

with about 6500 people attending the event over the two days. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson





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HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

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Difficulties in shipping set to cost citrus growers...

That's rotten

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"The struggle is then that you've got the orders... so you start packing the order, get halfway through and you find out they've decided to cancel the (shipping) vessel.

"Then you look at another shipping line and there's a boat that's about the same, but it's three or four days later than the original program."

Mr Knispel said the transportation delays had harmed the quality of locally grown

You find out everything on the boat will be unloaded in Malaysia or Singapore first, then you have to wait another week for a boat that links it in to the destination," he



Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke says Riverland growers are losing money due to ongoing shipping delays caused by Covid-19. PHOTO: Christine Webster

"It then lends itself to the customer on the other end looking at the fruit on arrival, and saying they've got some issues with the quality.

"This would be our worst citrus packing season we've had for five or six years. With regard to shipping, I can't remember a year as bad as this one.

Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke said Riverland growers were likely to lose money due to fruit perishing in shipping containers.

"That's a hangover from the virus," he

"The whole world shut down, half the shipping companies went broke and there's no containers available.

"A lot of containers are sitting there full, because there's nobody to unload them and the demand from consumers isn't there.

"It effects everyone because it must increase the cost of goods going in and out, but in our case we're (sustaining) a loss because we've got a perishable product.'

Mr Doecke said few options existed to help growers through the current challenges.

We can't get containers, we can't get ships... and the fruit doesn't have legs for seven weeks in a container," Mr Doecke said.

"Growers are pretty good with their practices and we grow the toughest piece of fruit possible. There's nothing growers can do.

"We're thinking it will be 2023 before it starts to get better." Mr Knispel also expected restrictions on

shipping space to continue impacting the local citrus industry into next year.

"While the citrus industry has enjoyed five very good years, I can see this year, and possibly next year are going to be very challenging with respect to return from export markets," Mr Knispel said.

With regard to shipping, I can't remember a year as bad as this one...

Banned from Berri after my Pfizer shot'

A RIVERLAND resident says his Pfizer vaccine experience turned nasty when he was banned from a Berri shopping centre after an encounter with an overzealous security guard.

Morgan man Jakob Gamertsfelder claims after expressing confusion over the vaccination process, he was pushed and intimidated by the security guard, who the Murray Pioneer understands was contracted by SA Health through a local enterprise.

Mr Gamertsfelder said after pledging to complain about his treatment, he was "accosted" by police in the Coles supermarket and subsequently banned from Berri.

"I... have to get my sec-

ond jab elsewhere," Mr Gamertsfelder says in a letter to the editor in today's Murray

"It made me think. If a person like me gets so easily banned, purely for asking questions, I can understand why there is so much discontent with the vaccines."

Mr Gamertsfelder said his experience in receiving the vaccination was "fine" and that the conduct of the nurse involved was "professional".

An SA Health spokesperson said yesterday there had been no reports of Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network staff having a physical altercation with a consumer at the vaccine clinic.

- PAUL MITCHELL

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Staff from Berri Medical Clinic were buzzing with excitement on opening day, waiting for patients to start arriving from 8am yesterday. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

Medical clinic opens doors

ELYSE ARMANINI

AFTER years of planning and 11 months of construction, the new Berri Medical Clinic opened its doors to patients yesterday.

The new clinic on McGilton Road has been upgraded from the old site to include more consulting rooms, a larger reception area, and increased space for allied health services.

Staff were buzzing with excitement as they waited for the first patients to start arriving at 8am, plus the three clinic senior partners, Dr Kevin Stanton, Dr John Dunn and Dr George Dalamagas.

Dr Stanton said he was "very excited" to begin working at the new clinic.

"It's an end of an era at Cornwall Street and the beginning of a new era, here on McGilton Road," he said.

Dr Dunn said all staff were looking forward to their first

day at the new clinic.

"There is a huge feeling of excitement and everyone is looking forward to it," Dr Dunn said

"It's beautiful. It's very clean and lovely."

Dr Dalamagas said Medifit and Berri-based Michael Kregar Building were to thank for all the work that has been done.

"Medifit was involved in the design from the beginning of the project, the management of the project and contracting our local builder, Michael Kregar, to build this wonderful premises," Dr Dalamagas said.

"We envisage all the people in the Riverland and the community to benefit from more holistic care in this medical bub"

Appointments are available between 8am and 8pm from Monday to Friday, and 8am to 6pm on Saturday.

The clinic will have an official opening in December.



Berri Medical Clinic senior partners Dr George Dalamagas, Dr Kevin Stanton and Dr John Dunn at the clinic's opening yesterday morning.



Loxton's show of (volunteer) force

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE region's first ag show since 2019 forged ahead over the weekend in a testament to organisers, Loxton's community spirit and a sound Covid management plan.

Despite inclement weather on Monday, Loxton Show organisers have described the turnout as "outstanding" after about 6500 people attended over the two days.

"I can't speak highly enough of the work everyone has done and the support the general public have given to the show," show president Bill Shannon said.

"Sunday was really good as far as the weather, as it wasn't too windy and it was a really comfortable day, which really set the scene."

About 4000 people attended the show on Sunday and 2500 on Monday.

The Loxton Show's Covid management plan had a cap of 3000 people on the grounds at one time and Mr Shannon said while it came close on Sunday, people came and went throughout the day.

Show goers were required to wear masks in enclosed facilities, such as the show hall, and through sideshow alley due to the crowd.

Sunday reached a top of 22C, while Monday was 19C with showers and wind gusts reached 56km/h.

"Even on Monday the turnout was pretty good," Mr Shannon said.

"Better than we expected."

Mr Shannon said he had received positive feedback from stallholders about the event.

"I think they are over the moon," he said.

"I think a lot of food stalls were right to their very limits of nearly selling out or did sell out"

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Sideshow alley was a hive of activity at the Loxton Show over the long weekend. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

Show entries were housed in The Precinct, Loxton, and it was the first show since the building was completed.

"The Precinct couldn't have worked any better," Mr Shannon said.

Show entries were down by about 600, but Mr Shannon said he hoped they would pick up next year.

Note: Loxton Show exhibition results will appear in The Murray Pioneer in the coming weeks.

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The Loxton Show went ahead on the weekend, with plenty of sideshows, food and craft stalls and entertainment.

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I can't speak highly enough of the work everyone has done...

- Loxton Show president Bill Shannon

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After 43 years, police officer Paul pulls pin

ELYSE ARMANINI

A POLICE officer, born and raised in the Riverland, has retired after 43 years in the force.

Sergeant Paul Evans, who went to Berri Primary School and Glossop High School, retired from Victoria Police on September 21.

According to his mother, Berri Barmera councillor Margaret Evans, Sgt Evans was "devastated" when he was unsuccessful in his bid to join SA Police – at age 18 – due to strict height requirements at the time.

A friend of Sgt Evans, Graeme Cooper, was successful in his application to SA Police and spent 27 years at Loxton.

Sgt Evans said he "should have worn a second pair of socks" to meet the height requirements and enter the SA police force with his "best mate", Mr Cooper.

"He never changed a bit but he also never grew a centimetre, which annoyed me because I couldn't get in, then I grew taller than him," Sgt Evans laughed.

Sgt Evans said he would miss making a difference in the community.



Former Riverland Paul Evans has retired after a 43-year career in the force. PHOTO: supplied

"That's probably the most important thing, but you also miss the comradeship of the people you work with," he said.

"Sometimes I think it's just in your DNA to be a policeman; you like to think you make a little difference before you leave."

Sgt Evans said he was most looking forward to spending time with his five children, two grandchildren and visiting his mother and brother in the Riverland.

"I'm happy to go back and visit because I think the Riverland is just a wonderful area," he said.

"It gave me the values that I took with me to join the police force."

Nothing low-key about Alex's honour

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

OLYMPIC gold medallist and former local Alexander Hill was awarded Loxton's top honour on Monday, receiving a key to the town.

At a special presentation at the Loxton Show on Monday, Hill was presented the key by Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.

"We're thrilled to be able to host this official key to Loxton ceremony on behalf of Loxton and Riverland residents," Mayor Stasinowsky said.

Hill won gold at the Tokyo Olympics in the men's coxless fours event.

The 28-year-old commenced his primary schooling at Loxton North Primary School and St Albert's Catholic School. He went on to secondary schooling at Loxton High School, before finishing at Prince Alfred College.

Hill found success at a number of Rowing World Championships and also won silver at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

"I have been fortunate enough to have seen and been in many places in the world, but I can assure you all that there is nothing quite like home here in Loxton," Hill said.

"I am grateful for this amazing community and the support I get from the people within it to reach the pinnacle of my sport."



within it to reach the pinnacle Olympic gold medallist Alexander Hill received a key to Loxton by Mayor Leon Stasinowsky at a special of my sport." ceremony at the Loxton Show on Monday. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Rain damage closes 150 campsites

JOSH BRINE

BOOKINGS at nearly 150 campsites were cancelled over the long weekend after heavy rainfall last week forced the closure of the Murray River National Park and the Loch Luna and Moorook game

The parks were closed to the public on Thursday due to Wednesday's rainfall across the floodplains making roads "impassable" and campsites "slippery and sticky".

DEW district manager Benita Dillon said the national park received about 40mm of rain late on Wednesday.

"Our river parks have clay tracks that run to all the campsites, so

use QR CODE

once we get about 7mm of rain they get very slippery and boggy, and people damage and cut up all our park roads," she said.

"We had to close the park so that people didn't get stuck trying to get to their campsites.

"The people already in campsites got notified and were asked to stay put for a couple of days until the tracks got dry enough for them to get out

"Once tracks get boggy, people tend to drive around the boggy parts.

"That damages the vegetation and the plants on the side of the road, and the tracks get wider and wider, so we try to avoid that."

Ms Dillon said all Riverland campsites had been booked out for

the weekend

"Some of the parks we didn't have to close because the rain was really scattered..." she said. "We were allowed to keep open the Morgan Conservation Park, Chowilla Game Reserve and Danggali Conservation Park, so people who booked in those places were fine.

"The parks that were close to Berri seemed to be the worst hit with the rain.

"We're really disappointed we had to close the parks because we know there were so many people booked in and looking forward to camping for their long weekend and school holidays.

"It doesn't happen very often, but when it does we just have to



The Murray River National Park was closed over the long weekend due to rainfall damage.

bite the bullet and close them.

"The damage to the track would cause a lot of work for us afterwards and it is quite expensive to

get all the tracks graded and fixed

Local rangers reassessed the parks yesterday.





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BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

EDITORIAL

Loxton's winning post-Covid ways

THE writing was seemingly on the wall for the 2021 Loxton Show when the region's biggest community event was called off.

The cancellation of the 2021 Riverland Field Days – just weeks out from its scheduled September date – prompted naysayers to predict Loxton's October long weekend tradition would be the next event to fall victim to South Australia's onerous Covid-19 restrictions.

But Loxton Show organisers simply pushed on and despite jagging a couple of windy spring days, people attended and the show has been officially declared a success.

Yes, making the event "Covid compliant" was an extra burden on volunteers, and yes the restrictions meant the show was different – like all public events in this post-Covid era.

But the show retained the verve and smalltown enthusiasm that have nourished and sustained it for over 100 years.

Organisers deserve a pat on the back, for two reasons

Firstly, the hours and hours of volunteer work they donated simply to stage a worthwhile community event. Most country shows have, sadly, gone by the wayside over the past few decades and once lost such events are rarely given a sec-

But secondly, organisers deserve kudos for essentially ignoring Covid-19 by making their own decisions – in this case, to stage the show.

Whether people realise it or not, governments have never played a more controlling role in the lives of Australians, telling us how to live and what we can and cannot do.

Hard-won freedoms have been seized, and are only now gradually being released by polldriven politicians as incentives - as if we should be grateful to reclaim our own liberties.

Naturally, the Loxton Show was only able to proceed because South Australia has remained largely free of Covid-19, unlike Victoria and New South Wales.

Only an hour or so down the road, today's Pinnaroo Show will be impacted by the SA government's snap decision to change crossborder conditions following the case of a Covidpositive Mount Gambier woman who travelled to Victoria.

Organisers estimate around 25 per cent of the show's regular attendees may be unable to enjoy this year's show, following the government's sudden tightening of conditions.

However, of more concern are the people whose work, school and medical appointments have been suddenly thrown into disarray, again.

The laughably inconsistent and medically questionable rules that have been a hallmark of state governments across the nation over the past 18 months have again been tweaked in this case, including restrictions on dancing, sports spectators, communal food consumption, home gatherings and so on.

SA's Chief Health Officer Nicola Spurrier this week said: "I absolutely feel for these people."

That may be the case, but these decisions keep being made in South Australia, which as mentioned has escaped the worst of Covid-19.

But the big reckoning is coming for Ms Spurrier, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens. Premier Stephen Marshall and the SA government in the form of opening up - or

'freedom day' As vaccination rates rise it will be harder to justify lockdowns and restrictions.

Will our state government embrace the fact "Covid zero" is an unreasonable and unsustainable goal? Or will community events like the Pinnaroo Show and Riverland Field Days continue to be affected?

If it is the latter, many people willing to "do the right thing" in the name of public safety might start to lose patience.

Whether they like it or not, public sector decision-makers like Ms Spurrier and Mr Stevens, and governments more broadly, must eventually acknowledge that risk is part of everyday life and balance it against cost.

THE YEARS GO BY



The sons of Christian and Maria Auricht, Bugle Hut, c.1915: Paul (standing), Edwin, Victor and Bert had eight sisters. The Kaesler family knew the Aurichts from earlier days in Europe and had, in 1896, taken up land at Bugle Hut near Taldra. Finding the farming district productive they encouraged their Auricht friends to leave the "crowded" Sedan district to farm near them. So, eventually in 1909, Christian and two of his 12 children, Bert and Anna, walked to Bugle Hut, accompanied by two cows, and his horse and cart loaded with meagre resources. The newcomers at first lived in the old Bugle Hut and share-farmed with (later, son-in-law) Jack Hamdorf. The other family members moved to Bugle in 1912. In the 1930s drought years, the SA Marginal Lands Act enabled Bert to share-farm more land for

cropping and sheep, providing a better family economy. Despite the hard physical work with horses and the implements they pulled, Bert enjoyed clearing land and farming. He initially used a horse-drawn cart to carry his wheat 16km to Kaesler's Landing and to the paddle-steamer trade, often returning with river water for the farm. Bert and wife Hildegard had four daughters including Winifred (Hansen).

PHOTO: Win Hansen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Festival committee defends itself

IN response to the story headlined 'Council caution on Rose Festival handout' (Murray Pioneer, 29/9/21), the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival Committee believes several of the statements made at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) meeting on September 24 were inaccurate.

We would like to point out that during its 27-year history the festival has grown from a small, local Renmark event to now cover the entire Riverland.

It has become one of Australia's largest open gardens events, running over 10 days and bringing many valuable tourist dollars to the Riverland in gen-

It is run entirely by volunteers with very limited access to funding. And as for the "money grab" comment – really?

The 2021 official program contains approximately 20 per cent Loxton Waikerie content, with 27 per cent of festival events and open gardens coming from the Loxton Waikerie district.

Additionally, one of the boys involved with the re-instigated ambassador program - comprising three girls and two boys – originates from Loxton and attended the Loxton High School. He currently works on Calperum Station.

The point about being too late to start talking to Loxton Waikerie council on the face of it, has merit.

However, it was not for the lack of trying.

The concept of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival was born at a strategic planning workshop facilitated by Destination Riverland on June 24, 2020. It was attended by 14 invited delegates, including a representative from Loxton.

This was followed by:

☐ A G3 (all three Riverland councils) meeting (12/8/20) at which DCLW was not present. \square A public meeting (8/4/21)

which did not attract a Loxton

Waikerie representative. Three

public notices were placed in the Pioneer.

☐ A second G3 meeting

(2/6/21) at which DCLW was not present. ☐ Two scheduled dates for a presentation to the Loxton

Waikerie councillors were cancelled and we finally got to meet the elected members on August 27, 2021 – which we agree, was As for not providing enough

information in a timely manner, the committee - through me sent to DCLW on July 12 a strategic plan (Destination Riverland report), business plan, budget, marketing plan, public meeting report (Barb Cowey's report) and briefing notes for my presentation to council.

In the meantime, the committee has developed valuable alliances with the Loxton Garden Club and Waikerie Flower Show and we look forward to developing this network further in 2022.

The Committee is grateful for the \$2000 granted by DCLW with in-kind.

We look forward to presenting a positive acquittal report for the 2021 festival and getting off to better start early next year.

Next year is the year of the International Rose Convention here in South Australia and we want the Riverland to be front and centre of this event.

SHEREE CHAPPEL Chair

Riverland Rose and Garden Festival

Banned from Berri after Pfizer shot

BANNED from Berri, that's me. Our story starts off with promise: a drive to Berri on a sunny spring day to get my first Pfizer jab after a three-month wait.

We get to Riverland Central Plaza where the jabs are being jabbed.

We went in early, and a "hangry" person asked us to return later while they closed for lunch. We went to a coffee house for latte, and the coffees had that bitter smooth taste that makes a good coffee.

As we wandered through Cheap as Chips, my wife and I talked about how friendly all the staff were.

Without even needing to, they would pass by and say hello as they worked. A refreshing atmosphere. This is the foreshadowing and happy prelude that every good soap opera needs before disaster strikes.

We walked back to the Covid injection den of doom.

A gruff security guard directed us to sign in, disinfect hands, stand on the temperature scanner, get a clipboard.

At the desk with the clipboards were four people; one told us to go sit in a particular place and fill out the forms.

After that I wasn't sure what to do and handed the forms in and went to another area.

One of the guardians of the desk told me not to do that. I was confused and asked what I was meant to do.

The security guard rode in to the rescue. Standing with his face in mine he told me to sit down.

I think he must have studied his lessons in intimidation online. He threatened to kick me

Then my number was called for my jab and I went to do that, which was fine; the nurse was professional.

After we waited a bit, we left. On the way out I asked the security guard for details so that I could report him to his supervisor for being abrupt and antago-

He took that badly, pushed me and kept telling me how he was going to drag me out of Riverland Central Plaza.

As a cluster of anxious employees clustered around, I told them what my side of the story was.

I told the security guard I would make a complaint to his company, then I walked away.

They must have tailed me and rang the cops. Later, two young police officers accosted me shopping in Coles – and told me I was banned from Berri and that I would have to get my second jab elsewhere.

It made me think. If a person like me gets so easily banned, purely for asking questions, I can

understand why there is so much discontent with the vaccines.

And that the problem may not be all in the minds of rabid right-wing anti-vaxxers out to dethrone our democracy.

I think the problem might be a self-inflicted wound from admin staff not being as well trained in handling people as other shops.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER

Westpac lease not positive for Renmark

READERS of The Advertiser last Friday week might have seen the headline "Parklands Bar Fight".

It related to a proposal to build bars and cafes and "tourist ventures" on the Torrens river front - the area called Pinky Flat - between the weir and Kintore Avenue.

Mayor Sandy Verschoor is strongly against any such development and is quoted as saying that "Pinky Flat provides such an iconic view of the Parklands looking across the Torrens and it needs to be protected at all costs".

Another headline – on page 6 "Mayor (Veerschoor) calls for public support to stop bars".

So, she is very much against having any building on the Torrens river bank.

We know that, with the Murray River Queen gone, and the Westpac Bank building demolished, the vista of the Renmark river front would be an iconic view unmatched anywhere - even better than the Adelaide Parklands.

This vista must be protected. The big difference here seems to be a determination by the Renmark/Paringa Council to keep that view blocked. Only our good Lord knows why.

Why won't the Renmark Paringa Council's mayor - and the council – follow the lead of Mayor Veerschoor? They could call for support to open up our iconic view and support the community who want it to happen.

And it is very disappointing to note that the Renmark Paringa Council is now supporting the "no sale" of the Westpac site. It

Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey

THAT'S BERT, HE'S GOT COVID....

OH!

YEAH! HE'S A CITRUS GROWER,

NO PICKERS, NO CONTAINERS,

NO SHIPPING AND

ROTTING FRUIT.



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seems to have done an about face and is offering a 50 to 99-year lease of that site.

That is worse than selling it. It is like "he speaks with a forked tongue", as they said in the old movies.

It really is like the spoiled child that has to get its own way, jumps up and down and stamps its feet, and yells and carries on when it doesn't get its own way.

That sort of lease does not do anything for Renmark.

TREVOR LOXTON

Country vaccines

WHAT a wonderful idea by Dr Hamilton ('Rollout solution', Murray Pioneer, 22/9/21), who quipped that making vaccines illegal, rather than mandatory, might make them more in demand and more available.

It is what the powers-that-be appear to think of the country areas – in more ways than one.

Time for some positivity: well done

I DRIVE along Government Road, Renmark, each weekday.

I have wanted to say a 'well done' to a few people for ages.

Firstly to those who have worked tirelessly on your home and garden on the corner of Sixty Foot Road and those with an Aussie flag opposite Rialto.

You all show that a rundown property can be transformed into a really sweet and beautiful place, with loving care.

It takes commitment and hard work to transform houses, so you did brilliant jobs.

Lastly, a pat on the back to the man who walks his black staffy regularly in sometimes awful conditions, giving her exercise, mental stimulation and love.

I thought that instead of complaints it would be a positive change to lift the spirits of a few people. Maybe a new column for the future?

ABBY THREADGOLD

See a doctor, not a politician

REGARDING Ralf Nobile's letter to the editor ('Long-term side effects worry me', Murray Pioneer, 29/9/21), I understand your reluctance to be vaccinated,

term and permanent. If you wait until May 2022, as you suggest, Covid-19 will be in SA.

but there are known side effects

from Covid-19, including long-

Covid-19 itself doesn't know or care who you vote for. Please see your doctor about your concerns, not a politician.

CHRIS THOMAS Barmera

You've gotta be joking!

STORIES PAGE ONE & 10.

Jumps racing is finally ending in SA

RSPCA congratulates Racing SA on its announcement that jumps races will not be scheduled in the South Australian racing calendar as of next year.

TRSA has cited declining participation levels and horse numbers as factors that have made the industry "unsustainable and unworkable".

RSPCA has campaigned for decades to end jumps racing because of the inherent risks associated with forcing horses to jump obstacles in a pack, at full gallop over longer distances and carrying heavier weights, than horses in flat races.

University research has found horses in jumps races are almost 19 times more likely to suffer a serious injury or death than horses in flat races. Most injuries and deaths occur in the later stages of races, when fatigue sets in.

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CAUSE, BUT

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COVID STRIKES BEHIND THE SCENES

In 2016, South Australia's jumps racing industry was the subject of a select committee inquiry due to community concerns about the numbers of horses being injured and killed in jumps races.

The cumulative impact of injuries from non-fatal falls, such as tendon or ligament damage, lacerations and associated anxiety, were among welfare concerns.

The Committee gave Thoroughbred Racing SA and the sector three years to implement recommendations designed to improve welfare for jumps horses and industry transparency.

Our organisation's position has always been that the activity of jumps racing could never be made safe enough to justify its continuation.

NSW banned jumps racing in 1997 under that state's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979. The Tasmanian racing industry stopped holding jumps races in 2007, WA has not held a jumps race since 1941 and the ACT and Queensland have only

held occasional events.

With last week's announcement from Racing SA, Victoria is now the only state in Australia to still have jumps racing.

For far too long, not only the horses, but the jockeys too, have been playing Russian roulette every time they left the starter's gate, with the odds incredibly high that at least one horse would fall at a jump.

The death and injury toll has been horrific, and traumatising for anyone who has witnessed these catastrophic falls.

Dr REBEKAH EYERS SA animal welfare advocate

Help out Renmark Post Office staff

THE Renmark Post Office staff have a mammoth task ahead this weekend, relocating boxes into numerical order, as part of an upgrade.

Let's all be kind to them this Friday morning and make their task easier by clearing our post boxes before 3pm.

Remember, you may need to collect a new set of keys from Monday, any time after 10am. ROBYN McINTOSH

Paringa

TEXT LINE

Looking back...

10 years ago October 5, 2011



October roads blitz





OCTOBER ROADS BLITZ: Riverland police have begun a month-long crackdown on dangerous drivers despite a relatively safe long weekend on local roads. Murray Mallee Local Service area officer in charge, Superintendent Ian Parrott, said yesterday he had received only two reports of drink drivers in his area over the Labour Day weekend.

20 years ago October 5, 2001

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Rejection - wineries warn



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REJECTION - WINERIES WARN:

Riverland grape growers face the prospect of having their fruit rejected by wineries next vintage due to an over-supply of some varieties. Winery representatives confirmed this week there would be an over-supply of grapes next year.

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Interesting lately to hear the talk about the Murray River Queen, but little has been said about what it has cost us ratepayers to have the MRO here. The boat was okay, but the location was a big error. But we haven't been told just how much we have lost all together. It has been suggested as much as \$500,000? That raises the question: If the MRQ can get credit from the Renmark Paringa Council for such a large amount of money, then how come ratepayers get belted \$20 for just being one day late with their dog licence fees? A bit of inconsistency, I suggest.

Renmark

Regarding Covid-19 vaccinations, I know it's our own personal choice to decide if we have the jab. I have and am proud of the fact. I put it to those that "maybe" won't: If you were diagnosed with cancer tomorrow would you seek treatment and have all those poisons put into your body? Will you run to the hospital if you get Covid-19? I rest my case.

LINDA Renmark

Accolade Wines keeps talking about 7 per cent when it's only 2.5, 2.5 and 2.0 over three years. What's the current inflation rate in the country? 3.8 per cent seems like a dud deal.

Renmark

Hopefully the SA government does one Riverland road project at a time, rather than start a number of them, and have multiple delays for commuters ('Heavy duty', Pioneer, 29/9/21).

Big business has an insatiable push for ever-more profits and dividends for the few. But how many tax cuts does it take before we notice no real increase in jobs? I refer to the continued loss of full-time and part-time permanent contracts of guaranteed hours and pay. These continue to be replaced by casuals and zero-hour contract work. No stable, healthy economy

- local or national - is built on this system. Local workers fight to keep permanent contracts, but are there any comments and/or support from our local, state or federal politicians? MARG

In reply to Chris of Renmark (Text Line, 29/9/21) I can resolve your dilemma about mask wearing when alone in cars. I do it all the time when I am out. Going to a number of shops and appointments one after the other, it is so much easier to just leave a mask on, rather than fiddle around with it every I get to my destinations.

Waikerie

Berri

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Waikerie bowlers celebrate their gigantic new dome



CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MEMBERS of the Waikerie Bowling Club celebrated the completion of their new \$1.3m dome with an official opening on Sunday.

The canopy will protect players on the two bowling greens from UV rays.

Barker MP Tony Pasin and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky officially unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

The federal government supported the project last year with a grant of almost \$609,000 through its Building Better Regions fund.

"The Waikerie Bowling Club is used by community members of all ages," Mr Pasin said.

"This upgrade provides a range of social benefits to the community including a high-quality facility, an increase in community pride,



Waikerie Bowling Club members and Loxton Waikerie councillors at the unveiling of the club's new dome. **PHOTOS: Christine Webster**

age-friendly community support, attracting visitors and increase in participation.

'This project delivered economic benefits through use of local suppliers and contractors during construction."

Loxton Waikerie council provided a \$250,000 grant towards the dome and also provided the Waikerie Bowling Club with a \$250,000 loan funded through the Local Government Finance Authority.

The bowling club also contributed \$270,000.

Waikerie Bowling Club president Roger Davies said the federal government grant allowed the club to build a "wonderful fabric cover" for its greens.

"This will allow our members and visitors to play in all

weather, in comfort," he said. "We expect many more visitors to our tournaments



Tony Pasin, Roger Davies and Leon Stasinowsky at Sunday's official opening.

and this will benefit the town and the district with increased tourism.

"This will also be a great selling point for bowlers looking to relocate to choose Waikerie.

"Waikerie Bowling Club appreciates Tony's efforts on our behalf."

Mr Davies also thanked Loxton Waikerie council for its financial support and the Waikerie Bowling Club's members, calling for a round of applause to acknowledge their hard work.

"The amount of work we have put in to get this done is mind boggling," he said.

"We worked this out the other day, it was something between 2500 to 3000 voluntary hours we put in since the start of the project, and there is still more to do.'

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky congratulated the Waikerie Bowling Club for its initiative and dedication in pursuing the construction of the dome.

"When you look at this here, it certainly has wow factor," he said.

Mr Stasinowsky said Waikerie was one of the few bowling clubs in Australia to have a dome of such magnitude over its bowling greens.

He praised the way the club approached council for funding assistance, with about 30 members attending a deputation meeting dressed smartly in their club uniforms.

'Council knew that the bowling club was 100 per cent behind this project and that is the most important thing, that you got together and worked it out before you came to council as to what you wanted," he said.

"Then you had members that backed the club financially with donations."



We expect many more visitors to our tournaments and this will benefit the town and district...

- Waikerie Bowling Club president Roger Davies



Annual General Meeting Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council

Monday 25 October 2021 **Riverland General Hospital** Berri Boardroom At 6 pm

ALL WELCOME

Agenda:

Welcome - Apologies - Election of 6 Health Advisory Council Members.

Presiding Member BERRI BARMERA **HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**



Annual General Meeting Waikerie and Districts Health Advisory Council

Tuesday 19th October 2020 Waikerie Health Service **Large Meeting Room** At 7.00pm

ALL WELCOME

Agenda:

Welcome - Apologies - Election of Waikerie & Districts Health Advisory Council Member.

Presiding Member WAIKERIE & DISTRICTS HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



Girl Guides from the Riverland region, exploring historic Barmera as part of their mystery hike activity. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Girl Guides set up camp in Barmera

ELYSE ARMANINI

GIRL Guides from across the state have set up camp in Barmera this week.

The SA Riverdaze State Camp is the first of its kind in the region, with 30 girls from the Riverland attending among a gathering of over

Set up at Lake Bonney's Camp Kedron, the Guides will spend the rest of the week completing group activities around the towns and on the water.

The Riverland subgroup

of Girl Guides explored Barmera yesterday as part of their Barmera Centenary Mystery Hike – a treasure hunt of historic Barmera – before heading off to Monash Adventure Playground after lunch.

The camp ends on Friday.

Council defers Field Days Ioan until 2022

By JOSH BRINE

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BERRI Barmera Council has deferred more than \$90,000 in loan repayments owed by the Riverland Field Days Committee until 2022, following the second consecutive cancellation of the event.

Five half-yearly loan instalments dating back to July 2020, when the council previously deferred repayments due to the cancellation of the 2020 Field Days, will be deferred until the 2022 event.

Council will still be required to make payments on the loan to the Local Government Finance Authority.

CEO Karyn Burton said the decision would not impact council's cash flow, however the Field Days Committee would remain on council's balance sheet as a "sundry debtor" until repayment was received.

Councillors voted to approve the deferral at last week's ordinary council meeting and Riverland Field Days executive manager Tim Grieger said the committee appreciated the support from the council.

"Obviously over the last couple of years our income has not been there due to the cancellation of the Field Days twice and a whole lot of other events that have been cancelled as well," he said.

"The loan was for the function pavilion that we built, and prior to



Berri Barmera councillors last week voted to defer loan payments owed by the Riverland Field Days until 2022. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the region's biggest public event was cancelled for the second successive year in 2021.

undertaking that project we had no debt

"The purpose of that pavilion was to attract other major events to the region.

"Next year we have bookings, and let's hope they stay in place, from national events like the Retreat Caravan Club rally in March, the National Caravan Rally in March-April and the National Panel Van Rally, and there are other major events booked for next

year as well.

"With all of that and having a great Field Days next year, as we expect to do, we'll be able to get back on track and catch up on those deferrals."

In a letter to council, Mr Grieger said the committee was facing losses "in the order of \$140,000" in addition to a \$30,000 loss in 2020.

During debate on the motion, Cr Kassebaum questioned the Field Days Committee's decision to continue with an upgrade of shower facilities at the Riverland Events Centre – a project that was fully funded by the federal government.

"I think it's a bit rich for them to go on with further investment," he said.

However, Mr Grieger told the Murray Pioneer the committee was only able to go through with the \$88,000 project because of the federal government funding.

"It adds to the attractiveness of

the events centre for those types of events because they know they don't have to hire those facilities in," he said.

Cr Mike Fuller, who voted in favour of the motion, said it was important for council to support a prominent event for the district.

"To put it at risk by not supporting them further... we risk losing something important for not just Berri Barmera, but the entire Riverland," Cr Fuller said.



New ag visa tipped to sustain citrus industry

RIVERLAND citrus growers worried about a potential labour shortage in the upcoming season are set to benefit from the introduction of a new visa aimed at backpacker workers.

Regulations for a new agriculture visa - covering workers from all 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations countries were last week implemented by the federal government.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said ongoing travel restrictions caused by Covid-19 had made the new visa a necessity.

"The creation of the ag visa under the migration regulations is a landmark moment for the sector and delivers on our promise to have it in place this year," Mr Pasin said.

"The ag visa will be the biggest structural change to agricultural workforce in our nation's history and producers in Barker are poised to be able to grab the benefits with both hands.

"Worker restrictions have always been a problem, but it has been taken to the next level with Covid and the subsequent international and internal borders.

"We now have a visa that will give Barker a long-term, reliable workforce for our agricultural industries."

Citrus Australia CEO



Member for Barker **Tony Pasin**

Nathan Hancock said the initiative – which provides a four-year multiple entry visa would generate a "sustainable pathway to secure skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers for the citrus industry".



Citrus Australia CEO **Nathan Hancok**

"The ag visa provides another avenue, particularly to smaller citrus businesses, to recruit skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers, and provides incentive to invest in them," Mr Hancock said.

"The skills shortage has been a long-term issue for growers and this visa will enable industry to arrest the decline.

"The agriculture visa will not only provide confidence to our citrus growers to continue to invest in their export programs, but enables them to focus on attracting returning workers to their farms and pack sheds, leading to increased efficiencies in their business.'

AUSVEG CEO Michael Coote said ensuring workplace standards were maintained would be integral to the visa program's success.

"The Australian Agriculture Visa will complement the existing visa programs such as the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP), Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS) and the Horticulture Industry Labour Agreement (HILA) and will offer another avenue for growers to access an efficient workforce," Mr Coote said.

"The new visa will only be successful if the health and safety of workers is protected.

"Workers who come to Australia to pick fresh produce do so to work hard and earn good money, but we also want them to enjoy the experience and feel safe while they work."

Pioneer journalist's homelessness award nod

MURRAY Pioneer journalist Deirdre Graham is a finalist in the Victorian Homelessness Media Awards for a two-page spread published last year.

Ms Graham's stories focused on the complex nature of homelessness, the road back from homelessness, and the push for Riverland crisis accommodation.

Her articles were listed in the

final four for the awards' best suburban and regional journalism category.

The finalists were selected by a panel of judges including journalists, social justice leaders, and people with a lived experience of homelessness.

The judges' comments on Ms Graham's submission said it "creates deeper understanding"

and that it was "interesting and moving to read about how this young man descended into homelessness".

Ms Graham said the issue of homelessness was close to her heart.

Becoming homeless is as easy as losing a job, having a relationship break-up, descending into mental illness, or grappling

with an addiction," she said.

Ms Graham is up against Harrison Tippett from The Geelong Advertiser, Jackson Graham from The Standard at Warrnambool, and Alex Darling and Rebekah Lowe from ABC Wimmera.

The winners will be announced on November 29 at the Melbourne Town Hall.



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Lynn Anstey's digital mural on display at the Night Mural Riverland launch event. PHOTO: Facebook

Hundreds dazzled by night mural

JOSH BRINE

ABOUT 200 people gathered to admire the work of local artists at the launch of Night Mural Riverland in Barmera on Saturday.

The show, jointly organised by Berri Barmera Council and illuminart Australia, featured work from six Riverland artists - Lyn Anstey, Kat Bell, Susie Skujins, Aimee Gladigau, Declan Morgan and Alexia Flight – projected on the side of the Bonney Theatre.

Berri Barmera Council community engagement officer Rebecca Kennedy said she had received positive feedback from attendees.

"The artists were also really positive about it and a couple are really keen to follow-on with that art form and investigate digital projection a bit more," she said.

"The kids really loved it as well."

The event was the first launch held for a show at the Barmera Digital Projection site, and included live music, food trucks and children's activities.

"This is the first street-closure event we've done but there's been at least half-a-dozen projection artworks created by Riverland artists displayed there," Ms Kennedy said.

'Council is really pleased with the community engagement shown at the event, and to support local artists across the Riverland to be able to have a go and be part of it.



Organisers and artists for Night Mural Riverland with Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt (sixth from left) at the projection show's launch on Saturday night. PHOTO: Josh Brine

"We're hoping to have at least one main event like that per year that council will organise.

"Opportunities are also open for anyone else to step in and do similar projects because the projectors are there for the community to have fun, explore and

create with."

Night Mural Riverland will be shown nightly until Sunday, October 24 from 8-10pm.

"We encourage people to have a meal or get their hot chocolate or coffee and head up and enjoy the show," Ms Kennedy said.



Renmark Paringa Council environmental health officer Dara Frankel was last month presented with an SA Environmental Health excellence in leadership award. PHOTO: supplied

Mozzie plan earns awards

WORKING to benefit the health of the Riverland's ecosystem has seen two local environmental professionals awarded recently.

Renmark Paringa Council environmental health officer Dara Frankel and Berri Barmera Council environmental health officer Rebecca Bourton last month received SA Environmental Health excellence in leadership awards for their development of the Riverland Integrated Mosquito Management Plan 2019-2022.

A Renmark Paringa council spokesperson said the plan included monitoring and surveillance, control strategies and information management regarding mosquito populations in the area.

"The plan guides a regional approach to mosquito surveillance and control that is consistent and risk-based, considering each individual council's environment, priorities and resources," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said work from the management plan would help inform the development of a mosquito mapping project.



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Loxton community's work of art

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOXTON building recently received a splash of paint, completing a community mural.

The Loxcare Community Hub building on Drabsch Street received the colourful makeover as part of a 'placemaking' grant from Department of Human Services.

Loxcare co-ordinator Bev Scarfe said the aim of the mural was to "engage and include", while also improving a tired building exterior and increasing access to the community centre.

"It's been great and just a hive of activity," she said.

"Everyone who has gone past has said they love it.

"The colours are beautiful. It's just a very happy mural that hopefully will help people feel good."

Local artists Lyn Anstey, Aimee Gladigau and Lexi Flight have led the project, while school students, community groups and members have contributed.

"We tried to keep it as simple as possible so that we could do it as a community with people who have no experience," Mrs Anstey

"That has proved very successful.

"The children have enjoyed it and everyone comes and sees their own

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Painting the Loxcare mural recently were volunteers (clockwise, from left) Maryann Lindquist, Sharon Lee, Carmel Jackson and Lyn Anstey. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

piece. It's just wonderful."

Mrs Anstey said the mural features a river scene and local flora.

"But it also incorporates what Loxcare is – which is a helping hand for a lot of

people (and) a caring place," she said.

The mural's official launch will be held later this year and will include the grand opening of the Loxcare Community Hub.





Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and Waikerie CFS captain Shaun Arnold with the new Waikerie 34 fire truck, which allows a crew of three to fight grass fires. PHOTO: Christine Webster

New truck for Waikerie CFS

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A NEW \$300,000 fire truck with a water canon will equip the Waikerie CFS to fight grass fires with as few as three crew members.

Chaffey MP, Tim Whetstone, officially marked the handing over of the state government-funded vehicle with the presentation of a certificate to Waikerie CFS captain, Shaun Arnold, last week.

The new fire truck arrived in the town in early August and several members of the Waikerie CFS crew were able to test out some of its capabilities at a recent grass

Mr Whetstone said the Waikerie 34 firefighting appliance provided the Riverland with a new piece of useful technology.

"It is a welcome addition to a service that we all rely on and in some ways people do take for granted," he said.

"We expect our CFS or emergency services to keep

Mr Whetstone said the fire truck received by the Waikerie CFS was part of a statewide roll-out of new appliances for fire brigades.

He said the CFS played a crucial role in protecting the community not only from fires, but in fire situations on the roads.

"As well as the technology, we need to have experienced operators, we need to have volunteers that know how this technology works and to utilise it in the best possible way, Mr Whetstone

Waikerie CFS captain, Shaun Arnold, welcomed the new fire truck's arrival prior to the start of the fire danger season.

He said work and other commitments faced by CFS volunteers in the town meant on occasions a crew of only three was available to attend a fire.

Mr Arnold said the Waikerie 34 made it safe for a small crew to fight a grass

fire.
"You can have one person

on the back, you can have an officer operating a jet at the front for a grass fire and you have got to drive it," he said.

"We can get away with

The new fire truck replaces one of the Waikerie CFS vehicles, which has been refurbished and sent to a smaller brigade in regional

The Waikerie CFS also has two other fire trucks and a specialised vehicle for handling incidents involving hazardous materials.

Mr Arnold said the Waikerie CFS presently had 26 volunteers and was a busy fire brigade, which was why they had received the new fire truck.

He is also looking forward to the arrival of a bulk water carrier to boost the Mid Murray CFS Group's capacity to fight big scrub fires.

Mr Arnold is expecting this new appliance, funded through the state government's emergency levy, to arrive by the end June.

South Aussies urged to be bushfire ready

SOUTH Aussies are being encouraged to prepare their homes and properties ahead of this year's bushfire season, as the CFS launches its 'Be Bushfire Ready' month.

This year's seasonal bushfire outlook suggests an average fire season in SA, however the potential of fastmoving grass fires in remote areas of the state remains a significant concern.

CFS chief officer Mark Jones said it only takes one bad day paired with the right conditions for a fire to pose risk to life and property.

"Please download the Alert SA app," Mr Jones said. "It may save your life during a bushfire emergency and was vital during the tragic 2019/20 summer as a reliable source of information for tens of thousands of South Australians."



Festival organisers snip council claims

ROSE Festival organisers have hit back at claims their funding requests to a local council were too late and their approach was flawed.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) last month rejected an appeal for \$5000 for the 2021 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, which commences on October 15, and instead agree to allocate \$2000 cash and \$2000 of in-kind support.

In opposing the request at their meeting late last month, several elected members questioned the timing of festival organisers, suggesting the matter should have been brought to council earlier.

However, festival chair Sheree Chappel said several statements made by elected members at the meeting were "inaccurate" and that Loxton Waikerie council was to blame for the matter only being addressed last month.

"The point about being too late to start talking to Loxton Waikerie council on the face of it, has merit," Ms Chappel says in a letter to the editor in today's Murray Pioneer.

"However, it was not for the lack

Ms Chappel then produced a list of meetings - held earlier this year not attended by Loxton Waikerie councillors. The first was a public

meeting held back in early April, while Ms Chapel said two meetings subsequently scheduled with Loxton Waikerie council were cancelled, although one cancellation was due to Covid-19.

"We finally got to meet Loxton Waikerie councillors face to face on August 27 this year - which we agree, was too late," Ms Chappel

The proposal was aired at the council's ordinary meeting in August, but left on the table when elected members requested more information from festival organis-

"As for not providing enough

Council caution on Rose Festival handout

Last week's Murray Pioneer

information in a timely manner, the committee - through me - sent to DCLW on July 12 a strategic plan (Destination Riverland report), business plan, budget, marketing plan, public meeting report (Barb Cowey's report) and briefing notes for my presentation to council," she said.

Despite being moved to address councillors' statements, Ms Chappel said the committee

remained "grateful" to the council for its contribution to the festival, which has been renamed Riverland Rose and Garden Festival in a bid to help the event continue expanding beyond Renmark.

The committee has already secured \$5000 in cash and \$4000 of in-kind support from the Renmark Paringa Council, plus \$5000 of support - cash and inkind - from Berri Barmera Council.

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World War I medals finally returned

ELYSE ARMANINI

A LOCAL man has returned war medals to their rightful owner after they were found in an old family home in the Riverland.

The medals belonging to Herman Black – a light horseman in World War I were found in a box at Roly Telfer's grandparents' old

Mr Telfer said he believed the medals were stored away for almost 100 years.

"When I saw the medals, I showed them to Ray Hartigan from the RSL and he recognised them as World War I medals," Mr Telfer said.



●Herman Black's World War I medals, restored and polished, with a photograph of Mr Black and his horse from the Australian Light Horse regiment Mrs Chigros keeps on her mantelpiece.

"The name on the side was H. A. Black and that's Herman Black... his 91-year-old daughter is still living in Renmark.

"We thought it would be a good idea to get them back to her and her family."

After sending the medals off to be polished and restored with new ribbons, Mr Telfer returned them to his cousin Joan Chigros, the

daughter of Herman Black. Mrs Chigros said she was delighted to have her father's medals back in her family, and she was thankful to Mr Telfer for taking care of them.

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he organising committee is excited to present the new name of the festival to illustrate our push to encompass the entire region.

We believe the event is a chance for the Riverland to come together, celebrate our beautiful region and showcase the area to the rest of the state and beyond.

This year's event has again come with many challenges due to Covid-19, but after forging ahead with last year's festival, the committee felt confident we could pull off a wonderful Rose Festival again.

We have welcomed many new committee members and friends of the festival this year and each and every single one of them have been instrumental in organising this year's event.

Again, safety has been at the forefront of all of our planning and every box has been ticked to make sure the festival is something locals and visitors can feel comfortable attending.

We have a number of our regular, popular components going ahead this year, like the open gardens, market fair and Renmark Institute display.

We thank all of our gardeners and encourage people to visit the gardens outlined in the program.

We promise you won't be disappointed, with gardeners from across the Riverland generously

offering to showcase their wonderful gardens. The passion and love for all things gardening will be obvious when you take the opportunity to meander through these gorgeous properties.

The Renmark township's rose gardens provide a spectacular backdrop and are immaculately presented during the festival and throughout the year, thanks to the Renmark Paringa Council. There are 51 garden beds consisting of more than 4500 bushes spread throughout the town and it is well worth taking a walking tour to discover them. More information from the Visitor Information Centre.

We are pleased to welcome Mallee Estate as our host for the popular Gala Dinner and look forward to celebrating this year's successes in

We would like to thank all of our wonderful sponsors, committee members, friends of the festival, Renmark Paringa Council and everyone that has made putting this event on possible.

RIVERLAND ROSE AND **GARDEN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**



SATURDAY, 16 OCT 9AM-3PM

Markets, dogs, and food galore

THE Riverland Rose and Garden Festival's popular Festival Fair is back, with organisers expecting a stronger contingent of stallholders than last

The fair will kick off the festival on Saturday, October 16, from 9am to 3pm, at the Jarrett Memorial Gardens.

Around 40 stalls will be on offer, showcasing a range of produce, nuts and fruit, giftware, entertainment, service clubs, SES, CFS, garden supplies, plants, confectionery, handicrafts, wood and metal work, clothing, food and coffee, dried fruits, sauces and jams and other bric-a-brac plus a woodworking display.

Around eight food stalls are expected at the event, and sit-down areas will be available to attendees.

The committee has allocated 12 seating areas interspersed with the food stalls (a Covid-19 requirement).

Every stallholder who sells food will have a Covid-safe plan at their stall provided by the committee. No alcohol will be served at the event.

After a popular debut at last year's event, the dog agility display will return for this year's Festival Fair.

Sue Laidler from the Riverland Dog Training & Kennel Club put on a fantastic display, which is expected to be a hit again this year.

The peg race between dogs and children was particularly popular, where Sue's dogs compete with children from the crowd to retrieve

Last year, somewhat surprisingly, in

most cases the children won.

This year the committee will try to make the display more user friendly with more seating and a sign telling patrons when the next display will

Jarrett Memorial Gardens will be fenced off again this year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, with the sole entrance gate from James Avenue.

Clear signage on rules of entry and Covid-19 regulations will be on display at the entrance, together with hand sanitizer and Covid-19 forms and QR

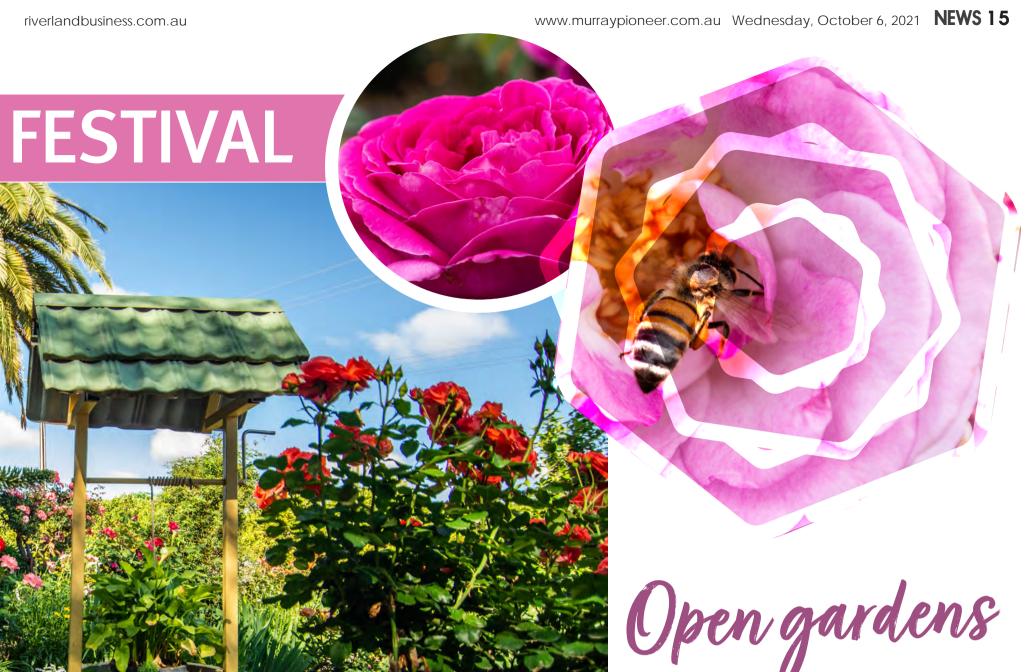
barcodes. **Patrons** with dogs will be allowed entrance with their

The committee is still accepting registrations to this year's fair from across the border and locally.

dog kept on a leash.

To express an interest contact festival secretary John Chappel on 0407 010 363 or email john@stoneypinch.com.au.

For a full list of open gardens, attractions and events visit www.murraypioneer.com.au/other-publications



CHAD VIGAR PHOTOGRAPHY

AN impressive selection of Riverland gardens will be open to the public during this year's Renmark Riverland Rose Festival.

Gardens will be on display from Friday, October 15, through to Sunday, October 24.

"We have a healthy spread of open gardens over the 10 days with plenty of gardens open to visitors throughout the whole week. That will provide many opportunities for visitors to see our region and enjoy the best we have to offer," said Sheree Chappel, Renmark Riverland Rose Festival president.

Approximately 27 open gardens will be on offer throughout the district over the 10 days of the festival. For festival updates and a full list of details visit www.murraypioneer.com.au/other-publications

SUNDAY, 17 OCT | 12NOON

Treat yourself to a rosely lunch

again host an extravagant lunch at its picturesque property during this year's Riverland Rose and Garden Festival.

The Rosey Lunch will take place on Sunday, October 17, from 12 noon, and is expected to be extremely popular again.

"We hosted the lunch out here during last year's Rose Festival and it was an absolute hit amongst attendees," said Sheree Chappel, Riverland Rose and Garden Festival president.

"It really is such a fabulous

THE home of roses, Rustons, will spot to gather with friends and be treated to an afternoon of top-quality food and drinks.

> "The garden will be looking absolutely beautiful and we are really excited to welcome people here during the festival."

> This year attendees will be among the first to experience a glass of Rustons Rose Gin made onsite at Rustons Distillery. Tickets are \$65 per person and available through Eventbrite.

https://www.eventbrite. com.au/e/rosey-lunch-rustonstickets-166270909767

FRIDAY, 22 OCT | 5.45PM

Gala dinner takes a trip to Greece

THE Riverland Rose and Garden Festival's gala dinner will offer event goers a different experience this year by sending

Eleni's Restaurant at Mallee Estate will host this year's gala dinner, which will be held on Friday, October 22, from 5.45pm.

Eleni's Restaurant front of house manager Erica Dodd said the staff were "excited" to be part of a "much-loved" festival.

'We're really proud of what we do here at Eleni's and we're excited to share our great service and food with others," she said.

"Collaborating with different organisations across the region is something we love, because we get to meet new people and

'The festival has been going on for years and it has been very popular for both locals and visitors.

'To be able to host the gala

dinner is something special."

Tickets are \$88 and can be purchased via Eventbrite

(https://bit.ly/3jClZf6).
For more information or to request dietary requirements, email elenis@malleeestate.com.



Today's Pinnaroo Show has been impacted by changes to cross-border restrictions following a case of Covid-19 in Mount Gambier.

Cross-border call hits Pinnaroo Show

HOPES that cross-border community members could attend today's Pinnaroo Show and Field Day were dashed by SA Health on Monday – just two days after it gave them the green light to enjoy the event.

Show society president Kerry Heinicke received the news that bubble members would be able to attend on Saturday.

But by Sunday a Covid-19 case in Mount Gambier saw the border boundary restricted to the reduced figure of 30km for one week.

On Monday morning Mrs Heinicke received the following text message from an SA Health employee: "I am sorry that the decision I relayed to you on Saturday will have to be reversed in light of the changes in the border direction following the case in

"I am very sorry that this change has had

Mrs Heinicke said she was "very disappointed" by SA Health's decision.

"I suppose they are looking after people's physical health, they are thinking of the whole picture, not just our little community,"

"But I am very disappointed... I was so excited, I had sent out messages saying 'Oh my God, you can come, you can come, how exciting'

"I thought we could be back to a whole community, instead of a broken one."

Mrs Heinicke said at a normal show about 25 to 30 per cent of people would be those from across the border.

"Our gate takings will be down, and we depend on our gate takings," Mrs Heinicke

"We have expenses that we have to pay.

"We pay all the insurance on all the buildings, and that is a fair whack, and we have to pay that regardless of whether we have a show or not."

Mrs Heinicke said Saturday's early permission, delivered via a voice message on her phone, had been "amazing".

Mrs Heinicke had written to a number of politicians including MacKillop MP Nick McBride, Hammond MP Adrian Pederick, and Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham - while her letter was also forwarded to Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade - asking for an exemption for border bubble members.

She had 16 points to make in the letter. with the main focus that the border community "needs to be a whole community, not a broken one".





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Locals up for SA's Food and Beverage awards

THE Riverland will be well represented in this year's SA Premier's Food and Beverage Industry Awards, with multiple local businesses nominated.

Costa Citrus was nominated in the Business Excellence and Export categories, while Nippy's and Singing Magpie Produce were selected in the Consumer Award Top 20.

Food South Australia CEO Catherine Sayer said the awards' theme for 2021, Turning the Page, was exemplified by this year's finalists.

"While it is taking time to turn the page on the impacts of the last 18 months and there is a lot of work ahead, the food and beverage sector in South Australia continues to drive growth and generate significant income and jobs for our state," she said.

"This year's awards program also saw the introduction of a Retail Ready program for entrants, finalists and winners.

"This is a significant additional benefit to entering the awards, where these businesses are supported with opportunities to build their retail sales skills and take part in consumer activations through Foodland Supermarkets.

"The ever-popular Consumer Award attracted votes from every Australian state and as far afield as Bahrain, Europe, the US, Malaysia and Japan, demonstrating South Australian products have loyal fans all over the world."

Premier Steven Marshall said the state government's focus on growth highlighted the importance of the food and beverage sector to the state's economy.

"I would like to congratulate all of the finalists this year and look forward to learning who our winners are when they are announced at the gala dinner on Friday, November 12," he said.

Easy QR-code questions to survey Rose Festival

THE economic benefits – in dollars and job creation - of the upcoming Riverland Rose and Garden Festival will be calculated via a clever way of surveying visitors' experiences.

The organising committee owns 40-plus unique QR codes, to be mounted at the exit point of every individual festival event and open garden address, and used to survey visitors on their experiences.

"All that the visitor has to do is place their mobile phone camera over the QR code and answer 12 questions that open up," said committee spokesperson John Chappel.

"They do not need pencil, paper or to take a photo...

We are hoping for 6000 visitor experiences to be recorded using the technology over the 10 days of the festival, visiting some 43 venues."

The data will be uploaded electronically for analysis by Regional Development Australia (RDA) to calculate the dollars and jobs created by the festival.

"This information will be of significant value in assist-



display at the Renmark Institute.

ing with future grant applications as the festival grows into a truly regional event," Mr Chappel said.

The committee will readily hand on the intellectual property to other voluntary Riverland events such as the Dinghy Derby, should they wish to make use of it."

The QR code on this page is for the floral display at the Renmark Institute.

"Have a try if you wish," Mr Chappel said.

"Data generated before the festival will be deleted, as it is only in test mode."

Any visitor who answer the 12 questions will be eli-



A \$1200 prize pack is up for grabs for visitors who use their mobile phones at the upcoming Riverland Rose and Garden Festival to answer 12 questions about the festival. Responses will be analysed to calculate the event's true worth to the Riverland. PHOTO: supplied

gible to win a \$1200 package of a wheelbarrow filled with 18-volt garden tools, sponsored by the South Australian Tourism Commission.

Meanwhile the committee is also seeking volunteers to help out at exit points throughout the festival. Volunteers will also be eligible to win a \$200 gift voucher sponsored by Mitre 10.

Anyone interested in helping should contact Athena Wainman-Riley (athena@ rustons.com.au).

Two ways to win prizes:

ANY visitor who completes a L2-question survey at any Rose Festival official participating venue will be eligible to win a \$1200 package of a wheelbar row filled with 18-volt garden tools, sponsored by SATO

In addition, those who volunteer to help out at exit points – by encouraging visitors to use their mobile phones and answer the questions – during the festival will go into the running to win a \$200 voucher, sponsored by Mitre 10.



Rose Festival ambassador Darcy Orr (standing) at a fundraiser held on RFL grand final day. PHOTO: supplied

Festival ambassador focuses on MND fight

A YOUNG community member has used his position as a rose festival ambassador to raise money and awareness for a worthy cause.

Darcy Orr, 16, is one of six ambassadors for the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival being held this month.

Mr Orr chose fundraising as his ambassador pathway and said when he was given the chance to set up a fundraiser, he was unsure of which cause to support.

"All these ideas just flashed into my head of diseases and things I can donate to, but I had my FightMND beanie on,' he said.

FightMND is an Australian-based organisation raising money and awareness for research, treatment and, ultimately, a cure for motor neurone disease.

"So, I thought 'yeah I'll do that' to raise more awareness on it because information is very limited," he said. "It's something that, in my opinion, we should know a lot more about.'

"I had a fundraiser at the RFL grand final and we ended up donating \$1200 (to FightMND).

My goal was originally \$100, but we smashed it.

"I'll be doing another fundraiser at the festival (and) that money will also go to FightMND."

Mr Orr spoke with former Riverland teacher - now living in Adelaide – Rob Morris, who was diagnosed with MND eight years ago.

"When he was diagnosed and driving home, they were nearly hit by a car head-on," Mr Orr said.

"He told me 'don't take what you have for granted, be appreciative'.

"He said 'it's a journey that you have to make the most of, because anything might happen tomorrow'.'

Mr Orr said he was grateful for the support and donations from people across the Riverland

"Even people who couldn't donate very much, it still mattered," he said.

"It was just great to see the whole community, all the different teams from across the region who supported one big cause. I was absolutely amazed by everyone's

It's census time for regent parrots

A NUMBER of local environmental organisations will work co-operatively to study populations of a Riverland bird species.

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board (MRLB) – in partnership with Mid-Murray Landcare, National Parks and Wildlife Service SA, and the Regent Parrot Recovery Team – will conduct a census during spring of nesting regent parrots in the

MRLB threatened fauna ecologist Melissa Burford said the census would cover a stretch of the River Murray from Swan Reach to the South Australia-Victoria border.

'The most recent nest survey data has shown that the regent parrot population in South Australia is declining," Ms Burford

"This work allows us to understand what is important to them in the landscape and use this information to reverse the decline.

"The data will also provide valuable information on locations to distribute specific native food plants to keen landholders to plant for the regent parrots.

"This will create supplementary food banks to help protect known nesting sites for the threatened birds."

Ms Burford said the most recent river cenus survey from Swan Reach to the South Australia-Victoria border was undertaken in

"Data from this census survey will help direct and focus on-ground recovery actions, including prioritisation of field works for future environmental watering programs,' she said. "This current census survey will add to the data we have already collected and provide critical information about the status of the population to help prioritise on-ground recovery actions."



The first team of volunteers and staff setting out to begin regent parrot census surveys along the River Murray from Swan Reach to the South Australia-Victoria border. PHOTO: supplied







Banrock flies the flag for Riverland

BANROCK Station is the sole Riverland winery among 18 finalists in the 2021 SA Best of Wine Tourism Awards.

Finalists were announced on Monday, with winners of the various categories to be named during the 2021 CheeseFest, to be held at Rymill Park on October 22-24.

Banrock Station – situated near Kingston-On-Murray – is a finalist in the Sustainability category.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, David Basham, said the awards recognise the most outstanding wine tourism experiences in South Australia.

"This year there are 18 finalists across eight of our world-class wine regions stretching from the Coonawarra in the South-East to Clare Valley in the Mid-North," Mr Basham said.

"With border restrictions due to Covid-19, wineries have seen less international and interstate tourists and instead many locals are holidaying in their own backyard.

"The Best of Wine Tourism Awards have had 36 entries this year, demonstrating the high calibre of wine tourism experiences across our regions.

"What we offer in South Australia as far as wine tourism experiences is unique and unlike anything else you will experience around the world.

"We not only produce 80 per cent of Australia's premium wine, but South Australia offers warm and knowledgeable hospitality and culinary excellence."

The other Sustainability category finalist is Gemtree Wines, of McLaren Vale.

Unique Loxton event already sold out

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A UNIQUE Loxton theatre event has already sold out, with the three shows still weeks away.

In mid-October, Little Town Productions is presenting Kick off ya Boots, a dinner theatre production to be held at the Lutheran Peace Hall over three days.

Kick off ya Boots producer playwright John Gladigau said the event aimed to bring people together to enjoy a meal and good company, while watching a show.

"It's about celebrating what it means to be in a rural community," he said.

"Recognising what we also go through in rural communities and looking out for each other."

Attendees on the Friday and Saturday will be treated to a three-course meal, with the production running throughout, while Sunday's matinee show will be BYO nibbles and drinks.

Mr Gladigau said he hoped the mid-October show would allow primary producers the opportunity to attend.

"It's between sport seasons as well, so it gives people a good opportunity to come along," he said.

Little Town Productions held its first show in 1999



Little Town Productions is presenting Kick off ya Boots next week. The show is dinner theatre production to be held at the Lutheran Peace Hall and features local talent. PHOTO: supplied

Ruston.

and productions became known for their deep message, bolstered by humour and talent.

Mr Gladigau said despite Kick off ya Boots having a smaller cast than previous productions, the talent was still "extraordinary".

"The main cast is seven and then we have a small ensemble that sits behind that, plus a band," he said
"They are wonderfully

talented and get along really well. They are all so dedicated to make sure this is going to be a quality production."

Behind-the-scenes members are also young, skilled locals, according to Mr Gladigau.

A number of dignitaries will attend, including State

Premier Steven Marshall ets and Federal Minister for Families and Social are Services, Senator Anne only

"To have the person responsible for mental health in Australia attending the event is a huge coup," Mr Gladigau said.

"It's pretty amazing to think we sold out three shows, so that's 510 tickets, with a month to go.

"As it is sold out, we are hoping to put as much online as we possibly can.

"We are excited about where it could potentially lead in the future."

Mr Gladigau thanked the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and the National Recovery and Resilience Agency for assisting the production.

RAA Regional Safety Grants



RAA's annual Regional Safety Grants are now open! \$70,000 is available to help kick-start critical safety projects for community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations based in regional SA. You can apply for a grant between \$500-\$10,000. It's part of RAA's commitment to creating a safer state.

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Council to trial cost-saving 🐷 counter change

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

WAIKERIE and district residents will soon have a one-stop counter for all of their council inquiries.

At last month's District Council of Loxton Waikerie meeting, elected members agreed to relocate Waikerie Civic Centre inquiries to the Waikerie Library/Visitor Information Centre for a three-month trial.

The library is currently housed within the civic centre, with counters at opposite

Council's director of com-

mercial and community services Andrew Waters said the change would allow "improved access" for locals.

"Î think it will improve customer service with longer hours and weekend work," he

Council's Waikerie customer service desk will still have staff available, but the first point of contact will be through the library/VIC.

Mr Waters said the need for face-to-face contact was decreasing.

"The online payments of council services such as rates, dog registrations and planning continues to rise, enabling the library/VIC staff to have the capacity to implement this change with minimal impact to current services," he said.

"The library also has the self-check-in for book loans to minimise congestion at the customer service area."

Mr Waters said consultation with council and library staff had occurred and they were "supportive" of the trial.

He also said it the trail was successful and the change becomes permanent, it would generate a budget saving of \$20,453 per year.



At the recent Mill Corner Air Crash Memorial were Air Force Association SA Division president Dr Robert Black, association secretary Dr Warwick Raymont and Mill Corner Air Crash Memorial instigator and Loxton man Ray Edwards. PHOTO: supplied

Mill Corner site acknowledged

A MEMORIAL service dedicated to four young airmen who died as a result of an Avro Anson air crash in 1943 was held in Loxton recently.

The Mill Corner Air Crash Memorial was recently deemed to be of national significance by the RAAF and a special memorial service was held to recognise the site.

The four RAAF members died when their plane crashed at nearby Noora, east of Loxton, during a navigational training flight from Nhill to Mildura on September 24, 1943.

The victims were Sgt Bowman, FO Flynn, PO Rapp and Sgt Obst, from Berri, with the latter having many relatives in the Riverland.

Air Force Association SA Division's Dr Warwick Raymont was a guest speaker at the service.

He is a relative of Sister Raymont, who lost her life near the end of World War II and whose name is commemorated in Raymont Avenue, Loxton, adjacent to Mill

A permanent memorial is now at Mill Corner, Loxton, and is the venture of Rav Edwards, who was a young boy when the plane landed in his father's paddock.

The memorial, which includes a scale model of an Avro Anson aircraft in a doomed dive located on Bookpurnong Terrace at the Mill Corner Historical Precinct, was unveiled late last year.



Local men and their partners are invited to a special breakfast in Loxton tomorrow morning, aiming to start important conversations about men's health.



Important discussions over Loxton breakfast table

A LOXTON service club will host an important breakfast tomorrow, promoting and raising awareness for men's health.

The Rotary Club of Loxton, in partnership with the Loxton Community Men's Shed, will hold a free breakfast at the shed, with special guest Michael Vowles.

Mr Vowles is a Loxton Waikerie councillor, dryland farmer and founding member of Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES) Riverland.

08 8582 1671

Mr Vowles said he would discuss the trials and tribulations of farming in the Mallee and how people attempt to handle the difficult circumstances they often find themselves in.

The event is part of the Rotary Club of Loxton's long-term advocacy for improving the promotion of men's health in the Riverland and its active support of the development and success of the Loxton Community Men's Shed.

Rotarian and Loxton Men's Community Shed sec-

retary Des Schliebs said the breakfast aims to start important conversations.

"We've had an extended partnership with Rotary now by running these men's health breakfasts," he said.

"It will be a great morning."

Mr Schliebs said bookings for the breakfast are essential and partners are welcome.

To book in for the breakfast, or for more information, contact Des Schliebs on 0458 082 247.

- STEPHANIE THOMPSON



A delight-ful fundraiser for hospital this weekend

ELYSE ARMANINI

A FUNDRAISER for a city hospital burns unit will take place in Renmark this weekend.

Bakers Delight Renmark will donate the money from all sales made on Saturday to the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH)

Owners Tim and Belinda Morrison wanted to give back to WCH after their son suffered burns to his hands and needed treatment for three weeks in April this year.

"We just wanted to give something back to them," Mr Morrison said.

"We're aiming to raise \$5000 in sales, which will all go to the hospital."

Mr Morrison encouraged the community to help raise funds for the hospital by purchasing something on the day.

Bakers Delight Renmark will be open from 7am to 3pm on Saturday.



Final hurdle cleared to sell McCormick

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND council's success in removing community status from a notable local building means the property can now be sold.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last week's general meeting to revoke the community land status of the McCormick Centre for the Environment in Renmark, following approval from Minister for Planning and Local Government Vickie Chapman.

Renmark Paringa Council director for corporate and community services, Tim Pfeiffer, said the decision would now allow council to sell the site.

"Council has resolved to revoke the community land classification of the McCormick Centre, which has also recently been approved by the Minister for Planning and Local Government," Mr Pfeiffer said.

"Consideration will now be given to the most appropriate methods of selling the property, with a report to be brought back



Renmark Paringa councillors last week revoked the McCormick Centre's community status following approval from Minister for Planning and Local Government Vickie Chapman.

to a future meeting of council.

"In the meantime, council is pleased to currently have the property leased out to PIRSA, Chapman in June seeking her

for the purposes of managing the fruit fly program."

Council wrote to Ms

approval on the matter, after initially deciding to revoke the building's community status in





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School, churches, sport... and socials at the town institute

LET'S say that if there were four pillars of community life in the '60s and '70s, then three of them were our schools, churches and

I'm proposing the fourth was the town's institute or hall. Almost every Australian country town, small or large, breathed its community life within the walls of the insti-

If those walls could speak, such quirky and compelling stories they'd tell: such as the annual church concerts where rows of wooden seats were filled-up by eager fami-

The typed one-page program revealed a rundown of the night's musical items and skits. It's impossible to forget the Minge brothers doing Jake the Peg, the classic song in which a boy is born with an extra leg, his father perplexed about trying to put his nappy on. One verse stays in my memory:

I had a dreadful childhood really, I s'pose I shouldn't moan,

Each time they had a three-legged race, I won it on me own.

And also I got popular, when came the time for cricket,

They used to roll my trousers up and use me for the wicket.

I sometimes wonder whether this innocent entertainment would engage our present generations. Would our children, for example, delight in the exchange between husband Henry and an exasperated wife Liza, over



that hole in the bucket?

Harry Belafonte's There's a Hole in the Bucket was a favourite for millions of families and replayed in homes across the world.

The Renmark Institute also hosted our high school socials. After lunch on that day, a group of year 12 girls drove into town armed with the school's cash to buy out Eudunda Farmers' supplies of streamers, tape, balloons and coloured cellophane.

We'd proceed to turn that place into a cool vibe, awaiting the hordes of teenagers wearing bell-bottom jeans and midi-skirts and dance to the funk of Long Cool Woman in a Black Dress and Down on the Corner covered by the Riverland band Patch of Blue.

Those same wooden chairs lined the walls for girls who weren't asked to dance. Those old traditions seemed heartless, while today's norms of everyone on the dance floor together is much more fun and freeing.

Teachers roamed around smoothly ensuring no couples escaped to the park in the dark, nor any hanky-panky occurred in the darkened corners of the hall.

Talking of schools, all of Renmark's pri-

mary schools practiced for ages preparing for the Choir Eisteddfod conducted at the

Mr Maitland, Renmark North's music teacher, thinned out the non-singers in a novel way. We senior kids sat in class singing a given song while teachers lowered their ear to each voice, and if deemed unsatisfactory, a gentle tap on the shoulder signalled that one had permission to leave the room to play sport on the oval – while the choir sang on.

The Eisteddfod was a huge affair, all kids presenting impressively in school uniform to a big crowd of parents. Modesty prevents me from saying which school won rather hand-

Then there were the popular touring entertainers who practised hypnotism.

Now a healing modality, then it was considered off-beat and hilarious entertainment. Volunteers were invited on stage and, upon being placed in a trance, would respond so comically at a mere suggestion from the hypnotiser. That convulsive laughter resides in my memory still.

The town institute was also booked for debutante balls for young women, preceded by weeks of dance lessons featuring the Military Two Step; productions and pantomimes by the Renmark Theatre Group; fashion parades; and Monday night table tennis competitions.

Our kids don't believe me, but those were the days.



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Students who attended Kingston-**On-Murray Primary** School pre-1960, back (from left): Rod Ziersch, Kathy Richardson (nee Battams), Gloria Pluckhahn (nee Scadden), John Pope, Maureen **Krollig** (nee Hunter) and Joan Wachtel (nee Pope). Front: **Nancy Battams** (nee Holmes), **Gilbert Harrington** and Erald Hunter.



Kingston-On-Murray Primary School's oldest living student, Gil Harrington, with its youngest student, William Albrecht, at the school's recent Back to Kingston event.



Contents of a 1984 time capsule unearthed at the school's recent reunion event.

KOM school's successful anniversary celebration

A TWICE rescheduled celebration to mark 127 years of the Kingston-On-Murray Primary School finally went ahead successfully – last month.

Over 120 people come through the gates for the Back to Kingston event in late September, including the oldest-known living student, Gil Harrington, 95.

The youngest student, seven-year-old William Albrecht, also attended.

"Interestingly, at the 100-year celebrations in 1994 the oldest living student was Gil's mum, Nancy," said school spokesperson Kerry Albrecht-Szabo.

"And the youngest student at the time was William's mum, Michelle Pope."

At the recent event, time capsules from 1994 and 2008 were unearthed.

"We had year 2000 predictions read out, written in 1984," Ms Albrecht-Szabo said.

"We were also treated to a performance from the current students that showed the uniform changes from 1894 through to 2021 and also the way school yard games have evolved."

The day concluded with a tour of the Kingston Hall museum.

Local SES busy after storm hits Riverland

and JOSH BRINE

LOCAL emergency services were out in force during the storm that hit the region last Wednesday.

Crews from Berri and Barmera State Emergency Service (SES) were called out to multiple homes as flooding and damage to homes occurred.

Berri SES deputy unit manager, Trevor

Mayfield, said the unit was "pretty busy".

"It was mainly due to flooding," Mr Mayfield said.

"We asked for assistance from Barmera to help us get through the jobs, and of course we didn't know if there was going to be any more coming through."

Mr Mayfield said four calls for help came within minutes of each other.

"We had six members out," he said.

There was a job out in Winkie we attended and a few around different streets in Berri."

Winkie resident Steven Gilgen said he was inundated with water after "torrential rain" hit the area.

"When the flash of lightning came, we couldn't see our neighbours' house and they're only about a hundred metres away. I said 'gee, that's coming down'," he said.

When Mr Gilgen realised he needed to check on his backyard, he was shocked by how much water had come into his house.

"I stepped out of our passageway that leads to our laundry area, which is about a two to three-inch drop, straight into water.

"I turned the outside light on and just went 'oh no'. All of our back porch was under up to three or four inches of water... our backyard was completely flooded.

"We had 47mm in about an hour."

Renmark Paringa and Loxton SES "They were running all around the town. received no calls during the storm.

When the flash of lightning came, we couldn't see our neighbours' house...

- Steven Gilgen Winkie resident

Fundraising kayak trek this month

COMMUNITY members and market-stall holders are being called upon to come together to raise money for a local charity.

The Cadell Club will raise funds for Ski for Life – a Riverland-based not-for-profit group that raises awareness and promotes mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention - through their Cobby to Cadell Kayak Trek.

The three-day trek will finish at the club on Sunday, October 24.

The club will be open from 2pm on the day, with meals starting from 5.30pm.

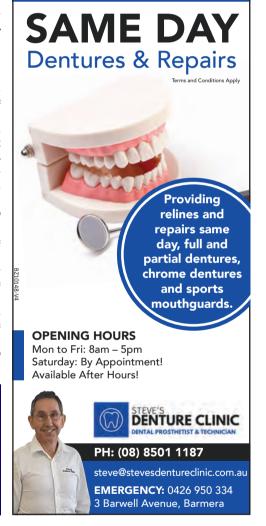
A mini-auction will also be held, starting at 4.30pm and a 'monster raffle' will be drawn at 5.30pm.

A twilight market, with free entry, will be open from 3pm to 7pm, however there are limited stall spaces.

Stall holders can contact the Cadell Club on 8540 3286 to book a site.



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Firefighters acknowledged for controlling 2019 blaze

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOCAL firefighters were recently recognised for their efforts during a large fire in 2019, which threatened the Loxton township.

The Loxton Fire Station and firefighters Aidan Lipacis and Michael Biele received commendation awards for their efforts.

Metropolitan Fire Service SA chief officer Michael Morgan praised Mr Lipacis'

"Mr Lipacis took positive command and control of the incident during his time as incident controller," he said.

"Then when appointed as operations officers, maintaining an effective deployment of resources and high situational awareness, calmness and detailed situation reports."

Mr Morgan also recognised Mr Biele.

"Mr Biele worked under intense fire conditions for a period of time, co-ordinating crews for asset protection, utilising his experience in keeping the crew safe and calm," he said.

Loxton Fire Station as a whole was also acknowledged for containing a "fire which placed domestic homes, commercial properties and a nursing home





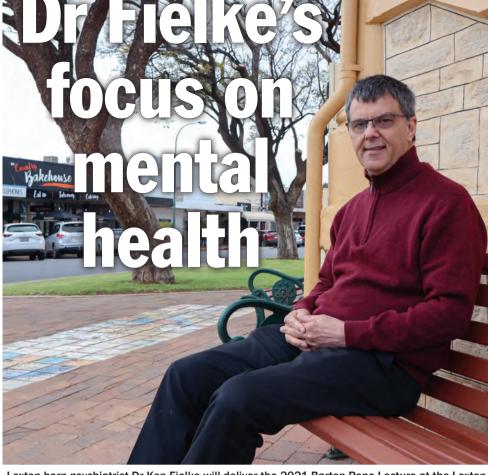
TOP: Metropolitan Fire Service SA chief officer Michael Morgan presented Loxton firefighter Aidan Lipacis with a commendation award for his efforts in the November 2019 fire incident in Loxton. BOTTOM: Loxton firefighter Michael Biele was presented with a commendation award by Metropolitan Fire Service SA chief officer Michael Morgan at the station recently. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

under threat".

Loxton MFS also worked with Renmark and Berri crews to control the fire.

The small formality was held as part of the station's recent regional station proficiency and audit assessment.





Loxton-born psychiatrist Dr Ken Fielke will deliver the 2021 Barton Pope Lecture at the Loxton High School Theatre next Monday. PHOTO: Josh Brine

JOSH BRINE

THE growth of regional mental health services and the role of the community in tackling mental health issues will be the focus of a prestigious lecture to be held in the Riverland for the first time.

Next week's Barton Pope Lecture, presented by Loxton-born psychiatrist Dr Ken Fielke and held at the Loxton High School Theatre, will be the first held in regional South Australia in the event's history.

Dr Fielke said to tie in with this year's Mental Health Week theme, 'We all have a role to play', the lecture would cover the importance of community in addressing mental health

"Basically, we'll look at the development of rural services over the last 25 years, which I have been involved with, but also some thoughts about how we can all be involved in mental health," he said.

"Often services are designed by people in the city and they don't necessarily understand what it is like in the Riverland, so you need people from the community to influence and shape those services.

'We're also going to look at some of the challenges to rural services and delivering them, some of the solutions that we've already put in place, whether the services are good enough and, if they're not, what we can do about it."

Dr Fielke said it was important to have community awareness of mental health in the wake of the loneliness and isolation caused by Covid-19.

"Human beings thrive when we are con-

nected to other people and we have spent the last 18 months disbanded, and social media isn't great for that either," he said.

"I think the other thing that we sometimes forget is that it is the people with pre-existing mental health issues who are even more at

"All of us struggle but the conditions that people had before are still there and are sort of magnified by this situation."

Dr Fielke said the region needed "to think about how we can heal the whole Riverland community".

"That's where your footy finals or community events or anything where people can come together play a big role..." he said.

Yes, you need psychiatrists, but there needs to be a lot of other input... like those grassroots community groups and events, and I think the Riverland is pretty good at

"Things like the Loxton Show aren't just about who wins prizes, they're about having a yarn and seeing people. Not having those disengages people and that's not great for our wellbeing.

The 2021 Barton Pope Lecture will be held at the Loxton High School Theatre on Monday, October 11 from 7pm, and is free

To register, visit www.ranzcp.org/events/ south-australia/s2021bpl1a and create an

To register without creating an account call 8219 4200 or email ranzcp.sa@ranzcp.

Registrations close tomorrow, October 7.

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The Relay For Life comes to Renmark

RIVERLAND cancer survivors and carers are invited to join together as a team for Relay For Life this month.

Relay For Life is an annual fundraising event for Cancer Council SA that celebrates survivors, recognises unsung heroes in carers and honours those lost to cancer.

Relay For Life asks teams to commit to walking, rolling or running around a track to signify that cancer never rests, and to raise funds for support for people affected by cancer, research and prevention programs.

This year, local cancer survivors and carers are invited to join the survivors' walk, taking place on Saturday, October 23 at Renmark Oval, starting at 1.30pm.

After the survivors' walk, an afternoon tea will be served, followed by a candle-light service at 8pm, and a closing ceremony to finish the day at 10pm.

To register for the survivors' walk, local survivors can create their own team online (https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/SPageNavigator/get_involved.html), register on the day at the oval at 12.30pm, or contact Annika at a.meeks01@gmail.com or Nancy at 0402 773 586.



Jackson Ivanovic, 7, and Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt cut the ribbon during the Relay for Life opening ceremony at the Berri Oval last year. PHOTO: Josh Brine



Riverview Lutheran Rest Home residents Cora Manuel, Margaret John and Lila Hutchens inside the new Chapel and Wellbeing Centre, which Margaret described as "nice and peaceful".

PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



The new chapel space is large, meaning residents in walkers, bed chairs and beds can easily access the area.



A home-like kitchen was added to the centre, enabling residents to do baking activities.

Residents to benefit from new and improved chapel

A NEW chapel at a Loxton aged care facility is now open, featuring an "inclusive" space for all residents.

The Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Chapel and Wellbeing Centre was recently completed and features a large seating space, kitchen and quiet meeting area

CEO Nicolle Jachmann said the new centre was "considerably bigger" than the previous chapel.

"Before, we really were struggling to fit everyone into the chapel," she said.

"People stay at home longer now, so a lot of people that come into care are at high levels



of acuity.

"A number of our residents have walkers, while others are in bed chairs.

"Those types of things take up a lot of room, so we were really struggling with space to fit everyone in."

Mrs Jachmann said the large, open area would be multi-use.

"We have only had it for a couple of weeks, but we will start doing other activities, like bowls and golf," she said.

"When our singers return post-Covid, we will be able to do that in here.

"Previously we only had the one big living area, so this gives us two living areas."

The centre also features a home-like kitchen.

"We will use that for resident cooking activities," Mrs Jachmann said.

"Previously when we did baking as an activity, residents would be able to mix up the mixture, but then effectively their stuff would disappear off into the kitchen and came out cooked.

"The dishes disappeared and got done too, whereas this

is much more like a home-like environment."

The chapel also features state-of-the-art technology.

"We have hearing loop in the floor and then we have surround sound," Mrs Jachmann said.

"It doesn't matter where you are sitting in here, you do get that nice sound.

"We also have the two projectors with the drop-down screens, so instead of using hymn books, it gets projected onto the screen.

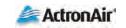
"It means we can also do things like movies."

Riverview Rest Home holds chapel each Wednesday morning with Pastor Avito da Costa.









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HAVE SOME SOCIAL PICTURES TO SHARE?

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HAPPY 90TH: Bernadette Pash celebrated her 90th birthday with about 60 family and friends at the Loxton Club on Saturday, September 25. PHOTO: supplied



SATC: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone caught up with Destination Riverland general manager Ben Patton and South Australian Tourism Commission chair Andrew Bullock at the Destination Riverland industry connector event recently. PHOTO: supplied



FAREWELL, FATHER: Renmark's long-term Anglican priest, Father Paul Davenport, performed his last service at the Saint Augustine of Hippo Anglican Church last month. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



At Barmera's Big Birthday Party recently were Robert and Margaret Drogemuller, and Naomi Jericho, all of Barmera. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



PROBUS: Berri Combined Probus members enjoyed a relaxing lunch at the Waikerie Club last month with members of Waikerie & District Ladies Probus Club, plus some National Service tourist club members, who joined Berri club for their visit. PHOTO: supplied



At the Monash Centenary Military Ceremony recently were Roy Rogers, of Barmera, and Nicole Coats, of Loveday. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



Jill Bond, of Loxton, Steve Pike, of Queensland, Lindsay Strong, of Barmera, Lee-Anne Henwood, of Tanunda, and Liz Pike, of Adelaide.



Noah, Lewis, Dylan, Julie and Peter Barr, all of Monash, and Nathan and Max Andary, both of Berri.

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

Every Sunday at 2pm - guided tours of The Pines Historic House, 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Covid guidelines in place. Extra tour inquiries, Mike 0427 820 815.

Every Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery, on Barwell Ave, is open for sales. Inquires: Ruth 0428 899 506.

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

WEEKLY

The 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. Please make sure you sign in under the Covid rules.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch St, Loxton, 10am to 1pm. Good food, good people, good times.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

RFDS Quiz Night. Berri Hotel, 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets \$15. Contact Ange Gibbons 0448 988 550.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Loxton Historical Village visit by the Ulysses Motorcycle Club from 10am. Come check out the great motorbikes while looking around the Village. Sausage sizzle and homemade cake available. Open 10am to 4pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Riverland Justices Training: Berri Town Hall Sunday October 10, 9.30am to 3.30pm, lunch included. RSVP asap to Secretary Jacque 0438 839 691.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

U3A members and friends are invited to a presentation by local JP Bert Haslam from 1.30pm in the U3A Clubrooms Strawbridge St Berri.

RSVP Marian 0412 699 766.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Renmark Uniting Church Parish is holding a Devonshire Morning Tea and Trading Table in their hall in 15th Street, Renmark, commencing 10am, cost \$6. All welcome, masks and Covid rules apply.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch St Loxton, every Friday 10am - 1pm. Come and enjoy scones/biscuits, coffee/tea and a chat. Enquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Renmark Lions Club special 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - WE Wood Hall to coincide with 'Riverland Rose & Garden Festival'. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, barbecue, hot donuts, drinks. "Collectables/antiques auction" at 8.30am. Covid-19 protocols apply, including masks. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Loxton Historical Village: visit by the "Topless Car Club", from 10am. Come check out the great convertible cars, and the usual interesting Loxton Historical Village displays. Open 10am-4pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Cobby to Cadell Kayak Trek finale at Cadell Club. Open from 2pm, meals from 5.30, twilight market 3pm-7pm, miniauction and monster raffle fundraisers. To book a market stall site, call the club 8540 3286.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Waikerie Car Cruise Rock n Roll Fundraiser at Riverfront Lions Park. 12pm.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Members of U3A Riverland are invited to participate in a working bee to complete the painting of the main hall of the U3A Clubrooms. Strawbridge St, Berri, from 10am to 12.30pm. Details Coordinator Tony Guster 0447 781 820.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Spring market and car boot sale. Berri Church of Christ, 1025 Old Sturt Hwy. Barbecue, Devonshire tea. Set up 7am. Bookings Trish 0409 900 380. Fundraiser for Berri Community Men's Shed.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Proposed Chaffey Rose Club bus trip to Eyre Peninsula has been deferred until 2022.



Waikerie Rotarians Marcus Wills (left), Elise Byrne, Rachel Wills and Erin Jones made fancy hats for the Lift the Lid on Mental Illness fundraiser at the twilight market at Waikerie.

PHOTO: Christine Webster



CITRUS SA AGM – OCTOBER 15

THE Citrus SA AGM will be held on Friday, October 15. Registrations and coffee from 8.45am for a 9am start at the Riverland Events Centre. The day will conclude with lunch from Pete's Pizza. A full agenda and annual report will be distributed – keep an eye on your inbox.

The committee is also looking for new members so please contact chair Mark Doecke on 0408 499 287 if you are interested. Please RSVP to the AGM by Monday, October 11, for catering purposes to contact@citrussa.com.au.

GALL WASP TRAPS READY TO HIT THE MARKET

Agnova will have a limited number of citrus gall wasp traps available this Spring. These are the traps which were developed in partnership with Citrus SA and the University of Adelaide.

Two years of delays have been frustrating with the Covid-19 restrictions for manufacturing and production and the purchase of AgNova by American Vanguard Australia.

The next step of interest to commercial growers is the delivery of the lure technology in a splat-style application in orchards. Over the next few months Agnova will focus on the development and formulation of the lure, including an insecticide, which will be suitable for the splat technology delivery in order to be set up to complete extensive field trials in

Full commercialisation of the citrus gall wasp trap, for home gardens, will occur in

Commercialisation of the citrus gall wasp splat technology, dependant on trial results, will occur in 2023.

THANKS BRETT KENNEDY

Citrus SA would like to acknowledge the work of Brett Kennedy in his role as fruit fly co-ordinator. The group's former chair Steve Burdette had this to say about his contribution: "Since Brett was appointed to the role of fruit fly co-ordinator, he took ownership of the fruit fly challenge and engaged with the growers and all sectors of the community in the region. Brett's dedication, commitment and passion to solving the Riverland fruit fly challenge is nothing but commendable.

"I personally had the privilege of working with Brett and thank him for his highly valued and respected contribution to the Riverland. Not only was Brett instrumental in setting up the McCormick Centre to rear sterile fruit fly, but also introduced a range of innovative strategies to educate the community to reduce the risk of introducing the pest into the Riverland such as the 'zero tolerance' campaign.

"I wish Brett all the very best and urge the Riverland to protect their PFA at all costs as it is strategically important to South Australia."

ORCHARD CLEARING TO REDUCE FRUIT FLY RISK

With the weather warming up it is more

important than ever to do everything we can to reduce the risk of fruit fly.

Biosecurity officers have continued working hard across the cooler months, placing baits, clearing fallen fruit from highest-risk areas, systematically checking for fruit fly larvae, and releasing sterile flies.

All of these treatments are agreed under Australia's National Fruit Fly Management Protocols.

Spring foliage means baiting activities will increase as fruit fly become more active.

We need your help to prevent fruit fly numbers rising as we come into summer.

Ripe fallen fruit lying on the ground poses a risk to fruit fly infestation and to extending the life cycle of fruit fly. As does overripe fruit and vegetables left on trees and plants.

Do the right thing – be a responsible grower and keep your orchard clean.

Pull off any remaining fruit from your trees and rake up fallen fruit.

☐ If you're not in an 'outbreak red centre' (i.e. not within 200m of an outbreak trigger), this fruit can be destroyed on site by mulching and then optionally applying a registered insecticide such as Samurai or Dimethoate.

☐ If you're in an 'outbreak red centre', PIRSA will be in touch with you about disposing of that fruit

☐ If you're unsure if your property falls within 200m of an outbreak trigger, please contact PIRSA for specific advice by calling the Riverland Industry Hotline on 1800 255 556.

PRODUCTION CALENDAR - OCTOBER

Hedging, Pruning and skirting: Pruning is a proven practice to increase fruit size, produce premium fruit by improving the pack-out percentage and reduce skin damage/ blemish. It also improves water distribution, chemical coverage and pest management. It is important to review the crop load of all patches this past season and determine a pruning strategy for each patch depending on crop load and expected blossom this season.

Foliar nutrient spray and fertigation: It is important to apply a foliar spray after fruit set to balance nutrition and supply trace elements in the tree and to improve fruit size.

Pesticide controls: Critical timing to control LBAM, mealy bug, thrips, katydid, scales, aphids, spined citrus bug and citrus gall wasp. It is important to keep track of CGW emergence to ensure control strategies are as effective as possible.

Increase fruit set sprays: Now is the time to consider fruit set strategies based on the previous seasons crop load. Please consult with your packing shed/GLO/consultant for rates, etc.

Irrigation: This is critical during flowering and fruit set, regular maintenance of infrastructure and monitoring of soil moisture is critical to ensuring trees are not stressed. This is really important following another dry winter with well below average rainfall.

Weed control: Knockdown herbicides or residual herbicides as required.

First Waikerie twilight market draws a crowd

A RECORD number of stalls took part in the first ever Rotary Waikerie Riverfront Twilight Market on Sunday.

Market co-ordinator and Rotarian Sonia Fowler said the 40 stall holders came from the Riverland West and other Riverland towns, Barossa Valley, and Bordertown.

"I did have to knock back some," she

"Although you could probably fit the stalls in, they needed to drive their vehicles into the area and unload."

Ms Fowler was concerned about the logistics of having too many stall holders, but after Sunday's event, she said room would be made for a few more.

She said a twilight market during a long weekend was a big drawcard, attracting a steady stream of people.

"Earlier in the day we had a really good crowd, starting at 3pm and fortunately it didn't rain," Ms Fowler said.

She said many of those who browsed or took part in activities at the Waikerie Riverfront Twilight Market were tourists, with some travelling from the Barossa or other Riverland towns.

"Our accommodation houses were fairly well booked – we do a lot of heavy marketing of the market," she said.

"A lot of people come over from the Waikerie Caravan Park because it is close and handy."

The Rotary Club of Waikerie also took the opportunity to raise funds for the

By CHRISTINE WEBSTER Riverland West reporter



Australian Rotary Health's National annual fundraising day, Lift the Lid on Mental Illness, which is this Sunday, October 10.

This also coincides with World Mental Health Day.

Waikerie Rotarians Rachel Wills and Erin Jones organised a 'crazy hat day' to increase awareness about the fundraiser and raise money.

The activity involved a hat-making activity for children and also adults at the market.

Past president of the Waikerie Rotary Club, Maureen Phillips, said the children loved making hats.

"I was serving doughnuts and the children kept coming up to me with their hats on and they had a great time," Ms Phillips said.

"It was an excellent thing to do."

Ms Phillips said \$175 was raised at the twilight market for the Lift the Lid on Mental Illness fundraiser.

She said donations can be made all year round to Australian Rotary Health by placing money in donation tins at Waikerie Rotary's Opportunity Shop and at the Waikerie Medical Centre.

More information about Australian Rotary Health can be found at (https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au).



The Waikerie Men's Shed president Bob Kemp speaking at the organisation's ninth birthday lunch last month. PHOTO: supplied

Waikerie Men's Shed just keeps on growing

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie Men's Shed has become the second largest Men's Shed group in South Australia since it was established nine years ago.

The group, which has 90 members, officially turned nine on September 18.

To mark the occasion a lunch was held at the Waikerie Club a few days earlier, attracting a crowd of 70 people, consisting of members and their wives.

Waikerie Men's Shed president, Bob Kemp, said the only other SA group bigger than Waikerie was the Murray Bridge Men's Shed, which had 120 members and a much larger population to draw from.

"We get between 40 or 50 people attending for a dinner each of the days we are open on Tuesday and Thursday," he said.

Mr Kemp said the average age of Waikerie's Men Shed members was 70, but there were also people in their 60s, 80s and a couple in their 90s.

He said the group was formed to provide men in the area with a place to gather and take part in activities, which initially involved collecting and repairing old furniture and giving it to the needy.

"The main aim is to give men something to look forward to and something to talk about and somewhere to go," he said.

"That is what the Men's Shed is all about: having something to do for the men and using their brain."

Mr Kemp said present day activities now involve

making gas heaters, carpentry, metal work, repairing furniture for the widows of former members, and fixing old bicycles to sell.

The Waikerie Men's Shed organisation recently donated some bicycles members had repaired to seasonal workers from Vanuatu who are fruit picking in the area.

Mr Kemp said some of these Pacific Islanders come from poor families who are in need of items such as bedding.

"They can't even afford to buy a mattress of their own in some cases," Mr Kemp said.

He said the Waikerie Men's Shed has also been sending donated tools and bicycles it had fixed to the seasonal workers' families in Vanuatu.

Succulent Christmas wreaths... from Ramco

WAIKERIE District Garden Club members have already started their Christmas preparations making succulent wreaths to be hung on doors or used as centrepieces during the festive season.

Co-ordinator of the wreaths workshop, Carole Walker, described the meeting on September 12 as "productive".

"The plants need about eight weeks to take hold in the frame, so they will be well and truly ready to be a living feature on front doors this year," she said.

Mrs Walker said a mix of creativity and different plants resulted in every wreath being unique.

"Some members opted to make more for gifts for their family," she said.

"It was a fun day, learning a new skill with a very satisfying result."

Mrs Walker said a community grant from Loxton Waikerie council enabled the club to purchase six trestle tables, which arrived in time for the succulent workshop.

"Members had the luxury of

Waikerie District Garden Club flower of the month winners: 1. Lori Carter (clivia);

2. Judi Lloyd (double may);

3. Gill McInness (camelia) and Pat Brandon (orchid).

their own space to spread out their supplies and work their magic," Mrs Walker said.

She said the trestles would be put to good use at meetings and functions, and being housed at Ramco Hall would make them available for community use.

"Thank you to Loxton Waikerie council for enabling us to make this purchase," Mrs Walker said.

The club's next meeting will be on Sunday, October 17, with a visit to Morgan to learn about bonsai growing.



Waikerie District Garden Club vice-president Pat Harden making a succulent Christmas wreath at the Ramco Hall last month. PHOTO: supplied

Walk-in jabs for local indigenous community

THE Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) has begun offering walk-in Covid-19 vaccination appointments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12 an above.

The appointments are available at the Riverland Central Plaza Covid-19 vaccination clinic in Berri from Monday to Friday between 9am-12 noon

and 1-3pm.

The walk-in appointments follow booking-only clinics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people held in Barmera and Berri last month.

Teachers and year 11 and 12 students are also able to walk-in to the Riverland Central Plaza clinic today tomorrow and Friday between 9am-12 noon and 1-3pm.

Temporary closure of ferry

THE Morgan ferry will be temporarily closed - weather permitting - next Wednesday, October 13 from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advised the disruption is for programmed maintenance.

Alternative crossings will be upstream at Cadell ferry and downstream at Blanchetown Bridge. The department thanked ferry users for their patience.



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Pubs along the river

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RIVERLAND pubs, towns and river locations feature in a newly published book by a self-confessed "pub aficionado".

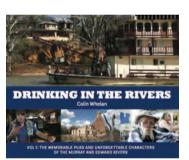
Drinking in the Rivers, by Colin Whelan, is the first book in a planned trilogy about the towns and pubs along the rivers in Australia.

Volume 1: The Memorable Pubs and Unforgettable Characters of the Murray and Edward Rivers features Riverland pubs and characters from Renmark to Swan Reach and places in-between.

Author and photographer, Whelan said he took to the road on his motorcycle – over a period of 80 days across four trips – to visit people and towns connected to the river.

"I was amazed writing the book about how connected so many people are to the river," Mr Whelan said.

"Very few of them want to Renmark Hotel.



Colin Whelan's new book is available from his website.

move away from the river. The connection to it was one of the things that really opened my mind.

"I was a motorcycle rider who went to pubs, but very quickly I became a pub aficionado who happened to ride a bike. I fell in love with the culture of the pub and the stories of how they were connected to the towns."

Mr Whelan said Riverland pubs and their history were of great interest to him while travelling, in particular the Renmark Hotel.



The Renmark Hotel – plus a long list of other local watering holes, including Berri, Loxton, Waikerie and Overland Corner – is among pubs featured in new book, *Drinking in the Rivers*. PHOTO: Colin Whelan

"The pub right in the middle of the town has an extraordinary history to it and to be able to speak to the great-grandson of the first licensee there was just an honour," he said.

Mr Whelan has a passion for his work, which he said is important for anyone living their dream

"I'm incredibly passionate

because I've never had a bad experience in a country pub," he

"They are the life-blood of towns."

Drinking in the Rivers Volume 1 is available to buy online now on Mr Whelan's website (https:// www.nothingbutthepub.com/



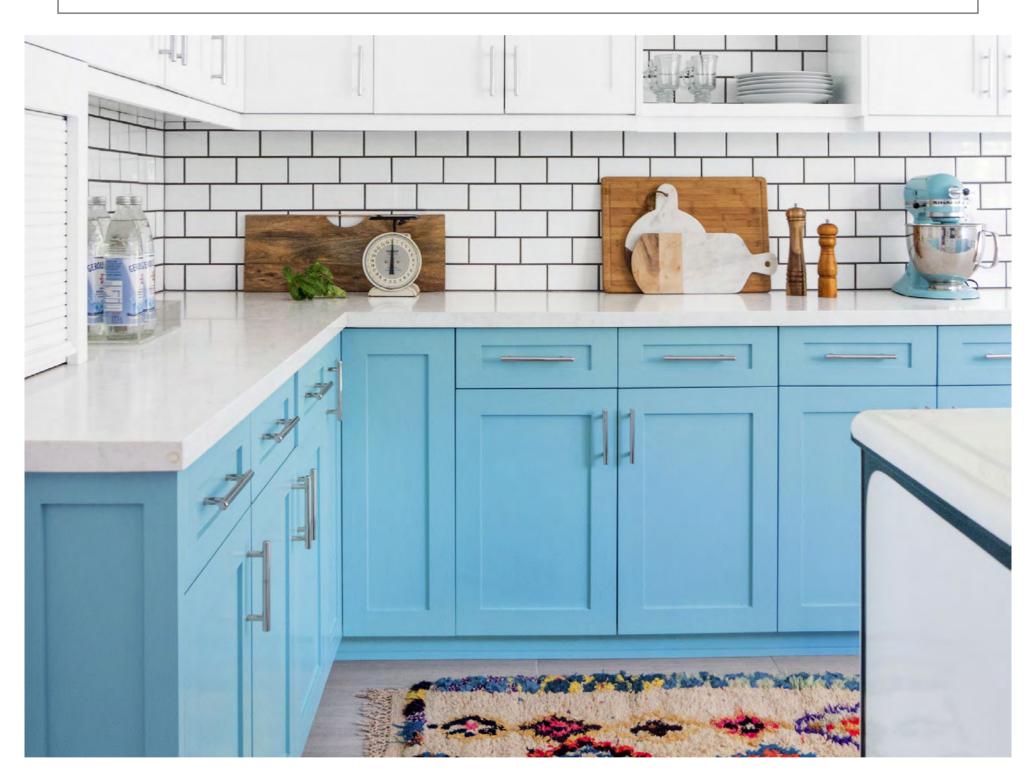


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New energy program gives property market a sustainable future

THE Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) has welcomed the federal government's new edition of the Your Home initiative that will assist Australians in improving the energy efficiency of their homes, reduce their carbon footprint and save on energy costs, released last week.

REIA president Adrian Kelly said the initiative would provide free resources to help new home owners build an energy efficient house.

"Your Home provides Australians with

a guide to designing and building energy efficient, sustainable homes that use less

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energy, are cheaper to run and comfortable to live in.

"Most people are placing sustainability higher on their list of requirements for property and this in turn sees these properties sell at a premium.

"Additionally, sustainable options, such as solar panels, are now becoming more affordable and thus an option for most consumers, so there will be more demand for energy efficient and low environmental impact homes." he said.

impact homes," he said.

Mr Kelly said that the last thing you want is for consumers to be regulated into an outcome they can't afford – consumers need to be given the tools not the rules, and make their own choices when it comes to energy policy.

"Mandated energy policies can have adverse and unintended impacts on the property market. With most of Australians' wealth tied to their house, this is obviously not desirable," he said.

Mr Kelly said the initiatives will enable homeowners to improve the sustainability and energy efficiency of their homes, which in turn will see savings on energy costs while contributing to Australia's emissions reduction efforts.



Adrian Kelly



Work from home trend transforms real estate

AUSTRALIA'S most expensive housing markets close to central business districts (CBDs) are likely to be most affected by the disruption brought about by the remote work trend.

REA Group economist Paul Ryan said there is a high likelihood that demand for high-priced markets, particularly those within close proximity to CBDs, will moderate as more companies adopt a flexible work set-up.

"Expensive markets are almost always close to CBDs and therefore have the highest share of workers able to work from home," Mr Ryan said.

"Those living in expensive markets have the greatest potential to save money by reducing their housing costs by moving."

Mr Ryan referenced data from Dingel & Neiman, which showed sectors in the United States with the highest share of jobs that can be done from home.

The industries with the highest share of work-from-home jobs include education and training, professional, scientific and technical services, finance, information media and telecommunications, wholesale trade, and real estate.

Mr Ryan said these are broadly similar in Australia and most of the jobs in these sectors are located in major cities.

"This is not surprising given industries focused on

information and heavy use of technology have benefited from the density of complementary skills within cities," he said.

"The regions with the highest share of those employed before the pandemic – close to half – are close to CBDs in Sydney and Melbourne."

Sydney's eastern suburbs region had the highest share of workers that can work from home at 48 per cent, followed by North Sydney and Hornsby (47.53 per cent) and city and inner south (45.5 per cent).

Melbourne's inner-ring region also had a substantial proportion of residents that can take on flexible work arrangements at 45 per cent.

Other locations with the

highest share of work-fromhome jobs include regions in Brisbane, Perth, and Adelaide.

These top regions have median prices that are relatively higher than the national average. For instance, eastern suburbs and North Sydney and Hornsby have median prices above \$1m.

"The combination of higher ability to move and maintain current employment, and greater benefits from doing so, means expensive property markets in inner cities are likely to be the most vulnerable to post-pandemic working arrangements," Mr Ryan said.



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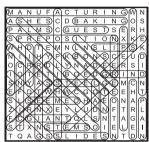
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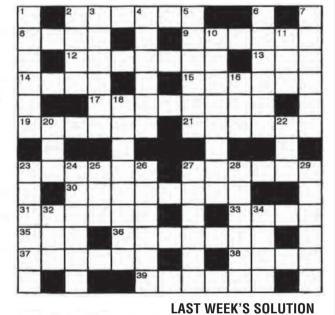
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- 10. Artisan Fuel
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Marine plant Roman household god

- Spawn of fish
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- Garden pests Method Negligent
- Slippery fish



October 2021 Horoscopes: week 2

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A misunderstanding with a friend will be sorted out so long as you are willing to compromise a little. You may need to be the person who makes the first move. Romance. A shared activity with your partner will help you to understand each other a little better. Time spent away from home will be particularly rewarding.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

An unhealthy habit won't stop automatically: you will need a lot of willpower. Do your best to make a clean break so that you don't go back to your old ways. Romance. You will be in a very romantic mood this week. Plan to spend as much time as possible with your partner. A get-together later in the week will go especially well.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

Your mind may be wandering at the moment. Don't give up on a project which you know is worthwhile. A setback earlier in the week may have taken away some of your resolve. Romance. A get-together with a close friend will give you a chance to talk about a recent upset in your relationship with your partner.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Don't get bogged down in day-to-day chores. You have some longerterm projects to deal with, and must be able to see the wood from the trees. Romance. A meeting on the way to work will put you in touch with a new admirer. A second meeting later in the month won't be because of

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

It may seem that your boss is being too hard on you. Not all the criticism is unreasonable, however: there are a couple of issues which need attention. Don't get too defensive. Romance. A meeting later in the week will go well, so long as you give yourself a chance to relax.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

An argument with other members of your family will spread if you don't take steps to stop it. Make sure that you work out who is responsible before you take any action. Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus will help to bring you closer together. Your relationship will go from strength to strength

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

A positive aspect to Jupiter will bring some luck into your life. Results will come sooner than you expect, but you must be prepared to take some risks first. Romance. Your emotions may be stronger than you realize at the moment. A get-together later in the month will be especially worth looking

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

You might need to be a little firmer with someone who has let you down several times already. Don't allow yourself to be caught out again. Romance. You may be more interested in security than you are in the true strength of your relationship. Don't be afraid to take a few risks.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A phone call from an old friend will get your social life back on track. You will be seeing a lot more of this person over the next few days. Romance. Your partner may be a little tense at the moment. Be sensitive and avoid talking about a recent disappointment. A get-together later in the week will put you back on track.

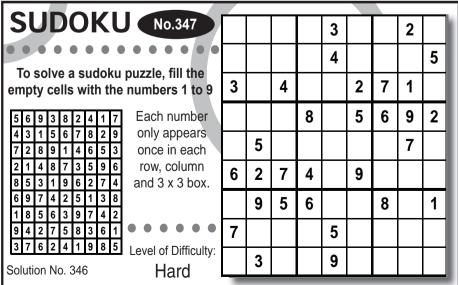
CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A dream may surprise you at first because the events seem so unlikely. If you understand the imagery you will be able to make sense of recent events: just don't take everything literally. Romance. A show of support from your partner will help you to get over a recent challenge which has affected both of you.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
You are probably not feeling your usual self at the moment: make sure that you don't let a minor frustration throw you off course. A friend who knows your true strengths will help to keep you on track. Romance. An admiring comment from somebody whom you have been attracted to for some time will cheer you up

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A mystery will make your friends believe that you are hiding more than you really are! Eventually you will have to come clean, however. Romance. A chance meeting will help to get your love-life back on track. Be careful not to put this person off by being too critical. You may have to accept some imperfections!



Spectacular return

THE Riverland's first orchid show since 2019 was staged recently.

The 2021 Annual Orchid Spectacular was held in the Berri Town Hall and organisers, the Riverland Orchid Society, were pleased with the event, describing it as "very successful" and "well supported by the public"

Approximately 150 orchids were judged by visiting Australian Orchid Council judges on the Friday night and the show was open for the weekend.

"Visitors enjoyed the potting demonstrations, and the trading tables were well supported," a society spokesperson said.

"First and second prizes were won throughout the exhibitors in both divisions, with champion going to a number of different peo-

"It was exciting to see new members who had not shown before do very well at their first show.

"President Trevor Mayfield was very successful, with his orchids winning a number of champions as well as the coveted grand cham-

"Glenys Matthews, of Barmera, exhibited in her very first show and won champion paphiopedilum."

The Riverland Orchid Society holds monthly meetings and anyone interested in attending a meeting is urged to call president Trevor Mayfield (0419 184 659).

RESULTS:

Grand champion; champion laeliina; champion specimen (any other genera): Trevor Mayfield (Berri), Cattlianthe Adelaide

Champion cymbidium under 60mm: Trevor

Champion oncidiinae: Trevor Mayfield Champion seedling (any other genera): Trevor Mayfield

Most points in first division: Trevor Mavfield Most points by a 2nd division grower: Les

Most points by a first-time exhibitor: Les

Champion paphiopedilum: Glenys

Matthews (Barmera) Champion cymbidium over 90mm: Tom

Champion cymbidium 60-90mm: Tom

Champion cymbidium specimen: Tom Murch

Champion Australian native: Grahame Barnes and Janet Greenhalgh (Glossop),

dendrobium speciosum Champion orchid species: Grahame Barnes and Janet Greenhalgh, dendrobium

Champion orchid (other genera): Stephen and Marianne Lynch (Loveday), dendrobium Falling Embers



Trevor Mayfield with his grand champion award. PHOTOS: supplied



Paphiopedilum champion was Glenys Matthews, of Barmera.



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Pasin heads to Monash

BARKER MP Tony Pasin has invited community members to a meeting in Monash as part of his continued effort to ensure local voices are heard in

"I try and be as accessible as possible as I travel around the electorate," Mr Pasin said.

"I am most effective in Canberra as the representative for Barker when I have a clear understanding of the matters of importance to my constituents."

"I have mobile offices at farm fairs, field days and shows to ensure that I'm available as much as possible to speak with my constituents. I'm looking forward to continuing these engagements including hosting regular community meetings.'

The community meeting is being held at the Monash Bowling Club at 6pm on Thursday, October 14.

Visit www.tonypasin.com/ community to register or call (08) 8531 2466 for more information.

Belinda bids farewell to beloved Kindergym

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL kindergym leader has stepped down after three decades of involvement.

Long-time leader Belinda Schulz finished her role with the Loxton Kindergym recently and was farewelled by children and families at a small gathering.

"It's been journey,"

she said. "I'll miss it, but I feel as though it's time to move on."

Speaking on behalf of the Loxton Kindergym committee, Megan Abbotts said Ms Schulz would be missed.

"Belinda has worked tirelessly over the years with the help of the committee and her supportive family," she said.

"Throughout

Belinda's time as leader, she has been involved in programming, setting up of equipment, fundraising, cleaning, organising events and interacting with children and families, promoting, making resources, decorating, purchasing resources and so much more.

"Her dedication to Loxton Kindergym is second to none.



Loxton Kindergym leader Belinda Schulz has stepped down after more than three decades of involvement. At Belinda's farewell were Jai Abbots, Sylvana Romeo, Zaeli Athanasopoulos, all 3, Spencer Lange, 1, and Lara Wheeldon, 3. **PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson**



Kingston Estate Wines' chief financial officer Darcy Bates will remain a member of the SAWIA executive committee for 2021-22.

Kingston Estates employee on industry committee

THE knowledge and experience of a local wine figure, and ongoing senior member of a state industry body, will assist Riverland winemakers through challenges associated with Covid-19 and international shipping.

The South Australian Wine Industry Association (SAWIA) last week announced its executive committee for 2021-22 that includes Kingston Estates chief financial officer, and Riverland Wine Industry Development Council member, Darcy Bates.



SAWIA chief executive Brian Smedley said "a unique blend" of skill sets on the committee would help the organisation face a number of industry challenges.

"We are delighted with our board leadership team for 2021/2022, which will continue to guide the delivery of the services and resources wine businesses need to thrive in this rapidly evolving market," Mr Smedley said.

"The 2021/22 SAWIA board membership provides strong continuity from last year.

"This stability is important given the uncertainty associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, disruptions in global wine markets and other challenges."



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Local habitats in the spotlight

A DAY to highlight Riverland and Mallee habitats for all species – especially threatened – was celebrated on Monday.

World Habitat Day this year was the "perfect time to think about our habits and the difference we can make to living things and their habitats", according to Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board (MRLB) ecologist, Craig Gillespie.

"Together with a project consortium called the Living Landscapes Group, we are implementing practical restoration activities to restore the unique and sensitive landscape of the vast Mallee woodlands, which are some of our region's largest protected natural areas," Mr Gillespie said.

The Living Landscapes Group is made up of organisations and groups that manage conservation in more than 850,000 hectares of land north of Berri.

The project is supported by the MRLB through landscape levies and funding from the government's National Landcare Program.

"There's a combination of private and publicly owned reserves side-by-side, which amounts to a continuous natural woodland about



World Habitat Day, celebrated on Monday, was a perfect time to think about local habits and the difference that can be made for living things and their habitats, including threatened species. PHOTO: supplied

twice the size of Kangaroo Island," Mr Gillespie said.

"For many threatened Mallee bird species, this landscape is home because it is the best remaining habitat.

"Birds such as the critically endangered black-eared miner, the red-lored whistler, regent parrot, striated grasswren, and the iconic malleefowl all have their own unique connections with this land."

Due to pastoral dams, originally built for livestock, but now supporting wild rabbits, goats and kangaroos, the habitat is no longer able to sustain constant grazing.

"Healthy, growing vegetation

also supports insect populations that form much of the diet of the birds," Mr Gillespie said.

"But much of the water that is diverted into dams just slowly evaporates in the scorching heat. By disrupting the drains and closing the dams, we're not drying this landscape out. We're helping it recapture that precious water through the soil and vegetation to support the ecosystem.

"Our critical work to restore a self-sufficient, resilient, functioning, culturally rich ecosystem will support the unique Mallee birdlife so that it can continue to be heard now and for our future generations."

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- Which Covid-19 vaccines are available to Australians (as of October2021)?
- 2. What does the H stand for in H-Bomb?
- 3. In what game might you hit, stand, split, or double down?
- 4. What is the name for a creature that is half man, half horse?
- 5. What is legally classified as a religion in the United States, a cult in France, and a business in Switzerland?

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6. In golf, what word comes after "Sand" and "Pitching"?

- 7. What is the world's most popular beverage other than water?
- 8. What were Pangaea and Gondwana?
- In what Caribbean country is Voodoo commonly practiced?
- 10. In 1727, Janet Horne became the last British person to be executed for what crime?
- 11. What condition can be described as "cloudiness" of the eye lens?
- 12. What does the M stand for in a MRI machine?
- 13. During which Catholic service would one receive a wafer?

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- 14. What term is used to describe strong winds between 50 and 102 km / hr?
- 15. What beverage is often described as "peaty"?
- 16. What dye is traditionally used to make temporary tattoos in India, the Middle East and North Africa?
- 17. What racing event is commonly 110 metres in length?
- 18. What band performed a song about a deaf, dumb, and blind kid who played a mean pin ball?
- 19. At what festival could one earn a Palme d'Or?
- 20. What type of eggs does Sam-I-Am want you to eat?

BONUS QUESTION:

In which James Bond film does the character Q appear for the first time? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 39

QUIZ MASTER
TOM TRIFONOFF

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Storytime sessions set to recommence at library

THE Loxton Library will recommence storytime sessions for children under five on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during the school term.

A variety of stories and activities have been planned to encourage and promote reading.

Loxton's Little Bang Discovery Club for children aged three to five will take place on Thursday mornings and this interactive four-week course is perfect for budding scientists.

All sessions begin at 10.30am and bookings are required. Please phone Loxton Library staff 8584 8051 for more information.

The Waikerie Library will recommence Maths Fun For Under 5s on Friday morn-



Storytime sessions will run Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during the school term at the Loxton Library.

ings. This play-based four-week program offers age appropriate math concepts to give children a head start in life. Please phone Waikerie Library to book a place 8541 0720

WHAT an exciting weekend the Riverland presented to all visitors who travelled to our region. Events don't just happen. There is always a team of dedicated volunteers who together plan and see that the project is successful. We acknowledge them and say thanks.

October is acknowledged as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and there will be opportunities throughout the month to participate by attending events or donating. We are fortunate in our region to have groups in each town offering practical support, including being available for those who may lose their hair during treatment. This is thanks to the Caroline Bristow Wig Library. The library is located in the Barmera Hospital and there is a large selection of wigs on display. You can help by donating your wigs, scarves, beanies, turbans or hats. Donations of money go towards the purchase of wigs, brushes, cleaning products, wig stands and bags. For further information contact Ellen Traeger (0437 819 125), Lynette Nitschke (0428 475 618), or Robyn Foley (0403 119 650).

This week the Riverland welcomes Girl Guides and group leaders from all areas of SA to Barmera. Riverland Girl Guide groups are hosting the Girl Guide Association state camp, Riverdaze 2021, which started Monday and finishes tomorrow. What an exciting event for those young people to participate in, giving them confidence in leadership, supporting and helping others, meeting and making new friends, and enjoying the many activities that have been planned for this event. Sadly there are some Riverland towns where the Girl Guide groups have closed due to lack of interest and lack of leaders. Next year will mark a century since the Waikerie Guides began, and the Waikerie Historical Society will present a display in the Waikerie Soldiers Memorial Institute during History Month in May.

Have you bought your 2022 Community Calendar yet? This is the 14th year that mages of the Riverland has been available. Special thanks to Italo Vardaro for his photographic excellence, the Berri Lions Club, and the sponsors of this community project.

Yes, it is the second Saturday of the month this weekend October 9, and yes the Waikerie Lions Club will be at the Lions Park to welcome you to the auction day specials on offer, always at reasonable prices. The auction begins at 9am KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN WEBBER



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and continues until everything is sold. Items for sale will be received from 7.30am at the auction site. The popular catering van will be there offering a selection of tasty food with coffee or tea. Waikerie Lions Club advises that as this is an outside event, there is no problem with Covid-19 restrictions.

Members of the Cadell Pistol Club welcomed a return visit from the Coober Pedy Shooters Club at the weekend. It was a social get together for a couple of days, allowing members to show their talents with firearms. Earlier this year Cadell members travelled to Coober Pedy for an event.

Were you aware that this Friday, October 8 is known as World Egg Day?

The Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery welcomes you to the solo exhibition of Alan Louis at the gallery. A diary date for you is Sunday, October 17, when the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival has the open days display. Call at the gallery to meet Alan Louis Ramachandra at the official opening of his brilliant exhibition at 2pm. The day will include a live demonstration.

Our thoughts are with Corrine and Ken Dubrich, their loved ones, family and friends of Frieda McConnell upon her recent passing.

What an impact the recent spring showers had on our gardens. We now see the new buds forming on the flowers – especially the roses – as we look forward to the activities of Riverland Rose and Garden Festival.

Thought for the week: If you can achieve an improvement over yesterday, even if it is small, you have gained significantly. You are taking charge of your own world. You are becoming a creator.

Harold Klemp

WAIKERIE LIBRARY'S Top 10

LOXTON WAIKERIE TOP 10 NOVELS

The Heron's Cry by Ann Cleeves

Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins

All About Ella by Meredith Appleyard

Unholy Murder by Lynda La Plante

The Last Guests by J.P Pomare

The Cellist by Daniel Silva

Private Rogue by James Patterson

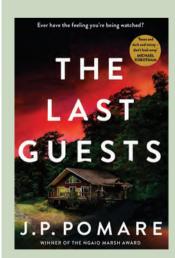
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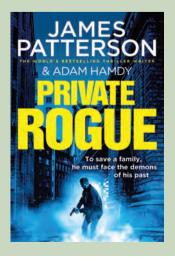
by Danielle Steel

The Garden of Hone

The Garden of Hopes and Dreams
by Barbara Hannay

The Riviera House by Natasha Lester





OCTOBER BOOK REVIEW

TITLE:

Before You Knew My Name

AUTHOR:

Jacqueline Bublitz

BOOK REVIEW BY:

Kim Schiller

JACQUELINE Bublitz's debut novel is not your standard crime thriller; it is a story that focuses on life rather than death, and intentionally gives little limelight to the murder or the perpetrator.

It is instead the story of two women.

Alice, a naïve 18-year-old from small-town Wisconsin, who with little more than \$600 cash and a stolen vintage camera, heads to New York seeking a fresh start having left a toxic, disempowering relationship with her former teacher.

And then there is Ruby, a Melbourne woman in her mid-30s, who ventures to the same city in a bid to distance herself from her relationship with a man who is engaged to another woman.

Their characters become intertwined barely four weeks later as Ruby tragically discovers a woman's half-naked body at the water's edge whilst jogging at Riverside Park.

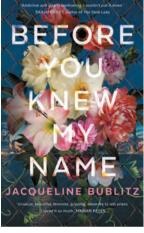
Feeling guilty about her inability to save her, for being too late, she yearns to find out more about the victim who would later be dubbed "Riverside Jane".

Days pass and without witnesses and a missing persons report, the police struggle to make progress. Ruby becomes obsessed with her connection to the woman, not just piecing together what happened to young Alice, but also discovering who she really was.

Ruby's persistence in her quest for answers finds her returning to the scene of the crime and a chance encounter with a stranger offers some revealing truths.

The story is cleverly narrated by Alice, whose spirit still lingers after her death.

She details her time in New York in tandem with descriptions of Ruby's days and delves into the events that brought each of them to this point. She intimately reveals



Before You Knew My Name "turns the traditional crime thriller on its head".

her surprise and anger at being robbed of her statistically allotted 79.1 years and her overwhelming desire to be known for more than just her tragic ending.

She forms an unbreakable bond with Ruby who she feels is the only one who can solve the mystery of her life and death.

Through this posthumous narration the reader gets to know Alice, a young and vibrant woman who despite her tender years had experienced immense grief and trauma but who also held such hopes and dreams for her future.

While this story is at times both heartbreaking and devastating, it is also extremely compelling, giving a powerful voice to the murder victim to tell her story.

It also challenges us to think about our right to safety in public places and the demoralising regularity of these horrendous crimes against women. How we often hear so much about the perpetrator and so little about the person whose years have been stolen, and despite initial media attention and community outrage, how quickly this outrage passes.

The victim sadly is only remembered for her violent ending.

Before You Knew My Name is a beautifully crafted and highly accomplished debut novel for Bublitz. Her exquisite mastery of language and depth of characters engage the reader on an intimate level.

Before You Knew My Name is both moving and thought provoking and most certainly turns the traditional crime thriller on its head.

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Calperum in full bloom for 2021 Festival

LOCAL Chad Vigar is the official photographer of the 2021 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival.

Chad took his camera to Calperum Station recently to capture some of the sights, which Rose Festival committee deputy chair Richard Fewster described as

"going gangbusters".

"It's showing the benefits of a high river,"

Mr Fewster said. "It's creating a real haven out there."

Details about Calperum Station tours are featured in the official 2021 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival program.



























Peel & Tonic owner Homer Aslanidis shakes hands with Bedford chief executive Maggie Dowling as Teli Aslanidis watches on. PHOTOS: supplied

Local fruit making a splash

formed between a leading disability provider and a South Australian food producer, that uses Riverland produce.

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Peel & Tonic's new partnership with Bedford is tipped to create dozens opportunities for South Australians with disabil-

Peel & Tonic owner Homer Aslanidis said partnering with Bedford could rapidly upscale his business and secure a supply chain.

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"The support and opportunities they provide to people with dis-



Bedford client Matthew Graetz with a pack of Peel & Tonic's mixer elixir Opulent Orange, sourced from the Riverland region.

ability in South Australia are second to none and we are proud to be associated with them."

Bedford is the largest employer of people with disability in SA, with the commercial packaging division employing over 600 people with disability across the state.

- ELYSE ARMANINI



Lorraine Micke, from New Well, with South Australian author Meredith Appleyard, who was a guest at the Waikerie Library last month. PHOTO: supplied

Author returns as welcome guest

A SOUTH Australian author who spent her childhood in the Murray Mallee visited the Riverland recently to celebrate the launch of her latest novel, All About Ella.

Meredith Appleyard was a guest speaker at the Loxton and Waikerie libraries on September

Morning tea was provided at Waikerie and afternoon tea was served at Loxton.

Waikerie Library information co-ordinator, Katrina Webber, said Appleyard provided an overview of All about Ella and gave an insight into her inspiration for writing

"It was a very informative visit that was enjoyed by all," Ms Webber said.

Signed copies of the author's new novel were available for pur-

Appleyard worked as a registered nurse and midwife in London, Vietnam, and in outback South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory, before she took time off to pursue her dream of writing.

Her first novel, The Country Practice, was published in 2015.

All About Ella is Appleyard's sixth novel



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An application letter, their current resume, the names and telephone numbers of two work-related referees, evidence of your Qualifications, First Aid certificate, Working With Children Check (or application as per Centre procedures), and Child Safe Environments (or equivalent) Certificate.

Email your application to:

The Staffing Sub-committee Berri Regional Child Care Centre Inc. 1B Fiedler Street, Berri, SA 5343 Email director@brccc.com.au

> For further information, please contact the Director or Assistant Directors Phone 8582 3191

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CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Regarding the position of **Enforcement Officer advertised** on 1 September 2021, the Sheriff of South Australia requests that any applicants not personally contact the Manager, Enforcement on 08 8204 0157.



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- Entry of training records into VETtrak
- Stock data entry

About you

- Microsoft Office suite, advanced skills in Excel and Word desirable
- Computer literacy and the ability to learn new internal systems
- Excellent written and interpersonal communication skills
- Professional customer service experience
- Ability to work in a busy environment and multi-task

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As well as providing an empowering culture, Viterra promotes a range of employee benefits including:

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- Corporate health insurance funds, financial services and gym membership discounts

To apply or to see a detailed position description, please visit the careers page of our website viterra.com.au, or for further information please contact Senior Administrator Tracy Proud on 8595 9502

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Please join us to celebrate the launch of the

Chaffey Community Centre

Thursday November 4th 2021

86 Nineteenth St Renmark 6:00pm

Limited spots due to COVID restrictions RSVP by Friday October 15th 2021

> chaffey@cbsinc.org.au 8586 5745



Mid Murray Council Australia Day Awards 2022

Nominations are now open for the following

- · Australia Day Citizen of the Year
- Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year
- Australia Day Community Event of the Year
- Award for Active Citizenship
- Mid Murray Council Youth Achievement Award

This is your chance to nominate someone who makes a real difference in your community and give them the opportunity to be rewarded and recognised for their important contribution at Mid Murray Council's 2022 Australia Day celebrations.

For more information and nomination forms, please visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or phone 8569 0100.

> Nominations close 5:00 pm Wednesday 24 November 2021



Wunkar Football and Netball Club Inc

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, October 29, 2021 at 6pm Wunkar clubrooms



1.Astra-Zeneca, Pfizer and Moderna 2.Hydrogen 3.Blackjack 4.Centaur **5.**Scientology **6.**Wedge **7.**Tea **8.**Continents **9.**Haiti **10.**Witchcraft **11.**Cataracts 12.Magnetic 13.Eucharist 14.Gale 15.Scotch whisky 16.Henna 17.Hurdles
18.The Who 19.Cannes Film Festival 20.Green Eggs

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Cricketer Ian Botham played for English League team Scunthorpe United. Berri Barmera COUNCIL



NIGHT MURAL RIVERLAND

A show of a different kind.

The iconic Bonney Theatre will be transformed by the work of 6 local artists and the magic of digital projection. Night Mural explores the spectacle of murals without using a lick of

8:00pm to 10:00pm nightly Sunday 3 - Sunday 24 October

View this free light show from the Barmera Central verandah. Make a night of it and grab a meal or coffee from one of Barmera's great

Night Mural Riverland is a partnership between Council and digital art specialists illuminart.

To learn more about this and other projects head to our website https://www.berribarmera. sa.gov.au/our-community/public-art/barmeraprojection-site

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BARMERA DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday October 13th, 2021 7pm

to be held at the

BARMERA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Barwell Ave, Barmera

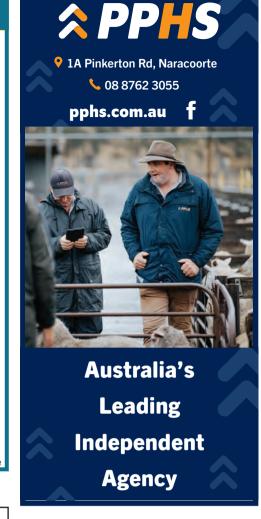
Members of the Barmera Community are cordially invited to join our association and attend our AGM.

BDWMCCInc AGM Agenda, 2020 minutes, Chairman's Report and Audit Reports will be available for viewing at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre.

If you would like to help promote the Barmera region, grow our business and increase our tourism, please come along and join.



A light Supper will be served at the conclusion of the AGM. An RSVP to assist with catering is requested.





PUBLIC CONSULTATION LEASE OVER COMMUNITY LAND

Berri Barmera

The Berri Barmera Council has received a request from the Barmera Basketball and Netball Clubs to grant a new lease over Community Land situated at their existing premises, Lot 25, Dean Drive, Barmera, comprised in Crown Record volume 6252 folio

The portion of the land is to be leased exclusively for the operation of the Barmera Basketball and Netball Clubs, for the purposes of conducting sporting activities.

It is proposed that the lease be granted for a term of seven (7) years, with two (2) rights of renewal for a further seven (7) years each.

Copies of the proposed lease are available on request by contacting the Council's Principal Office on 8582 1922, via email bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au or on Council's website www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au.

accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, interested persons are invited to make submissions on the proposal. Responses must be received no later than 5:00pm, Friday October 29, 2021, with written submissions marked as follows:

Post: "Public Consultation - Barmera Basketball and Netball Clubs" Ms K Burton, CEO Berri Barmera Council PO Box 229 BERRI SA 5343

Email: bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au ("Public Consultation - Barmera Basketball and Netball Clubs" to entered in the 'subject 'line), or

(08) 8582 3029 or delivered to the Berri Barmera Council Office, 19 Wilson Street, Berri.

Further enquiries can be directed to the Property Officer, Dorothy Freer, during office hours on 8582 1922.

KARYN BURTON **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

LEASE OVER COMMUNITY LAND

The Berri Barmera Council has received a request from the Berri Lawn Tennis Club to grant a new lease over Community Land situated at their existing premises, Lot 53 McGilton Road, Berri, comprised in Crown Record volume 5752 folio 213.

The portion of the land is to be leased exclusively for the operation of the Berri Lawn Tennis Club, for the purposes of sporting

It is proposed that the lease be granted for a term of seven (7) years, with two (2) rights of renewal for a further seven (7) years each.

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THE MONASH CLUB INC

Members are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Monash Club Inc is convened for Tuesday 26th October and will be held in the Club premises commencing at 7:30pm.

This is a meeting for financial members only and you are asked to bring proof of membership as a check may be necessary.

Trading will be suspended for the duration of the

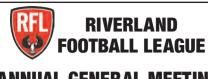
BUSINESS

- To receive apologies.
- To read and confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 3. To receive and discuss the Committee's report, the balance sheet and the Auditor's report for the financial year 2020/2021.
- To elect committee members.
- 5. To appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.
- 6. To discuss remuneration for the committee.
- To determine the subscription for the ensuing year.
- 8. To transact any other business that may lawfully be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are past due.

Darrel Hayes President Monash Club Inc

BZ10575



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

Monday 15th November at the RFL Headquarters in Berri commencing at 7.30pm

Enquiries to

riverlandfl@sanflcl.com.au Vicki Packer

RFL Secretary





Information kits are available at either the Berri or Barmera Council offices or via our website at www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/grants.

Enquiries to the Berri office on 8582 1922.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 10 November 2021

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District Council of Loxton Waikerie

Nominations for Waikerie Ramco Recreation **Grounds Committee** representatives

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is seeking nominations to fill a vacant position on the Waikerie Ramco Recreation Grounds

Waikerie Ramco Recreation Grounds Committee is a section 41 committee of council that:

- provides recommendation to council for long term strategic management and development;
- undertakes the development and co-ordination of identified community projects and
- provides the community with a conduit to council.

Please see the council website www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au for the terms of reference of the committee in full.

If you are interested in this opportunity to make a contribution and difference in your community then you are encouraged to nominate.

Nomination forms are available from councils

Nominations can be forwarded to council@ lwdc.sa.gov.au or PO Box 409, Loxton, 5333 no later than 5.00pm on Friday 22 October

Further enquires may be directed to Greg Perry, Director Infrastructure Services on 8584

Grea Perry **Director Infrastructure Services**

LZ1359

Environment Protection Authority

The EPA has received notification of actual or potential groundwater contamination under section 83A of the Environment Protection Act 1993 at the following location:

Notification No: 60958-06

Address: 202-206 Renmark Avenue, RENMARK Potentially Contaminating Activity: Service stations; Liquid organic chemical substances

A copy of the above application can be obtained from the EPA upon request to the Public Register administrator at epa.publicregister@sa.gov.au Please note that a prescribed fee may apply for accessing public register information. Please quote the EPA notification number when making your request.

For more information contact:

Environment Protection Authority Ph (08) 8204 2004 or Freecall for non metro: 1800 623 445 Email: epainfo@epa.sa.gov.au www.epa.sa.gov.au





BERRI WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2021

Berri Riverside Holiday Park **Function Room 6.30pm**

87 Riverview Drive, Berri

MEMBERS WELCOME Social Distancing and numbers will be limited

RSVP ESSENTIAL AND APOLOGIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO MERLE ON 8582 3723 or manager@berriholidaypark.com.au

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100th **BIRTHDAY**



ZIERSCH, Pearline

2/10/1921 Congratulations

to my sister on achieving 100 years. Love and best wishes.

Mavis Norton

and family.

DIAMOND WEDDING **ANNIVERSARY**

SCRIVENER.

John married Lorraine Evans on October 7, 1961, at South Camberwell Methodist Church, Melbourne.

With love and best wishes from the family.



BROWN, Molly Joan.

that we announce that our beautiful mother passed away on Friday, October 1. At peace at last,

reunited with Dad.

Kate and Stephen.

A private memorial will be held to

donations to in Mum's name would be greatly appreciated.

DEATHS

McCONNELL, Frieda Sophie (nee Reichstein). Formerly of Mercunda.

DEATHS

Passed away peacefully on September 29, 2021 at Japara, The Homestead,

Aged 92 years.

mother-in-law of Corinne and Ken; Graham and Karen; Pam and Colin; lan and Caryn.

Much-loved grandma of Greg Leah and Stephen; Ross, Scott and Sam; Sharna, Luke, Carly

Great-grandmother

You were always there when we needed you. No task too great or small. With loving heart

Mum and Dad now reunited in God's loving care.

NICKOLAI, John

Passed away on Monday,

of Bill and uncle to Julie and Geoff, Allison and Mark Peter and Heidi, Kevin and Jill.



ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

0400 012 089

SHARPE, Barbara Jean.

> Passed away peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Saturday, October 2, 2021 surrounded by loving family.

> > Dearly loved wife of John.

Debbie, Kevin, Sandy, Tammy, Sherri, Nicole and Rebecca.

> Mother-in-law to Louise, Graham and Andy.

grandma to 33 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Too well loved to ever be forgotten. **DEATHS**

SMITH, Alan.

Passed away suddenly at home on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

Aged 87 years.

Loved husband of Davia.

Loving father of Wendy and Gary, Greg and Jo. Russell and Beate.

Loved and adored pa of Daniel and Sage, Carlee and Justin, Tara, Stacey, Phevia, and Mia.

Great-pa of Kydan, Talan, Pypah, Zion, Kai, and Leo.

Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten.

Please see next weeks edition for funeral details or visit Riverland Funerals website or Facebook page.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA



SMITH, Alan Bennett.

OAM Army 15 **Battalion Service** Number 3/749066.

The members of the Renmark sub-branch of the Returned and Services League mourn the death of our esteemed friend and colleague, Alan Smith.

Alan has been a keenly involved member of our sub-branch and his sudden passing has greatly saddened us all.

We all recognise that Alan was an outstanding community leader whose tireless efforts have touched the lives of so many. Over the years he has been instrumental in leading many community organisations in the pursuit of their goals. Renmark will sorely miss his presence.

He was the proud and loving patriarch of his family, and we extend our deepest sympathies to Davia and to all their descendants.

DEATHS

55 brethren are respectfully advised Grand Lodge above on September 16, 2021 of W.B. Alan

deepest sympathy to our fraternal brother's relatives and friends.

Service to be held at the Paringa Friendship Centre on Wednesday,



SMITH, Alan. The members of

the Renmark Men's Probus Club mourn the loss of their highly esteemed member and extend our sympathy to Davia and family.

STOECKEL, Frederick James 'Fred'.

Passed away peacefully at Renmark Nursing Home on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Aged 85 years.

Dearly loved husband of Jill.

Much-loved father of Donna and Stirling, Glenys and David, lan and Natalie, Helen and Leon.

Loved pa of Jess, Darcey; Daniel, Kane; Cody, Jayden, Karina; Kaylee, Bianca, Kaitlin and their partners.

Words are few, Thoughts are deep. Memories of you, Are ours to keep.

Forever in our hearts. XXXXX



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Royal Flying **Doctor Service** **FUNERALS**

The relatives and friends of the late Mrs. Konstantina Doupis respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the St. Dimitrios Greek Orthodox Church, Mortimer Road, Berri on Friday, October 8,

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Barmera Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

2021 at 11am.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

GRAUE, Helen Christine.

Relatives and friends are advised that Helen's funeral service will be conducted at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 1pm.

After the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

A memorial service for Helen will be held for family and friends at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 21 Edward Street, Magill on Saturday, October 16, at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Australian Lutheran World Service would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the service, or donations can be made online using the following link; https:// www.alws.org.au/what-you-can-do/donate/

Covid-19 conditions apply (150 limit), however the service will be live-streamed for those unable to attend. Please refer to Facebook or our website for the livestream link.



JACHMANN, Tanya Relatives and friends

are advised that Tanya's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety at the Loxton Lawn Cemetery on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 11am.

Covid-19 conditions apply.



FUNERALS

Call: 8586 8000

McCONNELL, Frieda

Family and friends of the late Frieda McConnell are invited to her funeral service which will be conducted in the Ramco Lutheran Church, commencing at 11am on Friday, October 8, 2021.

A committal at the Waikerie Cemetery will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Leukaemia foundation would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Due to current restrictions could you please phone Corinne on 0428 412 877, or email dubrichs@gmail. com with your intention of attending.

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SHARPE, Barbara Jean.

Relatives and friends are advised that Barbara's funeral service will be conducted at St Peter's Lutheran Church, 64 Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11am, followed by a private cremation.

Covid-19 conditions apply.



ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

0400 012 089

STOECKEL.

Family and friends of Fred Stoeckel are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted at the Renmark Funeral Chapel, 231 21st Street, Renmark ON THIS DAY, Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1.30pm.

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Paringa Cemetery for the committal.



8582 1333 Member AFDA

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IN MEMORIAM EDWARDS, Martin

Passed away October 7, 1999.

Those that we love don't go away, They walk beside

Unseen, unheard but always near, Always loved, always missed, always dear.

us every day.

Loved and missed every day, sister Penny.

WEBBER, Greg. 7/10/1989

> Goodbyes are not forever, Goodbyes are not the end.

They simply mean I'll miss you, Until we meet again.

Mum. xx

























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and Kirk. Mother-in-law to Teena and

Joan (deceased) Loving Yia Yia of

We love you more than you can ever know, you had a hard life but a blessed life,

You now are at peace in Heaven at the right hand of Jesus.

GRAUE, Helen Christine.

JACHMANN, Tanya Louise.

JACHMANN, Tanya.

So many good memories that I will always treasure.

Leah Kemp.

It is with much sorrow

Love always, Stephen,

remember Mum. Alzheimer's is a terrible disease, Alzheimer's Australia



Vassilios for 62 years. Mother to Con,

Bessie (deceased)

Connie, Will, Jesse, Billy and Ang.

your selflessness had no bounds.

> Love always, your family.

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A dear friend taken way too soon.

Love you, Tanya.



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Dearly loved wife of the late Ron.

Loving mother and

and Rhiannon; Lauren and Natasha.

to 23 greatgrandchildren.

and willing hands,

For us you did it all.

October 4, 2021. Much-loved brother

In God's care.

Aged 77 years.

Much-loved mother to

Loved and adored

'Lest we forget.'

SMITH, Alan Bennett. OAM, MSA. Renmark Lodge

of the passing to the Bennett Smith. The Lodge extends its

October 20, at 11am.

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CARAVAN Viscount pop top, 15ft, very clean condiregistered 10/12/2021, reverse cycle air conditioning, roll-out awning, front and side screens, plus full annex, 12 volt jockey wheel, all towing aids, many extras. Crockery, cuttlery, bedding, TV-DVD, electrical items, 2 rear single innerspring mattresses, front dine, side kitchen. \$14,500. Call 0427978491.

FRIDGE Haier, 221L, \$350, 1.5 years old, selling due to upgrade. Also lounge chair, \$75 ono. Phone 0474132451 0427419225.

GRAFTED vines, field grown; Shiraz/Ram-sey, Shiraz/Ruggeri, Merlot/Paulsen, Shi-Phone raz/Paulsen. Yannakoudis Nursery 85846989.

FOR SALE

GRAFTED vines - 1 dormant year old cabernet vines sauvignon/ramsey, merlot/ramsey, shishiraz/ raz/paulsen. dogridge. River Murray Nursery Pty Ltd. Phone 0428819540.

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FORD ute, 1996, drives well, new tyres, just serviced. \$3800 ono, rego VWC469. Phone 0401576382.

HONDA Shadow K750cc, 2004, black, 22,000kms, saddle bags and wind visor, \$7,000. Phone 0456804385.

MITSUBISHI Magna, 1995, immaculate condition, 6 cylinder, new tyres, new batteries, 138,000kms, rego VTM551, \$2500. Phone 0419169984.

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GARAGE SALES

6 Digby BERRI -Court, Saturday, October 9, 9am - 3pm, Sunday, October 10, 9am - 12noon. General household goods. double steel bunk, antique sideboard.

BERRI -Salvation Army, 4 Wilson Street. Saturday, October 9. 9am - 12noon. Furniture, household items and books.

LOXTON - 7 First Street, Saturday, October 9 from 8:30am.

MONASH - Berriman Road, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th, 8am - 1pm. Vintage, retro and antique items. Rustic garden decor items, lots of collectibles. No early birds.

RENMARK West 380 Kulkyne Street. Huge shed cleanout to be held October 9th and 10th. Camping and fishing gear, tools, collectibles, furniture and general shed and household goods, too numerous to list. 8am sharp tp 4pm. No early birds, please!

WORK WANTED

CONVEYANCER Cynthia James-Martin. Phone 0419801655.

> **PUBLIC** NOTICES

AGM - Riverland West Landcare AGM, Monday, October 18, 6pm, RWL office.

AUCTION - Waikerie Lions Club auction, Saturday, October 9. Household goods, tools books, much more. Food and drinks available from 8am. Auction from 9am sharp.

NASHO - National Servicemen's Association branch) (Riverland meet at Barmera RSL, Sunday, October 10. 11am. Decide future of Riverland branch. Lunch to follow.



Riverland

CHURCH NOTICES-



BERRI | BARMERA

Sunday, October 10

Berri 9am Barmera I I am Pastor Dean Mills All Welcome Phone 8582 1853

LOXTON

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 10

St Peter's 8.30am 10.30am Concordia I 0am

Myrla No service Bookpurnong 9am

Lay reading

Lay reading

Wed, Oct 13 Rest Home 10.30am HC

Lutheran Ministry Centre Phone 8584 5522

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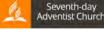


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Loxton Golf

Hume won

a treble of

Club's Andrew

Riverland open

winter season.

PHOTOS: Brendan

Hume tees off for

a practice round

wins over the

Lines INSET:

on Saturday.

Hume's master stroke season

BRENDAN LINES

LOXTON golfer Andrew Hume has enjoyed a stellar winter season, featuring a treble of Riverland open wins.

The former Berri A grade footballer hung up the boots and picked up the clubs on a more regular basis in 2017, playing off a handicap of 12.

Hume said the "consistency" in his game improved from playing up to twice a week and had contributed towards his impressive 2021 handicap of plus-one.

"The more you play the better the feel gets," he said.

"Ultimately you make your shots up inside 100 metres and around the green."

No stranger to success this season, Hume conceded that he had his challenges but was pleased to hold off his challengers to claim Barmera, Loxton and Berri open wins.

In June, Hume won his fourth Barmera Open by one shot ahead of Barmera's big-hitting Doug Johns, who pipped Hume for a win by the same margin at the Waikerie Open the previous

It was a tough battle on the greens between the pair and Hume said his form with the flat stick could "have been better".

The champ was determined to improve when it came to his home tournament at Loxton in August.

Hume successfully defended his crown, going back-to-back

after a win at home had eluded him for most of his career.

'Being a member of Loxton, it is the highlight of the year and it's also the most stressful (event)," he said.

"Because being involved in the captain's committee and the golf club there is a fair bit of organising that goes into it.

"Obviously, with Covid this year and having to change the date at the last minute it was quite stressful, but it went off

"It was good to get through the Loxton Open and come out on the Sunday night with it."

A supreme 150 off the stick landed Hume a four-shot win over Ben Leske of the SGA Golf

Hume backed up his matchwinning form with an all-weather performance the following weekend with rounds of 70 and 72 (142) to win the Berri Open.

With a rare open triple and countless rounds under his belt, Hume says mastering each Riverland course is not as easy as some visitors might think.

"Especially at some of the opens, some think (to themselves) 'I should tear this course apart'," he said

"And then they walk off after the round with their tail between their legs.

Hume said each course in each town has its own way of throwing unique difficulties at even accomplished golfers.

"Barmera's got the saltbush,

Berri's got all the Mallee trees, Loxton's got the sandy lays off the fairway, and there's no bunkers at Waikerie but it has got a thick rough, which can be quite hard to play out of," he said.

'That's probably the best thing about the Riverland: you've got the variety of courses within such a close distance."

Hume swapped the familiar fairways of the Riverland for a shot at the country amateur championships held at Mount Compass in atrocious conditions

"It was probably the worst conditions I've ever played in, with 80km/h gusts and horizontal rain and hail at times," he

But the champ dug deep playing some solid golf to climb as high as second, hot on the heels of a familiar sparring partner from the Mallee, Tim Atze.

The top-four played off in the match-play round. Hume was three-up through the turn on Lady Bay's Jak Carter (plusfour handicap), but went down after his opponent – the eventual winner - produced a string of birdies.

"(When that happens) you have to say well played," Hume

Hume intends to round off a memorable winter season with an appearance at a SA mid-amateur tournament at the end of this month.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS:

Stableford, Wed, September 22: W. Thiele 41pts, S. Wade 36 (cb), K. Wyman 36, W. Hocevar 35 (cb), C. Berry 35, J. Parker 35, T. McHugh 35, J. Skinner 34 (cb), S. Renfrey 34, Richard Keightley 34. Birdies P. Cummins 16th, W. Hocevar 16th

Stableford, Sat, September 25: C. Berry 39pts, R. Keightley 38 (cb), G. Leyson 37, S. Wade 36, C. Smith 35 (cb), E. Wade 35, A. Brand 35, P. Frahn 34 (cb), E. Dawson 34, R. Day 34, J. Brand 33 (cb), G. Harris 33, G. Seddon 33, B. Hartshorne 33, C. Hyde 33, S. Ormsby 33. Birdies A. Russell 1st, G. Tognon 1st, S. Wade 16th

Stableford, Wed, September 29: R. Keightley 38 (cb). M. Boon 38, S. Renfrey 38, L. Smith 36 (cb), S. May 36, I. McHugh 35, I. Bradshaw 34 (cb), C. Hyde 34, Birdies I. McHugh 1st, S. Wade 1st, R. Keightley 16th. Stableford, Sat, October 2: S. Renfrey 39, P. Frahn 38 (cb), S. May 38, T. McHugh 37, R. Day 36, M. Boon 35 (cb), G. Morrison 35, C. Berry 35, R. Sully 35, P. Morris 35, G. Calgie 35, P. Cummins 35.

Birdies G. Chisholm 1st, S. Renfrey 16th, R. Day 16th,

Beelitz wins double barrel classic THE Barmera Clay Target Club held

its Birthday competition over the long weekend, on Sunday, October 3.

Don Beelitz won the 50-Target Bob and Linda Andrews Lake Bonney Classic double barrel championship.

Adrian Mattschoss won the 50-target Winchester Lake Bonney Classic point score championship.

RESULTS

50 Target Bob and Linda Andrews Lake **Bonney Classic double barrel championship:**

Overall/1st AA Grade D. Beelitz 68/68. 2nd R. Andrews 67/68. A Grade 1st J. Pankhurst 48/50, 2nd T. Shaddock 47/50. B Grade 1st H. Nunn 46/50, 2nd B. Morris 42/50. C Grade: 1st M. Woosnam 46/50, 2nd T. Haggerty 49/55. **50 Target Winchester Lake Bonney Classic**

point score championship: AA Grade: Overall & 1st A. Mattschoss 145/150, 2nd B. Sims 144/150, A Grade 1st A. Evgeniou 138/150, 2nd G. Carter 137/150. B Grade: 1st B. Morris 130/150. C Grade: 1st M.

Woosnam 139/150, 2nd S. Haggerty 133/150.

Lloyd wins memorial trophy

NIGEL Lloyd won the Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club's Robert Elsley Memorial Trophy, when it was held over 20, 50 and 90 metres on September 23.

RESULTS

1. N. Lloyd 195.1 (90m), 198.16 (50m), 197.8 (20m), (1 hcp) 591.

2. A. Markeas 200.3, 197.14, 194.6 (0) 591. 3. R. Ward 193.3, 194.9, 188.2 (13) 588. 4 A. John 187.2. 190.9. 195.4 (14) 586.

5. R. Liebich 197.4, 200.14, 189.2 (0) 586. 6. R. John 176.0, 190.7, 184.1 (0), 550.

7. M. Cresp 200.7, 200.18, 200.11 (0) 600.

Hill ranked among world rowing's best



Loxton North's Alexander Hill (front) has been ranked among the top 10 of world rowing's elite. PHOTO: supplied

THE Riverland's Alexander Hill is among two members of the gold medal-winning Oarsome Foursome to be recognised on a list of the world's top 10 rowers.

The accolades keep coming for Hill, after he and Oarsome Foursome teammates left arch rivals Great Britain in their wakes to win gold in the men's fours at the Tokyo Olympic games. The win broke the Brits' 26-year stranglehold as Olympic champions and ended one of the longest-running hoodoos in Australian Olympic history.

Hill, 28, was ranked number four on Row2k's list, based off results at Olympic Games and World Championship regattas, which included a Tokyo gold medal, silver in Rio 2016 and world championships in 2017-18.

The list included Hill's teammate Spencer Turrin, who was ranked sixth on the list.

Flat weather greets yacht club opening

celebrated the 75th opening of the to conduct four races during the day." club last weekend.

Commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of SA, Jacqueline Heffernan, commenting that she was interested in the Barmera club's history and congratulating members on their prowess over the years.

Commodore Peter Dunk, of LBYC, and Mrs Heffernan exchanged pennants of their clubs prior to racing planned for Saturday afternoon.

Unfortunately the weather had other ideas and the club was unable to conduct racing, due to lack of wind.

"It was also disappointing that our usual sailing visitors from interstate were unable to be with us," a club spokesperson said.

"However, Sunday saw a different

LAKE Bonney Yacht Club (LBYC) weather pattern and the club was able This weekend will see heat 1 of the

> club championship, from 2pm. Saturday morning sailing sessions

will recommence on the first Saturday in November. "Everyone, regardless of age, previous sailing history, or general interest

in having a go, are welcome to join in from 10am," the spokesperson said.

"Please bring a life jacket if you have one."

RESULTS: Division 1

Overall winner - P. Dunk/K. Thomas, 'Element Sails' (Taipan 4.9 Sloop); 2nd - S. Thomas, 'Cat-ti-tude' (Mosquito Cat),

Overall winner - C. Stevens, 'Blade' (Laser); 2nd - J. Ling/B. Provis, 'On the Ball' (Fireball).



Jacqueline Heffernan, Commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of SA, conducted the official opening of the Lake Bonney Yacht Club's 2021/22 season last Saturday. She is pictured with LBYC Commodore Peter Dunk. The two commodores exchanged pennants. PHOTOS: supplied

Loxton players back reappointed Millard as...

The man for Tigerland

BRENDAN LINES

A VOTE of confidence from Loxton Football Club's senior players has played a part in the Tigers re-signing playing coach Dillon Millard for 2022.

The former Barmera-Monash star came to Loxton for his first senior coaching role this year and delivered beyond expectations.

The Tigers' stunning 2021 resurgence saw them finish the minor round in second spot with a 10-3 win-loss record, contrasting against their 2019 woodenspoon performance (1-15).

Although the Tigers bowed out in straight sets with losses to Waikerie and Renmark, it was the club's first finals appearance since 2018 and Loxton president Les Lange said the senior players had an influence on the reap-

pointment, after a vote was put to the group six weeks ago.

"You have got to have a coach there who players are going to respond to," Lange said.

"And we felt they had responded to Dillon very well.

"He's been accepted by all the local players."

First-year player and joint best and fairest Lachlan Evans highlighted throughout the season it was Millard's clear and simple messaging that was effective.

"He doesn't tend to over complicate things," Evans said.

"He sets clear goals... and the way to achieve those goals.

"I've really enjoyed playing alongside him."

While the club's senior players have welcomed back a winning feeling under Millard, Lange said it was a sentiment that "filters through the club".

"We probably didn't realise how professional he would be being in his first year," Lange said.

"We felt that he went far and beyond that (which) was required for a first-year coach."

A preliminary final appearance by the club's B grade and marked improvements in junior grades – plus the promotion of under 18s likes Rogan Kennedy and Jacob Evans – was a sign of good things to come, Lange said.

However, he conceded plenty of work remained to improve the club's depth at senior level.

"We're slowly building depth and that's the main thing," Lange said.

"Dillon is the sort of guy that wants to build depth and that's how you make a successful club."



Loxton first-year coach Dillon Millard's helped guide the Tigers to their first finals campaign in three years.

Riverland junior footballers on show



Renmark's Bailey White was named best in West Adelaide's under 15 country team. West Adelaide's squad featured 24 players from Riverland clubs. PHOTO: SANFL

BRENDAN LINES

THE Riverland's most talented junior boys and girls featured in West Adelaide's SANFL 'intrastate championships' teams last week in Adelaide.

A contingent of 24 Riverland juniors played across West Adelaide's under 15 boys, together with under 14 and 15 girls' teams against the other non-AFL aligned SANFL clubs, in both metropolitan and country divisions.

The championships were a first-look for the club at the latest crop of Riverland juniors, ahead of the SANFL's expansion of its under 16 boys and girls development leagues to a full season next year — mirroring the under 18s.

West Adelaide and Barmera-Monash under 15 coach Steve Marks said the SANFL club watched on intently.

"They certainly looked at it a lot closer than perhaps they have in the past," he said.

"I was really happy with the

way the lads went.

"I know we had some good comments about how they went. They were quite impressed and that was a good sign for our guys."

The under 15 boys had an exciting finish to their round one game against South Adelaide, kicking the final five goals in nine minutes to win by seven points.

Bailey White was named the best in West Adelaide's under 15 boys team.

Berri women's premiership player Molly Wishart and Emily Doughty-Casey did well in the under 15s, while Barmera-Monash pair Ebony Johnson and Jessie Priest, plus Renmark's Molly Petersen played in the under 14s.

The championships are regarded as an integral part of the SANFL's development plan, enabling SANFL clubs to observe their players perform against quality opposition. This helps with selection of players to progress into the male under 16 and female club programs.



In July Waikerie's Brooke Hoad broke former Renmark champion Dale Lellmann's record for the most RFL games played. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

'Hoady' on country footy's legends list

WAIKERIE'S Brooke Hoad has been included among South Australia's country football legends of the past decade.

Hoad's name was written into Riverland football folklore when he broke the all-time games record by playing his 458th game in 2021.

This added to a long list of milestones, including 11 premierships, with a minimum of one in every grade, RFL and Waikerie life membership, RFL medallist and interleague representative.

Last Wednesday, Hoad was recognised on The Advertiser's list of record holders, goalkickers and other incredible tallies from across the state.

Red-letter night for Swans' best

THE Paring a Football Netball Club crowned its best for the 2021 Independent football and netball competitions on September 10.

Swans' leading ruckman Isaac Frahn donned the club's coveted red jacket after being named best and fairest, while Haimish Sanford was runner-up.

Tia Rover was named the club's best and fairest netballer and Teressa Rover was runner-up.

The club also awarded a life membership to Meridy Riedel for her many years of service in roles including canteen manger and netball president.



Paringa's 2021 best and fairest Isaac Frahn with coach Peter Siddall at the club's football and netball awards night recently. PHOTOS: supplied



Netballers Tia Rover and Teressa Rover with their respective best and fairest and runner-up awards.



Paringa's Jason Pilgrim with new life-member Meridy Riedel.

Special school welcomes back footy with open arms

BRENDAN LINES

THE Riverland Special School (RSS) opened its doors to a South Australian National Football League (SANFL) school clinic on August 10.

It was the first time the school has been opened to a sporting clinic this year, under ongoing Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

Students were involved in football drills designed to promote inclusiveness across all ages and skill levels.

The clinic was organised by the SANFL's football operations co-ordinator Shane Uren and game development officer Nick Dillon.

RSS spokesperson Anthony Segui welcomed the return of clinics to the school.

"I hope in the future we can have it in years to come," he said. "It was great for Nick and Shane to come to the school and work with us.



Shane Uren (SANFL), Alice Hickman, Joanne Wood, Seth Rosenberg and clinic organiser Nick Dillon (SANFL) at the Riverland Special School's SANFL Schools Clinic. PHOTO: Brendan Lines

"The students really enjoyed it and the feedback was (that) they really got involved and enjoyed the activities out-

Clinic organiser Nick Dillon said it was about "tailoring" the session to the group while having fun.

"It is about making footy inclusive and no one should miss out," Mr Dillon said.

"We start out simple, but we

built up slowly until they're doing things that a lot of other kids could probably do.

"Other kids don't have those capabilities and we work with them too."

Part of the clinic was to promote sensory skills in students who may be unable to participate in full drills.

"It is all to make sure everyone comes away with a smile on their face," Mr Dillon said. THE Riverland football community is mourning 2021 Duthie Medallist Bradley Walkley, who died in a tragic car accident near Kersbrook on the outskirts of the Barossa Valley on Thursday night.

Walkley won the Riverland Football League Independent competition's highest individual honour this season, his first for Sedan-Cambrai.

The 23-year-old had his life tragically cut short just weeks after he won the award.

The father of two married partner Samantha the week following his grand final appearance with the Magpies, however tragedy struck the Adelaide-based concrete worker just hours after he posted a heartfelt message to the couple's bridal party.

Walkley leaves behind son Leo and daughter Nayvah.

Samantha took to social over the weekend expressing her anguish.

"People say I'm not alone, but I've never felt more alone. I can't feel your touch and I hate it," she said.

"You made a promise to me that you wouldn't leave me behind... how could this be what the world wanted for us? This isn't meant to be my life. Please I'm begging you to please just come home."

The Sedan-Cambrai Football and Netball Club paid tribute to the star midfielder on Friday.

"Brad will be remembered by the SCFNC community as not only a brilliant footballer, but as the happiest and friendliest mate and the most committed husband and dad.



The Sedan-Cambrai Football Club is mourning the loss of star player Bradley Walkley, who died in a tragic car accident last week. Brad is pictured with his wife Samantha, son Leo and daughter Nayvah. INSET: Brad Walkley with AFL legend John Platten at the recent Duthie Medal presentation at the Cobdogla Club. PHOTOS: supplied

"RIP Brad, you are going to be sorely missed by all."

Immediately after winning the Duthie Medal, polling 21 votes, Walkley's coach Chris Eaton said his

star player had leadership potential.
"He is starting to now bring

"He is starting to now bring more guys into the game..." he said. "We wanted him to be one of those good players that drags other guys up to another level, not just be the dominant force."

Walkley was among Sedan-Cambrai's best players in the 2021 grand final, when the Magpies went down to Mid-Murray neighbours Ramco by nine points.

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Tzanavaras (Berri Tennis Club) and

John Pick.

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Loxton's Tasmin Smith was named

in the 17-and-under

regional state team

at the Foundation

Cup held in Berri

last week. Super

Team Hewitt (from

left) Macy Ackland

(Lower Northern),

(Eyre Peninsula),

Tom Nettle (River

Murray) and Ross

Northern). Nettle also won awards

for best on court

PHOTO: Tennis SA

and sportsmanship.

Taleah Turner

Smyth (Lower

11s runners-up

Having a ball at Foundation Cup

BRENDAN LINES

A HUGE week of tennis wrapped up in Berri last Friday when the 2021 Foundation Cup

The four-day tournament saw players compete to earn the right to represent regional South Australia later in 2021.

Players from the Eyre Peninsula, Upper Northern and Yorke, Lower Northern, River Murray, South East and Hills Fleurieu competed in the teams format combining boys and girls in 13-and-under, 15-and-under, and 17-and-under age groups.

Hills Fleurieu claimed the overall championship along with the 15-and-under and 17-and-under divisions, while Eyre Peninsula won the 13-and-under division.

Riverland players - representing River Murray – were coached by John Pick and Berri Tennis Club coach Georgia Tzanavaras.

Loxton's Tasmin Smith was selected in the 17-and-under regional state team, while Berri's Maria Tzanavaras was named in the 15-and-under team.

Meanwhile 32 players from across the six regional areas took part in a Super 11s event alongside the Foundation Cup. Teams were named after Australian tennis players and consisted of four players from different regions, with a mix of boys and girls.



included Renmark's Campbell Dring.

The Super 11s runner-up was Team Team Molik was the winning team, which Hewitt, which included Cobdogla's Tom

Nettle, who also picked up awards for best on court and for sportsmanship.

River Murray coach John Pick said it was

"an outstanding event with full credit to the Berri Tennis Club, Tennis SA, coaches, managers, parents and players".

Academy netballers take SA title

A RIVERLAND-dominated junior netball team took out a prestigious state title last week.

The Murray Region progressed through the 2021 Academy Games undefeated, winning all 10 of its division one matches - including a convincing 18-9 victory over Adelaide Academy in the final – to clinch the title for the first time in several years.

Seven of the 10 team members at the Adelaide event were Riverland netballers, while the balance were from the River Murray

The team featured a number of players with Riverland A1 experience, which local netball spokesperson Wendy Gambling said was an important factor.

"They're such a talented group of players," she said.

"A lot of them play A1 on Friday nights, so they're used to pressure and tough competition, and that showed.'

Berri Al player Charlie Gates captained the team, while Renmark A1 premiership star Zoe Siviour starred in goals, as did Barmera's A1 defender Paris

The team was coached by Murray Bridge-based Cass Martin.

"It's quite an achievement because they haven't been able to meet too much this year, because of Covid," Mrs Gambling said.

In the final, played last Thursday, Murray trailed 6-8 at half time, but dominated the second half to win 18-9.



Murray Region's undefeated 2021 Academy Games team (back from left) Paige Roberts, Zoe Siviour, Summer Smith, Paris Lawrie. Front: Zoe Hahn, Wendy Gambling, Charlie Gates and Tia Dahlitz. PHOTO: supplied

Netball SA established the academy program throughout South Australia for "talent identified" players, coaches and umpires to help them reach their potential.

Netball SA runs nine netball academies, including eight regional academies and one metropolitan

"The program aims to decentralise the delivery of developmental and high-performance programs to South Australian member associations and to develop links between the regions, Netball SA and the South Australian Sports Institute," Netball SA says.

"The main program runs from February to October of each year, involving players, coaches and umpires with a minimum 40 hours contact during this time.

"The Academy Program is a pathway to Netball SA's state teams and beyond. We are proud to have several Adelaide Thunderbirds and Australian Diamonds come through South Australia's Academy Program.

"Trials for the academy programs commence in February of each year and are facilitated by each academy."

The Murray Region's division one Riverland players were: Charlie Gates (Berri), Zoe Siviour (Renmark), Paris Lawrie (Barmera), Paige Roberts (Loxton North), Summer Smith, Tia Dahlitz and Zoe Hahn (all Loxton).

The River Murray competition players were Bella Schubert, Sienna Daniel and Piper Wegener.

Renmark's Breea Martinson and Loxton North's Jarra Gibbs were part of the Murray Region division two side, which won two and drew one of its nine games.

DIVISION ONE RESULTS:

Murray 9 d Eyre 12. Murray 16 d Adelaide 9. Murray 21 d Southern 9 Murray 19 d Northern 15 Murray 17 d South East 16. Murray 12 d Central Ranges 11 Murray 22 d Spencer 9. Murray 16 d Northern Metro 8 Semi-final - Murray 26 d Northern 11.

Final - Murray 18 d Adelaide 9.

Eagles minor darts premiers

COBDOGLA Eagles claimed the Riverland darts winter season minor premiership with a 14-1 win over Expendables on Thursday night.

The undermanned Eagles were too strong and were able to pull away from Expendables from the opening match-ups.

Eagles Ray Stemp continued his run of good form and scored his fourth 180 for the year.

RC Ones finished off the regular season with a 10-5 win over finalists Double Jacks.

With only four of the games going the full three legs, RC Ones will be a force in the finals.

In the semi-finals tomorrow Cobdogla Eagles will play RC Ones at the Cobdogla Club to see who will go straight into the grand final, while in the elimination final Monash Wanderers will play Double Jacks at the Monash Club.

RESULTS

RC Ones 10 (L. Rasheed 140 x 2, 120) 100 x 5, W. Schwartzkopff 140 x 2, 100 x 4, N. Flack 140, 135, 125, 121, 100 x 4, T. Stoneham 134, 132, 100, C. Dunhill 133) d Double Jacks 5. Cobdogla Eagles 14 (R. Stemp 180, 140, 125 x 2, 100, A. McCauley 140 x 2, 121, 100 x 4, A. Hargreaves 135, 125, 121, 100 x 3, S, McKinnon 125, 121, 100 x 4, D. Coombe 121, 100 x 5, G. Dyer 133) d Expendables 1 (S. Lockwood 140, 115, A. Barnes 125, 100, D. Higgs 121, 117, 106, G Norman 100 x 2, T. Daelmann 100). Final Premiership table: Cobby Eagles 30. RC Ones 26. Monash Wanderers 12 (112), Double Jacks 12 (98), Expendables nil.

Briscoe wins pre-season tournament, Waikerie off to a flyer

THE Riverland Women's Eightball Association started its 2021-22 season with the Marg Lemmey Pre-Season Tournament at the Lyrup Club recently.

A roll-up of 22 players participated in high-quality match-ups, with Mel Briscoe (Waikerie Club) and Sue Hayes (Barmera Pelicans) making the grand final.

Briscoe clinched the title beating Hayes

In the consolation plate final Kath Michael (Lyrup Club) defeated Kath Flentjar (Barmera Hotel Unpredictables) 2-1.

On Monday, Waikerie had a comfortable 13-2 win over Lyrup Lion Cubs in the opening minor round match.

Lyrup Club Odd Bunch mirrored its clubmate's result with a 13-2 over club mates Lvrup Club.

Monash Club DV8s opened their season with a 11-4 win over Barmera Hotel Cue-Ts.

The closest match of the night was Barmera Hotel Unpredictables' 9-6 win over Barmera Pelicans.

RESULTS

Waikerie Club 13 (K. Bannister, J. Rohde) d Lyrup Lion Cubs 2 (C. Walton, S. Jansen).

Lyrup Club Odd Bunch 13 (D. Durling, C. Mitton) d Lyrup Club 2 (E. Hoffmann, J.Trezise). Monash Club DV8's 11 (D. Marshall, L. Threlfall) d

Barmera Hotel Cue-T's 4 (D. Stocker, A. Krieg-Owens). Barmera Hotel Unpredictables 9 (J. Greenhalgh, S. Bini) d Barmera Pelicans 6 (S. Verco, T. Kray).

These days veteran cyclist Mick Gray particularly enjoys the social side of

the sport, including rides around Berri and Lake Bonney.

PHOTO: Brendan Lines

Mick's life in the fast lane

BRENDAN LINES

RENMARK cyclist Mick Gray is showing no signs of slowing down, winning back-to-back over 70s state road cycling championships in August.

Gray won the 68km road race around the Adelaide Hills, leaving a plus-10-minute gap to the nearest competitor in his age group while chasing down the groups ahead.

It has been a long career in the saddle for the 71-year-old, who took up cycling in his 30s as a means of commuting to work and for the extra fitness while playing senior football for Renmark.

Having never ridden a race in his life, Gray was challenged to a race by former Stan Heritage Trophy winner Reg Brock in 1986 – and the Riverland Cycling Club (RCC) was born.

From that first race, it



Mick Gray riding in the Riverland Cycling Club championship time trial event recently. PHOTO: supplied

spurred a raft of Masters games medals and Australian titles with a stint as a track cyclist, which Gray proclaims is "a young person's game".

Though the thrill of wheel-to-wheel competition drives him, Gray said he enjoys the cycling lifestyle.

"I just like the compan-

ionship," he said.

"To me the social side is the most fun these days.

"We have a group that go out on Saturday mornings and we call them the fast group who really hammer all the way.

"But I tend to go with eight or nine others that go a more sedate pace.

"We talk and go to

coffee shops."

Gray, can usually be spotted clocking up the kilometres on his midweek ride after work around Berri.

A casual 50km round trip through the back roads around Lake Bonney is just the warmup to Saturday's 100km group ride.

The 1989 and 1993 RCC champion has enjoyed a renaissance period in his cycling career.

"I had a bit of time off from 2010 to 2015," said Gray, who was humble about his latest effort in the RCC club championship, the previous weekend, featuring tough competitors like local threetime RCC champion Clint Bambrick.

"Clint, Brad Temple and Lee Stevens are the best by a mile.

"But I came fourth so that's not too bad."



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Loxton players back reappointed Millard as... The man for Tigerland

BRENDAN LINES

A VOTE of confidence from Loxton Football Club's senior players has played a part in the Tigers re-signing playing coach Dillon Millard

The former Barmera-Monash star came to Loxton for his first senior coaching role this year and delivered beyond expectations.

The Tigers' stunning 2021 resurgence

saw them finish the minor round in second spot with a 10-3 win-loss record, contrasting against their 2019 wooden-spoon performance (1-15).

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Junior netballers SA title winners

A RIVERLAND-dominated junior netball team took out a prestigious state title last week.

The Murray Region progressed through the 2021 Academy Games undefeated, winning all 10 of its division one matches - including a convincing 18-9 victory over Adelaide Academy in the final - to clinch the title for the first time in several years.

Seven of the 10 team members at the Adelaide event were Riverland netballers, while the balance were from the River Murray region.

The team featured a number of players with Riverland A1 experience, which local netball spokesperson Wendy Gambling said was an important factor.

"They're such a talented group of players," she said.

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