



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone watches on as Premier Peter Malinauskas announces a \$51.6m flood support package at the Berri river front yesterday. PHOTO: Hugh Schultemaker

**STATE OF EMERGENCY:** Cash to help irrigators, tourism operators and ‘displaced’ locals

# \$51m floods in

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

OVER \$51 million – including cash for businesses, irrigators, tourism operators and people forced out of their homes – has been thrust at helping the Riverland through its biggest flood crisis since 1956.

SA Premier Peter Malinauskas and his cabinet toured the region again yesterday, choosing the Berri river front to announce an extraordinary suite of measures aimed at shielding SA River Murray regions from the

ballooning and destructive river flows into the state, which hit 119GL per day yesterday on their way to a predicted 175GL.

Mr Malinauskas also made it clear that minimising power disconnections – to irrigators and households – was a priority for his government, echoing the concerns raised by Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, amid the rare occurrence of political allegiances being set aside for the greater good.

“We want to make sure the state govern-

ment stands ready to support those industries that are affected hardest as a result of this emergency,” Mr Malinauskas said.

After Grant Stevens used his powers to officially declare the Riverland flooding a major emergency, the high-profile SA Police Commissioner was among those in the region yesterday, along with newly appointed flood recovery co-ordinator Alex Zimmermann.

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**Support for river communities:**

- ❑ \$3m for tourism vouchers
- ❑ Rental assistance: \$2000 for displaced singles, \$5000 for couples
- ❑ Early Business Closure Grants of up to \$20,000
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SA Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, Premier Peter Malinauskas and SASES CEO Chris Beattie in Waikerie during the Premier's visit to the Riverland yesterday. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

THE appointment of an ex-senior police figure to a crucial flood recovery role will facilitate improved consultation with Riverlanders surrounding potential power cuts, according to the SA Premier.

Former SAPOL chief inspector Alex Zimmerman was yesterday announced as Riverland flood recovery co-ordinator, as Premier Peter Malinauskas visited the region

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to announce a \$51.6m economic support package for impacted homeowners and business operators.

Mr Malinauskas said utilising Mr Zimmerman's role would result in more specific information regarding potential power cuts to Riverland communities.

"The issue of power is one we addressed in some depth," he said.

"Power being cut off is a complicated issue, and we need to see more information provided to the community about when and how that would occur.

"We've certainly been pressing upon SAPN (SA Power Networks) to, as best as possible, seek alternative infrastructure solutions that might mitigate the need to cut off power, where it otherwise could be prevented.

"SAPN have made it clear they don't want to cut off anyone's power, unless there's a need to do so in respect to safety, but that shouldn't stop the exploration of alternative solutions."

Mr Zimmerman's appointment follows the announcement Police Commissioner Grant Stevens would be given additional powers to manage the flood event.

Mr Stevens had previously been heavily involved with the state's management of Covid-19.

Mr Malinauskas said minimising the flood's impacts on power supplies to irrigators was a state government target.

"We contemplated if funds could be allocated to see if the state government could alleviate costs to prevent power being cut-



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Premier Peter Malinauskas and deputy premier Susan Close in Berri Barmera Council chambers yesterday. PHOTO: supplied

off, or indeed making a contribution to a generator," he said.

Mr Malinauskas hoped to ensure Riverlanders were given as much notice as possible before any interruptions to electricity supplies.

"It's also just as important to make sure there's adequate communications well in advance of power being cut-off," he said.

Meanwhile a state politician who visited the region recently was quick to add her voice to concerns over power disconnections, commenting shortly after yesterday's press conference.

One Nation MLC Sarah Game said she was worried for "the many growers, irriga-

tors, businesses and residents who will be impacted by blanket road closures and power shutdowns".

"While I agree that safety is paramount, growers and businesses have expressed strong concerns over the disruptive isolation from the electricity grid and road network," she said.

"This is particularly so for growers who will have no way of knowing when power may return to enable them to water crops when impending hot weather arrives. The livelihoods of so many in the Riverland community depend on crops and the economic benefits brought about by growers."

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# State government cash to help irrigators, tourism operators and 'homeless' locals...

Premier Peter Malinauskas (right), Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs and deputy premier Susan Close viewed river heights in Wakierie yesterday as part of a Riverland visit that saw the announcement of a \$51.6m flood support package for the region. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



**HIGH RIVER**

## \$51m comes flooding in

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

THE Riverland's now-official flood event again drew the metropolitan media consortium yesterday when Premier Peter Malinauskas and cabinet members visited the region to announce economic support aimed at local homeowners, business operators and irrigators.

Mr Malinauskas yesterday announced a \$51.6m financial assistance package for the Riverland, flanked by deputy premier Susan Close, Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs, SES chief officer Chris Beattie, police commissioner Grant Stevens, and newly appointed flood recovery co-ordinator Alex Zimmermann, among others.

Mr Malinauskas said supporting Riverlanders displaced from their homes due to the flood emergency was crucial.

"We want to provide support for households, particularly the number of people that do face the prospect of having to evacuate their own homes," Mr Malinauskas said.

Under the package, rental assistance grants of up to \$2000 for singles and \$5000 for families would be made available for those who are uninsured and unable to access alternative accommodation.

Riverland businesses forced to close or cease trading prior to the flood will also be able to access Early Business Closure Grants, while three rounds of \$200 vouchers for tourism experiences in the Riverland will be released "at a time to be determined by consultation with the industry".

Mr Malinauskas said ensuring local tourism businesses remained viable following the flood event was a priority.

"We want to make sure the state government stands ready to support those industries that are affected hardest as a result of this emergency," he said.

"There's a \$4.1m package exclusively for tourism, including three rounds of the Great State vouchers.

"We'll be investing... to make sure as many people as possible come back to visit the Riverland, at the appropriate time."

For irrigators impacted by the flood \$3m from the package will be used to meet the costs of relocating or re-establishing pumping and generator infrastructure.

Mr Mullighan said the state government would consult with local irrigators regarding individual support measures.

"We've tried to be as flexible as possible with these arrangements for irrigators,



The visiting politicians, along with SES chief officer Chris Beattie and Riverland flood recovery co-ordinator Alex Zimmermann, met with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and local government representatives at Berri Barmera Council. PHOTO: supplied

because we know there's not one grant around, or not one infrastructure solution, that will suit everyone," Mr Mullighan said.

"By providing a large pool of funding PIRSA has access to, work can be done with irrigators on bespoke, tailored-solutions in each of their circumstances.

"They can start contacting PIRSA immediately."

Mr Malinauskas said ongoing assessments would be made regarding potential further

support for the region.

"We need to be flexible as a government to respond to the needs as they change over the weeks and months ahead," he said.

"The state government is ready to do what is necessary to support those most in need, whether it be households or businesses.

"We've got a journey ahead of us, but we're all very determined to work together... we are ready to respond to the challenges ahead of us."



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# Storms leave Riverlanders in the dark

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

A RIVERLAND MFS station was among the homes and businesses left without power after last weekend's extreme weather across the region.

Properties in Barmera, Moorook, Loveday, Winkie and Cobdogla were among those that lost power for over 24 hours following storms on Saturday.

Berri MFS station officer Mark Wenman said powerlines in local towns were damaged by the weather.

"There were a number of power outages through the Berri and Monash areas, and through Barmera and Moorook as well," Mr Wenman said.

"We were without power and running off a generator for 24 hours because there was a power line down in front of the station.

"We had to wait for SA Power Networks (SAPN) to assess it, and then by Sunday evening they restored the power."

An SES spokesperson said local

crews responded to 66 emergency situations on Saturday related to the storm, with wind gusts reaching 100km/h.

A post on the SAPN Facebook page regarding power outages caused by the storms stated "the Riverland was hit particularly hard".

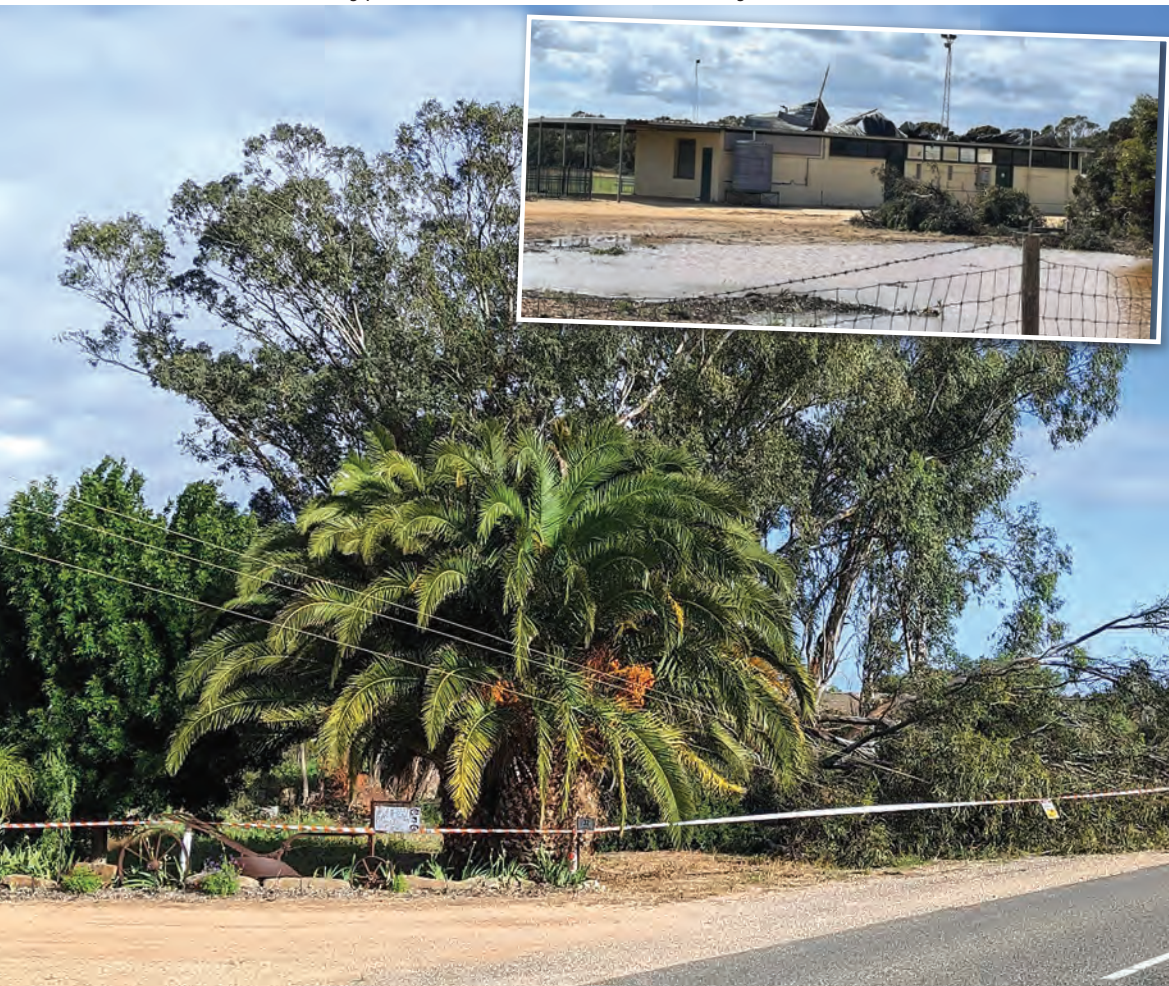
The utility advised on Monday that power had been restored to "the last of the customers who could safely be reconnected", with more than 163,000 across the state affected by the storms.

Mr Wenman said ensuring accessibility to roads and homes had been a priority for emergency service crews.

"There was only reports of small hail in isolated areas, but a lot of wind," he said.

"The wind gusts were extreme and caused a lot of havoc, with trees falling on powerlines, sheds and cars.

"There were no injuries reported out of any, but it obviously kept crews busy through the afternoon



A tree across powerlines on Loveday Road, near Cobdogla. PHOTO: Yolande Gower. INSET: The former Moorook-Kingston Football Club rooms, at Moorook, where Saturday's storm caused damage to the structure's roof. PHOTO: John Farr and Elissa Topperwien

and evening cleaning up."

Hail fell in Moorook last weekend and at least one property only had its power restored last Monday afternoon, while it is understood areas of Paringa were also impacted by a hailstorm last weekend.

**LOVEDAY HIT HARD:** Loveday reader Robert sent through this photograph taken at Loveday on Saturday afternoon, after a storm ripped through the tiny town. He said debris was cleared off the main street "and piled onto the footpaths". "The local playground has been transformed into an adventure park, with trees lying everywhere," he said. "To quote the old adage, a picture paints a thousand words. (The) photo best sums up the ferocity of the gale that smashed us."



Downed powerlines on Loveday Road, near Cobdogla. PHOTO: Yolande Gower

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

## Working together, despite differences

DESPITE the media hubbub ahead of yesterday’s Riverland visit by the SA Premier and his cabinet, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone has continued his main mission since the extent of the flooding event became clear.

Mr Whetstone is adamant that local power disconnections must be done, wherever possible, on a case-by-case basis, to minimise the impact on Riverland irrigators who rely on pumps to sustain their plantings.

In today’s Murray Pioneer, SA Power Networks’ Paul Roberts has said exactly the same thing, however to say the two parties share a unity ticket is inaccurate.

Mr Whetstone’s view – reported in last week’s Pioneer, but further elaborated since – is that SA Power Networks must be sufficiently resourced and prepared to ensure a case-by-case approach becomes more realistic and more possible.

He is adamant that individual irrigators should not be penalised due to any safety shortfalls of others.

“You can’t throw everyone into the same bucket,” he told The Pioneer this week.

Again, SA Power Networks has outlined its actions and strategies in today’s edition and is equally adamant it is already doing everything in its power to minimise disconnections, notwithstanding that personal safety is its priority. Its plan and the many hurdles it faces in these extraordinary circumstances are well explained today.

However, Mr Whetstone repeated his case-by-case mantra to state cabinet in the Riverland yesterday, when a rare but welcome display of bipartisanship allowed the Liberal MP to address the visiting Labor cohort.

As a former irrigator himself, Mr Whetstone is laser-focused on protecting the region’s primary producers, who drive so much of the region’s economy, via scores of flow-on effects.

SA Power Networks’ resource are finite, so ultimately Mr Whetstone, the SA Liberal Leader, David Speirs, and local MLC Nicola Centofanti, are calling for a ‘whatever it takes’ approach.

They want the state government to provide SA Power Networks with whatever the electricity distributor needs to minimise the number of irrigator pumps disconnected from power.

Mr Whetstone’s tactics might appear desperate, and some might consider his criticisms unfair, but that desperation merely reflects the state of mind of many irrigators across the region. In short, desperate times, desperate measures.

It is worth noting that Barker MP Tony Pasin has been similarly stringent in his views on this topic, even though the Liberal pair are rarely seen banging the same drum.

Mr Pasin suggested it would be a “tragedy” if – for example – an almond orchard at the top of a cliff was unable to be irrigated because power infrastructure kilometres away had been taken out.

The onus now falls on the state government and SA Power Networks to adopt a can-do attitude and at yesterday’s media event, the Premier indicated he is well and truly on board.

The ability to work together – across departments, tiers of government, political lines, and even differing opinions and interpretations – has suddenly become the single most important quality the Riverland needs from all decision-makers.



**Moorook Flood Tree, alias Moorook’s Black Stump:** “This tree was once one of Moorook’s biggest red gums ...one of the Murray’s magnificent trees”, wrote author Joan Wachtel in 1982. With several other gums on river’s edge, the tree “provided some privacy for (the village’s) drinkers. One day this tree... caught fire, leaving a stump that... resembled a totem pole”, earning the title ‘Moorook’s Black Stump’. Marked in white on the tree were the district’s modern two highest river levels: 1931 and 1956. Sadly in 1980, in a suspected arson, the tree burnt to the ground and the “landmark tourist attraction of 70 years” was lost. Other big Murray floods, rarely indicated on the region’s marker posts, are the “modern flood” of 1917, and the earlier and bigger flood of 1870. The latter was “the big one that the Aboriginals had talked of”, wrote Joan. In addition, the Bureau of Meteorology (McCarthy et al, 2006) presented detailed evidence of a massive flood in 1760, some 28 years before white settlement of Australia. A line of ancient black box trees which grow at the high points of floods, indicate this big flood had a huge flow, about twice that of the 1956 flood. PHOTO: Wachtel collection

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Up in arms over ‘north lake’ project

I WRITE about the desecration of the most beautiful and natural area of Lake Bonney, known as “north lake”.

When I moved back to Barmera just after the fiasco surrounding Lake Bonney going to dry up I joined a then-new committee to save the lake and its surrounds, under the guidance of John Beech.

This committee of oldies and volunteers were hell-bent on protecting and improving the natural beauty and ecosystem of this precious place. It had been totally neglected by council and had deteriorated over the years since I had left, due to uncontrolled activities that – I believe – council had turned a blind eye to.

When we made our repeated approaches to council for permission to really do something about it ourselves, we were fobbed off, and told we had to get permission from the First Peoples.

However, after numerous letters and approaches in this direction for over two years we got nowhere.

Finally, we went ahead, raised money, and planted over 400 native trees and shrubs in vulnerable areas, then built a water trailer and rostered ourselves to look after them.

Today this area is looking great; fair reward for our endeavours.

Of major concern was an area where trail bikes and four-wheel drives had been allowed to run wild. So, we had professionally-painted signs made and erected, only to see the council pull them out the very next day.

How frustrated would you feel if this happened to your group of volunteers?

This cost the council nothing except the time to remove them – and all we got for our efforts was a kick in the guts.

Then a new committee was formed by council: the Lake Bonney Caring for Country Advisory Group.

This new committee, comprising selected volunteers, was to oversee all exciting new developments.

However, it was so disorganised that it did not even let

members know about meetings, in spite of complaints. From what I have heard, it virtually disintegrated, but not before engaging a team of consultants – at a cost of \$40,000 – to plan the whole thing. This was despite our group of oldies, with more knowledge and experience, and who really understood the problems, being totally ignored.

Since when have these outside academic bureaucrats – with little common-sense – ever planned anything that met with the approval of logically-thinking locals?

With a growing need for controlled off-road camps to be placed around the lake and over \$1m available, it went ahead. But again, sites that were made available should have been much bigger to cater for at least six or seven caravans and motorhomes, so that in the long terms, the town received the rewards.

As it is now, with the weather improving and travellers under way, all sites are closed even though they are on higher ground and may not be flooded.

I would love to know who gave approval for the discussion to destroy the most beautiful section of the north lake, with these ridiculous areas built up to park and camp on.

The filling of stones and gravel is going to be spread everywhere, including the beach, with high water already doing the damage.

The advice of a local man who has more knowledge after a lifetime spent around the lake – and has lived on its shore for years – was totally ignored. And he was on the committee.

If you are a concerned local, just take a drive and walk in to see why so many people are up in arms against this planned project.

**JACK MILLER**  
Barmera

have known for some time that action should have been taken earlier?

Hindsight is a great thing but who could have known the magnitude of the amount of water heading our way.

Instead of complaining Mr Pasin and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone could get their heads together with the Premier and help to solve the problems that are coming our way.

Also all the grant monies they haven’t received that was promised under the previous federal government could now be shifted over to help with the cost incurred by flood water damage.

Time for politicians to work together instead of trying to point score.

**K. DATSON**  
Waikerie

### Seeing both sides

LYNN Baker you are correct in your first paragraph, in that both the editor and owner of The Murray Pioneer have the courage and tenacity to air differing opinions.

Compared to mainstream media, The Murray Pioneer treats its readers as adults.

Most of mainstream media are indoctrinated by one side of politics and/or are only supportive to anything that adheres to their own belief or is fiscally rewarding to them.

Your comment about the atrocities of the Israeli military must surely be seen from the Israeli side as well, where they are defending their territory from the firing of missiles launched indiscriminately by the terrorist groups of Hamas and Hezbollah operating within Gaza and the West Bank.

With that in mind one must ask the question whether the Palestinian leadership really wants peace?

The iron dome would have saved thousands of Israeli lives. Does your humanitarian compassion also apply to those innocent individuals defending themselves from injury or death, even if they are in your eyes Zionist?

If our country were attacked by an foreign adversary would you not expect the government and Australian Defence Force to try and protect you and your

loved ones?

The atrocities that happened to the Jewish people in the holocaust and the renewed anti-Semitism gaining momentum here and around the world is frightening and even more so considering Israel is the only democratically elected government in the Middle East.

**IAN KENT**  
Renmark

### Thanks for the ride, it’s been a blessing

TO everyone who has extended all manner of lovely messages to me following my final council meeting, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

I feel so blessed to have so many of your care.

My 43 years in local government has been a most amazing experience.

To serve one’s community in such a decision-making role is a privilege.

I am grateful to council CEOs and staff – past and present – and similarly to elected members for their support and encouragement.

I thank a loving God, who has been my strength in all circumstances, and who has blessed me with good health and strength to have served the community over these many years.

I wish the Berri Barmera Council every success in the future.

**MARGARET McLEAN EVANS OAM**  
Berri

### Thanks, good luck

I WOULD sincerely like to thank everyone who has supported me over the years as a friend, councillor and your mayor.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been able to serve you all throughout my time in local government and one that I will never forget.

I would also like to wish Dylan, Ella, councillors and staff of the Berri Barmera Council all the very best for the future and I look forward to the next chapter as you continue to build a better community for all of our residents.

**PETER HUNT**  
Berri



**“Hindsight is a great thing but who could have known the magnitude of the amount of water heading our way....”**

- K. DATSON



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**Residents needed more than tourists**

WE'RE all told tourism is good, but tourism can be overdone in small towns.

It can be over-resourced and not as rewarding to small towns as investing work hours in permanent improvements.

Here are some examples of why tourism is troublesome.

Tourism is seasonal, it has peaks and troughs.

For my town of Morgan the trough is winter. Tourism is weather related: one hot day, one windy day or one wet day can ruin a long weekend.

Tourism is also vulnerable to pandemics like Covid.

And in my town of Morgan our current high-river event is shutting down tourism.

Permanent residents are a better bet. If your town has council employees who focus on tourism, would it not be better if they were employed to focus on attracting permanent residents, who would stay no matter what the weather was like?

You can see how many tourism officers a council employs by looking at its organisational chart.

The chart shows everyone who does what in an organisation.

Not the Mid Murray Council though; that chart is currently being updated.

An increase in permanent residents is better for small towns than increasing tourists. That's what councils should turn their attention to, because if you improve the town for residents, it automatically improves the town for tourists.

**JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER**  
Morgan

**Bring climate deniers to account**

HAVING debated several people in the past few months, it's clear there is an entrenched position regarding climate change denial – a disturbing situation.

Disturbing because most points presented by climate deniers made have been soundly debunked decades ago by climate scientists.

As early as the 1980s, groups like the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) were busy sowing



the seeds of doubt about climate change in Australia and their greatest success has been to stitch climate denialism into the fabric of the conservative political identity.

Today the IPA acts as a conduit between the respectable mainstream right, represented by the Liberal Party, and fringe climate deniers, whose marginal views are largely rejected by the rest of the scientific community.

A vital part of the denial machine has been to use contrarian scientists with a PhD to give a veneer of respectability.

Later they mobilised an army of aggressive bloggers and media jocks to intimidate climate scientists and individuals who spoke up, branding them alarmists.

Thanks to the insatiable greed of the fossil fuel industries and a hatred of environmentalism by conservative groups, climate change action has been delayed to the point where we have either already triggered irreversible tipping points or are very near to doing so.

One of the most serious tipping points revolves around thawing permafrost in the Arctic Circle where temperatures are rising at a much higher rate than the rest of the planet.

Temperature records continue to be broken with each passing decade and growers don't need to be told what a heatwave can do to a developing crop.

Higher temperatures also means more damaging winds and a higher incidence of pests such as fruit fly.

Environmental carnage is the same as any war crime, but will the greedy perpetrators be brought to account?

It's unlikely the rich and powerful fossil fuel industries will be held to account, but mother nature is less forgiving.

**ALF RAPISARDA**  
Elwood, Victoria

**A special event**

I WOULD like to acknowledge all of the people who took part in the Riverland Relay For Life at the Renmark Football Oval recently.

The special 19-hour event saw 150 people of all ages coming together and participating to celebrate, remember and make strides against cancer.

I'd especially like to recognise the Riverland Relay For Life organising committee and volunteers, who worked tirelessly in the lead-up to and during the weekend to pull the

event together.

Through the dedication of the committee and the ongoing support of the local community, this year's event raised more than \$75,000, with donations still coming in.

All the money raised through the 2022 Riverland Relay For Life will enable Cancer Council SA to fund vital research, prevention, advocacy and support services, such as Cancer Council SA's Lodge accommodation, for all South Australians impacted by cancer.

In the 2020-21 financial year, Cancer Council SA's lodges provided more than 3000 nights of accommodation to South Australians from the Murray and Mallee region, which includes the Riverland.

Since 2004, the Riverland community's ongoing support of Relay For Life has ensured that we can continue to be there to support every South Australian impacted by cancer. On behalf of Cancer Council SA, thank you to everyone involved for their time, commitment and passion.

Your dedication ensures that we're working towards a cancer free future.

**KERRY ROWLANDS**  
Chief executive  
Cancer Council SA

**Looking back...**

**10 years ago** November 23, 2012



**RV PARK 'BAD FOR BUSINESS':** Local caravan parks are fighting a proposal for Barmera to become an 'RV friendly' town, claiming it would be bad for business. Berri Barmera Council planned to establish a recreational vehicle (RV) park on Bruce Oval, however chief executive officer David Beaton said council was reconsidering the scope of the project. "We've had some representations from the Barmera Caravan Park and also the Cobdogla Caravan Park who aren't really in favour of having an RV park in the area," he said.

**20 years ago** November 22, 2002



**FOUND IT!:** A two-day search at the Renmark dump for evidence into the murder of Adelaide mental health chief Dr Margaret Tobin ended successfully on Wednesday. Eight officers from Adelaide's Major Crime Squad searched the dump with the help of Riverland SES volunteers. They were looking for a plastic bag believed to have been discarded at Renmark by a man accused of the murder. The bag and its contents were found at about 3pm and Detective Sergeant Lyndon Strange said the property was "believed to be important to the case".

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Great to see Tim Whetstone getting fired up for the Riverland ('Crisis time', *Murray Pioneer*, 16/11/22). Someone has to. SA Power Networks has to do better than just say 'sorry'.

**GRAY**  
Renmark

Moorook had its power restored at about 4pm Monday. Power has been out since Saturday afternoon. My husband and I live along Kingston Road, Moorook. The power pole that feeds us our power was but down, but late Monday afternoon we still didn't have power. I reported it several times, along with the police who reported it to SA Power on Saturday, only to be told that there are bigger outages and lots of people without

power that they will tend to first. SA Power Networks, why are lots of people any more important than two people? The food in our fridge and freezer thawed out, we had no hot water left and we were freezing cold, just like lots of other people. So why do they have priority over two people? On Monday we were sitting in our car with the motor going so that we could keep warm. SA Power Networks were in Moorook, working elsewhere. Moorook got the power on about 4pm Sunday. Wouldn't you just come straight away here and do it, with some plan and common-sense? But they were here, there and everywhere.

**DIANNE R**  
Moorook

What a wonderful story about Margaret Farrent's life on the river back in the 1950s ('Life as a child of the 1956 flood', *Murray Pioneer*, 16/11/22). Her article not only described the hardship at that time but the love and support her family enjoyed in those days, something that is sadly disappearing as life goes on.

**GARY**  
Waikerie

Sad to see Meta Sindos miss out on Berri Barmera Council (*Murray Pioneer*, 16/11/22).

**BB**  
Barmera

I enjoyed reading Margaret Farrent's story. I wonder if people in 2022 would be as no-fuss as

Margaret and her family back in 1956? People will put their hand out for money now.

**SUE**  
Renmark

I liked Ralf Nobile's 'have a go' approach. He would have shaken things up at Berri Barmera. I hope he tries for council in four years' time.

**JOHN J**  
Berri

Texts have dried up over the past few weeks, since we were forced to change our number. We suspect many readers are still trying to use that old number. Our new number is 0439 261 337.

- ED





**JOSH BRINE**

WITH more than \$2m worth of works already under way and temporary levees using military barriers under construction, Berri Barmera Council says all options – including closing the Lake Bonney inlet – are on the table to protect homes and critical infrastructure.

A report to a recent special meeting of council states the estimated cost of critical levee stabilisation around the Berri Barmera district was \$2.25m, with further works to be undertaken to protect against flows of up to 250GL per day at the SA-Victoria border.

At the special meeting, the now former council provided in-principle support for the closure of the Lake Bonney inlet, subject to an assessment of the appropriateness,

feasibility and potential impacts.

Work to build a temporary levee, made of a combination of a traditional earthen levee and DefenCell barriers – normally used by militaries to defend against ballistics – began yesterday near the inlet on the north-western side of Lake Bonney, with Cobdogla also identified as a priority location for a temporary levee to protect permanent residents.

Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong said “all options (were) on the table” to protect community infrastructure in these high-risk areas.

“We’re trying to understand what the impacts of a potential closure (of the inlet) might be – both positive and negative,” he said.

“Council’s interest is in protecting those assets which are on the

**HIGH RIVER**

inside of that levee that cuts north between Cobdogla and Napper’s Bridge.

“Closing off the lake would go a long way in protecting the critical assets like our community wastewater system, which supports Barmera, Cobdogla and Loveday.

“Given peak flows are due in the first week of December, we’re just very considerate with the time we have available to us to cater for those increased levels...

“We are doing whatever we can in partnership with the SES and other emergency service providers in the time that we have available to us.

“I don’t think it’s any secret that resources for this type of work, both private and public, are in short supply right across the region at the moment.”

Mr Strong said council made the decision to begin preparing for flows up to 250GL per day – up from 200GL per day – following the revision of peak flow projections to 175GL per day.

“The first step was to reassess what assets may be at risk under a higher flow, and then to cater our response accordingly,” he said.

“That could mean that the priority changes in terms of where we need to allocate our resources.

“It could also be that we need to undertake protection of assets that we didn’t necessarily have to at a 200GL per day flow.”

At a press conference in

Adelaide on Monday, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Water and River Murray executive director Ben Bruce said the state government had been recommending to councils to prepare for 250GL per day flows.

“You always want to overprepare for these things,” he said.

“You don’t want to get caught out and the trouble with these flows is that often site access will be restricted earlier, so even if you don’t think it’s coming you need to prepare earlier.”

**Meanwhile** Save Lake Bonney campaigner John Beech described any decision to cut off Lake Bonney as “alarming”.

“I went for a walk to see what was happening,” Mr Beech said yesterday. “There are a number of negative impacts this will create.”

# Gurra Road residents to avoid isolation?

A UNITED plea from Gurra Road residents to avoid being unnecessarily isolated from the rest of the Riverland appears to have been successful.

A group of residents held an emergency meeting 10 days ago, after they were told 25 homes along the road, including horticultural properties and at least two private businesses, would be inaccessible if the SES enacted a plan to block the road in the coming days, due to increased River Murray flows.

Group members said a “simple fix” via a temporary levee bank less than 150m long would ensure they could drive over the Berri Bridge even as the river continued to rise.

Gurra Road starts at the foot of the Berri Bridge, running off Bookpurnong Road, a section of which is soon to be closed.

However, new Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Peter Hunter said yesterday the council was now “committed to finding a solution to enable the western end of



Gurra Road to remain open for longer”.

Mr Hunter said council had previously been advised by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to expect a “hard closure” of Bookpurnong Road

on the northern side of the Berri Bridge, meaning Gurra Road would be inaccessible.

However, that advice changed late last week and DIT is now advising that the closure point will be south of the Gurra Road intersection.

Mr Hunter said council had been assessing engineering options to protect the 130 metres of low-lying road.

Council has been attempting to secure sections of DefenCell from the State Emergency Service and has

also investigated levees on this section of road, however Mr Hunter said rainfall events would cause ponding on the road.

He said the most likely solution was to temporarily build the surface of the road higher.

Council’s existing contractors are already fully committed to works elsewhere across Renmark Paringa’s 38km levee network, however it is attempting to find capacity to enable the Gurra Road works to proceed.

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# School bus changes set to cause stress

LOXTON resident Teresa Adams said her 17-year-old daughter was already experiencing stress in preparation for her alternative bus route to Riverland Special School in Berri.

“She has high anxiety so it will take time for her to be able to adapt to the changes which is causing her high stress at the moment,” she said.

“She has been up late at night and unable to sleep, which causes her to keep me awake to be able to settle her.”

Mrs Adams, a mother of five, said the closure of Bookpurnong Road would change her and her family’s “whole current routine”.

“It means earlier bed times for kids, and earlier wake up for myself and my daughter,” she said.

“I also work three days a week in Berri, so it will mean I will need to try to get ready for work at the same time as getting my children ready for school to ensure everyone gets to where they need to be on time.”

Faced with the options of commuting to Berri via Stanitzki Road or Kingston Road, Mrs Adams said she was planning on using Stanitzki Road as she was worried “Moorook will also be closed off soon”.



Loxton High School principal Amy Evans (left) says only a small cohort of students will be affected by the closure of Bookpurnong Road and subsequent changes to school bus pick-up and drop-off times. She is pictured with students Chrysanthi, Reegan and Maria, who will all be picked up in Renmark and bussed via Stanitzki Road to Loxton. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

# Wheels on the bus go the long way around



By ELYSE ARMANINI  
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SCHOOL bus routes are also being impacted by the closure of Bookpurnong Road, linking Berri to Loxton.

Students will be required to be ready for earlier pick-up times and spend up to an extra hour on the bus once Bookpurnong Road is no longer accessible.

However, Loxton High School principal Amy Evans said a relatively small cohort of students would be affected by the road closure and changes to bus routes.

“There’re approximately 90 students who live in the Berri, Barmera and Renmark areas that will be impacted by the Bookpurnong Road closure,” she said.

The BusBiz routes will effectively be “reversed”, according to Mrs Evans, with students in Berri and Barmera picked up



Students across the Riverland will be impacted by changes to school bus routes after the closure of Bookpurnong Road due to high-river flows.

earlier before diverting through Moorook, and similarly with Renmark-based students whose bus will be diverted via Stanitzki Road.

Mrs Evans said the school was not “overly worried” about the potential effects of

earlier pick-up and later drop-off times on the students.

“For the students in Berri, it will be a longer commute for them and they’ll be on the bus about half an hour earlier – perhaps a little bit more – than they were previously,” she said.

“It’s near the end of the year and there’s nothing we can do about the road closing, so we’ll continue to work with the Department for Infrastructure on getting our kids’ access to the school.

“Most of our students don’t live across the river, so it really is a small number that are impacted from the other towns.”

Mrs Evans said students and families were yet to voice any concerns about the changes to the commute.

“We will just work with each of them individually if we need to, to make sure students have access,” she said.

“It’s an inconvenience for everyone across the Riverland at the moment as it’s a major transport route, but we’re sure that it will be back up and running as soon as it safely can be.

“The high water is what it is, and our families have been pretty fantastic in working around those things. Businesses are impacted and we have staff impacted as well, so it’s the same across the Riverland.”

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# SA Power Networks addresses critics as more disconnections loom...



Work has now been completed on the Renmark power substation in preparation for the rising river. INSET: SA Power Networks' Paul Roberts and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone.  
MAIN PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

## 'We've been planning for weeks'

**PAUL MITCHELL and  
CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

SA Power Networks has emphatically dismissed criticism of its preparations for the Riverland flood event.

The state's sole electricity distributor says it has been planning for the crisis for weeks and that "no miracle technical solutions" exist to ensure properties untouched by the rising river necessarily retain power.

The declaration was sparked by remarks from Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and editorial comments in last week's Murray Pioneer, questioning SA Power Networks' preparations and its message that power would be disconnected from thousands of Riverland service points, including irrigators.

"We have been planning for this and talking to many local customers, including businesses, for many weeks now," said SA Power Networks head of corporate affairs, Paul Roberts.

"Our communication includes media statements, attending community meetings, social media (and) SMS texts direct to the customers most vulnerable in terms of flooding.

"At all times we have been encouraging people to get ahead of the floods – this will minimise damage and recovery time once the



waters recede."

Mr Roberts also said SA Power Networks had issued two media releases on the matter, on November 1 and November 11.

Mr Whetstone accused SA Power Networks of "sitting on their hands" and told The Pioneer last week that he would not "accept that they can or should be able to turn power off at their whim".

This week Mr Whetstone reiterated his calls for a case-by-case approach.

"My call to SA Power Networks and the SA Government is to work with the communities so that we know case by case who will be impacted," he said.

"We don't want to see one customer disconnected and for it to impact on 20 further downstream."

SA Liberal leader David Speirs visited the Riverland this week, accompanied by Mr Whetstone at various locations, and said it was crucial to "keep as many electricity points on as possible".

"We need irrigators to continue being able to pump water into the permanent plantings across the region," he said.

"The rising floodwaters

will inevitably impact some landowners, but in fact some may perversely lose access to water as pumps go off line.

"We are hearing too much uncertainty and not enough information from SA Power Networks.

"This is leading to people thinking they might lose power, they might need to invest in generators, but we don't really know.

"The biggest risk to growers will be the inability in the hotter weather to pump their water onto crops."

While acknowledging that safety was the top priority, The Pioneer's editorial column also asked whether "zero room exists for a more technically-nuanced approach?"

"This is 2022, not 1956 or even 1974," it said.

However, Mr Roberts said SA Power Networks had limited options – and was exercising all of them – to minimise the number of people and properties impacted by disconnections.

"We can only work with the infrastructure the community and regulator has been willing to fund over many years," he told The Pioneer.

"There are no miracle technical solutions, except where we can have been doing some modifications again to limit the number of customers affected.

### Focus on Renmark substation

SA Power Networks says its preparation of the Renmark power substation for the impending minimum 165GL Murray River flow highlights its planning measures – and serves as an example to others.

While the substation is already defended by a levee, late last week a bund was installed to protect it from up to 250GL flood levels.

"Given the rapid rise in the river people do not have time to wait," said SA Power Networks head of corporate affairs, Paul Roberts.

"They need to get prepared now just as we are doing by – for example – increasing protection of the Renmark substation to 250GL level."

"As an example, where we can, we will cut in switches that would mean we would disconnect a smaller section of line and therefore fewer customers.

"We are limited in this because of the radial nature of the network, but it is certainly one of our actions to help reduce impact on customers.

"We also are assisting individual customers where we can by moving service points; for example for irrigators pumps.

"The comment was in response to the suggestion... that there should be some whiz-bang technical alternatives that should have been put in place.

"The reality is electricity continues to need to be moved around by powerlines (and) overhead lines are the most efficient way to do it.

"Undergrounding has

some advantages but is also far more expensive and ironically equipment underground such as service pits are vulnerable to flooding. If we turn these off before they are flooded we will have a lot less damage."

Mr Roberts said while SA Power Networks was committed to minimising the impact of power cuts on the Riverland community, safety was its "highest priority".

"We have our local team driving our response with a focus on minimising the number of people who may be affected by power outages," he said.

"We have obligations under law to de-energise powerlines for safety reasons when certain clearance criteria are reached – this is purely for community safety reasons.

"You don't just have to touch a line to get a shock.

"Electricity looks for the fastest way to earth and if you get too close, it could be you.

"So, there are regulated clearances – these are about ensuring a safe distance from powerlines to keep people safe.

"The clearances vary depending on the voltage. We are required by legislation/regulation to comply with the clearance requirements."

Mr Whetstone said the clearance distance was 4.5m between powerlines and water, and that Riverland irrigators would face significant losses if prevented from pumping water onto their plantings.

Mr Roberts said many of the supply issues were related to the location of properties on flood plains, plus private infrastructure such as pumps – which are the responsibility of property owners.

"SA Power Networks is working closely to assist caravan park owners, irrigators etc. where we can," he said.

"But we have no visibility of their infrastructure beyond their service point and they will need to engage an electrician to assist them.

"We are happy to provide advice where we can and assist in shifting service points where we can, but we need customers to contact us about their needs."

## 2000 disconnections once flow reaches 165GL

ABOUT 2000 individual power service points will be disconnected across the Riverland when flows reach 165GL across the border.

SA Power Networks hopes its sobering prediction serves to encourage others to be prepared for the looming flood event.

"In an effort to encourage the community to be proactive we have encouraged them to

get ahead of the flood and disconnect before the water arrives," said SA Power Networks head of corporate affairs, Paul Roberts.

"As such we have been openly talking about potential numbers of disconnections.

"At 165GL we anticipate the potential for about 2000 service points to be disconnected. This includes households, businesses, pump sheds etc."

Mr Roberts said focus areas in the coming days will include parts of:

□ Holder Bend at Holder Bottom Road (near Waikerie).

□ Scotts Creek Shack area (south of Morgan)

□ Brenda Park Shack area (south of Morgan)

□ Morphett Flat Road (south of Morgan)

□ McBean Pound (near Roonka – north of Blanchetown).

Mr Roberts said these are specific sites only, not entire areas.

"We will endeavour to give customers advance warning via SMS days prior to disconnection," he said, "except in emergency situations."

- PAUL MITCHELL



# Commuters will roo road closure

BEN LENNON

ROGUE wildlife and road quality are two safety concerns facing commuters, with the impending closure of Bookpurnong road set to pose new challenges to people travelling to and from Loxton.

Rising water levels will dictate the route of commuters, with Stanitzki Road and Moorook the only two viable detour routes following the inevitable closure of the Lyrup ferry.

Jodie is a disability shift worker residing in Berri and working in Loxton and is concerned about the safety of her commutes, with the road closure throwing a number of curveballs.

“It’s an extra 50km each way on what I already do, so when I do the 10pm to 6am shift I’m more concerned with how tired I’m going to be driving back home,” she said.

“A lot of the kangaroos at the moment have gone to high ground as well, so we’re not seeing a lot of them on the low ‘Booky’ Road at the moment.

“So, going either the Paringa or Moorook way I dare say I’ll find a few more.”

Jodie said that a lot of her workmates will be in a similar situation, with the bulk of workers travelling to work from surrounding towns.

“Half of our workforce is from Berri, Barmera or Renmark, so there’s going to be a lot of people affected,” she said.

“My clients travel to and from Loxton and Berri daily and we’ve got clients that come from Renmark, Berri, Monash or Barmera that need to go to Loxton for workshops and things like that, so my whole workplace is affected in some way.”

As well as safety concerns, the road closure is set to take a financial toll on commuters.

“You’ve got the fuel as well. It’s something we will have to factor in and my husband and I have discussed it already and are figuring out what we’re going to do,” Jodie said.

“The other consideration is I’ve only got a small car, but we’ve also got a four-wheel drive. So, I’ll be safer taking the four-wheel drive with the wildlife but it’ll be more expensive because of the diesel.

“There’s a lot to consider and weigh up.”

Despite the numerous issues presented to those who use the road on a regular basis, Jodie has called for a “common sense” approach from people in the region.

She lived through flood events in the early 1990s and believes that her experience has enabled her to keep a “calm head” under the current circumstances.

“Back in the ‘90s it was interesting and there was a lot of people affected, but I suppose now I’m not as panicked as what others seem to be,” she said.

“Yes it’s inconvenient and it’s a cost I’m going to have to suck up, but I’ve got to go to work.

“I’ve got responsibilities not just in my financial world, but through work I’ve got people that I need to care for and they’re still going to need that care.

“It’s a bit of bad luck but listening to people panic, you live in town, you don’t need sandbags.

“It’s interesting to hear people over-exaggerate what the actual reality is.

“We used to jump in the boat and have a look but now everyone is just jumping online and making stuff up. You need a calm head on your shoulders for when and if it does actually affect you.

“I understand we’ve had some heavy rain recently and even we considered getting sandbags because it came close to the back door, but there’s people that have had their rooves caved in and water actually entering their house.

“I do believe that we need to work better with others and consider everybody else.”



PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

## Fuel costs to triple for Loxton-Berri motorists

**MOTORISTS commuting between Loxton and Berri will drive triple the distance – and use three times the fuel – once Bookpurnong Road closes due to high water levels.**

**Commuters between the two towns will travel more than 69km by travelling via Renmark – instead of 22km via Bookpurnong Road.**

**For a commuter with average fuel consumption of 11L per 100km, travelling the two towns to and from work five days per week, the additional distance translates to about \$97 per week extra for unleaded 91 petrol at 187.9c/L.**

**Commuters with a more fuel-efficient sedan, with average fuel consumption about 7L per 100km, the additional travel would cost more than \$60 per week.**

## Road closure to hit business hard

JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL small business will battle to stay afloat next month, as increased travel distances and fuel usage caused by the impending closure of Bookpurnong Road forces its owners to reconsider doing business across the river.

Sutton’s Cleaning and Design co-owner Tina Sutton, based in Loxton, said she and business partner Bek Nikolajevic would have to cut services in Berri – the busiest town for the business – to one day per week due to a significant increase in travel time and fuel costs.

“It looks like one round trip is going to be several times the distance, which means not only will I not have time to make it back for school pick-up, I’m not going to be able to do as many jobs,” she said.

“It’s also going to cost me six times as much in petrol...”

“The two of us that run the company are both solo parents, so obviously as much as we



would love to work, we can’t work for free.”

Ms Sutton said the decision would mean having to reduce services to vulnerable clients, including the elderly, people living with disability and people at risk of homelessness.

“For our critical-needs services like NDIS and aged care, and even people who don’t reach that criteria but are still impacted by age or disability, they use our service quite regularly for everyday living and just things they cannot do,” she said.

“Cutting service to them is

something that doesn’t sit great with me because our business model is built around servicing vulnerable...

“What I’m thinking we’ll do is maybe one day a week (in Berri) and make it a very very long day.

“I probably won’t get home until 8pm and try to start at 7am.”

Ms Sutton said the additional financial pressures and reduced income likely to be caused by the road closure would also stifle plans to expand the business early next year.

“For me and for Bek, it’s going to be extremely tough – especially this close to Christmas,” she said.

“We have big plans to expand the business and we’re both studying business.

“We had planned to expand in January, so this has put a massive dampener on what we’re planning to do.

“It will be about keeping roofs over our heads instead of going out and buying vans and trailers like we planned.”

## Emergency services redeploy ahead of road closures

LOCAL police and ambulance services will adjust their resourcing across the Riverland to deal with the impending closure of the Loxton-Berri road.

SAPOL Riverland operations manager Senior Sergeant Mark Howie said police resources would be allocated to ensure “no change” to emergency response.

“Riverland Police and the other emergency services have been planning for the road closures that have been predicted,” he said.

“Police patrol members will be relocated to Loxton along with vehicles to assist in making sure there is no change in our response to any emergencies in the area.”

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO Wayne Champion said SA Ambulance Service had “adjusted its resourcing” in preparation for road and ferry closures, and advised locals to “keep informed”.

“There are some regional services at Riverland General Hospital that people from Loxton may need to access, such as renal dialysis or chemotherapy,” he said.

“We ask anyone in the Loxton community accessing these services to keep informed, and factor in additional travel time to their journey if required.

“This follows advice from Department of Infrastructure and Transport that the road between Loxton and Berri will close in the days ahead due to rising water levels...”

“We remind anyone in an emergency or life-threatening situation to always call triple zero (000) as soon as possible.”

Meanwhile, at a press conference in



Adelaide last week, SA SES CEO Chris Beattie said the patients and residents at the Renmark Hospital and residential aged care facility would be evacuated one week before flows reach 200GL per day over the border, if flow projections increase.

“We’ve firmed up our plans around the Renmark Hospital and in particular in relation to some of the more vulnerable patients in that facility,” he said.

“There are plans that we’ll have a very deliberate, slow and measured relocation of those patients at a pre-defined time.”

Mr Champion said services at the Loxton Hospital would not be impacted by rising water levels due to its elevated position.

“The complex includes a fully functioning emergency department and other services that will continue to operate as normal,” he said.

– JOSH BRINE



# 'Be prepared' says visiting Libs leader

CHRISTINE WEBSTER  
and PAUL MITCHELL

FLOOD impacts and the importance of being prepared were the focus of SA Liberal leader David Speirs' two-day Riverland trip earlier this week.

During his trip Mr Speirs met with a range of Riverlanders, including tourism operators, council representatives, and local tourism industry stakeholders.

Ahead of yesterday's visit by Premier Peter Malinauskas and his cabinet, Mr Speirs called for a "greater emphasis on preparedness and mitigating the impact of floods".

"While we are hearing a lot of talk about recovery, it might not even be needed if we get the preparedness correct," he said.

"Building the resilience of the infrastructure, raising the levee banks and making sure that the power stays on where it can – this is an area which needs real focus."

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone accompanied Mr Speirs during the trip and the Liberal leader echoed Mr Whetstone's concerns about the possibility of local irrigators being left without power for their pumps.

"It is quite unbelievable really that the historic flows coming down here – the most that has been seen since the 1970s – could strangely create a drought-like impact in some parts of this region



SA Liberal leader David Speirs with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone in Walkerie this week.  
PHOTO: Christine Webster

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that can't pump the water from the river to their properties," he said.

"So we need to keep these pumps on. We can't have these pumps disconnected at the lowest common denominator and see a whole community taken off the grid – and that is the risk we are

facing at the moment."

Mr Speirs met with the operators Waikerie-based Rivergum Cruises, James and Sandra Schober, who halted their cruises in August due to the rising river levels and said the business was an example of those being "disproportionally

impacted" by the flood.

"We can't have businesses like Rivergum falling through the cracks," he said.

"There will be people who will do well during this time and there will be people who will get by and then there will be businesses that

will be heavily impacted

"Rivergum Cruises is one of those and we want to see the government provide specific support to businesses like that."

Mr Speirs also visited Barmera and Cobdogla during his trip.

**Building the resilience of the infrastructure, raising the levee banks and making sure that the power stays on where it can – this is an area which needs real focus...**

- David Speirs, SA Liberal leader

## Teens charged after Waikerie break-in and graffiti attack

POLICE have arrested three teenagers following a spate of graffiti incidents and a break-in at a Waikerie hardware store on Friday night.

Just before midnight on Friday, police were called to Mary Starr Drive after reports three teenagers had been allegedly spraying cars, fences, and public property with spray paint.

Police quickly attended and located the teens nearby, allegedly finding spray paint, beer, knives, torches, and duct tape in their possession.

Further investigation revealed the trio had



broken into a Campbell Terrace hardware store earlier in the night, when they had stolen the spray paint.

Police said the teens – aged 14, 15 and 16 – were arrested and charged with aggravated serious criminal trespass, theft, property damage, carry offensive weapon and going equipped.

They were all bailed to appear at the Waikerie Youth Court on December 21.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report on line at [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au) – you can remain anonymous.

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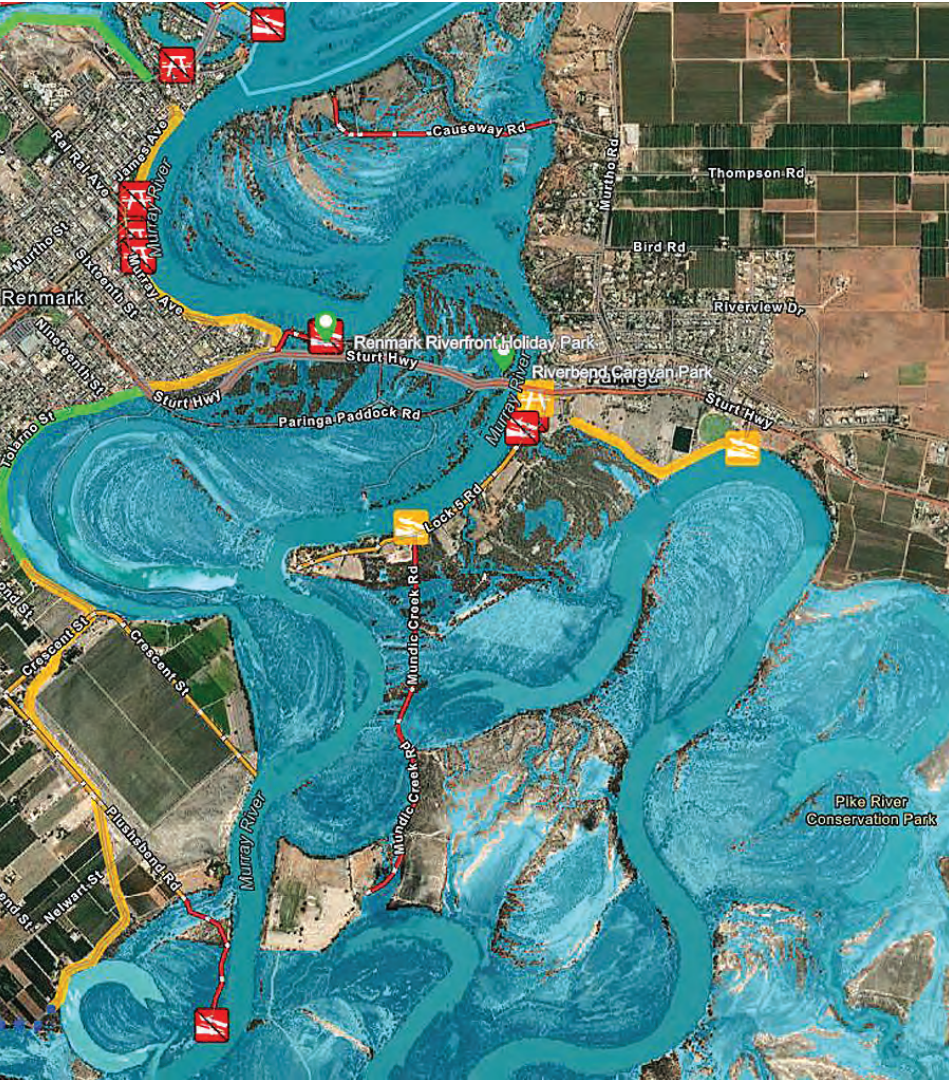
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*We would like to thank the Waikerie Men's Shed for their tremendous help in putting this together. Also Waikerie Rotary Club.*





A screenshot of Renmark Paringa Council's new River Murray Flood Advice Map website, which was launched last weekend.

# Council’s new mapping site

ENSURING the local community remains informed about a Riverland council’s response to rising River Murray flows is the goal of a new website. Renmark Paringa Council has launched its new River Murray Flood Advice Map website, developed by Mapping Services SA. A post on the Renmark Paringa Council Facebook page advised the map would illustrate “water inundation as it is occurring, therefore it will increase and decrease



following the flow at the border advice which council is aware of”. “Street names are also searchable in the map and its intended purpose is to demonstrate to the community infrastructure which Renmark Paringa Council has installed, removed or would like the community

and visitors to be aware of,” the post read. The website also identifies where works have been completed, and are currently under way, in the Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup levee bank network, plus roads, boat ramps and recreational areas impacted by rising water levels. The Renmark Paringa Council River Murray Flood Advice Map can be accessed by visiting the website (<https://tinyurl.com/2zh2d4af>).

# Local museum says ‘come in, mateys’

## HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A LOCAL museum is seeking to attract new visitors by temporarily removing its admission fees and installing a new interactive exhibit for kids. The Renmark Paringa Community Museum recently announced it would offer visitors free admission for the next 12 months.

Chairman Wayne Howell said the initiative was aimed at expanding the museum’s appeal to local families. “There’s a lot of local people who have never been to the museum before, so we just want to encourage them to take a look,” he said.

Museum volunteers also recently completed the installation of a new pirate ship exhibit, named the Black Pearl.

Further information regarding the Renmark Paringa Community Museum can be found by visiting the Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/par-ingamuseum](http://www.facebook.com/par-ingamuseum)).



Volunteers installing the Renmark Paringa Community Museum's new Black Pearl pirate ship exhibit. PHOTO: supplied

# My final Conduct Becoming column...

CONDUCT Becoming is a column I began writing in July 2019. In the time since it has become more than a 400-word weekly column to me. It has been a commitment. To the editor and to readers and to myself. The commitment firstly manifested itself in meeting a Monday morning deadline to be included in the first print each week. Once this became routine, I negotiated meeting the second print deadline on Tuesday morning. Not only did it mean I had an extra day to write, it but that the column would be more prominent and appear in the front half of the paper. No columnist wants his prose camouflaged in the classifieds or TV guide.



The other relevance of a weekly column is to keep it as new, relevant, interesting, and hopefully as entertaining as possible. To achieve all on a weekly basis is as rare as picking the quaddie every Saturday, although I still try that too. No matter the effort, sometimes it often ends up a blurt of opinion, a rail against what you consider the latest injustice, or – if you are completely blank – a dip into your past, hoping some will understand or resonate similar experiences. With local government elections tabulated and results confirmed it has become my privilege to be elected mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie for the next four years. It is a role that I have actively sought and prepared for, particularly over the past term as deputy mayor, despite a medical setback. Having a severe stroke nine months ago (and recovering well) was something I shared through this column and continue to share, as I contribute to a SA Health Board that deals with stroke treatment and care. It is the least I can do after receiving life-saving attention that left me with little after effects. My mayoral responsibilities include, among other things, being a spokesperson – along with the CEO – for the council and ratepayers. This means that I am no longer able to provide comment as my own opinion, as the footer on this column explains. It would not only be unbecoming but would breach the code of conduct. All councillors must meet the code of conduct and being a delegated spokesperson does not recuse this responsibility. So now you are spared my weekly musings, but a return could be promulgated under the right circumstances. Farewell. And thank you.   
  
○ Trevor Norton is Mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, and co-host of 5RM Sports Saturday, but has provided the above comment as his own opinion.

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# Taking the long road home



Like many other locals, chef and Berri-Loxton commuter Shane Weager will face a lengthy detour after the closure of a section of Bookpurnong Road, between Loxton and Berri.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Closing the stretch of Bookpurnong Road linking Berri to Loxton will have a major impact on the day-to-day lives of commuters like Berri-based chef Shane Weager.

With Bookpurnong Road closed, those wanting to travel to Berri from Loxton, or Loxton to Berri, will have to detour through Renmark and Paringa via Stanitzki Road, an almost hour detour for some.

What once was a simple 20-minute drive to work for Mr Weager has now turned into an hour drive because of the road closure.

Mr Weager, a breakfast chef at the Loxton Hotel, said his usual 40km round trip has now turned

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into a 140km round trip.

"I normally leave for work around 4.30am to be at work by 5am," he said.

"Obviously with the road closing it's going to take me up to an hour to get to work so I will be getting up at 3.50am to get to work by 5am.

"I have children at school and childcare so I will have to be leaving work by 2pm to be at school pick up by 3.15pm.

"There is a lot of people in the

same boat, it's just unfortunate..."

Mr Weager said increased petrol costs will be particularly noticeable.

"A 140km round trip is going to add a massive dent; a tank of fuel will last me around a week and a half in my car, whereas it's now probably going to be lasting me four days," he said.

"I work four days a week so that's over 600km in four days.

"I have other workers that live in Berri, and they work five days a week, so they are going to be looking at 700km plus a week to work for the next couple of months.

"It's going to be everyone. It doesn't matter if you live in Berri and you travel to Loxton or you live in Loxton and you have to



travel to Berri, it's going to be a big inconvenience for the next couple of months."

Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton asked drivers to take extra caution on Stanitzki Road.

"The Riverland community is homogenous and there are thou-

sands of traffic movements on the road," he said.

"This concentrate of traffic on Stanitzki Road and through Moorook via the Kingston Bridge, are already high-use roads. Additional harvest, commute and trade traffic will mean the times between towns will extend.

"We ask drivers to use caution when overtaking and allow additional time when planning arrivals."

Mr Beaton encouraged residents to heed warnings and road closures, and keep up to date on information via ([www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)) or for those who do not have internet access, visit their local Visitor Information Centre.



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# SES sandbagging events go weekly

A LOCAL emergency service will increase the frequency of its sandbagging events to ensure Riverland properties are protected against potential upcoming flood events.

The SES last Wednesday announced it would begin holding weekly sandbagging events in Riverland communities, beginning at the Blanchetown Sports Club, and the old Glossop High School site, on Monday.

SES chief officer Chris Beattie said the weekly events were aimed at “encouraging communities to take action and prepare properties to reduce the impact of potential flooding”.

“The recommended number of sandbags to protect a typical home from potential flooding is 20,” Mr Beattie said.

“SES volunteers will be on-site to pro-

vide advice on how best to sandbag your home. Members of the community can also access sandbagging guidelines on the SES website.

“Community meetings continue... which will be live-streamed for those that can’t make it in person.”

It is understood a maximum of 20 sandbags will be provided to each person.

Details of the weekly sandbagging events can be found by visiting the SES website ([www.ses.sa.gov.au/incidents-and-warnings/sandbag-locations/](http://www.ses.sa.gov.au/incidents-and-warnings/sandbag-locations/)).

“The recommended number of sandbags to protect a typical home from potential flooding is 20...”

- Chris Beattie, SES chief officer

## SES turns to ‘super-sized’ sandbags in flood battle

THE SES announced last week it would begin to use the “super-sized” DEFENCELL sandbag technology system in response to current flooding risks in Riverland communities.

SES chief officer Chris Beattie said the system, which acts as a temporary levee, could be used to build barriers that protect properties and infrastructure.

“SES personnel have already undertaken training on how to use and deploy the new flood-protection

system,” he said.

“The DEFENCELL system provides an extra flood mitigation tool we can access to assist in protecting critical structures.

“In essence, the DEFENCELL works the same way as a sandbag but at a larger scale, helping hold back and divert floodwaters.

“If required, it will allow us to build larger sandbag structures, improving SES capabilities and providing further confidence to potentially impacted communities

going forward.”

Further information and advice regarding flooding events can be found by visiting the SES website (<https://ses.sa.gov.au/>), or by calling the Flood and Storm Infoline on 1800 362 361.



RIT will hold tours of its main pumping station next Thursday and Sunday to mark the 50th anniversary of its opening. PHOTOS: supplied

# Pumped to help local trust mark 50 years

A KEY piece of Renmark irrigation infrastructure will be opened to the public to mark the 50th anniversary of its opening.

The Renmark Irrigation Trust (RIT) will next week hold two tours of its main pumping station, located on James Avenue, in Renmark.

An RIT spokesperson said attendees of the tour would “be able to view various parts of the station while trust staff explain the functions of the pumps and fully automated control equipment”.

“You may be surprised by the technology and scale of the pumps, motors, pipes and electrical equipment that are required to meet irrigation demand in the trust district,” the spokesperson said.

Tours of the RIT main pumping station will be conducted on Thursday, December 1, and Sunday December 4, at 2pm, and last for approximately one hour.

Bookings are required and can be made by visiting the website ([www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rit-main-pumping-station-50th-anniversary-tours-tickets-456542529997](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rit-main-pumping-station-50th-anniversary-tours-tickets-456542529997)).

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**Green light for RFDS facility**

**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER** transfer facility would be a great addition to the Renmark Airport and has the potential to save regional health services.

are in the 40s. "Renmark is a strategically significant location for 24/7 aeromedical services."



RFDS Riverland Support Group president Alan Eckermann announcing the planned Renmark patient transfer facility in February at the Renmark Club. The facility is now set to be completed by May, depending on River Murray flood levels. INSET: The Murray Pioneer from earlier this year.

# RFDS to build in '23, but eyes on floods

A CONSTRUCTION timeline of a new facility for the transportation of medical patients out of the region has been set, but may be affected by the predicted Riverland flood event.

Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) representatives last week met with the RFDS Riverland Support Group to provide an update on the planned patient transport facility, to be constructed at the Renmark Airport.

RFDS south and central Australia operations manager Anthony Pryzibilla said construction of the facility was expected to begin in January, and be completed by May.

"The facility will have the capacity to hold two to four patients at any time... and it will have an undercover ambulance bay that opens at each end," Mr Pryzibilla said.

"Inside the facility is an accessible toilet and kitchenette, and then two patient-care areas.

"The innovation is about providing a better space for patient care. Up here it's either boiling hot or raining, and currently all those patient transfers happen on the apron of the airfield."

However, Mr Pryzibilla said impacts on accessibility and resource availability due to the current River Murray flood event could delay the project.

"Ourselves, the council and the builders are all keeping a close eye on what's happening with the river," he said.

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"We know that depending on what happens, a lot of the resources council are offering may need to get diverted.

"That's going to put demand on things, so we're working really closely with the builders as to what those impacts might be.

"We're hoping and planning to stick to our schedule, but as the situation evolves we'll have a better idea."

Mr Pryzibilla said a large percentage of the projects cost, estimated to be more than \$500,000, would be funded by local donations.

"A huge component has been the support of the community, and the fundraising and donations that have been led by Alan (Eckermann, RFDS Riverland Support Group president) and his team," he said.

"A number of different organisations up here have been keen to get involved with the project, either by donating goods, labour, products or materials."

Mr Pryzibilla said the completed facility would result in more comfortable treatment for patients requiring transport.

"Everything is about enhancing the experience for the patient," he said.

"This will mean everyone is operating in a safer environment, the patient is getting better care, and staff are doing things in a well-lit, temperature-controlled environment.

"Every risk you can remove from clinical patient care and aviation safety makes it that much more of a safer experience."

# Emergency crews to work together for Loxton area

**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

A SENIOR local firefighter remains optimistic all emergency situations in Loxton will be covered, despite the expected closure of Bookpurnong Road.

Loxton MFS station officer Michael Biele said extra resources had been made available to support the branch through current challenges.

"We've got stuff in place already," Mr Biele said.

"We requested more equipment last month, that has (since) been added to our fleet, so we can perform our duties as normal."

Mr Biele said co-operation with local CFS and SES crews would ensure appropriate responses to all emergency situations during the flood event.

"We've relied on our sister-partner MFS branch in Berri to assist us on big jobs, but we will be leaning against our brothers in the CFS and SES to help us out," he said.

"We'll work as a team on this side of the river to keep our town safe.

"We still have the capabilities and personnel on this side of the river, we're definitely not cut-off.

"We have the backup of the MFS, CFS and SES working together, so we'll still be able to perform all our duties and cover all our areas safely."



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# HARDI welcomes new distributor for Riverland and Mallee farmers

HARDI Australia has announced a new distributorship arrangement with Ronco Motors in South Australia and Mildura.

Serving farmers since 1960 in the Mallee and beyond, Ronco Motors is a well-known, family-run business that prides itself on providing premium agricultural machinery with exceptional after-sales support.

Ronco Motors is currently run by the third generation, Roydn Bailey, and has branches in Pinnaroo, Loxton, Karoonda, and Mildura.

The new arrangement with HARDI will allow Ronco Motors to expand its ability to further support crop production and protection for the district's farmers.

HARDI Australia operates from a 10-hectare manufacturing, testing and parts distribution site in Adelaide. The company employs over 100 people nationally and supports more than 130 local suppliers.

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Australia's national sales manager, Zac Harnett said.

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Ronco Motors will stock a wide range of HARDI sprayers from the outset, including self-propelled sprayers such as the recently launched Saritor 7000, large trailers for open pasture and cropping, as well as specialist vineyard and orchard equipment.

"HARDI Australia is based just a short drive from Ronco Motors," confirmed Roydn Bailey, dealer principal, "so in the unlikely event we don't have what a customer needs we'll be able to get it pretty quickly."

"We're all about using the knowledge and strengths of our team to provide exceptional customer service," he said.

"And so is HARDI – so it's a great fit."

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This 1989 blue and silver Nissan GQ 4x4 with the South Australian registration S569AIA was stolen from a Loxton home on Friday, November 11. PHOTO: supplied



## Search ongoing for stolen car

LOCALS have been encouraged to provide any information that may assist the location of a car stolen from a Riverland home earlier this month.

A 1989 blue and silver Nissan GQ 4x4 with the South Australian registration S569AIA was stolen from the driveway of a home on Second Street, in Loxton, sometime between 6pm on Thursday, November 10, and 9.30am on Friday, November 11.

It is understood the vehicle has a

stainless steel snorkel, Iron Man roof racks, ARB grab bars and bull bar, a Warn winch and a solar panel on the roof.

Riverlanders who see the stolen car, or have any information relating to its whereabouts, are asked to contact the police assistance line on 131 444, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Information can be provided anonymously and will be treated in confidence.

## First council meetings as Riverland mayors

THE three new Riverland mayors and newly elected councillors are all attending their first council meetings of the new local government term over the current seven-day period.

New Renmark Paringa mayor Peter Hunter chaired his first monthly meeting last night since winning the 2022 election. Among the attendees was re-elected councillor Frank Turton.

Meanwhile Trevor 'Nobby' Norton will chair his first meeting as mayor of Loxton Waikerie council today, since being elected earlier this month. Today's meeting is in Loxton.

Ella Winnall's first monthly meeting as mayor of Berri Barmera Council



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is next Tuesday, in council's regular meeting spot in Berri. Ms Winnall was elected mayor after triumphing in the three-way mayoral race, which included long-serving mayor Peter Hunt.

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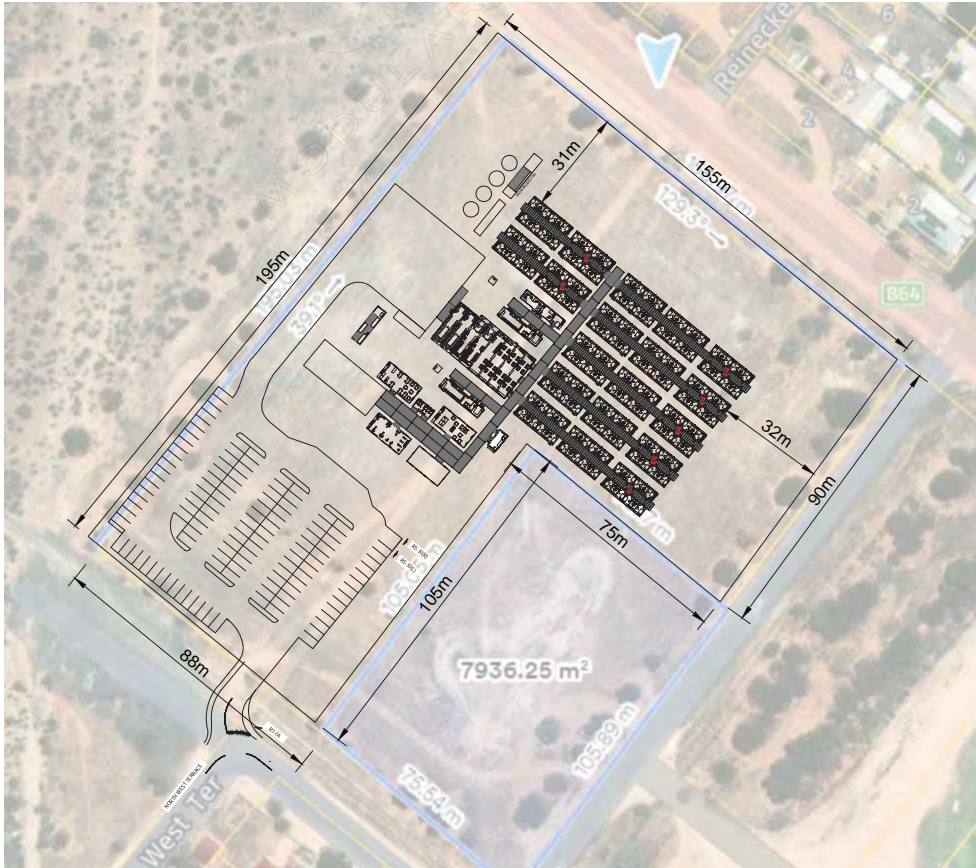
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**A plan of the temporary accommodation facility approved for construction at Morgan by the Downer Group. IMAGE: Downer Group**

# Green light for Morgan workers' accommodation

A TEMPORARY workers' accommodation facility at Morgan for more than 170 people has been given the go ahead by the Mid Murray Council's Assessment Panel.

The Downer Group facility will be established on Lot 7 in North West Terrace on crown land under council's control, with earthworks starting directly.

The development application was approved by an assessment panel last month.

Mid Murray Council said the accommodation would house workers involved with ElectraNet's Project EnergyConnect – the South Australia-New South Wales interconnector project – for one year.

The development includes the construction of 176 accommodation rooms in 44 buildings.

Its facilities will include a kitchen and servery, an office and communications building, laundry, gym, wet mess, recreation room and on-site car parking.

A community bike track on the site will be retained and remain open and accessible for community use.

The Downer Group's commercial manager, Simon McDonnell, said Downer was pleased to receive approval for the temporary accommodation facility.

“Downer is proud to be partnering with ElectraNet to deliver this nation-building infrastructure project which is set to transform the national energy grid,” he said.

“Relationships are at the heart of everything we do and we thank the Morgan community for their support.”

Mid Murray Council CEO

Ben Scales said the development would create economic benefits for Morgan.

“A development of this scale, and with the number of people it will bring to Morgan, will create exciting opportunities for the town and the region,” he said.

“While it’s a temporary facility, the projected numbers of workers who will be living locally over the next year will provide benefits for businesses both in Morgan and across the Mid Murray district.

“Council is also eager to maximise the positive outcomes for Morgan from this development, and will invest proceeds from the lease of the site back into the community.

"We'll be talking with the Morgan community in the near future about potential opportunities."

**“ A development of this scale, and with the number of people it will bring to Morgan, will create exciting opportunities for the town and the region...**

– Mid Murray Council CEO Ben Scales

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Forty-six prescribed burns were programmed for spring, but just 16 have been completed in SA so far. PHOTO: supplied

## Too wet, so SA rolls over prescribed burns

THE SA government will roll over some prescribed burns into 2023 after wetter-than-average conditions across the state during spring 2022 significantly hindered the program's delivery.

A total of 16 prescribed burns so far have been completed and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) says every opportunity will be taken to complete as many burns as possible, while the weather and fuel conditions are suitable.

Prescribed burns help regenerate habitats for native plants and animals, but are not the only tool used to reduce bushfire risk. They are designed to enhance and support other mitigation measures such as mechanical thinning, slashing and weed control, to get the best outcomes.

A prescribed burn requires suitable conditions on the day, including wind direction and weather, as well as moisture in the soil, vegetation and air, to ensure a burn will be safe and effective.

Forty-six prescribed burns were planned for spring, however those not completed will be moved into autumn next year, when 41 burns are planned, or into the following year, as part of an ongoing, rolling three-

year mitigation program.

DEW fire management director Fiona Gill said prescribed burns were an important mitigation tool.

“The burns target fuel hazards, which is important as this can reduce the speed and intensity of bushfires, and makes them easier to control, provides a safer environment for firefighters and ultimately saves lives and property,” Ms Gill said.

"If there's a good weather window, then the program is flexible enough to complete more burns. But if conditions aren't right on the day, a burn won't go ahead and may be rolled over to the next season or year."

DEW is also undertaking numerous fire-preparedness activities, including track clearing, checking water points, and ensuring fire appliances and plant and equipment are ready.

In South Australia, prescribed burning is part of a shared responsibility with the CFS, government agencies that manage land (DEW, ForestrySA and SA Water), councils and private landholders.

A list of planned prescribed burns is available on the DEW website.

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**REMARKABLE ROD:** Rod Stoeckel, of Renmark, and his daughter Rachael at the recent 5RM Riverland Sportsperson of the Year Award presentation event at the Berri Hotel. Mr Stoeckel was a finalist in the Steve McFarlane Contribution to Sport Award and highlights of his long association with local table tennis were outlined to the gathering.



**JUNIOR STARS:** Summer Smith and Chelsea Wutke at the recent 5RM Riverland Sportsperson of the Year Award presentation event. Both were finalists in the Peter Frankcom Junior Sports Star of the Year Award, for their efforts in netball and basketball respectively.



**PROUD PARENTS:** Former Hockeyroo Kari McMahon flew back from Western Australia to be inducted as the latest Riverland Legend of Sport at the recent 5RM Riverland Sportsperson of the Year Award presentation event at the Berri Hotel. The former Berri Hockey Club player is pictured on the night with her proud parents Debbie and Gavin.



Hayley Jones and Rayelene Anspach, both of Barmera, at the Monash Club's Melbourne Cup function earlier this month. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Ross and Sandra Henwood, of Monash, enjoying the Monash Club's Melbourne Cup function on Tuesday, November 1.



Desne Chapman (front left), of Donnybrook, WA, Paige Mclannan, of Berri, Jessica Mclannan, of Berri, Sheryl Mclannan, of Glossop, and Valmai Bishop, of Berri, at the Big River Tavern's Melbourne Cup function on Tuesday, November 1. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

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

**WEEKLY**  
Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30. 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**  
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. Good food, good people, good times.

**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**  
The Berri Community Men's Shed is open on Mondays and Thursdays, 9am to 12 noon.

**WEEKLY**  
U3A Riverland fourth term vacancies: Card cafe, third Wednesday of the month, 1pm-4pm in the clubrooms. Social bridge, Fridays, from 9.30am in clubrooms. Mahjong, Barmera Library on Wednesdays, Renmark Library on Thursdays, 1pm-3pm. French and German conversation Thursdays, 10am-12 noon and 1.30pm-3pm, respectively.

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

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

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

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

**WEEKLY**  
Berri Seniors meet every Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm at the club rooms at 4 Draper Road,

Berri. Pool, cards, games, computer or just socialise. Everyone welcome.

**WEEKLY**  
Loxton Historical Village is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, including public holidays. Closed Good Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Inquires phone 8584 7194.

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

**WEEKLY**  
Tea nights at Barmera RSL, Sturt Street, Barmera. Every Friday night, served from 6pm. \$15 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter (0408 813 882).

**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).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
Charity for all bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Loxton RSL sub-branch. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and raffles available.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**  
Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group meeting, 10am to 11.30am at Waikerie RSL, Thompson Street. All welcome.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**  
Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar, 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
Riverland Stamp Club meeting, 10am at the Berri Library.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
Chaffey Rose Club members and friends are invited to celebrate together with Christmas tea. Plate to share, BYO drinks, Kris Kringle gift \$10 max. Held at 81 Murtho Road, Paringa at 6pm. RSVP to Dale Kerin (0420 383 948) by November 28.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
Moorook Christmas markets and carols at sunset. Markets 2pm to 7pm, barbecue at 5.30pm, Santa at 7pm. Stall holders contact 0467 735 969.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
Barmera Library's after school activities for kids. Making reindeer biscuits and tealight snowmen, 4pm. Bookings essential, phone 8588 2872.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
Barmera Library's after school activities for kids. Robots on parade, 4pm. Lego and Edison robots to make our own indoor Christmas pageant. Bookings essential, phone 8588 2872.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
U3A Riverland invite members to a Christmas celebration lunch at the Berri Hotel from 12.30pm. RSVP Cheri or any committee member by December 5.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
Mega Christmas market at Berri Church of Christ. Set up from 7am, market 8am to 12 noon. To book a site contact Trish Wardle (0409 900 380) by December 1.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
Barmera Library's after school activities for kids. Christmas pudding biscuits and lanterns, 4pm. Bookings essential, phone 8588 2872.



# OUT & ABOUT

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**IN THE GROOVE:** Members of the Riverland community band Random Notes during their weekly rehearsal at the Berri Primary School, held each Tuesday. Members of the public are welcome to join the band. PHOTO: supplied



Jamie, Lisa and Steve Kellew, of Cobdogla at the Cobdogla Club's Melbourne Cup function. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Country Arts SA will present the opera Love Burns at the Chaffey Theatre in Renmark tomorrow night. PHOTO: That Photography Place

Terry Neil and Bo Carter, both of Waikerie, and Dennis Britten, of Cobdogla, at the Cobdogla Club for its Melbourne Cup function.



## A burning opera at the Chaffey

RIVERLAND theatre enthusiasts have been invited to see the true crime-inspired opera Love Burns at the Chaffey Theatre tomorrow night.

Country Arts SA chief executive/executive director Anthony Peluso said the show – based on the 1940s honeymoon killers in America – reflected “the unique voice that is Australian opera in all its intimate, grand, and quirky forms”.

“We are looking forward to working with

State Opera to take this hilarious romp to regional SA,”

“This is opera dashed with the sardonic Aussie treatment and we know it is going to be a great night out. Don’t miss it”

Love Burns will be performed at the Chaffey Theatre, tomorrow, at 7.30pm.

Further information can be found by visiting the Country Arts SA website ([www.countryarts.org.au/events/love-burns/venue/chaffey-theatre/](http://www.countryarts.org.au/events/love-burns/venue/chaffey-theatre/)).

## Some snapshots from the recent inaugural country music festival

By **ROBYN MCINTOSH**

MY KIND OF COUNTRY

THIS column I'm sharing a few photos from the inaugural Mildura Wentworth Country Music Festival held from September 23 to October 1.



NSW entertainer Col Thomson was pleased to be back in the Sunraysia region for the inaugural festival. PHOTOS: Robyn McIntosh



Entertainers Rodney Vincent and Anthony Tenace after their special show at the Coomealla Club recently.



South Aussie-bred entertainers Graeme Hugo, John O'Dea and Lance Birrell, who now resides in NSW.



Fellow photographer Greg Sylvia, of Mildura, with Andrew Swift prior to his performance at the closing concert on October 1.



The Girls' Night Out was hosted by Gina Timms (second from left) and also featured Kinta Watts (left) Caitlin Drew and Sarah Leetes.





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Business SA's chief executive Andrew Kay and director of corporate membership Nicola Martin at last week's workshop in Waikerie. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

SUPPORTING local business operators and hearing their concerns were among the key focuses of a Business SA event in Waikerie last week.

About 30 locals attended the Riverland Strength and Support workshop, held at the Waikerie Hotel last Wednesday.

Business SA chief executive Andrew Kay said the annual summit aimed to bring local businesses together to "to hear first-hand about the issues they are facing and find out how we can help".

"A significant part of the day was listening," he said.

"We need to understand the concerns of Riverland businesses to know what to fight for (and) this might be at the local, state or federal level with legislative amendments, policy reviews, or government fees and charges.

"I asked each of the business operators there to write down the one thing that Business SA as the

SA Chamber of Commerce could do for them right now, in three months or 12 months.

"We have taken those suggestions away and will use them to inform our actions."

Waikerie Chamber of Commerce chair Angela Lukacs told ABC Radio the event was well received and that local businesses were maintaining optimism, despite the Riverland's challenging times.

"The high water is impacting some of our businesses... as well as obviously affecting our tourist groups... but yeah, everyone's fairly confident," she said.

Ms Lukacs also noted that the chamber was launching its Why Leave Town gift card initiative.

Business SA also delivered a range of presentations in Waikerie, with topics including workplace wellbeing and marketing.

"Those in the room

heard about the support available from NBN and Vonex to ensure businesses are digitally connected," Mr Kay said.

"Rural Business Support also shared current funding opportunities, and MAS National highlighted its network of apprentices and trainees."

Mr Kay said a number of topics were also raised by Waikerie business operators.

"Themes came out around the need for specific types of training and we will explore these as we develop our regional strategy," he said.

"There were also opportunities to promote our existing support in industrial relations, work health and safety, contracts and modern awards.

"We have a team of experts who can directly answer questions and offer advice to businesses. I encourage owners and operators to call us to find out how we can help."







Around 30 people attended the Business SA event at the Waikerie Hotel.



**BEE HOTEL HUNT WINNERS:** A bee hotel competition was recently launched by Berri Barmera Landcare – funded by the Berri Barmera Council's Environmental Sustainability Committee – with the aim of boosting community awareness of native bees. Asher and Lincoln Harris, of Glossop, spent many days searching for the eight bee hotels around Berri and Barmera and captured photos of each, once they were found. Berri Barmera Landcare general manager Sharon Schrapel said two out of the eight hotels proved challenging to find. "One was tucked away in the RV park in Barmera and another had access restricted by the rising river at Martin Bend in Berri," she said. Asher and Lincoln walked away with \$200 in winnings for finding all of the hotels. PHOTO: supplied



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8. Blackbird  
10. Gap  
13. Writer  
15. Complicated  
16. Closely confined  
17. Complete  
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22. Vegetable  
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24. Billiard stroke  
27. Adhesive  
30. Boasts (coll.)  
31. Floor covering (abbr.)  
32. Severe criticism  
34. Bring into existence  
36. Dazed state  
37. Marine growth  
38. Guide a motor-car  
39. Glossy paint

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11. Promontory  
12. Nothing  
14. High temperature  
18. Big venomous spider  
19. Young horse  
21. Type of wine  
22. Play on words  
23. Encourage  
25. Assistant  
26. Wise counsellor  
27. Early Scottish race  
28. Liquid food  
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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## November 2022 Horoscopes: week 4

- ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)**  
Time spent in a different environment will help you to clear your thoughts and get a better perspective on recent events. **Romance.** A get-together with a person whom you admire will be very rewarding. This person likes you a lot, but you will have to be patient if you want more than a simple friendship.

**TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)**  
A journey with friends will give you a chance to collect your thoughts. You need to think carefully about your long-term goals and about how you are going to achieve them. **Romance.** A small disagreement will escalate if you don't give yourself the chance to cool down. Don't assume that your partner is in the wrong.

**GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)**  
Your luck will improve over the next few days. A favourable aspect to Jupiter will help you to get out of a situation which has been troubling you for some time. **Romance.** A friend whom you met on a trip may try to get in touch with you. Don't be worried about this person's manner: however bear in mind that they may have changed a lot.

**CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)**  
A change remark from a friend may upset you. You might be feeling a little insecure at the moment and won't appreciate criticism, however well-meant it may be. **Romance.** A boost to your confidence will come just when you need it most. You will need to be the one who makes the first move in a new relationship.

**LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)**  
A get-together which doesn't go according to plan may upset you. Don't worry: the person you are dealing with is much more tolerant than they appear to be and is not going to make things difficult for you. **Romance.** You will need to spend time by yourself this week. Relax as much as you can and don't let other people disturb you.

**VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)**  
You might be a little vague at times this week. Avoid getting into a discussion in which you give too much away. **Romance.** Criticism from your friends may have upset you. Instead of taking it personally, you should use this person's comments to make some positive changes in your life.

**LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)**  
Look behind the scenes and work out what is really going on. A chance remark by a colleague will help you to make sense of everything. **Romance.** You will need to feel that you are really appreciated by your partner. A powerful aspect to Venus later in the week will help to push things in the right direction.

**SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)**  
This should be a good time for stopping any bad habits you may have. Try hard to make a clean break - otherwise, you may find that you go back to your old ways. **Romance.** Your partner may be a little difficult to handle at the moment. Do your best to calm down before you get into an argument.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)**  
Be careful that an agreement is fair to both parties before you sign up to it. If one side takes advantage of the situation there could be trouble. **Romance.** A meeting with a friend from work may prove to be less exciting than you have been hoping. Be careful not to misinterpret a romantic gesture.

**CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)**  
A friend whom you have relied on to help you in the past has changed. You can still trust this person, but you must be a little more careful than before. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Uranus could bring an unusual new person into your life. Make sure that you spend time getting to know this person properly.

**AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)**  
An intense dream will help you to understand what is just around the corner. Before you take the plunge spend a while discussing the matter with a close friend. **Romance.** You will soon know if a romantic get-together is going well. Don't miss the obvious signs, and make sure that you believe what you see.

**PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)**  
A challenging aspect to Mercury towards the end of the week could lead to problems in communicating your ideas clearly and accurately. Complicated instructions to a colleague might not be understood as easily as you imagine. **Romance.** You will need to be flexible this week in order to deal with a last-minute let-down.
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## Work On Pipeline To Start

— Will Cost \$600,000

Work will start on Monday on a \$600,000 pipeline laying project, being undertaken as part of the \$12.85m. Noora Drainage Disposal Scheme.

This was announced on Tuesday by the Minister of Water Resources, Mr. Arnold. The pipeline will be installed about 7km south east of Berri and will continue in a straight line for about 7.3km.

It will take about 22 weeks to install the pipeline, with the work being undertaken by L. R. and M. Constructions Pty. Ltd., of Adelaide. The 675mm gravity main will carry saline effluent to the evaporation basin, at

Noora.

This is stage two of the pipeline installation.

Stage one was completed late last month, involved the laying of two sections of 600mm gravity main from the Berri Evaporation Basin.

Mr. Arnold said that since news of the Noora project was announced, almost 12 months ago, work had been progressing on schedule.

Work was expected to be completed by December next year.

The scheme is the main element in the Government's six-part, \$23 million salinity control program.

### Pipeline

Mr. Arnold said the Noora project would allow most of the saline effluent from Renmark and Berri-Cobdogla systems to be pumped right out of the river valley.

The scheme involves the creation of an evaporation basin at Noora, 23km east of Loxton, and pipelines to connect it with the Renmark and Berri-Cobdogla drainage systems.

Mr. Arnold said this would prevent overloading of the existing Berri, Dishers Creek and Bulyong Island evaporation basins, eliminating any need to release saline effluent from them during periods of low flow in the River Murray.



### Hot Spell

Riverland temperatures, during the week-end, were the hottest on record for the month of November. At Loxton on Sunday, the temperature was 43.2 degrees Celsius, which is possibly the hottest record.

No records are available for the period prior to 1964.

Temperatures at Loxton on Thursday were 40.9C, Friday 33.6C and on Saturday 38.8C.

The temperature at Waikerie on Friday was 42C which was the hottest November day

on record.

Records date back to 1977.

No recordings were taken for Waikerie during the week-end.

Another record was set at Renmark, on Sunday, with 43.5C. This was the hottest November temperature shown in the

Alice Janker, of Renmark, cools off in the pool at the Ventura Motel, at Renmark.

Renmark records, which date back to 1957.

Temperatures at Renmark were: Thursday 41C; Friday 34.8C and Saturday 39C.

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## Petrol Prices Drop 3.2c

Riverland petrol prices dropped about 3.2 cents per litre as from first trading on Monday.

The Riverland representative for the SA Automotive Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Malcolm Hall said he did not know if all the stations in the Riverland had traded with the 3.2 cent reduction, but he thought that most motorists would receive the new price.

The new price would depend on the brand of petrol, he said.

There was no set retail price in the Riverland and prices ranged from 36.4 cents to 36.8 cents per litre, he said.

The new wholesale price, from Adelaide, ranged from 29.88 cents to 30.44 cents per litre and Riverland stations added a freight differential of .46 cents, he said.

In the city, petrol retailed at between 34.8

cents to 35.5 cents per litre.

Country prices were now a lot closer to city prices, with a maximum difference of 2 cents per litre, whereas before, the difference could be up to 11 cents per litre, he said.

The new prices had helped the Chamber's cause and also the motorists, he said.

Mr. Hall said he had received a lot of criticism from city people, but he felt that country people had been subsidising the city twice.

Firstly, the city petrol price was being subsidised by the higher country prices, and secondly the public transport services in Adelaide were being subsidised by taxes from people in the country.

## Most Teachers are Opposed to Strike

Teachers at a number of Riverland Schools are not supporting a proposed strike on November 27.

None of the eight Riverland schools contacted yesterday favoured strike action, but some schools declined to indicate their preference.

The South Australian Institute of Teachers, representative for the Renmark High School, Mr. Dave Benda, said teachers were overwhelmingly against the strike.

In an advertisement in "The Advertiser", on Tuesday, 30 teachers

signed a statement that concerned teachers at Renmark High School were angered by SAIT policies on displacement and they urged that no strike action be taken.

Mr. Benda said teachers at Renmark had received a considerable amount of community support, and if they went on strike it was feared that this support would disappear.

The majority of teachers at the Loxton High School, did not

support the strike next week, said the SAIT representative, Mr. Noll Moriarty.

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## Siting of Bridge Discussed

A joint meeting between the Berri and Loxton District Councils was to be held last night, to discuss the proposed bridge sites.

Berri's district clerk, Mr. Len Mahoney, said the meeting was to get some co-ordination between the two councils about the best site for the proposed bridge.

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## Hostel to Be Closed

A proposal to close the Birralee childrens hostel at Berri, has met with strong criticism in the Riverland.

The deputy director of facilities for Orana Inc., Mr. L. N. Bennetts said it was decided at an October meeting of the board of directors, to convert the Berri junior hostel into a senior residential from the start of 1981.

Next year the hostel would be looking at an enrolment of three children, and with potentially nine homeless adults at the Loxton hostel, the best thing to do would be to change the hostel's status, he said.

A member of the Riverland Special School Council, Mr. John Woodberry, said it was a retrograde step to close the school to the

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A new citrus packing shed is being built for the Berri Co-operative Packing Union, near the Berri Fruit Tree. The Company's general manager, Mr. A. Thurmer, right, and assistant general manager, Mr. Bob Curren, are pictured outside the new building.

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The Waikerie Silo Art trail is a feature on the Waikerie Art and Town Tour podcast. PHOTOS: supplied



The Loxton Historical Village is a main feature on the Loxton History Tour podcast.

# Podcast shares unique town tales

LOXTON and Waikerie locals have shared the unique stories of their towns in two new podcast audio tours.

Featuring over twenty key landmarks and hidden tales from celebrated local characters, travellers can take an adventure through local history and culture as they connect with the Riverland region through stories.

The podcast is a partnership between Loxton Waikerie council and Storytowns.app, with the project supported by the federal government’s regional arts fund, which supports the arts in regional and remote Australia.

Storytowns founder Jarrod Pickford said “from my hitchhiking travels across the world I learnt the best way to experience a town or city is to meet the locals and hear their stories”.

“That’s what Storytowns offers; you discover fantastic characters, histories and hidden gems you’d never find in a tourism brochure or Google

search,” he said.

“It’s a much richer experience for visitors, as well as for locals who want to delve deeper into the stories of the towns they love.”

The engaging audio tours guide visitors through exploring Loxton’s fascinating past at the Loxton Historical Village, with over forty-five recreated buildings and replicas from Loxton’s pioneering years to the iconic dusty Nissen Huts where ex-servicemen lived with their families after World War Two.

Other highlights of the Loxton History Tour include The Tree of Knowledge, the Loxton Institute, St Peters’ Lutheran Church and The Pines House and Garden.

The Waikerie Art and Town Tour takes people on a deep dive into the creative heart of the town.

The famous Waikerie Silo Art trail, created by artists Garry Duncan and Jimmy Dvate, showcases the silo artwork that proudly overlooks the tour.

The tour also highlights Waikerie

as a mecca for birdwatchers to celebrate local bird life.

A drive between Loxton and Waikerie will uncover intriguing sites and stories guided by the geo-located Storytowns App, which will play automatically as people near them.

Loxton Waikerie council community interaction and promotion officer, Sophie Fielke said “we are very excited to be launching these new podcast-style audio tours”.

“We see this as a great way to preserve and share the stories of our region using a wide reaching and accessible medium such as the Storytowns app,” she said.

“It’s been a fantastic process including our local people; it has brought to light the great sense of pride we have for Loxton and Waikerie, both past and present.”

The Loxton History Tour and The Waikerie Art and Town Tour podcasts are available to download via the Storytowns.app at (<https://storytowns.app/>).

## Lions donation providing important local mental health support

A LOCAL mental health service supporting young Riverlanders recently received a donation from a Renmark community group.

The Lions Club of Renmark donated \$1000 to headspace Berri, which is part of the Focus One Health group.

The money was raised by the Lions Club at its recent monthly barbecue and fundraising bazaar, which advertised the fact donations would go towards

mental health.

Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks and club treasurer Graham Edwards met with headspace Berri to present the donation.

“Our club members have appreciated the support of our local community with our fundraising efforts,” Mr Maddocks said.

“We felt it appropriate that we give something back to our community by assisting those

local organisations who do so much good in our region in assisting those people/families who may be struggling through critical or disadvantaged circumstances, especially in recent times with so many mental health issues being prevalent in the Riverland.

“As a service club, our members felt that we would like to do something to assist those organisations, like headspace, who provide a valuable service to those

people/families who find themselves in crisis.”

Focus One Health centre manager Gemma Nickolai said the donation was appreciated.

“headspace is very humbled and thankful for the generous donation from the Renmark Lions Club,” she said, “and will ensure that the money will be put towards important staff training and support for those clients who use our service in their time of need.”



headspace community awareness officer Jordan Enright accepted the donation from Renmark Lions Club president Allan Maddocks. PHOTO: supplied

# the quiz



1. The song 'You'll never Walk Alone' was written for which film?  
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2. Which American president when referring to Margaret Thatcher said 'She is the best man in England'?  
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3. True or false, before becoming a famous actor George Clooney had been a door to door insurance salesman?  
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4. Titan is a moon of which planet?  
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5. In the 1989 film Batman, starring Michael Keaton, who played The Joker?  
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6. What type of animal is an Oryx?  
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7. What was mountaineer George Mallory quoted as saying when asked why he was attempting to climb Mt Everest  
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8. What sport would you be taking part in if you performed a 'pile-driver'?  
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9. What is the name for the tough fibrous flexible connective tissue that links bones together?  
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10. Which film was 'Raindrops Keep Falling On My head' written for?  
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11. What does a Bibliophile collect?  
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12. What is the name for a silk or cotton square with a spotted pattern tied around the head or neck?  
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13. Pecorino cheese is made from the milk of which type of animal?  
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14. If someone from Western Australia talked about 'The Fremantle Doctor' to what would they be referring?  
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15. The 1960's dispute known as the 'Cod War' took place between which two countries?  
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16. Americans call it an Alligator Pear, but what is it known as in Australia?  
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17. What country/region has the highest life expectancy?  
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18. Which language has the more native speakers: English or Spanish?  
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19. What is the most common surname in the United States?  
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20. What disease commonly spread on pirate ships?  
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### BONUS QUESTION:

In what year of the 1970s was the 5 ¼ inch floppy disk introduced? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 35

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# Heavy metal: say hi to Berri Regional’s robot

AFTER competing in a robotics challenge against about 100 students from 13 schools from across the state, a team of local students took out the main innovation award for their efforts.

Five Berri Regional Secondary College students developed a robot able to safely operate in electricity substations and presented their solution at the SA Power Networks and VEX Robotics single wire earth return (SWER) Line Robotics Competition held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on November 3.

The event offered schools a chance to develop and build a robot that could navigate a substation, operate key manual switching equipment and detect abnormalities.

According to SA Power Networks, substations operate at up to 66,000 volts and are a crucial part of the electricity supply network, providing voltage management and safety protection.

Some particular abnormalities with equipment can pose a threat to crews entering the site, with robots offering a potential solution to making the site safe prior to crews entering.

The robotics challenge linked to the STE (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program in schools, and participants were supported by experts from both SA Power Networks and VEX Robotics.

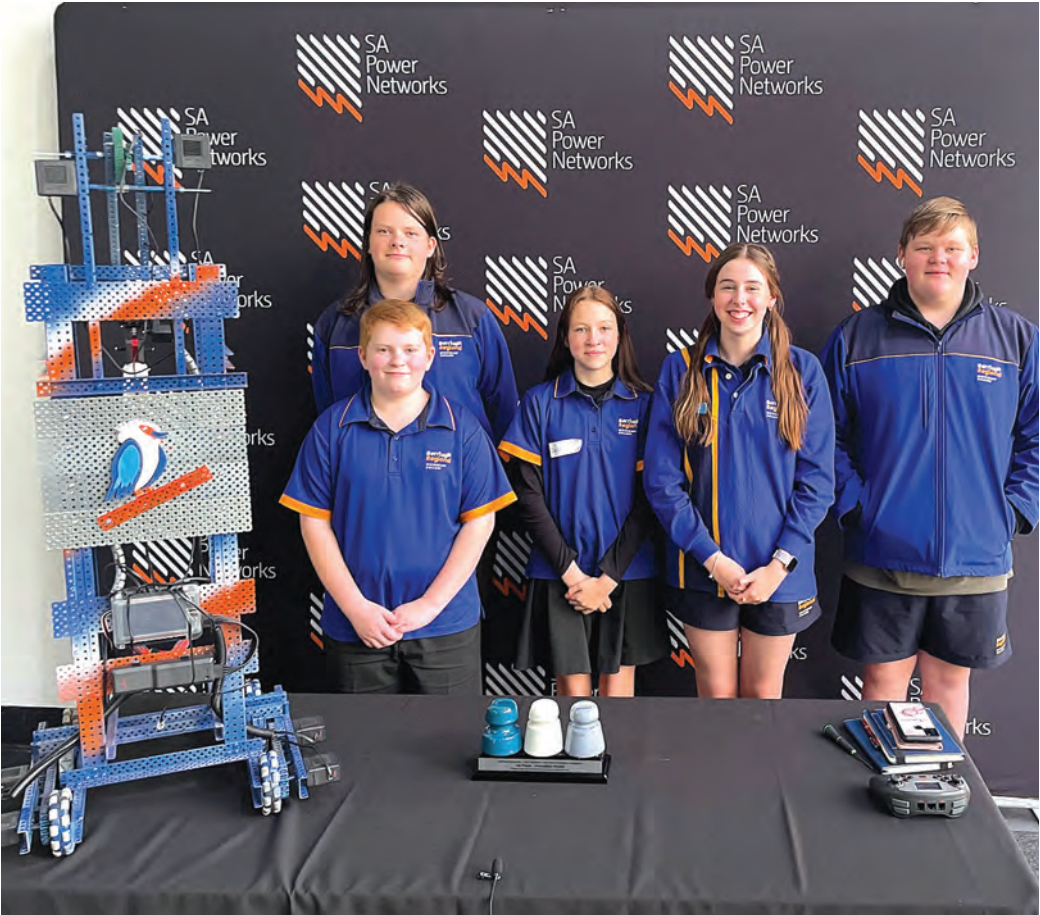
SA Power Networks head of corporate affairs Paul Roberts said he was “blown away by the incredibly smart solutions that each of the schools brought to the competition”.

“Berri’s stood out also because it not only worked, but was branded with the school’s colours,” he said.

“SA Power Networks believes that in the future, smart, robotic technology will be used to reduce the risks inherent in working in substations where there are safety issues with switching that may pose a risk to our crews.

“While we have various safe work procedures to currently minimise this risk when undertaking manual switching in substations, use of robots would help eliminate any risk to crews.

“We see the use of robots or drones as a major opportunity for innovation that can improve efficiency and safety.”



Berri Regional Secondary College students Damon Clews (back), Ethan Baldock, Deni Clark, Kiana Rundell and Josh King with their innovation award-winning robot at the SA Power Networks and VEX Robotics event in Adelaide earlier this month. PHOTO: supplied

# Superheroes at Barmera Primary

LOCAL primary students organised a casual day on the last day of term 3 for a special cause.

Barmera Primary School Student Representative Council (SRC) captains Mason and Alyssa, plus indigenous representative Jordan, planned the day to raise money for Ronald McDonald House.

The SRC students were inspired by former Barmera Primary School student Max Rashleigh, who is currently undergoing treatment for leukaemia.

The SRC researched what Ronald McDonald House Charities do and learned that regional families with children who have been recently diagnosed, seriously injured or require emergency treatment – plus families with premature babies – are supported.

In the last newsletter of term 3, the school thanked “all families who supported our fundraiser by providing donations and money to purchase a huge variety of



Barmera Primary School students got in the spirit of dressing up for a good cause last term, supporting Ronald McDonald House by dressing in superhero costumes. PHOTO: supplied

sweets such as cakes, slices and muffins provided by our generous staff”.

“This fundraiser has a special connection to our school as it is an accommodation house that some of our families have been fortunate to access in their time of need and we especially think of the Rashleigh family during this difficult time,” the news-

letter said.

Students dressed up as superheroes, or created their own superhero outfits, staff baked many cupcakes and other “delicious goodies” for a cake stall and Nippy’s donated 100 fruit boxes to enjoy the day.

Almost \$700 was raised thanks to the efforts of students, staff and families.



Students from Loxton North Primary School have been working with local artist Kat Bell as part of learning about local Aboriginal culture. PHOTO: supplied

# Art attack at Loxton North

ALEXANDRA BULL

STUDENTS at Loxton North School have been working with Riverland artist Kat Bell for the past six months, learning all about the ins and outs of being an artist.

As part of learning the Ngarrindjeri language, they are connecting with the indigenous community and engaging in art workshops with Bell since July.

Loxton North School principal Vanessa Wainwright said “it has been exciting having Kat work with us”.

“Kat came in and spoke to the students about local animals and their characteristics which link to the school’s learner dispositions,” she said.

“Kat also talked to classes about her art style and Aboriginal culture, learning about her connection to country and what her

Aboriginal totem is and means to her.

“The students have had six workshops with Kat, learning how to draw, paint and creating an artist’s perspective.

“They have loved working with Kat and learning different art skills from her.”

As part of the program, Loxton North School is hosting an art exhibition, launching the school’s learner dispositions and signing a reconciliation action plan with their school community.

“Kat has organised the art exhibition for us, and other local artists will be there on the night of the big launch,” Ms Wainwright said.

The art exhibition will be held this Friday, November 25, at the Business Hub, by the Loxton roundabout from 6pm. Art work will then be displayed in the Loxton town library.

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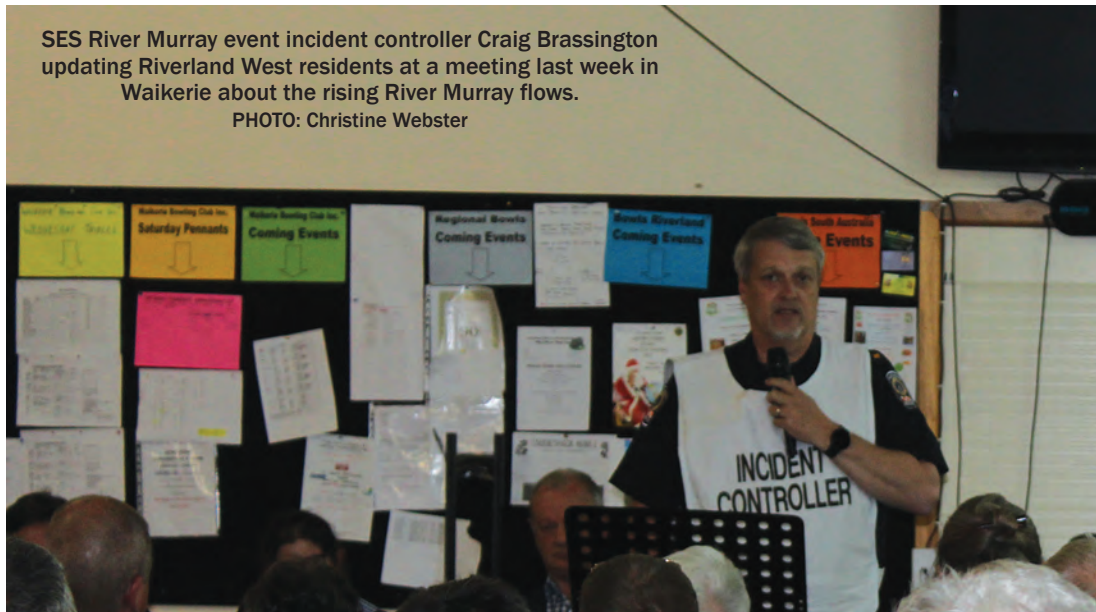
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SES River Murray event incident controller Craig Brassington updating Riverland West residents at a meeting last week in Waikerie about the rising River Murray flows.

PHOTO: Christine Webster



# High river to last 'until March', cautions SES

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE SES is predicting the River Murray to remain at a high level until March, once it reaches the predicted peak of 175GL a day early next month.

More than 200 people from the Riverland West area attended a Murray River Flow Community forum hosted by the SES at the Waikerie Bowling Club last Wednesday.

SES River Murray event incident controller Craig Brassington urged people living on river-front properties in the region to develop a flood plan and decide whether they should leave or stay in their home.

"We are running out of time," he told the forum.

"Your property may be affected, but your lives are more important.

"This flood is going to go on for months."

Mr Brassington said once the



flood level peaked it was expected to "hold at 150GL a day for about a month or so".

"We don't expect it to go below 100, where the river level is now until about March next year," he said.

Mr Brassington told the forum if properties became inundated by the rising river "it could not be guaranteed" that the SES, CFS or other emergency services would be able to assist.

"At the moment it is rising by about 30mm a day, he said.

It is going to rise quite quickly over the next few weeks."

Mr Brassington said property owners who wanted to establish levee banks to protect their homes and infrastructure needed to engage a qualified engineer.

"Don't think that pushing up loads of sand or anything else is going to solve the problem," he said.

"You have to have them engineered correctly and use the right material, if you put levees up."

Mr Brassington said people wanting to stay in their homes during a flood event should consider how they would manage if the power had to be switched off.

He said people may decide to use a generator, but they also needed to consider how the high river would affect their septic system.

"Think about how you are going to manage for the next couple of months," he said.

"It will be up to SA Power Networks to work out when they switch the power off."

For all the latest information about the flood situation and the support services available, visit (sa.gov.au).

## Council finds camping sites for the displaced

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MID Murray Council has organised a list of camping and storage facilities for residents in the district displaced from their homes by the high-river event.

Council CEO Ben Scales said staff were working closely with the SES and other agencies involved in managing the response to those affected by the rising river.

"We have provided information about sites where people can stay and camp," he said.

"Clearly some of the caravan parks by the river will not be able to operate, once the river levels become higher."

Council has also established some emergency sites for people displaced by the high river.

The Morgan Sporting Complex, Cadell Community Oval and vacant land at Blanchetown on the corner of Merivale and North Terrace will be

available to residents seeking accommodation due to flooding.

"We are aware that a number of those people that are going to be displaced may stay with family and friends," he said.

But Mr Scales said the list of caravan parks and camping facilities would hopefully assist those who had no other alternatives.

He encouraged Mid Murray residents to prepare for the high-river event.

"They need to be acting now," he said.

"The flow projections have been increased and we are going to see a significant impact across the community."

For the latest information about the rising river levels in the district and full details about facilities for displaced residents visit (sa.gov.au) or (mid-murray.sa.gov.au).



**Clearly some of the caravan parks by the river will not be able to operate, once the river levels become higher...**

- Ben Scales  
Mid Murray Council CEO

## White Ribbon breakfast helping to empower the Riverland community

THE RIVERLAND Domestic Violence Action Group is hosting a White Ribbon Day breakfast this Friday, November 25.

The breakfast, to be held at the Renmark Club from 8am, will act as a fundraiser for White Ribbon, and attendees will hear from local presenters who will discuss current information on support services, the drivers of violence, and tools required to be part of the change.

Chair of the Riverland Domestic Violence Action Group, Anne Wall, said the breakfast was about

By  
**ALEXANDRA BULL**



raising awareness on how to prevent violence against women.

"The Riverland Domestic Violence Action Group is a group of service providers who are part of the group as an add-on role to their usual services," she said.

"It's a huge job, it is very time consuming and it's extremely difficult to address violence in the community without community support.

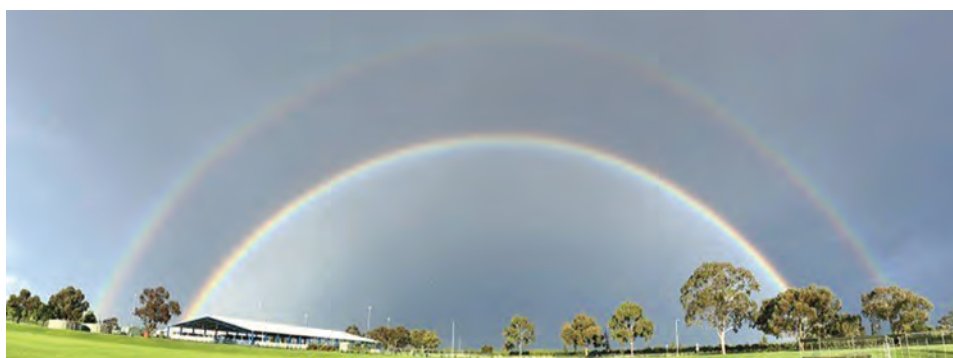
"The more volun-

teers, the more we can empower the community to be part of change and make a difference, the greater opportunity we have to address making a difference."

White Ribbon Day (November 18) is an opportunity to bring people together – in person or online – to raise awareness and commit to action to prevent men's violence against women.

For more information on the Riverland White Ribbon Breakfast visit the link (www.eventbrite.com.au/e/white-ribbon-breakfast-2022-riverland-tickets-394193432167).

RAINBOW DAYS:  
Berri man Edward Li-Guo took this photo of a rainbow in Berri last week.



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## Waikerie group's new cancer booklet

THE Waikerie Cancer Care Group is putting the finishing touches to an information booklet about cancer diagnoses.

“This booklet/pamphlet is being produced by our group so that anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer may be able to negotiate more easily through the maze of information that is available,” said group secretary Virginia Hillier.

“One thing that has become evident from cancer patients who attend our get togethers is that at the time of diagnosis they need some simplified and basic information that applies to their immediate situation.

“Whilst we recognise that all facets of cancer cannot be covered, we are hoping to notify patients of the relevant services that are available to them when they are first diagnosed.”

The booklet will be discussed at the group's next meeting, to be held at the Waikerie RSL this Friday, from 10am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

# Pageant returns to Waikerie

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE's traditional Christmas pageant is returning to town on Friday after Covid-19 caused the event to be cancelled in 2019 and 2020 – and replaced by a fair last year.

Waikerie Lions Club president Pam Stendara said about 20 floats had so far been entered by local businesses, schools and community organisations to take part in the parade through the CBD.

Mrs Stendara said the pageant would feature free children's entertainment, circus acts, a magician and a puppeteer, while the Waikerie High School band will also perform. She said entering a float is free of charge.

Loxton Waikerie council has provided a \$5000 grant for the event.

She said the success of the fair held last year instead of the pageant – due to Covid-19 – resulted in the Lions Club wanting to continue to provide free Christmas activities to the community.

“It is about Lions giving



The Waikerie community is eagerly anticipating the return of the annual Christmas pageant on Friday.

back to the community with the help of the Waikerie Men's Shed who will help with marshalling,” Mrs Stendara said.

A wide variety of food will be available for purchase from the town's cafes, and the bottle shop at the Waikerie Hotel Motel.

Beverages will also be available from Birdys Bar and food vans and entertainment will be on offer at the Civic Centre Lawns.

A new-look Santa's Cave inside the Waikerie Institute will open after the pageant.

President of the organising committee Amy Stephens said the popular tourist attraction had been “freshened up”.

“You will find that there is a new dinosaur scene and the gingerbread house has been redone,” she said.

Ms Stephens said money raised by the gold coin donation people pay to see the iconic Christmas display had helped fund the purchase of the new decorations. She said Santa's Gift Shop also returns this year, featuring locally made items

and produce on sale.

“Most of them are hand-made, ranging from signs to jams,” she said.

Following its opening on Friday night, Santa's Cave will be open each day from 10am to 4pm and will close on Christmas Eve.

Ms Stephens said in “extreme heat” it would close at midday.

The Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail has been set up in Federation Park behind the Rain Moth Gallery.

More than 100 3D wooden trees have been decorated

by local businesses, schools and community organisations and will be lit up by solar lights.

The official launch of the trail will coincide with the switching on of the Norfolk Pine's Christmas lights on Friday during the pageant.

Waikerie's Christmas Pageant festivities starts at 3pm, with a live broadcast by 5RM from the Waikerie Hotel Motel. Food and drinks will be available at the civic centre from 4pm.

The Christmas parade will start at 6pm.



WELCOME to the start of the festive season in the beautiful Riverland – and this year especially we all have concerns for those families, friends, businesses, growers and organisations who have to contend with the Murray River flood. If you have attended the recent community meetings throughout the state you will be very aware of what may happen. As we were all told, help is available ([ses.sa.gov.au/flood](http://ses.sa.gov.au/flood)) so don't hesitate to ask. The SA government and the SES are at the end of the line for emergency assistance (phone 132 500). Always take care, and don't drive, ride or walk through floodwater. Safety is imperative.

The 2022 Waikerie Lions Christmas Pageant heralds the start of the festive season this Friday at 6.30pm. Floats are asked to assemble in the Civic Centre at 5.30pm, to be directed by Waikerie Men's Shed volunteers, who are assisting with the pageant. The Men's Shed team will make sure Santa arrives in Waikerie on his float to join the pageant.

On Monday morning it was exciting to see all the Christmas trees arriving at Federation Park. The setup began with the help of Loxton Waikerie council staff and Waikerie Christmas Decoration Working Group volunteers. The Christmas Tree Trail display is on show from pageant night until Monday, January 16, 2023. Thanks to all groups for supporting this project.

As the pageant heralds the arrival of Santa to Waikerie and his residence until Christmas Eve, children are getting excited at the opportunity to visit him and see the magical display that the Santa's Cave committee have been planning for all to enjoy. We give thanks to the volunteers who enable the cave to be open every day until Christmas Eve.

A diary date for the popular Carols by Candlelight at Waikerie is Sunday, December 11, at the Waikerie Primary School from 6pm. It will include a sausage sizzle, coffee and activities for children, with carol singing to begin at 7pm. Bring your chair and warm rug.

The popular Riverland Toy and Tucker Run, organised by the Ulysses Mallee branch, will be held on Sunday, December 4. Bikers will leave the Waikerie Hotel at 8.45am and heading to the Barmera Main Street Markets. They will be taking gifts for others and we give thanks to many businesses

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and residents who donate to this appeal. This year celebrates the 20th year since the run's inception. Donations can be left at the Waikerie Hub, Renmark Community Centre, Berri [ac.care](http://ac.care), Loxcare and Vinnies Barmera.

The Waikerie Cancer Care Group welcomes you to a cuppa and chat morning this Friday at the Waikerie RSL Clubrooms from 10am until 11.30am. This will be the final 2022 get-together and the information booklet to help others – soon to be printed – will be discussed.

Do you want to enjoy some time learning to be creative? Then call Natasha (0435 648 282) for bookings and details, as she is holding a workshop at the Rain Moth Gallery on 'foraged Christmas wreath making' on Sunday, December 4, from 2pm to 4pm.

An interdenominational ladies Christmas dinner will be held at the Waikerie Lutheran Social Centre on Friday, December 2, at 6.30pm. A two-course meal is \$5, with guest speaker Deborah Kalei, author of Cry the Beloved Children, plus live music by Craig and Val King. Please bring a gift (value \$10). Dinner tickets available at Harmony and Grace. Inquiries to Tanya (0427 412 237).

Thanks to the supporters who attended the Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group AGM recently. Peter Marks (president), Jenny Sindos (secretary) and Deb Kennedy (treasurer) were re-elected and there will be notifications coming soon to members and supporters of forthcoming exciting events commencing early in 2023. Adelaide Crows Riverland supporters enjoyed an end-of-season get-together, featuring a delicious lunch with friendly service, at the Mallee Fowl Restaurant on Sunday. Thanks to everyone.

Thought for the week:  
“I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains.”

- Anne Frank



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

**Applications close Sunday, 27 November 2022**

RZ11836



**Manulife**  
**Investment Management**

**Position Vacant**  
**Farm Manager - Moorook**

Manulife Investment Management Agricultural Services (Australia) (MAS (AU)) is on an exciting growth trajectory and is looking to ensure long term success by employing talented and passionate team members to create and build upon our high performing culture.

**Position**

The successful applicant will manage a 250 Hectare mature/productive almond orchard undergoing a staged redevelopment with some additional new blocks having recently been planted over the last few years.

**Key Responsibilities**

- Lead and grow a small team to manage and fully operate the Almond Orchard
- Managing all resources and own equipment to ensure timeliness and effectiveness of day to day operations.
- Liaise with key service providers to meet company requirements and approved budgets
- Create and maintain a culture of safe behaviour leading by example and monitoring staff and contractor activities.
- Education and Experience
- Good organisational and problem solving abilities.
- Experience working in a corporate farm environment is highly desired but not essential
- Previous experience in the operation and management of irrigation systems in a horticulture cropping environment.
- Sound computer literacy particularly with management / financial reporting software.
- A firm commitment to working safely in team environment

The role comes with a competitive salary, accommodation, a tools of trade vehicle, mobile phone and access to the annual company bonus, health, fitness and training assistance programs.

**How to Apply**

**To find out more email your covering letter and CV to dmetrikas@manulife.com or call David on 0436 441 477.**

LZ14526



**ALMONDCO**

PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN ALMONDS

**PRIMARY PROCESSING  
ACCOUNTANT**

Almondco Australia Ltd is one of the largest almond processing and packing facilities in Australia. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our team!

The business is in an exciting period of growth and due to internal promotion, we are seeking to appoint a Primary Processing Accountant. The successful candidate will bring a mature approach to this important role with a strong analytical mind and attention to detail. Previous experience in a production environment would be well regarded however not essential.

**In this role you will be responsible for:**

- Daily production analysis and reporting for Almondco's hulling operations (Lyrup, SA and Hanwood, NSW),
- Grower data accuracy, reporting and analysis,
- Primary processing monthly financial reporting and budget preparation,
- Monthly fixed asset register preparation and reporting for the group,
- Providing general finance and administration support for the hulling operations team.

**To be successful in this role, you will:**

- Deliver high quality accounting and financial services to the business,
- Have previous experience with IT based accounting systems,
- Be competent in using MS Teams, Word, Excel,
- Be highly organised and have excellent attention to detail,
- Have the ability to work independently with limited direction to meet deadlines.

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

**Applications close Sunday, 27 November 2022**

**For all enquiries, please contact the People & Culture Manager on to 08 8586 8800.**

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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

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LZ14532



**Apricot Harvest Workers Wanted**  
**Loxton**

Positions available for the upcoming apricot drying season. Work from early December to mid-late January. We are looking for high school, uni students and anyone else who feels they are fit to work.

Please apply via email to [sales@quirkeycots.com.au](mailto:sales@quirkeycots.com.au) for an application form.

Work will commence early December.

**CITRUS FARM HAND**

All areas of farming operation including irrigation, tractor work and harvesting.  
Permanent position | Accommodation provided Boundary Bend, Victoria - 3599

Contact 0417 527 004

LZ14524



**COBDOGLA FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Cobdogla Football Club requires a coach for the 2023 season.**

All applications emailed to [cobbyfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:cobbyfootballclub@gmail.com) by the 30th of November

Enquiries to Karen – 0421 018 374

BZ11983

**Bus Drivers**  
Casual Positions - Renmark, SA

BusBiz is looking to expand our growing team. If you would like to join our team as a casual relief bus driver, we would love to hear from you!

**Medium Rigid (MR) licence as a minimum**  
**\*\*SA Drivers Accreditation Certificate**  
**SA Working with Children clearance**

*\*\*Applicants without SA Drivers Accreditation certificate are encouraged to apply. We can assist with this process however employment cannot commence until the certificate is obtained.*

Competitive pay and in-house training will be provided.

**Applications close 9th December 2022**  
**Any questions? Contact us on 5032 1068**  
**To apply – email a resume to: [HR@busbiz.net.au](mailto:HR@busbiz.net.au)**

*BusBiz has a zero tolerance of drugs and alcohol, random testing does take place.*



BZ11835



**JMA Engineering is a locally owned and operated business specialising in stainless steel fabrication.**

**Qualified Maintenance Fitter & Turner**

We are seeking to employ a full-time Qualified Maintenance Fitter & Turner with minimum 5 year experience, to join our team at our Stainless Steel Workshop.

Your role will require you to work mostly with stainless steel tank fabrication machines and tools providing you with a wide and varied range of tasks.

**QUALIFICATION SKILLS & EXPERIENCE**  
**Essential:**

- Qualified Fitter & Turner.
- Experience in maintenance role.
- Drivers License.
- Full Australian working rights.

**Desirable:**

- First Aid Certificate.
- High Risk License.
- Confined Space Qualifications.

Suitable Remuneration based on experience.

Please send your applications with cover letter and resume to: [mel@jmaeng.com.au](mailto:mel@jmaeng.com.au)

BZ11984

PUBLIC NOTICES

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**Funding Applications**

The Committee of the **Barmera Community Fund Inc** invite **applications** from Organisations/Clubs in the Barmera area seeking funds for current projects

Applications to:  
The Chairman  
PO Box 809, Barmera 5345  
or by email to [martinhill1969@hotmail.com](mailto:martinhill1969@hotmail.com)  
**Close December 7, 2022**

BZ11983



**LOXTON ROTARY SATELLITE GROUP**


is newly formed and committed to improving opportunities and support for young people in our district, including those living with disability.

We are appealing to the community to assist us by completing a short survey. Information from the survey will help the Satellite Group identify needs and set priorities for action.

**All age groups are invited to do the survey.**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZRDBDX7>



LZ14528



**Notice of Road Closure**  
*Section 33 Road Traffic Act 1961*

I, Tony Siviour, 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 North School Wheels Day' is an event to which this section applies and that the following road be closed to vehicle traffic on Wednesday 30 November 2022 between 10:00am to 11:30am.

*Within the Renmark Paringa Council:*

- Warrego Street between Ral Ral Avenue and Eighth Street

I direct that persons taking part in the 'Renmark North School Wheels Day' 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.

Tony Siviour  
Chief Executive Officer  
P (08) 8580 3000

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BZ11862



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby Given that the 85th Annual general meeting of the Waikerie Club will be held at the Waikerie Club on

**Wednesday December 7th 2022 at 7.00pm**

Nomination of Directors

Nominations are invited to fill vacancies as directors of the board

Messers. 1. David Carter  
2. Shane Jinks  
3. Hayden Dunn  
4. Craig Matthews

Retire in Accordance with the Rules and regulations. David Carter, Shane Jinks, Craig Matthews and Hayden Dunn, are eligible for re-election and have indicated their intention to seek re-election.

The nomination for directors shall sign an application form of schedule here to and be proposed by one member and seconded by another and returned to the Waikerie Club not later than close of business Wednesday 1st of December.

Nomination forms are available from the Waikerie Club.

We invite you to stay and enjoy some refreshments and nibbles at the conclusion of the meeting.

BZ11862



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## 80th BIRTHDAY



**WERNER, Gladys.**

Happy 80th birthday!  
We are so proud  
to have you as our  
mum, nanna and best  
friend. Wishing you all  
the best for the 23rd.  
All our love - Michelle,  
Carolyn, Craig, Lisa,  
and families. xxxx



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## 90th BIRTHDAY



**EDMONDS, Rod.**

Happy 90th birthday  
for November 24,  
2022 to Dad, Papa  
and Great-Papa.

Don't think of it as  
turning 90...think of it  
as turning 18 with 72  
years of experience.  
With a heart made out  
of gold and 90 years'  
worth of absolute  
awesomeness, we  
want you to have the  
happiest of birthdays!

Hope your day is as  
special as you are.  
With so much love  
and lots of hugs to  
you from  
Liz and Andrew,  
Emma, Jo,  
Rylee and Rikki,  
Kate, Mark,  
Sophie and Benson,  
and Mikala.  
Phil and Tanya,  
Reece, Jenna  
and James.  
Lou, Jed,  
Mariah and Makenzi.

## THANK YOU

**THOMAS, Phyllis.**

100th birthday  
16/11/2022.

Thank you to all who  
visited, sent flowers,  
as well as cards and  
gifts on my special  
day.

Every one of you  
who participated in  
any way made it extra  
special for me.

Thank you.

## DEATHS

**BAKAJ, Thelma Joan.**

Passed away  
peacefully at the  
Renmark Hospital on  
Saturday, November  
12, 2022.

Aged 81 years.  
Loved wife of John  
(deceased).  
Loving mother of  
Steven and Christine.  
Mother-in-law to  
Jacquie and David.  
Loved nanna to  
Nicholette, and  
Connor.  
Sister to Larry.

Thelma has been  
privately cremated in  
accordance with her  
wishes.

Forever in our hearts.



Berri and Renmark  
8582 1333  
Member AFDA

**GLENIE, Pat.**

Passed away  
peacefully at the  
Renmark Hospital on  
Saturday, November  
19, 2022.

Aged 84 years.  
Much-loved mother  
of Russell and Kim.

Cherished nan of  
Samie and Alex.

## DEATHS

**MORENA, Giuseppe.**

Passed away  
peacefully at the  
Barmera Hospital on  
Thursday, November  
17, 2022.

Aged 90 years.  
Loved husband of  
Vincenza (deceased).  
Loving father and  
father-in-law of  
Tina and Jeff,  
Delia and David,  
Robert and Kristin.  
Loved nonno of  
7 grandchildren and  
8 great-grandchildren

Reunited with  
Vincenza.

Riposa in pace.



Please help people in need.  
We're all in this together.  
**DONATE 13 SALVOS (13 72 58)**  
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## FUNERALS

**MORENA.**

The relatives and  
friends of the late Mr  
Giuseppe 'Joe' Morena  
are respectfully  
invited to attend his  
funeral service to be  
conducted at St Francis  
Xavier Catholic Church,  
Barmera on Thursday,  
November 24, 2022  
at 10am.

At the conclusion of the  
service, the cortege will  
proceed to the Barmera  
Lawn Cemetery for the  
committal.



Berri and Renmark  
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Member AFDA

**GLENIE.**

Family and friends  
of Pat Glenie are  
respectfully invited  
to attend her  
funeral service to be  
conducted entirely  
at the Riverland  
Funeral Chapel,  
231 Twentyfirst  
Street, Renmark  
on Wednesday,  
November 30, at  
11am, followed by  
a private cremation  
at the Riverland  
Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if  
desired, a donation  
to the Renmark  
Hospital Auxilliary in  
Pat's memory would  
be appreciated.  
Donations may be  
made at the service.



Berri and Renmark  
8582 1333  
Member AFDA

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

**SCOTT, Robert John.**

27/11/1953 -  
14/7/2021

Reminder: due to  
Covid, Robert's last  
hurrah will be held on  
November 26, 2022  
at the Monash Club at  
11am-3pm.

Always remembered.

## FOR SALE

**ALUMINIUM** bow  
ladders, 2 year guar-  
antee, 3 leg pick-  
ing ladders, Pinyon  
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extras. Registration  
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extras, sleeps 4, en-  
suite, outdoor kitchen.  
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**CHRISTMAS** trees,  
cut. 21715 Sturt High-  
way, Paringa (Wonu-  
arra GPS). Paringa  
Christmas Tree Farm.  
Open every Saturday  
from November 26th  
- December 24th,  
8am - 8pm. 1-2m, \$60  
- \$70. Choose your  
own tree. Native pines  
and Aleppo pines  
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0408266776 or Marg  
0428674295.



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**FLORY** harvester,  
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**GENERATOR** - Yama-  
ha EF2600 KVA, excel-  
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on application. Phone  
0418854140.

## FOR SALE

**GRAFTED** vines avail-  
able for planting now.  
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paulsen, dormant  
one year old vines.  
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Chardonnay/ramsey  
vines in pots. Yannak-  
oudis Nursery. Phone  
85846989.

**HAY** - Oaten hay, 5 x  
4 rolls, \$70. Phone  
0429095646.

**LA-Z-BOY** platinum  
luxury lift chair with  
power to sit, stand  
or fully recline at the  
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scooters. Retro-fitted,  
full zip-up to pro-  
tect from all weath-  
er. \$1200. Phone  
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**ORCHIDS** - Na-  
tive. "Dendrobium  
speciosum" large  
plants, flowering size,  
\$25/\$35. Phone Irena  
0448968384.

**PRIDE** Pathrider  
130XL. 4-wheel mo-  
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motor and batteries,  
high-back swivel seat.  
Can carry 160kg.  
Was \$2950, now  
\$2450, can deliver.  
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**PUPPIES** - Jack Rus-  
sell Chihuahua cross.  
Vet checked, wormed,  
vaccinated and mi-  
crochipped. Male and  
female, black/white  
and tan/white. Berri  
area. Breeder No.  
EF7EC22302. Phone  
0488413418.

**PUPPIES** - Jack  
Russell purebred.  
Vet checked, micro-  
chipped and vacci-  
nated. Can view par-  
ents. 2 males and 2  
females ready to go to  
good homes. Breeder  
No. DACO224840.  
Phone 0456576726.

**RECLINERS** - 2 x  
green recliners with  
footrest, good condi-  
tion \$100 for the 2.  
Reason for sale is  
they are too big for my  
small unit. Located in  
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be picked up. Contact  
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## FOR SALES

**RECLINER** - Topform  
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cliner chair with top  
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roses have arrived  
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GARAGE SALES

**GLOSSOP** - 73 Garrett Road. Saturday, November 26 from 8am - 2pm. Catering, kitchen and preserving items.

**LOXTON** - Badcoe Road. Saturday, November 26 from 8am. Nursery and household furniture, children's toys, clothes, homewares, lawn mower and Christmas gift ideas.

**LOXTON** North - Keats Road. Saturday, November 26 from 8.30am onwards. Combined sale. Cash only.

**LOXTON** North - 249 Edwards Road. Open Friday, November 25, Saturday 26 and Sunday 27. 10am - 4pm. Plants. Large range of shadehouse and outdoor plants. Phone 85841205.

**LYRUP** - 300 Pike Creek Road. Saturday, November 26 and Sunday 27th, 8am - 2pm. Clearing house sale. Everything must go. No early birds.

**RENMARK** West - 204 Ontario Street. Saturday, November 26 and Sunday 27th, from 10am - 3pm. Pop-up shop. Lots of great Christmas, Kris Kringle, stocking fillers, birthday, house warming or any occasion gifts available at very affordable prices. Cash only.



**RENMARK** Lions Club Fundraising Bazaar, undercover in the W.E Wood Pavilion, No. 2 Oval, Renmark. Saturday, November 26, 8am - 12 noon. Lots of the usual bargains with new stock arriving regularly. Filing cabinets, furniture, bric-a-brac and lots more. Something for everyone. Be early and grab a bargain. Sausage sizzle, egg and bacon sandwiches, and donuts available. Further information contact Colin 0419801996. This is the last Bazaar for 2022, the next Bazaar is January 28, 2023. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**RENMARK** West - 243 Tarcoola Street. Saturday, November 26, 8am - 1pm. Sundry furniture and household items.

WORK WANTED

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Riverland CHURCH NOTICES

**Lutheran Church of Australia**

**BERRI | BARMERA**

**Sunday, November 27**  
Berri 9am  
Barmera 11am  
Pastor S Trautwein

All Welcome  
Phone 0493021960

**LOXTON**

**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, November 27**

St Peter's 8.30am  
10.30am

Concordia 10am HC  
da Costa

Myrla & New Residence 8.30am HC  
(New Res) da Costa

Bookpurnong 9am  
Lay reading

Riverview Rest Home Wed, Nov 30  
10.30am dC

Unfortunately, until further notice only residents

**Lutheran Ministry Centre**

**Phone 8584 5522**  
Pastor Chris Georg (Concordia and outlying)  
Pastor Jason Sander (St Peter's)

**RENMARK | PARINGA**

**Sunday, November 27**

Renmark 9am HC  
Paringa 10.30am

All Welcome  
Pastor Roland Adams  
Phone 0460 300 492

**WAIKERIE**

**Sunday, November 27**

Waikerie 10am  
Lowbank 8.45am  
Ramco 8.45am

All Welcome  
Phone 8541 2689

**Church of Christ BERRI**

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**Sunday 10am**  
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**LOXTON**

**Sunday, November 27 10am**  
Darryl Knowinging

**Contact**  
**Rev Linda Forsyth 0401 815 488**

**RENMARK**

10am  
Renmark Avenue 8.30am  
Renmark West

**Kingson Selvaraj**  
**Phone 0401 815 488**

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**

*Riverland*

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All Welcome

**Pastor Andy Krause**  
**Ph: 0418 617 582**

**Catholic Church Mass Times**

**Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish**

**WEEKS 1, 3 & 5**

**Saturday**  
Renmark 6.30pm  
Morgan 6.00pm

**Sunday**  
Berri 9.00am  
Loxton 11.00am  
Waikerie 11.00am  
Barmera 6.00pm

**WEEKS 2 & 4**

**Saturday**  
Berri 6.30pm  
Waikerie 6.00pm

**Sunday**  
Renmark 9.00am  
Morgan 9.00am  
Barmera 11.00am  
Loxton 6.00pm

**Anglican Church Riverland**

**Saturday, November 26**

**5pm - Berri St Alban's**

**Sunday, November 27**

**9am - Barmera St Edmund's**  
**9am - Loxton The Resurrection**  
**9am - Monash St Oswald's**  
**9am - Renmark St Augustine's**  
**11am - Waikerie St James**

**Contact:**  
**Fr. David Patterson 8586 3288**

**Volunteers Notice Board**

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**Riverland Youth Theatre** is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the volunteer position of Secretary on the four-member executive of the RYT Board. They should have some experience in meeting organisation skills, corporate governance, administration and an understanding of the not-for-profit charitable sector regulatory frameworks and standards. If you have an interest in contributing to RYT's wonderful work, please email an expression of interest to [board@ryt.org.au](mailto:board@ryt.org.au) including your relevant qualifications and experience.

**Loxton Show Society**  
Conveners needed for the 2023 LOXTON show to be trained for this year's Show in October for the following sections: Vegetables, Floral Art, Amateur Winemaking & Brewing and Scarecrows  
Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.

**Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of National Trust)** are seeking able bodied volunteers to help with maintaining walking trails, weed control, pest control, revegetation & other projects. If you enjoy the outdoors please contact Gordon on 0427847896 for more information.

**Meals on Wheels**  
There's a volunteer in all of us! Meals on Wheels have a variety of Volunteering opportunities in kitchen, delivery and administration, at a number of locations across the Riverland. If you have some time to put to good use, please contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles your volunteering tastebuds!

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Loxton High School's 8-12 music and creative arts teacher Cheryl Burgemeister with Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer at the World Teachers' Day Awards earlier this month. PHOTO: Facebook

Teacher recognised for dedication to the arts

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOXTON High School teacher was recognised for her service to the arts at the 2022 Public Education Awards.

Cheryl Burgemeister, the 8-12 music and creative arts teacher at Loxton High School, was awarded the Minister's Arts Education Award for a public secondary school at an awards night in early November.

Ms Burgemister began teaching at Loxton High in 2019, primarily teaching year 8 music, and when they could not find a specialist music teacher for the following year, she stepped up into the role of year 8-12 music and creative arts teacher.

Her colleague Margot Kranich, who teaches year 7 and 8 music at Loxton High School, asked to nominate Ms Burgemeister.

"At first I said no as I didn't feel confident in being nominated for the secondary award since I've only been teaching secondary for four years, but after some encouragement I agreed," Ms Burgemeister said.

"As I answered questions for the award, I realised it was a really good process to go through because you realise how all the things in your career build up to the educator you are today.

"I am really thankful, not just to Loxton High, but to the Loxton and Waikerie Lutheran schools' for developing me into a passionate performing arts teacher."

Ms Burgemeister said winning the award feels like a "celebration of all the parts of our career that inspire, not only ourselves but others to be teachers".

"When I have friends and colleagues say to me 'I want to aspire to be like you as a teacher', it doesn't mean I am the most brilliant teacher, or better than anyone else, it means that they see a piece of best practice that they too can use in their classroom," she said.

"The last two years have been the most stressful years in our teaching careers and teachers are either considering or choosing to leave the profession.

"I hope that through sharing my successful moments with people, they too will feel called to be a teacher."

As part of the win, Ms Burgemeister was also awarded \$8000 in professional development prize money, which she plans to use to up-skill herself in the area of choir conducting.

"I have had only a few hours of personal development in this in the past and still feel like I'm waving my arms around, very uncoordinated and trying to fake it until I make it," Ms Burgemeister said.

"I'm going to start 2023 by flying to Melbourne for the Australian Choral Conductors Education and Training Summer School for a week of intensive training, and I will back this up by completing the Australian Kodaly Certificate.

"Each level is an intensive two week course, and teachers singing in solfa and also has a choir conducting subject.

"If possible, I would then like to share what I have learnt with my Riverland colleagues through presenting free workshops to teachers who are like me and have had minimal experience in conducting.

"Because if I can do it with zero background then others can too."

**SMELL THE ROSES:**  
Lilli, 17 months, smelling some spring roses in Renmark.  
PHOTO: supplied



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 12 noon on Thursday 24 November to 5.00pm on Sunday 4 December 2022 for the 2022 Loxton Lights Up event;

**From 12 noon Thursday 24 November to 5.00pm on Sunday 4 December 2022**

Murray Street between East Terrace crossover.

**From 1.00pm-11.00pm Saturday 26 November 2022**

Drabsch Street from Pyap Street to and including East Terrace crossover 1.00pm - 11.00pm

East Terrace, between Bookpurnong Terrace and Allen Hosking Drive 1.00pm - 11.00pm

William Street (below Beverly Street) and its continuation into

Pioneer Walk and Allen Hosking Drive to McMillan Street 1.00pm - 11.00pm

Beverly Street between William Street and East Terrace crossover 1.00pm - 11.00pm

Pflaum Terrace, between East Terrace and Pyap Street 1.00pm - 11.00pm

Murray Street from East Terrace to Pyap Street 1.00pm - 11.00pm

Edward Street from Martha Street to East Terrace 1.00pm - 11.00pm

East Terrace car park entrance from Edward Street 1.00pm - 11.00pm

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  
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David Beaton  
Chief Executive Officer

LZ14434

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 26 November 2022. The consumption and possession of alcohol during this period is permitted.

David Beaton  
Chief Executive Officer

LZ14459

**Berri Barmera**  
COUNCIL**ROAD CLOSURE ORDER  
RIVERLAND SPECIAL  
SCHOOL 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 G: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events to:

(a) Declare the Riverland Special School Prom to be held on Riverview Drive, 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 vehicles as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic

**THE SCHEDULE**

Location	From	To
<b>Riverview Drive from the eastern side of Ahern Street to the end of the Berri Resort Hotel on Riverview Drive, Berri</b>	5.00pm Friday 25 November 2022	6.30pm Friday 25 November 2022

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

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or [bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au](mailto:bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au)

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**Pickering Transport,  
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would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the many staff, customers, friends and organisations that assisted when our depot was flooded after the torrential rain on Sunday 24th October.

**Namely**

Peter Ruston and staff of Ruston Engineering  
Monash CFS Brigade  
Renmark Paringa Council  
Hammerstein Concrete  
Altitude Earthworks

We are overwhelmed with the generosity and care given at the time.

For the friends and customers that sent messages of support and offers of assistance we thank you and we are truly humbled by you all.

Jamie and Dellena Pickering

RZ11841

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 4.00pm and 9.00pm on Friday 25 November 2022 for the 2022 Waikerie Lions Club Christmas Pageant.

- McCoy Street between the Northern and Southern roundabouts.
- 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

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David Beaton  
Chief Executive Officer

LZ14503

**Renmark  
Club**

The Renmark Club Committee  
would like to announce the

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

will be held on

**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022****commencing at 8pm sharp  
at the Renmark Club**

Nominations for board close  
5pm Monday 28th November

BES11724

**Renmark Paringa  
Council****Notice of Road Closure  
Section 33 Road Traffic Act 1961**

I, Tony Siviour, Chief Executive Officer, for, and on behalf of the Renmark Paringa Council, 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 High School Prom' is an event to which this section applies and that the following road be closed to vehicle traffic on Thursday 1 December 2022 between 5:15pm to 8pm.

Within the Renmark Paringa Council:

- Murray Avenue, Renmark, between Renmark Avenue and Para Street

I direct that persons taking part in the 'Renmark High School Prom' 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.

Tony Siviour  
Chief Executive Officer  
P (08) 8580 3000

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1. Carousel 2. Ronald Reagan 3. True 4. Saturn 5. Jack Nicholson 6. Antelope 7. 'Because it's there' 8. Professional wrestling 9. Ligament 10. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid 11. Books 12. Bandana 13. Sheep 14. The prevalent cooling sea breeze 15. The United Kingdom and Iceland 16. Avocado 17. Hong Kong 18. Spanish 19. Smith 20. Scurvy

**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER**  
(from last week): The original name of Cliff Richard's backing group 'The Shadows' before they realised there was already an American group with the same name was The Drifters.

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# Power disconnections ‘life and death’ for Lisa

PAUL MITCHELL

HAVING already ‘died’ once, Lisa Lihou knows she needs electricity to survive and is worried about the prospect of looming power disconnections.

A CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) machine keeps the 53-year-old alive, but Ms Lihou – without any local family – has been unable to learn what might become of her, should her Renmark home be cut off due to the rising river.

“I need power pretty much 24/7,” she said. “And I live right near Bookmark Creek.

“Yes, blocks are going to be affected by this flood and people’s incomes too, but what about people like me, who could lose their life?”

Ms Lihou says neither SA Health nor the local council have provided any answers to her ‘what if?’ question, while SA Power Networks is aware she is on a life-support machine.

“It’s a bit hard when you don’t have any family around,” she said.

“I just can’t move in with someone for however long the power’s going to be off.”

Ms Lihou was diagnosed with chronic obstructive sleep apnoea in 2002 and says she “died” in 2008 – but was revived – after going without her machine for six weeks.

“I learned my lesson,” she said. “If I don’t have it on, I die.”

She cannot afford to buy a generator and says other locals are in the same boat.

“I’m not the only one,” she said.

“I have a friend in Renmark North whose



UNCERTAINTY: CPAP-dependent Renmark woman Lisa Lihou says she needs power to survive, and is worried about what looming disconnections might mean for her. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

husband is on a CPAP machine, and I have another friend who’s just got out of hospital who’s on oxygen 24/7.

“They need power all the time, but that’s what nobody’s talking about.”

Ms Lihou said she would be prepared to live in hospital if necessary, but would pre-

fer an alternative solution, should her power be disconnected.

“I choose to have my machine at home, because to me I’m freeing up the hospital system for somebody else who’s in more dire need,” she said.

“But when it comes to something like

this, I don’t know what to do.

“I would move to the hospital, but it’s a matter of knowing what options I have.”

Ms Lihou has been in contact with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone’s office, and said she expects to hear back from Mr Whetstone this week.



The Waikerie ferry will be closed today for its relocation to a higher landing. PHOTO: Chris Mibus

## Higher landing for Waikerie ferry

THE Waikerie Ferry will be temporarily closed today while it is moved from the lower to the higher landing.

It will be closed between 9am and 5pm.

The relocation is due to rising River Murray water levels.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) said work was undertaken on the Waikerie low ramp last Thursday to allow the ferry service to continue to operate until the river depth reached about 9.5 to 9.6 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD).

A spokesperson said with the high-ramp ferry commencing service from 9.6 metres AHD, the department



anticipated the Waikerie ferry services would only be disrupted while the ferry cabling was changed to the higher ramp.

Alternative crossings today will be upstream at Kingston-On-Murray bridge and downstream Cadell.

DIT said Waikerie Ferry services would resume once the changeover was complete.

The department said its road and marine crews were continuing to work across the Riverland to prepare for expected road and ferry closures due to high flows and

flooding.

In addition, temporary closures were put in place yesterday at Morgan, from 9am to midday and Swan Reach, from midday to 4pm as part of preparation for increased flows.

All other ferry services were currently operating as normal as of Monday at 5pm.

DIT said it expected some services would need to be closed as flows and water levels continued to rise. It said impacts could begin from the start of December.

To find the status of all River Murray ferries, as well as latest information and advice during the floods, visit SA.gov.au.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

## Plaque re-dedicated to fallen soldier

ALEXANDRA BULL

A PLAQUE dedicated to Sergeant Andrew Russell, the first Australian soldier killed in Afghanistan, has been re-dedicated in a recent ceremony at Camp Andrew Russell.

An anomaly was picked up on the plaque at Camp Andrew Russell, which prompted the re-dedication of the plaque 17 years after the camp first opened.

Camp Andrew Russell co-ordinator Bob Haslett said the ceremony went “really well”.

“We finished up with about 67 people at the ceremony,” he said.

“Andrew’s parents Bob and Jan were proud, they were rapt.

“Bob is a Vietnam veteran, so it’s important to have these things happen now.”

Located in Alawoona, Camp Andrew Russell is a veterans’ camp, open to all ex-servicemen and their families.



Jan and Bob Russell unveiling the new plaque dedicated to their son sergeant Andrew Russell at Camp Andrew Russell. PHOTO: supplied

## Ladies Probus Club of Loxton’s new member



Ladies Probus Club of Loxton member Raelene Reichstein, president Sandy Sheahan and new member Veronica Milich, at the club’s recent meeting.

THE Ladies Probus Club of Loxton met at the Loxton Club on Tuesday, November 8, when Veronica Milich was inducted as a new member.

Raelene Reichstein read her profile and guest speaker Mandy Fowler talked about Novita and NDIS.

Brown’s Well and Mallee Novita Auxiliary members Yae Schoenhenzel, Genevieve Lehmann and Marleen Jaynes, who are also Probus members, were present.



Yae Schoenhenzel, Genevieve Lehmann, guest speaker Mandy Fowler, Julie Hill and Marleen Jaynes. PHOTOS: supplied





The Lawns took home the bragging rights when it faced off with local rivals Renmark in last Saturday's round of Bowls Riverland pennants. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Waikerie bowlers return to winning ways

WAIKERIE bounced back to winning ways after its first defeat of the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants division one season the previous weekend, claiming victory over Barmera on Saturday afternoon at Waikerie.

Under the dome, the home side won all three rinks in close fashion, with Wayne Collins' side's four-shot win over Christos Karantonis' quartet the highest winning margin of the match.

Grant Frahm and Andy Fulwood's rinks secured one-shot wins over Ron Reynolds' four and John Morena's side respectively.

Meanwhile, a 10-shot win to Ron Adam's four helped The Lawns to victory over local rivals

Renmark, with the home side running out seven-shot winners.

It was the first win of the season for The Lawns, but the side remains at the foot of the division one table, now eight points behind fifth-placed Loxton.

Berri remains in second place after comfortably defeating Loxton at Loxton, narrowly in front of Barmera in third.

Miles Kaufer's four impressed, defeating Des Schliebs' quartet by 19 shots in Berri's 35-shot victory.

## RESULTS FIRST DIVISION

**The Lawns 59 d Renmark 52.**

P. Lawton 15 lost to B. Dopson 18; R. Adam 25 d S. Blee 15; R. Lawton 19 drew with K. Schulz 19.

**Waikerie 58 d Barmera 52.**

W. Collins 21 d C. Karantonis 17; G. Frahm 20 d R. Reynolds 19; A. Fulwood 17 d J. Morena 16.

**Berri 81 d Loxton 46.**

M. Kaufer 29 d D. Schliebs 10; D. Treloar 24 d P. Kimber 19; A. Hill 28 d B. Schubert 17.

Points: Waikerie 151; Berri 132; Barmera 121; Renmark 70; Loxton 40; The Lawns 32.

## SECOND DIVISION

**Monash 50 d Loxton 45.**

I. Potts 20 d T. Murch 13; M. Voight 17 d T. Hucks 12; M. Wood 13 lost to W. Harrison 20.

**Waikerie 76 d Barmera 52.**

D. Thompson 25 d D. Mills 18; H. Hope 18 lost to Cs. Gamble 19; D. Morley 33 d Cg. Gamble 15.

**Berri 66 d Berri Red 37.**

B. Hollis 25 d J. Centofanti 12; K. Carpenter 25 d S. Hall 9; G. Elleway 16 lost to J. Grosser 16.

**The Lawns Red 69 d The Lawns 50.**

R. Ashworth 20 d N. Skinner 15; B. Haby 17 lost to M. Spano 24; M. Hudson 32 d K. Smith 11.

Points: Berri 129; Waikerie 125; The Lawns Red 80; Monash 80; Lyrup 76; The Lawns 74; Loxton RSL 61; Barmera 53; Renmark 41; Berri Red 31; Loxton 30.

## THIRD DIVISION

**Waikerie 55 d Moorook 47.**

S. Canney 10 lost to A. Wachtel 21; W. Burris 25 d M. Couzner 17; B. Hill 20 d C. Pantic 9.

**Barmera 81 d Loxton RSL 29.**

T. Daelman 26 d P. Smith 10; H. Robinson 30 d C. Kernich 6; T. Brown 25 d H. Dreschler 13.

**Loxton Red 70 d Monash 52.**

R. Lee 25 d C. Traeger 19; N. Milich 21 d R. Wright 15; M. Schutz 24 d S. Voight 18.

**Berri 73 d Berri Blue 33.**

B. Bland 27 d P. Ledsham 9; L. Seltzas 24 d R. Grosser 12; J. Bradford 22 d G. Pahl 12.

**Renmark 57 d Loxton White 53.**

J. Thompson 31 d T. Altschwager 8; B. Warren 17 drew with B. Arnold 17; R. Minge 9 lost to G. Sichler 28.

**The Lawns 75 d Lyrup 37.**

C. Haar 31 d J. Calgie 7; L. Pinyon 19 d D. Hill 14; A. Eckermann 25 d B. Tankard 16.

Points: Waikerie 171; Berri 148; Barmera 128; Loxton Red 113; The Lawns 99; Renmark 91; Moorook 87; Monash 76; Loxton White 60; Loxton RSL 45; Lyrup 42; Berri Blue 30.

## FOURTH DIVISION

**Moorook 31 d The Lawns 27.**

L. Tschirpig 8 lost to M. McCauly 18; N. Battams 23 d V. Crouch 9.

**Waikerie Hornets 38 d Waikerie Regents 36.**

M. Morley 13 lost to J. Mortimer 19; S. Moritz 25 d G. van der Myle 17.

**Barmera d Loxton (forfeit).**

Points: Waikerie Regents 96; Monash 90; Barmera 72; Waikerie Hornets 69; The Lawns 52; Moorook 49; Loxton 4.

# Wednesday pennants musical chairs

THE top three teams in the Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants competition have traded places for the third consecutive week, with Monash now on top of the ladder.

The side was able to knock off previous ladder-leaders Waikerie by 25 shots last week, therefore eclipsing both Waikerie and Barmera on the table.

Barmera remains in second position after a six-shot win over a lower-ranked Lyrup side, with Waikerie slipping to third place.

Berri rounds out the top four following its win over Renmark last week, but Loxton continues to snap at the side's heels, with the two clubs level on wins heading into round nine today.

Lyrup remains rooted to the

foot of the table, 53 points behind Renmark and with a shot aggregate of -278.

Meanwhile, second division ladder leader Berri Red suffered its first loss of the season, going down by 22 shots to fourth-placed Loxton.

## RESULTS FIRST DIVISION

**Barmera 50 d Lyrup 44.**

J. Gartner 16 d B. Howe 11; K. Mellon 17 d R. Smith 13; C. Shugg 17 lost to R. Adams 20.

**Berri 60 d Renmark 43.**

Y. Jex 20 d C. Eagle 14; J. Price 24 d S. Schulz 18; J. Grosser 16 lost to J. Cooper 21.

**Loxton 59 d The Lawns 55.**

M. Schutz 22 d J. Knight 19; B. Mattner 24 d C. Toppervien 14; J. Badcock 13 lost to M. Spano 22.

**Monash 67 d Waikerie 42.**

J. John 24 d J. Morley 12; S. Elsdon 25 d M. Morley 15; R. Potts 18 d J. Strauss 15. Points: Monash 153; Barmera 149; Waikerie 128; Berri 109; Loxton 102; The Lawns 84; Renmark 79; Lyrup 26.

## SECOND DIVISION

**Berri Blue 43 d Waikerie 36.**

M. Miller 21 lost to N. Dellazoppa 23; K. Tanner 22 d S. Short 13.

**Loxton RSL 46 d Renmark 31.**

J. Smith 19 d R. Rittman 14; H. Dreschler 27 d B. Warren 17.

**The Lawns Red 44 d Barmera 31.**

E. Kennedy 19 d M. Wade 14; R. Christie 25 d D. Carter 17.

**The Lawns 39 d Moorook 27.**

C. Haar 14 lost to V. Johnson 20; L. Pinyon 25 d H. Smith 7.

**Loxton 47 d Berri Red 25.**

M. Tygh 21 d L. Blades 16; N. Milich 26 d J. Bradford 9.

Points: Berri Red 164; The Lawns 142; Berri Blue 138; Loxton 122; Moorook 97; The Lawns Red 93; Loxton RSL 78; Waikerie 78; Barmera 26; Renmark 22.

# Midweek triples home to triple-rink tie

A REMARKABLE match between Renmark Gold and Berri Red headlined last week's round of Bowls Riverland midweek triples.

Peter Amos' team's four-shot win handed Gold the victory after the other three rinks all ended in a tie.

Meanwhile, Barmera remains on top of the table after a massive win over Waikerie, with the Lakesiders defeating the travelling side by just shy of 100 shots.

Loxton White defeated club-mates Loxton Blue by 18 shots, while Loxton RSL emerged victorious over Loxton Red by seven.

## RESULTS

**Renmark Gold 70 d Berri Red 66.**

H. ter Bogt 20 drew with K. Stokes 20; B. Cropper 16 drew with S. Eichenberger 16; B. Dopson 14 drew with G. Elleway 14; P. Amos 20 d W. Ledsham 16.

**Loxton White 91 d Loxton Blue 73.**

H. Appleton 22 d R. Hancock 12; M. Schutz 15 lost to N. Thiele 32; P. Vaughan 36 d D. Kimber 9; T. Hucks 18 lost to D. Schliebs 20.

**Loxton RSL 92 d Loxton Red 85.**

G. Huppatz 24 d R. Coombs 22; B. Manuel 15 lost to G. Cockshell 24; D. Drabsch 26 d G. Schultz 19; T. Wurst 27 d W. Harrison 20.

**Barmera 122 d Waikerie 34.**

A. Gapco 28 d D. Morley 5; C. Healey 35 d N. Harcombe 14; P. Ashton 33 d G. Lloyd 7; J. Morena 26 d W. Burris 8.

**The Lawns Red 97 d Lyrup 70.**

S. Ivanovic 31 d P. Denton 26; P. Lawton 23 d P. Drewett 13; R. Lawton 16 lost to G. Milich 19; R. Adam 27 d D. Button 12.

**Renmark Green 87 d Berri Blue 72.**

B. Knight 22 d B. Hollis 18; J. Thompson 25 d K. Carpenter 22; S. Blee 22 d J. Jungfer 16; M. Rice 18 d G. Jenke 16.

**The Lawns 85 d Monash 80.**

K. Knight 26 d W. Pahl 21; P. Brown 20 d P. Raams 19; R. Ashworth 20 lost to R. J. 23; M. Hudson 19 d G. Chamberlain 17.

Points: Barmera 203; Renmark Gold 162; The Lawns Red 158; Waikerie 134; Loxton RSL 133; Loxton Red 113; Renmark Green 111; Berri Blue 106; Barmera Pelicans 83; Lyrup 78; Loxton White 75; Berri Red 67; Loxton Blue 59; Monash 49; The Lawns 35.



**LEGEND OF SPORT:** Michael Farrent, of Moorook, with his trophy as an inductee to the Graham Charlton Riverland Legends of Sport honour roll. Mr Farrent was officially inducted earlier this year, when the postponed 2021 Riverland Sportsperson of the Year award was held, but the former champion wheelchair athlete was unable to attend the function. The 2022 Riverland Sportsperson of the Year Awards presentation night was held earlier this month, when hockey star Karri McMahon became the latest Legend of Sport inductee.

PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



Riverland  
golf  
results

**LOXTON**  
Wednesday,  
November 16  
**Men**  
Stableford: D. Sunman 42, A. Hucks 39, K. Martin 38, M. Boon (Berri) 38.  
**Women**  
Stableford: S. Grein 38, S. Gore (Berri) 37, M. Thomson 35.  
**Friday, November 18**  
Stableford: S. Palat 37, G. Morrison (Berri) 36.  
**Saturday, November 19**  
**Loxton Hotel annual ambrose**  
1st – G. Shields, T. Swanbury, D. Johns, C. Baker. 60 (-12).  
2nd – B. Uren, Z. Wooldridge, L. Gray, C. Voumard 61 (-11).  
3rd – A. Pfeiler, T. Edwards, A. Baker, C. Wooldridge 61 (-11).

# Riverland kids on the road

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland made its inaugural foray into the annual Mount Gambier basketball carnival last weekend, with 13 junior teams representing the region. Three of the 13 emerged with silverware, with Riverland Basketball Association junior co-ordinator and Riverland under 14 girls coach Matt Hutchinson deeming the trip a success. “This is the first time the Riverland has taken part in the Mount Gambier carnival,” Mr Hutchinson said. “We decided to participate because they’ve been coming to the Riverland carnival over the last couple of years. “We participate in these to gain some experience prior to the country championships in March, so we took 13 teams with us made up of kids from all the towns. “We need to get these kids that don’t normally play with each other to gel

as a team heading into the country champs. “We were very successful in a lot of the grades. Our under 14 boys, under 14 girls and under 16 girls all won the division one grand final.” The Mount Gambier carnival kicks off the ‘silly season’ for representative basketball, with several tournaments on the agenda for the Riverland sides in the new year heading into the country championships. “They would’ve played six or seven games within two days, so obviously we try to make sure we have at least eight kids in each team,” Mr Hutchinson said. “We make sure we rotate and give everyone time on the court which gives other kids time to rest as well. “It’s good for the kids to learn about body management and things like not staying up too late and putting their



Riverland U14 girls division one basketball team. Back (from left): Matthew Hutchinson (coach), Elysia Cresp, Shaya Whitbourne, Layla Hutchinson, Elise Cameron, Sophie Tullett and Sue Whitbourne (team manager). Front: Nyah Uren, Ocea Gartner and Mackenzie Pitt. PHOTOS: supplied

feet up rather than running around in between games.” Impending road closures due to rising water levels loom as a road bump for many sports over the coming months, but Mr Hutchinson said that representative tournaments are a good chance to build camaraderie between towns. “We’re going to have some issues with the water going over roads and making it difficult with trainings,” he said. “It’s a matter of continuing working together, forgetting if you’re from Loxton or Berri or Barmera and trying to represent the Riverland as a whole.”



Riverland U14 girls division one basketball team. Back (from left): Brian Gates (coach), Sahira Glen, Bailey Hahn, Kiara Harman, Kaitlyn Ferris, Bella Gates and Anne Hahn (team manager) Front: Taylah Glen, Lisa-Marie Perre, Arabella Pannell and Meg Kassulke.

# Supercats’ men suffer first loss

LOXTON suffered its first loss of the Riverland division one basketball season last week, going down to a rampant Renmark Steamers at Renmark on Thursday. The Steamers welcomed Declan Johnson back to the line-up for the top-of-the-table clash, with a well-rounded team performance a key to the home side’s win. Judd Hansen led the scoring charts for Renmark, while Caiden Gartery continued his strong form, putting up 15 points in the win. Carter Wright scored 17 points for the Supercats and Brandan Tregeagle was on fire from deep, hitting three three-pointers in the loss. The two teams were even at the end of the first quarter, before Renmark outscored the visitors by 10 in the second term, creating a healthy buffer on the scoreboard. Meanwhile, Berri picked up its first win of the season when it hosted Waikerie. Both sides came into the clash without a win on the board, but the Blazers proved too strong for the visitors, with Heath Campbell and Jasper Hoffmann combining for 49 points in an impressive offensive performance. Berri also managed a win in the women’s top division, defeating Renmark by 12 points. Waikerie secured a narrow victory, seeing off a late Steamers comeback to run out one-point winners. Loxton did battle with Barmera’s second division team and emerged on top, while Barmera’s top side defeated the second division Supercats by 31 points.

RESULTS  
MEN

<b>Division one</b>				
Berri	24	40	66	82
Waikerie	9	21	37	54
Points: Berri – Heath Campbell 25, J. Hoffmann 24, J. Szalbot 11, Harrison Campbell 9, O. Hunyadi 6, W. Frankel 5, R. Kunoth 2. Waikerie – K. Hahn 14, C. Daniels 13, R. Turner 12, S. Smyth 6, D. Leuders 4, J. Twigden 3, K. Ling 2.				
Renmark	16	39	61	79
Loxton	16	29	44	55
Points: Renmark – J. Hansen 16, C. Gartery 15,				



Jasper Hoffmann put forward a 24-point effort for Berri in an impressive blowout win for the Blazers over Waikerie. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

A. Curtis, D. Johnson, R. Curtis 10, A. Vuleta 7, Z. Gartery 6, B. Rover 5. Loxton – C. Wright 17, B. Tregeagle 13, J. Will 7, J. Hutchinson 6, B. Whitelaw, K. Miller, K. Serafin 4.  
**Division two**  
Loxton 55 d Waikerie 19; Barmera 31 d Berri 23.  
**Division three**  
Barmera 40 d Allstars 27; Wildcats 59 d Chaffey 28; Rovers 22 d Warriors 18; Supercats 50 d Tigers 36; Loxton 51 d Steamers 21; Waikerie White 48 d Renmark 45; Blazers 52 d Waikerie Black 39; Berri 29 d Paringa 28.  
**Division four**  
Berri 30 d Barmera 20; Lakers 25 d Blazers 8.

WOMEN

<b>Division one/two</b>				
Loxton	10	26	41	53
Barmera D2	7	18	23	25
Points: Loxton – B. Hahn 13, E. Foulds 12, S. Smith 11, M. Hogan 10, A. Modlinski 4, S. Rucioch 2, M. Pfeiler 1. Barmera D2 – M. Hodgson, K. Tsorotiotis 5, B. Pietrolaj, E. Reichstein 4, C. Doupis 3, S. Whitbourne, K. Britten 2.				
Barmera	11	24	36	47
Loxton D2	0	11	12	16
Points: Barmera – T. Dillon 13, L. Hill 10, A. Haigh 9, C. Wutke 7, K. Stavrou, K. Barnett 4. Loxton D2 – L. Uren 6, T. Tickle, H. Bullock 4, R. Lambert 2.				
Berri	12	19	24	41
Renmark	10	16	24	29
Points: Berri – E. Cameron 14, B. Gates, D.				



Tahlia Dillon helped lead Barmera to a decisive win over Loxton’s division two women’s team.

Eleftheriadis, E. Westley 6, A. Westley 3, M. O’Leary-Fletcher, A. Fenwick, L. Westley 2. Renmark – L. Haynes 14, J. Haynes 8, D. Haynes 3, S. Wiese, T. Moldovan 2.  
Waikerie 12 19 24 29  
Steamers 1 9 16 28  
Points: Waikerie – S. Campbell 8, C. Turner 7, L. Hahn 5, S. Hyde 4, T. Fridd 3, Y. Liu 2. Steamers – A.

Koumbarakos 9, A. Esam, O. Hughes 8, M. Newman 3.  
**Division three**  
Berri 37 d Barmera 16; Wildcats 34 d Tigers 12; Renmark 30 d Allstars 10; Catstars 38 d Waikerie 21; Loxton 42 d Supercats 27.  
**Division four**  
Renmark 46 d Blazers 12; Berri 38 d Waikerie 13; Loxton 20 d Supercats 14.





Alex Hill returned to the Riverland at last year’s Riverland regatta. The event will not be held this year, with high flows causing a number of problems for local rowing clubs.  
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Rowing SA to support Riverland clubs

**BEN LENNON**

THE state’s governing body for rowing has pledged to help clubs around South Australia affected by the rising water levels in the River Murray.

Rowing SA CEO Andrew Swift said the organisation has reached out to Riverland clubs and is keen to help wherever possible as the situation continues to escalate.

“Assistance could involve paying for a bus load of our rowing community from Adelaide to come up to assist clubs move/clean up equipment prior to and after the high water,” Mr Swift said.

“In addition, while they are unable to row on the river, we are able to organise boats for them to use if they want to come to West Lakes and row.

“We acknowledge that these regional clubs do not have a huge membership base, however with 2,000 competitive members rowing in SA, it is important for the clubs to know that we have a large community ready

to lend a hand.

“Sport is known for its community spirit and this is an example of the rowing community looking out for each other.”

Damage to clubrooms, equipment and cancellation of events are just some of the ways that rising water levels and potential flooding could harm local rowing clubs, but clubs have already started adapting.

“The clubs have already shown how strong their club families are, with a high number of club members helping prepare for the worst,” Mr Swift said.

“Berri Rowing Club has already taken its boat trailer loaded with boats and equipment to a shed away from the floodwaters.

“They have put remaining boats, furniture, equipment and fridges above the high water level expected.

“Storage areas have been rearranged and toilets have been blocked from sewage water entering the boatsheds. The power will be switched off shortly and they will be left to sit and wait.”

Among the issues already affecting Riverland clubs is the cancellation of the 2022 Riverland regatta, which was set to be held in Berri next month.

“We have had close contact with the Riverland clubs recently around the arrangements for the large Riverland regatta,” Mr Swift said.

“This regatta injects a great deal of revenue to the local region each year, and we were disappointed not to be able to bring this event to Berri this year.

“We have been having regular communications with these clubs since September discussing contingencies plans.

The event is ordinarily hosted by Berri one year and Renmark the next, but Mr Swift said Rowing SA is focussed on the current predicament and hasn’t made a decision as to whether Berri will hold the event next year or not.

“At this stage we have not had formal conversations with the two clubs (Berri and Renmark) regarding where the event will be

held in 2023,” Mr Swift said.

“Our focus is on supporting the clubs as best we can over the coming months, and we hope to work with the two clubs on confirming the 2023 regatta location early next year.

“We wish all the river communities all the best over the coming months on behalf of the rowing community in SA.

“I know the rowing community is disappointed that they will not be going to the Riverland this year for the regatta as they really enjoy coming up each year.

“Our regional clubs are an essential part of our sport. Some of our oldest rowing clubs in SA are based on the River Murray and it is important to respect and acknowledge the history and what these clubs have done for the growth of the sport.

“We have had many rowers from the Riverland achieve great things in rowing from State, National and Olympic representation/medals, so it is important that we foster this essential pathway.”

# Top futsal teams score wins by the dozen

THE top two teams in Riverland futsal flexed their muscle on Sunday, with ABCDE FC and Chicks ‘n’ Kicks recording thumping wins in the men’s and women’s division respectively.

The reigning men’s champions put The Saints to the sword, with ABCDE FC finding the back of the net on 12 occasions.

Marty Barber was at the heart of many attacks, with the star named best for the victors after scoring four goals.

Kevin Barber Jr and Francesco Vallelonga both bagged hat-tricks, as The Saints failed to curtail their opposition’s forays forward.

Chicks ‘n’ Kicks were similarly dominant in the women’s division, also winning by 12 goals in their match against Deadly Daggers.

Mikayla Rayner was the star of the show, with the Barmera United star scoring eight goals in the 14-2 victory.

Meanwhile, That’s Cooked returned to competition in the men’s division after a forfeit last time out, with the second-placed side recording a 9-4 win over Under Construction, while Barmera FC narrowly defeated Renmark Thunder in a low-scoring contest.

Banana Slugs managed a victory over Sam in the other women’s clash, thanks largely to doubles from Marlee Coombe and Matilda Mitchell.

The mixed division saw Banana Slugs emerge victorious over an Angry Plovers outfit missing several key players, while Rooney Tunes won a thriller against The Bradys by a single goal.

A junior basketball tournament in Mount Gambier saw two forfeits take

place in the junior grades.

**RESULTS**

**MEN**

**ABCDE FC 12 d The Saints 0.**  
Best: ABCDE FC – M. Barber, K. Barber Jr. The Saints – L. Ransley, R. Rapisarda.  
Goals: ABCDE FC – M. Barber 4, K. Barber Jr, F. Vallelonga 3, J. Perram, own goal.

**That’s Cooked 9 d Under Construction 4.**  
Best: That’s Cooked – C. Mitchell, C. Ebert. Under Construction – M. Singh, H. Smith.  
Goals: That’s Cooked – T. Mitchell 3, C. Mitchell 2, R. Mitchell, C. Ebert, Y. Zhou, T. O’Shaughnessy. Under Construction – J. Sandhu 2, M. Singh, A. Sarakinis.

**Barmera FC 2 d Renmark Thunder 1.**  
Best: Barmera FC – J. Bourton, A. Halupka. Renmark Thunder – J. Botten, S. Cocks.  
Goals: Barmera FC – A. Halupka, Z. Pittas. Renmark Thunder – S. Cocks.

**WOMEN**

**Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 14 d Deadly Daggers 2.**  
Best: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – J. Grace, L. Quinn. Deadly Daggers – A. Threadgold, T. Cesara.  
Goals: Chicks ‘n’ Kicks – M. Rayner 8, L. Quinn 3, J. Grace 2, S. Miller. Deadly Daggers – A. Threadgold, K. Radloff.

**Banana Slugs 5 d Sam 2.**  
Best: Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell, M. Coombe. Sam – C. Formby, A. Kondoprias.  
Goals: Banana Slugs – M. Coombe, M. Mitchell 2, J. Mitchell. Sam – C. Formby, A. Kondoprias.

**MIXED**

**Banana Slugs 3 d Angry Plovers 0.**  
Best: Banana Slugs – L. Ransley, J. Coombe. Angry Plovers – A. Bull, H. Schuitemaker.  
Goals: Banana Slugs – J. Coombe, K. Skilton, A. Perry.

**Rooney Tunes 10 d The Bradys 9.**  
Best: Rooney Tunes – S. Cocks, J. Perram. The Bradys – M. Cartwright, J. Rothe.  
Goals: Rooney Tunes – M. Barber 6, J. Perram 2, S. Cocks, K. Verrall. The Bradys – M. Cartwright 6, A. Cartwright, J. Cartwright, M. Rothe.

**Tastes Like Chicken 16 d Renmark Thunder 1.**  
Best: Tastes Like Chicken – R. Mitchell, M. Mitchell. Renmark Thunder – E. Hoffmann, K. Botten.  
Goals: Tastes Like Chicken – C. Ebert 5, M. Mitchell 4,



Tony Mitchell wins the ball during That’s Cooked’s 9-4 win over Under Construction in last Sunday’s round of Riverland men’s futsal.  
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

J. Mitchell, M. Rayner 2, R. Mitchell, C. Mitchell, own goal. Renmark Thunder – E. Hoffmann.

**UNDER 14**

**Liquorice All Sports 6 d Red Devils 2.**  
Best: Liquorice All Sports – M. Bourton, E. Bascomb. Red Devils – B. Altundag, I. Atsaves.  
Goals: Liquorice All Sports – M. Bourton, E. Bascomb 2, M. Rayner, M. Mitchell. Red Devils – B. Altundag, I. Atsaves.

**Royan 6 d Saint Frannies 4.**  
Best: Royan – A. Kent, J. Garoufalas. Saint Frannies – R. Clark, T. Skilton.  
Goals: Royan – N. Vallelonga, A. Kent, J. Garoufalas 2. Saint Frannies – T. Skilton 3, O. White.

**UNDER 13 GIRLS**

**Project Mbappe d Honey Bees (forfeit).**

**River Runners d Blue Bombers (forfeit).**

**UNDER 12**

**Blues Brothers 7 d Wild Fire 3.**  
Best: Blues Brothers – K. Ogle, J. Hunter. Wild Fire – K. Krendl, J. Peltz.  
Goals: Blues Brothers – K. Ogle 3, J. Hunter 2, J. Garoufalas, C. Setchell. Wild Fire – K. Krendl 2, J. Peltz.

**Black Bandits 18 d Sting Rays 0.**  
Best: Black Bandits – L. Perram, Z. Cole. Sting Rays – M. Sidhu, F. Yates.  
Goals: Black Bandits – L. Perram 6, A. Ielasi, N. Drewett 3, C. Bourton, Z. Cole 2, T. Skilton, B. Perram.





Cohen Battams (left) and Sophie Nettle picked up a doubles win in Cobdogla’s clash against Renmark in last Saturday’s round of Riverland senior tennis. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Riverland tennis returns following rain

RIVERLAND tennis returned after rain cancelled all scheduled senior matches in round four the week prior.

A number of junior matches were started but not completed as a storm hit the region on Saturday before all senior matches were called off on November 12.

But, clearer weather allowed the adults back onto the court for round five, with Cobdogla and Loxton White still undefeated to start the season.

Cobdogla added to its impressive start with a comfortable win over would-be challengers Renmark, with the reigning champions dropping just two sets in the contest.

Olivia Hughes and Haylee Poulish starred for Renmark and managed to win their singles contests, but Cobdogla’s depth of talent was too much for the travelling side.

Loxton White also secured a comfortable win, defeating Berri Red by eight sets and 24 games.

Meanwhile, Barmera Hall of Framers trounced Loxton Black and Berri Blue kept Loxton Yellow from winning a set during its clash at Loxton.

Renmark, Barmera Hall of Framers and Berri Blue now occupy the middle of the table with two wins and two losses apiece, while Loxton Black remains the only side without a win in the region’s top division.

Rain again affected proceedings in the juniors last Saturday, with a number of games failing to get under way due to poor weather.

**RESULTS SENIORS ROUND FIVE**  
Division one/two  
Barmera Hall Of Framers 10-73 d Loxton Black 2-26.

Doubles: J. Bannear/S. Jericho d J. Loxton/R. Loxton 9-3; A. Kariuki/H. Banks lost to C.Wall/G. Amaechi 3-9; K. Bannear/ S. Albrecht d L. Shacklock/Z. Hughes 9-0; J. Bannear/H. Banks d J. Loxton/C. Wall 6-1; S. Jericho/K. Bannear d R. Loxton/ S. Nield 6-0; A. Kariuki/S. Albrecht d G. Amaechi/Z. Hughes 6-1.

Singles: J. Bannear lost to J. Loxton 4-6; S. Jericho d R. Loxton 6-3; A. Kariuki d C. Wall 6-1; H. Banks d G. Amaechi 6-2; K. Bannear d S. Nield 6-0; S. Albrecht d L. Shacklock 6-0.

**Loxton White 8-64 d Berri Red 3-40.**

Doubles: A. Waters/ J. Lane d B. Rogers/Unspecified player 9-2; P. Smith/C. Kruger lost to R. Mason/M. Horsman 4-9; T. Smith/ N. Kruger d E. Mathews/ J. Fulham 9-5; A. Waters/P. Smith d B. Rogers/ Unspecified player 6-2; N. Kruger/C. Kruger d C. Staehr/E. Mathews 6-0.

Singles: A. Waters lost to B. Rogers 4-6; J. Lane d Unspecified player 6-3; S. Gillett d R. Mason 6-3; C. Kruger lost to C. Staehr 2-6; T. Smith d K. Hayes 6-1; N. Kruger d J. Fulham 6-3.

**Berri Blue 9-64 d Loxton Yellow 0-27.**

Doubles: P. Reid/R. Cresp d B. Reichelt/T. Griffin 9-7; S. McPherson/S. Vallelonga d J. Rubarth/N. Gibbs 9-3; M. Tzanavaras/E. Reid d J. Pearn/D. Gibbs 9-3.

Singles: P. Reid d B. Reichelt 6-3; P. Cresp d T. Griffin 6-2; S. McPherson d J. Rubarth 6-0; S. Vallelonga d M. Roberts 6-3; M. Tzanavaras d J. Pearn 6-0; E. Reid d D. Gibbs 7-5.

**Cobdogla 10-76 d Renmark 2-43.**

Doubles: S. Butterworth/C. Battams d D. Strongman/J. Stoeckel 9-6; J. Inglis/W. Swinstead d E. Sleep/C. Cornelius 9-2; S. Nettle/E. Carter d H. Poulis/C. Martin 9-4; S. Butterworth/T. Nettle d D. Strongman/C. Cornelius 7-5; C. Battams/S. Nettle d J. Stoeckel/O. Hughes 6-4; E. Carter/W. Swinstead d E. Sleep/C. Martin 6-4.

Singles: S. Butterworth d D. Strongman 6-3; C. Battams d J. Stoeckel 6-1; T. Nettle d C. Cornelius 6-0; W. Swinstead d E. Sleep 6-2; S. Nettle lost to O. Hughes 4-6; E. Carter lost to H. Poulis 2-6.

**Division three**  
Cobdogla 10-60 d Berri 0-9; Renmark Dolphins 5-47 d Barmera All About That Ace 5-41; Renmark Sharks 6-52 d Cobdogla 4-46; Loxton Bashers 5-44 d Barmera Ace Ace Baby 5-41; Moorook 6-39 d Cobdogla (1) 3-24.

**JUNIOR ROUND FOUR**



Olivia Hughes was one of just two Renmark players to pick up a win in her side’s clash with Cobdogla last week.

Green 1: Cobdogla d Remark Owls (did not play); Berri Topspinners 4-34 d Renmark Joeys 0-4 (disputed).

Green 2: Barmera Bombers 3-29 d Berri 0-19; Waikerie Slammers d Cobdogla Falcons (not played); Cobdogla Kites d Barmera Blues (did not play).

Green 3: Barmera Tigers 3-22 d Loxton Hewitt 0-10 (match incomplete due to a washout); Berri 2-14 d Waikerie 0-7 (match incomplete due to a washout); Renmark Kookaburras 1-8 drew with Barmera Lions 1-8 (match incomplete due to a washout).

Green 4: Berri 2-9 d Loxton Stosur 0-3 (match incomplete due to a washout); Cobdogla Eagles d Renmark Diamonds (not played); Waikerie d Loxton de Minaur (not played).

Orange 1: Barmera 2-19 d Cobdogla Kestrels 2-12 (match incomplete due to a washout); Loxton Saville 4-19 d Berri 0-7 (match incomplete due to a washout); Renmark Koalas 2-8 d Loxton Popyrin 0-3 (match incomplete due to a washout).

Orange 2: Barmera 1-11 d Renmark Possums 1-10 (match incomplete due to a washout); Cobdogla 3-16 d Loxton Tomljanovic 0-7 (match incomplete due to a washout).

Yellow: Loxton Barty 1-9 d Berri 1-8; Barmera Power 3-23 d Renmark Sharks 1-12; Loxton Kyrgios 1-10 d Cobdogla 1-10 (match incomplete due to a washout).

**ROUND FIVE**  
Green 1: Cobdogla 4-35 drew with Berri Topspinner 4-35.

Green 2: Waikerie Slammers 8-50 d Berri 0-14.

Green 3: Berri 6-34 d Renmark Kookaburras 2-27; Waikerie 7-47 d Loxton Hewitt 0-19.

Green 4: Berri 3-29 d Cobdogla Eagles 3-25.

Orange 1: Berri 8-35 d Cobdogla Kestrels 0-11.

Yellow: Barmera Power 6-43 d Barmera Crows 2-28.

# Riverland kids jag podium place

The Riverland had a great week, finishing third overall in division three of the SAPSASA Tennis State Carnival, after losing narrowly to Barossa & Light 8 sets to 10 (but 79 games to 75) on Friday.

On Thursday, Riverland finished on nine sets all with top side Mid North, losing narrowly on games.

In the other three games, Riverland won them all by a margin of 15 sets to three sets.

Our students luckily avoided the bad weather and had great fun ‘learning to play and playing to learn’.

A shout out as wellto



Harper Dillon, Mia Banks, Zoe Drogemuller, Amy Martin and Tess Pfeiler, who all filled in for

Barker and got to have a great experience as well.  
\*Report supplied by John Pick

Cobdogla Primary’s Tom Nettle in action for the Riverland last week.



James Swinstead was part of the Riverland team that claimed third place at last week’s SAPSASA tennis carnival. PHOTOS: Facebook



# Captain Cobby flying the flag

**BEN LENNON**

THE next cab off the rank in one of the Riverland’s most famous sporting families has been busy over the past month, captaining the state at one of the nation’s most prestigious junior tennis tournaments.

Tom Nettle is no stranger to tournament tennis, having competed in various competitions across his short career both in the Riverland and Adelaide, but took to the nation’s capital recently for the School Sport Australia Bruce Cup.

“A couple of weeks ago we drove to Canberra,” he said.

“It’s a 12 and under tournament. There’s a program called UTR and when you play tournaments and beat kids with a high UTR your UTR goes up, so it’s like a ranking system.

“The top eight kids in South Australia were selected and I was number four, so yeah I was pretty proud.

“I’ve been working at it for a long time. My goal was to get my UTR up to a 6 and now it’s at 6.5.”

Nettle captained the South Australian side and was the only country-based kid in the SA line-up.

The side held its own against the eastern states and picked up a win against Tasmania, with Queensland taking out the overall title.

“We came close to a lot of teams but it was a really tough competition,” he said.

“The competition was a lot stronger because I don’t train as much as those kids, because I’m from the country, but I play a lot better against tougher kids.”

Captaining his state was a surprising but welcome honour for Nettle, who took on extra responsibilities with the role.

“I wasn’t expecting it at all,” he said.

“We had to carry the flag in the opening ceremony and we were the leaders of the team, so we had to help prepare the team and get them ready.”

Despite being a long way from home, Nettle had plenty of support, with parents Shane and Jo in tow throughout the week.

“My mum and dad came across with me because my dad is my coach and they supported me across the seven days which was good,” he said.

“Dad went through my game and told me how I played and what I can improve on and their support was really encouraging.”

Nettle now has his sights set on Brisbane in December where he will represent the SA state country side at the national championships.

He also took to the court for



Junior Riverland tennis star Tom Nettle in Canberra last fortnight for the School Sport Australia Bruce Cup. PHOTOS: supplied

the Riverland upon returning from Canberra, with the region competing in a SAPSASA tournament last week.

“I basically knew the whole team so I was playing with a bunch of mates which was really fun,” he said of his SAPSASA experience.

“I probably like playing the high-level stuff more though, so I can keep pushing myself.

“I just want to get better and better.”



Nettle captained the South Australian side and was the only country-based player in the team.



Renmark’s Jayden Perry managed two safe hits in his side’s 6-4 win over the Riverland Pirates. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

## Red, Renmark remain on top

REMARK survived a final-inning fightback from Riverland Pirates to emerge two-run winners in last weekend’s round of Riverland baseball.

Last season’s grand finalists capitalised on fielding errors from Pirates early in the contest, shooting out to a 5-2 lead at the end of the first inning.

Both sides struggled to hit the scoreboard in the mid-part of the game, before Pirates took advantage of a Renmark pitching change in the third inning and produced two runs.

But, Angels held firm to secure the win and solidify their spot in the top two.

Meanwhile, Berri Red trounced clubmates Berri Blue, with Jamie Frazer starring with bat in hand.

The big-hitting Berri Red star produced a

triple-bagger late in the contest, putting the exclamation mark on an emphatic display.

Blue was left to rue its missed chances, leaving runners on-base on multiple occasions.

**RESULTS**

Innings	1	2	3	T
Renmark	5	-	1	6
Pirates	2	-	2	4

Safe hits: Renmark – C. Lawton, J. Perry 2, L. McDonald, C. Letton, D. Shaw, D. Grenfell. Pirates – R. Halupka, B. Halupka, L. Kimberley.

Strikeouts: Renmark – H. McDonald 4, C. Lawton 3. Pirates – S. Goldspink 7, K. Liddell.

Innings	1	2	3	T
Berri Red	7	7	5	19
Berri Blue	1	-	-	1

Safe hits: Berri Red – Jamie Frazer 4, J. Stemberger 3, T. Halupka, A. Arnold 2, Jesse Frazer.

Strikeouts: Berri Red – A. Arnold 5. Berri Blue – Z. Stainer 3, L. Peltz 2.



Berri’s Hayden Clarke (right) attempts to slide in to third base and avoid a tag during Riverland A grade softball action against Loxton last week. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

## Storm strikes out softball

RAIN brought a nail-biting match between Berri and Loxton to an abrupt halt in last week’s round of Riverland softball.

The only A grade clash of the round was derailed by a thunderstorm on Saturday with the scores locked at six apiece.

Hannah Brauer starred for Berri alongside veteran Cara Venning, while Kathy Johnson was again named best for Loxton, continuing her stellar start to the season.

Loxton started well, completing a double-play in the first innings, while a tag-out play to Berri at the death helped keep the scores level.

Meanwhile, Loxton comfortably defeated Berri in the C grade division and Cobdogla emerged victorious over Renmark by three runs.

**RESULTS**

**A GRADE**

**Berri 6 drew with Loxton 6.**

Best: Berri – H. Brauer, C. Venning, R. Lambert. Loxton – K. Johnson, H. Symens, A. Stokes.

**C GRADE**

**Loxton 21 d Berri 4.**

Best: Loxton – B. Geraghty, D. Lawson, L. Johnson. Berri – K. Goldspink, L. Nayda, M. Fridd.

**Cobdogla 14 d Renmark 11.**

Best: Cobdogla – V. Wade, L. Banks, L. Wade. Renmark – R. Broad, D. Askew, K. Robinson.

### Riverland shooting results

**RENMARK SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB**

**Thursday, November 17**

**Elders Insurance Trophy round four**

90m shoot: B. Lacey 99.6, 99.1 (1) 199; M. Cresp 100.2, 97.1 (0) 197; N. Lloyd 91, 95.2 (1) 187.

Off-rifle winner: B. Lacey.

### Women’s eightball results

**Waikerie 11 d Bonnie Pelicans 4** (best players not provided).

**Lyrup Blue 9 d BBC Cue-Ts 6.**

Best: Lyrup Blue – S. Bini & K. Flentjar. BBC Cue-Ts – A. Owens & C. Teague.

**Lyrup Club 8 d Monash Club DV8s 7.**

Best: - J. Geue & E. Hoffmann. Monash Club DV8s – T. Knight & T. Altschwager.

**Renmark Roses 10 d Lyrup Lion Cubs 5.**

Best: Renmark – N. Albanese & E. Carter. Lyrup Lion Cubs – C. Walton & S. Pederson.



# RFL's top 25: 5-1



5 LUKE HARDER (LOXTON)

A well-travelled footballer with an impressive resume, Luke Harder turned plenty of heads in his first year of RFL football for Loxton.

The former Port Adelaide Magpie made an immediate impact in round one, amassing 40 disposals in a narrow loss against Renmark, playing predominantly on the half back flank.

Before long Harder had established himself as the competition's best utility, operating out of the goalsquare, in the guts and across the backline with aplomb as Loxton continued to improve under coach Dillon Millard.

He possesses a lethal left boot and excellent footy smarts that allow him to pick apart defences, choosing the right pass and hitting the target with regularity.

Harder's game has changed over the years, with the Tiger now boasting impressive size and strength, making him difficult to tackle and out-mark.

Couple that with the fact that he never takes a backwards step, winning the most courageous award for the SANFL Magpies back in 2012, Harder is a force to be reckoned with for the Tigers.

The 2023 season will see the superstar take on a new challenge as he steps up as senior coach of the Tigers, but he remains confident his game will not take a hit with the added responsibility.



4 DAN WOOLFORD (RENMARK)

The most recent arrival in the crop of Woolfords to grace Renmark Oval, Dan established himself as a key member of the Rovers' premiership line-up in 2022.

Woolford walked into a side brimming with talent, including his two superstar brothers, and quickly became a key cog in the side's midfield and wing rotations.

He has the ability to run all day and will seldom be seen taking a breather, leaving opponents struggling to match it with him across four quarters.

His full talents were on display in Renmark's 108-point demolition of Berri in round nine, as he went head-to-head with talented Berri product Shay Hawkins on the wing.

Hawkins lit up the game in the first quarter, but Woolford's ability to run out games allowed him to turn the screws in the second half, carving Berri open at every opportunity.

He picked up votes in the race for the grand final MVP, with Woolford one of few players to use the ball cleanly in one of the season's scrappiest games.

There's no doubt the Rovers will be looking to secure the all-rounder's services for 2023 (if they haven't already) and keep the talented band of brothers together.



3 ZAC GARTERY (RENMARK)

The competition's pre-eminent ruckman, 'Hairy' has been a fixture of the Renmark A grade side for a number of years, but took his game to a new level in 2022.

Gartery came into the 2022 season off the back of a gruelling pre-season, that had the tall in the best shape of his life, according to both himself and coach Josh Vater.

He is rarely beaten at stoppages, winning taps in all situations, but Gartery's strongest asset is his work around the ground.

His newfound elite level of fitness allows him to impact contests all over the oval, and he's often seen running back to help out defensively and even moving forward to provide a tall option.

He has a strong set of hands and a capable kick, making him a difficult match-up for the rest of the competition.

There is no doubt Renmark has an elite on-ball unit, and Gartery's ability to give the smalls first use has been a large factor behind Renmark's triple-premiership run.

The Rovers boast a plethora of capable tall, notably Alex Haynes and Zac's brother Caiden, but there is no doubt that Hairy holds down the number one spot for Vater and company.



2 WILL GUTSCHE (LOXTON)

After a stint with Edwardstown in the SAAFL during the Covid-cancelled 2020 RFL season, Will Gutsche returned home to

Loxton in 2021, much to the delight of the Tiger faithful.

He hit the ground running in his return, featuring in Loxton's best in 20 of the 29 games he has played for the club since coming back from Adelaide.

A talented junior, Gutsche lit up the SANFL under 18s competition in 2018 and has been Loxton's Mr Consistent ever since.

Small in stature but not in heart, Gutsche can often be found on the bottom of the pack, with his relentless attack on the footy an asset to former coach Dillon Millard over the years and now Luke Harder.

He has some of the cleanest skills in the competition, knows how to find the footy and has the innate ability to kick goals from midfield, with the star good for almost a goal per game across his career.

Last season saw his talents rewarded with a runner-up nod in the Whillas Medal count at Barmera and he will no doubt be one of the frontrunners for the award yet again next year when Riverland footy returns.



1 TIM WOOLFORD (RENMARK)

When making a list of the region's best footballers, it's hard to overlook a back-to-back Whillas Medallist for the number one spot.

'Two-time Timmy' arrived in Renmark with the reputation of being Matt Woolford's brother, but the midfielder quickly shook that off and before long, was winning awards left, right and centre.

The 2021 season saw him earn his first Whillas Medal as he was crowned the competition's best in 2022, becoming the second Rover to win multiple Whillas Medals, following in the footsteps of the great Trevor Gill.

There's no doubting his pedigree, with the star winning all there is to win in Riverland footy, even captaining the Eastern Zone side at the 2022 Country Championships, where he was named as rover in the team of the tournament.

Woolford is one of few players genuine inside and outside players in the competition, with his size and strength allowing him to win the ball in the contest, his elite-level fitness serving him well on the large RFL ovals.

He can kick with both feet and is a highly accurate shot for goal, with his set shot range anywhere inside 60m.

Many players in this list could be seen as a product of their environment and Woolford does happen to be in the best team in the RFL, but there's no doubt he would shine in any team in the league.

Off the field he is humble and credits his teammates for the bulk of his achievements, but 'Two-time Timmy' is undoubtedly the best singular player in the RFL.



Robbie Bonner will return as president of Renmark Rovers in 2023.

## Familiar faces at the Kennel

THE 2023 season will see a host of familiar faces in important positions at Renmark Oval, with a number of coaches and committee members electing to continue in their position.

Club president Robbie Bonner will stand for the second year in a row in the club's top job and heads up a committee full of familiar names, with the position of vice-president remaining vacant for the time being.

In the coaching ranks, Aaron Camplin returns to coach the reserves, joining Josh Vater once again as head of the club's seniors, while Dean 'Dingo' Schumann will again coach the under 15s.

Anthony Rothe takes charge of the women's side once again, with Ellie Irvine stepping in to the role of under 15 girls coach.

Paul Hooper will lead the Rovers into the revamped under 17s competition and Donny DePalma will take control of the under 13s for the upcoming season.



Jack Parfitt will return for Ramco in 2023. PHOTO: Facebook

## Welcome back Jack

RAMCO has announced the re-signing of one of its core players for the inaugural season of the Murray Valley Football Netball League.

Ruckman Jack Parfitt has committed to donning the Rooster guernsey for the second consecutive year after starring in 2022.

Parfitt kicked 17 goals for the Roosters last season and featured in the side's best players list in eight of his 10 matches for the club.

## Site ready for MVFNL

THE Murray Valley Football Netball League has a new virtual home, thanks largely to the help of a local website designer.

MVFNL.com will be the new go-to site for the region's newest competition, with all seven clubs featured on the site built by Emerson Fielke Creative.

The site will hold links to club websites, fixtures, results and more information regarding the MVFNL.



# Super Sienna stars in Oceania opener

WAIKERIE youngster Sienna Lehmann helped Australia kickstart its FIBA under 15 women's basketball Oceania Championship campaign with a win over Samoa on Monday night in Guam.

The Sapphires went into the clash as firm favourites, having won the tournament last time out, and lived up to the hype, with the side recording a 69-point win in its first fixture.

Lehmann was part of the Australian starting five, playing as a guard alongside Jesse-May Hall of New South Wales.

She featured in the match for 22 minutes, the second most of anyone on her team and played a major role in the victory.

Lehmann was efficient from the field, making four of her seven shots, including one from beyond the arc, on her way to a strong nine-point performance.

However, it was her defensive ability that was on full display, with the 15-year-old recording a game-high seven steals, allowing her teammates to get out in transition and hit the scoreboard.

She picked up three rebounds and three assists in the contest, making for a well-rounded performance from the 170cm



● Sienna Lehmann

Riverlander.

Lehmann had the second highest plus-minus rating of the game (+42) and a player efficiency rating of 18, which was inside the top three in her team.

Australia's next match comes against close rivals New Zealand just after midday today, with Lehmann and company looking to make it back-to-back wins to start the title defence.



Waikerie star Sienna Lehmann shone on the offensive and defensive end during Australia's opening match of the under 15 Oceania championship against Samoa.  
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## Tim's on top

RENMARK Rover and two-time Whillas Medallist Tim Woolford comes in at number one on The Murray Pioneer's list of the top 25 RFL footballers.


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PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



● Tom Nettle



● Sienna Lehmann

### Riverland's junior stars

RIVERLAND juniors Tom Nettle and Sienna Lehmann have been strutting their stuff on the big stage recently.

Nettle captained his state tennis side last fortnight, while basketballer Lehmann is starring for the Sapphires in Guam.

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# Loxton ready to light up



LOXTON's biggest party of the year is coming home to East Terrace.

Light Up Day is returning to its original location for a day filled with dancing, colour and plenty of festive activities.

On Saturday, November 26, Loxton's vibrant main street will become a Christmas hub, with businesses open all day from 9am until 8.30pm, and twilight markets and food trucks from 4.30pm until late.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and events manager, Sonya Altschwager, said the Loxton Chamber of Commerce team was "excited to have Lights Up Day back at East Terrace where

it is traditionally held".

"We are back in East Terrace with a lot more activities and amusements, and it is a great opportunity to get back together for a large event, having missed out for a few years in a row," she said.

"It is such a popular and well-loved event; it is a really iconic event, with tourists and family coming back for the celebrations, and it's just an amazing day for the whole town to celebrate."

New this year is the Rocking the Rotunda, featuring silent discos, which is sure to get the whole family singing and dancing.

Participants will be given headphones to listen to classic Christmas tunes, with

20-minute discos at 5pm, 5.30pm, 6pm, 6.30pm and 7pm.

Santa will be making a special appearance in his magical workshop at Riverland Motor Group, 1 East Terrace, from 10am-1pm and 4pm-8pm with Santa handing out free gifts and the opportunity for professional photos available as well.

The popular Kids Zone Activities and free craft is back again this year, with festive activities available from 10am.

Between 10am-1pm and 4pm-8pm the central grass reserve behind the 'Loxton' sign will be full of fun and activities, with Christmas story and craft in the Loxton Library at 10.30am and 11.30am, and

## Loxton **LIGHT UP DAY** 2022

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# Loxton LIGHT UP DAY



Kids Zone craft including festive pin-wheels and mini Christmas wreaths happening between 11am-1pm, and again between 5pm-7pm.

An activity for the whole family, Reindeer Road, involves participants collecting a bag from the Kids Zone between 10am-1pm and 4-7pm, and filling it with free goodies from local businesses.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Boomstars, who will perform a high-energy, jam-packed show for the kids from 8pm on the main stage, before the fireworks spectacular kicks off at 9pm.

"We are fast running out of river front," Ms Altschwager said.

"But we are working together with council to bring the fireworks up to drier land but that may mean some changes to the safety exclusion zone, so just watch this space and we will release a map on social media and the website in the days prior."

"Nothing is going to stop us from having Light Up Day, not even a high river."

Lights Up Day also marks the beginning of a month of Christmas shopping in Loxton, with a variety of shops to purchase the perfect gifts for friends and family.

"We appreciate that it may be more difficult to travel to Loxton with road closures and detours, but trust me – it's going to be worth the trip!" Ms Altschwager said.

"Our shops are open all day on Light Up Day, which is a fantastic boost for local businesses."

"After Light Up Day we go into seven-day trading up until Christmas Day. We have special Sunday trading days all throughout December from 10am until 2pm, when Santa will be back in his Workshop and there are lots of opportunities to shop leading all the way up to Christmas."

Ms Altschwager encouraged locals to shop around in Loxton this festive season.

"Every little Christmas gift that you can buy locally means the money stays in the town, so it is really important for people to look local first this Christmas," she said.

"You can also avoid the delays and disappointment of online shopping, as you can go into a local business, they can help you with what you want, and even if they don't have it, they can source it for you given enough time."

For those who are tough to buy for, there is no better option than the new Loxton Gift Card, with some exciting changes coming to the perfect present.

"The new Gift Cards are now in circulation, so after 10 years of having the Loxton Gift Voucher, we have now introduced a new Loxton Gift Card in circulation," Ms Altschwager said.

"There is even more flexibility and more

options with our Loxton Gift Cards. It is the ideal present; you can load it with as little as \$10 or as much as \$500.

"For Kris Kringle, for staff incentives or even for the hard-to-buy-for, it really ticks all those boxes and it means the money stays local, which is more important than ever."

Gift cards are available to purchase from the Loxton Library and Visitor Centre seven days a week, or on the chamber's website ([www.loxtonchamber.com.au/](http://www.loxtonchamber.com.au/)).

The gift cards are able to be used as many times as desired at participating local member businesses until the credit has run out.



***It is such a popular and well-loved event. It is a really iconic event, with tourists and family coming back for the celebrations, and it's just an amazing day for the whole town.***

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# A new Christmas Wonderland

A BELOVED Loxton Christmas attraction has moved to a new home for this year's festive season, with Christmas Wonderland relocating to the Loxton North Sports Club.

After filling the front of Peter Mangelsdorf's property with Christmas cheer for around 30 years, the Loxton North Sports Club put its hand up to take over this year.

The incredible display, which is filled with Christmas lights and images, features not only classic Christmas characters such as Mr and Mrs Claus, but also popular characters dressed up in their Christmas best.

Co-ordinator of Christmas Wonderland, Lisa Schlein, said this year is going to look a little different from previous years.

"We are going to be having silent discos, we have a kids one and an adult one on December 16," she said.

"We are looking at having market stalls and food vans, and of course meals in the club rooms. We will also have the bar open in the club rooms as well.

"Hopefully we will have a stage as well."

Mrs Schlein even suggested

putting together a picnic and listening to the carollers before the dazzling lights turn on and the night is turned into a Christmas wonderland.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and events manager Sonya Altschwager said people were looking forward to seeing what the Loxton North Sporting Club can do with the Christmas

Wonderland display.

"And to see what it looks like in its new home," she said.

Christmas Wonderland is open from Saturday, November 26, until New Year's Eve, with the lights on from 8.30pm until 11.30pm. For a full program of events visit the website (<https://loxtonlights.com/>) or check social media.

***We are really looking forward to seeing what the Loxton North Sporting Club can do with the Christmas Wonderland display...***



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The Loxton community comes together to create a memorable Christmas experience for all, with spectacular Christmas light displays in large clusters of residential streets.

East Terrace is a joy to behold at night, from the enormous Christmas tree dazzling on the roundabout, to the spectacular light show in the trees through the centre of town.

The lights festival begins with Light Up Day on Saturday, November 26, through to New Year's Eve, with the Loxton community

"We just love that the whole community gets together and lights up their houses, and even the smallest effort to put some lights on their home really helps to create a magical experience for everyone that comes to town," Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and events manager

Sonya Altschwager said.

"I would really encourage everyone to just go and buy some lights or decorate their homes as much as they can because it really adds to the whole atmosphere."

A different way to see the lights is Bike The Night, which is a great way to bring the whole family together.

"It's not just for bikes – it's also for scooters, wheelchairs, and even gophers. We are really encouraging families to get everyone out," Ms Altschwager said.

Decorate your bikes, scooters, wheelchairs or gophers with free lights and glow sticks provided, before setting off to explore the streets in and around Santa's Walk, where the Loxton Lights Festival began!

Get down to the Loxton Community Conservation and Heritage Park on Sunday, December 18, from 8pm to be part of the fun.

Another quirky way to see the lights this

season is the Loxton Lights Festival silent disco tours.

There will be three silent disco tours: Friday, December 9, kicking off at 7.30pm from the East Terrace Rotunda, and two tours at Christmas Wonderland on Friday, December 16, with a kids' under 14 disco at 8pm and an adult 15+ disco at 10pm.

Everyone wears a supplied headset, listening to a playlist of uplifting Christmas music while following a tour guide with fun commentary along the way.

"If you are looking for something that is so much fun and pure joy, this is a great way to have a look at the lights around town; it's an amazing time of year," Ms Altschwager said.

"As well as all that, we have our Christmas Tree Festival from November 26 to December 18 and the community carols which is really popular on December 8.

"Our festive ferris wheel, will also be back from Light Up Day through the first

week of the Christmas Lights Festival in its usual spot out the front of the Loxton Hotel."



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# Other Events

KNOWN as the Riverland's Christmas town, Loxton's festive spirit continues to grow each year.

In its 31st year, the Loxton Lights Festival promises to again be a celebration of colour and fun, with a selection of festivities and other events for people to explore and join in on.

The month-long festival, running from November 26 to December 31, will feature brilliant lights displays and extended trading hours for all your Christmas shopping needs.

Santa will take some precious time out of his busy schedule for children and the young at heart to visit his workshop and tell him their Christmas wishes.

Old favourite fixtures like Christmas Wonderland, Santa's Walk and Bike the Night will delight locals and visitors yet again.

New to this year is Santa's Silent Discos – held a few nights through-

out the festival, including Light Up Day – that will take groups on a lights tour, with Christmas music and tour commentary played along the way.

Take a wander down East Terrace and be enchanted by the street's trees lit up with a magical light show, or take a walk around town and see how the Loxton community fulfils its mission to beautifully decorate local homes.

Christmas Wonderland is always a highlight and a favourite among families from across the entire Riverland and this year it has a new home – but all the same festive spirit – at the Loxton North Sports Club.

Santa's Walk comprises dozens of homes decorated for the season, available to admire throughout the entire festival, and is well worth a visit.

Make sure you spend some time in Loxton this Christmas, you will not regret visiting.



## Light Up Day

Kicking off the festival on Saturday, November 26, Light Up Day is the town's biggest party of the year. Filled with free entertainment, twilight markets, music, activities, main-stage entertainment and a fireworks display, it'll be fun for the whole family.

## Christmas Wonderland

A new and exciting home at Loxton North Sports Club will see the Christmas Wonderland display as festive and wonderful as always. It's a must-see display, with 250 metres of illuminated displays and lights. Entry is free, but donations are always welcome.

## Santa's Walk

Loxton's homes and streets will show the magic of Christmas lights as locals put the spirit of the season on show. Hilbig Street – where it all began 31 years ago – will be alive with lights from November 26 to December 31. Best viewing times are between 8.30pm and 11pm.

## Community Carols

Loxton's very own version of Carols by Candlelight sees the perfect family get together with the combined churches of Loxton inviting the community to come and sing along to carol favourites. From 7pm, with carols beginning at 7.30pm, on Sunday, December 11 at Loxton Oval on Bookpurnong Terrace. Bring your own chairs and rugs for the ultimate comfort. Inclement weather could force cancellation.

## Bike the Night

A fun and physical way of seeing the lights and sights of the Loxton township is by wheels – whether it's a bike, scooter, wheelchair, or gopher. Decorate your ride with free glow sticks before exploring the streets in and around Santa's Walk. Held on Sunday, December 18 (weather permitting) from 8pm, at the Loxton Community Conservation & Heritage Park, Bookpurnong Terrace median strip at Sixth Street crossover.

## Festive Ferris Wheel

Celebrating the first week of the festival, a festive ferris wheel will be available to ride on East Terrace. See the views of the River Murray and Loxton surrounds by day and enjoy the magical Christmas lights by night. Set up at the Murray Street crossover, East Terrace at these times (weather permitting):  
Saturday, November 26, 10am to 10pm  
November 27: 10am to 9pm  
Monday, November 28 to  
Friday, December 2: 6pm to 10pm  
Saturday, December 3, 10am to 10pm  
Sunday, December 4, 10am to 5pm.

## Christmas Nostalgia

A permanent display in the Loxton Newsagency, this private collection relives Christmas traditions and special customs from over many decades. It's a treasured, historic display of all things Christmas, from goose feathers and novel trees to unique decorations and toys. Available to view at 12 East Terrace during normal trading hours.

## Loxton Light Show

East Terrace's avenue of trees will be lit up every night throughout the festival, with large spotlights illuminating the trees to create colour and movement. Best viewing times will be between 8.30pm and 11pm.

## Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival has delighted locals and visitors alike for more than 25 years, with a display of trees decorated by local community groups and schools. This year's theme is 'A favourite storybook'. Open daily from Saturday, November 26 to Sunday, December 18 from 11am to 4pm at the Loxton CWA Hall, Kokoda Terrace. Gold coin entry. Groups permitted by prior arrangement by calling Marilyn on 0439 849 394.

## Santa's Workshop

Visit Santa in his magical workshop at Riverland Motor Group, 1 East Terrace. Children will receive a free gift, with professional photo opportunities available on Light Up Day. Open on Light Up Day, November 26, from 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 8pm, and on Sunday, December 4, 11 and 18 from 10am to 2pm.

## Silent Discos

The first of the festival's silent discos will be held on Light Up Day, with 20-minute discos every half an hour from 5pm to 7pm. No bookings required, just get the whole family up, singing and dancing like no one is watching (or listening). Other silent disco tours, which do require bookings, will be held on Friday, December 9, from 7.30pm, for a tour of East Terrace, and Friday, December 16 for a tour of Christmas Wonderland.





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# Fun for kids

AS always, Loxton will have plenty for children – and the young at heart – to see and do this festive season.

While one of the main highlights will be Light Up Day, with a range of activities to choose from, there will be plenty more activities on offer and sights to see throughout the month-long festival.

Children can visit Santa Claus in his magical workshop, where they can also receive a free gift.

He will be available at his Riverland Motor Group home from 10am to 1pm, and 4pm to 8pm on Light Up Day, as well as on Sundays throughout December from 10am to 2pm.

Other times are available by appointment. Just call 0427 064 825 to book.

Bike the Night is set to again be a standout way to see the Christmas lights around Loxton, held this year on Sunday, December 18 from 8pm.

Children and their families meet at Heritage Park, decorate their bikes or scooters with free glow sticks, and ride off to explore the streets and see the sights in and around Santa's Walk.

Refreshments from the popular Little Miss Daisy pop-up caravan, including milkshakes, ice cream, coffee, cakes and doughnuts, will all be available on return.

The month-long festival allows locals and visitors a lot of time to see what else Loxton has on offer, like the Christmas Tree Festival featuring a range of trees

decorated by local community groups and schools.

This year's theme is 'A Favourite Storybook'.

A fun, family night out can be had at the Loxton Community Carols from 7pm on Sunday, December 11. Get the kids, pack up a picnic blanket and some chairs, and sing the night away with favourite Christmas carols.





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# Loxton LIGHT UP DAY

## Map Key

- |                                  |                            |                                |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Santa's Workshop        | <b>5</b> Silent Disco Tour | <b>8</b> Bike the Night        |
| <b>3</b> Christmas Tree Festival | <b>6</b> Community Carols  | <b>9</b> Festival Ferris Wheel |
| <b>4</b> Santa's Walk            | <b>7</b> Loxton Light Show | <b>10</b> Christmas Nostalgia  |



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Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED - XMAS DAY		
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED - BOXING DAY		
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-5pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-5pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-5pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>		8:30am - 1pm	
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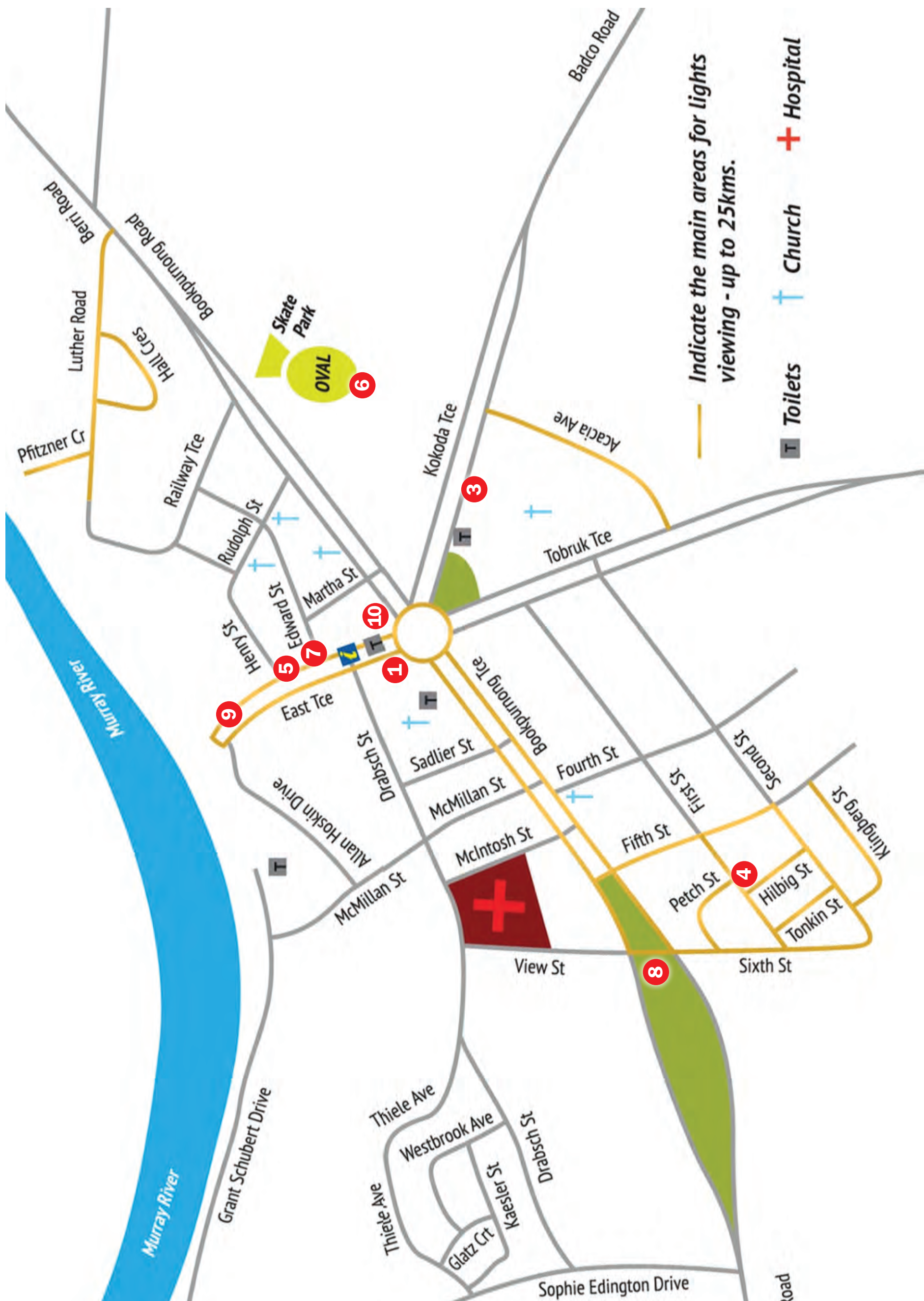
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Loxton **LIGHT UP DAY**





# Loxton LIGHT UP DAY 2022

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

## Visit Santa

in his magical workshop at  
Riverland Motor Group, 1 East Terrace.  
**10am - 1pm and 4pm - 8pm** Free gift.  
Professional photos available.



## KIDS ZONE ACTIVITIES & FREE CRAFT

**10am-1pm and 4pm-8pm** the central grass reserve  
behind the 'Loxton' sign will be full of fun and activities.

**10.30am and 11.30am** Christmas Story & Craft  
in the Loxton Library.

**11am-1pm and 5-7pm** Kids Zone Craft including  
Festive Pinwheels and Mini Christmas Wreaths.

## SILENT DISCO!

will get the whole family singing  
and dancing like no-one's watching,  
**between 5pm and 7.30pm**  
in the Rotunda.

## Food & Shopping

**9am - 8.30pm** Loxton's vibrant  
main street will be open for  
business ALL DAY! Twilight  
markets and food trucks will  
open from **4.30pm** 'til late.

## Reindeer Road

Collect a bag from the  
Kids Zone and fill with  
FREE gifts from  
local businesses.  
**10am - 1pm and  
4pm - 7pm.**

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FAMILY**

## MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

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