"Stop doing your craft, go have a bath!"

Mum packing the car,
It won't go far...

Trying to start the old Holden ute,
Isn't it cute?

Getting ready to go,
Or at least I thought so...

Dads on the toilet,
SHH, don't spoil it.
He's reading the Murray Pioneer.
Dear oh dear, he's having explosive diarrhoea!

Oh what a sight and a Christmas delight!
Merry Christmas Murray Pioneer,
and a happy new year!



All entries are on display for public viewing at the Chaffey Theatre.

We'll also be publishing further entries in the Murray Pioneer throughout December.



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FUN WITH FRIENDS: Local youngsters Victoria Mahoney, Alina Albanos and Billy Albanos at last weekend's Together We Can event, held in Barmera. PHOTOS: Donna Mahoney



Billy and Victoria having their faces painted by Rachel Symens.



MEMORIES OF A JOURNEY: Members of a Riverland travel group that experienced a recent escorted tour to Britain and Ireland held a catch-up event at the Lavender Café, where they were all presented with a photo book of their trip, courtesy of Helloworld Travel Berri. PHOTO: 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, 6.30pm 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).

WEEKLY
Visit the **Renmark Paringa Community Museum** and watch the Paringa Bridge lift most days at 2.30pm. Preserving the past, more than 70 vintage stationary engines. Contact Wayne (0407 618 311), open Mon/Wed/Fri from 10am to 3pm.

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.

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.

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER
Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Loxton Swimming Club. Doors open at 6pm, seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm. Don't be late to join in the fun.

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER
Waikerie 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

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER
Interdenominational Ladies Christmas luncheon, from 1pm at Waikerie Lutheran Social Centre. Two-course meal, \$5 per person. Bring a gift to give, \$10 value. Live music and guest speaker. text 0427 412 237.

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER
Riverland Stamp Club meeting, 10am, at the Berri Library.

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER
Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group's last meeting for 2023. Please bring some food to share for a light lunch. All welcome to attend at the Waikerie RSL, Thompson Street, at 11.30am (note time change).

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER
Berri Carols by the River, 6pm for a picnic dinner or sausage sizzle. 7pm carols and guest artists. If weather is inclement the event will be held in the Berri Town Hall.

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A DECADE OF UKELELE: The Bubble and Squeak Riverland Ukulele Group celebrated their 10th birthday with a concert of favourite songs for family and friends at the Monash Hall on Thursday 26 October. Pictured are members Anne Chase, Terry Samaras, Janet Beal, Axel Beal, Pieter Raams, Margot Kranich, Karl Raams, Mary Feher, Cheryl Forbes, Robert McLean, Veronica Raams, Brian Ebert (absent: Richard Raams). PHOTOS: supplied

ALL SMILES: Loxton garage sale enthusiasts Andrew Milich and Brenton 'Rumpol' Hentschke, also Wunkar Football and Netball chef and president, found some special memorabilia at last Saturday's "once in a lifetime" sale of excess items from the Loxton Historical Village. PHOTO: supplied



The group's only remaining original members, Anne Chase, Margot Kranich and Mary Feher.



RAISE A GLASS: Murray Pioneer editor Hugh Schuitemaker (centre) with Hotel Renmark executive chef Hugh Hazlewood and head chef Anthony Cresp, following the Renmark Food and Wine Club's November meeting, which was held last Thursday. PHOTO: supplied



CUP DAY CELEBRATIONS: Sharyn Schlein with Chris and David Kimber, all from Loxton, at the A Touch of Class Melbourne Cup event, held at the Loxton Club earlier this month. PHOTOS: supplied



Looking dapper were Genni Lehmann, Barbara Foote and Marlene James, all of Loxton.



Jenny Altschwager (centre) with Katina and Mick Angeleski.



Jenny Burgemeister, Greta Ludgate, Shirley Gibbs and Dennis Ludgate, all of Loxton.



RFDS supporters Jan Warner, Sharyn Hanan and Elaine Braunack, from Renmark.



Annabelle, 5, with a gnome who is among the new additions added to Santa's Cave Waikerie this year.
PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Families will be able to take photos of themselves in a family sleigh made by Allan Reid from Spellbound Play-House Creations in Adelaide for the Waikerie Santa's cave.



Santa's Cave Waikerie committee president Amy Stephens with a stubby holder that has been designed to promote the town's iconic Christmas attraction.

Come and experience Waikerie's Santa's Cave

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

INTERACTIVE experiences will be on offer at Waikerie's iconic Santa's cave this year. Several new scenes ideal for family photos have been introduced, including a sleigh that was made by Allan Reid from Spellbound Play-House Creations, in Adelaide. Santa's Cave Waikerie committee president Amy Stephens said families will be able to have their photos taken in the sleigh. She said other additions intro-

duced this year include a pink Barbie scene, new dinosaur backdrop, a gnome on a log, and an enchanted tree. "Most of the scenes are designed for people to have their photos taken and to interact with," Ms Stephens said. The study setting has also been refreshed, Santa and his dunny has returned and Mary, who features in the nativity scene, has had a visit to the hairdresser and is now a brunette. Ms Stephens said Santa's Cave attracted many visitors from out-

side Waikerie each year, with the committee promoting it widely, including on the Kids in Adelaide website. Ms Stephens said Santa's Shop will also have a wide variety of items available to purchase. These will include hand-crafted items by the local community and other suppliers including candles, jewellery, ornaments, paintings, dreamcatchers, and knitwear. "We will have a lot of good things to put in Santa sacks this year," Ms Stephens said. "There are lots of science activi-

ties and craft-type items." Ms Stephens said a kids' zone will also feature this year, offering colouring in and other activities, and a school holiday program will also be run. For the adults, a natural wreath making and wine sip workshop will be held on 6 December, from 7pm. Participants need to book via Eventbrite. Santa's Cave in the Waikerie Institute will officially open after the town's Christmas pageant on Friday, and will be open daily until

Christmas Eve, from 10am to 5pm. The jolly man in the red suit will then be in residence from 3pm to 5pm on school days and at all other opening times. He may have to leave early on extreme heat days to cool down in the snow. Bookings for groups to Santa's Cave will be accepted up until New Years' Eve. Entry is a gold coin donation. For more information visit (santascavewaikerie.com.au) or the Santa's Cave Waikerie Facebook page.

Christmas spirit arrives in Waikerie

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie community is entering into the spirit of Christmas with its annual pageant on Friday. The pageant will feature 25 floats from local businesses and community members with some of them contributing double or triple components to the procession. Riverland West Chamber of Commerce (RWCC) chair Angela Lukacs said vintage and classic cars would also perform two laps at 6pm. "Make sure you give the Boys on Bikes a big round of applause for persevering to get their spot in the pageant, with special thanks to their sponsor," Ms Lukacs said. "Look out for the Disney-themed Salt family float, and you'll see what an amazing effort one family has made." A home-made train engine and carriages, and the SA Variety Car Bashers, will also be participating with a special theme. "We appreciate the efforts made by so many businesses to add their support again to the community," Ms Lukas said. Food stalls and family entertainment will be provided on the Civic Centre Lawns

from 6.30pm. Café on McCoy, Viewpoint Café, and Newland Bakery, on the Sturt Highway, will also be open. Face painting, cubby house building, hair braiding, a painting table, guessing games, Big Bubbles, Circus Elements, a magician, Lindi Jane, a puppeteer and ventriloquist, will be among the activities on offer to children. The Waikerie Hotel will have butter chicken, and salt and pepper squid on offer from its drive-through bottle shop. Barossa Valley band The Barking Ants will perform at the Waikerie Club from 9pm. The RWCC is organising the 2023 event after the Waikerie Lions Club folded earlier this year. It is being assisted by the Rotary Club of Waikerie, Waikerie Men's Shed, Waikerie RSL, CFS, and the Waikerie Hotel is also a major sponsor. Loxton Waikerie council provided a grant and in-kind services towards the event. Ms Lukacs said people in the town were looking forward to the traditional Christmas event. "Though there was some confusion with the closing of the Waikerie Lions Club, the



The Waikerie CFS are among the community organisations that support the town's Christmas pageant each year. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

RWCC felt it was an important event not to be missed," she said. Those attending the pageant will also see Santa Claus drive pass before he settles into his cave at the Waikerie Institute. Santa's Cave in the Waikerie Institute will

open after the pageant and will be open daily until Christmas Eve, from 10am to 5pm. Entry is a gold coin donation. The pageant, on Friday starts at 6pm and the CBD will be closed from 4pm in preparation for the event.

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6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Hard Quiz
8:30 Question Everything
9:05 Australian Epic
9:35 Planet America
10:05 QI
10:35 Adam Hills
11:15 ABC Late News
11:30 The Business
11:50 We Hunt Together
12:35 The Trial Of Christine Keeler



6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Island Of Shadows; 2:00 Autopsy USA; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 A Year On Planet Earth
8:30 Big Brother
11:05 Seven News
11:35 Amazing Race
1:05 Parenthood
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise



6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Christmas Under The Stars; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Taronga
8:30 Luxe Listings Sydney
9:20 Botched
10:20 Nine News Late
10:50 The Equalizer
11:40 La Brea
12:30 Tipping Point
1:30 Pointless
2:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today



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9:00 My Life Is Murder
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5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour Japan; 9:20 Home Is Where The Art Is; 10:15 Paddington Station 24/7; 11:05 Great Canal Journeys; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Legends Of The Pharaohs; 2:55 Mastermind Australia; 3:25 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 3:55 World's Most Extraordinary Homes; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Mystery of the Assassination of JFK
8:25 Alone UK
9:20 Fargo
11:20 SBS World News Late
11:50 Pacific Games 2023
12:50 Cobra
3:35 Going Places With Ernie Dingo
4:35 Bamay

THURSDAY

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10:55 The Business
11:10 The Way We Wore
12:05 Q+A
1:10 rage

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4:30 Bamay

SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 rage; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Midsomer Murders; 2:00 Annika; 2:50 The Durrells; 4:40 Landline; 5:10 Joanna Lumley's Spice Trail Adventure
6:00 The Way We Wore
7:00 ABC News
7:30 All Creatures Great And Small
8:20 Vera
9:50 Annika
10:40 Under The Vines
11:25 QI
11:55 rage

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend; 11:30 Seven's Motorsport Classic; 12:00 Repco Supercars Championship 2023; 5:00 Seven News Adelaide; 5:30 Border Security
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Border Security
7:30 Independence Day
9:55 Xx
12:00 Repco Supercars Highlights 2023
1:00 12 Monkeys
2:00 TBA
4:00 Get Clever
5:00 House Of Wellness

6:00 Getaway; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Today Extra - Saturday; 11:30 Australian Pga Golf 2023; 4:30 The Pet Rescuers; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Getaway
6:00 Nine News Saturday
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 The Garden Hustle
8:30 Olympus Has Fallen
10:50 Tba
1:10 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything
2:00 The Incredible Journey Presents
2:30 The Pet Rescuers
3:00 Home Shopping
5:30 Helping Hands

6:00 What's Up Down Under; 6:30 Leading The Way With Dr. MichaelYoussef; 7:00 Reel Action; 7:30 My Market Kitchen; 8:00 iFish; 8:30 Farm To Fork; 9:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 9:30 10 Minute Kitchen; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 Luxury Escapes; 12:30 The Yes Experiment; 1:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 1:30 Healthy Homes; 2:00 Exploring Off The Grid; 2:30 Charming China; 3:00 What's Up Down Under; 3:30 Luca's Key Ingredient; 4:00 My Market Kitchen; 4:30 Farm To Fork; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Bondi Rescue
6:30 Jamie's 5 Ingredient Mediterranean
8:30 Ambulance
10:30 The Cheap Seats
11:30 CSI
2:30 Home Shopping
5:00 Hour Of Power

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 9:05 Lap Of Luxury; 10:05 Short History Of The English Garden; 11:00 Outta Town Adventures; 12:00 World News; 2:00 ISU Figure Skating Highlights; 4:30 Destination Flavour China; 4:40 Greatest Hits Of The 70s; 5:30 Hitler And The Reichstag Fire
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Britain's Most Luxurious Train Journeys
8:25 Highclere
9:20 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys
22:10 Wonders Of Scotland
10:40 Pacific Games 2023
11:40 Rex In Rome
1:30 Hope
3:45 Going Places With Ernie Dingo
4:15 Bamay
4:50 Destination Flavour Singapore

SUNDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 Insiders; 10:00 Offsiders; 10:30 The World This Week; 11:00 Compass; 11:30 Songs Of Praise; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Landline; 1:30 Gardening Australia; 2:30 All Creatures Great And Small; 3:15 Grand Designs; 4:05 Bill Bailey's Wild West Australia; 5:00 Simply Nigella
6:00 Antiques Roadshow
7:00 ABC News
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5:00 Insiders

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2:05 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything
3:00 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Drive Tv
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Key Of David; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Healthy Homes; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 9:00 Jamie Oliver; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 To Be Advised; 1:10 My Market Kitchen; 1:30 Farm To Fork; 2:00 Food Trail; 2:30 Australia By Design; 3:00 Cook With Luke; 3:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 4:00 All 4 Adventure; 5:00 10 News First
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7:30 Dessert Masters
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9:40 NCIS
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6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Fortress Britain With Alice Roberts
8:25 The Princes In The Tower
9:55 Conspiracy In The Harem
11:00 Pacific Games 2023 Highlights Day
12:00 24 Hours In Emergency
1:50 The Indian Pacific

MONDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Landline; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 QI; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 3:00 Gardening Australia; 4:00 Escape From The City; 5:00 Back Roads; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Australian Story
8:30 Evacuation
9:20 Media Watch
9:35 Q+A
10:40 ABC Late News
10:55 The Business
11:10 Yakka
12:10 Parliament Question Time
1:10 The Trouble With Maggie Cole
1:55 rage
4:00 Courtney Act's One Plus One

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 A Christmas Mission; 2:00 Autopsy USA; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 The 1% Club
8:30 Big Brother
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10:50 Seven News
11:20 Autopsy USA
12:20 Bates Motel
1:20 Travel Oz
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Tba; 1:30 Getaway; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 David Attenborough's Planet Earth Iii
8:40 Australian Crime Stories
9:40 Getting Away With Murder
10:40 Nine News Late
11:10 Resident Alien
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5:30 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 7:30 Entertainment Tonight; 8:00 Farm To Fork; 8:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 To Be Advised; 3:10 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Farm To Fork; 4:00 Neighbours; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 Dessert Masters
8:40 The Secrets She Keeps
9:40 FBI
11:30 The Project
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:30 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour Scandinavia; 9:20 Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 9:25 Home Is Where The Art Is; 10:15 Tales From The Crips; 10:25 Paddington Station 24/7; 11:15 Great Canal Journeys; 12:10 World News; 2:00 Point; 2:05 The Real Hunt For Red October; 2:55 Mastermind Australia; 3:25 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 3:55 World's Most Extraordinary Homes; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Close Encounters With Levison Wood
8:30 1968
9:25 Secrets of The Tower of London
10:15 SBS World News Late
10:45 My Brilliant Friend
11:45 La Jauria
3:30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo
4:30 Ngarrindjeri & Yuin Country

TUESDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Ask The Doctor; 10:30 Dream Gardens; 11:00 Enslaved; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 The Hunt For Gaddafi's Billions; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 3:00 Gardening Australia; 4:00 Escape From The City; 5:00 Back Roads; 5:30 Hard Quiz
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7:00 ABC News
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10:00 TBA
11:00 ABC Late News
11:15 The Business
11:30 Evacuation
12:20 Media Watch
12:35 Parliament Question Time
1:35 The Cult Of The Family
2:40 rage

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7:00 Home And Away
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9:40 The Endgame
10:40 Seven News
11:10 A Friend Of The Family
12:20 Grand Crew
1:20 Travel Oz
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Chateau Christmas; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Travel Guides
9:00 Ocean's 8
11:15 Nine News Late
11:45 New Amsterdam
12:35 Tipping Point
1:30 Pointless
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5:00 Nine News Early Edition
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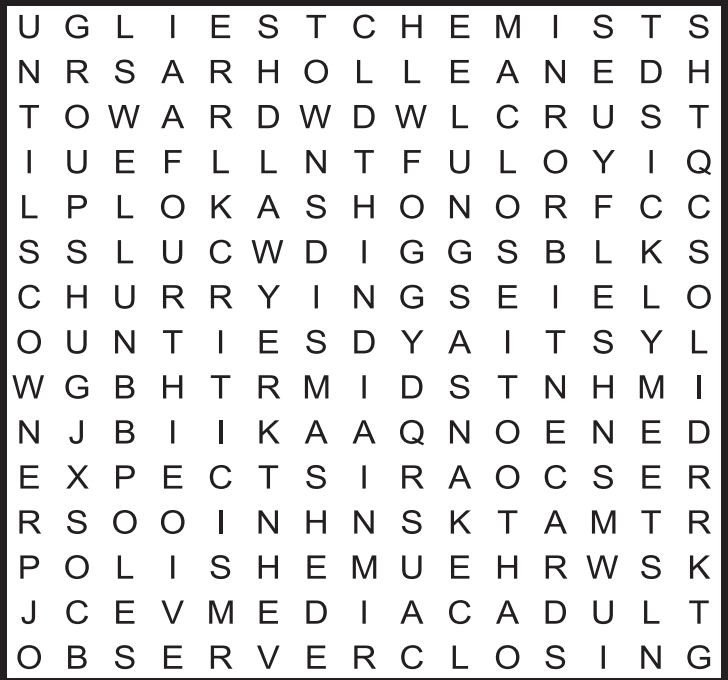
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6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Who Do You Think You Are?
8:40 Stock Aitken Waterman
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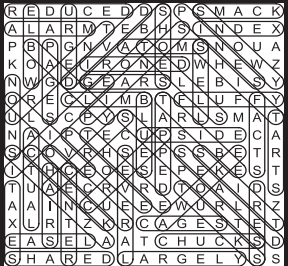
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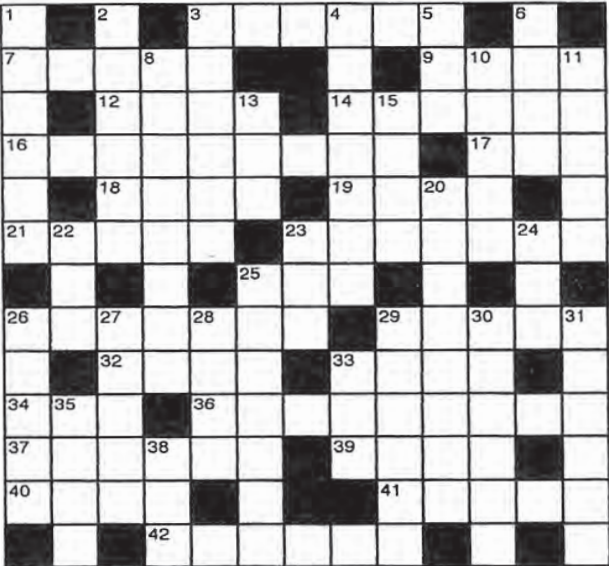
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Last Week's Solution



- Crossword
- ACROSS
3. Unoccupied
7. Adhesive
9. Wing-shaped
12. Labels
14. Pertaining to frogs
16. Training
17. Alkaline solution
18. Very small
19. Adriatic wind
21. Eats sparingly
23. Handcuff
25. Groove
26. Bordered
29. Rope fibre
32. Card game
33. Kill insects
34. Measure of sound
36. Soaring
37. Makes an effort
39. False god
40. Ceremony
41. Construct
42. Pattern
- DOWN
1. Add
2. Shrewd
3. Vegetarians
4. Trapeze artist
5. Convert into leather
6. Numerous
8. Reticent
10. Type of flower
11. Pass rope through
13. Pig pen
15. Soon



20. Heater
22. Writing fluid
23. Soft, moist earth
24. Measure of yarn
25. Rests
26. Staid
27. Small island
28. Pastry item
29. Country
30. Steps over fences
31. Papal ambassador
33. Snow runner
35. Way out
38. Colour

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



November 2023 Horoscopes: week 4

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A surge of energy later in the week will help you to deal with a problem which you have been putting off: get down to it and make some progress! **Romance.** Your relationship with a colleague at work may come under the spotlight this week. The bond between you may be less platonic than you realise.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

You could be a little wild at the moment. Be careful not to go overboard, especially towards the end of the week. **Romance.** A heart-to-heart discussion with your partner will help you to understand which areas you agree about and which areas you still need to do some work on.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A challenging aspect to Neptune may lead to problems. You need to think clearly about a forthcoming decision and might find it hard to focus your ideas. **Romance.** A meeting later in the week will help to bring your love-life back into focus. Your partner will appreciate your sympathetic approach to a recent problem.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A positive aspect to Jupiter later in the week will give your luck a major boost. A plan which you have been mulling over for some time will finally get the go-ahead. **Romance.** Your partner may try to make decisions on your behalf. Some of these decisions don't matter but in other cases you need to decide what's best for both of you.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

You will be very open to new ideas and will be able to expand your horizons. This will be a good time to try some new experiences. **Romance.** Don't get caught in a rut. Your relationship has been going well recently but it needs some sprucing up: time spent away from home will help you both to get your bearings.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

Don't do anything now which could upset your relationship with your boss. **Romance.** A difficult aspect to Mars could make you a little tense at times this week. Calm down before you get into a major argument with your partner. Be especially careful to avoid talking about financial issues.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

A challenging aspect to Mars could make you a little tense at times. Be careful not to over-react to criticism, even if it isn't fair. **Romance.** A person whom you have seen several times before will very shortly be coming back into your life. A phone call later in the week will help you to sort out your feelings towards this person.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A positive aspect to Neptune around the beginning of the week will help you to read between the lines. A co-worker who claims that they are helping you may have ulterior motives which are not entirely clear. **Romance.** Be careful not to let practical considerations get in the way of your relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

Your relatives respect your views much more than you realise. This week they will be coming to you for advice: be as honest and straightforward as you can. **Romance.** A minor misunderstanding may turn into a major row if you are not careful. Do your best to defuse the situation before it gets out of control.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A challenging aspect to Uranus could bring some unusual experiences into your life. You will need to respond quickly to a situation which won't come again. **Romance.** Your ability to bring other people together will help to put you in contact with a new admirer.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Don't get lead astray by a situation which is not as simple as it seems to be. You need to work out what is really going on before you make a move. **Romance.** A pleasant surprise later in the week will help you to get over a recent difficulty in your relationship.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

An acquaintance at work may have a very different account of recent events from the one you remember. Stick to your guns! **Romance.** A problem in your relationship will not be solved with half-measures. You need to deal with this issue head-on and not stop until you are both satisfied with the result.

SUDOKU No.455

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

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9	2	6	3	7	4	1	5	8
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Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box.

Level of Difficulty:

Very Hard

Solution No. 454

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Increased demand for ac.care services

RIVERLANDERS impacted by increased cost-of-living pressures and ongoing effects of the flood have sought assistance from a local support service.

ac.care’s recently released 2022/23 annual report showed increased demand for homelessness and emergency relief, and financial counselling services.

ac.care chief executive officer Shane Maddocks said numerous social challenges had increased demand for support.

“A housing crisis combined with increasing costs of living mean that safe homes are harder to keep and to find,” Mr Maddocks said.

“Sadly though, there are many people we are unable to help find that longer term answer to their needs.

“We have seen increasing demand for our financial counselling and emergency relief programs with more and more people also collecting donated food to be able to feed their families.

“We also receive more and more requests to care for children and young people who are not able to safely continue living with their birth families.”



● ac.care CEO Shane Maddocks

Mr Maddocks said securing increased funding for ac.care’s Berri community centre was a highlight of the year.

“We will continue to advocate for increased funding for prevention and early intervention support and will be adapting our services to increase this focus where we can in collaboration with our communities,” he said.

“We cannot achieve significant change unless we all work together and this is why we will be working more closely with our communities to develop local responses and solutions.”

The organisation also

recently launched its 10-year Weaving Stronger Futures Together strategy, aimed at “disrupting cycles of disadvantage and strengthening the fabric” of regional communities.

ac.care board convenor Rick Fisher said the strategy aimed to “weave communities together, break cycles of intergenerational disadvantage and increase aspirations, optimism, opportunity and hope for country people”.

“We believe now is the right time to step up as leaders to affect transformative community change,” Mr Fisher said.

“We see disturbing evidence that many children begin their education on ‘the back foot’, and that many do not recover or catch up with learning.

“We aim to make sure children start school prepared for learning on their first day and that all are supported to learn and to succeed, then to contribute fully to community life.”

ac.care’s 2022/23 annual report and the Weaving Stronger Futures Together strategy are both available by visiting the website (www.accare.org.au).



At the recent Loveday Internment Camp website launch was Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall (left), Loveday Internment Camp committee members Rhonda and Mario Centofanti, Liz Wingard of Kingston in the South East, the daughter of author the late Max Scholz, Berri Barmera Council’s Loveday Internment Camp facilitator Christine Webster, Professor Mutsumi Tsuda from Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan, and Light MP Tony Piccolo.

PHOTOS: Light Electorate Office

Material still wanted for Loveday preservation

RIVERLANDERS have been encouraged to provide historical material regarding the Loveday Internment Camp for an ongoing project.

The Loveday Internment Camp website was launched earlier this month, aimed at retaining the camp’s history and encouraging descendants to share information and stories on their families’ involvement.

Berri Barmera Council Loveday Internment Camp project facilitator, Christine Webster, is seeking to hear from anyone who has photos and memories they would like to share about the camp.

“We know there are descendants of those associated with camp living across Australia and throughout the world,” Ms Webster said.

“If you have something of interest, please contact me.”

Locals with suitable material can contact Ms Webster by email (cwebster@bbc.sa.gov.au).



Berri Barmera Council’s Loveday Internment Camp facilitator Christine Webster is encouraging people who have family links or memories to share about the camp to contact her.



the quiz



1. Which country contains the only active volcanoes in mainland Europe?

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2. How many sides are there on a British 50p coin?

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3. What colour smoke can be seen coming from the Vatican chimney when a new Pope has been elected?

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4. How many points is the letter 'H' worth in Scrabble?

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5. How is sodium hydroxide more commonly known?

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6. Which metal is the traditional gift for a 10th wedding anniversary?

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7. What is the French term for Shrove Tuesday?

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8. Who was the Roman Goddess of the moon, hunting and childbirth?

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9. In which year did Prince Charles marry Camilla Parker Bowles?

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10. Which is the only country in mainland Europe to be in the same time zone as the UK?

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11. Which Australian bay was the site of Captain James Cook and the Endeavour crew's landing in 1770?

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12. 'Take My Breath Away' was a 1986 hit and the theme tune for the film 'Top Gun' – what was the name of the band who recorded it?

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13. What does an entomologist study?

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14. By which term is Hansen's disease also known?

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15. What can be measured using a fathometer?

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16. Which artist produced the cover artwork for 'The Velvet Underground and Nico' and their album of the same name?

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17. What is contained in a dish that is described as 'à la Florentine'?

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18. Of what is melophobia a fear or hatred?

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19. What was the name of the butler in 'The Addams Family'?

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20. If Monday's child is fair of face, what is Friday's child?

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BONUS QUESTION:

In geography, what is Rapa Nui better known as?
Answer in next week's Quiz

Answers on page 36

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QUIZ MASTER

TOM TRIFONOFF



Kerry Stanger, locally known as the Ukulele Lady, will perform with three of her students at the upcoming Berri Carols by the River event. PHOTO: supplied

Berri's Carols by the River getting close

PLANNING began in July for the Berri Carols by the River and a variety of guest artists have been arranged.

The carols will commence at the Berri riverfront, adjacent to the playground, on Sunday 10 December, at 7pm.

People are invited to come earlier at 6pm and have a sausage, by donation, or bring a picnic tea. There will also be coffee and ice-cream vans.

Bring your own chairs or a picnic rug. If the weather is inclement the carols will be

held in the Berri Town Hall.

Guest artists include William Heuzenroeder, Joey and Juliet Haenen, and Sam and Shannon Harkins. They have all performed brilliantly at the Riverland Musical Society's productions. Kerry Stanger, also known as the Ukulele Lady, will sing and play ukulele. Three of her students, Jerlina, Paulston and Chrisilla Kingson will join her for one item.

Three choirs will also be guest artists. One choir will be a combination of students from Berri, Monash and Our

Lady of the River Primary Schools. Their choir teachers are Karyn Clarke, Cindy Ridley and Jade De-Gregorio.

The Barmera Men's Choir, led by Jill Harris, and the Encounter Church Vocal Group, conducted by Linda Cahill, will also entertain the crowd.

Local musicians make up the band under the guidance of Jason Gwiazda. The band will accompany the community carol singing.

Organisers are hoping for the best crowd yet.

- submitted

Meals on Wheels' valued community service

HEATHER EVERINGHAM

MEALS on Wheels volunteer Rozz Dyer was guest speaker at the recent monthly meeting of the Paringa branch of Women in Agriculture and Business. She commenced by giving the historical background to this long-established community service.

The original concept of delivering meals to those in need dates back to the London Blitz in WWII when large numbers of desperate families sought food and shelter and the Women's Volunteer Services delivered meals in prams. In 1953, Mrs E Watts, in Melbourne, delivered meals on a tricycle.

In SA wheelchair-bound Doris Taylor was at the forefront to establish the first constitutional body. Doris was an "amazing, switched-on" lady, who though paralysed, resisted being institutionalised. She believed people with disability should be able to stay in their own homes and that many illnesses have their core cause in malnutrition. She advocated that regularly provided nutritious meals improved lives.

She approached medical representatives and politicians seeking funds to establish the organisation and former SA Premier Don Dunstan was first president. In 1954 the first kitchen was set up in Port Adelaide, in a Nissen hut with 11 volunteers present.

Renmark's kitchen was established in 1964 – also servicing Berri district – and celebrates 60 years in 2024. The original Renmark service included home care, library, handyman services and these have long since been handed over to other organisations. Extension services do exist in Adelaide including cooking lessons, home visits and café connections to encourage social activity.

The state administration has seen many changes in the last 10 years in the area of menus and costs. A paid employee is now on every branch committee and all decisions are made in Adelaide. There are 80 kitchens in SA and Renmark is a fresh meal kitchen, while others serve meals prepared



Twenty-year Meals on Wheels volunteer Claire James, WAB guest speaker former and Meals on Wheels Renmark kitchen supervisor Rozz Dyer, and Ruth Christie, who has volunteered with the group for 55 years. PHOTO: supplied

in Adelaide and then re-heated, or deal with frozen prepared meals.

New regulations specify frozen ingredients over fresh, thus making a cost saving. Donations of seasonal vegetables and fruit are no longer accepted and the option for preserving fruit or making jam on site is disallowed. Menus are set in Adelaide, changed every 3 months and on any one day kitchens across the state are serving the same food.

The Renmark kitchen has 77 clients and also supplies to 15 clients at Resthaven, in Loxton. There are approximately 100 rostered volunteers with 60 involved with deliveries, and 30 rostered on kitchen duty to bring meals to Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup districts. Rozz received the Renmark Paringa Council Community Service Award in 2021 for volunteer service to the Scouting movement, Chaffey Theatre and Renmark Meals on Wheels.

The next WAB meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 November, at 7.30pm at the Paringa home of Heather Everingham, with Steve Everingham as guest speaker.

Feedback open on council election review

RIVERLANDERS have been encouraged to provide input towards a state review aimed at increasing participation with local government elections.

The State Government last week opened public feedback for the Local Government Participation and Elections Review.

A total of 93 positions were filled without an election being held at the 2022 local government elections, with 16 vacancies across 10 council areas also failing to receive enough nominations. This meant supplementary elections had to be held earlier this year.

Voter turnout also remained at approximately 33 per cent.

Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock said creating "a more inclusive, representative, and participatory local government system that truly reflects the voices and aspirations of South Australia's diverse communities" was a goal.

"Local democracy is often described as the sphere of government 'closest to the people', yet the people of South Australia are consistently choosing not to exercise their right to have a say when it comes to council elections," Mr Brock said.

"The discussion paper poses some bold ideas, that might be challenging or even controversial, but I firmly believe that it is time for us to take real action to better connect people to their councils, to get serious about tackling the persistently low voter turnout we see every four years at council election time.

"I want the ideas I have put forward to generate serious debate about the future of our local government.

"The input of community members, stakeholders and experts is invaluable as we embark on this vital process, and I urge everyone to take 15 minutes out of their day and provide their feedback. Your insights, suggestions, and concerns are crucial as we work towards strengthening our democratic foundations."

Ideas in the review include the introduction of compulsory voting, term limits for elected members, removal of council wards and possible boundary changes where councils are unable to receive enough nominations at election time

LGA president – and Kimba Mayor – Dean Johnson said elected councillors play a vital role in representing and serving the interests of their community

"Following last year's elections, we have been working closely with the State Government to undertake a review of the local democratic process and constructively look at ways to improve participation in local government," Mr Johnson said.

"For many years, we've seen voting in local government elections linger at around 33 per cent, which means a big portion of the community is unheard in the elections process.

"We will be engaging with all South Australian councils on this process and welcome the chance to listen to the community on their thoughts to boost voter turnout, encourage more people to stand for council and improve the elections process overall.

"As the most accessible level of government for South Australians, we want to hear different ideas and weigh up their merits – from compulsory voting, the timing of elections to the process for nominations, everyone's perspective matters."

The Local Government Participation and Elections Review discussion paper can be viewed, and feedback submitted, by visiting the website (<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/council-participation-elections>).

Public consultation closes on Thursday 29 February 2024.



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This role reports to the Site Manager and plays a key role in coordinating the smooth intake during our hulling and shelling season which runs from late February through to September. During the off season, you will be responsible for organising freight movements between sites and supporting the site operations team to meet processing requirements.

This role would suit someone with almond handling/almond industry experience or someone that has worked in a similar logistics role. Hours of work are 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday with some overtime required during the season.

This is a full-time and permanent position commencing in January 2024.

As a Scheduling/Logistics Coordinator, you will be responsible for:

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- Liaising with shift Leading Hands and the cracking team,
- Communicating with the Grower Relations team regarding availability,
- Coordinating incoming and outgoing freight,
- General administration.

The successful applicant will have:

- Strong coordination, planning and organisational skills,
- Previous experience working in a scheduling/logistics role,
- Computer literate with strong spreadsheet skills,
- Sound interpersonal and communication skills,
- Knowledge of almond varieties is an advantage but not essential.

Applications accepted until Friday, 1st December 2023.

To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to:
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For all enquiries, please contact the People & Culture Manager on 08 8586 8800.

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Murray Pioneer JOURNALIST

Taylor Group Media is seeking a talented journalist to join the Murray Pioneer, providing news relevant to the Riverland region.

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- Using initiative to find new stories and identify fresh angles to take issues further.
- Taking high-quality photos to accompany stories.

Qualities you need

- Tertiary qualification in journalism and on-the-job experience.
- High-level research and communication skills, with the ability to build rapport easily.
- Intrinsic motivation to pursue challenges and exceed expectations.
- Strong news judgement, with a commitment to ethics and accuracy.
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Who we are

The Murray Pioneer is one of several mastheads published by Taylor Group Media across South Australia. We continually strive to be a reliable and trusted independent source of news, community views and information.

Your next steps

To apply for the journalist position, submit a formal cover letter (no more than one page) explaining why you are a suitable candidate, your resume (no more than two pages) and examples of your written work.

Please forward your resume and cover letter to:
EDITOR
P.O Box 832, Renmark, SA, 5341
or email: editor@murraypioneer.com.au

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General Maintenance Permanent Part-Time .8 FTE

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Must have (or prepared to get):

- NDIS worker screening
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The job description is available on our website <http://www.riverviewresthome.com.au> under the Employment Opportunities tab.

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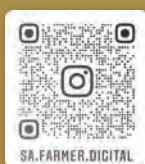
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It will be held at the Day Options Venue,
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Please RSVP to 8582 3110

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purposes to 8582 3110

Members of the community are
invited to attend.

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District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2038

*Pursuant to Section 122 of the Local
Government Act 1999.*

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has prepared a Draft Community Strategic Plan for 2023-2038, which will act a comprehensive roadmap designed to enhance the quality of life in the district, promote economic growth, and ensure sustainable management of both natural and built environments.

The Draft Community Strategic Plan is now open for community comment.

Public Consultation will take place between Thursday 16 November and Thursday 7 December 2023.

A full copy of the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2023-2038 can be found on Council's community engagement website, www.engagement.lwdc.sa.gov.au.

Council invites the community to submit their feedback by using the online feedback form, indicating level of support and suggested changes to the final plan.

Feedback will be accepted until 5.00pm Thursday 7 December 2023, and can also be made:

- by email at council@lwdc.gov.au,
- by post to PO Box 409, Loxton SA 5333, or
- in person, in writing, at the Council's offices at 35 Bookpurnong Road, Loxton or Strangman Road, Waikerie.

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

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Berri Football Club

Annual General Meeting

Monday 4th December, 2023
at 7.00pm

at the Berri Football Club

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Renmark Paringa Council

Notice of Road Closure

Section 33 Road Traffic Act 1961

I, Tim Pfeiffer, Acting Chief Executive Officer, for, and on behalf of the Renmark Paringa Council, exercise the authority delegated by the Minister of Transport under Section 11 Road Traffic Act, and make the following order under Section 33 of the Act.

I declare that the 'Renmark High School Prom Arrivals' is an event to which this section applies and that the following road be closed to vehicle traffic on Thursday 30 November 2023 between 5.15pm to 7pm.

Within the Renmark Paringa Council:

- Murray Avenue, from Renmark Avenue to Para Street

I direct that persons taking part in the 'Renmark High School Prom Arrivals' on the above roads be exempted from all Australian Road Rules relating to pedestrian behaviour, wearing of seatbelts and the carriage of persons in or on vehicles.

Tim Pfeiffer
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SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR POLICE

A Select Committee of the Legislative Council has been established to inquire into support and mental health services for Police, with particular reference to:

- Exploring whether the services provided by the Employee Assistance Program and other mental health services offered to police, former police, and their families are sufficient;
- Determining whether an annual psychological review is sufficient for employees in roles where there is higher psychological demand;
- Assessing the Early Intervention Program to ensure its suitability for psychological injury;
- Determining whether additional mental health support for police officers and their families is required;
- Exploring strategies of boosting police morale to make sure police have the support they need to perform their duties;
- Exploring resourcing and recruitment within SAPOL;
- the prevalence, cause and effect of post traumatic stress disorder among serving and retired police officers and prevention strategies to mitigate risk;
- Consideration of legislative amendments to the Return to Work Act 2014:
 - to prescribe that when a serving or former police officer is diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder, it is presumed to have arisen from their employment in the absence of proof to the contrary;
 - the extent to which other first responders who deal directly with emergency situations when performing paid or voluntary work should be captured in the legislative amendments, including but not limited to ambulance officers, firefighters, nurses, medical practitioners, members of the SACFS and SASES, correctional services officers and train drivers; and
 - Any other relevant matters.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee is invited to do so by Friday, 26 January 2024. Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Committee Secretary at scpolicesupport@parliament.sa.gov.au or C/- Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide SA 5001.

For any queries, please contact the Committee Secretary on (08) 8237 9417 or at the above email address.

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Berri Barmera COUNCIL

ROAD CLOSURE

Berri Regional Secondary College Prom

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:

- Declare the Berri Regional Secondary College Prom to be held on Riverview Drive, Berri as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.
- Hereby make an order –
 - 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.

Location	From	To
Riverview Drive, Berri from the old ferry site to the corner of Vaughan Terrace, Berri.	3.00pm Friday 1 December 2023	6.30pm Friday 1 December 2023
Ahern Street, Berri from the Berri Hotel Bottle Shop to Riverview Drive, Berri.	3.00pm Friday 1 December 2023	6.30pm Friday 1 December 2023

- 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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the quiz answers

1.Italy 2.Seven sides 3.White 4.Four points 5.Caustic soda 6.Tin 7.Mardi Gras 8.Diana 9.2005 10.Portugal 11.Botany Bay 12.Berlin 13.Insects 14.Leprosy 15.Water depth (using ultrasound waves) 16.Andy Warhol 17.Spinach 18.Music 19.Lurch 20. Loving and Giving

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Mrs Hugh McCorquodale was better known in the literary world as Barbara Cartland.



the quiz answers

1.St. Francis of Assisi 2.Lemuel 3.The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries 4.The Vapors 5.Denmark 6.Seven films 7.Hawk-Eye 8.32 pieces 9.Arkansas 10.The Last Battle 11.Noel Coward 12.Aladdin 13.July 14.Africa 15.German 16. Fish 17.Germs and contamination 18.1000 19.Pink Floyd 20.Alabama

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The painter that said 'I paint objects as I think them, not as I see them' was Pablo Picasso.



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RSVP essential to the Trust office
by **5pm Tuesday 28 November, 2023**

R Auricht, Chief Executive Officer

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Renmark
Club

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

Funding Applications

The Committee of the
Barmera Community Fund Inc
invite **applications**
from Organisations/Clubs
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Applications to:
The Chairman
PO Box 809, Barmera 5345
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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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SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1961

I, Christopher Drew Holland, Senior
Sergeant of Police, for, and on behalf of
the Commissioner of Police, exercise the
authority delegated by the Minister for
Transport under Section 11 Road Traffic Act,
and make the following order under Section
33 of the Act.

I declare that the **‘Renmark Christmas
Pageant’** is an event to which this section
applies and that the following roads be closed
to traffic **between 2.00pm and 11.59pm on**
Friday 1 December 2023:

Within the Renmark Paringa Council area: -

- **Renmark Avenue, Renmark** between
Murray Avenue and Fifteenth Street
- **Murray Avenue, Renmark** between
Renmark Avenue and Tapio Street
- **Ral Ral Avenue, Renmark** between
Renmark Avenue and James Avenue
- **James Avenue, Renmark** between
Ral Ral Avenue and Twelfth Street
- **Car park off Ral Ral Avenue,**
Renmark (closed from 7.00am).

I direct that persons taking part in the
‘Renmark Christmas Pageant’ on the above
roads be exempted from all Australian Road
Rules relating to pedestrian behaviour on
roads.

I also hereby authorise the **Smoothflow**
Traffic Management or its agents and
contractors to install and remove, or cause
the installation and removal of necessary
and appropriate traffic control devices for the
conduct of this event

I direct that the installation and removal of
necessary and appropriate traffic control
devices for the conduct of this event can only
be performed by a person with work zone
traffic management training.

All works to be undertaken must be done so
in accordance with the **“SA Standards for
Workzone Traffic Management”** (which
calls up the **Austrroads Guide to Temporary
Traffic Management and AS1742.3**).

The permit holder must ensure that, a legible
and complete copy of this Approval (as either
a hard copy or electronic copy) is available
at the event site at all times that workers are
present and is immediately provided to an
Authorised Officer upon request.



C.D. HOLLAND
S/SGT 36182
For and on behalf of
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
13 November, 2023.

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RZ12731



District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

ROAD CLOSURES
Waikerie Community Christmas Pageant



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
*Pursuant to Council Resolution
ORD2023-247*

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 4.00pm and 11.00pm on
Friday 24 November 2023 for the 2023 Waikerie
Community Christmas Pageant.

**Between 4:00pm and 11.00pm – Closed for
pre-event preparations, the Pageant and
subsequent events**

- McCoy Street between the Northern and
Southern roundabouts.

**Between 4:00pm and 7:30pm – Closed for
pre-event preparations, the Pageant and after
Pageant preparations**

- The southern carriageway of White Street
from McCoy Street to Crush Terrace.
- Civic Avenue from Dowling Street to Crush
Terrace.
- Crush Terrace from White Street to the
Southern roundabout.
- Portion of the Southern roundabout
including access from Campbell Terrace,
Strangman Road and Lawrie Terrace.

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

For further information contact
Greg Perry 8584 8000
gperry@dclw.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

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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

LZ15424



Berri Barmera
COUNCIL

ROAD CLOSURE
Berri Christmas Market

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 Berri Christmas Market on
Wilson Street, Berri, 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
Wilson Street from William Street to the Kay Avenue Roundabout, Berri	7.00am Saturday 2 December 2023	3.00pm Saturday 2 December 2023

2) Exempt persons in these areas when they
are closed to vehicular traffic from Road
Rules 230 (crossing the 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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District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

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



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

For further information contact
Greg Perry 8584 8000
gperry@dclw.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

LZ15419

Classifieds

Call: 8586 8000

BIRTHS

HERSEY, Beau Judd.

Danielle, Haydn, Ashton and Hallie welcomed their beautiful blonde boy on 28 September, 2023.

Born early at Lyell McEwin Hospital, weighing 2.9kgs.

Thank you to the Royal Flying Doctor and SA Ambulance services.

60th BIRTHDAY



GRAHAM, Andrew 'Rooleg'.

Happy 60th birthday for Monday 27 November, 2023.

Just like an AC/DC anthem, your life's been a highway to good times, cold beers and endless adventures.

May your birthday be a day filled with all your favourites, and here's cheers to 60 years of rocking the birthday stage!

Love and best wishes from Lizzy, Em, Jo, Rylee and Rikki; Kate, Mark, Sophie and Benson; and Mikala.

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91st BIRTHDAY



EDMONDS, Rod.

Happy 91st birthday, Dad, Papa and Great-papa for this Friday 24 November, 2023.

Your life is a melody of wisdom and warmth, each year adding a sweet note to our family's song.

May your day be filled with cherished moments, laughter that echoes through the years, and the love of generations.

Cheers to a life well lived and a legacy that continues to inspire us all!

Another year closer to 100!

Love from all your adoring family.

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DEATHS



ARMSTRONG, 'Fred' Terrence Noel.

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Saturday 18 November, 2023.

Aged 58 years.

Loved partner of Doreen.

Adored son of Ted and Carol.

Loving father of Kristy, George, Emma, Beccy, Terry, Sarah, and families.

Greatly loved and deeply missed.

BUTSON, Colin.

Passed away peacefully, at the Riverland General Hospital, on Sunday 19 November, 2023.

Aged 66 years.

Loving husband of Liz.

Loved father and father-in-law of Joe and Bronnie, Lisa and Steven.

Cherished grandpa of Jade, Myka, Aaliyah.

Will be sadly missed.

BUTSON, Colin Graham.

Aged 66 years.

Colin passed away peacefully surrounded by family on 19 November, 2023.

Much-loved husband of Liz.

Loved father and father-in-law of Joe and Bronnie, Lisa and Steven.

Loved grandpa to Jade, Myka and Aaliyah.

I will hold you in my heart, until I can hold you in my arms again.

Love, Liz. ♥

BUTSON, Colin Graham.

15/3/1957—19/11/2023

Dearly loved brother and brother-in-law of Vicki and Steve, Dianne and Kevin.

A courageous battler, now at peace.

Much-loved uncle of Corrine and Michael, Haydn and Emma, Erin and Nathan, Kristin and Ben, Grant, Brett and Tyan.

The tears in our eyes we can wipe away, The ache in our hearts will always stay.

DEATHS

CROWHURST, Arthur George.

Please see memorial service notice.

FRENCH, Jordan Anthony.

Passed away suddenly at home on Monday 13 November, 2023.

Aged 21 years.

Dearly loved son of Stephen and Sharon.

Step-son to Mark and Kylie.

Adored brother of Brody.

Cherished grandson of Tony and Jenny, Graham and Rosemary (both deceased).

Sadly missed by all his aunties and uncles.

Heaven has gained another angel.

JOHINKE, Mavis Rita.

Passed away peacefully in Melaleuca House on Monday 13 November, 2023 with her loving family by her side.

Aged 101 years.

Dearly loved wife of Murray (deceased).

Loving mother of Raelene, Brian and Carol, and their partners.

Adored grandma of 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Forever in our hearts.

Reunited with Murray.

Rest in peace.

A funeral service was conducted at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton on Monday 20 November, 2023 followed by a committal in the Loxton lawn cemetery.

ALTSCHWAGER

FAMILY FUNERALS

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MARSCHALL, Ivan.

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by love, on Sunday 12 November, 2023.

Aged 95 years.

Loved husband of Pat (deceased).

Loving father and father-in-law of Jane, Peter and Kathy.

Loved poppy of Kobi and Mal.

Reunited with the love of his life, Pat.

Ivan was privately cremated and there will be a celebration of Ivan's life at a later date.

Riverland

FUNERALS

Berri and Renmark
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DEATHS

McINERNEY, Stephen.

Beloved father of Domenic McInerney.

Friend of the Strachan family over many years.

PURCELL, Thelma Joyce.

Passed away peacefully, at Renmark Residential Aged Care, on Monday 13 November, 2023.

Aged 95 years.

Loved wife of Kevin (deceased).

Loving mother of Helen, Marilyn, Julianne, Barrie, Dianne, and their families.

No longer in my life to share, But in my heart always there.

WARNOCK, 'Lawrie'.

Passed at Renmark Residential Aged Care on Thursday 9 November, 2023.

Aged 85 years.

Loved and loving husband of Mary.

Loving father of Stephen, Michael, Patricia (deceased), Linda, Jennifer, Kevin (deceased), and their families.

FUNERALS

ARMSTRONG.

Family and friends of Terrence 'Fred' Armstrong are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be held at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Monday 27 November, 2023 at 11am.

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

Riverland

FUNERALS

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Riverland

FUNERALS

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FUNERALS

BUTSON.

The family and friends of Colin Butson are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday 8 December, 2023 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Berri Dialysis Unit in Colin's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

Riverland

FUNERALS

Berri and Renmark
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FRENCH, Jordan Anthony.

Relatives and friends are advised that Jordan's funeral service will be conducted at the Loxton Riverfront (bottom of East Terrace) on Monday 27 November, 2023 at 11am followed by a private cremation.

ALTSCHWAGER

FAMILY FUNERALS

0400 012 089

KRUGER.

Family and friends of Rex Kruger are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 19 Fowles Street, Barmera on Friday 24 November, 2023 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of SA in Rex'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.

Riverland

FUNERALS

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PURCELL.

Family and friends of Thelma Purcell are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the graveside in the Renmark Lawn Cemetery, Arumpo Street, Renmark, ON THIS DAY Wednesday 22 November, 2023 at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Renmark Residential Aged Care in Thelma's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

Riverland

FUNERALS

Berri and Renmark
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WARNOCK.

Family and friends of Lawrie Warnock are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted at Riverland Funerals Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Tuesday 28 November, 2023 at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service, the cortege will proceed to the Renmark Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

Riverland

FUNERALS

Berri and Renmark
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IN MEMORIAM

CASEY, Bill.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

CROWHURST, Arthur George.

Friends and family are warmly invited to a celebration of life of the late Arthur George Crowhurst, to be held Friday 24 November, 2023 at Barossa Weintal Hotel, 235 Murray Street, Tanunda SA 5352.

The service will commence at 10:45am, followed by a light lunch at 12 noon.

To assist with catering, RSVP is required by TODAY, Wednesday 22 November, 2023 via email suecrowhurst@outlook.com or text/call 0402886771.

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS.

Steve and Bev, together with the staff of S A Kleemann Funeral Services, invite you and your family to a memorial service of remembrance to pay tribute to those who will not be with us this festive season.

The service will be held at S A Kleemann Chapel, 10 Cates Avenue, Waikerie on Thursday 30 November, 2023 at 5.30pm.

As part of the service there will be an opportunity to acknowledge your loved one.

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RETURN THANKS

CADDICK.

The family of Kathy Caddick would like to thank people for the kind words, hugs, condolences and cards received. Thanks again to the wonderful nurses at Riverland Regional Hospital.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.



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BE WISE

ADVERTISE

Steamers pouring on the points in div one

A FREE-scoring second quarter saw the top side in Riverland men’s basketball solidify its first-place standing on the division one table last Thursday night.

Barmera had the wood over the Steamers in the first quarter when the two sides met in Renmark on Thursday night, but the home side came out breathing fire in the second period.

The Steamers poured in 32 second-quarter points, while holding the Lakers to just four at the other end, to establish a 24-point buffer at the main break.

Zac Gartery and Alex Haynes, who partner up in the ruck for the Renmark Rovers during winter, asserted their dominance in the frontcourt.

The pair combined for 38 points for the match, as the Steamers rolled home for a comfortable 49-point victory, despite missing regular point guard Judd Hansen.

Youngster Samuel DePalma played well in his first division one hit-out this campaign, while for the Lakers, Dimitri Hronopoulos was the only player to register a double-digit points total.

Elsewhere, Loxton comfortably accounted for Berri at the Toyota Arena, defeating the Blazers by 58 points in a strong showing.

Points came from all angles for the Supercats, with Rogan Kennedy leading the way, scoring 23 points in the victory.

Loxton’s women’s division one side also picked up a win, albeit in a tighter against Berri.

Mackella Hogan’s 21 points helped the Supercats to a 13-point victory, while Kiara Harman was also in good scoring touch for her 20 points.

Emily Westley and Bella Gates flew the flag well for the home side, with Berri now sitting third on the table, three points behind the Lakers, who put Waikerie to the sword on Thursday.

Tahlia Dillon led from the front with 20

points for Barmera, with Waikerie restricted to just 18 points for the match.

RESULTS WOMEN

Division one				
Barmera	12	29	53	76
Waikerie	2	6	10	18
Points: Barmera – T. Dillon 20, S. Whitbourne 17, C. Wutke 12, K. Barnett 10, J. Kassulke 8, K. Stavrou 7, H. Hodgson 2. Waikerie – C. Turner 10, S. Campbell 4, S. Hyde, Y. Wen-Liu 2.				
Loxton	23	46	62	85
Berri	19	38	55	72
Points: Loxton – M. Hogan 21, K. Harman 20, B. Hahn 13, E. Foulds 7, S. Smith 7, L. Uren 6, S. Rucioch 6, M. Pfeiler 5. Berri – E. Westley 18, B. Gates 17, A. Fenwick 13, M. O’Leary-Fletcher 9, A. Westley 6, S. Glen 4, E. Jordan 3, A. Morgan 2.				

Division two
Renmark 45 d Berri 31; Barmera 41 d Loxton 27.

Division three
Supercats 31 d Waikerie 27; Berri 48 d Barmera 16; Lakers 63 d Chaffey 22; Tigers 35 d Renmark 17.

Division four
Renmark 16 d Loxton 13; Blazers 32 d Tigers 31; Supercats 17 d Berri 15; Barmera 29 d Waikerie 21.

Under 16 (div 1)
Supercats 13 drew with Waikerie 13; Barmera 33 d Renmark 24; Loxton 60 d Berri 15; Waikerie 19 d Supercats 6.

Under 16 (div 2)
Waikerie 19 d Supercats 6.

Under 14 (div 1)
Berri 44 d Loxton 23; Renmark 28 d Barmera 18; Waikerie 38 d Supercats 20.

Under 14 (div 2)
Supercats 18 d Loxton 16; Renmark 16 drew with Berri 16; Lakers 22 d Waikerie Black 2; Waikerie White 26 d Barmera 5.

Under 12
Loxton D2 28 d Lakers D2 12; Barmera D1 18 d Barmera D2 3; Berri D1 20 d Supercats D2 16; Loxton D1 d Waikerie D2 8.

MEN

Division one				
Loxton	24	52	82	113
Berri	8	21	39	55

Points: Loxton – J. Hutchinson 23, R. Kennedy 20, B. Tregeagle 19, L. Warnett 16, J. Drake 13, J. Will 9, C. Lange 7, J. Boughen 6. Berri – Heath Campbell 12, Harrison Campbell 10, J. Hoffmann 8, J. Szalbot, O. Hunyadi 7, R. Kunoth 6, B. Nagy.



Zac Gartery wins the tip-off for Renmark during last Thursday’s division one clash with Barmera. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Renmark	8	40	62	87
Barmera	12	16	28	38
Points: Renmark – Z. Gartery 20, A. Haynes 18, B. Rover 13, S. DePalma 13, J. Smith 9, T. Johnson 5, N. Martinson 5, A. Curtis 4. Barmera – D. Hronopoulos 14, L. Marks 9, T. Drogemuller 8, C. Evans 6, D. Marks 1.				

Division two
Loxton 41 d Tigers 37; Supercats 42 d Barmera 37.

Division three
Tigers 45 d Lakers 30; Berri 34 d Barmera 26; Waikerie White 49 d Renmark 26; Steamers 54 d Waikerie Black 48; Paringa 37 d Chaffey 28; Rovers 39 d Allstars 27; Loxton 35 d Supercats 24.

Division four
Barmera 60 d Berri 23; Renmark 43 d Loxton 29.

Under 18 (div 1)
Loxton 45 d Renmark 42.

Under 18 (div 2)
Loxton 29 d Barmera 25; Supercats 51 d Renmark 23.

Under 16
Renmark D1 98 d Waikerie D2 21; Berri D2 74 d Loxton D2 12; Renmark D2 38 d Lakers D2 27; Barmera D1 56 d Barmera D2 20.

Under 14 (div 1)
Barmera 30 d Waikerie 19; Loxton 27 d Berri 23.

Under 14 (div 2)
Supercats 24 d Loxton 19; Waikerie 43 d Barmera 12; Renmark 21 d Lakers 17.

Under 12 (div 1)
Renmark 26 d Barmera 22; Loxton 39 d Berri 19;



Toby Johnson runs the ball up the court for Renmark.

Waikerie 36 d Supercats 28.
Under 12 (div 2)
Berri 18 d Barmera 4; Lakers 13 d Loxton 8; Waikerie 41 d Pelicans 11; Renmark 25 d Supercats 8.

SIDELINE SWATTY’S JUNIOR PICS





The JUGS (Just Us Girls) team who took part in the recent Mighty River Run fundraiser. PHOTOS: supplied

Mighty amount raised by River Run

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Novita Mighty River Run has raised more than \$1.1m dollars in 2022 and 2023 to support children, youth and adults living with a disability.

A total of 36 crews on boats from across the state recently spent five days travelling along local stretches of River Murray.

They began at Waikerie and took part in activities at Loxton, Berri, the Woolshed Brewery, Renmark, Moorook South, Barmera, and the Overland Corner Hotel, before ending the event with an official dinner at the Waikerie Golf and Country Club.

Novita's donor development specialist Matthew Robran said \$620,000 was raised this year and about \$500,000 was raised last year, even though the flood lead to the event

being cancelled. This year's event featured a tribute night to former AFL footballer and coach Russell Ebert OAM, who died in 2021. Mr Ebert and fellow Mighty River Run ambassadors John Riddell and Jason 'Snowy' Carter created the annual Novita fundraiser 16 years ago.

Mr Robran said the auction of a painting of Mr Ebert, by Adelaide artist Ann Shannon, raised \$21,000 during the tribute night at Berri, where the football legend was born.

The winners of the portrait were Paul and Heidi Sweet, from Adelaide.

"Paul in particular is a big Russell Ebert fan and was absolutely delighted when he was the winning bidder," Mr Robran said.

He said another highlight of this year's River Murray fundraiser was the lunch at The Precinct, in Loxton, with about 40 of Novita's clients.

"It was an opportunity for the River Run fundraisers to meet the clients who benefit from what they do," Mr Robran said.

"It is not a sit down lunch, we play games and all the boaties come dressed up in their costumes."

Mr Robran said Novita Berri client Bryce Westbrook, who is presently doing work experience at Woolworths in Berri, was an inspiration to meet with.

Mr Westbrook on his own raised \$1300 by



2023 Mighty River Run ambassador and Novita client Bryce Westbrook, of Berri, presenting the \$1300 he raised to Novita's donor development specialist Matthew Robran at the Waikerie Golf and Country Club.

collecting donations in the streets of Berri.

"He was very well supported by the community and it was an incredible effort," Mr Robran said.

Mr Westbrook was a 2023 Mighty River Run ambassador and spoke at a dinner at the Waikerie Golf and Country Club on Friday to officially end the event.



Former Adelaide Crows player Tony Modra (right) with The Ultimate Argonauts team captain Troy Bonner during the Berri to Renmark leg of the Mighty River Run.



HYSTERICAL CARNAGE: Action from last weekend's Hysterical Carnage Backyard Ultra event, which saw competitors run laps of the 6.2km Loxton course every hour on the hour, until no competitors were left standing. PHOTOS: Facebook





Cobdogla and Loxton contested the junior Match of the Round last weekend, with Judson Kruger (left), Eddie Waters, Patrick Hallam, Alex Molkner, Chase Johnson, Fred Waters, Thomas Bradtke and Mason Owen all in action. PHOTO: supplied

Top division one tennis side tough to stop

THE Riverland Tennis Association Match of the Round saw one side cement itself as the team to beat in division one last weekend against a would-be contender for the throne.

Top side Berri travelled up Bookpurnong Road to take on third-placed Loxton Black, and the visitors brought their A-game in perfect conditions for tennis.

The top two doubles contests were evenly matched at the halfway point, with Ryan Bielar and Ben Rogers holding firm against Andrew Waters and Scott Gillett.

Paul Reid and Cooper Staehr weathered the storm of Cooper Kruger and Cody Cornelius early, before running away with the rubber 6-3.

Berri took charge in the second round of doubles, picking up a pair of convincing wins to take control of the contest.

The top side continued to show its class in the singles, restricting the home side to just one win from four rubbers to close out the match by six sets.

A tense battle between Rogers and Gillett was the highlight of the clash, with Rogers holding his nerve to close out the contest 6-4.

Waters was the sole successful competitor for Loxton in the singles, defeating Bielar 6-2, while the club's only other win for the day came from Waters and Kruger in the final doubles contest.

Elsewhere, Renmark was brought back down to Earth by a rampant Cobdogla Blue outfit.

Fresh off its first win of the season, Renmark struggled against the reigning champions, going down by 10 sets in a one-sided affair.

Cobby claimed victory in every single rubber contested, with star player Sam

Butterworth returning to the line-up for the win.

Meanwhile, clubmates Cobdogla Gold also enjoyed success in last weekend's round of action, defeating Loxton Yellow by six rubbers.

Yellow remains winless from five attempts this campaign, but will fancy its chances against Renmark in Loxton this weekend.

Last weekend's junior Match of the Round came in the green three division, with Loxton taking on Cobdogla.

It was a one-sided affair on the scoresheet, with Loxton emerging on top, but the matches were tight and the Cobdogla boys showed great fight.

Judson Kruger and Fred Waters just got over the line 5-3 against Mason Owen and Alex Molkner, in a match that could have gone either way.

Thomas Bradtke and Eddie Waters were too strong in the other double, winning 6-1 over Chase Johnson and Patrick Hallam.

The pick of the singles was the match between Bradtke and Molkner, with Bradtke too strong at the finish to take the win 6-3.

Both teams showed excellent competitiveness and are showing signs of improvement since the beginning of the season.

SENIORS
Division one
Cobdogla Blue 10-60 d Renmark 0-19
Doubles: S. Butterworth/W. Swinstead d E. Sleep/J. Pick 6-3; K. Liddel/I. McFarlane d J. McGuire/J. Rucioch 6-4; S. Butterworth/W. Swinstead d E. Sleep/J. Rucioch 6-0; K. Liddel/I. McFarlane d J. McGuire/H. Dring 6-0; S. Butterworth/I. McFarlane d E. Sleep/J. Pick 6-4; K. Liddel/W. Swinstead d J. McGuire/J. Rucioch 6-1.
Singles: S. Butterworth d E. Sleep 6-0; W. Swinstead d J. McGuire 6-0; I. McFarlane d J. Rucioch 6-3; K. Liddel d H. Dring 6-4.
Cobdogla Gold 8-55 d Loxton Yellow 2-29

Doubles: S. Nettle/H. Battams d J. Lane/P. Smith 6-2; A. Myer/G. Centofanti d L. Jachmann/L. Cockshell 6-0; S. Nettle/N. Battams d J. Lane/P. Smith 6-1; A. Myer/G. Centofanti d B. Reichelt/L. Jachmann 7-6; S. Nettle/A. Myer d J. Lane/L. Cockshell 6-3; G. Centofanti/N. Battams d L. Jachmann/B. Reichelt 6-0.
Singles: S. Nettle d J. Lane 6-0; N. Battams lost to P. Smith 3-6; A. Myer d B. Reichelt 7-5; G. Centofanti lost to L. Cockshell 2-6.

MATCH OF THE ROUND
Berri 8-57 d Loxton Black 2-34
Doubles: R. Bielar/B. Rogers d A. Waters/S. Gillett 7-5; P. Reid/C. Staehr d C. Cornelius/C. Kruger 6-3; R. Bielar/P. Reid d A. Waters/S. Erasmus 6-1; B. Rogers/C. Staehr d S. Gillett/C. Kruger 6-3; R. Bielar/C. Staehr lost to A. Waters/C. Kruger 6-7; B. Rogers/P. Reid d S. Erasmus/C. Cornelius
Singles: R. Bielar lost to A. Waters 2-6; B. Rogers d S. Gillett 6-4; P. Reid d C. Cornelius 6-0; C. Staehr d S. Erasmus 6-2.

Division two
Berri 15-98 d Loxton 5-63
Doubles: R. Mason/R. Cresp d T. Griffin/C. Wall 6-4; B. Heward/J. Sweet d N. Gibbs/A. Kruger 6-4; J. Fulham/K. Bartholomew lost to N. Kruger/D. Gibbs 1-6; Y. Tzanavaras/K. Reid d J. Pearn/C. Gutschke 6-2; R. Mason/R. Cresp d T. Griffin/N. Gibbs 6-0; B. Heward/J. Sweet d C. Wall/A. Kruger 7-5; J. Fullham/K. Bartholomew lost to N. Kruger/N. Gibbs 3-6; Y. Tzanavaras/K. Reid d J. Pearn/C. Gutschke 6-1; Y. Tzanavaras/K. Reid d D. Gibbs/C. Gutschke 6-0; R. Mason/J. Fulham lost to T. Griffin/N. Kruger 0-6; R. Cresp/Y. Tzanavaras d C. Wall/D. Gibbs 6-1; B. Heward/K. Bartholomew d N. Gibbs/J. Pearn 7-5; J. Sweet/K. Reid d A. Kruger/C. Gutschke 6-1.
Singles: R. Mason d T. Griffin 6-4; R. Cresp d C. Wall 6-1; B. Heward lost to N. Gibbs 1-6; J. Sweet d A. Kruger; J. Fulham d N. Kruger 7-5; K. Bartholomew d J. Pearn 6-3.

Barmera Kids 11-106 d Cobdogla 8-70
Doubles: J. Bannear/S. Jericho d J. Inglis/L. Bowers 6-2; D. Gilgen/H. Banks lost to B. Burton/S. Ivanovic 4-6; H. Brattoli/S. Albrecht d K. Inglis/K. Stavrov 6-1; M. Gudyer/C. Bannear lost to S. Kroehn/S. Hampshire 6-7; J. Norman/S. Jericho lost to J. Inglis/J. Ivanovic 3-6; J. Bannear/D. Gilgen d D. Bald/J. Bowers 6-0; M. Gudyer/S. Albrecht lost to K. Inglis/J. Nettle 4-6; H. Brattoli/C. Bannear lost to S. Kroehn/K. Satvrov 6-7; M. Gudyer/C. Bannear lost to K. Stavrov/S. Hampshire 6-7; S. Jericho/S. Albrecht d L. Bowers/S.

Kroehn 6-2; H. Banks/H. Brattoli d B. Burton/K. Satvrov 6-3; J. Norman/M. Gudyer lost to D. Bald/J. Nettle 6-7; J. Bannear/C. Bannear d J. Bowers/S. Hampshire 6-2.
Singles: S. Jericho lost to J. Inglis 5-7; H. Banks d L. Bowers 6-4; J. Norman d J. Ivanovic 6-2; D. Gilgen d D. Bald 6-1; S. Albrecht d K. Inglis 6-0; H. Brattoli d S. Kroehn 6-0.

Division three
Cobdogla 9-57 d Denmark 1-19; Barmera Tennis the Menace 9-57 d Loxton Bashers 1-28; Berri Racquetters 5-47 d Loxton Smashers 5-46; Moorook 10-60 d Berri Ace Kickers 0-11.

GIRLS DIVISION
Barmera Thunderbirds 6-42 d Berri Alisha Molik 0-23; Cobdogla 8-50 d Loxton Barty 0-13; Barmera Vixens 8-63 d Renmark 0-8.

JUNIORS
Green 1
Waikerie 4-36 d Cobdogla 4-35; Renmark 4-39 d Loxton Millman 4-28; Berri (bye).
Green 2
Waikerie 8-44 d Loxton Newcombe 0-15; Berri Alex 5-52 d Loxton Hewitt 2-19.
Green 3
MATCH OF THE ROUND
Loxton Kubler 8-50 d Cobdogla 0-12.
Doubles: J. Kruger/F. Waters d M. Owen, A. Molkner 5-3; T. Bradtke/E. Waters d C. Johnson/P. Hallam 6-1, J. Kruger/E. Waters d M. Owen/C. Johnson 7-1, T. Bradtke/F. Waters d A. Molkner/P. Hallam 4-2.
Singles: J. Kruger d M. Owen 9-0, T. Bradtke d A. Molkner 6-3, F. Waters d C. Johnson 5-2, E. Waters d P. Hallam 8-0.
Barmera 5-39 d Renmark 2-24.

Green 4
Waikerie 6-37 d Loxton Saville 2-28; Barmera 8-57 d Cobdogla 0-12; Berri Dasha 6-36 d Berri Thanasi 1-21.

Orange 1
Renmark 6-28 d Loxton Popyrin 1-15; Cobdogla 5-27 d Barmera 2-19; Waikerie 5-27 d Loxton Kokkinakis 2-19.

Red
Renmark 4-26 d Berri Ash 4-19; Berri Nick 5-24 d Loxton Tomljanovic 0-7; Cobdogla (bye).

Yellow
Loxton DeMinaur 7-46 d Cobdogla Blue 1-24; Cobdogla Gold 5-39 d Loxton Hijikata 3-34; Barmera 5-37 d Berri Novak 3-32; Renmark (bye).



STAFF SOCCER SHOW: Ingy's Citrus held its staff show with their seasonal workers from Tonga and Fiji, as well as local staff on Sunday 19 November at Loxton's second oval. Michael and Allison Ingerson set up a Round Robin Soccer Knockout where the boys had some fierce competition and enjoyed a well-earned BBQ afterwards. PHOTOS: supplied

Tight top four tussle in div one pennants

A SURPRISE victory has blown the race for the top four wide open in Bowls Riverland's Saturday division one pennant, with just 32 points separating fourth and seventh on the table.

Barmera went into its clash with The Lawns sitting comfortably in second spot on the ladder with four wins and one loss to its name, but the Renmark-based side helped prove there is no true easy-beat this year.

The Lawns pulled off a 24-shot win over the Pelicans, claiming victories in all three rinks in a dominant display, with the side now elevated to fifth spot on the table, despite accruing just two wins to date.

Sitting above it in fourth is Loxton, despite the latter dropping its match against previously last-placed Renmark on Saturday.

Renmark claimed victory despite losing two of the three rinks, with the quartet led by Bill Dopson scoring a 16-shot win to get the side over the line.

Elsewhere, Waikerie jumped into second spot with a 14-shot win over Loxton RSL, but it was far

from plain sailing for the west-Riverland side.

Grant Frahm's four scored a comfortable win against their Loxton counterparts, but both of the other rinks ended in a stalemate.

Berri remains on top of the table despite the bye last weekend, and will return to action this Saturday against Barmera at Lakeside.

Meanwhile, Waikerie is set to host The Lawns under the dome, while Loxton goes head-to-head with intertown rivals Loxton RSL.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

The Lawns 79 d Barmera 55.

R. Lawton 28 d R. Reynolds 20; P. Lawton 22 d A. Gapco 20; S. Leesue 29 d J. Morena 15.

Waikerie 67 d Loxton RSL 53.

A. Fulwood 18 drew with J. Wright 18; W. Collins 20 drew with G. Huppatz 20; G. Frahm 29 d W. Schulz 15.

Renmark 59 d Loxton 48.

W. Dopson 26 d D. Schliebs 10; K. Schulz 17 lost to S. Roberts 18; M. Lacey 16 lost to J. Vaughan 20. Points: Berri 117; Waikerie 112; Barmera 111; Loxton 97; The Lawns 69; Renmark 66; Loxton RSL 65.

DIVISION TWO

Monash 71 d Berri 32.

I. Potts 20 d J. Trezise 10; M. Kruger 25 d B. Hollis 9; M. Wood 26 d C. Gaskin 13.

Barmera 54 d The Lawns 53.

I. Lloyde 19 d B. Symonds 17; W. Uppington 18 drew with S. Machell 18; P. Thompson 17 lost to R. Ashworth 18. Loxton 70 d Waikerie 54. G. Cockshell 26 d R. Davies 19; H. Appleton 23 d M. Morete 20; W. Harrison 21 d D. Thompson 15. Renmark 75 d Lyrup 53. J. Cooper 14 lost to S. Munro 21; S. Schulz 25 d L. Recchia 18; M. Spano 36 d P. Drewett 14. Points:

DIVISION THREE

Berri 58 d Berri Red 46.

L. Knight 15 lost to L. Blades 18; W. Couzens 16 lost to S. Hall 18; B. Knight 27 d J. Bradford 10.

The Lawns 69 d Monash 54.

M. Hudson 19 lost to W. Pahl 24; D. Wilson 25 d J. Sutherland 16; P. Brown 25 d T. Swanbury 14.

Waikerie 91 d Loxton 39.

M. Morley 22 d D. Sparrow 17; T. Strauss 42 d P. Madden 8; W. Burris 27 d F. Armfield 14.

Renmark 70 d Barmera 42.

B. Lockett 15 drew with K. Brown 15; D. Beer 29 d P. Symens 19; M. Walker 26 d H. Robinson 8. Points: Waikerie 156; Berri Red 129; The Lawns 102; Loxton 100; Renmark 97; Berri 78; Monash 35; Barmera 31.

DIVISION FOUR

Loxton RSL 63 d Loxton 47; Waikerie 81 d Moorook 42; The Lawns 70 d Berri 48. Points: Waikerie 110; Loxton 108; Loxton RSL 100; Moorook 98; The Lawns 80; Berri 50.

DIVISION FIVE

Barmera 46 d Loxton 44; Lyrup 36 d Monash 23. Points: Lyrup 132; Monash 126; Barmera 70; Waikerie 48; Loxton 44.



A win from Peter Lawton's (above) four over Andy Gapco's Barmera rink helped secure the win for The Lawns in last weekend's round of division one pennants. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Top side toppled in Wednesday pennants action

A MID-table side produced an upset win in last week's round of Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants, knocking off the ladder-leaders in comfortable fashion.

The Lawns welcomed top team Berri to town on Wednesday morning and ran out 17-shot victors, despite losing two of the three rinks.

Claire Eichenberger and Kerry Treloar's quartets scored wins for the visiting side, but a mammoth victory to Sue Machell's quartet

against Ruth Butt's four helped The Lawns notch its third win for the campaign.

The Renmark-based team remains outside of the top four, but is now just 14 points behind Waikerie, who went down by 30 shots against Loxton on the weekend.

The landslide win was Loxton's first of the year, but the side remains at the foot of the ladder, one win shy of Monash in sixth.

Meanwhile, Renmark defeated Monash in a close one, with Maria Spano and Diane

Beer's sides doing the damage.

Berri remains on top of the table, with Renmark nine points adrift in second, while Barmera and Waikerie round out the top four.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Loxton 71 d Waikerie 41.

M. Tygh 19 lost to M. Jorley 22; M. Schutz 24 d M. Morley 8; B. Mattner 28 d J. Strauss 11.

Renmark 62 d Monash 55.

M. Spano 27 d C. Traeger 17; S. Schulz 16 lost to S.

Elsdon 22; D. Beer 19 d J. John 16.

The Lawns 62 d Berri 45.

C. Topperwien 16 lost to C. Eichenberger 20; S. Machell 31 d R. Butt 8; B. Symonds 15 lost to K. Treloar 17.

Points: Berri 143; Barmera 141; Renmark 134; Waikerie 106; The Lawns 92; Monash 73; Loxton 39.

DIVISION TWO

Moorook 32 d Barmera 30; Berri Blue 40 d Berri Red 29; Renmark 65 d Waikerie 26; The Lawns Red 52 d Lyrup 29; The Lawns 37 d Loxton RSL 26.

Points: Berri Blue 150; Berri Red 143; The Lawns 122; The Lawns Red 120; Loxton RSL 116; Renmark 98; Lyrup 94; Waikerie 71; Moorook 29; Barmera 17.

Renmark duo sitting on top

A PAIR of Renmark-based bowls sides sit atop the Bowls Riverland midweek triples ladder after both scored convincing wins in round eight last week.

The Lawns Red's 48-shot win over Lyrup solidified the side in first place, having now won seven of its eight matches to start the campaign.

Renmark Gold remains close behind in second spot and could soon leap the league-leaders, with Gold having a game in hand due to a bye in the early rounds.

Berri Blue took down Monash by over 50 shots and remains third, while Waikerie rounds out the top four positions as the halfway point of the season approaches.

RESULTS

Barmera 79 d Loxton White 51; Renmark Gold 98 d Loxton RSL 55; Loxton Red 70 d Barmera Pelicans 61; Waikerie d Renmark Green (forfeit); The Lawns Red 89 d Lyrup 41; Berri Blue 102 d Monash 49; Loxton Blue 76 d The Lawns 63. Points: The Lawns Red 188; Renmark Gold 170; Berri Blue 166; Waikerie 162; Loxton Blue 157; Loxton White 132; Barmera Pelicans 129; Renmark Green 123; Loxton Red 103; Berri Red 98; Monash 68; Lyrup 62; Barmera 53; Loxton RSL 41; The Lawns 28.



GIVING IT A TRI: Students from St Francis of Assisi College (above) and Berri Regional Secondary College were among a number of Riverland youngsters at the recent Riverland Interscholar Triathlon event. PHOTOS: Supplied

Darts clubmates collide

AN EARLY lead helped one Riverland darts side to a win over its friendly rival in last week's round of action.

Clubmates Lyrup Lionhearts and Lyrup Lion Cubs squared off at the Lyrup Club last Thursday, and the Lionhearts burst out of the blocks, registering an early 5-1 lead.

The determined Lion Cubs fought back, but left their run too late, with Lionhearts emerging 7-4 victors.

Meanwhile, Cobby Eagles produced the summer season's first clean sweep, defeating the second Lyrup Lion Cubs side 11-0.

Ray Stemp nailed a maximum 180 while Allen Hargreaves continued his strong form with a high-peg of 152.

RC Ones also secured a win, but the Renmark-based side was made to work hard against Monash Wanderers.

Several games went the full three legs and with scores level after the first round of singles, both sides remained in the contest.

But, RC Ones went on to peg out cleanly and pick up the 6-5 victory, with Travis Stoneham and Wayne Schwartzkopff the top contributors for the victors.

RESULTS 16/11

Lyrup Lionhearts 7 (R. Burgess 140, 100, J. Francis 100 x 3, M. Recchia 100 x 3) d Lyrup Lion Cubs #1 - 2 (A. McCauley 140, 100 x 3, D. Strother 105).

Cobby Eagles 11 (R. Stemp 180, 125, 100 x 3, J. Broekers 140 x 3, 134, 100 x 4, G. Dyer 133, 124, 116, 109, A. Hargreaves 125, 121, 100 x 3, 152 peg out) d Lyrup Lion Cubs #2 nil.

RC Ones 6 (T. Stoneham 140, 121, 111, 105, 100 x 2, W. Schwartzkopff 140, 120, 100 x 4, T. Collins 134, 100, L. Platten 100 x 7) d Monash Wanderers 5 (C. Martin 180 x 2, 140 x 3, 120, 100 x 4, W. Bonham 180, 140, 134, 125 x 2, 121, 100 x 3, D. Martin 101, 100, K. Hayes 120).

Bluetongues’ patience wins the day

DESPITE a spirited innings from a fresh-faced member of the opposition, last season’s Riverland A grade cricket grand finalist picked up a vital win in its first two-day contest of the campaign on Saturday afternoon in Renmark.

The Bluetongues entered day two of their clash with Berri in a commanding position, with the Demons floundering late on day one to head into the second half of the contest at 5/44, chasing Renmark North’s 143.

Liam Jackson and Roley Boon were the stars with the bat for the home side on the first day, before a strong performance from the Bluetongue quicks stood the side in good stead heading into day two.

But, they were made to work for their wickets on the second day, with competition newcomer Marty Sumner digging his heels in at the crease.

The Bluetongue bowlers peppered the fifth-stump line of Sumner, who was well supported by Wayne Scadden, and the pair refused to bite, executing leave after leave.

Berri’s total was approaching dangerous territory for the Bluetongues, but the home side got the chance they were after at 5/74, with Scadden flashing at a full delivery from Boon, who caught the outside edge of the veteran.

The ball fizzed into the right hand of Ben Lennon at second slip, and the momentum began to shift, with Sumner now the last recognised senior batsman standing in the Berri line-up.

The Bluetongues remained vigilant, continuing to hone in on a good length outside off, and the patience paid off as Peter Efthimiou was dismissed for a duck, before Cody Reese snagged the prized wicket of Sumner.

Berri’s number five had gritted his teeth for 137 balls on his way to 43, before Reese found the edge, which travelled safely into the gloves of Tarque Williamson.

Reese soon picked up the wicket of youngster Aaron Nobile, before Boon secured the points for North as Brad Oakley skied one to bring the innings to a close.

The Bluetongues batted out the remaining 26 overs of the day, with the scoreboard reading 4/55 at stumps.

Dean Hill was best with the bat in the second dig, surviving 75 balls for an unbeaten 25, while Brad Rosenzweig picked up a further three wickets, taking his total for the match to 8/50.

In the absence of an A grade contest, Loxton scored an impressive win in the B grade, thanks largely to another strong showing from veteran batsman Michael Gutsche, who finished with 84 in his side’s clash with

Renmark North.

Meanwhile, Waikerie Ramco emerged 90-run winners over Monash, while Brown’s Well secured the points against an undermanned Gerard.

The two-day action is set to continue in the A grade this week, with Berri scheduled to travel to Parilla and Loxton to host Renmark North in a grand final rematch.

RESULTS A GRADE

Renmark North 10/143 (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) and 4/55 (D. Hill 25no, L. Jackson 14, B. Rosenzweig 3/16, W. Scadden 1/6) d Berri 104 (M. Sumner 43, W. Frankel 15, W. Scadden 13, R. Boon 3/16, C. Reese 3/24, T. Bharker 2/9, Z. Gallo 2/23).

B GRADE

Loxton 8/172 (M. Gutsche 84, R. Montgomery 44, T. O’Shaughnessy 12, A. Khaira 4/16, L. Foley 3/20, J. Rothe 1/16) d Renmark North 116 (M. Cartwright 26, T. Bannister 20, D. Aston 17, L. Foley 14, M. Worsfold 4/24, T. O’Shaughnessy 3/15, J. Launer 1/15, J. Perram 1/22, R. Wooldridge 1/22).

Waikerie Ramco 9/210 (F. Andrew 52, B. Wilksch 45, A. Murphy 30, N. Andrew 29, T. Waanders 11no, R. Williams 4/18, 2/15, M. Smith 2/28, D. Gregoric 1/31) d Monash 120 (M. Smith 30, H. Schultz 18, L. Verrall 11, J. Roberts 11, A. Murphy 4/19, T. Waanders 2/16, F. Andrew 2/21, N. Andrew 2/21).

Brown’s Well 116 (C. Patterson 59no, A. Slevac 15, A. Cunnah 14, M. Hampel 12, M. Leon 2/16, S. Mitchell 1/16) d Gerard 68 (G. Halls 16, J. Patterson 4/16, C. Patterson 2/18, M. Hampel 1/20).



Marty Sumner (above) top-scored for Berri with 43, while Tony Bharker picked up two wickets for the Bluetongues in last weekend’s round of A grade cricket. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Tammy Dowdy was named in the best for Loxton, but her side missed out on the points against a strong Sunraysia outfit last Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Sunnies steal the Saturday softball show

RIVERLAND A grade softball returned to Glassey Park on Saturday and it was the visitors that stole the show.

Sunraysia made the journey across the border to take on Loxton on Riverland turf, and the visiting side emerged comfortable victors after a clinical performance.

Carrie Barlow starred as Sunraysia restricted Loxton to just three runs for the match, while with bat in hand, the Sunnies took the advantage.

Breeana Smith and Breeana Wade were both standout contributors as the side compiled 10 runs for the match, despite the best efforts of the home team, led by Haylee Symens, Kerryn Geraghty and Tammy Dowdy.

Meanwhile, Orianthi Johnson starred in Loxton’s win over Berri in the B grade, while a strong showing from Ebony Pech helped Cobdogla over the line against Renmark.

RESULTS A GRADE

Sunraysia 10 d Loxton 3.

Best: Sunraysia – C. Barlow, B. Smith, B. Wade. Loxton – H. Symens, K. Geraghty, T. Dowdy.

B GRADE

Loxton 13 d Berri 7.

Best: Loxton – O. Johnson, M. Pumpa, A. Muster. Berri – K. Goldspink, V. Wade, K. Ferguson.

Cobdogla 17 d Renmark 8.

Best: Cobdogla – E. Pech, J. Cook, W. Leckie. Renmark – B. McAllister, C. Moxham, J. Heywood.

C GRADE

Loxton 16 d Cobdogla 8.

Best: Loxton – H. Reichstein, L. Johnson. M. Lawson. Cobdogla – K. Swart, C. Smith, L. Bowers.

Clubmates colliding in a colourful clash

RED met Blue in last week’s round of Riverland baseball, with clubmates pitted against each other at Glassey Park on Friday night.

Berri Red finished strongly to take down Berri Blue, with seven fourth-inning runs sealing victory for the ladder leaders under lights.

The match, which was officiated by junior umpire Harry Lang, saw Berri Blue take the lead in the third inning, putting seven runs on the board, but Red’s superior experience shone through.

A pair of double plays proved to be the difference for the top side, with Jesse Stemberger and Paul Reid continuing their strong form with the bat, while Alex Arnold was Blue’s stand-out contributor.

Meanwhile, Renmark Angels saw off a spirited Riverland Pirates outfit, with Colby Lawton the star of the show.

He produced a double and a single with the bat and did plenty of damage from the pitcher’s

mound, accruing eight strikeouts in his side’s 5-3 win.

The young Pirates got the jump on the Angels, but four runs in the second inning helped secure the win for the second-placed side.

First plays second this week when Berri Red takes on Renmark, while Berri Blue and the Pirates will be looking to bounce back from losses when they go head-to-head.

RESULTS

Innings	1	2	3	T	
Renmark	1	4	-	5	
Pirates	2	1	-	3	
Safe hits: Renmark – C. Lawton 1d 1s, C. Letton 1s.					
Pirates – A. Halupka 1s, D. Binder 1s.					
Strikeouts: Renmark – C. Lawton 8, T. Pruesker 3.					
Pirates – D. Binder 4.					
Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Berri Red	2	-	4	7	13
Berri Blue	-	1	7	-	8
Safe hits: Berri Red – J. Stemberger 1t 1d, P. Reid 1d, A. Petherick 1s, D. Rogers 1s.					
Berri Blue – A. Arnold 1t, R. Beviss 1d 1s, T. Pay 1d, K. Karpny 1s, B. Markwick 1s, W. Cox 1s.					
Strikeouts: Berri Red – T. Halupka, L. Kambouris 1.					
Berri Blue – A. Arnold, R. Beviss 2.					

Loxton man
Tim Cass will
represent
Australia
in 2024,
playing in
the over
60s Hockey
World Cup
for his
country after
almost half
a century
with stick-
in-hand.
PHOTO: Grant
Schwartzkopf



Tim’s time finally comes

BEN LENNON

THE old adage of good things come to those who wait will ring true for one local hockey star next year, when he dons the green and gold in New Zealand after half a century of honing his craft.

Tim Cass’ hockey journey began in the mid-1970s with the Loxton Hockey Club, and the soon-to-be Australian Masters representative has never missed a beat, playing in every season since.

His two years in Adelaide in the early 1980s aside, Cass has turned out for Loxton year after year, and took up masters hockey in 2005.

He has gone on to rep-

resent South Australia in all but one year since, and following a particularly strong individual 2023 national tournament in Perth, finds himself in the Australian over 60s side.

“It goes up every five years, so I’m actually a junior this year – I’m a young bloke in the team,” he said.

“I’ve put my name down a few times to be looked at for Australian selection and last year I was a reserve in the over 55s, but this year I snuck into the 60s.

“Perhaps they think I’ve got reasonable pace in the 60s.”

Cass has tried his hand at coaching over the years, and even mentored future Olympian Grant Schubert during

his junior days at Loxton, but playing the sport has always been the stalwart’s passion.

He recalls the early days of playing in the backyard with his siblings, when playing for his country was nothing more than a dream.

“When I was a kid my older brother and sister were playing, and all I wanted was a hockey stick,” he said.

“Once I got one all I’d do was play hockey, right from the start.

“When we were over there in Perth we had a team dinner night, where all the SA teams go out to dinner, and this year we had (current Kookaburra) Tom Wickham there speaking.

“Our age groups range from your 40s through

to the 75s, and someone asked Wickham why he keeps coming back to play. He just went ‘well, I just f***** love hockey’, which I thought was probably not what I would’ve put out to the crowd.

“But, I think that’s probably the whole thing for me – I just love playing the game.”

A farmer by trade, the Loxtonite is looking forward to playing in a world cup alongside the nation’s best in his age group, and he has no plans on slowing down any time soon.

“This year being a world cup, a lot of people want to go and play,” he said.

“There was one year I was going to Johannesburg and I

wasn’t too sure if I wanted to go, and my wife said the same thing, so I didn’t nominate that year.

“One bloke said I should’ve put my name down because I’d been on the edge of getting in.

“I’m so happy that I get to play in something like this, and I’m thinking I’ve got a bit of work to do next year.

“2005 is when I think I first went away with the South Australian team.

“I’ve made many, many friends and it’s become a bit of an annual holiday in a way.

“For SA, we aren’t great or overly strong. We always pick up a few players from interstate to fill in for our teams, so you get to know so many new people.”

Futsal goal-fests continue as competition heats up

AN IMPRESSIVE individual performance helped a Riverland futsal force entrench itself at the top of the table after last Sunday’s round of action.

It was Espadas FC’s turn to play two matches in one afternoon, and thanks largely to the inspired form of Jasper Hoffmann, the league-leaders made it two wins from as many attempts.

Hoffmann bagged nine goals in his side’s victory over Neville, with Crispin Mitchell also pitching in with two to help the side run out 12-7 victors, but the greater scalp came against perennial challengers ABCDE FC.

Hoffmann blasted four into the back of the net on this occasion, with Espadas emerging victorious by five goals in a convincing display.

Youngster Jake Perram was best for ABCDE FC, but the side is now playing

catch-up in the race for first place.

Meanwhile, Chicken Tikka Mo Salah continued its strong form with a win over Banana Slugs, while The Mildly Uncoordinated also scored a win over Jim’s Futsal.

Chicks ‘n’ Kicks bucked its trend of high-scoring draws with a dominant performance over The Ring Ins in the women’s division, while Banana Slugs picked up a win against Sam, thanks largely to a double from Alyssa Perry.

Rooney Tunes showed no mercy against G1 Youth in the mixed division, with Ryan Verrall’s nine goals stealing the headlines in the 23-0 victory.

Banana Slugs edged past Angry Plovers in the same competition, with The Mildly Uncoordinated and Ajax Trees Down also claiming three points apiece.

RESULTS

MEN
Chicken Tikka Mo Salah 8 d Banana Slugs 3.
Best: CTMS – J. Tsonis, J. Bourton.
Banana Slugs – A. Perry, L. Ransley.
Goals: CTMS – J. Tsonis 3, J. Bourton, K. Kenefick 2, C. van der Woude. Banana Slugs – A. Perry, J. Coombe, J. Skilton.
Espadas FC 12 d Neville 7.
Best: Espadas FC – J. Hoffmann, C. Mitchell. Neville – A. Son, C. Lachie-Hefford.
Goals: Espadas FC – J. Hoffmann 9, C. Mitchell 2, C. Ebert. Neville – G. Tsolomitis 3, A. Son, C. Lachie-Hefford 2.
The Mildly Uncoordinated 6 d Jim’s Futsal 2.
Best: The Mildly Uncoordinated – J. Botten, S. Martin. Jim’s Futsal – K. Lehmann, P. Johal.
Goals: The Mildly Uncoordinated – S. Martin 3, S. Cocks, L. Abraham, M. Sexton. Jim’s Futsal – M. Thomas, P. Johal.
Espadas FC 7 d ABCDE FC 2.
Best: Espadas – C. Mitchell, T. O’Shaughnessy. ABCDE FC – J. Perram, F. Vallelonga.
Goals: Espadas – J. Hoffmann 4, T. Mitchell, C. Mitchell, C. Ebert. ABCDE FC – F. Vallelonga, R. Barber.
WOMEN
Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 13 d The Ring Ins 0.

Best: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – R. Hronopoulos, J. Grace. The Ring Ins – S. Stevens, S. Pittman.
Goals: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – R. Hronopoulos, L. Quinn 4, J. Grace 3, R. Wishart, N. Koutouzis.
Banana Slugs 4 d Sam 2.
Best: Banana Slugs – A. Perry, M. Mitchell. Sam – A. Kondoprias, P. Fournaros-Carney.
Goals: Banana Slugs – Alyssa Perry 2, Amber Perry, M. Mitchell. Sam – A. Babaniotis, A. Kondoprias.
MIXED
Rooney Tunes 23 d G1 Youth 0.
Best: Rooney Tunes – R. Verrall, M. Rayner. G1 Youth – C. Bates, C. Whillas.
Goals: Rooney Tunes – R. Verrall 9, M. Rayner 7, M. Barber, T. Verrall, J. Perram 2, H. Verrall.
Ajax Trees Down 8 d The Mixers 4.
Best: Ajax Trees Down – A. Kondoprias, T. O’Shaughnessy. The Mixers – C. Garoufalidis, R. Wishart.
Goals: Ajax Trees Down – D. Kondoprias 5, U. Carney 2, T. O’Shaughnessy. The Mixers – R. Wishart 3, A. Garoufalidis.
Banana Slugs 3 d Angry Plovers 2.
Best: Banana Slugs – A. Perry, L. Ransley. Angry Plovers – K. Kenefick, S. Lees.
Goals: Banana Slugs – J. Coombe,

J. Skilton, L. Ransley. Angry Plovers – K. Kenefick 2.
The Mildly Uncoordinated 8 d Goal Diggers 3.
Best: The Mildly Uncoordinated – J. Botten, S. Martin. Goal Diggers – M. Lock, L. Crawford.
Goals: The Mildly Uncoordinated – S. Martin 3, M. Sexton 2, L. Abraham, E. Hoffmann, S. Cocks. Goal Diggers – A. Kazantzis, L. Crawford, own goal.
UNDER 15
Red Roosters 7 d Banana Slugs 4.
Best: Red Roosters – K. Krendl, J. Peltz. Banana Slugs – T. Skilton, Z. Cole.
Goals: Red Roosters – J. Peltz 4, G. Matianos, W. Guihennue, L. Kassulke. Banana Slugs – Z. Cole 3, A. Arora.
Hardly Working 8 d Five Guys 2.
Best: Hardly Working – J. Hunter, E. Bascomb. Five Guys – J. Perram, H. Martin.
Goals: Hardly Working – J. Sweet 4, J. Hunter 2, E. Bascomb, C. Schwarz. Five Guys – J. Lewin, A. Ielasi.
Red Devils 13 d Blue Stingrays 2.
Best: Red Devils – I. Atsaves, M. Lock. Blue Stingrays – B. Kimberley, D. Kimberley.
Goals: Red Devils – I. Atsaves 5, D. Atsaves, A. Kazantzis 3, M. Lock 2. Blue Stingrays – D. Kimberley, T. van Gelderen.

UNDER 14 GIRLS
Banana Slugs 7 d Pitch Perfect 3.
Best: Banana Slugs – Alyssa Perry, A. Newman. Pitch Perfect – S. Heywood, S. Pittman.
Goals: Banana Slugs – A. Newman, Alyssa Perry 2, Alexis Perry, Aleeya Perry, D. Sandhu. Pitch Perfect – N. Koutouzis, K. Koutouzis, S. Pittman.
Blue Stingrays 11 d Blue Bombers 4.
Best: Blue Stingrays – C. Formby, E. Tsakarellos. Blue Bombers – I. Greenslade, R. Wishart.
Goals: Blue Stingrays – B. Kimberley 4, E. Tsakarellos, C. Formby 3, S. Kaur. Blue Bombers – C. Muller, R. Wishart 2.
UNDER 12
Five Guys 24 d La Masia 1.
Best: Five Guys – J. Lewin, H. Martin. La Masia – K. Atsaves, J. Chilaris.
Goals: Five Guys – L. Perram 6, H. Martin, A. Ielasi 5, J. Lewin, C. Bourton 3, B. Perram 2. La Masia – A. Aulakh.
Strawberry Elephants 10 d Banana Slugs 4.
Best: Strawberry Elephants – A. Hunter, A. Akawee. Banana Slugs – Z. Cole, S. Balaza.
Goals: Strawberry Elephants – K. Sweet 5, M. Sidhu 2, A. Hunter, L. Bascomb, A. Akawee. Banana Slugs – Z. Cole, T. Skilton 2.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

BERRI
Wednesday 15 November
Stableford: R. Keightley 38, C. Hyde 37, W. Hocevar 36, C. Berry 36, J. Adams 36, P. Mudge 34.
Saturday 18 November
Stableford: B. Boon 41, G. Mack 39, W. Adams 39, R. Sully 39, J. Szalbot 38, I. McHugh 37, L. Berry 36, K. Traeger 36, A. Hume 35, J. Rosenthal 35, P. Mudge 35, D. Clifford 35, S. Ormsby 35, W. Hocevar 34, K. Wyman 34, P. Efthimiou 34, G. Seddon 34.
Sunday 19 November
Stableford: M. Boon 43, P. Martin 40, J. Charnstrom 40, J. Adams 38, B. Eckermann 38, M. Wilksch 38, R. Dale 37, P. Jury 37, W. Hocevar 36, P. Efthimiou 34, G. Tognon 34, S. Breakwell 34.
BARMERA
Wednesday 15 November
Stableford: T. Broughton 39, G. Millard 39, R. Wickstein 37, C. Gladwin 36, K. Martin 36, P. Fisher 35, M. Morrell 34, M. Ubhey 34, N. Hamood 34, B. Finn 34.
Thursday 16 November
Ladies stableford: P. Hamood 41, C. Watkins 38, A. Threadgold 34, B. Blythman 33.
Saturday 18 November
Stableford: T. Wood 44, K. Martin 39, D. Sloane 37, N. Kelly 37, A. Selfe 36, S. Pietrolaj 36, G. Blythman 35, G. Denton 35, S. Breakwell 34, P. Ivanovic 34, L. Rasheed 34, A. Rogers 34.
Sunday 19 November
Stableford: P. Butterworth 37, S. Jericho 35, S. Butterworth 32, H. Banks 32, J. Millington 25.

LOXTON
Wednesday 15 November
Stableford
Men: A grade – K. Martin 39, A. Hume 39, P. Morris 38, P. Richardson 37, P. Harman 37, H. Brown 36, T. Shearer 35, L. Campbell (Berri) 35. B grade – G. Leyson (Berri) 38, D. Marsland 38, A. Hucks 37, G. Robinson 37, J. Davies (Berri) 36, S. Mills 35, G. Seddon (Berri) 35, O. Walkley 35. Women: J. Sawade 37, S. Pannell 37, J. Cooney 36, J. Patching 35, Y. Reynolds (Barmera) 34, L. Rowe 33.
LOXTON HOTEL 4B AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIP
Scratch: G. Shields, D. Johns, T. Swanbury, J. Monaghan 60, D. Tyler, K. Martin, M. Lewan, S. Palat 61, S. Harris, R. Thorne, K. Rivett, C. Foreman 64.
Handicap: A grade – C. Wooldridge, P. Anderson, M. Hutchinson, G. Schultz 56.12, D. Tyler, K. Martin, M. Lewan, S. Palat 56.87. B grade – M. McDonald, M. Kroehn, P. Valentine, A. Hutcheon 55.62, C. Harman, R. Harman, D. Harman, E. O’Callaghan 57.62.

RIVERLAND EIGHTBALL RESULTS

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

RIFLE CLUB RESULTS

Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club
100m shoot: M. Cresp 100.2, 100.2, 200.4 O/R (0), 200. B. Lacey 100.3, 98.2 198.5 O/R (1), 199. R. Ward 96.1, 96.2, 192.3 (4), 196.



Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor North (middle) tossed the coin for captains Daniel Harris (left) and Brad Rosenzweig.
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Former Australian leg-spinner Peter Sleep rolled the arm over for the ACA Masters side, and showed he still knows how to turn the ball.



Tom Cooper blasted his way to an unbeaten century for the visitors.

ACA tour brings a ton of benefits

BEN LENNON

BIG hits, helpful tips and a perfect Riverland night saw the Australian Cricketers’ Association (ACA) Masters Tour to the region labelled a “great weekend” by event organisers.

Armed with a plethora of former first-class and international cricketers, the touring side took to Riverland primary schools on Friday morning, before squaring off against a side of local all-stars in a T20 in Loxton that night.

Further clinics with the region’s budding cricketers followed by a community dinner on Saturday, bookended what was deemed a successful event by the ACA, as well as the locals involved.

Alongside stars of yesteryear such as Peter Sleep and Wayne Phillips was recently retired Redbacks quick Nick Winter, who said he “really enjoyed” his first tour with the squad after calling it quits on his professional career last summer.

“I wasn’t sure what to expect,” he said.

“ACA runs these across the country, but I’ve never been to Loxton, even though I’ve been in SA for 10 years, so it was really good.

“From the ACA perspective it’s getting a group of ex-cricketers together to engage with the community and just have a bit of a presence and give back.

“I think an important part also is what the players get out of it. I finished cricket professionally last season and it’s just a good way to stay involved.

“There’s a couple of blokes I played with growing up and then engaging with some of the guys that played 20 or 30 years ago – that’s just as important and it’s pretty special.

“The community has obviously been through times of hardship, so to see some smiling faces was great and the kids were awesome.”

Winter was part of the collec-



Murray Districts wicketkeeper Shilo Dabinett and bowler Tom Wurfel celebrate the wicket of former Redbacks opener Dan Harris.

tion of cricketers who cast their eye over the Riverland’s emerging talent across the two days.

The 30-year-old, who made his first-class debut for SA in 2018, said he was “impressed by the manners” of the young Riverlanders.

“At the schools you get the kids that maybe don’t like cricket as much but they were great, and on the Saturday they were all keen cricketers,” he said.

“There were some really good young kids who you probably aren’t talking to about fundamentals, it’s more lessons in the game and how to jump from local cricket to representative cricket, so it’s some game awareness.

“With the little ones it’s more about getting the fundamentals right and learning the passion for cricket.

“The thing is we had a combination of batters, spin bowlers and quick bowlers which meant you could be a bit more niche.

“I was able to grab the fast bowlers and run through some things, so it was about giving them some value and as much intel as we could.”

Arguably the highlight of the trip was a swashbuckling knock from Redbacks stalwart and Dutch

international Tom Cooper, who blasted his way to an unbeaten 108 against the Murray Districts side.

‘TC’ produced a number of highlight-reel shots, including an enormous six off Loxton medium pacer Jake Albrecht that had to be picked out of the top row of the grandstand at The Precinct.

Cooper was joined at the crease by Waikerie youngster Flynn Andrew, who had a front row seat for the action.

“The game Friday was a bit of a Tom Cooper special,” Winter said.

“He’s still playing in T20 tournaments here and there, and we were relying on him getting most of the runs. After that it was a case of making sure everyone got a go.

“It was great for Flynn. Batting with Tom is very special for a first-class cricketer, let alone for a kid.”

The ACA All-Stars took the bragging rights with a 28-run victory, but the Murray Districts side, made up of cricketers from the local A and B grades gave a good account.

Parilla batsman Craig Altus top-scored with an unbeaten 57 before being retired to give others a go, while Berri quick Brad Rosenzweig was best with the ball.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton was on-hand to deliver



The touring ACA Masters side (above) emerged victorious over the local Murray Districts all-stars.



Parilla duo Shilo Dabinett (left, 23no) and Craig Altus (57no) top-scored for Murray Districts.

the ceremonial opening bowl of the contest, which slid down the leg side, while SA cricket great Phillips played master of ceremonies on the microphone throughout the evening.

SCORES
ACA All-Stars 5/170 (T. Cooper 108no, F. Andrews 28no, P. George 10no, B. Rosenzweig 2/7, T. Wurfel 2/27) d Murray Districts 4/142 (C. Altus 57no, S. Dabinett 23no, F. Andrew 1/7, T. Cooper 1/9).



Waikerie youngster Flynn Andrew starred as a fill-in for the travelling ACA Masters side on Friday night at Loxton, earning himself a \$1000 scholarship and a mentorship opportunity with Netherlands international and former Redback Tom Cooper (right).
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Friday night Flynn

BEN LENNON

A LOCAL cricketer will receive one-on-one lessons from one of the state’s best batsmen since the turn of the century after a stand-out performance with the ACA All-Stars on Friday night.

Waikerie Ramco youngster Flynn Andrew snaffled a \$1000 scholarship for his efforts last week, plus a mentorship opportunity with Dutch international and former Redback Tom Cooper.

Originally selected in the Murray Districts representative side, a late change saw the up-and-comer switch allegiances to the travelling team, in a move that would pay dividends for the 16-year-old

“On the email we were all sent, there was a chance one or two of us might have to play for the masters,” he said.

“Kurt Miegel, who was one of the organisers, came around to us when we were getting ready and asked if anyone wanted to play for them, and you basically could hear crickets because nobody really wanted to.

“I thought I may as well do it, so I stuck my hand up.”

Andrew would go on to play a pivotal role in the travelling side’s victory, scoring an unbeaten 28 with the bat while also picking up the prized wicket of Riverland Cricketer of the Year Brad Rosenzweig.

He would also spend a long period of time at the crease with Cooper, who went on to post an unbeaten century, hitting some long bombs along the way.

“It was a really good night and a great experience,” Andrew said.

“Out there he was telling me heaps of things and keeping me calm throughout everything, and if I made a mistake he wasn’t hard on me or anything.

“Mostly he was saying ‘don’t try and overhit the ball’. Later on when I had my eye in a bit more I was trying to hit it further and a bit harder, but it wasn’t coming off the bat as well as when I was warming up.

“He said to me ‘you don’t need to go 100 per cent power with no timing, it’s more about the timing in your shot than anything else’.

“Then he hit that one right into the top row of the grandstand which was pretty nuts, and then another one straight back over the bowler’s head for six.”

The youngster had a bit of luck along the way, including a dropped catch from his brother Naish, which Flynn conceded was a “tough chance”.



Andrew (left) had a front row seat to Cooper’s explosive innings on Friday night.



The Waikerie youngster impressed with the ball as well, picking up the wicket of RTCA Player of the Year Brad Rosenzweig.

While he is still unsure as to what the \$1000 scholarship will go towards, the up-and-comer is keen to work with Cooper and make the most of the opportunity.

“I think it’ll be training sessions, or some online video calls, or some recorded net sessions, and hopefully he will be able to pick up on a few things and help me out,” he said.

“He was teaching me things out there, but it would be even better to get some more one-on-one time with him.

“Even playing for the masters it was still a good experience playing at a high level against the best from the Riverland and the Mallee.”

Andrew went on to score a half-century the following day for Waikerie Ramco’s senior side, opening the batting in his team’s win over Monash.

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Waikerie Ramco all-rounder Flynn Andrew compiled an unbeaten 28 with the bat, before snaring the wicket of Berri star Brad Rosenzweig with ball-in-hand, capping off a stellar night.

PAGE 47 FLYNN'S FRIDAY

Former Netherlands international and Redbacks star Tom Cooper blasted an unbeaten 108 for the travelling ACA Masters side in a T20 clash at Loxton Oval on Friday night against a local all-star line-up. INSET: Cooper was well supported by local lad Flynn Andrew, who earned a scholarship for his efforts. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

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