



Local bee death mystery solved

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE deadly chemical that killed thousands of bees belonging to a local apiarist has been revealed. Toxicology reports conducted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) on Paringa-man Robbie Johnstone's bees detected the chemical fipronil in the bee samples provided from the hives.

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ELYSE ARMANINI

INCLUDED free in today's Murray Pioneer is the third edition of Riverland Style Weddings, telling the story of five couples married in the region.

Produced by Taylor Group Media, the 2023/24 includes the wedding story of Barmera locals Sarah and Jed Millington (pictured) who married at Bassham Wines on 28 October 2022.

The comprehensive 32-page publication also features current wedding trends, tips for picking wedding suppliers, how to plan a honeymoon, and showcases Riverland venues, beauticians, caterers, accommodation options and more.

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OUR 'DRUGVILLE' CAMP CONCERN

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

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Berri man says Senator Price drove ‘division’

AN indigenous Berri man says a leading No campaigner is largely responsible for dividing Australia over the Voice referendum.

The nation comprehensively rejected Prime Minister Anthony Albanese’s proposal on Saturday, and local father Rob Wright has accused Nationals Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price of “fear mongering”.

“I just want you to read this and know how hard this period has been for me,” Mr Wright says in an opinion piece on page 29 of today’s Murray Pioneer.

“My boys have asked me... why am I crying, and I have to tell that some people in this world are just mean.”

Mr Wright said Senator Price “spoke of division like it has never existed before”.

Mr Wright said a system “designed to systematically oppress First Nations people” will remain that way following the referendum’s failure.

PAGE 29 Rob Wright’s view

Community mourns passing of Joy Ruston

THE Renmark and wider community is mourning the death of well-known local Joy Ruston.

Mrs Ruston passed away earlier this week aged 92.

A familiar voice via ABC Riverland Radio, Mrs Ruston had a broad suite of interests and expertise and – as her family explained via social media – will be remembered “for her strength, determination and compassion”.

“She did many things as a mother, nanny, nurse, radio broadcaster, champion tennis and golf player, and a keen follower of politics and world events.”

Mrs Ruston was the wife of the late Peter Ruston, and is survived by her son Peter, daughter – and SA Liberal senator – Anne, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Busy weekend for our cops

FOUR Riverland drivers were caught breaking the road rules by police over the weekend.

On Friday 13 October, police stopped a 45-year-old Loxton man on the Old Sturt Highway at Berri.

Checks revealed the man’s licence was suspended. He was reported and will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates at a later date.

On Saturday 14 October, a 29-year-old man, from Loxton, was stopped by police on Twentyfirst Street, Renmark, where he underwent an alcohol test and returned a positive breath result of 0.134.

He was issued with a six-month immediate loss of licence and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

Also on Saturday 14 October, police stopped a 50-year-old man, from Loveday, while he was riding a motorcycle on Hunt Road, Loveday.

Further checks revealed he was disqualified from driving. He was reported for the offence and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

Renmark police stopped a 46-year-old man, from Renmark, for riding a motor-

cycle while exceeding the legal amount of alcohol on Sunday 15 October.

It is alleged he was stopped on Story Crescent, Renmark, and returned a positive breath test of 0.142.

He was reported for drink-driving, driving while disqualified, driving unregistered, driving uninsured and failing to wear a motorbike helmet.

His 17-year-old passenger was also not wearing a motorbike helmet, with the motorcycle impounded for 28 days. The rider will be summonsed to appear in the Berri Magistrates Court at a later date.

Shed damaged in Blanchetown fire

A SHED at Blanchetown was extensively damaged recently in a fire caused by a gas cylinder igniting after strong winds blew a television antenna onto low-voltage power lines.

Waikerie CFS Captain Shaun Arnold said residents were at the property when the blaze began, but no one was injured.

CFS units from Waikerie, Morgan, Cadell, Blanchetown, Truro, Nuriootpa, and Sedan attended the scene.

Firefighters took about two hours to fully extinguish the fire and monitored hot spots at the premises.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Teens arrested for stolen motorbikes

POLICE have arrested two teenagers after two motorcycles were stolen from a Waikerie business.

Police said between Tuesday 10 October and Wednesday 11 October, a shed at Waikerie was broken into and two Yamaha motorcycles were stolen.

Two 17-year-old boys, one from Mount Barker and the other from Waikerie, have been charged with serious criminal trespass and illegal use.

They have both been bailed to appear in the Youth Court at a later date.

Both motorcycles were recovered by police and returned to the rightful owners.

GRAND OPENING THIS SATURDAY: Not-for-profit organisation Safe Pets Safe Families (SPSF) will officially open its volunteer space and food bank at 1 Bice Street, Barmera this weekend. The community is invited to attend the opening event on Saturday from 9.30am to 1.30pm, with giveaways for pets and children, face painting and a raffle with pet prizes. Pictured are SPSF’s Donna Cain and Mandy Page. PHOTO: supplied

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Getting ready for Friday's Ping Pong-A-Thon was Loxton High School teacher Ben Grieger (back) with students Tyson Blaser, 18, Alexis Magiarapis, Andy Kariuki and Piper Gibbs, all 17. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Loxton High bats for those who can't

A LOCAL high school – which has already saved over 80 South East Asian children from slavery and exploitation – is looking to better its numbers with a special fundraising event this weekend.

The Loxton High School's Ping Pong-A-Thon is entering its ninth year, with students raising over \$120,000 during that time.

Loxton High School teacher Ben Grieger said students get behind the cause each year.

"It's really powerful," he said.

"It's young people helping young people.

"It's such a fun event and so accessible for so many people and it does make such a positive difference."

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Ping Pong-A-Thon aims to combat human trafficking and exploitation of young people in South East Asia through a series of fundraising table tennis events across Australia.

This year's Loxton event will take place at the high school, on Friday, from 6pm for 24 hours of non-stop table tennis.

"It's a community event and everyone is

welcome to come along," Mr Grieger said.

"Particularly on the Saturday afternoon as it's often a bit quieter and locals are encouraged to come along and have a hit."

Last year's event alone raised \$22,000 and Mr Grieger said students this year were aiming for \$17,000.

"The money goes to such a great cause," he said.

"Last year we had more than 30 students raise more than \$100 each, so it wasn't just a couple of people doing heaps."

For more information, or to donate, visit the website (pingpongathon.com/t/loxtonsouthaustralia).

Regional safety grants now open

FLOOD-affected communities in the Riverland can now apply for grants worth up to \$10,000 as part of the RAA's Regional Safety Grants program.

RAA's annual Regional Safety Grants initiative helps community organisations to fund a project, program or activity targeting a local safety or security issue through grants, this year totalling \$85,000.

Applications are open now via the RAA website, with community groups such as those impacted by the recent River Murray flood being encouraged to apply if they need funding for a rebuilding or safety project.

RAA Insurance chief executive Tara Page said the organisation was "proud to support vital projects in areas such as road safety, security, education, lifesaving, fire-fighting and more".

"Our RAA Regional Safety Grants recognise the essential local role organisations play in building strong, safe and resilient communities from the ground up," she said.

"We know natural disasters such as the Riverland flood event have impacted thousands of regional residents in SA, so we'd encourage any groups with a rebuilding project or one that benefits community safety to apply."

Applications for the grants are now open and close Monday 30 October, at 5pm.

For more information or to apply visit (www.raa.com.au/grants).

“ Natural disasters such as the Riverland flood event have impacted thousands of regional residents...

- Tara Page

Local social club for disabled Riverlanders set to continue

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL social club for people living with an intellectual disability in the community will continue, despite dwindling volunteers.

Last week, Loxton Gum Tree members met to decide the future of the committee and despite a lack of volunteers, agreed to continue with a number of social events in 2024.

Loxton Gum Tree treasurer Aub Mattner said the club has a strong history in the local community, dating back to 1985.

"It provides a social outlet for people who are in institutional and home care," he said.

"We are happy and proud that it has lasted for nearly 40 years and enriched the lives of many of our residents and their families."

Mr Mattner said the social events allowed participants to make connections within the community.

The committee has about 11 members and has decided to scale back meetings and events, but will continue to organise five discos a year, along with

the winter indoor bowls competition and a Christmas catch-up event.

In addition, Loxton Gum Tree also pays for 30 memberships at the Loxton Historical Village, allowing locals living with an intellectual disability to attend with their carers for free.

Initially, the group met on alternate Saturdays in the then Church of Christ Hall.

Bus trips, trips to the Chaffey Theatre, sporting activities, houseboat trips and shopping excursions were added, along with the all-time favourite

monthly discos and annual bonfire night.

Originally, only residents from the Orana accommodation facility and a few people living at home with parents attended, but the numbers quickly increased with a bus bringing participants from Berri, Barmera and Renmark.

The volunteer base grew and at the height, had close to 30 volunteers.

Anyone who wishes to help with Loxton Gum Tree can call Aub and Lill Mattner on 8584 7061.

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Claims the Loxton Hospital Complex is understaffed have been denied by SA Health.
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Understaffed local hospital claims denied

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON locals can be reassured its hospital is “fully staffed”, with SA Health denying media claims to the contrary.

In an ABC Riverland article and radio report last week about the death and palliative care of local man Jim Mills, it was claimed Loxton Hospital Complex was “understaffed”, “couldn’t provide the full-time care he needed” and had “only two staff for 17 patients”.

However, a Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) spokesperson said Loxton and wider community members could be reassured the Loxton Hospital Complex had adequate staff.

“The Loxton Hospital Complex is fully staffed at all times in accordance with ANMF guidelines,” the spokesperson said.

“In times of demand, additional staff are able to be called in to make sure high-quality care is always available to the Loxton community.

“Anyone needing emergency assistance should continue to call Triple Zero (000) or present to their nearest hospital.”

In the ABC article, Mr Mills’ family said his NDIS funding was abruptly cut and he wanted to avoid living out his final days at the Loxton hospital.

On August 18, Mr Mills, 62, chose to end his life by voluntary assisted dying.

His family and friends are now calling for better palliative care support for under 65s.

If you or someone you know needs support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

“The Loxton Hospital Complex is fully staffed at all times in accordance with ANMF guidelines...”

- RMCLHN spokesperson



Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival is seeking volunteers to supervise its display beginning in November. PHOTOS: supplied

Loxton’s calling for Christmas volunteers and decorated trees

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ORGANISERS of a Loxton Christmas display are “desperately” seeking volunteers ahead of the festive event.

Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival secretary Marilyn Tonkin said the committee is appealing for interested individuals.

“We are desperate for some volunteers to help supervise the display during the opening hours,” she said.

“Volunteering means supervising, speaking to people who come in and perhaps monitoring children a little bit.

“The committee appeal for any interested individuals or new groups to consider volunteering, even if only for a couple of hours.”

The Loxton Christmas Tree Festival is open to the public for 23 days over the festive period, from 11am to 4pm, and opens after hours for large groups by arrangement.

The Loxton Christmas Tree Festival has a strong history, with this year marking the 27th display.

In addition to volunteers, the committee is also call-



The Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival houses Christmas trees decorated by local community groups, schools and families.

ing upon locals to submit a decorated tree.

“It’s not judged, but we just love everything and anything that comes in,” Mrs Tonkin said.

This year’s theme is ‘all things bright and beautiful’, but Mrs Tonkin said trees

can be decorated however people wish.

“It’s amazing what people come up with,” she said.

“Every year it just amazes me.”

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Indigenous leader calls for support of Lushville community...

Examples of rubbish and waste at Lushville, located under the Berri bridge on the Loxton side. Riverland indigenous community leader Tyson Lindsay is advocating to State and Federal Government regarding the need to improve the area.



Our ‘Drugville’ camp concern

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A PROMINENT local community figure says conditions at an indigenous area – where children are forced to camp without clean water – need to be improved. Riverland indigenous community leader Tyson Lindsay has recently begun advocating for the need to improve the area known as Lushville, located under the Berri bridge on the Loxton side. Mr Lindsay said challenges from the area had stemmed from mismanagement by the Gerard Community Council.

“This is part of a bigger problem, which is being addressed as a whole,” Mr Lindsay said. “The land is under the control and care of Gerard Community Council, so it’s an offspring of the issues there. “The nickname for the area is Drugville.” Mr Lindsay said more than 20 displaced indigenous community members – some as young as five – were staying at the area. “There’s huge amounts of litter and rubbish out there, I would say it’s in the tonnes,” he said. “The waste management is a

massive concern. Other concerns are the neglect of the people who are staying there at the moment. “They’re staying there because they’ve got nowhere else to stay, due to the housing crisis. “Nobody has approached them to see what the issues are. They haven’t even got clean drinking water or toilets.” Mr Lindsay in December 2020 voiced his concerns regarding mismanagement of grant funding and water allocations at Gerard Community Council. Mr Lindsay said spreading awareness of the issue at state

and federal government level would be key to improving conditions at Lushville. “I’ve had discussions with the Aboriginal Lands Trust, and have been advised that discussions are happening at higher levels of government to get to the root of the problem,” he said. “There’s a whole plethora of issues there, and it’s youth all the way to elderly people there.” Mr Lindsay said a lack of attention to Lushville’s issues was part of his reasoning for supporting the No vote at last weekend’s referendum for an indigenous Voice to Parliament.



Mr Lindsay estimates more than 20 displaced indigenous community members are staying at the area.

Seeking witnesses to semi-trailer crash

POLICE and emergency services were called to the Sturt Highway at Good Hope Landing, east of Waikerie, recently after reports that a semi-trailer towing three trailers had left the road and crashed into trees. The male driver, in his 20s, was uninjured. Anyone who witnessed the crash, at about 9.40pm, on Tuesday 3 October, is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



CFS meeting results in more support from the local community

AN urgent community meeting held last month to discuss the future of a local Country Fire Service brigade has been deemed a success. The community was invited to attend the meeting, on 24 September, with the Lyrup CFS brigade at a “critical point” and looking for more volunteers. A small number of locals turned out in support and to hear about how the CFS operates, resulting in seven potential new members and several beginning the paperwork to join. “This is an outstanding show of commitment these people have for their community and one to be commended,” said Michelle Egel, CFS regional volunteer officer. However, the local brigade is still in need of more volunteers to function properly. A basic firefighter course is set to be held in Lyrup in the coming weeks. Interested Riverlanders are encouraged to contact Michelle Egel (0417 361 144) or brigade captain Jason Johns (0498 658 295) for more information.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Insight into the issue

THE path to true progress is rarely clear. Indeed, just days off the back of one of the most politically charged weekends in recent Australian memory, we are faced with another story of our Riverland indig-enous community members living in unac-ceptable standards.

Local figurehead Tyson Lindsay – simi-larly to his actions regarding the Gerard Community Council in recent years – has come forward to provide a first-person perspective of the harsh reality facing those staying at the small area known as Lushville.

The situation the community – which includes children and elderly displaced residents – has fallen into may not surprise those familiar with the prior challenges Gerard Community Council had in manag-ing its main area.

Importantly, Mr Lindsay has also made it clear that the situation in Lushville, and the lack of focus it has received in the political sphere was a key reason behind his support of the No campaign ahead of last Saturday’s referendum.

Perhaps ensuring all indigenous Australians can access the basic necessi-ties of life is a better starting point than a vote.

The great opportunity?

IT would stand to reason, at one point or another, that every Australian man has thought about owning a pub.

What kind of work could be better? Surely the days would simply involve sampling beers, wine and food, and chew-ing the fat with those beloved regular customers.

As seen inside today’s edition of The Pioneer, this is exactly the opportunity that has presented itself, with the Blanchetown Hotel’s leasehold and business recently being put up for sale.

Those who have visited the historic venue would hardly have a bad word to say about the service or incredible views of the surrounding area, with the hotel’s heritage still proudly on display.

However, while the opportunity sounds like the chance for some to escape to an idyllic river setting, does the carefully worded sales pitch attempt to cover over some cracks still left by the River Murray flood event?

It has become painfully clear for the Riverland West area – and particularly Mid Murray Council – that it was hit the hardest by the flood, and perhaps outside of Renmark and its Twentyfirst Street bridge – will take the longest to recover.

Blanchetown’s caravan park remains temporarily closed, undoubtedly hinder-ing a key section of business for the hotel, and many shack owners have been faced with the reality of having to rebuild their dwellings.

While new ownership, and the sense of change that comes along with it, seems to more often than not generate positive momentum, it will also be a challenging time for those who come into the business, with a long way to the area’s full recovery still ahead.



Opening Loxton Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 23 November, 1979, from left: Arn Busbridge, Loxton Mayor Peter Jackson, Joan and husband SA Governor Sir Keith Seaman, (the latter was ordained in Renmark Methodist Church in 1954), and W Schollar: The club had formed following a meeting hosted by Loxton Rotary in 1973. The then-Mayor, Roy Glatz, introduced Mr Clutterbuck, SA Council of the Ageing, who indicated that Federal and State Government finances had helped SA Senior Citizens Clubs. Some 50 attendees then voted unanimously to form the club. A subsequent meeting elected a committee including Arn Busbridge as president, Mrs R Will as treasurer, and Mrs G Geyer as secretary. The club initially met in the local Institute at nominal rent then, in 1979, the former Methodist Church building in Tobruk Terrace was purchased with help from the government and Loxton council. Later the building was enlarged. In opening the facility, Governor Seaman spoke of Loxton’s care for its community and its senior residents saying that the district was widely known for its strong community spirit. The Loxton Senior Citizens Club, now in its 50th year, will celebrate this milestone in its new clubrooms, at the Loxton Retirement Village, at 1pm, on Tuesday 24 October, 2023. PHOTO: LHC

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rudeness goes both ways

WHAT next?

Woolworths and Coles sug-gesting designated times for us “oldies” to go to the supermarket so that millennials can do their shopping in peace without the hold up of baby boomers chat-ting to friends (‘Designated boomer shopping ‘ridiculous’, Advertiser, 7/10/23).

If you got your heads out of your phones you would see that most of the chatting is done by young, rude and self-obsessed people who don’t care about anyone.

What worries me is that in the future kids won’t be able to write or talk to each other and the worst danger is that all-important thumb will fall off. Imagine that.

We don’t want to hear your conversation when we are shop-ping, and that goes both ways doesn’t it?

YVONNE SCUTTER
Renmark

Where the problems really lie?

THE reason so many voted No was because the referendum was so badly mismanaged in the first place and was not transparent enough.

People were confused. If it was just to have the Aboriginal community recognised in the constitution it would have been a resounding Yes. As it was, it was a strong distrust of our Prime Minister and the people he was surrounded by, and a complete waste of taxpayers’ money.

He is already costing our country a fortune every time he scoots overseas so he can big note himself.

The Yes vote supporters are blaming the opposition and big business for its failure, but they have to blame someone.

Australian people are not stupid. It is time that our gov-ernment did the job they were elected to do by listening to the whole community. I have no respect any more for our Federal Government, regardless of who is in power, because they all rip off the taxpayers, and even

people earning good money are struggling to make ends meet.

Successive governments have been selling off our country, our land and assets, and allowed our industry to close down because it is cheaper to import products from overseas.

Our car industry once built cars which were sold all around the world before it closed down, costing millions of jobs, and now we are reliant on imported vehicles which take a long time to reach our market.

This government has opened the floodgates to unskilled work-ers when we desperately require skilled workers.

Billions of dollars were spent on the referendum when it would be better spent on hospitals, first responders, security forces, edu-cation, housing, and aged and invalid pensioners.

That money could have been spent on employing more staff at the hospitals and nursing homes, and to open up the wards that have been closed because of a lack of funding from the govern-ment.

Currently the shortage of trained staff has put an enormous strain of hospitals and nursing homes, which are unable to give the patients the proper care they require.

The weight of the workload has led to medical staff moving to other states because they are being lured there by better sala-ries and work conditions.

And if that was not bad enough, the politicians and bureaucrats have been awarded a salary increase and better retirement funds, which they can access without having to wait until retirement age, compared to the rest of the community.

Meanwhile families have to send out both parents to work full time just to make ends meet, and many of those will become homeless because the cost of rising interest rates is making it impossible to meet their mort-gages.

Wake up Australia.

ROSEMARY GOWER
Cobdogla

A poor reflection

I VOLUNTEERED at the early

voting station located at the Renmark Catholic Hall. It was a great experience and I also met people I have not seen for years.

But what a shock it was on a morning to hear a person from the Yes campaign, and giving out how to vote cards, abuse a man for being a Christian with the most foul language I have ever heard.

A very poor reflection from that side of the campaign.

I was disappointed that she was allowed to stay for the rest of the day by the Yes group. I was even more shocked that this lady was still there again on another day.

Why did the Yes campaign resort to having such abusive people on their team and allow-ing them to represent their cause?

Very disappointing.

ROGER EDMONDS
Renmark

Difficult driving habits

ON a recent afternoon two little vintage cars were heading from Berri to Renmark.

Doing no more than approxi-mately 55km/h was causing issues.

I was almost involved in a head-on collision, which could have been prevented if their driving habits were slightly dif-ferent.

I would love to talk to them as my paint from my car was touch-ing their caravan.

SID NORTON
Renmark

Thank you for dementia support

THANK you to the people impacted by dementia, community members, councils, businesses and healthcare professionals who marked Dementia Action Week 2023 from 18 to 24 September.

Across Australia, individu-als and organisations supported our campaign to Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future, encouraging everyone to take simple actions which make our communities more dementia-friendly.

On behalf of the estimated

more than 400,000 people living with dementia in Australia and the more than 1.5 million people involved in their care, we thank everyone for their support.

While Dementia Action Week is only one week each year, the conversation and action to elimi-nate discrimination continues year-round.

For information and tips on how you can continue working towards a dementia-friendly future, please visit (dementiafri-ently.org.au).

MAREE MCCABE
CEO
Dementia Australia

Support for RBS is crucial

RURAL Business Support (RBS) has been a lifeline for producers and related businesses feeling the strain.

So, when it was revealed in May that the Albanese Labor government had quietly pulled the funding for RBS’ Small Business Financial Counselling Program (resulting in a reduc-tion in rural business support staff associated with the pro-gram), I immediately questioned Minister for Primary Industries Clare Scriven on the matter in Parliament, and started the process of advocacy, writing to Federal Minister for Agriculture Murray Watt pleading for the Program’s continuation.

The Small Business Financial Counselling service was crucial for country communities and specialised in assisting small operators with financial advice and guidance when they face economic hardship.

By pulling the pin on this hugely successful and necessary pilot program, small businesses in SA country towns have lost access to grant application assis-tance, advocacy for loan refi-nancing and repayment schemes and financial literacy education within their communities.

While Mr Watt recently announced a three-year commit-ment to RBS, this new funding agreement only provides assis-tance for on-farm operations.

Businesses that operate out-side the farm gate no longer have an RBS assistance program. The

Toxicology report reveals cause of bee death

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE deadly chemical that killed thousands of bees belonging to a local apiarist has been revealed.

Toxicology reports conducted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) on Paringa-man Robbie Johnstone’s bees detected the chemical fipronil in the bee samples provided from the hives.

The information comes after Mr Johnstone found his colonies, which he had been keeping on a property at Plush’s Bend Road, had been poisoned, resulting in the loss of several of his hives.

A PIRSA spokesperson said fipronil is unused by PIRSA’s fruit fly eradication program, but is known to be highly toxic to bees.

“No other chemicals were detected in the toxicology analysis from a wide screen of chemicals that were analysed,” they said.

“Fipronil is a registered insecticide.

“PIRSA’s Biosecurity Operations and Investigations team are continuing their investigations into this incident.”

As part of its fruit fly eradication response, PIRSA uses Naturalure, a certified organic bait, which is the same solution that is used on organic farms.

“It is designed specifically to attract fruit flies and it is not applied directly onto bees, hives or flowering plants where bees are foraging,” the PIRSA spokesperson said.

“As a precautionary measure PIRSA also does not use Naturalure on properties that the agency is aware that contains, or is hosting, managed beehives.

“While Naturalure does contain a small amount of sugar, it is primarily comprised of proteins and designed to appeal to fruit flies – it would not attract bees under normal circumstances.

“When bait is used in accordance to the recommendations

provided to us by the manufacturer, it is safe for bees. PIRSA follows all approved label directions for Naturalure.”

The spokesperson said there are many other activities that may impact bees.

“It is important to note that bees can be vulnerable to different herbicides and pesticides, including common garden products,” they said.

“It is why PIRSA recommends that beekeepers and producers maintain clear lines of communication with their neighbours and local councils at all times so that any use of chemical products on nearby properties occurs in a responsible manner, ensuring minimal impact to nearby beehives, or other vulnerable plants and animals.

“Naturalure is certified organic and non-toxic, so it is safe around family, pets and wildlife.”

Mr Johnstone, who has been in contact with PIRSA throughout the process of determining what killed his bees, said the

owner of the property that his hives are on, saw PIRSA spraying in the area the week before.

Under the Plant Health Act 2009, inspectors have the power to enter premises to apply, install, inspect or retrieve a bait, lure, trap or other equipment for the purpose of eradicating, controlling or preventing a pest.

“The Riverland fruit fly response operations use these legislative powers as part of their response,” the PIRSA spokesperson said.

“In most cases, PIRSA’s teams do a courtesy knock on the front door prior to accessing the property.

“If there is no answer, they can access the property and they may enter and undertake the control measures they need to do as quickly and efficiently as possible.

“If a property is not able to be accessed and no one is home, a contact card will be left for the property manager or owner to arrange alternative access arrangements.”

Say ‘I do’ to Murray Pioneer’s free wedding magazine inside today

INCLUDED free in today’s Murray Pioneer is the third edition of Riverland Style Weddings, telling the story of five couples married in the region.

Produced by Taylor Group Media, the 2023/24 edition includes the story of Barmera locals Sarah and Jed Millington

who married at Bassham Wines on 28 October 2022.

The comprehensive 32-page publication also features current wedding trends, tips for picking wedding suppliers, how to plan a honeymoon, and showcases Riverland venues, beauticians, caterers, accommodation options and more.

Sarah and Jed said having the opportunity to tell a “shortened version” of their love story and to see their Riverland wedding day in print was exciting.

“We wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to show everyone all of the great vendors that are around here,” Sarah said.

“It was hard to pick my

favourite photos, but the whole process of getting in the magazine was really easy. I’d definitely recommend wedded couples to take the opportunity for next year’s edition.”

Jed said being included also gave an opportunity to show others how their wedding day came together.



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The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Governing Board will hold its

Annual Public Meeting

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7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

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The Annual Public Meeting will be streamed live on the RMCLHN Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RMCLHN for those who wish to attend virtually.

Dr Peter Joyner OAM
Chair
Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Governing Board

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Water damage forces kindy’s temporary closure

WATER damage to the Waikerie Children’s Centre building, caused by a burst pipe, forced its closure for around a week late last month.

Childcare services recommenced the closure on October 3 and the kindergarten has reopened today after being temporarily relocated to the Waikerie Primary School (WPS) gym.

The SA Department of Education said most of the damage was contained to the kindergarten side of the centre, but adjoining childcare rooms were also damaged.

The department’s acting

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education director for the Murray Bridge 2 portfolio, Brenton Hudson, said relocating the kindergarten to WPS would allow time for repair work to take place, and new flooring to be installed.

The kindergarten service is expected to return to the Waikerie Children’s Centre in week three of this school term.

Mr Hudson said the kindergarten did not reopen on Monday or yesterday, which

was a scheduled student-free day.

He said this enabled staff to relocate it to the primary school gym.

Mr Hudson said the childcare program would continue to be offered from the children’s centre, as it had been throughout the school holidays.

Mr Hudson said a further update would be provided directly to parents this week.

“We are grateful to the community for their patience and support, including the team at Waikerie Primary School who have made their gym available,” he said.



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of course.



Stop and smell the roses at iconic festival this weekend

SPRING may have started in September but it has well and truly sprung ahead of the first weekend of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival.

The Riverland is alive with colour making it the perfect location for visitors from across the state and the border, and a picturesque backdrop to the events headlining this weekend.

Twenty-four gardens will be open throughout the festival, with many opening their front and backyards this weekend to the public.

The festival begins this Friday with a floral display at the Renmark Institute lasting the weekend.

This year’s theme, Riverlanders Are Rocking, is an ode to the flood event and uses flowers to portray the resilience of the region’s residents.

The Institute display is available to view from 9am to 4pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 10am to 2pm on Sunday, for \$5 entry.

More flowers will be on display at the Waikerie and Districts Community Flower Show at the Memorial Institute on Friday and Saturday.

The ‘fashionable’ flower show is open from 10am to 5pm on Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturday. Entry is \$5 per adult, \$4 for pensioners and children get in free.

Calperum Station will host its second Bush Ball for a night under the stars filled with enchantment and celebration to kick off the festival.

Saturday’s Festival Fair in Renmark’s Jarrett Memorial Gardens will officially see the 10-day event opened by committee president Michelle Dominic.

The market will be set up with a variety of stalls, local delicacies and great views of the River Murray to boot.

Gates open at 9am and the event runs through to 2.30pm. Entry at the gate is \$2, and dogs are welcomed on a leash.

Rustons Distillery will keep the party going on Saturday afternoon with its adults-only Rustons Fest in the gardens, from 3pm to 9pm.

The event is almost sold out so head online (tinyurl.com/rustonsfest) for tickets before it is too late.

Berri is the place to be on Sunday afternoon, with Berri Barmera Council’s Twilight Fiesta taking over Vaughan Terrace from 4pm to 8pm.

The free, family-friendly event will play host to acoustic music, food and drink vendors, market stalls, and eco activities including a yabby net exchange opportunity and a preloved fashion sale.

Many more events are on this weekend and throughout the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival. To find out what is on and where to find the region’s open gardens, check out the official program, available on The Murray Pioneer website (www.murraypioneer.com.au/other-publications/riverland-rose-garden-festival-2023).



Loxton's Sue and Denis Drabsch will open their garden to the public later this month as part of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, which begins this weekend.
PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



Sue and Denis Drabsch's Loxton patch has a range of rustic art, hidden among the lush garden.

Final touches for stunning Spring gardens

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

FINAL preparations are being made to some of the region's most beautiful gardens ahead of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival. Over 20 gardens will open in Loxton, Renmark, Waikerie, Barmera and surrounding areas as part of the festival, which begins this Friday. Loxton's Sue and Denis Drabsch will open their captivating garden on the last weekend of the festival, with the couple busy making final touches. "We had a really good response last year," she said. After opening their garden in 2020, and then last year as part of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, Mrs Drabsch said she was looking

forward to doing it all again. The unique rustic garden has something for everyone and is just as much about productivity as it is about beauty. "Every day I would either cook or eat, or make something from the garden," Mrs Drabsch said. Recycling is important to Mrs Drabsch, with rustic garden art scattered throughout, while certain areas pay homage to locals who have shared plants and cuttings with the couple. "People who love recycling love this garden," she said. The garden has a large range of shrubs and trees, along with daisies, clivias, princess lilies, salvias, geraniums and succulents.

"I think I got my love of gardening from my dad," Mrs Drabsch said. The festival's open gardens range from local historic homes, through to farm and patio gardens. Mrs Drabsch said she hopes people will remember to bring a gold coin when visiting open gardens, with many raising funds for charity. The Drabsch garden will be open on Friday 27 October, Saturday 28 October and Sunday 29 October, 10am to 4pm, at 2365 Kingston Road, Loxton, with morning and afternoon tea available, along with repurposed goods and garden art for sale. For more information, visit the website (riverlandrosesandgardens.com.au/festival-program/).



The garden features a range of quirky and rustic garden art, made from repurposed pieces and old farm equipment.

Don't Forget

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Twilight markets with environmental focus

IN a first for Berri, a free, family-friendly event this weekend will offer the benefits of local markets together with activities and opportunities promoting sustainability.

The Twilight Fiesta – an official event of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival – is set to have something for everyone on Vaughan Terrace with an afternoon of market stalls, food and drink vendors, giveaways, displays and live music from The Bowerbirds and young musician William Heuzenroeder.

An environmental focus will take centre stage with multiple eco activities promoting ‘recycle, reuse and repurpose’ available throughout the event.

With the support of RecFish SA and the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board, Riverlanders will have the opportunity to swap a maximum of two illegal opera house yabby nets for two wildlife-friendly nets.

Nets will only be available while stocks last, and registration via the Berri Barmera Council office – with a Riverland council rate notice or proof of address – before close of business on Friday is required.

A suitcase preloved fashion sale in the



Berri Community Pavilion will give registered participants an opportunity to declutter their wardrobes and bring a suitcase or two of clothes along to sell in a sustainable way.

In an effort to repurpose recycled pots and plant cuttings, community members will be able to attend the Fiesta empty handed and come away with a new potted succulent with pots, succulent cuttings and sustainable soil provided free of charge.

Self-confessed ‘bin experts’ can take on council’s challenge to test their knowledge of what should go in which household bins and go in to the draw to win an ‘eco gift pack’ and voucher.

The event will run this Sunday, from 4pm to 8pm, on Vaughan Terrace, Berri.

Riverlanders urged to get bushfire ready

THE State Government and the state’s top emergency services leaders have met as the Riverland prepares to face a hotter, drier bushfire season, with action already underway across the state.

This summer South Australia will encounter an El Niño event and positive Indian Ocean Dipole, which will deliver dry and warm conditions across the state, increasing the risk of bushfires.

Among the actions underway:

Five new aircraft are being added to the CFS aerial firefighting fleet, increasing the number from 26 to 31

Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) technology is being rolled out for firefighting and emergency service vehicles

25 prescribed burns have already been undertaken, with plans for a further 31

A state-wide advertising campaign will commence at the end of October, encouraging Riverlanders to have a bushfire survival plan

Police Operation Nomad has commenced, focusing on deliberate, reckless and negligent acts that may cause a bushfire. Police patrols will be deployed on total fire ban days (this includes extreme and catastrophic fire danger ratings) throughout the season. Police will also be moni-



toring persons of interest throughout the season.

Cabinet representatives, the CFS, SA State Emergency Services, Department for Environment and Water and other key stakeholders gathered for an Emergency Management Council meeting on Tuesday 10 October.

“We have thousands of volunteers across the state who train hard throughout the year, risking their lives for their community every day,” said Brett Loughlin, CFS chief officer.

“Preparing for the bushfire season is a shared responsibility and we encourage everyone to prepare your home and property, making sure your bushfire survival plan is complete, and have a plan for what the whole family will do when a bad day approaches.

“Now is the time to clean up around your property, remove flammable materials that are around your home, clear your gutters and mow

your lawns.”

Before summer arrives, the State Government and the CFS are reminding Riverland residents living in risk areas to ensure they have a bushfire survival plan, including where they will go, when they will leave and what they will take.

It is too late to plan once an emergency warning is issued.

Key elements to include in a bushfire survival plan are:

Include the whole family (including your pets) in bushfire preparations, to empower young people and ensure they understand what to do in an emergency.

Check the Fire Danger Ratings each day and stay informed using multiple sources of emergency warning information. Fire Danger Ratings tell the community how dangerous a bushfire could be if it did occur.

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Aboriginal tourism to grow with new council

A PROFESSIONAL tourism association for Aboriginal-owned businesses is being established to help drive the development of Aboriginal products and experiences in the Riverland and across the state.

An interim board comprising Aboriginal tourism business representatives was formed late last month and will be in place until the South Australian Aboriginal Tourism Operators Council (SAATOC) is incorporated.

“The formation of the interim board marks a huge milestone in the support and further development of authentic Aboriginal tourism experiences across SA,” said Haydyn Bromley, board chair.

“This is a vital step in maturing the tourism industry around the delivery of genuine Aboriginal cultural immersion experiences and tour products for the broader cultural tourism-seeking market.

“Through SAATOC, we will be able to provide Aboriginal people who have tourism businesses with support and opportunities.”

The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) provided funding to the Tourism Industry Council of SA (TiCSA) to explore and deliver activities that support the establishment of SAATOC, in collaboration with Aboriginal tourism operators.

“In South Australia, we further support and learn about the diversity and the knowledge that Aboriginal people have in our state,” said Zoe Bettison, Minister for Tourism and Multicultural Affairs.

“For visitors, it gives them an opportunity to get introduced to South Australia not just for its incredible beaches and high-quality wine but also for the long history of people living on this land, and for their insights, language, and culture worthy of experiencing and appreciating.”

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Mental health plan launched

ALEXANDRA BULL

IMPROVING mental health care so consumers can access more support and strengthening the numbers of local health workers are key elements of a new five-year mental health plan for communities across the Riverland.

The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) inaugural Mental Health Services Plan is a detailed blueprint developed after extensive consultation with people including clinicians, community partners, staff and people who use mental health services.

More than 15,000 people in the Murray and Mallee are estimated to experience mental illness or behavioural conditions, with numbers of people in high levels of distress increasing by more than 40 per cent since 2008.

The five-year plan is focused on building high-quality specialist mental health services across the region that promote dignity, respect, choice, independence and social connections.

The plan also identifies needs to

give patients better care closer to home by funding ways to reduce preventable admissions to the emergency department, strengthening services for Aboriginal communities and boosting the local mental health workforce.

Director of mental health at the RMCLHN said the inaugural Mental Health Services Plan took “about 18 months” to come to fruition.

“It just takes time. We worked with the local community, we worked with staff, we worked with people within the hospital; it’s just a matter of getting all those things together and getting all the background data,” he said.

“So collating all that and going through processes of drafts that we presented to the board, it just takes time and making sure we got it right.”

Mr Moody said some of the plan has already been implemented in the Riverland health care system, including having dedicated mental health registered nurses’ supporting the Riverland General Hospital emergency department.



RMCLHN director of mental health Simon Moody, RMCLHN chair Dr Peter Joyner and RMCLHN CEO Wayne Champion at the launch of the inaugural Mental Health Services Plan. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

“We recognised we had a gap around supporting emergency departments with mental health consumers, so we have mental health registered nurses in there now,” he said.

“Now they have someone that can do the assessment, talk to psychiatrists and put together a plan to be worked through with a local treating doctor.

“So, it supports the doctor in making sure the consumers that are coming to the emergency department are getting an expert mental health care plan and also a decent treatment plan which may not include coming into hospital and may include them going back home.

“What we don’t want is people coming into our emergency departments and ending up in a hospital bed they don’t need to be in.”

Mr Moody added the RMCLHN also recognised “very quickly that community psychiatry is an absolute must”.

“So the board funded a community psychiatrist; and both our community mental health teams have a committed psychiatrist, which strengthens any team.

“We are going to build our mental health services for our communities, and we know from the Rural Mental Health Review we need to do that.”

The plan was launched on Thursday 5 October at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri.

RMCLHN CEO Wayne Champion said the plan captures “what we have heard as being important to the community now and into the future”.

“It will guide and strengthen

our future clinical and community-based mental health services,” he said.

“Working together we can progress our vision to support people in our communities to have the best possible quality of life by providing specialist mental health services that promote dignity, respect, choice, independence and social connection.

“I’d like to thank our dedicated local clinicians, staff representatives from across our services, advocates and community members who have all shared their valuable time, expertise and experience to make the plan really comprehensive and clear.”

For more information view the RMCLHN Mental Health Services Plan (sahealth.sa.gov.au/RMCYourVoiceMatters).

Paringa resident and Riverland environmental advocate PETER HASLETT has submitted the following opinion piece regarding the potential release of a carp control virus...

Examining the current strategy behind the National Carp Control Plan

DR PETER HASLETT

THE National Carp Control Plan (NCCP) was initiated in 2016 with a \$15m commitment to examine the feasibility of releasing a carp-specific virus to control carp numbers in our river system.

This was in recognition of the devastating effect feral carp are having on Australia’s freshwater environments and the native plants and animals.

Comprehensive research has been carried out by CSIRO and researchers from numerous government authorities and universities. Apparently any action on the results of this work has recently been consigned again to the ‘too-hard basket’ by the relevant politicians.

Meanwhile carp continue to devastate our rivers, not just as predators and competitors for native fish and other animals, but critically by causing widespread aquatic degradation to stream substrates and to water clarity, light penetration and dependent plant and animal ecosystems.

No one would deny that great care needs to be taken in releasing an exotic control for any feral pest. Australia has a poor history when pests have been introduced – such as rabbits and cane toads. Our record for virus release for control of feral pests has, however, been spectacularly successful – such as the myxomatosis/calici viruses for rabbit control. It is horrifying to envisage what our landscape, natural environment or native species count would be now without the introduction in the 1950s of the virus to control rabbit populations.

We must ask, with respect to carp control, whether we are approaching a point of diminishing returns where ongoing and excessive research is being used to further delay a decision to release the carp virus. Are we in a state of paralysis by analysis?

Surely there are really only two major concerns we should have at this stage. The first is the virus is safe and that we can be

confident it will not infect any other component of our rivers.

Carp virus was first recognized in the late 1960s and is present in over 30 countries worldwide. It has been extensively studied worldwide for over 50 years. In Australia organisations like the CSIRO have investigated whether or not it can infect a wide range of native Australian plants and animals, from native fish to birds, mammals, crustacea, insects and turtles.

Rigorous scientific attention has been paid to this work throughout the operation of the NCCP. Over the more than 50 years that the virus has been recognised and studied worldwide, the virus has never been known to infect any organism except carp.

I am not a virologist but the virus experts contend the carp virus is very stable and of a type which is not prone to mutation, thus has a very low probability of affecting any other species except carp. From current research I believe there is less chance that the carp virus will affect another species than there is that the Covid virus will start to kill kangaroos.

A second concern we might have is whether devastating numbers of dead carp might cause even short-term damage to river environments. It is well established that the carp virus is really not very contagious. It is only active at water temperatures between 16C to 28C and requires physical contact between infected fish to spread. It does not spread by vectors, unlike myxomatosis for example, which is carried from rabbit to rabbit by mosquitoes. It is unlikely that conditions for the rapid spread of carp virus will occur over the entire range of carp habitats all at one time.

It is one thing to observe rapid carp deaths in laboratory tanks or crowded fish farms, but evidence in natural river environments indicates that carp mortality is likely to be slow and restricted to places where carp are congregated under the correct water temperature conditions.



The most comprehensive study published about the action of carp virus in a natural river system I am aware of is work by USA fisheries researchers (see Gibson-Reinemar et al. Biological Invasions, March 2017). This detailed study investigated fish population changes in the Upper Mississippi River Basin over an extended period.

Researchers reported a slow, but very significant decline in carp numbers and observed an increase in the numbers of native fish species, which they demonstrated was almost certainly due to the carp virus.

That work showed the virus preferentially attacked young carp and gradually reduced population numbers. As they do in our river, large carp still died of old age. A massive death event, as has been alarmingly proposed for our river systems, did not occur.

It is said that if you put a politician, a researcher and a difficult problem in the same room the result will be predictable.

The politician will ask the researcher whether they can absolutely 100 per cent guarantee that they know everything there is to know about the problem. The researcher

will rightly answer no. The politician will then give the researcher money to go away and seek more answers.

The politician is happy because they avoided the need to make a hard decision for which they may be held accountable, and the researcher can go away again and beaver away at their research project, happy that the same event will probably occur again the next year. Unfortunately the real loser is the problem, which is still there.

In the case of our carp-devastated aquatic ecosystems, the carp virus gives us an opportunity to mitigate the problem with a uniquely targeted solution.

It may not be fast and will not remove every carp but it would at least give the natural systems, native animals and plants a chance to compete and hopefully re-establish a healthy aquatic environment over time.

We should ask the question about what rabbits would have cost Australia by now in terms of productivity, environmental devastation, and native species extinctions if as a community we had lacked the courage in the 1950s to introduce the myxomatosis virus.

New plan set to improve Riverland veterans’ health and wellbeing

RIVERLAND residents who have served or are serving in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will be the focus of a new state-wide plan to improve the health and wellbeing of veterans and their families.

The Veteran Wellbeing Action Plan, launched on 10 October, focuses on three priority areas to support veterans – access to healthcare, supporting wellbeing, and building better evidence and data to inform and improve future health outcomes.

The launch of the plan coincided with Veterans’ Health Week, which was held across Australia from 8 to 15 October. The theme Mental Wellness Matters aimed to promote good health and wellbeing in the everyday life of veterans and families, and shines a spotlight on the importance of mental health.

“It is our duty to care for the people who serve our nation and to ensure they receive the best care

throughout any health and wellbeing challenge they may face after their service,” Minister for Veterans Affairs Geoff Brock said.

“This plan focuses on better access to healthcare and building better evidence and data so that work can continue to improve the lives of veterans and their families.”

The plan will include the creation of a Veteran Health and Wellbeing Pathway and a Mental Health Pathway to improve access to health care, and new resources to connect veterans and their families to existing health and wellbeing services.

More than half of ADF members Australia-wide have reported a long-term health condition, with arthritis, heart disease and mental health issues being the three most common conditions to impact veterans.

The launch of the plan follows consultation earlier this year with people who

have served or are serving in the ADF, their families, carers and veteran support organisations.

Premier’s advocate for suicide prevention Nadia Clancy said “we know veterans face unique health and wellbeing challenges due to the nature of service and are a group of people who are at greater risk of experiencing mental health issues”.

“We are committed to continually improving access to care so veterans can receive the support they need when they need it,” she said.

“This plan was developed in close consultation with the Veterans’ Health Advisory Council and included significant community consultation.

“We look forward to seeing it make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.”

The plan be accessed here: (<https://tinyurl.com/yvh93xes>).

“We are committed to continually improving access to care so veterans can receive the support they need when they need it...”

- Nadia Clancy



FESTIVAL TIME: Renmark Paringa Council staff busy at work preparing Renmark’s streets for the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, which commences this weekend.
PHOTOS: supplied

Water compliance review announced

ENSURING Riverland water resources are managed with transparency and accountability is the aim of a planned Federal Government review.

Federal Minister for Water Tanya Plibersek last month announced an independent review into the Inspector-General of Water Compliance (IGWC).

Acting inspector-general of water compliance, Daniel Blacker, said the role had become a “key” institution in building community trust and confidence surrounding water resources.

“Our independence is crucial to ensuring Murray-Darling Basin resources are being managed transparently and with a high level of accountability,” he said.

“This review is a great opportunity to see where we started, and how far we’ve come.

“We have conducted audits, reviews and investigations as well as meeting extensively with stakeholders across the basin since our establishment. This independent review will ensure we have what we need to con-

tinue doing our job properly, and to a standard the community expects and deserves.

“We want to highlight the things that have worked for us, and some of the challenges we’ve faced in delivering strong oversight... and in ensuring water managers and users comply with relevant legislation.”

The IGWC was officially established in August 2021, and ensures various government bodies, water managers and users in the Murray-Darling Basin comply with their obligations under the Water Act 2007 and Basin Plan 2012

The review will engage with relevant stakeholders and provide recommendations to the Government on any changes required to ensure the IGWC can deliver effectively on the legislative functions including oversight, compliance and engagement on the management of Basin water resources.

It is understood the final report will be handed to the Federal Government by January 2024.

Local No vote outstrips nation, SA and Barker

PAUL MITCHELL

The Riverland rejected the proposed Voice to Parliament even more emphatically than the nation, the state and our local federal seat of Barker.

While Australia’s No vote sat on 60.69 per cent and the statewide figure hit 64.77 per cent, most Riverland towns exceeded 80 per cent in the negative, clearly above the final figure for Barker – which includes the Riverland, Mid Murray, Murraylands and sections of the Barossa – figure of 78.74.

Topping the tally locally was Lyrup with a

No vote of 86.81 per cent, albeit from a relatively small voter number of 221.

Of the bigger Riverland centres, the most successful spot for the Yes campaign was Berri, where 21.69 per cent of formal votes endorsed Prime Minister Anthony Albanese’s referendum proposal. Paringa (20.81) was the only other Riverland town that recorded over 20 per cent for Yes.

Loxton had the lowest Yes percentage of just 15.87 per cent.

The Mid-Murray town of Cadell recorded a Yes vote of just 12.42 per cent from its 153 formal votes.

TOWN	NO	YES	% (NO)
BERRI	1405	389	78.31
RENMARK	5177	1154	81.77
BARMERA	1151	250	82.15
WAIKERIE	1213	234	83.02
LOXTON NORTH	648	128	83.50
LOXTON	1766	333	84.13

OTHER	NO %	YES %
CADELL	87.58	12.42
COBDOGLA	81.48	19.52
GLOSSOP	82.80	17.20
LYRUP	86.81	13.19
MONASH	81.10	18.90
MOOROOK	84.30	15.70
MORGAN	81.84	18.16
PARINGA	79.19	20.81
RAMCO	84.46	15.54
SWAN REACH	84.52	15.48
AUSTRALIA	60.69	39.31
SA	64.77	35.23
BARKER	78.74	21.26

Local baked treats for a good cause

BAKERS Delight Renmark has raised a record amount for the Women and Children’s Hospital Foundation (WCHF) with the help of the community through a special family-friendly fundraiser.

After raising \$8000 last year, Bakers Delight Renmark owners Belinda and Tim, and their team topped that this year, raising almost \$9000 through the sale of every product going to the foundation.

The fundraiser saw community locals pour into Bakers Delight on Saturday 7 October, to purchase baked goods, while enjoying the activities on offer.

This included face painting and give aways, with colouring-in and take-home finger bun kits included.

To help things further, the Bakers Delight head office matched this amount, making the grand total nearly \$20,000.

These funds will go towards important medical research, state-of-the-art equipment and support programs, to improve the health and wellbeing of women, children and families at the Women and Children’s Hospital (WCH) – a cause very close to Belinda’s heart.

“A few years ago, our little toddler Will fell into a campfire burning his hands. He needed emergency care straight away and was airlifted to WCH,” Belinda said.

“We were so worried, we didn’t know if he would be able to play again – the

WCH really looked after us.”

WCHF CEO Jane Scotcher said “these funds are so important for the women, children and families in need of care – we cannot thank Bakers Delight, Belinda, Tim and the Renmark community enough”.

“Over the last three years, this fundraiser has raised almost \$50,000 to help patients cared for by the Women’s and Children’s Health Network,” she said.

“The funds have allowed us to support the creation of a burns first-aid and campfire safety education campaign of indigenous communities and have also supported our play therapy program which helps reduce stress and anxiety for patients and families in hospital.”

Pasin: A nation now divided after Voice

Barker's federal MP has placed the blame for the referendum's divisive fallout squarely at the feet of the Prime Minister.

Despite being a vocal advocate for the No campaign, which scored a comprehensive victory in Saturday's referendum on a proposed Voice to Parliament, Tony Pasin said the exercise was damaging and avoidable.

"I acknowledge this definitive result but I'm disappointed that our nation has been subjected to and divided by this process," he said.

Mr Pasin claimed PM Anthony Albanese failed to gain bipartisan support for the proposal, historically required for referenda to pass.

"For decades we have enjoyed constructive, open dialogue on matters of indigenous recognition," Mr Pasin said.

"Our country was united in the desire to see our first nations people recognised in the constitution and for better outcomes for remote indigenous Australians.

"The Prime Minister could have chosen to continue on this constructive path when Labor came to government last year.

"(However), at no point did the Labor Government attempt to seek bipartisan support for their Voice proposal.

"The Prime Minister refused to convene a Constitutional Convention as is the normal process.

"He refused to listen to concerns raised by the Coalition or anyone else with an opposing view. At no point were the Australian people given the details of the proposal, nor were we told how it would make a difference to Aboriginal Australians and failure to do so is reflected in the results.

"The Prime Minister spent \$364 million on a referendum without making any attempt to ensure it had bipartisan support as the 1967 referendum did.

"Nor did the Prime Minister withdraw when it was clear it lacked support and

would only achieve division."

Only recently Mr Albanese revealed that in March he had met Liberal leader Peter Dutton and National leader David Littleproud to propose a joint parliamentary committee, featuring co-chairs from Labor and the Opposition, to oversee drafting of the Voice legislation.

In his concession speech on Saturday night, Mr Albanese made no specific mention of the Coalition's decision to oppose the Voice, but did address the question of division.

"We are not Yes voters or No voters, we are all Australians and it is as Australians together that we must take our country beyond this debate without forgetting why we had it in the first place," he said.

"Because too often in the life of our nation and in the political conversation, the disadvantaged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been relegated to the margins."



● Tony Pasin

Mr Pasin accused Mr Albanese of putting "his shallow interest in front of the national interest".

"In so doing he has damaged Australia's cultural cohesiveness," Mr Pasin said.

"We will now work to heal the hurt occasioned by this process by working constructively to ensure lasting and meaningful improvements are made for our most disadvantaged Australians.

"It's time for leadership to bring the nation together, united in this cause and the path to reconciliation.

"At the same time, we must address the cost-of-living crisis affecting all Australians that has been left to escalate while the Prime Minister has been focused on his poorly executed, divisive referendum."

The Blanchetown Hotel has been on the market for about a month and has already attracted strong interest from potential operators. PHOTOS: supplied



Heritage-listed pub operations for sale

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE leasehold and business of a heritage-listed Riverland West hotel is up for sale.

First licensed in 1858, the Blanchetown Hotel's current lessees are Wes Edwards and Danielle Hutchison, who have run the establishment for six years.

Langfords Hotel Brokers managing director John Langford, who is overseeing the sale, said strong interest in the business had already been received since it was placed on the market about a month ago.

"I have so far received seven inquiries, which is probably about right for this calibre of hotel," he said.

"Anytime I get a listing for a river or ocean town pub, there is always a lot of interest."

Mr Langford said the landmark pub had a fascinating history, especially when considering the number of publicans that had managed it over the decades.

He said those interested

in the business were from diverse backgrounds including former publican clients, existing members of the hotel industry, and those keen to enter it.

The hotel features a main bar, bottle shop, gaming machines, and an all-weather 100-seat large front deck with superb River Murray views.

Mr Langford said two separate homes for the owners/managers were also on the premises and could also be used as a staff residence if required.

He said during the 2022/23 River Murray flood, the hotel was well above the high-water level and "still traded quite well", despite the shacks in the town being inundated.

Mr Langford said many of the shacks had yet to be rebuilt, but he believes the hotel still has strong potential as a business, especially being the only pub in the town.

"It also shows some good, healthy financial statements

as well," Mr Langford said.

"The town economy is certainly strong enough and the locals certainly support the hotel.

"There are a lot of visitors who go to Blanchetown as well.

"You have the weekenders, the shackies, the water skiers, and the other people who like to spend time on the river particularly during the summer season."

Mr Langford said Mr Edwards and Ms Hutchison would provide adequate training to the interested buyer prior to settlement.

He said the business also had well-established staff, including a chef.

"In most cases the purchaser of a hotel takes over the existing staff because they need them," Mr Langford said.

"The next publican or lessee who goes into it will probably take over the existing kitchen staff and also the additional staff to help out in the dining room and bar."



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moments for team bonding and foster a positive work culture – now that’s a statement to convince your boss to book your function location as soon as possible.

If work parties are not for you, you could take your Friendsmas party out on the town instead of hosting yourself at home – there is nothing stopping you.

Two Berri businesses are happy to help your festive event run as smoothly as possible this year.

Berri Hotel’s Coopers Beer Garden will be the place to be on Friday 15

December for your festive function before Christmas break.

Live music by Chubby Chunga will be playing and the vibes will be immaculate in the open-air space on what’s likely to be a warm summer’s night.

“We’ll have a live band and flexible catering and drink options in the Coopers Bar Beer Garden we’ve renovated out to the side,” said Jeremy Sweet, Berri Hotel manager.

“People can book a table and it’s just easy to get out there and relax. Booking

your staff show here it can be what you want, be it a set menu or bistro dining, and it just gives you the flexibility without having to think too far ahead.”

Also on offer from the Hotel is an event with Pirate Life on 18 November that is set to take all the stress out of function planning.

“I plan our work show, so we knew it would be great to offer something for others that was already all organised,” Mr Sweet said.

“We’re offering a couple of events to

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At the Big River Golf and Country Club Tavern, enjoy your end of year celebrations with a cheeky cocktail and a fantastic view.

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“Visitors can get out in the sunshine and enjoy a drink with your meal on the deck.

“We'll have a light, fresh and summery cocktail for people to try – the perfect mix for a December outing.

“We've got good vibes and a good view, so come and check us out and our

cocktails out.”

Book a table on the deck throughout December by calling 8582 3425.

Simply put, having fun makes people happy, and how could you not be happy surrounded by your friends and work family in the lead-up to Christmas with festive food and drinks of all kinds, all without leaving the Riverland.

Bookings are expected to fill up fast, and time is ticking so get planning now and book before it's too late and Father Christmas is knocking at your door.

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Ricca Terra sales and marketing manager Shelley Kasotakis (right) accepting the trophy for Best Pinot Gris/Grigio from Andrew (Laffort Australia) at the 2023 Riverland Wine Show Gala Dinner. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Ricca Terra wins big at Wine Show

ALEXANDRA BULL

RICCA Terra has walked away as the Most Successful Riverland Exhibitor at the 2023 Riverland Wine Show Gala Dinner.

The Barmera-based winery took home four awards; Best Alternative Wine in Show and Best Single Vineyard Riverland Wine for its 2022 Ricca Terra Montepulciano, Best Pinot Gris/Grigio for its 2023 Ricca Terra Pinot Gris and the Most Successful Riverland Exhibitor.

Ricca Terra sales and marketing manager Shelley Kasotakis said being awarded the Most Successful Riverland Exhibitor is a “great reward for our hard work and belief in the region”.

“The Riverland Wine Show showcases local excellence, quality and diversity of wines produced from the Riverland region,” she said.

“It is a quality benchmark for Riverland wines to regional and national standards, and provides a third-party endorsement.”

Out of the wineries four

awards, Ms Kasotakis said Ricca Terra were most proud of taking home the Best Alternative Wine in Show.

“Alternative varieties are our focus and what we are about, so being rewarded for this reflects our commitment and excellence in growing these varieties,” she said.

“Montepulciano is a great variety of the area, a variety that will win more trophies in the future.

“Winning the trophy for Best Pinot Gris in Show is a great

example of its success in the Riverland and is a good example of what the region can do.

“We now have some fantastic support from Riverland businesses and are enjoying creating strong partnerships.”

Ricca Terra will celebrate its 20th anniversary in November, marking the occasion on Saturday 18 November with its Cherry Shed open for wine sales and tastings from 12 noon to 5pm.



Ex-Qantas pilot Graham Hood. PHOTO: Facebook

Graham’s Renmark talk this Friday

A FORMER Qantas pilot who resigned due to vaccine mandates and has since become a vocal human rights and freedom advocate will speak at the Renmark Hotel this Friday night.

Graham Hood had flown for 50 years, but terminated his career when Qantas enforced Covid vaccine mandates amid the virus scare.

An outspoken critic of Covid vaccines, Mr Hood has since spoken to thousands of people at public events around Australia, and is bringing his Hoody’s Community of Unity Tour to the Riverland.

Together with his wife, Michelle, he will speak at the Renmark Hotel function room this Friday, from 7pm. All are welcome.

Change for Probus birthday celebration

THE Waikerie Ladies Probus Club has advised the SA Police Brass Quintet will be unable to perform at the group’s upcoming 35th birthday celebration, to be held on Tuesday 24 October.

The SA Police Clarinet Quartet will instead perform at the event.

Local bankers help couple avoid scam

QUICK thinking by Renmark NAB bankers has stopped a local elderly couple from losing nearly \$10,000 to an elaborate and convincing phone scam.

Renmark residents Patricia and Jim, both in their 80s, were targeted with a call by a scammer pretending to work for NAB, and found themselves on the brink of withdrawing their savings and sending it to the criminal when Renmark NAB bankers intervened.

“I was stressed and confused and kind of freaking out with this ‘cops and robbers – good guys/bad guys’ thing,” Patricia said.

After NAB’s online security measures blocked an earlier attempt by the scammer to transfer funds out of the couple’s internet banking, the criminal doubled down and convinced Patricia and Jim to take part in a fake, undercover ‘sting’ and physically withdraw their own cash from the branch to deposit it into a scam account with another bank.

A complex web of lies was woven to trick the couple into thinking they were helping uncover supposed fraud at the Renmark branch and to distrust the bank staff when they were asked questions.

“He coached us on what to say if we were questioned by the bankers about why we wanted the money, the type of questions they might ask, how to answer and if things got difficult, to demand the money because it was ours,” Patricia said.

“The story we were to tell them was that we were going to Brisbane for two weeks.”

From the moment Jim and Patricia arrived at the branch, there were red flags for Renmark NAB branch manager Tammy McBride and banker Karen Eckermann.

“Jim normally comes in alone and requests a smaller \$2000 transfer but this time his wife was with him, and she was clutching her handbag, which she placed on



NAB Renmark branch manager Tammy McBride and banker Karen Eckermann with their thank you gifts from Patricia and Jim. PHOTO: supplied

the counter,” Ms McBride said.

Hidden inside the handbag was Patricia’s phone with the scammer dialled in. The criminal had demanded to listen to the conversation inside the branch to continue the con.

“Jim said the larger amount of money was for travelling in their motorhome to Brisbane for two weeks. He had a quick answer for every question about the holiday that didn’t quite stick up,” Ms McBride said.

The couple’s body language, unnatural answers and Patricia’s nervous placement of her handbag on the counter during the conversation was suspicious for Tammy and Karen. They decided against providing the cash.

“Some customers might get annoyed when we ask them questions about their own money, but we ask them for this exact reason – to stop potential scams,” Ms McBride said.

“While it’s uncomfortable saying ‘no’, especially to a regular customer that we know, this was the right thing to do.”

After being denied the withdrawal, the penny dropped when the couple arrived home.

The scammer became hostile, refusing to

answer their questions and demanding they stay at their house and avoid contact with anyone.

Patricia and Jim went to the police and contacted NAB.

When Patricia and Jim returned to the branch, they were relieved to find their money was safe but upset they had been conned and convinced to turn against their local branch staff.

“Fortunately for us, Karen and Tammy are excellent at their jobs,” Patricia said. “We’re very grateful.”

While the NAB team is always looking for signs of someone being coached by scammers, not all scams have the same hallmarks and can be harder to identify.

“Unfortunately, not all scams end this way – Jim and Patricia’s case is an important reminder of how sophisticated and dangerous scammers can be,” Ms McBride said.

“This is another important wake-up call for Australians to really question everything, be skeptical and become even more aware to see through scams.

“If you think you’ve been scammed, contact your bank immediately.”

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TWO brand new villas have been constructed in Renmark, providing a range of features and a touch of luxury for a getaway near the river.

The Bellagrove Villa (number 52) and the Rosa Villa (number 54), on James Avenue, were designed by Renmark River Villas owner Deanne Flaherty and brought to life by G.J. Gardner Homes Riverland.

Situated a one-minute drive from Renmark's town centre, across the road from the mighty River Murray and just metres from their Boats and Bedzzz moored houseboat accommodation, the new builds have joined two existing villas for more options and extra spacious living conditions.

"The new blocks were a bit bigger, so we decided to include a fourth bedroom in each, and make them more high-end with two and a half bathrooms, and really spacious kitchen, dining and living areas," Deanne said.

"We worked with G.J.s on the plans and we both put a lot of work into getting the colour selections and plans just perfect, ready to start building. Once building commenced in



June 2022, it then all progressed smoothly with minimal disruptions or changes required. The villas, pools, landscaping and fitting out were all finished within 12 months, in June 2023.

"When you only have the framework up it is hard to visualise how much space you are going to have in each room. Once the furniture goes in, you

realise how much space there is and our meticulous detail in the planning and furniture selection has helped to achieve this."

Whether you are staying in Renmark for pleasure or business, the villas have been planned and styled with luxury in mind.

Both have been designed to suit up to 10 people across the

four bedrooms, with two king and two queen beds each, and trundle bed provisions to suit bigger groups if required.

All rates are on a per person basis, making them affordable no matter how many people you are needing to accommodate.

Little touches of luxury include fully-automatic Gaggia coffee machines, fully-equipped

kitchen, large alfresco area with Weber Q and outdoor kitchen, which overlooks the pool heated by an electric pump at each villa.

"G.J.s managed the installation of both pools and the paving around them," Deanne said.

"We worked pretty closely with them – they just have your best interests at heart.

"I felt that the pools would be an attraction for families and bigger groups, as well as couples and provide them with lots of entertainment.

"We also have rear-lane access and secure provisions to park extra cars and/or boats at the villas, so they can also enjoy river activities in their own boats when they stay with us.

"Our two moored Boats and Bedzzz houseboats are right across the road, making it the perfect opportunity for larger groups to stay in both the villas and houseboats for the best of both worlds.

"You can moor a speedboat or dinghy next to the houseboat and enjoy some water sports, while also being able to join in the pool fun at the villa.

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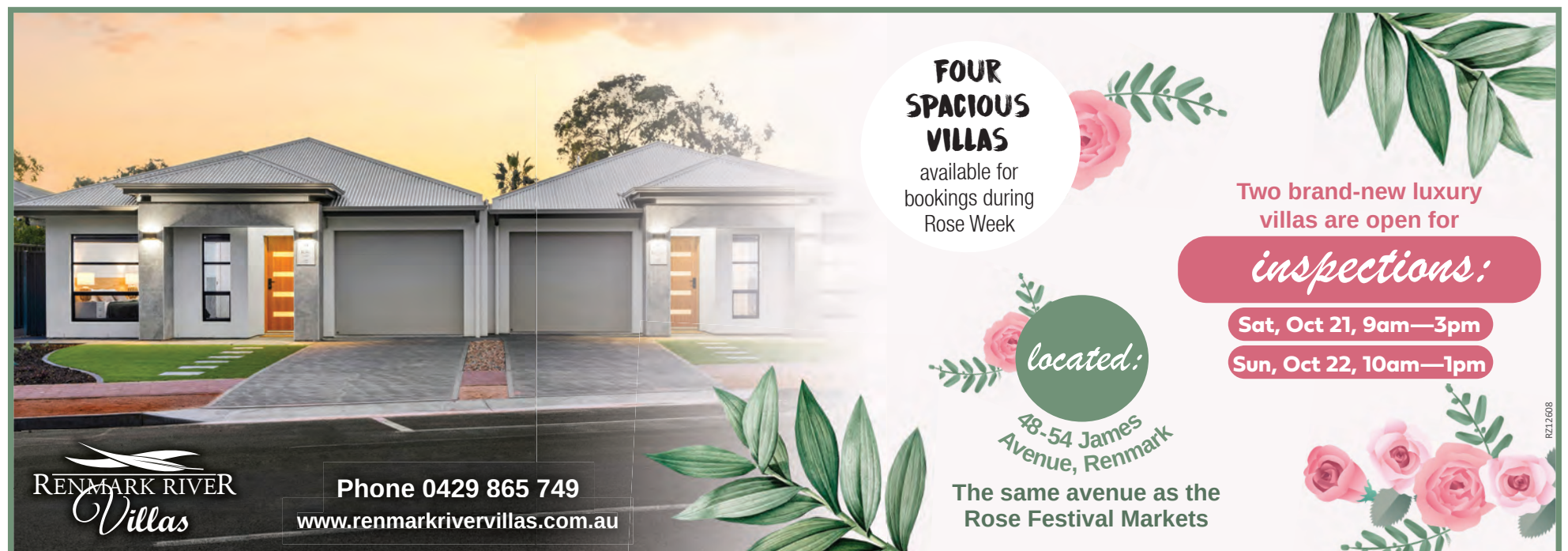


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THIS weekend, locals and visitors are invited to view the new villas in an open day event.

“We find that in our business, people can see the photos online but it’s not until they come and see it for themselves that it’s a lot more spacious, or nicer, than they thought,” Deanne said.

“We really love it when people come and stay and we have exceeded their expectations when they arrive at our accommodation.

“We’ll have a big sign at the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival markets to remind people where they can find us.

“You can make it a whole Saturday out in Renmark by checking out the Institute’s floral display, the Festival Fair and our new villas all on the one street, but we’ll also be open for a few hours on Sunday if people are unable to make it on Saturday.”

See the villas for yourselves this weekend before the rest of the state does when HelloSA features the accommodation offerings following a visit from the film crew today (to be aired on Sunday 29 October).

The Bellagrove and Rosa villas will be open on Saturday 21 October, from 9am to 3pm, and on Sunday 22 October, from 10am to 1pm.



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TWO nights' accommodation and a handful of other prizes are up for grabs in Renmark River Villa's competition.

One lucky couple will win a stay in one of the villas' king master bedrooms with ensuite, and have the whole property to themselves in a prize package worth \$720 and available to use until 30 September 2024.

Additional guests are welcome to join the winner at an added cost.

To enter, visit the Boats and Bedzzz + Renmark

River Villas Facebook page (www.facebook.com/boatsandbedzzz), and follow the instructions on the competition photo.

Visitors to the villa open days can also enter then, plus they will also have an extra opportunity to win other great prizes from local suppliers:

- G.J. Gardner Homes: 2x 15L ceiling pain, valued at \$380
- Riverscape Landscaping & Pools: retro esky and other great merchandise, valued at more than \$150

- Renmark Club: voucher, valued at \$100
- Almondco: gift basket, valued at \$80.

"We'll have a QR code at the open days this weekend for people to scan that will take them to our Facebook page and enter that way," Deanne said.

"People who don't have social media can also enter during the open days using our iPad form we'll have available."

The winners will be announced on Facebook, on Tuesday 24 October, at 5pm.

A sincere thank you

"We established Boats and Bedzzz over 15 years ago, and first started Renmark River Villas more than eight years ago – we've been in the tourist accommodation game for a while now," Deanne said.

"I really appreciate the support of everyone – including those who have contributed to this feature."



Deanne (second left) with her children and some staff Demi (left), Ella, Eva and Desiree during the fit out of the new villas.

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Riverland Liberals on same buyback page

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE Riverland’s State and Federal MPs have affirmed their stances against the use of water buybacks to complete the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

A statement released earlier this month by Minister for Water, and Deputy Premier, Susan Close’s department suggested the opposition was “clearly divided along factional lines on how South Australia recovers the 450GL promised under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan”.

Dr Close said the opposition’s arguments regarding buybacks had been “diametrically opposed”.

“The SA Liberals are treating the electorate with contempt if they think they can say one thing in the seat of Barker and another in Sturt or Boothby,” Dr Close said.

“They really need to get on team SA and support the recovery of the 450GL for the sake of the river’s health, our irrigators and the more than 1,000,000 South Australians that rely on a healthy working river.

“I know there are South Australian irrigators wanting to sell some of their entitlement for the environment.

“The SA Liberals need to stop hedging their bets on this issue and

support Federal Labor’s amendments to the Water Act that will enable us to recover the 450GL that we were promised.”

Liberal Sturt MP James Stevens last month told The Australian “buybacks under the socio-economic test that don’t disadvantage the communities that affect them should be considered”.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said previous buyback programs had a “profound negative impact” on Riverland communities.

“My position on the issue of buybacks is very clear, buybacks kill communities,” Mr Pasin said.

“I’m in full agreement with the Member for Sturt, buybacks might be palatable if they passed the socio-economic test and did not disadvantage communities, but the stark reality is that they have a profound negative impact on basin communities.

“Those living and working in the basin know this because they’ve lived the experience. They’ve seen the jobs lost, the small businesses close, the sporting teams diminish, and families move away.

“Experience shows us that the taxpayers’ money used to purchase water for the environment does not stay in regional communities. That money leaves the region. Those



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone is worried the Riverland would see water “disappear” with the use of buybacks. FILE PHOTO

growers move away, jobs are lost, the population declines and communities suffer.”

Mr Pasin said economic challenges would push local irrigators to sell water entitlements.

“Let’s be clear, these are not willing sellers,” he said.

“They are desperate sellers, unable to convert their water licence into a profitable crop.

“Pushing the price of water up

by reducing supply will only serve to create more desperate sellers and further economic pain.”

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said ensuring the sustainability of Riverland primary production had always been a priority.

“I’m worried this region will see water disappear due to stressed wine grape growers,” Mr Whetstone said.

“I think all options need to be on

the table.

“An end date needs to be flexible. If it’s not going to be achieved, don’t have this knee-jerk reaction.

“Labor have no skin in the game, so they don’t care how they get the water. They are going to do it the easiest way, which is buybacks and that’s the laziest way.

“If we are looking at long-term viability of food-producing communities, we need to future proof.”

Swan Reach boat ramp set for upgrade

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MID Murray Council has received more than \$470,000 towards the scope and design of upgrading some of its infrastructure to better withstand floods.

The design of a double ramp and pontoon at Swan Reach, to replace the single ramp, is one of four projects that will share in the funding provided by the SA Department for Environment and Water.

Funding has also been allocated to improving the flood capabilities of the Bowhill houseboat mooring zone, South Punyelroo shack area’s community waste water system, and Scotts Creek Road access.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said the aim was developing a boat ramp at Swan Reach that would remain accessible during a flood event of up to an 80GL flow, with a river flow rate of 300mm.

“This would enable property owners to access the River Murray to check on their properties at times when the river flows are high,” she said.

Ms Bailey said during the recent flood the existing boat ramp could no longer accommodate boats.

“We hope the ramp will be better built and more reliable during times when flows are high,” she said.

Wine on trade minister’s India checklist

PROVIDING a platform to showcase South Australian-made wines, including those from the Riverland, will be among the aims of a state minister’s upcoming visit to India.

SA Minister for Trade Nick Champion will next month attend the ProWine Mumbai event, where a range of South Australian wines will be introduced to the growing export market.

The Australia-India



● Nick Champion

Economic Co-operation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA) – which came into effect last year – removed tariffs on number of

Australian exports to India.

“With tariffs cut on 85 per cent of Australia’s exports to India... our key sectors in food, wine and beverages are set to capitalise,” Mr Champion said

“We’re keen to re-establish ourselves in India, build longstanding relationships for future growth and position South Australia at the fore of the Indian consciousness as the location for premium food and wine.”

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New planning program to support Riverland housing

A NEW program designed to tackle skills shortages in the Riverland has been established through a state and local government partnership.

Launched at the end of September, the Grow Your Own program is a joint initiative between the State Government and Local Government Association (LGA) – focused on training local talent and providing pathways to grow regional councils' planning workforce.

The two-year pilot program will enable participating councils to support four employees – either from existing staff members or external hires – to become qualified planners, a built environment role which is critical to delivering more housing.

Successful applications will enrol in either a bachelor, graduate diploma or a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of New England, completing their studies online while continuing their role at council.

"We recognise the increased pressure regional councils face to address the housing crisis and want to support the work they do to help their communities," Minister for Planning Nick Champion said.

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- Nick Champion



ONE SPECIAL NIGHT: Local couple Sharon and Peter Taylor recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Hotel Renmark's Temperance recently. PHOTO: supplied

Free soil health field day for Riverlanders

LANDHOLDERS and gardeners in the Riverland are invited to a free-soil health workshop tomorrow to find out about the use of compost and biochar as ways to boost soil health.

Hosted by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board, the event will be held on the property of Monash grape grower Omar Najar, and will involve a live demonstration of a biochar kiln and the construction of a composting set up using a wire ring.

Biochar is a stable, carbon rich form of charcoal made by burning organic matter at high temperatures.

The resulting char can be incorporated into soils to improve water and nitrogen retention rates, increase soil fertility and boost the soil's ability to sequester carbon.

The biochar demonstration will include the use of pulled grape vines and attendees will be able to view the whole process from

starting up the kiln through to the production of biochar.

Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board soil extension officer Barrie Williams said "the event will showcase the use of both biochar and compost, and the ways in which they can be adapted to suit the scale of the user".

"Processes like biochar and compost can be applied in almost all situations – residential gardens, hobby blocks through to commercial scale agricultural operations – it's just a matter of finding a system that produces the right amount for you," he said.

"The great thing about composts and biochar is that they turn organic waste into free sources of valuable soil conditioners which help to boost soil health and reduce reliance on fertilisers and pesticides."

Chris Ellery from the Soil Food Web Institute will be presenting the composting

"Planners play a crucial role in delivering new housing and this program empowers councils to grow their own skilled workforce in key regional areas. More planners mean more opportunities to fast-track development and build the housing required across the state.

"The initiative enables regional staff to pursue a much-needed profession without having to move to the city to study, backed by support throughout their degree."

Through the program, councils' in the Riverland will receive \$20,000 over two years to support the university cadets.

The initiative removes the need for workers to relocate to Adelaide to study on-campus and helps offset extra costs for councils associated with employee training.

The Grow Your Own program builds on the work undertaken in partnership with the built environment sector and professions after Mr Champion established an industry body group bringing together key stakeholders earlier this year.

As part of its A Better Housing Future plan, the State Government has also established the Office for Regional Housing to tackle chronic regional housing shortages.



Australian Idol Top 50 contestant Emerald worked through writing songs on guitar with Sureway Employment & Training Youth Consultant Roley Boon and a local participant at the Sureway Employment & Training music workshop event in Berri last week.

PHOTO: Ellyse Armanini

Helping young people shine at Sureway

Local Workforce Australia provider, Sureway Employment & Training held a Music Day last week to help engage with young Riverlanders in a different way.

Participants of the Transition to Work (TtW) program, were invited to attend and collaborate with Australian Idol Top 50 contestant Emerald.

"This event was a fun way to engage with our participants in a social way through learning music and sharing stories," said Laura Roberts, TtW Team Leader.

"By bringing Emerald along, it was great to have someone with similar experiences and a relationship with music talking to them and helping them to create music.

"She was able to play some music, interact with our participants, write songs, and have a jam session. It's all about helping our participants achieve something."

The TtW program is run across Renmark, Berri, Loxton, Murray Bridge and Mount Gambier. Sureway is set to

host more events like the music workshop in the not-too-distant future.

"We're looking at different ways of engagement and are always excited to meet new clients and learn about their journeys."

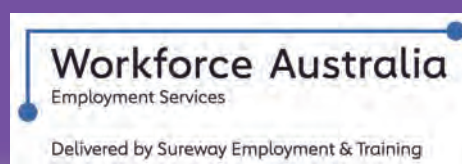
Sureway Employment & Training supports young people with finding work, training, work experience and furthering their education.

"Anyone aged between 15 to 24 who is not currently in school is welcome to come in for a chat," Laura said.

"We would be happy to see if we can support them with getting a job, helping them into training or work experience, or helping them further their education.

"We can also provide assistance by helping our participants get their licence, their forklift licences and other tickets, or through upskilling courses."

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A NIGHT OUT IN RENMARK: Louie Ekonomopoulos, Ben and Elisha Brown, Mel and Sam Pearce, and Rachel and Ben Dring, all from Renmark, recently enjoyed the Temperance offering. PHOTO: supplied



A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY: Barker MP Tony Pasin, and Senator Anne Ruston (third from right), attended the 15th anniversary celebration of headspace Berri last week. PHOTO: supplied



Glenys Matthews and Nancy Murdock at the Riverland Orchid Societys October meeting. PHOTO: supplied

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY
Zonta Club of the Riverland meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Berri Hotel from 6.30pm. New members welcome. Phone Dianna (0419 834 804) or Merylyn (0457 460 799).

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

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

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

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER
Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Doors open at 6pm, seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm. Don't be late to join in the fun.

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER
Join the **U3A Cuppa and Chat** group at 10.30am in the clubrooms at Strawbrige

Street, Berri for a light-hearted discussion. Contact Anne (0488 324 542) for information.

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER
Renmark Lions Club "fundraising bazaar" 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Many bargains. EFTPOS available, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER
Riverland Stamp Club meeting, 10am at the Berri library.

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER
Special Garden Day at the **Loxton Historical Village**, 10am to 4pm. Native flower demonstrations by floral artist Jetty Baks (11am/12.30pm/2pm). Special \$6 entry price, \$6 Devonshire tea, plus a light lunch available. Bouquets, plants, floral cards, macrame and flower crafts, glass art, jewellery and vintage bric-a-brac for sale. Inquiries phone 8584 7194.

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER
Loxton Senior Citizens Club 50th birthday celebrations, 12.30pm for a 1pm start. Entertainment provided by SAPOL's Radio 5 Band. Raffles and afternoon tea. Tickets \$10, all proceeds to Loxton Hospital Palliative Care. RSVP by 13 October to Jean (8584 7313).

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER
Bubble and Squeak Ukelele 10th birthday at the Monash Hall, 6pm to 8pm. Past members and interested players very welcome. Inquiries to Margot (0407 796 508).

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER
Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council quiz night at the Barmera Gold Club, Hawdon Street, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Fundraiser for the Barmera hospital, tables of 8, \$10 per person. Quiz master Tom Trifonoff. RSVP to Josie Nelsson (0400 291 311) or Gail Cahill (0438 811 183).

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER
Loxton Neighbourhood Watch meeting at 7.30pm, in the Pyap Room, Loxton Hotel. Guest speaker is Trevor Wurst talking "An African Animal Adventure". All welcome.

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER
Waikerie Community Christmas Pageant, 6pm start.



Josh Beare from TAFE SA presenting Angove Family Winemakers managing director Richard Angove with the Royal Australian Spirit Awards TAFE SA trophy for Champion Spirit of the Show. PHOTO: supplied

Local brandy raking in national awards

A LOCAL distillery has taken home a plethora of awards for its highly successful brandy.

The latest awards for the St Agnes XO brandy come from the Royal Australian Spirit Awards, held in Adelaide on Friday 7 October, where the St Agnes XO 15-Year-Old Brandy collected a gold medal and the R.G. Hardy trophy for the best brandy.

The awards kept coming when the St Agnes XO 15-Year-Old went on to collect the TAFE SA trophy for Champion Spirit of the Show at the awards.

The brandy also took home the Best Brandy award at the 2023 Tasting Australia Spirit Awards in September.

The aged expression brandy has scooped up awards this year, with four trophies and six gold medals, featuring on the winners list

in every show entered this year.

Angove Family Winemakers managing director Richard Angove said the company is “excited to continue to raise and reposition Australian brandy not only in the Australian market, but the spirit market globally”.

“We were so excited to achieve these prestigious awards,” he said.

“We are extremely lucky to have such amazing, aged XO resources to put these blends together and all credit to our master distiller Ben Horley and his predecessor, the late John Norman, and our entire distillery team for their care and attention in crafting such an ageworthy and unique spirit.”

St Agnes is Australia’s most highly awarded and most popular brandy and the St Agnes distillery is South Australia’s oldest continually run craft distillery.

Benefits to flow from weir pool program

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

GENERATING environmental benefits by lowering the water level at Lock 6 is the aim of an ongoing initiative.

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) is currently undertaking small-scale weir pool manipulations at Lock 6.

DEW program leader river and floodplains Jan Whittle said replicating natural flow variability was key to River Murray health.

“Weir pool manipulation is an ongoing program,” Ms Whittle said.

“The locks and weirs were installed over 100 years ago, and they are really important to provide secure supply and water levels for navigation.

“But under natural conditions a river will vary in water levels and

flows. There’s variation in a natural system and that provides environmental benefits.

“We’re trying to reinstate a small proportion of the variability that used to exist in the River Murray.”

Ms Whittle said the program was aimed at supporting the drying of floodplain areas that have been inundated for an extended period.

“We’ve got big regulating structures on the three big floodplains, being Chowilla, Pike and Katarapko,” she said.

“When we operate those big structures, we also use the locks and weirs in the rivers to raise the weir pool level in the River Murray channel at the same time.

“That’s important to keep the water flowing around those backwaters.

“Because we’ve had

the high flows and flooding, it’s more of a drying phase. We’re not operating the big floodplain regulators.

Ms Whittle said the lower water level at Lock 6 would be maintained for up to 60 days before being raised at the same rate.

“We’re planning to hold it at that lower level for at least 30 days,” she said.

“But that also depends on the conditions and what’s happening in the river.

“The flow variability has meant the water levels have been quite changeable.

“The flows are dropping off and the water levels are dropping back.”

Ms Whittle said weir pool manipulation achieved a range of benefits for vegetation and

wildlife in the River Murray, and on floodplains and wetlands.

“The sort of flows we’re getting at the moment are really important for native fish species,” she said.

“The impacts of the locks and weirs in holding water up are reduced when we’re at these flows.

“That’s really good for fish movement, and supports fish breeding.

“The lowering is just looking to support that a bit extra.”

Meanwhile, a managed inundation of the Chowilla floodplain will be avoided in 2023-24, due to extended high flows throughout 2022-23, floodplain responses to the 2022-23 River Murray flood event, and the operation of the regulator in the past two years.

“The locks and weirs were installed over 100 years ago, and they are really important to provide secure supply and water levels for navigation...”

- Jan Whittle, DEW program leader river and floodplains

Power bill relief for more South Australian homes

SOME Riverland households will be among those set to benefit from the expansion of an energy bill rebate initiative.

Energy retailers for the first time last month began applying the \$500 energy bill relief rebate to Family Tax Benefits recipients.

People receiving a Carer Allowance and holders of certain Department of Veteran Affairs cards are also included in the new group to receive the rebate.

South Australian Treasurer Stephen Mullighan said households receiving both an existing State government concession and the one-off rebate will save up to \$763 in 2023-24.

“This milestone significantly expands the number of South Australians able to receive energy relief,” Mr Mullighan said.

“It means a record number of



● Stephen Mullighan

households won’t have to dig as deep during what is already a tough economic climate.

“We have targeted our funding to where it’s needed most, and eligible South Australians will certainly notice the difference when their next bill arrives.

Mr Mullighan said eligible businesses on embedded networks, such as those located in shopping centres, would also receive a \$650 rebate.

“The Malinauskas Government recognises that small businesses on embedded networks are experiencing the same difficulties with energy costs as other small businesses that are individually metered, which is why we are also extending energy bill relief to these businesses,” he said.

It is estimated approximately 420,000 SA households could benefit, while up to 86,000 small businesses could receive rebates of \$650.

Further information is available by visiting the website (www.sa.gov.au/topics/care-and-support/concessions/household-concessions/energy-bill-relief).



Citrus Australia CEO Nathan Hancock. FILE PHOTO

Citrus quality, volumes improving in 2023 season

RIVERLAND citrus growers are harvesting higher volumes of fruit in the 2023 season, and exploring new export markets, according to the latest Citrus Australia season update.

Citrus Australia CEO Nathan Hancock said fruit quality had improved compared to the previous year.

“While the earlier fruit this season struggled a little with internal maturity – due to a cold and wet spring and mild summer – the mid and late-season varieties are eating well,” Mr Hancock said.

“Across most growing regions, the 2022 spring did not provide enough hot, dry weather, which affected fruit set and consequently size.

“Early season navels were particularly small given their naturally shorter growing season, combined with cool, wet conditions. Fruit sizing in the mid-season did improve overall despite a heavy crop, while the late-season crop load is lighter.

“The Valencia crop is light this year, with small fruit sizes expected unless we see warm weather through spring and summer, which may add size.”

Mr Hancock said increasing volumes of mandarins were allowing growers to explore new export markets.

“The mandarin category continues to power ahead,” he said.

“We expect to see volumes continue to climb over coming

seasons, making export market expansion an important part of the industry’s strategy going forward.”

However, Mr Hancock said production, transport and agricultural input costs were continuing to economically impact growers.

“Higher costs include diesel, fertiliser, equipment and energy prices, while many growers and packers have found sourcing pallets difficult,” he said.

“With more vessels being commissioned and the route between China and the USA slowing down, the availability and reliability of vessels has vastly improved. “Shipping prices have also improved somewhat, particularly for imported goods, but there is a long way to go before prices return to the level they were at before the start of the pandemic.”

Mr Hancock said Japan, South Korea and Vietnam were “emerging as important growth markets for the sector”.

“There is an emerging market for lemons in South Korea, with short supply from Chile and the tariff on Australian lemons declining each year,” he said.

“This year, we have seen more than 10,000 tonnes of citrus exported to South Korea for the first time ever. These shipments have been hard gains up against a range of technical barriers, but we are slowly breaking through those barriers.”



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October 2023 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
Don't try to rush through a meeting which has long-term consequences. You mustn't allow the other people concerned to push you into doing the wrong thing. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Venus will help to make this an excellent week for romance. Don't be shy about making your feelings known!

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
An acquaintance whom you haven't spoken to for some time may want to get back into your circle. Spend time with this person: you may be surprised how much they have changed since you last knew them. **Romance.** A simple gesture of kindness from your partner will help you to understand them a little more deeply.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
Don't forget a co-worker who helps you in a time of need. This person has issues of their own which you don't know about: do your best to return the favour as soon as possible. **Romance.** A romantic trip later in the week will give you the chance to unwind. Your relationship will soon be back on track after a recent upset.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
A friend from overseas will help you to think creatively about a problem which has been foxing you for weeks. This person's perspective will be very different from your own. **Romance.** Your ability to see the funny side to a recent set-back will help you to get over it. Your relationship is in much better shape than you realise.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
A weird dream early in the week will help to prepare you for the days ahead. Be careful of a move which seems to make sense now, but which didn't work out in your dream. **Romance.** You might be a little over-sensitive to criticism at the moment. Don't take a personal remark too much to heart.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
A chat with an old friend will help you to clarify your feelings about an event which happened many years ago. Your emotions are not unreasonable, but they may be stronger than you realise. **Romance.** The next few days should be a very rewarding time, both for you and your partner. Make sure that you are completely honest about an issue which comes between you.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
If you don't concentrate your efforts, you will not get everything done on time. Be careful of an approach which is too diffuse. **Romance.** You may find it a little difficult to communicate with your partner at the moment. A favourable aspect to Mercury later in the week will help to redress the balance and create a clearer channel of understanding between you.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
You get annoyed when other people create a mess and expect you to clean up after them. This week, you may have to be a little more assertive. **Romance.** A glance from a person you have never met before will be more significant than it seems at the time. You have not seen the last of this person.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
A powerful aspect to Saturn will help to keep your thoughts focused in reality. You have had some good ideas recently, but not all of them are practical. **Romance.** Don't let an emotional power-struggle develop between you and your partner. Both of you need to be prepared to give a bit more.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
Don't stop a long-term project, just because you cannot achieve exactly what you are aiming for. You will be successful in a completely different way. **Romance.** A day-dream may take you away from your routine for a while. Don't spend so much time thinking that you forget what is happening in real life.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
A compliment will help to put you at your ease, but it will be a while before you are sure of your ground. You might be feeling a little insecure at the moment. **Romance.** You will have the same unusual dream several times. If you are not sure what this all means, a friend may be able to help you make sense of it.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
A powerful aspect to Neptune may make you quite vague at times. Your creative juices will be flowing, but it will be a few days before you are able to make practical use of the ideas which you come up with. **Romance.** An unexpected comment may worry you at first. The remark will be much more positive than you realise, however.

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	6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Four Corners; 10:45 Q+A; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 National Press Club Address; 1:40 Media Watch; 2:00 Parliament Question Time; 2:55 Gardening Australia; 3:55 Tenable; 4:40 Long Lost Family; 5:25 Hard Quiz 6:00 The Drum 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 8:00 Hard Quiz 8:30 Question Everything 9:00 WTFQA 9:30 Would I Lie To You? 10:00 QI 10:35 ABC Late News 10:50 The Business 11:05 Death In Paradise 12:05 Annika	5:00 Clangers; 5:10 Pablo; 5:25 Pocoyo; 5:30 Children's Programs; 5:55 Peter Rabbit 6:10 Interstellar Ella 6:20 Bluey 6:30 Andy And The Band 6:45 The Adventures Of Paddington 6:55 Shaun The Sheep 7:05 Karma's World 7:20 Bluey 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 Would I Lie To You? 8:30 Vera 10:00 Killing Eve 10:45 Would I Lie To You? 11:15 Inside The Met 12:05 Louis Theroux 1:00 Civilisations 2:00 ABC News Update	6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Psycho-In-Law; 2:00 The Real Manhunter; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Home And Away 7:30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly 8:30 A Year On Planet Earth 9:30 Amazing Race 11:00 Seven News 11:30 TBA 1:05 The Replacement 2:00 TBA 4:00 NBC Today 5:00 Seven Early News 5:30 Sunrise	6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 The Block; 1:00 Bondi Vet; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News 6:00 Nine News 7:00 A Current Affair 7:30 The Block 8:40 Luxe Listings Sydney 9:40 Tba 10:40 Nine News Late 11:10 The Equalizer 12:00 Tipping Point 12:50 Pointless 1:50 Hello Sa 2:20 9honey - He Said, She Said 2:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory 4:30 A Current Affair 5:00 Nine News Early Edition	6:00 Socceroos V New Zealand; 7:45 My Market Kitchen; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Judge Judy; 9:00 The Bold & The Beautiful; 9:30 Neighbours; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 Shark Tank; 3:00 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 4:00 Neighbours; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First 6:30 The Project 7:30 The Amazing Race Australia 9:00 Heat 10:00 So Help Me Todd 11:00 The Project 12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1:00 Home Shopping	5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China; 9:20 Make Me A Dealer; 10:10 Grayson Perry's Rites Of Passage; 11:05 Great Canal Journeys; 12:00 World News; 2:30 Insight; 3:30 Point; 3:35 Destination Flavour China; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys; 5:05 Jeopardy; 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 Sri Lanka With Alexander Armstrong 8:30 While The Men Are Away 9:40 Keanu Reeves 10:40 SBS World News Late 11:10 The Night Logan Woke Up 12:10 Vigil 3:05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo
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WAB learns of Canadian Wild Fires

HEATHER EVERINGHAM

TERRI Minge has been employed by the Department of Environment and Water since 2005, has been a volunteer firefighter for 30 years with the Paringa CFS unit and is currently a member of the State Incident Management Team.

In May she put forward an expression of interest to fight raging wildfires in Canada, which was experiencing the worst fire season on record and had put out an international call for help. The Australian contingent consisted of seven from SA, 14 from WA, one from Victoria and a large group from NSW.

Americans, New Zealanders and South Africans also enlisted to assist.

Terri was deployed to the Pembina complex in western Alberta, with the nearest town being Edson, which is 1.5 hours west of Edmonton.

The Australian contingent had been divided over different fire districts and were all warned of the danger posed by black and brown bears. While they were not issued bear spray (as that would involve a training course), each person was allocated a whistle.

Each forest district has a warehouse of supplies. Terri's role was that of supply officer, working 14 days of 14 hour shifts with two days off. She sent daily emails for supplies to Edson. Camps were set up by contractors with dongas to sleep in, laundry was done daily for volunteers and the mess employed a chef.

Typical days began at 6.30am with volunteers collecting tools from the supply unit. Two semi-trailers contained all fire equipment – hoses, nozzles, chain saws, fuel, and a refrigerated pan-tech supplied drinks.

The local water table was high. National Forests had hundreds of years of forest litter which in parts was waist high, under which was a layer of ice. The cause of most fires was lightning strikes.

There were several days where it rained, with temperatures around 13C and 6C to 10C overnight. High-alert warning was at 28C. Edson, with a population of 8500, was evacu-



WAB's latest guest speaker, firefighter Terri Minge, centre, with group members Sally Black left and Heather Everingham. PHOTO: supplied

ated three times to Edmonton.

The Canadian government had a phenomenal budget to fight fires. Amphibious Sherpa vehicles with tyres higher than Terri were employed as a safety measure to travel over debris and were able to walk over water and ice.

Dozers cleared lines and in their wake appeared creeks due to the high water table. 'Hot-shot' crews who are exceptionally fit worked in dangerous fire lines for one week at a time.

Terri did 14 days then had a RIP (rest in place), when she spent 2.5 days at Jasper National Park where she saw black bears, elk, deer, highland sheep and mountain goats.

Her second deployment was to a high-level region, eight hours north of Edmonton, where she worked in a warehouse to supply the camps. Couriers delivered the equipment to the front fire lines and 30 helicopters were on standby.

At the time of Terri's departure over 17 million hectares of pine, spruce, fir and tamarack (native larch) had been burnt.

Thousands of people had been displaced from homes and were accommodated in motels, along with those volunteers whose camps had been burnt out. Terri's adventure ended and she returned to Edmonton to clean up, debrief before a 30-hour journey home.

The next WAB meeting is at 7.30pm, on 24 October, in the home of Claire James in Renmark, with guest speaker being Peter Smith, manager of Foodbank Berri.



Ivy and Katie were among the children who made yeti masks and feet at the Waikerie Library's 'Mythical Creatures' school holiday craft workshop. PHOTOS: supplied



Levi was among the children who transformed themselves into yetis at the Waikerie Library recently.

Waikerie's mythical creatures brought to life

CHILDREN at the Waikerie Library created their own mythical creatures at workshops during the recent school holidays.

Participants made leprechaun hats and beards, yeti masks and feet, and troll bookmarks and pencil toppers.

They also decorated biscuits with icing and lollies to make ogre biscuits, which they could store in a cookie box they also made.

Waikerie Library information co-ordinator Katrina Webber said the activities involved children cutting, gluing, and using their imagination to create their masterpieces.

"They could copy the craft example or they could tweak their craft to make it unique," she said.

"It's lovely to see the children develop to a stage where they can start and complete the craft without adult help."

Ms Webber said children enjoyed the different craft activities.

"The ogre biscuit decorating was a hit and children loved the lollies and sugar," she said.

The Waikerie Library will run a Halloween craft session for children on Tuesday 31 October, from 4.30pm to 5pm.

Some spooky fun, craft and a story will be on offer.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



Cody working on his yeti mask.



Gurshabad proudly displays his troll bookmark and pencil topper.

the quiz



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| 1. How often does a 'vicennial' event occur?
..... | 8. Which team was the first ever winner of the FA Premier League?
..... | 14. Who was the oldest member of Spice Girls?
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| 2. What is the name of the Armed Forces Radio Service DJ played by Robin Williams in 'Good Morning Vietnam', upon whom the film is loosely based?
..... | 9. Aegean Airlines is the largest airline of which country?
..... | 15. Which two famous songwriters composed the theme tune for the original 1966 film version of 'Alfie'?
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| 3. Which artist painted the most expensive painting ever sold at auction to date?
..... | 10. Who was Vice President to Donald Trump?
..... | 16. Which 'birthstone' is associated with the month of September?
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| 4. What were the first names of detectives Dalziel and Pascoe?
..... | 11. In which year did the International Astronomical Union downgrade the status of Pluto from planet to 'dwarf planet'?
..... | 17. What does an anemometer measure?
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| 5. Which German singer had a 1999 hit with a revived version of 'Mambo Number 5'?
..... | 12. According to the proverb, of what is discretion the better part?
..... | 18. A mandrake is a type of what?
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| 6. What was the name of the first Roald Dahl children's book to be published?
..... | 13. Three-time Formula One World Champion Ayrton Senna died in 1994 after crashing into a barrier while he was leading in the Grand Prix where?
..... | 19. Who plays the title character in the ITV comedy drama series 'Doc Martin'?
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| 7. How is the condition 'scrivener's palsy' better known?
..... | | 20. How many playing spaces are there on a Monopoly board?
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BONUS QUESTION:

How is Marie Lawrie better known in the music world? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 32

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Elves bringing the local Christmas magic to Morgan

A SPECIAL new activity, Elfmagic, is coming to Morgan on the day of the Christmas Pageant on Saturday 9 December, from 3pm.

Elf Hall is a magical place where children of all ages can take part in various Elf-themed activities.

Each child will receive their own bag in which to carry gifts, puzzles and games collected from the various Elf Stations set up in Elf Hall.

Activities will include Mrs Claus' cookie decorating, Colouring Corner, Story Corner, Tree Decorations,

Face Painting and Santa's I Spy.

Children will also be able to choose a small gift to give to a parent or carer.

There will be plenty of opportunity to take photos with Snoozy, the Elf Grand Master and the reindeer, and all of this is free thanks to the generosity of Morgan residents and various businesses, including Hughes Construction, Nippy's, Karle Packaging and Cards & Crafts by Susie.

Elf Hall will be located in Pendles Tea Rooms in the Railway Station precinct next to Riverfront Reserve



Pendles Tea Rooms will host Morgan's Elf Hall event in December.

at Morgan.

Any businesses who would like to donate services, products or funds to this activity can phone Shirley Hissey on 0422 317 336 for more information.



GETTING UP CLOSE: The Renmark Paringa Library last week hosted three Animals Anonymous shows as part of its school holiday program. PHOTOS: supplied



Waikerie's 'Fashionable Flowers' show

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

ORGANISERS of this week's Waikerie and Districts Community Flower Show are eagerly awaiting entries for the event.

Show committee president and secretary Glennis Crawford is encouraging locals to enter the annual event that is in its 41st year and recently became part of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival.

Some flower enthusiasts may be anxious, as a mild winter has caused roses in the district to start flowering several weeks early.

Mrs Crawford is hoping her rose blooms will last until later in the week, when she is ready to pick them.

But she says other types of flowers will be available at the show.

"There should be something out in the garden and I am encouraging people to enter their flowers to help make things look fabulous in the institute for the event," she said.

"People need to realise that this is a friendly, small town event, although we do try and do it reasonably professionally."

The show's categories include cut flowers, roses, Australian native plants, pot plants (including orchids), children's exhibits, floral photography, and floral art with open, intermediate, and novice sections.

Entries need to be delivered to the Waikerie Memorial Institute, tomorrow, between 2pm and 7pm.

This year's show is centered around the theme of Fashionable Flowers and entrants are encouraged to do their own interpretations of the theme.

Show committee member Carole Walker is organising a floral art display, incorporating a dinner party setting and wearable fashion featuring a ballroom gown made from flowers.

She is also carefully tending to her blooms in preparation for the show.

"I am a bit taken with gerberas at the moment, carnations are coming back into vogue because they last so long, and roses and chrysanthemums are always in."

But Ms Walker said all types of flowers could be in fashion.

"They are all beautiful and you need to work with what you have in the garden," she said.

Well-known floral art judge Alethia Quick, OAM, from Adelaide and highly regarded cut flower and rose judge James Argent from Angaston will choose the winning exhibitors for the Floral Art sections and Rose and Cut Flower sections respectively.

Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery is co-ordinating the Floral Photography section and has donated \$300 in prize money.

On offer will be \$50 for the primary school category, \$100 for the secondary school category, and \$150 for the open section.

The show will be officially opened on Friday by the former president of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA, Richard Fewster, who is a member and former president of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival committee.

It will be open on Friday, from 10am to 5pm, and will feature a free floral art demonstration at 2pm.

The show will continue on Saturday, from 10am to 2pm, with free children's floral art workshops from 10am, however bookings are required.

Waikerie High School's year 11 students will be serving high teas in the morning and afternoon.

Entry is \$5 for adults, \$4 for pensioners and free for children.

To book for the children's workshops or for more information contact Glennis Crawford on 0428 911 521.



Waikerie and Districts Community Flower Show committee member Carole Walker examining what blooms will be available for her floral art display ahead of the event that officially opens on Friday. PHOTO: Christine Webster



The beautiful floral displays featured at last year's Waikerie and Districts Community Flower Show.



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left), Waikerie and Districts Community Flower Show patron Alison Smith and organising committee president and secretary Glennis Crawford at last year's flower show in the Waikerie Memorial Institute. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

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Berri resident and Ngarrindjeri man **ROB WRIGHT** has penned the following item on the leader of the No campaign, Senator **JACINTA NAMPIJINPA PRICE**, and the referendum campaign.

Why I can never, ever stand with you, Senator Price

MY name is Rob Wright, and I am a Ngarrindjeri man.

My grandmother was a Lovegrove and my grandfather was a Rigney. I am a father and my totem is the black swan. I sit on Erawirung Country.

I pay respect to the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee as the traditional owners of the land that I work and live.

I pay my respect to elders past, present and future as they are the knowledge keepers and story tellers to ensure the oldest continuing culture in the world remains. They ensure that this nation's entire history is educated, heard, understood and accepted.

And I can never stand with you Senator Jacinta Price. And I can never pay you that same respect.

I want you to know that these words are my own. I am not speaking for my mob. I am not pretending to be a leader of or for the community.

I just want you to read this and know how hard this period has been. How much hurt you have caused to me, which in turn has impacted the home environment.

My boys have asked me over this period why am I crying, and I have to tell them that some people in this world are just mean.

I have to see people I loved, admired and respected say horrible things about Aboriginal people all the time on social media.

It hurts when it is so frequent, and it hurts more when people like yourself provide the ammunition.

You see Senator Price, what you created – as the voice of the very vocal minority of indigenous Australians – was confusion for many Australians.

You spoke of division like it has never existed before. You spoke of the Yes vote being a vote for rac-



ism like racism has never existed before.

The fact that you could accomplish such vast confusion to my fellow Australians astounds me when you are so very clearly uneducated.

The moment at the National Press Club that you said the colonisation had no ongoing impact on indigenous Australians you should have lost all credibility and – arguably – the ability to speak at all.

It is my view that you should have been stood down. In fact, I consider your words emotionally abusive to me.

No ongoing negative impacts of colonisation?

Are you serious? Maybe you don't see it in Canberra. I could expect this sort of commentary at a pub here in the Riverland, but surely not from a senator.

And surely not from an Aboriginal senator.

And surely not from the shadow minister for indigenous affairs.

I would expect whoever holds that position would be well aware of the impacts ongoing still from colonisation, and if they are unaware then they are not suitable for the gig.

YOU see Senator Price, even little old me is aware of intergenerational trauma and intergenerational disadvantage. I thought you would be too. So, let me help you with that.

When the Stolen Generations were occurring, Aboriginal people and children were removed from their families, communities and lands leaving communities stricken



Senator Jacinta Price

with ongoing grief.

As part of the White Australia Policy it was considered that Aboriginal people would 'assimilate' into white Australian society.

I will spell that out for you: They would breed our Aboriginality out of us or they would kill us off.

We were stripped of our identity, of who we were.

As children were removed they were exposed to physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.

Senator Price, you would understand that's traumatic right? These traumas are handed down through generations, and in turn further trauma for the next generation to inherit.

As a result of these traumas, we face higher rates of depression and anxiety (which I suffer from) and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Due to past violence, oppression, dispossession, and discrimination there have been long-lasting effects still impacting indigenous people and their communities today.

Despite all the talk of the system that you seem to think is currently fine, Aboriginal people still die on average eight or nine years earlier than non-Aboriginal people.

We attend funerals time and time again where we see another one



Rob Wright posted this photograph of himself on social media following the result of the referendum on a proposed Voice to Parliament. It is published with his permission.

under 60, another one under 55, another one under 40.

Senator Price, I'm 47 years old with two boys, aged 11 and seven.

My grandfathers died at 49 and 54. My mother died at 63.

It scares the absolute gravity out of me that I will not live long enough to see my boys' 21st birthdays.

Our children are still being removed at a disproportionate rate, despite it not falling under the 'label' of Stolen Generations, and we are overrepresented in the criminal justice system.

I heard a wonderful quote while in Cairns a couple weeks ago from a real emerging indigenous leader, Merrissa Nona:

"The system isn't broken. It was

designed that way."

Due to your fear mongering, Senator Price, the system will stay that way.

A system designed to systematically oppress First Nations people.

SO, Senator Price, I congratulate you (with 100 per cent sarcasm) on your efforts and the efforts of others to continue with the status quo.

Those others that you will drop like yesterday's trash when this all over.

You will sit in your little bubble and let communities deal with the backlash of being dragged through the mud.

But I guess you will just head back home (if you are allowed there) to your running water and rinse off, eh?

I guess we do have colonisation to thank for running water as you suggested in your address at the Press Club.

I am sure that your hope is for Albo and Labor to be booted not long after this. And then what?

Who becomes the minister for indigenous affairs?

Some of us are awake to the likes of you. It is about your profile and the gains that come with that.

You do not stand for First Nations people. You are not what I stand for at all.

You set up the platform for people to say things that deep down, they really wanted to say anyway. You didn't need to do that.

I already know what people wanted to say. We have a sense for this – you should know this.

I have wondered often through this what your ancestors must be thinking of you. Talk about a shame job.

You will never be a leader in my eyes. I will never stand you with, Senator Price.

“ It scares the absolute gravity out of me that I will not live long enough to see my boys' 21st birthdays....”

Loxton Show's horses in action

THE Loxton Show was held on Sunday, 1 October and Monday, 2 October.

Results were published in last week's edition. Today sees the completion of the show results with the horses in action section.

SHOW JUMPING

Open 1.15m Jumping: K. Clark, M. Clark, A. Metcalf, A. Westcott; Junior Champs Foster Cup: Z. Young, Z. Young; Senior Balharry Cup: R. Verma, A. Westcott, A. Metcalf; Open Show Jumping: K. Clark, A. Westcott, T. Daniels; JSA Silver Series: A. Westcott, A. Westcott, A. Metcalf; Champion Senior Rider: A. Westcott; Reserve Champion Senior Rider: A. Metcalf.

HACKING
Sunday



At the Loxton Show earlier this month was Junior Champion Fosters Cup winner Zara Young. PHOTO: supplied

Champion Pony: E. Kerr; Reserve Champion Pony: E. Kelly; Champion Galloway: S. Misfud; Reserve Champion Galloway: S. Kulper; Champion Dhow Hunter Pony: L. Burrows; Reserve Show Hunter Pony: J. Schroeder; Champion Show Hunter Galloway: A. Viceban; Reserve Show Hunter Galloway: E. Kerr; Champion Show Hunter Hack: K & J. Equine; Reserve Show Hunter Hack: L. Burrows; Champion Smartest on Parade: L. Burrows; Champion Childs: E. Kelly; Memorial Trophy Frank McCann: S. Mifsud.

Monday
Champion Show

Hunter Galloway: T. Jaeschke; Reserve Champion Hunter Galloway: M. Hawkins; Champion Pony: T. Jaeschke; Reserve Pony: T. Jaeschke; Champion Hunter Pony: T. Jaeschke; Reserve Hunter Pony: J. Schroeder;

Champion Hunter Hack: Z. Starkey; Reserve Champion Hunter Hack: L. Burrows; Champion Galloway: S. Misfud; Champion Hunter Pony: J. Schroeder; Supreme Open Hack of Show: Lawlington Park; Supreme Hunter of Show: S. Whistler.



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Riverlanders in the zone

A PLETHORA of the Riverland’s brightest hockey stars took to the big stage recently to strut their stuff.

Hockey SA hosted the annual country zone championships earlier this month for under 17s and under 15s, with matches played at MATE Stadium as well as the Port Adelaide Hockey Club.

A number of Riverlanders featured across the four South Eastern Eagles zone sides, with the under 15 boys performing particularly well.

The side made it all the way to the grand final before falling to a strong Western Pirates side, going down 3-1 in the decider.

Across the tournament, players were awarded Player of the Match certificates, with some young Riverlanders featuring prominently.

Riverlanders Fletcher Hayes, Amahli Kelly, Tayte Botten, Dakota O’Callaghan and Alex Herbert all played starring roles for their respective sides and walked away



□ Tayte Botten

with Player of the Match awards for their efforts.

Both under 17s sides finished in fifth place, while the under 15 girls nabbed fourth spot to go with the under 15 boys’ runner-up honours.



□ Alex Herbert



□ Amahli Kelly



The Eastern Zone under 15 boys team managed a second-place finish at the recent carnival in Adelaide. PHOTOS: Facebook



□ Dakota O’Callaghan



□ Fletcher Hayes

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Winners of the Riverland Bridge Congress teams, Justin Williams, Arjuna De Livera, Jeff Travis and Russel Harms, all from Adelaide. PHOTOS: supplied

All smiles for Bridge Club’s congress

THE Riverland Bridge Club held its 11th “very successful” Bridge Congress last weekend at The Precinct, in Loxton.

Players came from across the state to participate, including six from Mildura and 17 locals.

A total of 64 players participated in Saturday’s Riverland Pairs.

Local pairs placed a respectable:

- North-South Fourth – Brent Morrell and Bob Strachan; equal fifth – Graham MacInnes and Frances Marlor and Jan Sunstrom and Kate Yates.
- East-West Third – Grace



Bridge players from across the state attended the event, held at The Precinct, in Loxton.

Altschwager and Margaret Phillips.

A total of 60 players participated in the Riverland Congress Teams on Sunday.

- Riverland teams Ninth – Grace Altschwager, Margaret Phillips, John Angove and Kaye Quast; 10th – Cathy

Adams, Beverley Dalzell, Jan Sunstrom and Kate Yates.

The congress is successfully run thanks to the kind sponsorship of Loxton Waikerie council, Angove Family Wines, Loxton Hotel and Almondco.

It is also very grateful for the outstanding assistance of its non-congress playing members who provide a very delicious, non-stop supply of food, which is essential for happy players.

The Riverland Bridge Club encourages anyone interested in playing or learning to play bridge to contact their president, John Angove, on 0438 391 232.

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**RIVERLAND
SOCCER
ASSOCIATION**

Annual General Meeting 2023

Monday 6th November 7pm Berri Hotel

**Nominations for Executive positions:
President | Secretary**

Nominations for the Executive positions to be received by email at riverlandsoccerassociation@hotmail.com no later than COB October 27th 2023

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Riverland Winegrape Growers' Association immediately followed by the Riverland Wine Industry Development Council



Wednesday 8 November, 2023 at 5pm
at the Hotel Renmark
Light refreshments and food provided



RWGA AGM
Commencing at 5pm



Followed by the
RWIDC AGM

RSVP's, apologies and or/proxy forms please contact:
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and Water

Lock 6 Weir Pool Lowering

The Department for Environment and Water is undertaking a small scale weir pool lowering event at Lock 6 from October until December 2023, pending river conditions.

During this event, the Lock 6 weir pool water level will be lowered by up to 16 cm below normal pool level (NPL) with a target water level of 19.09 metres Australian Height Datum (mAHD) at the lock.

For information and updates on this event, as well as other River Murray operations and water resource conditions, refer to the weekly SA River Murray Flow Report at environment.sa.gov.au/flow-report

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The
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Waikerie Community Senior Citizens Home Inc.
(Warrawee Lodge)
**will be held on Monday
23rd October 2023 at 10.00am
At the Karingal Hostel Building**
53a Elders Way, Waikerie
(parking off Frank Hart Court)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 2022 AGM
2. Consideration of accounts
3. Re-nomination and Election of Board members*
4. Appointment of Auditor
5. Any other business

* Nominations in writing for election of interested community board members are invited by 5.00 pm on Monday 16th October 2023 to the Chairperson, Waikerie Community Senior Citizens Home Incorporated, 53a Elders Way, Waikerie, 5330. Nominations only accepted on WCSCH nomination forms. Forms available from the Warrawee office – 85413655 or by emailing admin@warrawee.org.au

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of members will be held
at the Lyrup Club on
**MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2023
AT 7.30PM**

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**RIVERLAND COMMUNITY
SUICIDE PREVENTION
NETWORK (RCSPN)**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 15th November,
2023, 5.30pm at the Berri Hotel.
Finger Foods available.
Enquiries to 0402 229 142

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby Given that the 86th Annual general meeting of the Waikerie Club will be held at the Waikerie Club on
Wednesday November 22nd 2023 at 7.00pm
Nomination of Directors
Nominations are invited to fill vacancies as directors of the board
Messers. 1. Joel Sheehan
2. Brenton Collins
3. David Neindorf
4. Bradley Cain

Retire in Accordance with the Rules and regulations but 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 hereto and be proposed by one member and seconded by another and returned to the Waikerie Club not later than close of business Wednesday 15th of November.

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.

WZ10824



District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Citizen of the Year Awards OPEN

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?
Nominate them now for the Citizen of the Year Awards.

Award Categories:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award
- Active Citizenship Award

Nominations are now open – you can download a nomination form from our website <http://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au> or make a nomination online and find out more about the awards at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au

If you have any questions or require assistance, please email council@lwdc.sa.gov.au or call Sue Schultz on 8584 8000.

This is your chance to recognise the most deserving members of our community. Your nomination could lead to someone special being recognised with an award at the Loxton and Waikerie Australia Day Celebrations.

Nominations Close Friday 17 November 2023

Please return the completed form to the District Council of Loxton Waikerie
PO Box 409, Loxton SA 5333 or email council council@lwdc.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

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- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Building a Better Community Award

Awards will be presented on 26 January 2024 at our Australia Day Breakfast at the Berri Riverfront.



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BARMERA DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

2023 AGM
Wednesday October 25th 2023, 6pm
to be held at the
BARMERA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Barwell Ave, Barmera

Members of the Barmera Community are cordially invited to join our association and attend our AGM.

BDWMCCInc AGM Agenda, 2022 minutes, Chairman's Report and Audit Reports will be available for viewing at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre.



A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the AGM.
An RSVP to assist with catering is requested.

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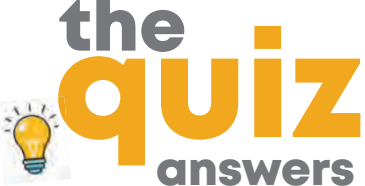
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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 15th November at 7pm – Renmark Club
EXECUTIVE POSITIONS VACANT:
President, Vice President, Secretary and Committee Members
Position nominations can be submitted to renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com or on the night of the AGM.
All players, parents and supporters are encouraged to attend.

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1.Once every 20 years **2.**Adrian Cronauer
3.Leonardo da Vinci for the painting Salvador Mundi **4.**Andy Dalziel and Peter Pascoe **5.**Lou Bega **6.**The Gremlins
7.Writer's cramp **8.**Manchester United
9.Greece **10.**Mike Pence **11.**2006 **12.**Valour
13.San Marino **14.**Geri Halliwell-Ginger Spice **15.**Burt Bacharach and Hal David
16.Sapphire **17.**Wind speed **18.**A plant
19.Martin Clunes **20.**40 spaces

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The name of the play being watched by Abraham Lincoln when he was assassinated was Our American Cousin.

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From Jodie, Melissa, and families.

DEATHS

BORG, Ross Maxwell.

Passed away 7 October, 2023.

Aged 65 years.

Loving father and father-in-law of Renee and Lyle, Rebekah and Luke, Michelle and Michael. Much-loved grandpa of Martine, Alex, Annabelle, Max, Jai, Koby, Aiden, Erin, Dale, Seth, Claire, Tyson and Nathan.

Resting peacefully.

The family and friends of the late Mr Ross Maxwell Borg are respectfully advised that his funeral service will be conducted entirely at the graveside, in the Cadell Cemetery, 48 Gordon Road, Cadell on Friday 20 October, 2023, commencing at 11:30am.

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DEATHS

HAINES, Kelly Catherine.

Passed away peacefully, with family present, at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on Saturday 7 October, 2023.

Aged 44 years.

Loving wife of Jeremy Haines. Loving mother of William Haines. Loving daughter of Lorraine Rowe.

Rest in peace.
Until we meet again.

HARDING, Nanette.

With family by her side, passed peacefully on 10 October, 2023.

Heartfelt thank you to all the compassionate and caring staff at the Berri hospital.

Love you Nanny xxx

HILL, Leslie Thomas.

Passed away peacefully, at Calvary St Catherine's, Berri on Monday 9 October, 2023.

Aged 94 years.

Loving husband of Marg. Loved father and father-in-law of Chris, Jacqui and Terry. Cherished pa of Nick, Saxton, Bek, and their partners. Great-pa of Winnie, Tate, Freya, Arlo and Gabe.

Always in our thoughts,
Forever in our hearts.

Les was privately cremated, as per his wishes.

(Please view memorial service details).

PEACOCK, Douglas Arthur.

Passed away peacefully at the Loxton hospital.

Dear friend of Brad and Kath, who will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace, Dougie.

Sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses for their compassionate care.

DEATHS

RUSTON, Yvonne 'Joy'.

Died peacefully in her sleep on Monday 16 October, 2023.

Loving wife of John (deceased). Mother of Peter and Anne. Grandmother of Emma, Justin, and Tom, and great-grandmother of Abigail, Noah, Percy, and Quincy.



STOLZE, Bruno.

The members of the Renmark Men's Proboscis Club mourn the loss of their highly esteemed member and extend our sympathy to his family.

FUNERALS

HAINES.

Family and friends of Kelly Haines are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Friday 20 October, 2023 at 10am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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RUSTON.

Family and friends of Joy Ruston are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at St Augustine's Anglican Church, James Avenue, Renmark on Tuesday 24 October, 2023 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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FUNERALS

STOECKEL, Dean Andrew.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dean's memorial service to be conducted at St Oswald's Anglican Church, 6 Madison Avenue, Monash on Friday 20 October, 2023 at 1.30pm.

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COOMBS.

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HILL.

Family and friends of Les Hill are respectfully invited to attend his memorial service, to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Monday 23 October, 2023 at 11am.

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RETURN THANKS

O'CONNELL, Kerry.

Maria and family would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and messages.

Heartfelt thanks to the Loxton hospital nursing staff, Dr Tate, palliative care, Altschwager Family Funerals and Fr Hall.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.



STEPHENS, Terry.

The family of Terry Stephens sincerely thank everyone for their love and support as we farewelled and celebrated the life of our wife, mum, grandma and great-grandma.

Dad would also like to thank friends, family, neighbours and acquaintances for making their 61 years of marriage such an enjoyable and happy experience.

We have been blessed and will be forever grateful for having her in our lives.

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Sunday 22 October

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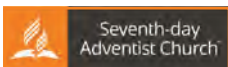
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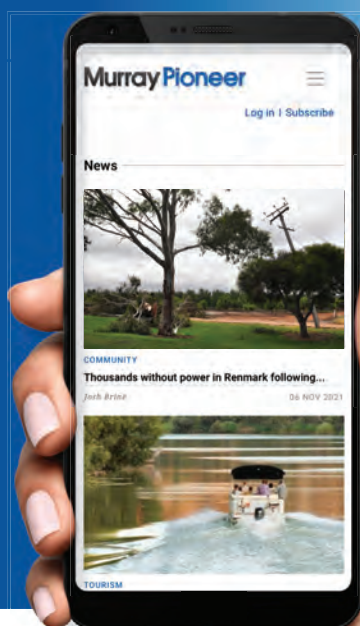
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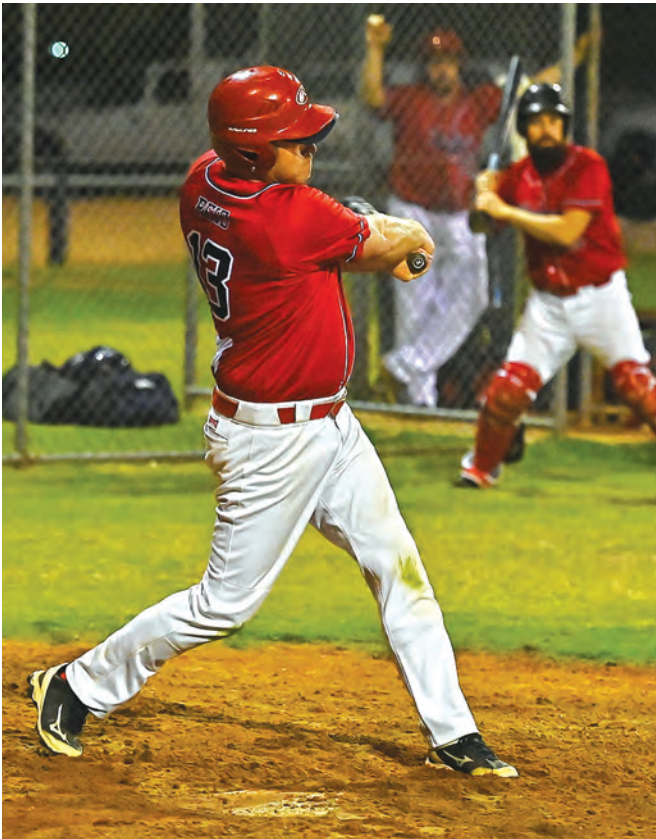


GRANT AT THE BALL GAME





5RM radio host Trevor Scott threw the opening pitch of the 2023-24 Riverland baseball season last weekend.
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Riverland Pirates batter Kane Liddell makes solid connection with the ball during his side's round one contest against Berri Blue. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



5RM radio host Trevor Scott threw the ceremonial opening pitch for the 2023/24 season.

Baseball champs secure winning start

RIVERLAND baseball roared back to life under lights last Friday, with two blockbuster matches kicking off the season at Glassey Park.

A pair of grand final rematches welcomed onlookers, with 5RM's Trevor Scott throwing the ceremonial first pitch to get the season under way.

The first match of the night saw a replay of the B grade grand final, with Riverland Pirates and Berri Blue going head-to-head on the diamond.

The young Pirates got the jump on Blue, shooting away to an early lead and continuing to apply pressure throughout the match.

Ayden Halupka was influential with the bat, hitting a double and bringing in a three-run RBI, with Riley Halupka, Declan Binder and Mitchell Ebert all registering a hit each.

On the mound, it was Riley Halupka that did the damage, throwing four strikeouts and helping to keep Berri Blue scoreless for the duration of the match, with the Pirates scoring eight runs of their own.

Kelsey Goldspink stood out in the field, playing well at second base as the Pirates got their campaign off to a winning start.

In the night's main event, Berri Red start-

ed its title defence off with aplomb against a strong Renmark outfit.

The defending champions got out to a 4-0 lead early, before Renmark roared back into the contest in the third inning, adding three runs.

Jamie Frazer and Nick Tregeagle dominated from the pitcher's mound, throwing four and eight strikeouts for Red and Renmark respectively.

Despite the best efforts of the Angels, Berri Red accrued four runs in the fourth inning to secure the 8-3 victory, stealing 11 bases throughout the game.

RESULTS

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Pirates	3	0	5	0	8
Berri Blue	0	0	0	0	0

Total bases: Pirates – A. Halupka 2, R. Halupka, M. Ebert, D. Binder. Berri Blue – W. Cox, L. Peltz.

Strikeouts: Pirates – R. Halupka 4. Berri Blue – L. Kambouris 5, L. Peltz 3.

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Berri Red	0	4	0	4	8
Renmark	0	0	3	0	3

Total bases: Berri Red – A. Arnold, S. Goldspink, J. Frazer 2, P. Tayler. Renmark – N. Tregeagle 2, R. Waikfield, D. Grenfell, M. Reilly, G. O'Brien.

Strikeouts: Berri Red – J. Frazer 4. Renmark – N. Tregeagle 8.



Berri Red pitcher Jesse Frazer was in fine form during Friday night's round of Riverland baseball.

Lake Bonney Yacht Club boats in action. PHOTO: supplied



Beautiful Lake Bonney day

EXCELLENT weather awaited the Lake Bonney Yacht Club on Sunday, with great conditions for sailing on show in Barmera.

Steady winds of around 10 knots allowed three heats of the handicap series to be run, with some very quick times recorded.

Holly Ranson and Chris Stevens switched between first and second place in all three races, while Beau DeLaine finished third in each.

Results for the series so far are: Holly Ranson on Wine and Cheese and Chris Stevens aboard Blade in equal first place, with third place going to Bandit sailed by Beau DeLaine.

Next Sunday's racing consists of further heats in the handicap series and commences at 2pm.



REGION'S MASTERS: The Riverland masters softball side that finished second at a recent tournament in Adelaide. PHOTO: Facebook

‘Record year’ for Riverland basketball

BEN LENNON

ARGUABLY the region’s most popular summer sport is thriving once again, with a “record breaking” Riverland basketball season set to tip off this Thursday night.

Barmera will begin its division one women’s title defence at home in a grand final rematch against Loxton, while men’s champions Loxton will kick things off away at Lakeside.

Elsewhere, Waikerie hosts Berri in both the men’s and women’s top divisions, while Renmark’s men kickstart their season with a week off.

A record-breaking 135 teams will take to the court this season across all senior and junior grades, and league president Mick Trussell is keen for the campaign to get under way.

“It has come around pretty quick but I’m looking forward to it,” he said.

“It should be good. We’ve got a record number of teams again so it seems to be growing year after year.

“We’ve got 135 teams, which is up from 130 last year, so it’s really good.

“We’ve got divisions one, two, three and four for the seniors, and the only competition we really don’t have is an under 18 girls for whatever reason.”

The division one men’s competition will see teams from all



Riverland basketballers will hit the hardcourt to kickstart the 2023/24 season this Thursday night.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

five major towns take part, while Renmark will sit out the women’s top division for the second year in a row.

Mr Trussell is “looking forward” to what he believes will be a “competitive season” in both grades.

“I haven’t heard too much about who’s playing in what team this year,” he said.

“I expect Loxton to be the benchmark in the men’s and Waikerie might struggle a bit in the women’s compared to the other

three sides, but those other three will be really close.

“For the second year running they (Renmark) have struggled to get it going unfortunately. They’ll have a side in the division two competition.”

The juniors will be split into division one and division two for each age group, with a number of sides from Mildura also taking part this year.

“I think we must be doing something right to keep getting strong numbers which is great,” Mr Trussell said.

“We cater for all abilities, so you’ve got division one and division two competitions in the juniors.

“In one of those division two competitions, I think it might be the under 14 boys, we’ve got eight teams registered which is amazing.

“Hopefully those kids follow all the way through.

“There’s five teams coming for Mildura playing under the Border Sports Academy.

“My understanding is they’re the kids that didn’t make any general Mildura teams, so most of those will be division two teams, other than the under 18 boys who will be division one.

“Obviously they’re very keen to play given they’ll be travelling every Friday night. They’ve agreed to play here every week which is good.”

The association has adopted a new scoring and fixture system called Basketball Connect, which is available as an app and a website, used to keep track of results throughout the campaign.



Waikerie’s Sienna Lehmann jostles for position against her New Zealand opponent in this month’s under 17 Oceania Championship finals match. INSET: The Australian team won all four of its matches to score gold at the championships.

PHOTOS: FIBA

Sienna helps Aussies to Oceania victory

WAIKERIE’S own Sienna Lehmann has added another impressive accolade to her already stellar basketball resume, helping the Australian under 17s side to an Oceania Championship earlier this month in Papua New Guinea.

The Aussies went undefeated in the tournament, winning all three group stage matches before taking down cross-Tasman rivals

New Zealand in the tournament decider.

Lehmann was a vital member of the title-winning team, featuring prominently in all four of Australia’s matches.

She played 20 minutes in the opener against Papua New Guinea, dropping 11 points, four rebounds and four assists in Australia’s mammoth 121-point win.

The 16-year-old followed

that up with another strong all-round performance off the bench against New Zealand, with seven points, three rebounds and four assists.

Lehmann was rested in the final group stage match against Samoa, playing just 10 minutes, before once again featuring prominently in the deciding match against the Kiwis.

Lehmann played over 16

minutes of the final, scoring just three points but feasting on the boards with six rebounds to go with an assist, a steal and a block as the Aussies ran out 30-point winners.

The Aussies, along with New Zealand, have now qualified for the 2024 under 18 Asian championships as a result of their success.



Loxtonite Zach Schubert (right) and partner Thomas Hodges made it to the round of 16 at the recent world championships. PHOTO: Facebook

Schubert continues to shine on national stage

RIVERLAND-born beach volleyball star Zach Schubert has done his Olympic hopes no harm after an impressive showing at the recent world championships in Mexico.

Alongside regular partner Thomas Hodges, the Aussie pair played well in the pool games, finishing with two wins out of the three matches.

The results were enough to qualify for the knockout stage of the competition, where they would come up

against Canadian duo Sam Schachter and Dan Dearing.

Hodges and Schubert brought their A game to the knockout contest, eliminating the Canadians in straight sets.

The duo’s competition came to an end against American pair Trevor Crabb and Theo Brunner, with the Australians losing out 2-0 in the round of 16.

The pair finished ninth overall and fared best out of all the Australian men’s pairs.

New challenger emerging in the top bowls division

A SATURDAY pennant sleeping giant tipped to improve in the Bowls Riverland 2023/24 season has made a strong start to its division one campaign, posting back-to-back wins in the opening fortnight.

A revived Loxton side, earmarked by new Bowls Riverland president Peter Brown as one to watch for the upcoming season, knocked off Berri in the second round to make it two from two.

Wins to Des Schliebs and John Vaughan’s rinks helped Loxton to a seven-shot victory over the 2022/23 runners-up.

Andrew Hill’s quartet flew the flag well for the visiting Berri side, knocking off Steven Roberts’ four by eight shots, but Loxton was too strong across the board and emerged with the points.

Loxton now sits second on the ladder, one point behind Waikerie, with the reigning premier also enjoying an unbeaten start.

The champions took down Renmark by 28 shots to assert their dominance on the competition in its early stages.

Grant Frahm’s rink drew with Matt Lacey’s four, but Andy Fulwood and Wayne Collins’ quartets did the damage for Waikerie.

Elsewhere, Barmera comfortably accounted for competition newcomer Loxton RSL, running out 35-shot winners at home.

The Lakesiders took the points in all three rinks and



currently sit in fourth spot ahead of The Lawns, with the Renmark-based side enjoying a Saturday off in round two.

The Lawns returns to action against Loxton RSL this weekend, while the Lakesiders have the bye as Renmark takes on Berri and Waikerie hosts Loxton in a top-of-the-table clash.

Meanwhile, Berri has established an early ascendancy in division two, winning both of its opening encounters to sit clear on top of the table.

Below it sits six sides all tied on one win and one loss apiece, in what looms as an intriguing division for the 2023/24 season.

Waikerie’s win over Monash in division three sees it sit comfortably on top of the table, while Loxton holds top spot in division four.

RESULTS
DIVISION ONE
Loxton 66 d Berri 59.
D. Schliebs 24 d D. Treloar 16; S. Roberts 19 lost to A. Hill 27; J. Vaughan 23 d M. Kaufer 16.
Barmera 72 d Loxton RSL 37.
J. Morena 20 d J. Wright 13; R. Reynolds 22 d C. Inglis 14; A. Gapco 30 d G. Huppertz 10.
Waikerie 74 d Renmark 46.
G. Frahm 20 drew with M. Lacey 20; A. Fulwood 23 d M. Rice 13;

W. Collins 31 d W. Dopson 13.
Points: Waikerie 49; Loxton 48; Berri 28; Barmera 26; The Lawns 15; Renmark 14; Loxton RSL 2

DIVISION TWO
Lyrup 93 d Monash 34.
T. Gyss 34 d M. Kruger 13; S. Munro 27 d I. Potts 14; L. Recchia 32 d M. Wood 7.
Berri 59 d The Lawns 51.
C. Gaskin 15 lost to S. Machell 24; B. Hollis 27 d The Lawns 10; K. Carpenter 17 drew with C. Weir.
Barmera 55 d Loxton 52.
P. Thompson 18 lost to B. Semmler 21; W. Uppington 21 d B. Bullock 16; I. Lloyde 16 d W. Harrison 15.
Waikerie 67 d Renmark 38.
D. Thompson 20 d B. Knight 17; R. Davies 21 d S. Schulz 12; M. Morete 26 d M. Spano 9.
Points: Berri 49; Loxton 28; Waikerie 28; The Lawns 27; Lyrup 26; Barmera 26; Monash 24; Renmark 0.

DIVISION THREE
Barmera 60 d Berri 46.
K. Brown 28 d L. Knight 8; T. Brown 16 lost to W. Couzens 18; H. Robinson 16 lost to B. Knight 20.
Berri Red 80 d The Lawns 44.
L. Blades 22 d N. Skinner 15; S. Hall 29 d M. Hudson 13; J. Bradford 29 d P. Brown 16.
Waikerie 76 d Monash 40.
M. Morley 22 d C. Traeger 19; W. Burris 28 d J. Sutherland 13; T. Strauss 26 d J. John 8.
Renmark 68 d Loxton 52.
J. Jefferyes 16 lost to M. Schutz 25; L. Warren 27 d D. Sparrow 14; D. Beer 25 d P. Madden 13.
Points: Waikerie 52; Renmark 47; Berri Red 29; Berri 28; Loxton 26; Barmera 22; The Lawns 2; Monash 2.

DIVISION FOUR
Loxton 70 d Loxton RSL 43; Moorook 65 d Waikerie 63; Berri 62 d The Lawns 61.
Points: Loxton 52; Waikerie 30; Loxton RSL 26; Berri 24; Moorook 22; The Lawns 2.

DIVISION FIVE
Barmera 52 d Loxton 35; Monash 49 d Lyrup 32.
Points: Monash 44; Barmera 34; Lyrup 26; Waikerie 12; Loxton 4.

Wednesday challenger falters early

A TRIO of teams remain unbeaten in the Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennant season, with a competition frontrunner suffering its first loss of the campaign last week.

Monash sprung a surprise victory against last season’s grand finalist Berri, running out 10-shot winners at home and securing its first win of the season.

Sandy Elsdon and Rosie Potts’ quartets won their rinks to help the home side over the line, with Monash climbing into fifth spot, comfortably clear of The Lawns and Loxton in sixth and seventh.

Waikerie’s bye ensured

the reigning premier remained undefeated, while Barmera and Renmark both secured wins to keep their undefeated starts alive.

Berri now has the week off and will look to return to the winners’ list next round against Waikerie in the grand final rematch, while today’s action pits Waikerie against Monash, Loxton against Renmark and the Lawns against Barmera.

Meanwhile, Berri Blue is the early pace-setter in the second division, winning all three of its contests thus far.

RESULTS
DIVISION ONE
Monash 63 d Berri 53.

S. Elsdon 20 d R. Butt 16; J. Barnett 19 lost to J. Trezise 22; R. Potts 24 d K. Treloar 15.
Barmera 75 d Loxton 32.
K. Mellon 29 d L. Kimber 5; J. Gartner 26 d Loxton 13; M. Morrow 20 d B. Mattnier 14.
Renmark 61 d The Lawns 57.
D. Beer 12 lost to S. Machell 20; S. Schulz 22 drew with B. Symonds 22; M. Spano 27 d J. Knight 15.
Points: Waikerie 63; Barmera 63; Renmark 58; Berri 54; Monash 30; The Lawns 5; Loxton 0.

DIVISION TWO
The Lawns 48 d Barmera 35; Berri Red 41 d The Lawns Red 30; Loxton RSL 57 d Moorook 22; Lyrup 50 d Renmark 34; Berri Blue 51 d Waikerie 25.
Points: Berri Blue 70; The Lawns 50; Loxton RSL 48; Berri Red 48; The Lawns Red 46; Lyrup 44; Waikerie 26; Renmark 24; Barmera 2; Moorook 2.

Triples bowls rolls on during midweek

THE Bowls Riverland midweek triples entered its third round last week, with 14 sides in action across the region.

Berri Red and Barmera played out the closest contest of the round, with the former pulling off a six-shot win to secure its first victory of the season.

The Lawns Red remains the team to beat, defeating Renmark Gold to make it three wins on the trot, while Loxton White is the only other undefeated side with two wins and a bye round next to its name.

Play resumes today with seven matches

taking place, while Renmark Gold enjoys a week off before returning to the greens next round against Monash.

RESULTS
Lyrup 88 d Loxton RSL 50; Loxton Red 78 d Monash 57; Loxton Blue 81 d Waikerie 52; Berri Red 74 d Barmera 68; The Lawns Red 71 d Renmark Gold 57; Barmera Pelicans 66 d Berri Blue 57; Renmark Green 77 d The Lawns 53.
Points: The lawns Red 80; Loxton White 68; Renmark Green 56; Waikerie 54; Berri Blue 53; Renmark Gold 52; Barmera Pelicans 52; Loxton Blue 52; Loxton Red 46; Berri Red 32; Lyrup 30; Monash 24; Barmera 19; The Lawns 6; Loxton RSL 6.



Loui Recchia’s division two rink helped Lyrup triumph over Monash in last Saturday’s round of pennant bowls.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Futsal fever returns to region

THE indoor answer to the beautiful game returned to the Riverland on the weekend, with the region’s futsal fanatics back in action at the Toyota Stadium on Sunday.

An impressive 33 teams took to the court across six divisions on Sunday, ranging from under 12s up to the seniors, and after a lengthy break, the strikers made up for lost time.

Players combined for 131 goals across the opening weekend, with 14 of those coming from perennial men’s division challengers ABCDE FC.

They were the only team to play twice on the first Sunday of the season, trouncing The Mildly Uncoordinated by eight goals before falling short against Espadas FC 5-7.

Banana Slugs and the creatively named Chicken Tikka Mo Salah both kicked off their campaigns with a win in the men’s division.

ABCDE FC’s Francesco Vallelonga led all comers in the goals department with seven in his two games, while in the women’s division, goals were slightly harder to come by.

Sam trounced The Ring Ins 6-0, while Banana Slugs managed to edge out Chicks ‘n’ Kicks 3-1 in the equal-lowest scoring match of the round across all divisions.

In the mixed competition, Tully McCart’s hat-trick helped Angry Plovers over the line against G1 Youth, while Rooney Tunes and The Mildly Uncoordinated scored opening-round wins.

Banana Slugs and Ajax Trees Down played out the only draw across all senior matches, with their contest finishing 2-2, while Hardly Working and Five Guys couldn’t be separated in the under 15s.

The biggest margin of the week came in the youngest division, with Strawberry Elephants putting 15 goals past 4th Team to kickstart the campaign.



Tully McCart scored three goals in Angry Plovers’ win against G1 Youth.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Goals: Sam – A. Kondoprias 3, M. Greer 2, C. Formby.

MIXED
Banana Slugs 2 drew with Ajax Trees Down 2.
Best: Banana Slugs – L. Ransley, B. Croxton. Ajax Trees Down – A. Kondoprias, P. Fournaros-Carney.
Goals: Banana Slugs – M. Coombe, B. Croxton. Ajax Trees Down – A. Kondoprias, D. Kondoprias.
Rooney Tunes 5 d Goal Diggers 1.
Best: Rooney Tunes – M. Rayner, J. Perram. Goal Diggers – K. Whiting, L. Ebert.
Goals: Rooney Tunes – M. Rayner 3, R. Verrall, M. Barber. Goal Diggers – C. Ebert.

The Mildly Uncoordinated 8 d The Mixers 4.
Best: The Mildly Uncoordinated – J. Botten, S. Cocks. The Mixers – A. Garoufalas, M. Greer.
Goals: The Mildly Uncoordinated – S. Cocks, S. Martin, L. Abraham 2, C. Zuccars, K. Smart. The Mixers – A. Garoufalas, C. Garoufalas, L. Ebert, C. van der Merwe.

Angry Plovers 5 d G1 Youth 3.
Best: Angry Plovers – T. McCart, L. Kimberley. G1 Youth – B. Menadue, M. Lockwood.
Goals: Angry Plovers – T. McCart 3, M. Thomas, B. Kenefick. G1 Youth – M. Lockwood 2, B. Menadue.

UNDER 15
Red Roosters 4 d Banana Slugs 0.
Best: Red Roosters – K. Krendl, J. Peltz. Banana Slugs – T. Skilton, L. Stark.
Goals: Red Roosters – K. Krendl 2, J. Peltz, J. Garoufalas.

Hardly Working 4 drew with Five Guys 4.
Best: Hardly Working – J. Perram, H. Martin. Five Guys – C. Schwarz, C. Setchell.
Goals: Hardly Working – J. Lewin, C. Kregar, C. Bourton, H. Martin. Five Guys – J. Sweet 2, E. Bascomb, J. Hunter.

Red Devils 12 d Blue Stingrays 2.
Best: Red Devils – D. Atsaves, I. Atsaves. Blue Stingrays – B. Kimberley, C. Formby.
Goals: Red Devils – D. Atsaves 6, I. Atsaves, A. Watkins 2, B. Lock, A. Kazantzis. Blue Stingrays – B. Kimberley 2.

UNDER 14 GIRLS
Blue Stingrays 6 d Banana Slugs 0.
Best: Blue Stingrays – B. Kimberley, C. Formby. Banana Slugs – A. Perry, E. Passmore.
Goals: Blue Stingrays – B. Kimberley 3, C. Formby, D. Kimberley.

Blue Bombers 3 d Pitch Perfect 2.
Best: Blue Bombers – C. Muller, E. Rothe. Pitch Perfect – N. Koutouzis, A. Whiting-Walker.
Goals: Blue Bombers – C. Muller, E. Rothe, E. Cresp. Pitch Perfect – P. Seekamp, N. Koutouzis.

UNDER 12
Five Guys 13 d Banana Slugs 1.
Best: Five Guys – C. Kregar, J. Lewin. Banana Slugs – Z. Cole, T. Skilton.
Goals: Five Guys – J. Lewin, C. Kregar 3, A. Ielasi 2, H. Martin. Banana Slugs – Z. Cole.

Strawberry Elephants 15 d 4th Team 0.
Best: Strawberry Elephants – K. Sweet, M. Sidhu. 4th Team – N. Edwards, H. Turner.
Goals: Strawberry Elephants – K. Sweet 8, A. Hunter, L. Bascombe 3, M. Sidhu.



Riverland youngsters Ivy Gilford (8), Helayna Wardle (10) and Maddison Wardle (5) are raring to go for the upcoming girls footy season. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Play on for girls footy

ALEXANDRA BULL
and BEN LENNON

A NEW era of Riverland girls football will begin this weekend as four new SANFL-driven competitions kick off at Panther Park on Saturday morning.

The SANFL X competitions, which cater for both under 16s and under 13s, will provide competition for junior footballers outside of the traditional club-based format, while the All-Girls Auskick and SANFL stars will cater for the region’s youngest aspiring female footballers.

Players will arrive at the venue, which rotates through the six RFL ovals throughout the program, and be placed into teams coached by Riverland locals.

Barmera-Monash and West Adelaide youngster Ebony Johnson will be playing her trade in the under 16s competition, while also helping to coach the younger girls coming through.

“I’m definitely excited to help pass on my skills to the younger girls,” she said.

“I think having played at a higher level with girls, I have seen where it can go and I can pass on the feedback I have been given from other coaches.

“I am playing as well, so I am keen to get back out there.”

Overseeing the competition, alongside Barmera-Monash star and SANFL employee Kayla Mudge, is Riverland-based SANFL game development co-ordinator

Nick Dillon.

Mr Dillon is excited for the new initiative to get under way, and has a lofty end goal in mind.

“I guess the big thing is now there is a pathway from Auskick all the way to under 16s, so girls as young as five will see that pathway now like the boys do on Saturday during winter,” he said.

“They can see the next step up all the way through and hopefully we will see some of our girls go down to play SANFLW, and do one better and get our first AFLW player.

“That’s the aim – trying to get as many girls out there as possible.”

The change to a SANFL-driven program was brought about after numerous attempts to get an RFL under 15 girls competition off the ground were left wanting.

“I guess what happened was the clubs were just struggling for volunteers to get them to drive this and run it, so we spoke about what we can do,” Mr Dillon said.

“We came up with this new program and it takes the pressure off the clubs and they don’t have to worry about finding people to coach or to umpire and that sort of stuff.

“It’s probably a very unique program. I think it’s the first of its kind across South Australia, and potentially Australia.

“The fact the state body is running it means we have full time resources to put time into it as well. A lot of time a lot of money has gone into it and we are pretty

confident it will grow expediently once we start this weekend.”

Off the field, the program has also provided the opportunity for Riverlanders to get involved in junior coaching.

The women’s football summit was held in conjunction with last month’s season launch party, offering locals the chance to learn and provide visibility to potential involvement that extends beyond the field of play.

“The work that Kayla Mudge has done in this space since she has come on board as a casual game development officer, and being able to have her be a role model to these girls has been fantastic,” Mr Dilloin said.

“She has been able to drive a lot of what we have been doing and without her we certainly couldn’t be where we are now.

“It’s exciting and I honestly can’t wait to get out there on Saturday and see what happens.

“The weather is going to be kind and we just can’t wait to get out there and see girls be able to play alongside other girls.

“It’s a nice, safe and inclusive environment for girls to come out and give it a go.”

Action kicks off with the All-Girls Auskick (under 7s) and SANFL Stars (under 10s) at 8.30am, before the under 13s take the field at 9.30am.

The day will conclude with the under 16s competition, which will take place from 11.10am.



The victorious Riverland Country SA golf pennant side. Sally Minns (left), Marlene Tyler, Wendy Featherston, Daniel Fechner, Doug Johns, Peter Johns and Greg Shields. PHOTO: supplied

The tee in teamwork

FOR the third year running, the Riverland has taken out the Country SA golf pennant, with last weekend’s round at Barmera Golf Club securing the division one title for the side.

The country pennant involves teams from all eight country regions: South-East, Southern, Murraylands, Mid North, Yorke Peninsula, Northern, Eyre Peninsula and Riverland.

The teams are divided into two divisions based on performance the previous year, with the Riverland seeded at number one in the top division as a result of its win last year.

The team comprised Barmera players Doug and Peter Johns, Greg Shields, Wendy Featherston and Sally Minns, with Loxton duo Josh Goldsworthy and Marlene Tyler, Daniel Fechner from

Waikerie and Annette Thiel from Berri.

On its way to winning the title, the Riverland beat Southern and Mid North and drew with Yorke Peninsula.

Best performers were Featherston and Pete Johns with two wins and a draw each, followed by Tyler, Doug Johns and Goldsworthy, with two wins each.

In the deciding match against Mid North, special performances from Goldsworthy (two birdies in his last three holes) and Pete Johns (two birdies and two clutch pars in his last four holes) were key in Riverland winning the title.

Visitors were “very complimentary” about the facilities and hospitality at the Barmera Golf Club, president Nev McPherson said.

Closing time for winter

THE Berri Golf Club’s winter season came to an end with the annual Closing Day event, held last Saturday.

The day consisted of a captain versus vice-captain stableford event, followed by a dinner catered by local food van Crave held at the at the 6th Tee Cafe.

The captains team won the day with a stableford average of 35 points, with the best score of the day notched by Sara Ormsby (41).

The captains team’s highest score was Julie Day (39) and the highest score for the vice-captains team was Peter Frahn (36).

As part of the Closing Day evening entertainment, the Medal of Medal shoot-out was conducted with each male and female winner of a monthly medal competing for the nearest to the pin from 100m on the fifth hole, with Peter Jealous and Wendy Hocevar taking out the event.

The Berri Golf Club juniors entertained themselves by setting up the night golf glow sticks and light up balls, and playing golf on

the 5th for several hours during the twilight of the evening.

The Berri Golf club now moves into its summer season, with weekend and public holiday competitions, Friday night twilight golf and monthly night golf evenings, with members and visitors welcome.

2023 WINTER SEASON TROPHIES

Junior Greatest Handicap reduction: Maicey Hughes with a handicap reduction of 13.3

Ladies Greatest Handicap reduction: Fiona Gray with a handicap reduction of 5.7

Ladies Eclectic (during monthly medal rounds): Winner – Ann Marie Crease 67.8, from Jo Brand 69.8 and Sara Ormsby 70.0 nett.

Ladies best gross for five of the eight medal rounds: Winner – Louise Berry 458, from Wendy Hocevar 470 and Annette Thiel 484.

Mens Eclectic (during monthly medal rounds): Winner – Matthew Clifford 63.05, from Brayden Eckermann 63.85 and Paul Martin 64.85 nett.

Mens best gross for five of the eight medal rounds: Winner – Paul Martin 410, from Brayden Eckermann 416 and Paul Mudge 419.

Men’s A grade winner Wayne Thiele (Berri) 34, r/up John Reynolds (Loxton) on c/b 33. B grade winner Dallas Zeliff (Berri) 35, r/up John Sierakowski (Adelaide) 33. Ladies winner Sue Pannell (Loxton) on c/b 32, r/up Jenny Patching (Loxton) 32.

Day three @ Redcliffe Golf Club:

Men’s A grade winner Col Hyde (Berri) 40, r/up Tim Wood (Barmera) 38. B grade winner Dallas Zeliff (Berri) 40, r/up Clem Zwarts (Swan Reach) 37. Ladies winner Yvonne Reynolds (Loxton) 36, r/up Carol Pickering (Barmera) 35. Laura Seddon perpetual trophy: Dallas Zeliff 109 points.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

BERRI

Wednesday 11 October

Stableford: L. Campbell 39, M. Clifford 38, T. Jolly 37, R. Keightley 35, G. Walsh 34, P. Wenman 34, J. Brand 34.

Saturday 14 October

Stableford: S. Ormsby 41 pts, J. Day 39, J. Charnstrom 37, P. Wood 37, B. Tickner 37, P. Frahn 36, J. Skinner 36, C. McKinlay 36, A. Wade 36, M. Jennings 36, M. Morrell 36, A. Rogers 36, A. Brand 36, M. Heuzenroeder 35, W. Thiele 35, L. Berry 35, W. Hocevar 35, P. Mudge 35, R. Keightley 35, J. Brand

35, S. Breakwell 35.

Sunday 15 October

Stableford: D. Shawyer 35, J. Davies 38, B. Eckermann 35, D. Ramsay 35, M. Heuzenroeder 35.

LOXTON

Wednesday 11 October

Men: J. Goldsworthy 38, A. Ling 37, C. Foreman 37, T. Shearer 36, E. O’Callaghan 36, K. Martin 36. Women: C. Arndt -3, J. Cooney -6, Y. Tatt -7.

Saturday 14 October

Men: A grade – P. Morris 39, C. Wooldridge 37, S. Butterworth (Barmera) 37, R. Paige 36, D. Sunman

36. B grade – S. Polymiadis 38, A. Baptie 38, S. Koch 35, J. Reynolds 35.

Women: J. Cooney 35, J. Patching 32, J. Ling 31.

VETERANS

Day one @ Mildura Golf Resort:

Men’s A grade winner: Tim Wood (Barmera) 39pts, r/up Ron Nagy (Berri) 35. B grade winner Gene Branson (Berri) 39, r/up Gordon Seddon (Berri) 37. Ladies winner Yvonne Reynolds (Loxton) 34, r/up Sue Gore (Berri) 33.

Day two @ Mildura Golf Resort:

RFL TOP 25: 20-16

FOR the second year in a row, sports editor Ben Lennon is opening himself up to widespread ridicule with the now annual RFL top 25.

A blockbuster year of Riverland footy is now well and truly done and dusted, and the silly season is under way, with the Riverland rumour mill in full swing.

But, this list will concentrate on players that featured in the most recent season, and is designed to spark front bar conversations across the region.

It takes into account the season that was and weighs it up against overall ability, as well as how valuable each player is to their respective team.

The result is a 25-name long list, with five names revealed in each week's Murray Pioneer as we count down to number one.

After an injury-ridden 2023, will Tim Woolford remain at the top of the tree? Or, is there a new king of the Riverland castle?

The most notable absentee in the list and the classic number 26 is leading goalkicker Ryan Proud, but the Riverland footballing fraternity will no doubt come up with plenty of other opinions, so send them through to our text phone on 0439 261 337.

20-16

Thompson was comfortably the best player in the competition's worst team last campaign, and will likely have a big role to play in Berri's potential resurgence in 2024.

Slid into The Murray Pioneer Team of the Year as Zac Gartery's deputy, Thompson is the second-best ruckman in the competition, and finishing runner-up to a state country player isn't half bad.

The athletic tall has spent stints on the sidelines at various points in the past two seasons, but when fully fit makes a massive difference to Berri's midfield.

Super fit and difficult to beat both at centre bounces and around the ground, he often gives Berri's on-batters first-look at the foot-ball.

Lacked support in the guts last season but with some quality midfielders around him, has the capacity to be a difference-maker for the Demons in 2024.

19 - JESSE WILL

The Loxton skipper is one of a few in this list that could well find themselves higher up if not for injury reasons.

Will is one of the silkiest footballers going around and his absence was felt across the half-forward line for the Tigers for a number of games this season.

Has the ability to hit difficult kicks under pressure due to outstanding composure and impressive skills, and is an important link-man for Luke Harder's side.

His best footy is as good as any going around in the Riverland, and has the capacity to pinch-hit in the midfield and make a difference for the Tigers when needed.

If Loxton is to return to finals in 2024, it will need Will to be fit and firing, as his goalscoring ability, experience and class are all vital to the success of Harder's side.

18 - SAM DE MICHELE

'SDM' was one of the biggest recruits of the 2022/23 off-season, but Riverlanders had to wait a while to see the midfielder/forward's best football for Barmera-Monash.

He battled injury early in the season and missed a couple of games, and despite lingering injury issues come the business end of the season, the Imperials premiership player took the competition by storm.

He booted four goals in a must-win contest against Loxton at The Precinct in round 14 to ensure the Roos would play finals, but Riverland footy fans will likely remember the 2023 decider as the day SDM truly arrived.

After a quiet first half, De Michele threw himself into the midfield for the Roos and then across half-back.

He took a number of vital marks and showed clean skills in a scrappy affair, helping to drag the Roos over the line in a memorable, if low-scoring, grand final.

He walked away with The Murray Pioneer Best on Ground Award for his efforts and will no doubt be a vital part of Barmera's bid to go back-to-back.

Plays tall for his size and knows where the goals are, if fully fit he would likely be inside this list's top 10.



Barmera-Monash matchwinner Sam De Michele comes in at number 18 on the 2023 RFL top 25 list. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

17 - FRASER SAMPSON

From reliable Rover to Lakeside super-coach, Fraser Sampson is now one of the most well-known figures in Riverland football, whether he likes it or not.

Often modest and willing to put the team first, Sampson's on-field role in Barmera-Monash's remarkable premiership should not be overlooked.

The first-year playing coach took a little bit of time to settle into his new role, but was back to his composed best across half-back and on the wing by the time the Roos were ready to make their move.

Sampson has a unique ability to avoid tacklers, playing the game at his own pace.

He is rarely rushed, which means his skills by hand and foot are almost always impeccable, and he played an important role for the Roos in 2023.

His move from half-back to the wing, thanks largely to the emergence of Jack Sullivan and Michael Mock as two of the competition's best, allowed him to set up a number of attacks for the Roos.

An ever-reliable defensive presence, Sampson still has plenty of good footy in his legs and should be primed for another big year in 2024.

16 - ZAC WOOLDRIDGE

As high half-forwards go, you'd do well to find a better candidate for the role in the whole region than Zac Wooldridge.

The former Panther returned from a stint in town to don the Loxton North guernsey once again in 2023 and made an immediate impact, shooting out to an early lead in The Murray Pioneer Writers' Award.

Injuries kept him away from the side in the back half of the year and the Panthers certainly felt his absence across half-forward.

He finished the regular season with 25 goals in 11 games, with 21 of those coming between rounds one and seven, but his impact is felt away from goal as well.

Possessing great height and elite game-sense, Wooldridge served as an exceptional link-up player across half-forward for Terry Eleftheriadis' side.

Tireless running and presenting for the contest allowed his teammates to feed off of his hard work, with leading goalkicker Ryan Proud often the beneficiary in front of goal.

Strong overhead and fleet of foot, he is a nightmare matchup for most sides in the competition and will be an important signature for the 2024 Panther outfit.

Top Dog returns

THE biggest signing of the RFL off-season thus far was announced over the weekend, with one of Renmark's favourite sons returning home for the upcoming campaign.

Nick Gillard will don the blue and white of the Rovers once again in 2024, having previously left his boyhood club for the 2014 season to chase his dream with Central District.

At the Ponderosa, Gillard became a consistent member of the league side, playing over 50 games for the Bulldogs and working his way into the leadership group.

In 2022, he made the switch to Adelaide Footy League outfit Walkerville, plying his trade in division four.

Gillard played 28 games for the Cats across his two seasons at the club, featuring in the best players on 14 occasions and booting 46 goals, all while serving as an assistant coach.

He returns to the club he called home for a number of seasons to play under fellow former Central District player Josh Vater, as the Rovers look to return to the top of the RFL tree.

Gillard will add another



□ Nick Gillard

dimension to the Renmark forward line that was caught lacking at times in 2023, following the departure of leading goalkicker Tom Charlton.

His slick skills and versatility should make the 29-year-old a welcome inclusion for Rovers fans and teammates alike.



SANFL STARS: Ebony Johnson (above left), Celia Collins and Lana Jaeschke following a Westies under 15s win over Glenelg. Meanwhile, Molly Petersen was the runner for the under 17s side, that featured Berri star Amy Shapley. PHOTOS: Facebook

EIGHTBALL FINALS

RIVERLAND eightball's big dance is just around the corner, with the fixtures for the 2023 grand finals now set in stone.

This Thursday sees the best of the best take to the felt to determine who will emerge as premiers, with the division one contest between Shut up and Shoot and Rock Out with your Chalk Out the main event.

The two sides spent much of the year towards the top end of the ladder and will duke it out for the top crown after the latter emerged victorious in its preliminary final contest against Loxton Allsorts last week.

Tony Rover, Jay Pudney, Aiden Pudney and Steve O'Hara all picked up wins to help their side over the line, while in division two, Loxton Black kept its season alive with a victory over local rivals Loxton RSL Stingers.

Black will take on Lyrup Club Lions in the division two decider, while Cobby Roos will take on Pocket Rockets in the division three grand final.

All the action will take place on Thursday at the Lyrup Club.

RESULTS PRELIMINARY FINALS

Division one
Rock Out with your Chalk Out 9 d Loxton Allsorts 5.

Division two
Loxton Black 9 d Loxton RSL Stingers 7.

Division three
Pocket Rockets 9 d Cobby Club 6.

GRAND FINAL FIXTURE

Division one
Shut up and Shoot vs Rock Out with your Chalk Out.

Division two
Lyrup Club Lions vs Loxton Black.

Division three
Cobby Roos vs Pocket Rockets.

Tiger cub steals the show

THE reigning premier established itself as a title challenger yet again, while a newcomer fell at the first hurdle in last Saturday’s round of Riverland A grade cricket.

Loxton’s young brigade led the Tigers to an emphatic opening innings with the bat, highlighted by a maiden ton to one of the region’s brightest up-and-comers.

Daniel Zdanowicz, who entered the fray early in the piece after Loxton lost Travis O’Shaughnessy for just one, finished unbeaten on 115, leading the Tigers to an impressive total of 5/243 from their 40 overs.

Playing on the hardwicket deck of Pinnaroo, 16-year-old Zdanowicz, in tandem with fellow youngster Jacob Evans, piled on the runs for the travelling side’s second-wicket partnership.

Evans was eventually dismissed by Tom Wurfel after reaching the half-century mark, but Zdanowicz had no plans on slowing down.

Dealing heavily in runs rather than boundaries, the youngster worked his way into the innings with the poise and timing of a veteran.

Father and son duo Will and Mick Gutsche also chipped in with scores in the 20s, helping Loxton to a strong total.

As was the case in the opening match of the year, Murrayville started with a flurry of boundaries, scoring at 10 per over for the first six, but lost wickets along the way.

Opener Hayden Beckmann compiled 37 before dismissal, while Adrian Fidge got away to 39, and at drinks the match was delicately poised at 5/151.

Following the interval, Loxton’s experience came to the fore, with Brian Lynch and skipper Ben Hoffmann combining to take five wickets for the loss of just four runs to end the game.

Zdanowicz finished the match with



Waikerie Ramco keeper Tim Bevan takes an impressive catch during his side’s win over Monash. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

figures of 3/27 to go with his century, with Lynch also taking three poles for 24 runs.

It was the only A grade match played for the weekend, as Parilla failed to field a side against Renmark North in its first scheduled match of the year, gifting the Bluetongues the points.

Low scores littered the B grade competition, with North rattling through Loxton’s second side for just 64 runs.

Youngster Anant Singh Dhillon starred, taking 4/9, while at Paruna Brown’s Well had its match against Gerard over in quick fashion.

The travelling side closed its innings at 5/33 due to a lack of players, with the Cows making light work of the total.

Meanwhile, Waikerie Ramco’s 5/128 was more than enough to take care of Monash, with the travelling

side dismissed for just 42 runs.

RESULTS A GRADE

Loxton 5/243 (D. Zdanowicz 115no, J. Evans 51, W. Gutsche 24no, M. Gutsche 21, T. Wurfel 2/45, D. Crane 1/34, A. Tzokas 1/41, R. Watson 1/53) d Murrayville 155 (A. Fidge 39, H. Beckmann 37, R. Watson 24, M. Hawthorne 16, D. Crane 16, B. Lynch 3/24, D. Zdanowicz 3/27, B. Hoffmann 2/22, J. Evans 1/24).
Renmark North d Parilla (forfeit).

B GRADE

Renmark North 2/67 (T. Coombs 17no, M. Cartwright 16, T. Bannister 16, K. Evans 1/16) d Loxton 9/64 (M. Worsfold 17, other batting details not provided, A. Singh Dhillon 4/9, T. Coombs 2/15, L. Foley 1/5, D. Ivanovic 1/11, A. Singh Khaira 1/14).
Brown’s Well 0/35 (M. Hampel 30no) d Gerard 5/33 (J. Patterson 2/13, L. Patterson 2/20).
Waikerie Ramco 5/128 (B. Wilksch 36no, C. Smart 29no, N. Andrew 24, A. Werner 19, R. Williams 2/10, P. Roberts 1/10, L. Verrall 1/20) d Monash 42 (M. Smith 29, T. Waanders 3/8, N. Andrew 2/4, F. Andrew 1/20).



Daniel Zdanowicz raises the bat following his maiden hundred against Murrayville on Saturday. PHOTO: Facebook

Unbeaten hundred a ‘unique feeling’

A RIVERLAND youngster lived out the moment every cricketing kid dreams of on Saturday afternoon, raising his bat for his hometown club to raucous cheers from his teammates.

Playing against Murrayville at Pinnaroo, 16-year-old Daniel Zdanowicz compiled an astounding 115no for Loxton, helping his side to an impressive win.

It was the first time the number three batsman, whose previous high-score was in the 50s, has batted in a match this season, and it was an innings he is sure to remember.

“It’s the first time I’ve ever done it so it was a pretty unique feeling, and it hasn’t really sunk in yet to be honest,” he said.

“In juniors you had to retire at 50...

“It was the first time I’ve batted in-game this year and with a new bat and everything else, so I was a bit scratchy at the start.”

Zdanowicz saw off the early jitters and cashed in late in the match after spending a lot of time at the crease with former junior teammate Jacob Evans.

“There was a lot of quick singles with Jacob, who I’ve batted a fair bit with in juniors, so we were used to having quick running together,” he said.

“We just kept building from there and then I started to hit a few more boundaries towards the end.

“On hardwicket it obviously bounces a bit more and has less movement off the pitch, which in a way makes it easier and you’re using your back foot a bit more.

“I was batting at three and I think we lost one in the third over, so I was out there from the third over to the 40th.

“I was pretty tired by the end of it and it’s the longest I’ve probably ever batted before.”

Zdanowicz is now too

By
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old for junior cricket in the Riverland, having turned 16 this year, and is looking forward to a full season of senior cricket for the Tigers.

He describes himself as a “batting all-rounder” and it showed on the weekend, with the youngster jagging three wickets to go with his maiden ton.

Cricket runs in the family and his older brother Luke is no slouch with bat or ball, posting an unbeaten 83 the weekend prior against Renmark North.

While a move to Tea Tree Gully in Adelaide’s Premier Cricket competition could be on the cards in the future for Daniel, which would mirror Luke’s movement, he is content playing at home while negotiating the final years of his tertiary education.

“I’ve done a bit of Murray Districts and the Country Cup carnival and stuff but all my junior stuff really has been at Loxton,” he said.

“I’ll be staying here for the next couple of years to finish year 12 and have a gap year, but potentially after that I might look at playing somewhere like Tea Tree.

“At the moment though, I’m here in the Riverland.”

The momentous knock will no doubt go down as one of the highlights of the Riverland season, but for Zdanowicz, he was happy to just keep batting at the time.

“I didn’t even know I got to 50 to be honest,” he said.

“I wasn’t too worried about it, I just wanted to keep going. I didn’t really think about it too much.

“I didn’t expect to get anywhere near it so I just kept batting really.”



KEEPING COMMUNITIES ACTIVE: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone recently presented Active Club Program certificates to Berri Hockey Club president Brett Stokes, Riverland Cycling Club president Clint Bambrick, Rebecca Keynes of the Riverland Hockey Association, and Doc Clifford of the Berri Golf Club. PHOTOS: supplied

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A new era of Riverland girls footy will kick off this weekend, catering for girls from Auskick level all the way through to under 16s. Back: Denver Kimberley (14, left), Ebony Johnson (15) and Blossom Kimberley (14). Front: Ivy Gilford (8), Helayna Wardle (10) and Maddison Wardle (5). PHOTO: Alexandra Bull



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‘Record breaking’ RBA season ahead

BEN LENNON

ONE of the region’s most popular summer sport is thriving once again, with a “record breaking” Riverland basketball season set to tip off this Thursday night.

A record-breaking 135 teams will take to the court this season across all senior and junior grades, and league president Mick Trussell is keen for the campaign to get under way.

“It has come around pretty quick but I’m looking forward to it,” he said.

The division one men’s competition will see teams from all five major towns take part, while Renmark will sit out the women’s top division for the second year in a row.

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