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Local youngster Vivienne Walker enjoying the activities at the long-weekend's Loxton Show. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

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A FORMER Riverlander accused of murdering her parents is expected to stand trial in 2026.

The Supreme Court last month set a June 2026 start date for the trial of Raelene Polymiadis, who is alleged to have killed her parents with insulin.

Ms Polymiadis, 63, of Craigmore, pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder, with the charges arising from the alleged insulin poisonings of her non-diabetic parents, Brenda and Lynton Anderson, both 94, which occurred in 2022 and 2023.

It is understood Ms Polymiadis has asked

the court for separate trials for each parent, with The Advertiser reporting her lawyers claimed there was "nothing similar" about the alleged murders.

Ms Polymiadis was remanded on continuing bail to face a further pre-trial hearing in November.

**Adelaide man arrested after assault at Swan Reach**

A MAN was arrested after an altercation in Swan Reach over the long weekend.

Around 11.20pm on 7 October, local police and emergency services were called after reports of an assault on

Victoria Street, at Swan Reach.

A 27-year-old man from Marion was charged with assault and arrested on the spot. The man was granted police bail and he has been sum-

moned to appear in Berri Magistrates Court in November.

A 51-year-old man from Blakiston was taken to hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

**Stolen vehicle recovered at Glossop**

RIVERLAND police recovered a station wagon that was stolen from a property, on Ahern Street, in Berri.

Sometime between 6.15pm and 6.20pm, on Monday 30 September, a Holden Station Wagon was stolen from a driveway by

a Riverland man.

The theft was reported to police, who tracked the vehicle using the victim's phone that had been left in the car, which was found a short time later at a service station.

A 35 year-old man

from Glossop was arrested at the scene and was charged with illegal use, theft and driving while disqualified.

The man was refused bail and was summonsed to appear at the Berri Magistrates Court on 1 October.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>RENMARK</b>	25 ° 3 ° SUNNY	25 ° 10 ° SUNNY	25 ° 3 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	26 ° 5 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	30 ° 10 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	32 ° 10 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY
<b>WINDSPEED</b>	9am E16   3pm ENE9	9am WSW25   3pm SW24	9am SSW18   3pm SSW21	9am SE18   3pm SE13	9am ENE15   3pm NNE17	9am N13   3pm W15
<b>LOXTON</b>	25 ° 4 ° SUNNY	25 ° 10 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	24 ° 4 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	26 ° 6 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	29 ° 10 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	29 ° 11 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY
<b>WAIKERIE</b>	25 ° 4 ° SUNNY	25 ° 10 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	24 ° 4 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	26 ° 6 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	29 ° 10 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	29 ° 11 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY
<b>WATER REPORT</b>	TEMPORARY ALLOCATION: \$145 PER MEGLITRE					<b>FLOW INTO SA</b>
LEVELS (METRES)	LOCK 6 19.27	LOCK 5 16.33	LOCK 4 13.23	LOCK 3 9.82	LOCK 2 6.08	LOCK 1 3.21
SALINITY (EC UNITS)	LOCK 6 381	LOCK 5 426	LOCK 4 406	LOCK 3 444	LOCK 2 491	LOCK 1 478
	<b>6472</b> MEGALITRES PER DAY					

# Sarah bridges a gap in local medical services

## MADISON EASTMOND

ASSOCIATE Nurse Unit Manager (ANUM) of the dialysis unit at the Riverland General Hospital, Sarah McFeeters has been recognised for her initiative to provide the highest-quality clinical care in the region.

For those suffering with end stage kidney disease (ESKD), renal replacement therapy — which requires dialysis sessions three times per week — can be painful and problematic.

For dialysis to occur, a surgical connection of an artery and vein is formed, called a fistula, and must be cannulated by large needles. Without ultrasound imagery or the knowledge to use such devices, potential issues with the fistula cannot be identified, and the regular needling can take multiple attempts, causing damage and the fistula to fail.

Yet, as there is no formal training for ultrasounds in the state, nurses are instead expected to learn “on the job”, with the opportunity for improved care reliant on the luck of experienced co-workers passing down the skills.

Local ANUM Ms McFeeters is working hard to change “the gap in care” that exists in many hospitals across South Australia, with

her initiative for self-training in ultrasound extending to growing a Riverland training program for local nurses.

Close to two years ago, the Berri dialysis unit was one of three regional dialysis units involved in a UniSA research pilot program that introduced ultrasounds for patients of their fistula.

“Though the (Riverland General Hospital) already had an ultrasound used in other areas... ultrasound was relatively a new concept for our Renal Team,” Ms McFeeters said.

“They gave us an ultrasound and taught us the basics... (of) ultrasound guided cannulation. However, following the months from the training, we found that a lot of nurses still weren’t confident in using the ultrasound.

“After an emergency transfer to Adelaide... when of our patient’s fistulas stopped working, we wanted to really take some preventative measures and be able to identify issues before they occurred... so, I started up a little training program for the unit myself.”

Ms McFeeters began to teach herself how to use the device in her own time, both with self-motivated research and with the support of Riverland visiting general, vascular, and transplant surgeon Dr Santosh Olakkengil.

“(Dr Olakkengil) has been a fabulous mentor to me,” she said.

“(With his support) I learned how to cannulate under ultrasound while keeping a logbook to maintain a reflective practice — eventually I was able to cannulate with 100 per cent accuracy.

“We are so fortunate to have a number of high calibre specialists such as him, visiting our hospital on a regular basis.

“I (also) did a lot of research myself, watched many webinars, and did some online training to give myself certification before developing the first procedure as we didn’t have one at the hospital.

“Then we started mini training sessions with the staff. Nurses would do 20 cannulations on patients with the support of a trained mentor, and then they themselves would become mentors.”

Since beginning her project, there has not been an emergency transfer of a patient, Ms McFeeters’ widespread training transforming the care of up to 18 renal patients, as well and many of those in-home care, and visitors to the region.

“Now, if we have a difficult cannulation, we can get a hundred percent precision, rather than having multiple



Riverland General Hospital ANUM Sarah McFeeters and director of nursing and midwifery Shellie Humphries said the care of local patients has been transformed by the renal unit ultrasound training program. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

attempts and damaging the fistula with needling.

“(Dr Olakkengil) also introduced me to the handheld ultrasound, Butterfly iQ, which we’re so fortunate for our hospital to grant us (with).

“(The Butterfly iQ) has tele-guidance, so when hooked to an iPad, I can put it on the patient and in real-time, have a vascular surgeon (from the Royal Adelaide Hospital) talk to me and look at the patient’s fistula via the tablet.

“Now we can pick up on problems with the fistula way before it gets to the stage where it could be blocked and we have to fly the patient to Adelaide.

“We are the first in the

state, and potentially the country, to be able to do tele-guidance from a rural setting.”

Leading the way in rural care, Ms McFeeters has been nationally recognised and rewarded for her efforts.

Winner of the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network 2024 Excellence in Clinical Care Award, Ms McFeeters was also recognised in June for the Birgit Munro Memorial Scholarship and the Patient First Individual Award in Brisbane at the Renal Society Australasia Conference.

Ms McFeeters has also recently been awarded with the prestigious Australian Nursing & Midwifery

Federation South Australia (ANMFSA) Rob Bonner Scholarship for “delivering innovative solutions within (her) field of work” last month, which will include a two-day tailored workshop in ultrasound training and \$10,000 to go towards the training program extending into the chemotherapy unit.

Ms McFeeters said the recognition had been “one of (her) nursing career highlights”.

“There are some really amazing things happening at Berri,” she said.

“I’m very proud to be part of that.”

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"I would urge (everyone) to look at this with caution, the government is fixated on a number, not an outcome," he said.

"They are fixated on a number that doesn't address what we all need."

"My first option would be to offer that water to your neighbour, your fellow irrigator and explore every option that would retain that water in our local economy."

"The cost of supplying water still needs to be met by fewer irrigators, which will drive the delivery price of water up."

Barker MP Tony Pasin said further examination of the potential effects of buybacks was needed.

"This is now the third call for tenders in the Southern Basin in 18 months and we are yet to see a report on the impacts of the first round of tenders," Mr Pasin said.

"The Minister can't have done any real

evaluation of the impacts of the previous tenders in this timeframe which is greatly concerning."

"The (Federal) Government is hell bent on purchasing water while no progress has been made on managing constraints or complementary measures. It's clear now that Labor has no intention of working with communities in managing this process."

"The strategy clearly is water recovery at any cost. I suppose that's easy when you live in Sydney and you'll never be asked to pay the real cost of stripping irrigation communities of their water. Meanwhile, Riverland growers hoping to sell their water to the government won't see any cash flowing from the sale to alleviate financial struggles until mid-next year."

Riverland-based MLC, and opposition spokesperson for regional South Australia, Nicola Centofanti said local irrigators struggling through industry challenges would be targeted for buybacks.

"This expression of interest is of real concern for South Australia as the Labor Federal Government has clearly stated that there is no fixed volume to be recovered from each state, each catchment or each water right type," Dr Centofanti said.

"This is an obvious ploy to take advantage of desperate sellers at the most vulnerable time."

"Whether it's the lack of support, the increase in red and green tape or the blatant disregard for community socio-economic needs around buybacks, it is obvious there is a clear unacceptable disconnect."

Meanwhile, a State Government spokesperson said "the South Australian Government supports the full delivery of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, including the delivery of the final 450GL".

"Whilst the continued use of productivity boosting on and off-farm efficiency measures to recover the final 450GL is support-



Local politicians are warning Riverlanders about the potential drawbacks of the Government buyback program. FILE PHOTO.

ed, the South Australian Government also supports a Commonwealth water purchase program to recover some of the 450 GL – complemented by a well-planned struc-

tural adjustment program to ensure that the broader community is supported where there are demonstrated adverse impacts on communities," the spokesperson said.

## Buyback concerns from irrigation trust figures

SENIOR Riverland irrigation industry figures have expressed "disappointment" at a perceived lack of investigation surrounding the possible economic effects water buybacks would have on the Riverland.

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Renmark Irrigation Trust (RIT) CEO Rosalie Auricht said further detail regarding the potential impacts of buybacks on local communities would be beneficial.

"Although not unexpected, the announcement was disappointing as the work to understand the negative socio-economic impacts of water recovery in irrigation networks, including on third parties, has not been completed," Ms Auricht said.

"The expression of interest process creates a delay in learning what water will be recovered from within our trust and the nature of that recovery, such as will the land be taken out of productivity or will the sale of water be used to help the business prosper? Not knowing this means that negative third party impacts cannot be offset in a timely manner."

Central Irrigation Trust (CIT) CEO Greg McCarron said the buyback program presented a "double-edged sword" for Riverland irrigators.

"While we knew that direct purchases that might be part of the suite of options the commonwealth might use to recover water, we are a bit disappointed that they have moved on as quickly as they have with the purchase program given that the changes that were made to the legislation last year were about providing more time and more options," Mr McCarron said.

"While the community is in the process of developing those options, they have started

with earnest the buyback process — so that's a concern we have.

"On the flip side of that, we understand there is a range of people in our community that are under significant economic pressure and the opportunity to partake in a government Buyback program might be something they're looking for."

"So, it's a double-edged sword for us, about certainly keeping more water in our area and available for consumptive uses that is good for us all, (but) we're mindful that for some people in our community this is an opportunity for them and we're not standing in the way of those people."



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Loxton Show president Ian Cass said "perfect weather with record crowds, for the second consecutive year, illustrated the event's success."

"The new online entry system was fantas-

tic and it helped to relieve pressure on the staff," Mr Cass said.

"Plus, we received more online entries than we expected with massive family numbers coming in."

"We couldn't be happier, especially with current droughts and frost conditions. An event like this helps everyone especially, farmers."

"It's the Riverland show for me, it's the best way to describe it, since we have people from all over the state."

Show results will be published in next week's edition of The Murray Pioneer



Alexis and Ava Adams waited in crowds of Riverlanders for their showbags on Sunday, with more than 8000 people attending the event over the two days. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond



Loxton Show president Ian Cass alongside 2024 Northern Agricultural Shows Association Rural Ambassador runner-up Samuel Doering.  
PHOTO: supplied



Show president Ian Cass said the perfect weather over the long weekend contributed to the success of the show.

## Tim unaware of former party leader's Riverland arrest

**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

THE region's State MP says he was unaware David Speirs was arrested inside the Riverland, due to being overseas at the time.

SAPOL last weekend confirmed on 26 September, Mr Speirs, previous State Liberal leader, was arrested, at Berri, and charged with two counts of supplying a controlled

substance between 2 and 3 of August, and on 9 August.

Following this, his residential premises was subsequently searched.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said he was outside of the country during the period in question.

"It was news to me when I read it in the media," Mr Whetstone said.

"I was visiting my son in the US on all of those dates."

However, Mr Whetstone said Mr Speirs' decision to step away from Parliament to focus on mental health would be beneficial.

"He's having some challenges with his mental health at the moment," he said.

"It's a significant challenge for him, going through an uncertain period in his life."

"People are genuinely concerned a public figure has been exposed in this light. Being a public figure, you've got a standard to uphold, and what we're currently seeing is not what the media expects."

Mr Speirs was given police bail and will appear in the Christies Beach Magistrates Court on 15 November.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Under pressure

AS national Mental Health Month, October provides the opportunity to highlight the impacts challenging circumstances can have on local wellbeing, and it's hard to think of circumstances more challenging than what we see across the Riverland community at the moment.

From business offices to family dinner tables, budgets have had to tighten.

However, this seems to be only a reflection of what trends can be seen in the wider South Australian economy, and indeed the national economy as well. While, when the time comes around, a lot of us wait with baited breath and hope the Reserve Bank will lower interest rates – however perhaps collective prayers are necessary there – 2024 has largely been a year where those on the lower rungs of the socioeconomic ladder have had little chance to climb upwards, and those who previously considered themselves as living comfortably are perhaps now looking at a long drop below.

Couple this with a year of ongoing difficulties for our primary producers – topped off by last month's frost – and nobody could be blamed for having more worries on their mind.

Unfortunately, and also on a similar national scale, these problems are pushing more of us to the emotional brink. It's something none of us want to mention, however, increasing numbers of our family members, friends and neighbours are struggling to see a brighter side at the end of the tunnel.

These could be people that need to be checked on, or guided toward support, before a situation ultimately becomes tragic.

So, make sure this month is taken as an opportunity to check on anyone you notice is doing it tough right now. It's a lot easier than having to deal with the potentially devastating consequences later down the line.

### Can I interest you?

IN the last 12 months we saw federal and state government discourse surrounding the idea of new water buybacks from the Riverland grow in definitiveness, finally culminating in the opening of the new tender that is detailed within today's edition of The Murray Pioneer.

While the outspoken criticism from those in the opposition side of politics might be unsurprising, the concerns highlighted by our local irrigation trusts are a new dynamic, and one that warrants further discussion.

It may be a little early yet to start invoking language or mental imagery regarding the worst impacts the previous round of water buybacks had on Riverland communities, but it is safe to say for anyone too young to remember, or those who only recently moved to the area, that these impacts were very real, leading to the long-term shrinking of some smaller towns that can still be witnessed first-hand.

## THE YEARS GO BY



**Loxton Historical Village's 'Yinkanie-Myrla railway'.** Yinkanie was the last railway siding (the terminus) on the spur-line from Wanbi that opened in 1925. When that line closed in 1971 the station, some sleepers and rail were donated and brought to the Village. Later, the Village's 250m-long railway was installed (as seen with its wooden sleepers before restoration, during, and after, with its repaired steel sleepers). After the 2022-23 flood, Village volunteers including Richard Wood, Neville Schubert, Derrick Cross, Dennis Wright, Chris Sheahan, and others, figured it was time to restore the Village's railway. It had long laid without certification, unable to give visitors a ride. A question once the rotted wooden sleepers were discovered: where to find replacements? Perhaps buy expensive wooden or concrete ones? But then inspiration: Neville recalled that a stack of steel sleepers and rail from the original Yinkanie line lay abandoned from 53 years earlier, in scrub on a nearby farm. These were soon brought in, renovated, and after much work, installed in the revamped Village railway. The rail from the Yinkanie line had been first used in 1890 on the Terowie-Quorn line (photo), then from 1913, from Tailem Bend-Karoonda, from 1925 on the Yinkanie line, and now 2024, on the renewed Village railway. This is rail recycling at its best. PHOTOS: Richard Wood.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Renewable energy costs

The Renewable Energy Target (RET) scheme was established in 2001 to increase renewable energy sources of electricity.

The RET is defined in the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000 and today is administered by the Clean Energy Regulator.

Under the RET scheme, electricity retailers and other large electricity buyers must purchase a percentage of electricity from renewable sources, and this is done through the purchase of Large-Scale Renewable Energy Certificates.

The cost of buying these certificates is just added to the household and consumer electricity bill. These Large-Scale Renewable Energy Certificates are created largely by wind and solar farm owners, according to a formula based on their operation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. But they operate for much less, between 16 per cent and 23 per cent of the time.

In effect they get paid even when they don't produce any electricity.

The register of Large-Scale Renewable Energy Certificates shows over 700 billion have been sold, but the register does not show the individual exact price. What can be seen is they have sold from about \$40 to \$80 a certificate.

In South Australia over 86 million Large-Scale Renewable Energy Certificates have been sold, and at say \$50/certificate, then \$4.3 billion dollars has been added to our bills.

This represents a direct subsidy to wind and solar farm operators.

It is of course not the end of the subsidies. Wind and sunshine are free while there are fuel costs for gas, which we use 30 per cent of the time to generate electricity in SA.

However, under an electricity rule in the legislation, wind and solar farm operators get paid the same as the gas turbine operator.

The costs for transmission lines and distribution must increase to connect the wind and solar farms and we pay for that through a Regulatory Asset Base. The Regulatory Asset Base is the amount of money the owner of the poles and wires can pass on to the consumer through the retailer.

These are the network charges. These network charges are generally in excess of 50 per cent of the electricity bill and this amount will increase as more wind and solar farms are added in SA, via the increasing number of Renewable Energy Certificates being issued every time a new farm appears and more transmission lines are required for connection.

These farms are not including batteries for energy storage, because the cost of energy via that source would be exorbitant.

No environmental impact or costings are available for the building of these farms, or the disposal/recycling of the equipment.

There is a huge land-based gas resource in South Australia that could be extracted for gas-fired power stations, built in a two-year timeframe, and could supply an affordable base load energy source underpinning the potential for industry and manufacturing growth, and the high demand of our rapidly growing IT industry.

Gas is now a very clean burning fuel. On Monday 9 September, the weather was sunny with a nice breeze. Not one of the wind turbines at Cape Jervois was turning. How many other turbines around the state were also having a day off, and getting paid to do so?

Some major South Australian energy consumers were getting paid to use power, about \$35.48c per gigawatt hour.

Our green energy was producing more than required on that day. But green energy only supplies 16 to 23 per cent of our state's requirements annually. To be 100 per cent reliable, 12 months of the year, we are going to require five times more green energy sources, and five times more Renewable Energy Certificates.

Daily Supply Charges will potentially increase five times what they are now while these green energy sources will only be operating, with all our sunshine and wind we supposedly have, less than 50 per cent of the time, and receiving, from your pockets, full 24/7 payment.

Energy prices are not going to reduce while we continue on this green energy race. Hydrogen is now a dirty word.

Major investors worldwide have pulled the pin and are diverting those funds into nuclear power.

The government continue on their merry way, spending over a budgeted \$500 million of your money. And we know what Government budgets do. Gas could be the immediate relief to our cost-of-living energy crisis while the arguments go on regarding the true environmental impacts and cost effectiveness of green energy and nuclear power, from uranium or the safer thorium.

Strategically place these to eventually incorporate green energy and nuclear when they become viable alternatives.

Thorium is a far-safer product than uranium, and thorium waste has a very short life span. Potentially shorter than all the green energy equipment, blades, batteries and bits of solar panels that we will no longer be able to dump into third world countries.

Australia has a vast resource of this mineral and does not require being near a water source for cooling.

The Australian family will continue wearing the burden of

increasing costs created by those few being mischievous with their words while riding the gravy train.

IAN PENNO  
Winkie

### EOI an over-estimation process?

THE Federal Government continues its pre-election rush, with a flawed buyback tender process designed to over-estimate irrigator interest in selling water to the government as part of the relentless pursuit of buybacks to achieve the additional 450GL of water under the Basin Plan.

This is despite Minister Tanya Plibersek's assurances that all other options, other than buybacks, were on the table.

It's clear this process is all about the Federal Government wanting to go to the election with a fake statistic that helps them to paint a picture that they are swamped by interest in buybacks.

The Federal Government have designed this process to coerce as many people as possible to express their interest and ensure the government have all the cards when it comes to the market information come next year.

It's blatantly designed to give the minister an inflated statistic of buyback interest to take to the election.

The tender documents state: "Only respondents who submit an EOI in this first stage of the multi-stage procurement process are eligible and may be invited to participate in any subsequent requests for tender in 2025, arising from this EOI."

"Any response under this EOI is non-binding and considered to be an expression of interest only."

We are concerned this approach will give false signals. Not just about interest in selling water to the government, but also to the rest of the market, which will lead to hyper-inflated

water prices.

It is a risky approach to market, which is likely to artificially inflate prices and send misleading market signals that will impact every water user.

Ironically, this will drive up water prices for the Government, making their buybacks even less value for money and is questionable market behaviour.

The Federal Governments processes are inconsistent with their own water market reforms.

It's unacceptable to tell people they must 'get in now, or they'll miss out' when we know that is not how the process has to work but in doing so, the Federal Government becomes the 'sole holder' of the most comprehensive southern Basin water market information, at the exclusion of all others.

Most concerning is this new announcement comes only weeks after a scathing report from the Inspector General of Water Compliance that called out the Federal Government for poor conduct in previous tender approaches. Participants need to be confident this is a fair and equitable and that the Federal Government has processes to mitigate market shocks, manage sensitive information and provide good faith negotiations.

The Federal Government is likely to say this risky multi-step approach is to inform socio-economic impact assessments now required by legislation, but with no detail on their process and the exclusion of community vulnerability information in the previous round, we aren't convinced.

We would like to see genuine approaches by the government to protect vulnerable communities and avoid concentration of purchases rather than the promise of early intervention community support funding, which still isn't agreed with the states.

Time and time again we've seen this government put politics over process and it's not good enough,

Previously this government announced initial 'oversubscribed interest' in other tender rounds but then did not proceed to purchase that water, for a variety of reasons including concerns with value for money, or interest being withdrawn.

We've had enough of these stunts from the Federal Government. We feel this process is clearly about trying to create an illusion they are swamped by buyback interest, to sell their false narrative to the Australian people before the next election, when all they are doing is likely manipulating the

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MARIA  
Renmark

We recently moved from Adelaide to Renmark and feel very sad for the wine grape growers and the difficulties they have to overcome to keep viable and keep the Riverland prosperous. We have met nothing less than lovely, genuine people here and will do our best to support the people in our new home region.

## You've gotta be joking!

Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey

### THE AGE OF QUESTION EVERYTHING

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water market, impacting every user and ignoring alternatives to achieve better environmental outcomes throughout the Murray-Darling Basin.

ZARA LOWIEN  
CEO  
National Irrigators' Council

### Pause buybacks for more info?

THE Federal Government recently released two new EOIs for water buybacks without independent evidence it has addressed serious internal probity issues with earlier tenders.

Further water buybacks must be paused immediately until an independent audit gives the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) the all-clear.

A scathing Inspector General of Water Compliance audit released last month identified multiple probity issues with DCCEEW's development and implementation of earlier buyback tenders, including lax internal protocols to prevent insider trading.

A growing chorus of stakeholders and peak bodies are also demanding an immediate halt to further buybacks until the socio-economic impacts are analysed of the recent tender, seeking up to 70 GL from the most vulnerable communities in the southern Basin, and non-purchase projects

are approved.

It is beyond belief that the Federal Government has launched another two buybacks rounds for 2024-25, with no independent assurance that its processes for spending billions of dollars of taxpayers money are above reproach.

Water buybacks must be paused until an independent audit gives the Commonwealth a clean bill on its internal probity failings and full account is taken of planned non-purchase projects mitigating the need for buybacks.

The government is front-loading large, concentrated buyback tenders into the very first year – directly against Productivity Commission advice this would maximise market and community damage.

It is prioritising buybacks over every other form of water recovery, with plans to buy water out of irrigation districts in these next tenders even as these districts are scoping non-purchase projects to avoid buybacks.

It is dragging its heels on delivering its promised community assistance package. No money has yet made it out from the Commonwealth doors to the States.

Now, by announcing its intention to again enter the water market, the Government is trying to sweep aside the Inspector-

General of Water Compliance's scathing audit.

It is not good enough for the department to say "trust us, we've resolved those issues".

Adding up all the failings listed above, Commonwealth assurances count for nothing.

Billions of dollars of taxpayers' money are being spent on unnecessary water buybacks that won't actually fix the degradation drivers like European carp still making our rivers sick.

The politicians who supported the legislation last year to kickstart this deeply flawed and distorted process ought now to be holding the government to account for its failing to make good on even the most basic guardrails to protect Basin communities and market integrity.

When the Government buys water from farmers, it can never be used for agriculture again.

That is the water that is used to grow the fresh Aussie produce we take for granted. The water that is left in the system then becomes more expensive, driving smaller operators out of business and making food more expensive.

This is exactly what we don't need during a cost-of-living crisis.

Claire Miller  
CEO  
NSW Irrigators' Council

### VALENTINE AND DENISE Cooltong

Every week I read through the Community Diary within the Pioneer to see what's happening in Waikerie. Nothing, maybe there's not enough room left on the page?

GARY  
Waikerie

This land we call Australia is in trouble. China, Russia, North Korea and Iran are all keen to

fight and are armed to the teeth. Most have nuclear weapons, and what have our leaders done to safeguard us? Bugger all in my opinion. The way it is now, we can't defend our own country without help from our allies. It's a disgrace. Men and women put their lives on the line for all Australians, and they are the true heroes of this country. They deserve the very best we can give them to defend Australia and its people.

WAYNE  
Moorook

### TEXT LINE

## Looking back...

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Pets in high-speed police chase through Paringa...

### Dog duo's 'ruff' ride



FLYING START TO DOG TRIALS:  
BARMERA'S main street was transformed into 'Baaa-well Avenue' on Saturday morning for the Running of the Sheep. About 400 sheep bounded through the town for the third edition of the novelty event. People lined both sides of Barwell Avenue to watch the fleecy spectacle, which was a forerunner to this weekend's Barmera Sheep Dog Trials.

**20 years ago 8 October, 2004**

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**YANDILLA IN \$40m sale deal:** Yandilla Park's Paringa farms could be sold to investment fund manager SAI Teyz McMahon as part of a \$40 million deal. The deal was announced on Wednesday and will see the SAI group acquire Yandilla Park's main farms in Renmark and the Sunraysia if it gains shareholder approval. The sale is yet to be agreed to by shareholders of Yandilla Park's parent company East African Coffee Plantations Limited. A special general meeting will be held on November 8 to decide whether it would proceed.

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

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# Chambers Creek dredging to begin

FLows into Lake Bonney will soon be improved, with dredging works at Chambers Creek to begin next week.

A levee across Chambers Creek at Nappers Bridge was installed during the River Murray flood. However, following the flood, the levee was unable to be fully removed, leaving levee material underneath the surface affecting the creek's depth.

Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella

Winnall said restoring the waterway to its pre-flood state would benefit the community.

"Lake Bonney is so important to the whole Riverland, and especially to Barmera," she said.

"Being able to finally get this work under way so Chambers Creek can flow more freely is one step closer to restoring the lake to its pre-flood conditions."

"We thank the State Government for listening to our community and it's great to see these works now ready to happen."

"Having the last of the remaining levee cleared out will benefit both the environment and the recreational users of Lake Bonney."

"This is a great example of council and locals working together to find solutions for the betterment of the environment and com-

munity."

The shallow water at Chambers Creek also caused navigation impediments for vessels in recent times.

Though Berri Barmera Council is completing the works and also providing project management support, the State Government will fully fund the excavation works, which are expected to take about two weeks.

## Calperum Station restores hope and employment in the Riverland

### MADISON EASTMOND

CALPERUM Station's Flood Recovery program is boosting local employment and changing the lives of many Riverlanders in the process.

Run by Workforce Australia provider IntoJobs and delivered by Mas National, the Riverland Flood Recovery program was initially created in response to the devastating 2022 Murray River floods, with job recruitment agencies directing those who are unemployed or underemployed to the clean-up effort.

However, the four-month voluntary program at Calperum Station has expanded to a comprehensive skills and confidence-building initiative for local jobseekers, restoring habitat and community in the towns of Renmark and Berri, and producing two rounds of successful graduates since its inception.

"This program offers so much, from accredited training, work experience, to a holistic approach where we look at mental health and areas of empowerment," Calperum Station general manager education and business development Julie Robertson said.

"Participants are treated like (our) staff (of)... ecologists, educators, and First Nations Rangers. (They're) all working together on restoration projects while also reconnecting with the environment and fostering a sense of community and purpose."

"While much of the accreditation and experience gets people job ready, I feel it is our focus on attitude versus skill that makes the real change. We know their employers can train these capable people when they get the job, but it will be their resilience that will help them maintain it."

Since its beginning, the Flood Program has had a myriad of success stories, including Ward Francis, who has recently acquired employment, confidence, and housing post his graduation of the first round of participants.

Hindered from employment by homelessness, financial difficulties, certification, and his mental health, Mr Francis said before the program "most jobs (he had) been interested in required qualifications, like a forklift licence and a white card".

"I've never been suited to customer service roles due to my issues with anger and mental health," he said.

"I've always been keen on doing something physical outdoors."

Joining the Flood Program earlier this year, Mr Francis said the scheme also boosted his confidence and sparked an interest in landscaping.

While still continuing to look for an apprenticeship, after only a few months post his graduation, Mr Francis has acquired secure accommodation in Adelaide and is about to complete his forklift licence while working casually as a labourer.

Moving recently to the region to be with her partner, a lack of job opportunities and support systems were also severely impacting Tahlia Smith's mental health.

However, though only half-way through the program, Ms Smith has been able to gain local employment — yet, she still is determined to finish out her time at Calperum.

"For me, this program is just as much of a priority as employment," she said.

"I have learnt so much about the environment, the work force, and myself — this program has shown me I can 'do it' and find success, it has been life-changing."



Tahlia Smith said her experience in the Flood Recovery program has been "life-changing".  
PHOTO: Madison Eastmond



Graduating from the program earlier this year, Ward Francis gained employment and confidence for the future. PHOTO: supplied

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Saint Albert's Catholic School students celebrated the occasion with one of Loxton's most famous residents. PHOTOS: supplied.



Howard Hendrick along Mayor Trevor Norton on the new Howard Hendrick way in Loxton.

# Howard Hendrick has its way in Loxton

**SEBASTIAN CALDERON**

A LOCAL community hero and World War II veteran was recently honoured for his service and long-time commitment to the community.

Howard Hendrick Way is Loxton's new memorial street, honouring Mr Hendrick who also celebrated his 101st birthday this month.

The proud Veteran stood by with students from Saint Albert's Catholic School and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton for the unveiling of the street sign carrying his name.

"Loxton has a proud tradition of naming streets and roads after those that served Australia in conflict," Mr Norton said.

"Mr Hendrick served Australia with distinction, and he has served the community

as a volunteer ever since settling here in the 1950s."

"A former Citizen of the Year and an absolute gentleman, he has become a Loxton icon who deserves celebration."

"The newly named street runs between The Cross Of Sacrifice and The Pioneer Playground, a most fitting location."

Mr Hendrick was a recognised aviator during World War II, flying Lancaster bomb-

ers over Europe and returning from over 33 bombing raids. After the war, he returned to become a commercial pilot and finally settled in Loxton, where he is known for his friendly attitude.

Mr Hendrick has been previously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Medal of the Order of Australia, becoming an important voice in the veteran community.

Indy Taylor, 11, Rikki Mullin, 8, Rylee Mullin, 10, Evie Taylor, 8, and Zara Taylor, 5, of Renmark, are gearing up for this Saturday's inaugural Machine Mania hosted by Renmark Paringa Council. PHOTOS: supplied



Rikki Mullin, 8, Sophie Virgin, 4, Zara Taylor, 5, and Rylee Mullin, 10, all of Renmark, dressed in safety gear ahead of Machine Mania this Saturday in Darnley Taylor Park.

## Inclusive fun at first 'Machine Mania'

A LOCAL council will introduce a 'sensory hour' to become more welcoming and accessible for families at an inaugural free community event this Saturday.

Renmark Paringa Council will host its first Machine Mania, at Darnley Taylor Park, in Renmark, on Saturday, from 9.30am.

The event will feature a range of emergency services vehicles, waste trucks and a variety of council maintenance vehicles, including graders, mowers, front-end loaders and more.

The first hour of the event will be a quiet 'sensory hour' to help create a more welcoming aspect for families with children with special needs.

During this quiet time there will be no music, engines running, lights flashing, sirens or horns beeping.

Everyone is welcome during the 'quiet hour', especially those seeking a calmer experience.

The event will run until 1.30pm, and similar to existing 'Touch a Truck' events held in the city, will

feature vehicles normally difficult to see up close, with the chance to touch and look at the machine, climb up and look inside, or sit in and get behind the wheel.

Attendees can enjoy the sounds of horns honking, sirens wailing and experience the flashing lights of our emergency vehicles.

Renmark Paringa Council staff and volunteers will be in attendance to answer any questions relating to the machines and how they work.

Various other activities will

be offered throughout the event including a machine scavenger hunt, the work site photo booth, roving entertainment and giant lawn games.

The Renmark Lions Club will be serving up hot donuts and a barbecue on the day.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said "we are excited to introduce a new event to our community, and especially one that has had so much success in metro areas".

"We believe this event will

really strike a chord with the local community and give children the opportunity to get up close and personal to emergency service vehicles, council machinery and the always-popular waste trucks," Mr Hunter said.

"The inclusion of a sensory hour is also really important in making sure this event is accessible to families who have children with special needs and is something we will continue to explore in the future."

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Everyone involved in the show was extremely overwhelmed with how the public reacted to the mental health story within the performance.



# Kick Off Ya Boots: a Loxton success story

**SEBASTIAN CALDERON**

THE latest performance by a highly acclaimed dinner theatre production sparked important conversations about mental health in the Riverland.

With four sellout shows earlier this month, 'Kick off Ya Boots' rocked Loxton's Lutheran Hall, delivering an exceptional country story and a powerful message about mental health.

Leanne Kaelesler, Little Town Productions event co-ordinator, said "with 4 sell-out shows and over 1100 people attending our five shows over two weekends, we are extremely blessed with the experience."

"There was lots of laughter, foot tapping, clapping and singing along, as well

as 'hearing a pin-drop' moments that were so moving and brought many to tears," Ms Kaelesler said.

"We've had such a positive response from all attendees, saying how fantastic the show was and that they loved the storyline, jokes, music, meal and the whole atmosphere.

"But most of all, they said how it really touched their lives and encouraged them to change the way they do some things, to help them improve and maintain their wellbeing as well as to work on communicating better with their loved ones.

"The 'communication cards' that everyone received were a great hit and we've already had people telling us how they've started using them in their homes with

very positive results.

"It's been a huge couple of weeks for all involved and we are very proud of the amazing cast, the crew and extra helpers that worked a lot to put on this fantastic event.

"We are also very thankful for our wonderful sponsors – Loxton Waikerie council, TRILITY, Loxton Rotary Club and ifarmwell, as well as those who have donated food, signs, and other items to add to the show.

"We are very humbled by the amazing and encouraging support of the local community and anyone that wants to see photos, quotes and information about mental health, can check our Facebook page Little Town Productions".



Writer and playwright John Gladigau (Jack Conner) alongside Josie Robertson who played Jenna Conner and Sophie Hamilton who portrayed Zoey Conner. PHOTOS: supplied



The cast performed at the highest level to a sell-out crowd that buzzed with laughter, excitement and tears.



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Aussie Hay Runners is sourcing hay from farmers in Victoria and NSW to donate to SA farmers who are struggling to find feed for their livestock. PHOTO: supplied

## Interstate farmers eager to help out

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

FARMERS from NSW and Victoria are donating hay to livestock producers in the Mid Murray, Riverland and Mallee, and other parts of SA that are struggling with low rainfall and frost damage.

The hay is being delivered by Aussie Hay Runners, which is operated by the Heyfield Lions Club, in Gippsland, Victoria.

Founder of the charity organisation, Linda Widdup, said the supplies were expected to arrive in SA on 2 November.

She said the towns where hay would be delivered included Morgan, Mount Mary, Loveday, Parilla, Truro, the Australian Plains, and Robertstown.

The daughter of a Victorian farmer established Aussie Hay Runners in 2019 to initially help farmers in NSW who had been in drought for a decade.

"Coming from Colac, in Victoria, where it is always beautiful and green and we are fairly drought proof, I couldn't imagine not being able to get some hay for my cattle," she said.

Ms Widdup said Aussie Hay Runners began with just four trucks for hay deliveries and has expanded to operating 74.

She said hopefully the donations of hay would ensure SA farmers would have a happier Christmas.

Ms Widdup said fuel subsidies from the SA government were needed to ensure more farmers received this assistance.

"You read about it and you see the weather forecast and you realise for these poor people there is unlikely to be any rain for them soon," she said.

Ms Widdup said many of SA's livestock producers had told her they would be in more urgent need of hay from interstate by February or March next year.

"We will try and get another run together for them then also," she said.

"In Victoria, we have some good hay cutting happening in Shepparton and we can access supplies there."

"It is just getting some fuel money to get the trucks to SA is the problem."

"When you see people in desperate need, this is not a hand out, this is a hand up."

She said primary producers who provided essential items such as food needed support from the community.

"We are here to help them through the worst times of when mother-nature has been a bit unruly," Ms Widdup said.



Mid Murray sheep producer Michael Dreckow from Mount Mary west of Morgan has only received 70mm of rain so far this year. PHOTO: supplied

# Struggling farmers to receive hay from interstate organisations

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MID Murray Mayor Simone Bailey has helped attract assistance from an interstate charity organisation to assist farmers who are struggling due to the harsh weather in the district.

Ms Bailey contacted Aussie Hay Runners, operated by the Heyfield Lions Club, in Gippsland, Victoria, last week to help organise some supplies of hay for farmers in the Mid Murray area.

"As you probably know, I have been really worried about our local farmers of late," she posted on Facebook.

"I'm pleased to share that, after contacting Aussie Hay Runners, at least 12 farmers in Mid Murray will be receiving much-needed support during this unprecedented dry period," she said.

"In about four weeks, 24 truckloads of hay will be making their way to South Australia to help our farmers."

"If you're a farmer struggling due to the harsh weather, I encourage you to reach out to this incredible group."

Ms Bailey has also contacted the State Government to explore the possibility of a fuel subsidy.

She is hoping the State Government will be able to provide similar assistance to the state's farmers as the NSW Government provides to its farmers when they need hay.

Mid Murray sheep producer Michael Dreckow, from Mount Mary, west of Morgan, is looking forward to receiving some supplies from Aussie Hay Runners early next month.

Mr Dreckow told The Murray Pioneer another SA farmer recently gave his contact details to the charity organisation and he was grateful to be receiving some donated hay.

The fourth-generation farmer said he was

just about the only landholder left in the Mount Mary area due to the tough conditions.

On Friday Mr Dreckow said he had only received 70mm of rain this year.

He said apart from some spring rainfall in 2020 and 2022, conditions had been dry for the past six-and-a-half years.

During a good year, Mr Dreckow's sheep are able to eat the natural grasses on his property.

"They provide well, when the rain comes at the right time," he said.

Mr Dreckow presently has 800 sheep on his property, which he breeds for wool.

He said due to dry conditions SA was presently experiencing a hay shortage, but he expected that the situation would change if frost-affected grain growers decided to turn their crops into hay.

The SA Government said much of the state's farming districts were experiencing dry seasonal conditions and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) was working closely with industry to understand the impacts.

A spokesperson said PIRSA was specifically working with Livestock SA to determine what additional support producers required, as more information became available.

The State Government said PIRSA would also reach out to Mid Murray Council to discuss Mayor Simone Bailey's suggestion and what other support may be required.

The spokesperson said state and federal governments have invested in programs to help farmers grow and prepare their businesses for dry conditions, such as farm business resilience planning, climate tools, and demonstrating more drought-resilient farming practices under the Future Drought Fund.

"There is also support for drought ready-

ness through the Farm Management Deposit Scheme, income tax averaging, and other primary producer concessions," the spokesperson said.

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## Local support available for mental health

THE Flinders University Department of Rural Health Renmark and Focus One Health Berri have partnered to promote mental health and wellbeing in communities and encourage conversations about mental health during Mental Health Month.

The theme 'IT'S TIME TO TALK' about mental health, is about encouraging South Australians to talk about their mental health and seek help when they need it. Raising awareness of mental health helps people:

- Feel more comfortable about talking about mental health and mental illness.
- Feel more comfortable to seek help and support when it's needed.
- See the importance of early intervention when your mental health is not going well.
- To prioritise their mental health as much as their physical health.
- Acknowledge that seeking help for mental health issues is a sign of strength, not weakness.

The Mental Health Coalition SA website ([www.mhcsa.org.au/mental-health-month/](http://www.mhcsa.org.au/mental-health-month/)), has resources such as posters, graphics, email signatures that can be used during October and ideas for other activities.

Mental health is not a one size fits all, there are many options and pathways to support.

Here's what you can do:

- Connect with yourself (reflect, journal, schedule time to do nothing, do meaningful things and things you enjoy), connect with others and talk about your experience, try to create new networks if you need them.
- Lifestyle is super important – good food, good sleep and moving your body. These are important to help you stay well and mentally fit and they also help make other strategies more effective.

If you or someone you know are experiencing mental distress – please talk with your local GP or call Lifeline 131114, or for great resources check out ([headtohealth.gov.au](http://headtohealth.gov.au)) or call 1800 595 212.



Barmera Club operations manager Kylie White, Barmera-Monash Football Club wellbeing committee president Mick Scordo, and committee member Mel Allder are working hard to begin tough conversations, provide resources, and create opportunities for community connection.  
PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

## Riverland football club part of awareness fight

### MADISON EASTMOND

THE theme for 2024 mental health month is 'Let's Talk About It', yet, this important conversation is one the Barmera-Monash Football Club has been having with the Riverland community for a number of years.

Working hard to begin tough conversations, provide resources, and create an opportunity for connection is the type of work Barmera-Monash's wellbeing committee has been undertaking for the past three years.

Established in the wake of a number of suicides, both within and close to the club, the committee has grown from three members to eight – now including a junior member – with their focus and efforts now beginning to reach beyond their athletes and club, and into the wider community.

"It's a platform to create awareness around mental health awareness and a space where people feel safe and welcome," wellbeing committee president Mick Scordo said.

"We are a touchpoint, and to listen, and direct those in need to services, but also a team that is trying to start and keep having the conversation (about mental health)."

Running annual surveys, much of the work of the wellbeing committee is in direct response to the needs and wants of the Riverland com-

munity.

"The survey's make us ask 'why does that issue exist?' and then guide us forward with what resources and events to offer," wellbeing committee member Mel Allder said.

"We want to keep tailoring what we do to our community and listening to their voices."

Targeting cost-of-living pressures, the committee has begun free family fun-day events.

"They have really hit the mark," Ms Allder said.

"These days have been supported by grants and our board, so we have been able to provide carnival days in which people have come from far and wide to enjoy.

"Of course, the club and the athletes are our foundation, but we are starting to see that stretch to the wider community, which is just fantastic, and we want to do more with it."

The committee has also held numerous workshops for the club, providing access to resources and knowledge to aid in establishing trust, role models, and a "thread of belonging" for those part of Barmera-Monash.

"For me, when I joined it was a preventative measure and asking how much can we provide support, and we build a sense of community and belonging," Ms Allder said.

"It's that bigger picture. So,

it's all about creating resilience, belonging, and a sense of self, knowing people have each other's backs, and having a place to go that feels good.

"Things like that can be so powerful and create so much change."

After scoring a sponsorship to purchase special purple kits, with the colour becoming a symbol of the fight against stigma surrounding mental health, the committee is excited to begin planning another club-wide mental health match next year, along with a continuation of surveys and community events.

"When I was a kid, you didn't talk about your feelings," Mr Scordo said.

"But, we have a reach from those who are below twelve-years-old all the way up to older adults, so we want to make people aware from a young age that there is support and there are services.

"Though some people were a bit unsure when we first started up, everything has just been so positive and people really enjoy what we're doing – I think we are shifting the narrative."

"We had all (our) teams play off at the grand finals last year, and I'd like to think that what we've created here has contributed to not necessarily performance on field, but in relation to connection and people wanting to be at the Barmera-

Monash Club.

"It's all about strength in numbers."

A Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network spokesperson Judith Taylor said that the local organisation has received recent "anecdotal evidence" that the region is facing increasing mental health challenges due to cost of living and farming industry pressures.

However, along being armed with information surrounding mental health challenges and support services, Ms Taylor said it was "important for all age groups" to find connection with others in the community.

"Social connection and having a purpose are important for our mental health and well-being," she said.

For more information, or to stay up-to-date with community events and surveys, follow the Barmera-Monash Football Club on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/barmeramonashfc/](https://www.facebook.com/barmeramonashfc/)).

If you, or someone you know, are having thoughts or suicide or struggling with mental health, contact Lifeline on (13 11 14), Kids Help Line on (551 800), Suicide Call Back Service on (658 567), Mensline Australia on (789 978), or in a crisis, Emergency Services on (000).

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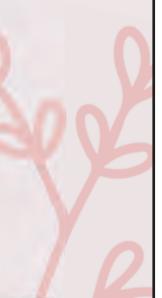
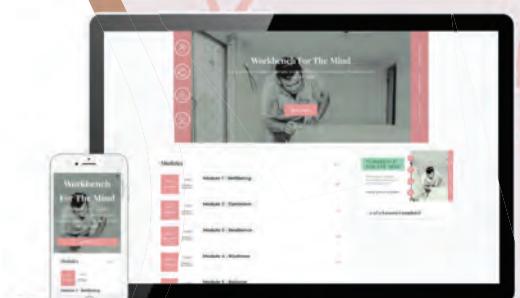
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# Berri Community Centre a place for the whole community

THE Berri Community Centre has become a hub for activities to connect people and break down social isolation.

Long-term Department of Human Services funding to support activities at ac.care's Riverland service hub has prompted the name change and program expansion.

While the Kealley Street premises has long been the home of ac.care's diverse services, the new funding arrangement provides additional resources to combat social isolation, promote a stronger sense of belonging for people who are disadvantaged and foster inclusive, equitable and resilient local communities.

ac.care was successful in its funding application after demonstrating a strong connection to the local community, along with a proven capacity to deliver appropriate and quality services.

The development follows the revamp of the rear yard at the Kealley Street site, which was unveiled in September last year, supported by the Department for Human Services, Community Connections and Skylight Mental Health.

The ongoing improvements to the outdoor area, including a community garden, have provided a welcoming space to facilitate socialising, arts and crafts, games, gardening and more.

ac.care community services regional manager Sue Watt said while the Berri Community Centre name was new, visitors could still expect the high quality of services that have long been delivered.

"You don't need to be engaged with an ac.care service to enjoy the benefits of the community centre," Ms Watt said.

"It truly is a place for all to benefit from the opportunities provided, whether that be social connection, learning new skills, enjoying a toasty or warm drink or as a way to learn more about ac.care and what support is available."

"We want our community centres to be safe, nurturing spaces that provide broad opportunities and experiences for people to connect through events and programs."

"By being a part of the community centre, you also become aware of what support is available and how it could benefit you or someone you know."

"This could make a significant difference in someone's life as we know early intervention is crucial in avoiding crisis and getting people back on track."

The Berri Community Centre is home to all of ac.care's Riverland services, including foster care, homelessness, emergency relief, financial counsell-



ac.care community services regional manager Sue Watt, community services executive manager Kirsty Barnett, and Berri Community Centre co-ordinator Sue Dayman explore the vibrant Berri Community Centre garden.

PHOTO: supplied

ling, aboriginal services, family and youth support and more.

Fun, interactive social programs are held at Berri Community Centre each week, including art and craft, gardening, music, games and more.

ac.care is currently seeking volunteers to join the local team and help increase the impact at Berri Community Centre.

Volunteers are needed to help collect daily donations of food, including fruit, vegetables and bread, and to place out in the community centre for collection by community members.

A volunteer is also needed to help maintain the community garden, including upkeep of the garden beds and surrounding plants.

Visit the website ([www.accare.org.au/volunteering](http://www.accare.org.au/volunteering)), drop by the Berri Community Centre at 5 Kealley Street, Berri, or call 8580 5300 for more information.

Follow the Berri Community Centre noticeboard – ac.care on Facebook to stay connected to the latest news, events and opportunities at the centre.

## 'Earlier the better' to seek mental health support

RIVERLANDERS are among those grappling with high levels of distress and emerging mental health issues for up to 10 years before reaching out for support, a major national survey has found.

Australia's 2024 Mental Health and Wellbeing Check, undertaken by Australian National University's Social Research Centre, on behalf of Beyond Blue, is a representative survey that gives a reliable pulse check on the current state of mental health and wellbeing in Australia.

Researchers surveyed more than 5000 people around the country about the common causes of distress they've experienced in the past year and how they have supported their mental health.

This year, almost half (49 per cent) of those who sought professional mental health support said they had waited until they were "very distressed" or "extremely distressed" before they reached out, compared to 30 per cent who were moderately distressed. Some people waited up to 10 years before seeking support.

The top barriers to taking action included waitlists, affordability of treatment and people thinking their problem wasn't serious enough to seek support.

A total of 22 per cent say they avoided getting professional mental health support because they feel ashamed, up from 13 per cent two years ago.

"The main reasons people don't seek support are well known – it can be expensive and the waitlists are long," Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman said.

"What's important about this survey is that it's telling us mental health literacy and increasing feelings of shame are barriers too."

"Feeling unsure about when to seek

support seems to be causing as many delays in help-seeking as long waitlists.

"Increasingly, life feels more stressful and unpredictable, and people are dealing with compounding and mounting pressures. They're strung out but muddling through."

"The pressures people face can often snowball to have a real and negative impact on our mental health and wellbeing, and this data tells us that people are delaying asking for support or waiting until they are in severe distress."

"Beyond Blue is working to change this with our free, effective mental health support options."

"It's never too late and it's never too early to contact us."

This is the second Australia's Mental Health and Wellbeing Check undertaken since 2022, when cost-of-living pressures began to climb.

Nearly half of all respondents – 46 per cent – named financial pressure as a key factor in their distress. Housing affordability and personal relationship challenges were also identified as stress factors by 34 per cent of respondents.

Just over a quarter of respondents who reported that they'd experienced a mental health challenge in the past 12 months avoided seeking any support for their mental health.

"Mental health issues, or experiences of situational distress, are easier to manage when we get onto them early, before they snowball," Ms Harman said.

"We want people to know that you don't need to be struggling for years before your problems are worth addressing – you don't have to be at crisis point to benefit from support."



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The section of Ramco Road that is causing concern to motorists. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

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# Riverland West's call for safer roads

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

CONCERNED Riverland West residents are calling on the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to fix a dip that has developed across Ramco Road, near Qualco, before a serious accident occurs.

Morgan resident Rebecca Olsen, who regularly travels from her home town to Waikerie, recently noticed the danger the section of road was posing to motorists.

"It runs from the left side of the road to the right," she said.

Ms Olsen said motorists travelling in a lower-built car could potentially bottom out when they drive across that part of the road.

"If you are travelling over 110km, possibly to overtake, even though you shouldn't be going this fast and you hit that section of road, it will be quite a shock," she said.

"If you are holding the steering wheel straight and you hit something like that, it will wobble."

Ms Olsen said Ramco Road was busy as many Cadell and Morgan residents, including her

husband and mother, travel to Waikerie for work.

"A lot of people from Waikerie also come to Morgan and Cadell for work at places such as the Cadell Training Centre," she said.

"It increases the danger factor on the road."

"I would also hate to be on a motorbike and not know and hit that area of road."

Ms Olsen said the road needed to be properly fixed instead of just being patched up, as it had been in the past, when only one side of the road had started eroding away.

She said the repairs usually only last for about a month.

Other Riverland West residents also took to social media last week to express their concern about that section of Ramco Road.

Ms Olsen told The Murray Pioneer that residents living in Morgan and Cadell were also worried about the condition of the Goyder Highway.

"We seem to be in a section where they don't seem to care about the dangers posed along

the road," she said.

Ms Olsen said the stretch of Goyder Highway from Morgan to Barmera was especially worrying.

"Since Covid-19, a lot more trucks travel along there," she said.

"The sides of the road are getting cut away and the lanes on each side of the road just fits a truck."

"I am scared every time I drive on there because you don't know if someone will have to go across your side to miss something."

"There is no edges to the road and there are holes on the side of the road."

Ms Olsen said the situation along this stretch of the Goyder Highway was similar to the dip on Ramco Road, near Qualco.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport said Ramco Road, near Brown Road, Qualco, was routinely inspected every fortnight.

A spokesperson for the department said during its most recent inspection no "immediate safety hazards were identified at this

location".

"However, the road will be assessed again in the coming week and any safety concerns will be addressed," the spokesperson said on Friday.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport said the Goyder Highway, between Morgan and Barmera, was regularly inspected.

The spokesperson said critical works, such as pothole and shoulder repairs, were undertaken as needed to ensure the highway was safe for all road users.

"The department will continue to explore potential upgrades along the highway using a risk-based approach which considers things like greatest need, crash history, likelihood and severity, traffic volume, and speed," the spokesperson said.

"A cost analysis will also be conducted of the works involved."

Any road user who notices an issue requiring immediate attention is urged to contact the department's Traffic Management Centre 24/7 phone number on 1800 018 313.

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# Grant's Monash legacy lives on

LONE Gum and Monash Community Association Inc (LGMCA) have received Berri Barmera Council support and endorsement to commission a statue of the Monash Adventure Park's creator.

Though the original site of Monash Playground-Grant Park was closed more than 30 years ago, the Monash Adventure Park will retain the legacy of the playground's creator, Grant Telfer, by creating a bronze statue in his honour.

With planning for the monument beginning in 2015, the vision was for a life-size bronze statue of Mr Telfer, astride a stainless-steel bike on a stone plinth with some signage, that had an estimated cash budget requirement of \$80,000.

Endorsing the proposed on-site location, Berri Barmera Council will subsequently be providing ongoing management and maintenance of the future statue — \$350 to \$500 per annum over the structure's life-time —

while also contributing a donation of \$5000 to support the LGMCA funding for the project.

Along with community donations and LGMCA's own funds, support from council has allowed LGMCA to enter into the required \$58,000 manufacture contract. The committee plans on further fundraising during the five-month manufacture period, with the sale of 100 sponsor paver bricks to be installed around the plinth.

Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella Winnall said council was "happy to support the project".

"Grant's legacy has been massive and extends beyond the Monash Adventure Park," she said.

"The Monash playground is a nostalgic place for many and it is a fitting place to honour Grant and his contribution to our region."

## Maiya reaches new heights in style

**MADISON EASTMOND**

RIVERLAND youth Maiya Rice has been recognised through one of Australia's most prestigious awards in hair fashion, with the Berri hairdressing apprentice named as one of eight finalists in the Australian Hair Fashion Awards (AHFA) early last month.

Though only in the second year of her apprenticeship at local salon Jarahs Hair, Ms Rice has been rewarded for her efforts, technical skill, and creative flair with a nomination in the AHFA Australian Apprentice of the Year category.

Judged on a submitted three-pieced photo-set, Ms Rice travelled to Melbourne to make her collection with industry contacts she had acquired from prior award recognition.

"I was with a small team of professional models and makeup artists... and met with a photographer I was introduced to in Sydney when I won the 2024 CURATE awards — (digital competition for urban and regional apprentice talent in Australia)," she said.

"Three weeks prior at... (CURATE) he asked me 'do you want to do a photoshoot?' and I just grabbed the opportunity."

Inspired by the "simple and classic" aesthetics of the 90s, Ms Rice said she wanted a mixture of "glam and grunge".

"(It's) like she has been out partying, but is still dripping in class at 3am," Ms Rice wrote in her submission to AHFA.

Heading to Sydney later this month for the award night, Ms Rice said she was "very excited" for a potential win and her future in the industry.

"I'm getting a bit nervous now," she said.

"However, I am only early in my apprenticeship, so I have time to keep entering in competitions and grow."

Filling her days both in the salon and as an ambassador for CURATE, Ms Rice said giving workshops and presentations at TAFE and trade schools has made her want to help and inspire others.

"Currently, I am thinking more about how to help the community more," she said.

"I would love to start a big sister program to help younger people with hair, skin, makeup, all those sorts of things."

"That's why I started in this career — to help people feel good about themselves."



Riverland hairdressing apprentice, Maiya Rice, was named as one of eight finalists in the AHFA early last month. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond



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### Call for Nominations

Nominations are hereby called to fill three (3) vacancies on the Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council at the Annual General Meeting. The current incumbents eligible for renomination are:

**Terry Mullan**  
**Cherie Walkington**  
**Diane Godfrey**

Nominations must be in writing, signed by two residents of the Community and the nominee, who must also be a resident of the Community.

The AGM will be held on 24 October 2024 at 7:30pm at the Berri Hotel when voting shall take place if more than the required number of nominees have been received.

Nomination forms are available from the Hospital Administration Department and must be received by the Returning Officer up till 5:00pm on 17 October 2024.

"Community member" is a collective term referring to persons who live in the Berri Barmera Council area or who live outside the Council area but who use or may use services provided by or associated with the Riverland General and Barmera Hospitals.

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Mis Sarrou, Isabella Cant, and Molly Clark modelled Ms Rice's three AHFA styles.  
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## The month where pink matters most

**BREAST** Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) takes place every October. The aim of the BCAM is to shine a light on the devastating impact breast cancer has on thousands of Australians each day.

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Every year over 3300 people in Australia (including 33 men) will die from breast cancer. That's someone's mother, sister, friend or family member whose life has been tragically cut short because of the disease.

Although the five-year survival rate has increased from 76 per cent to 92 per cent (and rising) since 1994 thanks to research, there is still progress to be made to stop deaths from breast cancer.

By targeting the remaining 8 per cent who don't live past this survival rate, the National Breast Cancer Foundation's goal is to reach zero deaths from breast cancer.

We rely entirely on generous donations from the Australian community to fund leading breast cancer researchers. Through these funds, we are able to invest in world-class research in prevention, detection, new and

improved treatment and quality of life to ultimately stop deaths from breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that's held every October.

The month aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs – conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations to major retailers – aimed at:

- supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including

those with metastatic breast cancer

- educating people about breast cancer risk factors
- encouraging women to go for regular breast cancer screening starting at age 40 or earlier, depending on personal breast cancer risk
- fundraising for breast cancer research

In the month of October, there are also specific dates designed to raise awareness of specific groups within the breast cancer community. The event began in 1985 as a week-long awareness campaign by the American Cancer Society.

The campaign eventually grew

into a month-long event.

In 1992, the pink ribbon came into play after Alexandra Penney, SELF magazine's editor-in-Chief, partnered with Evelyn Lauder, Estée Lauder's senior corporate vice president and a breast cancer survivor, to distribute pink ribbons after the magazine's second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month issue.

Other variations of the pink ribbon have emerged in recent years to raise awareness that all people with breast cancer are not the same. These include ribbons for raising awareness about metastatic breast cancer, men with breast cancer, inflammatory breast cancer, and more.



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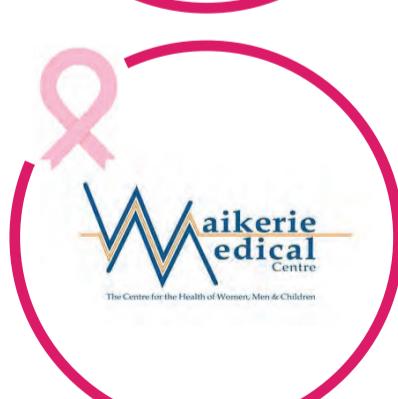
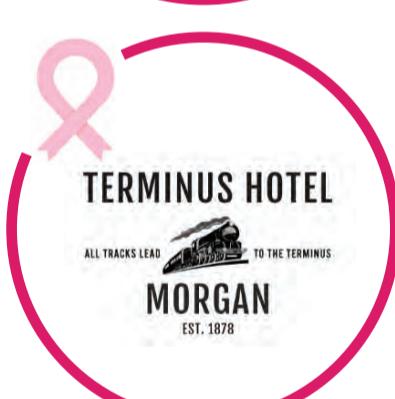
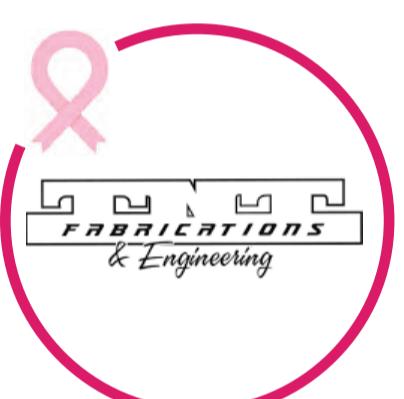
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Images of the Riverland calendar photographer Italo Vardaro, Berri Lions Club calendar committee members president Robert Cook and second vice president Willemina Boekhout, with Barker MP Tony Pasin. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

# Lions Club's launch a date with success

**MADISON EASTMOND**

CONTRIBUTING to the already collected \$400,000, funds from the Berri Lions 17th edition of the Images of the Riverland calendar will continue to be reinvested into the local community after its official launch at the Berri Hotel, last Wednesday.

With the production and printing costs waved via local sponsors, the Berri Lions Club Images of the Riverland calendar is an initiative that directs each dollar into the region's essential needs.

"This calendar has become a treasured tradition in our community and we are so proud of what we have achieved with it," Berri Lions Club president Robert Cook said.

"Last year's edition sold out before 2 November — it's a testament to the incredible support we receive from our community and we hope this year's calendar will be just as popular."

Introducing and launching the calendar to the Riverland community, Barker MP Tony Pasin also attended the event.

"Raising \$400,000 over 16 years is a (gigantic) effort," Mr Pasin said.

"Not all of those years has the economy of the Riverland been flying, there have been good years, but there have been tough years too."

"To think of the generosity and spirit of this community to raise that kind of money — you all should be incredibly proud."

"You should also be proud of (the calendar's) continuing legacy with the money's reinvestment into the community."

The evening concluded with an auction of the first print of the 2025 calendar, with Bill and Charlene Santos donating and winning with a bid of \$1600.

To purchase the 2025 Images of Riverland Calendar, visit local Riverland newsagents and Information centres.



Mr Cook presented Bill and Charlene Santos the first calendar of the 2024 run, after the couple bid and won with a donation of \$1600.

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## South Australia's newest uranium exploration project takes the next step

South Australian exploration company AR3 has been granted exploration drilling permits for the state's newest uranium project.

Spanning 3,000 square kilometres in the Murray Basin, the Overland Uranium Project is centred about 50 kilometres north of Morgan.

The area is 220 kilometres southeast of Boss Energy's successful Honeymoon Uranium Mine and AR3 believes its new project area holds similar promise.

Granted three mineral exploration licences, AR3 intends to commence two months of exploration drilling consisting of approximately 40 holes in the next couple of weeks.

Managing Director and CEO Travis Beinke says the exploration program follows the company's move to expand its energy transition metals portfolio.

"This is a major step in our strategic expansion to supply the minerals that will play a role in the energy transition," said Mr Beinke.

"The Overland Uranium Project aligns with AR3's clean energy transition focus and leverages the company's proven in-house uranium exploration expertise."

"Given our footprint in the Murray Basin and the multiple targets to explore, our drill program will test a small subset of the numerous high priority uranium targets at Overland. This will be the first phase, with additional targets to be followed up in future drill programs next year."

A comprehensive prospectivity analysis has identified several high priority targets within the project.

"With our solid cash position, we are well placed to rapidly advance our uranium exploration efforts and we look forward to getting on the ground in the next



couple of weeks for the first Overland drill program," said Mr Beinke.

- The drilling program consists of:
- Approximately 40 holes using an Aircore drill rig
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The first phase of drilling at Overland will be undertaken in the Pastoral Unincorporated Area (PUA) of the Eastern Pastoral District within Koomooloo, Woolgangi and Redcliffe Perpetual Leases and on Freehold leases, within the Mid Murray LGA, either side of Samsons Well Road.

Follow QR code to hear more about AR3's Overland Uranium Project.

If you have any questions you can contact AR3 on: (1300 646 100 or hello@ar3.com.au).



# Students engage with culture at Berri Primary

ON Friday 20 September, Berri Primary School hosted the term 3 Culture Connect Activities, focusing on First Nations culture.

Approximately 90 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were involved across six Riverland primary schools.

Participating students commented they learned about their culture and had fun being

involved in the activities.

Our school leaders were an integral part of the event, running an activity or managing a group, they particularly enjoyed being able to use their excellent leadership skills.

The event has grown since its inception at the beginning of this year and will continue to grow in the future.



Approximately 90 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from six Riverland primary schools took part in Culture Connect Activities held last month at Berri Primary School.

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- Blak Country: A showcase of First Nations country music artists curated by Barkindji Songwoman Nancy Bates.
- Nunga Screen: Touring in May, the free film program – which shares and celebrates First Nations culture, stories and language – will spanning National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.
- Ten Thousand Hours: Gravity and Other Myth's latest work is a tribute to the dedication and countless hours needed to realise our physical ambitions.
- Looking for Alibrandi: A stage adaptation of Melina Marchetta's novel and film about third generation Italian teenager Josie Alibrandi juggling grades, boys, and the claustrophobia of an overbearing

There will also be numerous opportunities for all artists at various stages of their career to develop their practice and craft.

Country Arts SA chief executive Anthony Peluso said he was eagerly anticipating next year's program.

"Country Arts SA's priority is to champion South Australian artists and the work they make, to present it on our arts centres' stages, and in small halls, galleries and exhibition spaces across the state," he said.

"Our 2025 program celebrates the dynamic cultures of regional communities and shares world-class arts experiences and artists across the state. We could not be more excited for it."

A selection of shows from Country Arts 2025 program will go live on October 2. For more information, or tickets, visit the website ([www.countryarts.org.au](http://www.countryarts.org.au)).



Riverland artist and teacher Greg Reeks has set up an exhibition of artworks created during his classes. PHOTO: supplied

## Wonderful and magical art on show

THE creativity of Riverlanders is currently being showcased through an art exhibition in Renmark.

A display of artworks created by participants of Mr Reeks' Wonderful Fantastic Magical Art Classes is currently on display in the arcade adjacent Koch's Foodland in Renmark.

Mr Reeks said collaborating on art during the sessions was highly enjoyable for both participants and himself.

"We share a passion and love for being creative which is a wonderful thing," Mr Reeks said.

"It's been great to be working with very young people through to adults.

"We enjoy working

together and creating work on the topics we love to draw and paint. This term we will focus on modern fashion design illustrations."

For further information regarding the classes contact Mr Reeks by phone on 0403 697 315, or email ([gregorygreeks@gmail.com](mailto:gregorygreeks@gmail.com)).

## Funding program 'backing women in sport'

RIVERLAND sports clubs can apply for a new program aiming to improve facilities and create supportive environments where women feel encouraged and empowered to participate.

Eligible sporting clubs and recreational organisations are now able to apply for the \$7.5m The Power of Her – Infrastructure and Participation Program (IPP) program, focused on improving female sporting facilities and supporting projects that increase participation.

With more than \$13m available, the IPP has

funded numerous projects designed to overcome challenges faced by female athletes.

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Katrine Hildyard said "the upgrade and development of sporting facilities, programs and equipment is exceedingly important to ensure that South Australians of all abilities, backgrounds and ages can participate in the sport they love and enjoy the mental, physical and emotional benefits of doing so".

"Backing women in sport means providing them with

the facilities and programs they need to equally and actively participate, and that is exactly what the IPP provides," Ms Hildyard said.

"More funding (compared to the previous round) will be available through round two... as we continue to make strides for girls' and women's sport and respond to the growing demand for improved access for females to sporting clubs".

Applications for the IPP close on 27 November and for more information, visit the website ([www.orss.sa.gov.au](http://www.orss.sa.gov.au)).

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MEMORIES AND RESPECTS: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone was among attendees at last week's National Police Remembrance Day service, held at Banrock Station. PHOTO: supplied

## SA toughens illegal tobacco penalties



• Andrea Michaels

NEW state-wide legislation is setting stronger penalties regarding the sale and use of illegal vapes and tobacco products in the Riverland.

The proposed legislation, announced recently by the State Government, is set to ban the supply of e-cigarettes to minors, even with a prescription.

The new regulations include:

- An increase in penalties – up to \$1.5m for some breaches.
  - A ban on vending machine sales of tobacco products in public areas.
  - A ban on supply of therapeutic e-cigarettes (or vapes) to any person under 18.
  - New authority to ban novel products which are marketed as an alternative to e-cigarettes, including nicotine pouches.
  - Creation of a 5m buffer zone around smoke-free areas at covered public transport areas – complementing smoke-free and vape-free areas near schools, childcare centres, hospitals, beaches and shopping centres.
  - Authorising controlled purchase operations to enable effective surveillance of sales to minors.
- "This legislation provides a massive deterrent to those who are illegally trading

tobacco and e-cigarettes, including to minors, and ensures our penalties are not seen as merely the cost of doing business," Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs Andrea Michaels said.

"South Australia will have the strongest penalties of any state or territory, with offenders facing fines of up to \$1.5m for illegal sale of these products."

Among the changes to penalties for businesses include:

- Advertising tobacco products – increase from \$10,000 to \$750,000 (first offence) or \$1.1m for subsequent offences.
- Selling without a licence – increase from \$20,000 to \$750,000 (first offence) or \$1.1m for subsequent offences.
- Sales to a minor – up to \$1m for a first offence and \$1.5m for subsequent offences (up from \$20,000 and \$40,000).
- Sales of illicit tobacco or possession for

the purpose of sale – increase from \$50,000 to \$750,000 (first offence) or \$1.1m for subsequent offences.

- New offences for the sale or possession for the purpose of sale of e-cigarettes or other prohibited products up to \$750,000 for the first offence and \$1.1m for subsequent offences.

"In a recent survey, one in three school students aged 16 to 17 reported e-cigarette use in the past month," Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton said.

"We are taking strong action to stamp it out and go after the criminals who target our children with highly addictive vapes full of nasty chemicals."

Following a recent raid on 23 August by the Consumer and Business Services (CBS), which seized more than 1100 vape products, more than 50kg of illicit tobacco and 42,000 cigarettes, worth approximately \$55,000, the regulations are expected to help reduce the consumption of tobacco-related products, especially in minors and teenagers.

Since 1 July, \$285,000 worth of illegal tobacco, vapes and tobacco products have been confiscated by authorities.

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## Grants available to support suicide prevention

RIVERLAND sporting clubs and community groups are invited to apply for a \$180,000 Suicide Prevention Community Grant initiative.

The grants aim to reduce suicide by building compassionate, safe and resilient communities through skill building, education and training.

Preventive Health SA is providing funding to support local clubs and organisations in attending or hosting accredited suicide prevention training or mental health education programs for their local community.

Individual grants of up to \$6000 can be used towards attendance at education and training sessions, including trainer fees, course fees, venue hire, catering, resources, travel and accommodation and promotional activities.

The training sessions or mental health education programs must be listed within Suicide Prevention Australia's national Suicide Prevention Accreditation Directory or be endorsed by a sporting peak body.

Sporting clubs and community groups are encouraged to apply for funding and support members to take up training opportunities to



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promote wider conversations on how people are feeling, normalise asking for help and know where support is available.

In South Australia, suicide is the leading cause of death for people aged between 15 and 44, with men over-represented in the numbers.

The grant application period is now open until 15 November, running through the entirety of Mental Health Month in October.

For more information visit South Australia Suicide Prevention Community Grants ([www.preventivehealth.sa.gov.au/suicidepreventiongrants](http://www.preventivehealth.sa.gov.au/suicidepreventiongrants)).

## Obesity now the biggest preventable health risk



**Preventive Health SA is working to improve the health and well-being of all South Australians by implementing preventive health policies, programs and services, as well as monitoring and reporting on health data and developing new and enhancing existing partnerships...**

- Marina Bowshall

including obesity, smoking, alcohol and drugs.

Earlier this month, a Preventive Health SA Bill 2024 was introduced to secure a long-term future for Preventive Health SA as an independent health agency.

With former Wellbeing SA head Marina Bowshall appointed chief executive, Preventive Health SA hopes to lead evidence-informed action to prevent and reduce the burden of non-communicable health conditions and improve health equity across South Australia.

"Our agency is committed to making South Australia an even healthier state across generations by looking at ways we can combat the

burden of preventable health conditions and their impacts on our health system," Mr Bowshall said.

"Preventive Health SA is working to improve the health and wellbeing of all South Australians by implementing preventive health policies, programs and services, as well as monitoring and reporting on health data and developing new and enhancing existing partnerships.

"We will continue to work in collaboration across government, non-government and other key sectors to strengthen involvement on the development of preventive health policies."

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## New compensation for energy consumers

A NEW proposed scheme is aiming to compensate Riverland households and small businesses from future potential property damage caused by failure of electrical infrastructure.

Now open for consultation, the new Small Claims Compensation Scheme seeks to benefit energy consumers who use less than 160MWh of electricity per year and suffered property damage due to a failure of electricity infrastructure generating a voltage variation.

The claim, of up to \$15,000, would relate to damage caused to electrical appliances, food spoilage and other energy-related losses.

Minister for Energy and Mining Tom Koutsantonis

said "these changes will make a world of difference for householders and small business owners who might find themselves out of pocket through no fault of their own, on the rare occasions that something goes wrong with... electrical infrastructure".

"Under the current application of national electricity laws, SA Power Networks (SAPN) hasn't been required to compensate customers unless there was evidence of negligence, or of the company having acted in bad faith," Mr Koutsantonis said.

"This has made it difficult for customers to make claims, and it placed SAPN in a difficult situation whenever its responsibility was uncertain."

"This scheme strikes a better balance for customers and our energy distributor, and I'm particularly pleased that SAPN is alongside us in pursuing this change."

Under proposed draft regulations, the minimum allowable claim amount would be \$100, while different claims would be capped at a maximum of \$15,000, with customers not needing to establish the energy distributor's fault or negligence to make the claims. Claims can be assessed for incidents that occurred from 1 July 2022, onwards.

The State Government is inviting feedback on the proposed scheme via the website ([www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/](http://www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/)).



The 2024 Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival will be displayed at the Loxton Anglican Parish Hall. PHOTO: supplied

## Xmas Tree Festival's new home

**SEBASTIAN CALDERON**

ORGANISERS of a Loxton Christmas display have unveiled a new location for this year's festival, which will take place at the end of November.

The Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival is preparing for this year's event, with the 2024 display to be located at the Loxton Anglican Parish Hall, at 11 Edward Street, Loxton.

The festival, now on its 28th year, will be open to the public for 15 days over the festive period, from 11am to 4pm, and opens after hours for large groups by arrangement.

The Loxton Christmas Tree Festival is part of many local family friendly events during the Christmas season.

This year's theme is 'Christmas Carols and Songs', and Loxton Community Christmas Tree

Festival secretary Marilyn Tonkin said community interest is increasing.

"We usually have over 50 trees of various sizes on display, with schools, local groups, families and individuals participating," Ms Tonkin said.

"It is a gold coin donation to enter, helping out not only the festival but many of the volunteers that decide to help out with this beautiful event."

## Councils set to further reduce their emissions

LOCAL councils are taking a step forward to reduce their emissions, aiming to help the state reach an important target.

The new Government Net Zero Accelerate Program, which is funded by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and coordinated by LGA South Australia, has presented a best practice guide for emissions management created through a pilot initiative.

With the aim of reaching net zero emissions by 2050, the program has delivered important milestones for participating councils in evaluating their own emissions and finding new ways to improve their environmental goals.

LGA South Australia president Dean Johnson said, "While some larger metropolitan councils may have specialist staff to dedicate to emissions reduction, we know that's often not the case for many regional councils."

"We identified councils that could greatly benefit from inclusion in this program, and through the process we've been able to produce two valuable resources that can be used by other councils right around the state," Mr

Johnson said.

Research and information gathered throughout the project has been added to the best practice guide, creating an important summary dedicated to local government emissions in the state.

With the resources available, councils can now avoid duplicating efforts and gain a better understanding of their own emissions profile by identifying opportunities to help build a better reduction plan.

DEW Director Mary-Anne Healy said, "the Net Zero Accelerate Program is a great example of what can be achieved when state and local government collaborate to deliver local climate change solutions".

"The best practice guide and other resources will help councils plan to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions which in turn can help drive action at a local community and business level," she said.

For all the resources available, visit the website ([www.lga.sa.gov.au/members/environment/local-government-net-zero-accelerate-program](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/members/environment/local-government-net-zero-accelerate-program)).



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Ramco Primary School students Evan (back, left) Rupert, Lily, Ashton, Harry and Madison with their award-winning hens. PHOTO: supplied

# Ramco students' award-winning hens

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

THE dedication students at Ramco Primary School have demonstrated to their brood of chickens recently earned them first prize at the Royal Adelaide Show.

Science, technology and choir teacher Danielle Mitton said the students entered three of their best hens, which won first place for their breed type, handling, egg-

laying qualities, general health and condition.

She said it was the first year they were involved in the competition.

"We received four pullets to raise and then chose the best three hens to send to the show, where they were judged for both egg laying and live commercial judging," Ms Mitton said.

"Students from all classes from

reception to year 6 were involved in raising and preparing the chickens for the show as part of their design and technology learning," she said.

Ms Mitton said two students travelled to the show to deliver the chickens for the competition and take them back home.

"Many students were able to visit the chickens while they were at the show with their family," she

said.

"We also had a big cohort of students who also went to the show for the Science Investigation Awards who were able to see the chickens."

Ms Mitton said the chickens scored particularly well with their handling qualities.

"This was due to the students spending so much time with them," she said.

"Many students missed having them at school for the week and they were so excited when they returned."

Ms Mitton said the school was hoping to enter hens in the Royal Adelaide Show again.

"All being well, we hope to participate again next year," she said.

"It was a great learning opportunity."

## Have YourSay on state's waste reform

CONSULTATION is now open to Riverlanders on the EPA's review of the Environment Protection (Waste Resources) Policy 2010,

The policy sets the regulatory framework for South Australia's waste management objectives, with the review aiming to modernise South Australia's approach to the regulation of resources and wastes and further support the development of a circular economy in SA, while also:

□ Contributing to the reduction in the rate of climate change by limiting, reducing, or preventing greenhouse gas emissions through reducing

consumption of natural resources.

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- Promoting the safe and appropriate circulation of materials through the waste and resource recovery process, practically applying the waste management hierarchy to facilitate the highest-value circular reuse, repairing and recycling of materials by industry, public authorities and the community to support a

strong market for recovered resources.

EPA director of operations Andrew Pruszinski said feedback will help inform how the existing policy may be amended and what else may be included in a new draft Environment Protection Policy.

"The review provides an opportunity to address changes in the industry and to explore policy initiatives that contribute to the South Australian Government's commitments."

"Consultation will close on 20 December 2024. For more information, visit the website ([www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/beyond-recycling](http://www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/beyond-recycling)).

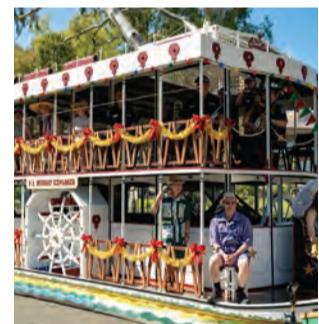
## Historic boat to feature at Christmas Pageant

A NOD to historic paddle steamers, including those that travelled the Riverland, will feature at this year's iteration of South Australia's biggest Christmas Pageant.

A new float for the upcoming National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant, to be held on 2 November, was unveiled last week. The PS Murray Explorer, a tribute to riverboats from the Murray River region, will feature a live band playing festive tunes as it sails through the streets of Adelaide.

"The PS Murray Explorer is a fitting tribute to our state's heritage... the live Pageant Jazz Band will make it a standout in this year's parade," National Pharmacies Christmas pageant director Brian Gilbertson said.

"We are looking forward to see the smiles



The PS Murray Explorer, which will feature in this year's National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant. PHOTO: supplied

and excited faces that these new floats will bring when the 92nd National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant takes place.

The National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant is a free event. For more information, visit ([www.christmaspageant.com.au](http://www.christmaspageant.com.au)).

## Crackdown on South Australian puppy factories

REFORMS to laws surrounding dog breeders, including those in the Riverland, are set to limit the number of litters that can be produced per licence holder.

The State Government has introduced new legislation focused on creating a new licensing scheme including an assessment system for breeders, criminal background checks on all applicants, and the ability to suspend or cancel a licence with the possibility of fines up to \$10,000.

The proposed legislation has imposed a 50-female limit per breeding program, making it illegal to have large-scale puppy farms.

According to data revealed by the State Government, the majority of breeding kennels in South

Australia are below the limit.

Minister for Climate, Environment and Water Susan Close said "when you get a new family dog, you deserve to know that the puppy came from a healthy and cared-for mother".

"These new laws will ensure that puppy factories with hundreds of dogs are prohibited in our state," Ms Close said.

"We want to send a clear message that putting profits before animals in South Australia will not be tolerated."

"South Australians love their dogs but hundreds of people are being bitten by them each year in our state."

"These new penalties for people who don't keep their dogs from attacking people and other dogs will act as a

deterrent and hopefully bring the incidence of dog attacks down."

Female dogs will be limited to having a maximum of five litters in their lifetimes and mandatory reporting of each litter will be introduced.

The new legislation also includes increased penalties for current dog owners whose pets are prone to attack people, other dogs or animals, including the ability to issue control orders on wandering dogs, with penalties that can reach \$2500.

Dog control orders placed on owners who move to South Australia from interstate – such as a dangerous dog order or a prohibition order for breeding puppies – will also be recognised and enforced.

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# Alive and Garden Day is looking for new market stalls

A LOXTON event is ready to showcase the best historical exhibits and demonstrations, with organisers looking for interested businesses to participate.

Interested people and businesses are invited to hold market stalls at the upcoming Village Alive and Garden Day, being held on 26 October, from 10am.

The Loxton Historical Village Alive and Garden Day is an event organised to bring families together at the tourism destination, with sheep shearing, blacksmithing, whip-cracking, printing, rope making and stationary engines on display.

There will also be a tractor parade, kid's crafts, food and craft stalls, and free horse and cart rides.

The Alive and Garden Day is part of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival week, where everyone can enjoy the special gardens



The Loxton Historical Village is encouraging new market stalls at its upcoming Alive and Garden Day.

around the site and watch Jetty Baks, a floral artist from Lameroo, doing native flower arrangement demonstrations.

Interested people can contact organisers by sending an email ([leanne@kaeslerland-ing.com.au](mailto:leanne@kaeslerland-ing.com.au)), or by calling 0427 791 987.

## Multi-million-dollar Tuberculosis investment

ABORIGINAL communities - including those in the Riverland - will benefit from extra health care and support services to identify new cases of Tuberculosis (TB).

The State Government recently announced a \$15.2m investment to help eliminate the spread of TB in Aboriginal communities across the state.

The funding will also help response, to current cases, providing access to informed health assessment, diagnosis and new treatments with ongoing care included.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton said TB is a treatable and curable disease, and "it's important we have a response that can be scaled up, with care provided where people live".

"Controlling these outbreaks promptly with comprehensive follow-up and support means not only a better outcome for individuals but for the whole community into the future," Mr Picton said.

"It's also vital we continue working closely with Aboriginal communities

and engaging in a respectful way."

Almost 800 people have participated in active screenings to identify both active and latent cases of TB, enabling current and future treatments.

Previous funding has delivered tailored community engagement and education, while upskilling health practitioners who may have yet to see cases of tuberculosis in their clinical practice before.

## Grants to fund vital works in national parks

COMMUNITY projects that improve conservation and biodiversity in Riverland national parks and reserves will benefit from \$675,000 in state government funding.

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for nature-based initiatives as part of the Friends of Parks and Nature Grants Program, with applications opening last week.

The grants support valuable environmental projects led by South Australia's 144 Friends of Parks and Nature groups.

Applications can be made to fund a range of activities, including threatened species recovery, revegetation, habitat monitoring and Aboriginal or European heritage conservation.

National Parks and Wildlife Service community and nature partnerships manager, Helen Donovan, said the grants recognised the important role Friends of Parks and Nature volunteers played in protecting our

national parks.

"Research shows that about 8-out-of-10 South Australians visit a national park at least once a year," Ms Donovan said.

"These visits are made more enjoyable thanks to the tireless efforts of Friends of Parks and Nature volunteers, who spend thousands of hours each year caring for our environment to protect native fauna and flora.

"This grant program is an important way of supporting Friends of Parks and Nature groups so they can continue to make a lasting contribution to their local communities."

Projects must be completed within 12 months and groups can submit more than one application per round.

Grant applications are open until 31 October, and can be submitted at ([www.environmentsa.smartygrants.com.au/](http://www.environmentsa.smartygrants.com.au/)).

## Grants for climate solutions are now open

FUNDING is now available for Riverland communities aiming to support climate change practices and solutions focused on a positive and sustainable environmental outcomes.

The Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) is offering grants within a funding pool of \$625,000 to not-for-profit organisations with initiatives that look to address climate change at a local level.

The grants are available via two streams:

- ❑ Engage and Deliver: Grants up to \$20,000 for local projects promoting or actioning practices and solutions that can reduce emissions and benefit their community.
- ❑ Scaling: Grants from \$20,001 to \$75,000 for projects scaling locally-led initiatives that alleviate socio-economic challenges and enable communities to thrive.

New to this round is the scaling stream, which recognises that organisations in remote, rural and regional South Australia have limitations to access funds for climate solutions.

Grants can also be used to educate local residents on the adoption of clean energy practices, reducing emissions and implementing lower carbon power supplies.

The grants also support reuse and regenerative energy practices, solutions to deliver sustainable agricultural procedures and food systems, encouraging biodiverse ecosys-

tems, or activities designed to manage and support living conditions of local residents who are within industries in transition.

FRRR climate solutions portfolio lead, Sarah Mathee, said "the strong response from local groups to the first round of the program emphasised the active role that rural communities want to play in initiatives that capitalise on cleaner and more sustainable climate solutions that will benefit local people"

"Addressing the impacts of a changing climate requires a long-term outlook, backed by local solutions and we know that rural NFPs are eager to get on the front foot and ensure that no one is left behind," Ms Mathee said.

"Local people can be best placed to lead just transitions and we are here to actively support rural communities in this process."

The grants can fund community-driven projects that educate and engage local people on the transition to renewable energy, supporting community education and targeting young people at local markets and events, including using virtual reality to inform people about the renewable energy transition industry and to promote employment and skills training opportunities.

More information can be found by visiting the website ([www.frrr.org.au/community-led-climate-solutions/](http://www.frrr.org.au/community-led-climate-solutions/)).



SCHOOL'S NEW FLAG: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone recently attended a Barmera Primary School assembly, where he presented students Koa and James with a new Australian flag for the school. PHOTOS: supplied

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Members of the LWSA-NT Riverland Zone gathered at the Barmera Lutheran Church for a rally event on 4 September. PHOTOS: supplied

## Sharing faith at Riverland Zone of LWSA-NT Rally

THE Riverland Zone of the Lutheran Women SA-NT (LWSA-NT) met at Barmera Lutheran Church on 4 September 2024.

The theme for the day was 'Liked and Loved by God', and we were blessed to hear about how God not only likes us, but loves us so much.

The day was hosted by the Berri-Barmera fellowship with their new pastor Peter Klemm opening the day with a devotion based on Mar 7 v 24: 'We struggle being loved and liked. God chooses to love us – he loved us before we were born. God doesn't make junk – sin makes junk. The devil doesn't want us feeling loved or liked'.

We sang 'Jesus Loves Me and Pass my Love around'.

We were welcomed by zone president Heather Zimmermann and Kath Materne from the Berri-Barmera fellowship. What a joy it was to welcome 41 ladies, including our guest speaker Jeanette Mann, and

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Nominations are open until 25 October and can be lodged by anyone.

For more information, or to nominate, visit the website ([www.lga.sa.gov.au/joy-baluch](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/joy-baluch)).



David Kimber inducting new Loxton Men's Probus Club members Peter Dunne, Ken Nitschke, Trevor Rosenzweig and Harvey Drabsch. PHOTO: supplied

## Probus club's membership 'surge'

LOXTON Men's Probus Club president

David Kimber inducted new members Peter Dunne, Ken Nitschke, Trevor Rosenzweig and Harvey Drabsch, at a recent meeting with a record 55 attendees. Mr Kimber said the club has experienced a surge in membership.

"Probus offers socialisation, a chance to hear new member's brief stories of their lives and to listen to a monthly keynote speaker," Mr Kimber said.

"(Last) month it was Senior First Class Michael Bradbury, a Riverland crime prevention officer. "There are

no raffles or fundraisers to worry about and committee man Trevor Fielke organises sausage sizzles and occasional outings.

"Many of us have been involved in structured organisations over the years and it's nice to just sit back and enjoy each other's company."

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# Commitment to the community: Vale Des Watts (1941-2024)

DESMOND Charles Watts was born in 1941, in Whyalla, to Sydney Leslie and Hesta Isabel Watts.

The family moved to Lyrup when Des was about five.

He enjoyed childhood in Lyrup with his siblings. Des played football for Lyrup and was also a boxer.

At age 15, in 1956, Des started a six-year watchmaker apprenticeship with Vic McLeanor, in Wilson Street, Berri. Due to the 1956 flood he had to board with relatives in Berri.

Kay Ellard worked across the road at Mrs Hensel's frock shop. That's how the pair met.

Kay and Des married in 1966 and opened their own jewellery business in 1970. The new business had a setback when faulty wiring in the shop led to it burning down, but they relocated and "got on" with it.

Their baby son, Kane, arrived in 1973. Apprenticed to his father, he also became a watchmaker and still runs the business today.

Des joined Rotary in 1979 and truly lived the Rotary motto "service above self". He was a Rotarian for 54 years.

He did all the regular Rotary tasks, such as the barbecues and working bees. He was a Berri club president, and also of Forbes and Mildura Rotary clubs.

Then there were the Rotary District Committees that supported youth and overseas aid, programs, and exchange students, while he also served on the board of Berri Cottage Homes.

Des and Kay hosted 16 exchange students – five young business exchanges and three Rotarian friendship exchanges.

Des went overseas seven times to work on Rotary projects, putting his own money into the trip and also for items he brought to support the people they were assisting.

His trips included:

- ❑ Two trips to New Guinea to build and repair a medical centre.
- ❑ Three trips to the Solomon Islands to build and repair a hospital.
- ❑ Two trips to Sri Lanka to repair and build an orphanage, where he bought sewing machines for the young girls to learn to sew.

He had compassion for people he saw struggling with the cruel twists that life can hand out.

Des donated three cars for raffles to raise money; one for a child with cancer, one for a woman who had to go to the US for a rare cancer treatment, and more recently he gave

a car to a family on Kangaroo Island who had lost everything in the bushfires.

The family moved to Forbes in 1984, then returning to the Riverland in 1993.

While in Forbes the area was flooded three times in two months.

Des formed a fundraising committee that went national, raising \$620,000 to help the victims.

Des's passion was for those struggling and he chose to help by publicising and promoting Rotary programs to Rotary clubs throughout Australia, and giving media interviews on the way around.

He did three laps around Australia, with two being on a motorbike.

One trip was to promote Australian Rotary Health Research, one was for ShelterBox, and one for Disaster Aid.

ShelterBox supplies large boxes containing a tent and all the cooking and bedding needs for a family of 10 to survive. They are distributed by aid teams into disaster zones.

A total of \$32,000 was raised for ShelterBox and \$62,000 was raised for Disaster Aid.

The boxes cost about \$1000 each. Des and Kay financed the first trip and they received some donations of fuel, and were loaned a vehicle for one trip.

Rotarians hosted him on each trip where he spoke to about 40 Rotary clubs.

In 2014, Berri Rotary Club president Andrew Gower presented Des with the Rotary Paul Harris sapphire award.

He knew what the need was and he did what he could with the skills he had.

It wasn't all work. Des was a member of the Lyrup Football Club and was a long-standing member of the Berri Rowing Club. He rowed from 1956 through to 1978.

His personal oar is displayed in the club rooms and indicates he had 150 starts during this period with the SA Rowing Association (now SA Rowing) and a further 56 starts with the Victoria Rowing Association (Rowing Victoria). The oar also indicates he used to average approximately 400 miles per year when training.

During this period he was also a valuable administrator throughout the 1960s, 70s, and early 80s in running the club via the committee and filled positions of vice captain, captain treasurer, coach, assistant coach, committee member and president.

In December 2012 the club honoured Des with the naming of an eight as 'Des Watts', plus a single scull named 'Bob Watts', after

his brother. Both Des and Bob were more than worthy of this honour.

Des continued to attend the club periodically and entertain members with his rowing reminiscing until his passing.

Des loved his motorbike and was one of the founders of the International Foundation of Motor Cycling Rotarians, and he did several trips with them, with one being through the US.

It was common for jewellers and watchmakers to use an asbestos heat mat for jewellery manufacture. This resulted in Des suffering from asbestosis.

He was a Rotarian for 54 years, a husband to Kay of 58 years, father to Kane and was a grandfather, and great-grandfather.

His family can be proud of him.

Almost 83 years well lived Des.

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## New sport policy to support women

A NEW state gender equity policy is aimed towards increasing the presence of women in sports, including in the Riverland.

The recently announced National Gender Equity in Sports Governance Policy targets the equality of gender within the sporting community.

Through the initiative, state sporting organisations are required to have a minimum of 40 per cent female members within their board in order to keep eligibility for the State Sport and Recreation Development Program funding.

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Katrine Hildyard said "the National Gender Equity in Sport Governance Policy is an excellent initiative which will help to advance the diversity in sport".

"Diversity within an organisation's leadership ensures a mix of skills, perspectives and experiences, resulting in better decision making and improved performance," Ms Hildyard said.

"We look forward to supporting the implementation of the policy in ways that build on our ground-breaking efforts in this space."

Currently 94 per cent of state sporting organisations are in line with the mandated quota, with the Sports Governance Policy also introducing standards that regulate chairpersons and specified sub-committees.

South Australia is working to adopt specific mechanisms to support and contribute to different organisations with the goal of improving women representation.

For more information about the National Gender Equity in Sports Governance Policy, visit the website ([www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au](http://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au)), or the ASC website ([www.sportaus.gov.au/media\\_centre/news/asc-welcomes-gender-equity-policy](http://www.sportaus.gov.au/media_centre/news/asc-welcomes-gender-equity-policy)).

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# Rose and Garden Festival throughout the years

**Below is part three of a year-by-year look at the history of the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival. A sincere thanks to Shann Hausler for her research. Further parts will be published in The Murray Pioneer in the lead up to this year's festival...**

**2010**

## SIXTEENTH ROSE FESTIVAL 15 OCTOBER TO 24 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** David Ruston OAM

**Theme:** 'Australian Icons' Institute Floral Display (Fri, Sat, Sun)

**100th Renmark and District Show (the last one).**

**Unveiling of David Ruston OAM sculpture by Sheenagh Harris (South Africa) president of the World Federation of Rose Societies.** David's sculpture is called 'A Life in Flowers', by Janette Moore and John Draper. Money was raised by public world-wide donations.

**First year of the Renmark Rose Festival Fair (Jarrett Memorial Gardens)**

Interstate and overseas visitors attending the unveiling of the David Ruston Sculpture swelled

the numbers attending the rose festival. Due to the cold winter, arrangers were forced to buy roses for the Institute display. The Floral Display in the Institute was very popular with arrangements featuring the Sydney Opera House, Port Arthur, the Great Barrier Reef and other icons. A total of 14 Riverland gardens were open and 31 attractions catered to a multitude of interests. The inaugural Rose Fair (initiated and organised by Shann Hausler, with advice from Tim Grieger and support from secretary Miriam McLean) was held in the Jarrett Memorial Gardens. Many of the stalls featured local produce. Jill Eckermann was the guest artist at Angove Wines.

**2011**

## SEVENTEENTH ROSE FESTIVAL 14 OCTOBER TO 23 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** Deb Tribe (ABC Rural reporter)

**Theme:** 'Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tales, Nursery Rhymes and Flowers' Institute Floral Display

**Book launch of 'A Life with Roses'** by David Ruston OAM

**Better Homes and Gardens** featured the event on TV and in garden magazines.

'Renmark Rose' (Treloar Roses) launched by David Ruston. David chose the rose because it withstood heat and its vibrant colours reminded him of the oranges and lemons grown in the Riverland.

Attractions included a cabaret at Renmark Hotel, a Scarecrow Competition run by Tony Guster, and A School Garden Competition involving Renmark High School, Lyrup, Renmark West and Renmark primary schools. The Art Trail featured 11 different events, with 32 attractions and 18 Open Gardens. There was a sunset canoe tour of Banrock Station.

**2012**

## EIGHTEENTH ROSE FESTIVAL 19 OCTOBER TO 28 OCTOBER

**Theme:** 'Song Titles' Institute Floral Display (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Update of brochure identifying position and name of roses in Renmark public gardens. Renamed 'Renmark Roses Drive and Walk'. Matt Martinson took over the responsibility of ensuring the many roses in the Renmark public gardens were well looked after. Riverland Youth Theatre produced a show for children, called 'Once Upon a Time' and there was a Splash Paint art activity.



**2013**

## NINETEENTH ROSE FESTIVAL 18 OCTOBER TO 27 OCTOBER

**Theme:** 'Flowers Through the Ages' Institute Floral Display

**Inaugural Rose Run**

**Chefs in the Garden at Jenny and David Natrass' garden.**

There were 24 Open Gardens in Renmark, Paringa, Murtho, Lyrup, Berri and Loxton. Angove Wines featured visual artist Suzanne Macpherson. A Lantern Festival was popular. A total of 38 activities and 13 Art Trail events featured.

**2014**

## TWENTIETH ROSE FESTIVAL 17 OCTOBER TO 26 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** Andrew Costello (host of South Aussie with Cosi)

**Theme:** 'Let's Celebrate' Institute Floral Display

**Inaugural Black and White Ball**

The newly planted rose bed of 'Renmark's Rose', in front of the fountain is

beginning to flourish. A total of 44 activities this year included the Festival Fair, a Mystery Bus Tour and MV Barrungul cruises. There was an increase in all areas of entertainment, with 35 Open Gardens and 15 Art Trail options. Angove Wines sponsored Julie Wallis, a fused glass artist.

**2015**

## TWENTY-FIRST ROSE FESTIVAL 16 OCTOBER TO 25 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** His Excellency the Governor Heiu Van Le AO

**Theme:** 'Carnival' Institute Floral Display (Fri, Sat, Sun)

**Chefs in the Garden at Stan and Sharyn Eleutheriou's garden**

**Inaugural Rose King/Queen**

**Inaugural Gala Award Dinner**

Features included the Festival Fair, a Mystery Bus Tour, MV Barrungul cruises, Ruston Roses and a candle-lit supper. There was an increase in all areas of entertainment, with 35 Open Gardens and 58 attractions. The Rose King or Queen will provide an opportunity for young

local people to raise money for the community and selected charities of their choosing. There will be a coronation dinner on the last Saturday of the festival. The Art Trail featured 14 events, with both Sarah Angove (photographer) and Phil Rosenthal (artist) exhibiting at Angove Wines. Renmark, Paringa, Murtho, Lyrup, Berri, Winkie, Loxton, Barmera, Cobdogla, Kingston on Murray and Overland Corner participated in the open garden displays.

**2016**

## TWENTY-SECOND ROSE FESTIVAL 14 OCTOBER TO 23 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** Kelvin Trimper AM (World Federation of Rose Societies president)

**Theme:** 'For the Love of the Rose' Institute Floral Display

Jenny Richards began painting roses on shop fronts and accommodation venues in Renmark and Paringa. A video projection display was a new addition. There were 52 attractions, 22 open gardens and nine Art Trail features. Tony and Lou Smith featured at Angove Wines art display.





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**HISTORIC RIDE:** A 1925 vintage car driven to Bookpurnong by Richard Wood of Loxton, for the recent special occasion of the church's 100th Anniversary, caused much interest. The restored vehicle is being shown where to park by former member Tom Fielke. PHOTOS: supplied



Former member Trevor Wurst and wife Nola came back from their Western Australia wild flowers holiday to be at the Pilgrims of Zion Bookpurnong Lutheran Church 100th anniversary. They enjoyed chatting to former pastors' assistant and Riverview Rest Home chaplain, pastor Avito da Costa and wife Anna, who have recently retired and moved to Geelong, in Victoria.



Former member of Pilgrims of Zion Bookpurnong, Tom Fielke, spent time reminiscing with visitor Dianne van Derheyden, from Loxton, former member Bruce Kernich, from Nuriootpa, visitors Gundy Schmaal and Julie Hill, from Loxton, and Colleen and Trevor Norton, from Kingston-on-Murray. Trevor is the current Mayor of the Loxton Waikerie council and formally welcomed all to the 100th anniversary.



Former minister at Bookpurnong, pastor John Gerhardy and wife Angela, who came from Mannum for the 100th anniversary celebrations, caught up with Georgie and David Nicholai, from Cambrai.



Former member Nedra Pfitzner (nee Obst), who was just four months old when she was baptised in Pilgrims of Zion Lutheran Church Bookpurnong. Nedra will be 100 in February and came from Adelaide with her daughter, Denise Schuppan, from Eudunda, and son, Mark Pfitzner, from Tanunda.



Current members of Bookpurnong Pilgrims of Zion Lutheran Church, Abbey James and John Schwarz, dressed for the occasion and arrived in John's 100-year-old fully restored 1924 rugby car, much to the amazement of the 160 members, former members, guests and visitors who attended the day's celebrations.



**SCHOOL OF ROCK:** Waikerie High School's Arts Road Show performed last month at Morgan Primary School. PHOTO: supplied

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ALL SMILES AT THE MARKETS: Friends Anton Webb, of Paringa, and Marianne Smith, of Renmark, plus Kevin the dog, enjoyed the Renmark Riverfont Markets held last weekend.

PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



Lions Club of Renmark members cooked a barbecue for market attendees.



FLOWER POWER: Glenys Matthews receiving an award from Trevor Mayfield at the recent Annual Orchid Spectacular, held in the Berri Town Hall. PHOTOS: supplied



Mr Mayfield with Nancy Murdock.



Stephen Lynch and Mr Mayfield.



Les Cain with Mr Mayfield.



YOUNG ARTISTS IN THE MAKING: Local youngster Sofia with one of the artworks created in an art class run by local teacher and artist Greg Reeks. PHOTOS: supplied



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# Berri nurses 'lead the way' in rural care

## MADISON EASTMOND

LOXTON man Russell Clark was forced into renal care when his kidneys failed from medication used following three liver transplants, however, his quality of care has been transformed thanks to the efforts and initiatives of a local nurse unit.

After spending 17 years in intense hospital care, when Mr Clark was placed in the Riverland dialysis unit he was faced with the harsh reality of multiple needles and sessions a week.

Additionally, his time healing from liver disease left him with many damaged veins, with Mr Clark having only one area on his right arm to undertake his dialysis from.

"Due to only a short segment of 'good vein' available, we were having to (insert a needle) into the same area," Riverland General Hospital's associate nurse unit manager Sarah McFeeters said.

"Without an ultrasound, we weren't able to see that we were damaging the... vein."

"The thing is, if we didn't look after what he's got, Russell would have had to have a permacath inserted for his dialysis treatments — which is a plastic tubing placed into a blood vessel in the neck or chest, and into the heart."

However, thanks to a training and mentor program introduced to the Riverland hospital by Ms McFeeters, the unit is using ultrasounds to improve care for its local and visiting patients.

Without any formal training available for ultrasounds in South Australia, Ms McFeeters self-trained in the use of the devices before putting together a training procedure for her unit in dialysis.

The local nurses can now use ultrasound to identify problematic fistulas early, as well as ensure the accuracy of needle placement. The specific device, Butterfly iQ, also able to tele-communicate with vascular surgeons

and medical professionals by connecting with the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Flinders University.

"The ultrasound enabled us to find two ideal spots to (undertake dialysis) and it ensures we are 100 per cent accurate every time to prevent any further damage and ensure longevity of (Russell's) vascular access," Ms McFeeters added.

"Now we can also pick up on problems with the fistula well before it gets to the stage where it may fail and we have an emergency situation and suddenly need to fly the patient to Adelaide."

"I am being told by the renal rural nurse consultant and educator from the Royal Adelaide Hospital, that Berri are leading the way with the ultrasound project for regional South Australian (renal) patients."

Mr Clark said that ultrasounds in renal care "should be ubiquitous in all hospitals,"

"Trying to access veins — that is often tortuous," he said.

"Now, I don't have to go through that."

"These (nurses) are just brilliant and their dedication is incredible."

"They're not given enough credit."

Riverland General Hospital nurse Chong Lee said she had been working in the dialysis unit for the last year and a half, with training every fortnight in how to use ultrasounds.

"Being able to use this training makes the process far less traumatic and far more comfortable for the patient," she said.

"Instead of trying four or five times, we can get it straight away."

"It also makes me far more confident when giving care."

"Before, I used to be nervous I could possibly be damaging the vein. Now, I know where (the needle) is going, what it's doing, and I know that I won't cause any pain to the patient."

With plans to extend the program into



Renal patient Russell Clark said his care has been transformed by training undertaken by Riverland General Hospital staff such as registered nurse Chong Lee and associate nurse unit manager Sarah McFeeters. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

the chemotherapy unit, Ms McFeeters said "(Ms Lee's) clinical skills using the ultrasound developed here in the renal unit have well-equipped her to translate her skill into her daily practice as a chemotherapy nurse".

"She has demonstrated great enthusiasm and an exceptionally high level of skill using the ultrasound in such a short time during the project," Ms McFeeters said.

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Residents from Warrawee Lodge and interested community members recently took part in South Australia's 'Week of Ageing Well' activities that included live music by Waikerie's Peter Santella. PHOTOS: supplied



A diamond art Christmas ornament making workshop was run at Waikerie's Warrawee Lodge for South Australia's 'Week of Ageing Well'.



Lorraine Summers (left) and Pat and Bob Kemp enjoying a game of indoor bocce.

# Ageing well in Waikerie

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

RESIDENTS of Waikerie's Warrawee Lodge retirement village and interested community members have been taking part in South Australia's 'Week of Ageing Well'.

Free activities were run at the village from Tuesday to Friday.

Warrawee Retirement Village manager Megan Davis said the four days of events were funded by a grant the organisation was able to obtain from SA Health.

These included an information session on Home Care Packages by KompleteCare's Riverland representative Michelle Brown, indoor bocce, and a diamond art Christmas ornament making workshop.

Waikerie musician Peter Santella also performed in the hub at an afternoon tea at the village, on Friday.

Warrawee Lodge manager Megan Davis said the four days of events were funded by a grant the organisation was able to obtain from SA Health.

She said the Christmas decorations workshop was run by two residents from the village's weekly craft group, Terri Fowles and Judith Light.

Ms Davis said the indoor bocce was a highlight among the residents and community participants.

"I was sitting in my office while participants were playing with a smile on my face the whole time, because all I could hear was cheering and laughing," she said.

"They were having such a good time."

Ms Davis said those taking part were keen to make indoor bocce a regular activity.

Those attending the afternoon tea with Peter Santella also enjoyed singing along to his music.

Ms Davis said South Australia's 'Week of Ageing Well' was about connecting and celebrating life, and valuing the role older people play in our lives.

"It is about discovering ways people can be supported to age well."

Ms Davis hoped the celebratory week of ageing will be held at the lodge again next year.

A community garage sale with a sausage sizzle and refreshments will also be held on Saturday, at Priscilla Jaeschke Park at the lodge, from 10am to 2pm, to raise money to purchase equipment for its lifestyle activities.



Gwen and Julie Webber of Waikerie enjoying Waikerie musician Peter Santella's performance on Friday.

# the quiz



1. What is Malay for "man of the woods"?
2. What song was adopted by the US Civil Rights movement in the 1960s?
3. Larry Mullins and Adam Clayton are the rhythm section for which band?
4. What shape are the faces on eight-sided dice?
5. What film production company was named after brothers Harry, Albert, Sam, and Jack?
6. The state of Indiana borders which Great Lake?
7. The song "Consider Yourself" is from what musical?
8. Jim Carrey played which role in the 1995 film "Batman Forever"?
9. According to John Gray's famous book, men and women are respectively from where?
10. Which film ended with the two main characters driving a car off a cliff?
11. Goats featured on the cover of which album released on 16 May 1966 by Capitol Records?
12. Jocky Wilson, an unemployed coal delivery man and miner, was World professional Champion in 1982 and 1989 in what sport?
13. Which Formula One driver shocked the motoring world with his announcement immediately following the announcement of the World Champion in 2016?
14. Which composer of musicals was knighted in 1992 and made a life peer in 1997?
15. What instrument was played by the Devil in the song "The Devil Went Down to Georgia"?
16. What song plays over the opening credits of the film "Christine" (1983)?
17. Who plays Mrs. Smith opposite Brad Pitt in the movie "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"?
18. A fuss about nothing is called "a storm in a ... " what?
19. What subregion of Oceania includes Fiji, New Caledonia, New Guinea, Norfolk Island, the Solomon Islands, the Torres Strait Islands and Vanuatu?
20. Which is the smallest European carnivore by weight?

## BONUS QUESTION:

In the novel 'Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, what is the name of Oliver's mother?  
Answer in next week's Quiz.

**Answers on page 40**

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STAYING AT PANTHER PARK: Loxton North Football Club recently announced Dave Higgins had re-signed as A Grade coach for the 2025 season. The Panthers finished the 2024 season in fifth spot, recording five wins. A post on the club Facebook page stated "thank you for all the knowledge and experience you bring to our club Dave and we can't wait to see our progress for 2025". PHOTO: supplied

Under 15 Best and Fairest Samuel DePalma. PHOTOS: supplied



Connor VanderBiezen Award for Most Outstanding Junior, and under 15 Best and Fairest, Dillon Marks. PHOTOS: supplied



Under 18 Best and Fairest Charlie Goodman.



Under 13 Best and Fairest Jack Shorrock



Under 13 Best and Fairest Emerson Vincent

## Rovers crown 2024 junior champions

THE Renmark Rovers last month announced its 2024 award winners for its under 18, under 15 and under 13 sides.

Charlie Goodman was named Best and Fairest in the under 18s, with Samuel DePalma and Jack Shorrock taking out the under 15, and under 13 honour, respectively.

### UNDER 18

Best and Fairest: Charlie Goodman  
Runners-up: Will Grocke, Harry Pap  
Most Consistent: Jack Rothe  
Best Team Man: Toby Johnson  
Most Dedicated: Angus Leesue  
Leading Goalkicker: Isaac Morgan  
Most Improved: Rex Kennedy  
Best in Finals: Will Grocke  
Most Valuable Player: Tyson Bonner  
Best First Year Player: Alex Schumann  
Coaches Award: Cody Cornelius  
Andrew Boon Bravery Award: Angus Pitman

### UNDER 15

Best and Fairest: Samuel DePalma  
Runner-up: Hugh Reidel  
Most Consistent: Noah Martinson  
Best Team Man: Riely Harding  
Most Dedicated: Henry Dring  
Leading Goalkicker: Noah Martinson  
Most Improved: Reece Clark  
Best in Finals: Jack O'Bryan  
Best First Year Player: Jack O'Bryan  
Coaches Award: Hamish Pitman

### UNDER 13

Best and Fairest: Jack Shorrock  
Runner-up: Rhylan Schepel  
Most Consistent: Madden Hardwick  
Best Team Man: Luke Clark  
Most Dedicated: Ronan Sharp  
Leading Goalkicker: Ivan Atsaves  
Best in Finals: Jack Shorrock  
Most Improved: Flynn Kennedy  
Best First Year Player: Rhylan Schepel  
Coaches Award: Phoenix Pearce

BARMERA-MONASH Football Club highlight its junior talent with its recent 2024 season award presentations.

### RESULTS

Connor VanderBiezen Award for Most Outstanding Junior: Dillon Marks

### UNDER 15

Best and Fairest: Dillon Marks  
Runner-up: Mitchell Johnson  
Most Consistent: Judd Norman  
Rising Star: Kane Ogle

True Roo: Sonny Westcott  
Best Team Man: Nate Gartner  
Most Improved: Aiden Liddell  
Best First Year: Tom Nettle

### UNDER 13

Best and Fairest: Emerson Vincent  
Runner-up: Archer Humphries  
Most Consistent: Mason Clarke  
Best Team Man: Sam Walker  
Most Versatile: Ty Skilton  
Most Improved: Logan Stark  
Coaches Award: Will Roberts  
Best First Year: Tyler Klingbiel



# RFL END OF YEAR REPORT CARDS

## Loxton North

There is little doubting that the RFL club to go through the most turmoil during season 2024 was Loxton North.

Replacing former boss Terry Eleftheriadis in February meant things were off to a rocky start, and there was a wide expectation that a season of rebuilding was on the cards at Panther Park.

Over eight players departed from the 2023 side along with the boss, and with no players coming in, a large cloud loomed over the season.

However, the

Panthers shocked many with back-to-back wins over the opening fortnight, but were ultimately unable to sustain the momentum through the remainder of the year.

While big wins over Loxton and Waikerie were recorded, the Panthers suffered heavy defeats to Barmera-Monash and Renmark, and a loss to Berri in round 12 all but halted finals aspirations in Dave Higgins' first year in charge.

Zac Wooldridge excited many supporters with a strong campaign through the middle aid-

ing him to the best and fairest win, while captain Codi Voumard continues to be a rock in defence.

Injury and unavailability struck North throughout the campaign, and after the bye period, results dwindled.

However, the Panthers picked up a win on the final day against Waikerie, and will be hoping to springboard into next year with a young, hungry brigade.

**C+**



## Waikerie

A season of frustration plagued the Magpies all year, and the decision has been made to part ways with now former coach Michael Kilsby.

On the surface, Waikerie would have been pleased with a preliminary final finish, but there is more than likely a feeling internally of what if?

While obliterating most sides throughout the year, the Magpies were unable to get over the hump of Barmera-Monash and Renmark – the two grand finalists.

Waikerie's most complete perfor-

mance of the season came in the elimination final against Loxton at Berri Oval, rarely giving the Tigers a chance.

Although only winning by six goals, Waikerie dominated possession, and if the windy conditions were friendlier, the margin was likely to be much bigger.

The Pies have one of the younger sides in the competition, and when they get the ball in the hands of their quick runners, they're hard to stop and very good to watch.

Kade Hilton took

**B-**



## Renmark

A year in the wilderness failed to last long for Renmark, rising back to the top of the RFL mountain with a premiership win over Barmera-Monash.

Widely expected to suffer the same fate as the way 2023 ended, the Rovers were playing second fiddle to the Roos for much of the year.

Despite defeating Barmera-Monash on opening day at the Lakeside, Renmark were unable to achieve the feat on the following four occasions.

Renmark were one of the two best sides in the league all season, and maintained the focus all season for a memorable premiership.

Bringing in Nick Gillard was one of the best recruits the Rovers could have made, with the key forward kicking goals for fun, finishing with 44 to top the competition.

Zach Gartery reconfirmed his status as the best ruck in the region, giving first service to the likes of Tim Woolford, Josh Vater, Dan Woolford and

Jaryd Rowe all year.

The Rovers truly were ruthless, crushing the likes of Berri and Loxton by 104 points each in back-to-back weeks, and moving the ball from defence to attack with speed and precision.

With a large portion of the side locked in to go again next year, Renmark will be a big favourite to win a fifth premiership in six seasons. A truly incredible achievement.

**A-**



The Dutch Courage Racing team raced the 2009 Holden Colorado to victory in class 5 of the 2024 Australian Off Road Championship. PHOTOS: supplied

# From rollover to off-road champs

A RIVERLAND team has overcome a mid-season rollover to win a 2024 Australian Off Road Championship.

Barmera-based Dutch Courage Racing took out class 5 of the ARB AORRA titles, decided over four races across Australia.

Piloting their customised 6-litre V8 turbo Holden Colorado, Darran van der Woude was the main driver, with his daughter Millie back-up driver.

Millie and her brother Izaak shared the role of navigator.

Dutch Courage Racing started the series well in the opening event, held in Rainbow, Victoria, and also finished strongly in

Millicent. However, a rollover at Waikerie when not competing in the championship threatened to derail the campaign.

"That put a big question mark over whether we could get the car even back on the track for the championship this year," van der Woude said.

"But a lot of hours by our crew, and race partners Riverland Collision Centre and Lake Bonney Blasting, managed to get the truck 'raceable', allowing us to secure the championship."

Comprising six 80-kilometre laps, the Rainbow event was held around the Big Desert Wilderness Area in hot, dry and dusty

conditions.

The vehicle topped 185km/y along the straights, however the circuit also featured "heavy, dry sand dunes, full of big holes".

"We had some power steering issues after lap three," van der Woude explained.

"But pit crew and fellow competitors managed to 'bush mechanic' a fix and get us through the last three laps."

The championship-clinching win was in round four, at Millicent, which saw six 70-kilometre laps through the Tantanoola pine forest

"The conditions were the complete opposite of Rainbow," van der Woude said.

"We had 13-14 degree max temps, and it was rainy and windy.

"There were some real fast sections on this track, surrounded by big pine trees.

"We had a couple of minor inconveniences, with wiring issues costing us a couple of minutes, but we still got the win."

In addition to the in-car team, van der Woude also paid tribute to the efforts of fellow team members responsible for pre and post-race preparations, plus servicing and mid-race repairs. The included his father Chris, Barry Sullivan, Dave Schultz and Paris Drakopolous. He also acknowledged the support of his wife Naomi.



Darran van der Woude was the main drive, supported by his daughter Millie as back-up driver. His son Izaak shared navigator duties with Millie.



The Holden Colorado started life as a 3-litre turbo diesel 4x4, supplied by River Murray Auto Wreckers. The Dutch Courage team retained the chassis and the cab, but cut away everything else, and replaced the engine with the 6-litre V8 Holden turbo 400 trans, with a 10-inch Ford diff. Barry Sullivan custom built the suspension arms and rollover protection. The 17-inch race wheels are wrapped in Mickey Thompson Baja ATZ tyres. The car has a top speed of around 188km/h.

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Competitors were met with strong winds for the running of the Trevor Stevens Perpetual Trophy.



Beau Delaine in action on the weekend. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Perpetual trophy decided in high winds

BEAU Delaine aboard Bandit won the Lake Bonney Yacht Club's Trevor Stevens Perpetual Trophy, contested at Barmera on the weekend in skill-testing, high-wind-strength conditions.

Race officer Chris Stevens set a long course to North Lake, attempting to capture all angles of sailing with an average 20 knot west-nor-west wind.

A couple of boats capsized on the first short leg close to the club, but then all settled into the testing conditions. The beam reaching and square running of the first of three

legs getting to the eastern shore was fairly uneventful except for some very fast fun.

The turn mark opposite Camp Kedron (the furthest leeward shore) had huge waves of one to five metres for all to deal with.

Bandit and Delaine revelled in the big waves and high wind of the windward leg, gaining a massive lead with the rest of fleet a bit stretched out by now and sailing well to the turn mark (gauging pylon off Flewellyn Beach at North Lake).

By this time Bandit was half way back to the town side of Lake Bonney, sailing

straight down the middle of lake. Everyone had a hell ride sailing a reasonably easy broad reach at high speed back down to the turn mark off Bluebird Cafe.

With three boats already finished, the wind swung west-south-westerly and piped in at 25-30 knots, creating a bit of difficulty for the remaining boats on course. Multiple capsizes and fatigue had these boats retire as DNF.

When all the gear was back on their jinkers and in the boatshed, some great storytelling of events and disasters was had over a couple of bevvies in the clubhouse.

Commendations to Steve Thomas and Joel Edson for battling the course and enduring the last squally wind conditions of greater than 25 knots. Thanks to race management staff for a great day on the water in big conditions.

Thanks to Grant Schwartzkopff for capturing the day in photos.

Results: 1. Contender "Bandit", Beau Delaine (by 11 minutes). 2. ILCA7 "Blade", Chris Stevens; 3. Contender "Pushing Limits", Geoff Ling.

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## LOXTON CARP JACKPOT JAMBOREE WINNERS

The Loxton Carp Jackpot Jamboree committee thank all the people who assisted with the fishing event at the Apex Park on the Loxton Riverfront on Sat Oct 5th.

Winners of the fishing competition were:

**1ST PRIZE:** Carter Goodhand  
**2ND PRIZE:** Karl Hennig  
**3RD PRIZE:** Jackson Stanley  
**EARLY BIRD:** Terrance Harrison  
**CHILDREN:** Charlie Thiele

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Members are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Monash Club Inc is convened for Tuesday 22nd October 2024 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 meeting.

### BUSINESS

1. To receive apologies.
2. 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 2023/2024.
4. To elect four (4) committee members. Members nominated: current board members – G. Voigt, L. Guppy, S. Varbai, new nomination – S. Hayes.
5. To appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.
6. To discuss remuneration for the committee.
7. 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

## ROAD CLOSURE

### Spooky Spectacle

The Berri Barmera Council exercise power delegated to it by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act and through the Instrument of General Approval, part 1, Clause F: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events to:

- a) Declare the Spooky Spectacle to be held on McIntosh Street, Berri, as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.
- b) Hereby make an order –
- 1) To close the Road specified in the Schedule (below) to traffic including bicycles and scooters, excluding motorised wheelchairs, as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Act.

### THE SCHEDULE

Location	From	To
McIntosh Street from Verran Terrace to Coneybeer Street, Berri.	2pm Saturday 26 October 2024	6pm Saturday 26 October 2024

- 2) Exempt persons in these areas when they are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or [bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au](mailto:bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au)

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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMUNITY LAND LEASE

Berri Barmera Council has received a request from SA Health to grant a new lease to the Berri Barmera District Health Advisory Council Inc over a portion of community land situated at 35-41 Worman Street, Berri, known as the Berri helipad, comprised in Crown Record Volume 5470 Folio 748.

The portion of the land is to be leased exclusively for the operation of the Berri helipad, for the purposes of emergency patient transfer.

It is proposed that the lease be granted for a term of twenty one (21) years, with one (1) rights of renewal for a further twenty one (21) years.

Copies of the proposed lease are available on request by contacting the Council office on 8582 1922, via email [bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au](mailto:bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au) or on Council's website [www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au](http://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au)

In accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, interested persons are invited to make submissions on the proposal. Responses must be received no later than 5pm, Friday 8 November 2024 by post, online or in person.

Further enquiries can be directed to the Land and Property Officer, during office hours on 8582 1922.

TIM PFEIFFER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## the quiz answers

1. Orangutan
2. We Shall Overcome
3. U2
4. Triangles
5. Warner Brothers
6. Michigan
7. Oliver!
8. The Riddler
9. Mars and Venus
10. Thelma and Louise
11. "Pet Sounds" by the Beach Boys
12. Darts
13. Nico Rosberg
14. Andrew Lloyd Webber
15. Violin
16. "Bad To The Bone" by George Thorogood and the Destroyers
17. Angelina Jolie
18. Teacup
19. Melanesia
20. Weasel

### BONUS QUESTION ANSWER

(From last week): The person who designed the red telephone box which first appeared in London in 1926 was (Sir) Giles Gilbert Scott.



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### Notice of Road Closure Machine Mania

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I declare that the 'Machine Mania' is an event to which this section applies and that the following road be closed to vehicle traffic on **Saturday 12 October between 7am to 2.30pm**.

Within the Renmark Paringa Council:

- Para Street, Renmark between Nineteenth Street and Railway Terrace, Renmark

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

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The generosity continued in the Murraylands and Riverland, where donations of blankets, sleeping bags, swags, warm clothing and more flowed into ac.care sites.

A new element of support for ac.care this winter was the inaugural We Care Cally Camp Out, a Callington-based fundraising event led by Australian Portable Camps that raised \$100,000 for ac.care's Murraylands homelessness service.

ac.care homelessness and community services manager Trish Spark thanked the

donors and supporting businesses for their generosity.

"We are fortunate to work alongside communities who are ready to act and give generously to help people in need," Ms Spark said.

"People experience hardship in different ways depending on their circumstances, but we always find that warm clothing and blankets are in need."

"Whether it is helping keep someone warm in their home as they try to keep their electricity costs down or providing some much-needed layers to someone sleeping rough, every contribution helps people in need."

"Thank you to each and every person who donated in some way to help others in the community. Your contribution truly makes a difference."

ac.care provided financial help and food assistance to almost 2000 people across

the Limestone Coast, Riverland and Murraylands during the 2023/24 financial year.

"We are providing what we can to help lessen the impacts of the cost-of-living increases and housing shortages," Ms Spark said.

"We are here to help, so if you or someone you know does need support, please get in touch with your nearest ac.care site to discuss what support is available."

"While we do support people in crisis, we can also help manage your circumstances to potentially ease some of the pressures that contribute towards significant hardship."

Visit the website ([www.accare.org.au](http://www.accare.org.au)), email ([care@accare.org.au](mailto:care@accare.org.au)), or call 1300 ACCARE (1300 222 273), for more information on support available.

## Nominations sought for a \$2000 history fellowship

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as their topic of interest is South Australia.

RIVERLAND researchers keen to explore local history are urged to nominate for the 2025 History Council of South Australia (HGSA) Fellowship.

HCSA president, Professor Matthew Fitzpatrick, said the \$2000 fellowship is open to all Australian researchers from amateur to academic, so long

as researched everything from settler health in colonial South Australia, to the identification of individuals in unmarked graves.

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In recent years our fellowship winners and highly commended nominees have

space for the fellowship winner to conduct their research, as well as the use of a computer and up to 10 hours of research support.

Nominations close on 15 November, with the winner to be announced in December.

For more information, or to nominate, visit the HCSA website, ([www.historycouncilsa.org.au](http://www.historycouncilsa.org.au)).

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Love always, your  
daughter Sharon and  
family.  
xxx

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**HUNTER**, Erald and  
Daisy.  
Congratulations on 65  
years, Mum and Dad.  
10/10/1959  
Wow!!  
Love  
Sharon and Wayne,  
Chloe and Angus,  
baby August  
and David.  
xxx

**DEATHS**

**ANDERSON**, Robert  
James 'Bob'.  
Passed away  
peacefully at home  
on Monday 23  
September, 2024.  
Aged 71 years.  
Loving partner  
of Wendy.  
Loved father of  
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Cherished father  
and friend of  
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Jack,  
Sophie and Oscar.

A memorial will be  
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So sadly missed.  
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hearts.

**GULLICKSON**, Cyril  
James.  
7/4/1928 -  
6/10/2024  
Passed away  
peacefully at  
Renmark Aged Care.  
Loving husband of  
Doris (deceased).

Much-loved father  
and father-in-law of  
Helen and Frank,  
Robert,  
Les and Sharon.  
Adored grandpa of  
Peter and Emma,  
Nathan and Daisy,  
Rebecca, Jason  
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James.  
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Passed away  
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Much-loved father  
and best mate of son,  
Robert.

May angels gently  
carry you to your  
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7/4/1928 -  
6/10/2024  
Passed away  
peacefully at  
Renmark Aged Care.

Loving husband of  
Doris (deceased).  
Aged 37 years.  
Dearly loved son of  
Kay and Bronte.  
Adored younger  
brother of Karla.

Our hearts are  
broken, but our  
precious memories  
will last forever.

**HEUZENROEDER**,  
Dion.  
The staff and board  
of the Renmark  
Irrigation Trust are  
deeply saddened  
by the passing of  
Dion Heuzenroeder.

Dion was a highly  
valued member of  
our team for over  
14 years, resigning  
in November, 2023  
to pursue a new  
direction.  
Dion's expertise in  
technical areas and  
willingness to take  
on new challenges  
were instrumental in  
advancing our digital  
operations. Although  
many Trust members  
may not have known  
Dion personally, they  
regularly interact  
with and benefit  
from the innovative  
tools and systems he  
developed.  
Dion will be sadly  
missed by us all  
and we extend our  
heartfelt condolences  
to his family and  
friends.

**DEATHS**

**KLOEDEN**, David  
James.

Passed away  
peacefully on 24  
September, 2024.  
David was privately  
farewelled, as per his  
wishes, in a beautiful  
service.

Lucy,  
Michelle and Josh,  
James and Sarah  
would like to thank  
everyone who sent  
floral tributes, cards,  
messages and  
donations to MND SA.

Please accept this as  
our heartfelt thanks.



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**MCKAY**, Patricia Nora  
'Pat'.

Passed away  
peacefully at Acacia  
House, Loxton on  
Tuesday 1 October,  
2024 with family by  
her side.

Aged 88 years.

Dearly loved wife of  
Peter (deceased).  
Cherished mother  
and mother-in-law of  
Michele and Frank,  
Jane and Peter,  
Maria and Peter,  
Joanne and John,  
Andrew and Amanda.

Nana to 18  
grandchildren and  
Nana Kay to  
29 great-  
grandchildren.  
Reunited with Peter.

RIP.

**FUNERALS**

**ANDERSON**.  
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of Bob Anderson  
are respectfully  
invited to attend his  
funeral service to be  
conducted entirely at  
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**SIMOS**, Anastasios.  
Passed away Monday  
2 September, 2024.

Aged 88 years.  
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service will be  
held on Sunday 13  
October, 2024 at  
St Mary's Greek  
Orthodox Church,  
Sturt Highway, Berri  
at 11am, followed by  
a luncheon at the  
Barmera Football  
Club.

**WYRILL**.  
Friends of the late  
Pauline Wyrill are  
invited to attend a  
memorial service  
to be held on Friday  
18 October, 2024 at  
1pm, at the Barmera  
Uniting Church.

## IN MEMORIAM

**EDWARDS**, Martin  
Walter.

14/4/1961-  
7/10/1999  
Sad are our hearts  
that are left behind,  
So often the  
tears still fall.  
To live each day  
without you,  
Is the hardest  
part of all.  
Loving you and  
missing you always.  
Sister, Penny.

**ELEFTHERIADIS**,  
Marina.

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Loxton Netball Club last week was awarded the 2024 Woolworths NetSetGO (NSG) Centre of the Year Award. PHOTO: supplied.

# Loxton Netball Club's all GO for kids

THE Loxton Netball Club's efforts to provide a fun and inclusive program for juniors have earned it a national award.

Loxton is the 2024 recipient of the Woolworths NetSetGO (NSG) Centre of the Year Award, which recognises clubs and associations that have "made significant contributions to the growth and development of junior netball in their community".

Throughout 2024, Loxton Netball Club had 60 NSG participants take part in its programs, increasing from 18 participants last year.

The club divides its program into Net and Set participants, who train together, and GO participants, who train separately. The jun-

iors are divided into teams and play games each Friday.

The program was co-ordinated by Michelle Pannell, along with the help of numerous coaches from across the community.

"Training programs were also run on Thursday nights at the same time as football training, where kids would eat for free with their parents," an awards spokesperson said.

Participants would also receive free oranges each week from the local Woolworths.

"GO under nine participants also got involved in interclub games on Friday nights, where they would travel throughout

the Riverland to play against other clubs."

The spokesperson said the club demonstrated an ability to support and guide its coaches to use the NSG program, incorporating modified match-play opportunities for GO participants.

"Furthermore, the club went above and beyond to secure grant funding, allowing them to buy all GO participants playing dresses for them to wear on game day," the spokesperson said.

Woolworths NetSetGO is acknowledged as Australian netball's official starter program for all children aged five to 10.

Loxton Netball Club accepted the NetSetGo Centre of the Year Award at

Netball SA's 2024 Awards Gala Dinner in Adelaide on Friday night.

It was a dual celebration for the club, as it was also recognised as a finalist in Netball SA's Excellence Award.

"Yes, it was fantastic to be recognised for NetSetGO Centre of the Year," a club spokesperson said.

"To be recognised as a finalist for the Excellence Award was pretty amazing too."

From its 12 teams, Loxton won five premierships in the 2024 Riverland netball season. High-profile State League club Contax won the 2024 Excellence Award for the third consecutive year.

## Sue gets great SA netball honour

BARMERA Netball Club's Sue Fox won the Netball SA 2024 HCF Volunteer Achievement Award Country Award, presented in Adelaide on Friday night.

Sue was recognised for her years of volunteering and hard work at the Riverland club, and won the award from a high-achieving field of three finalists.

Her lengthy list of commitments to the Barmera Netball Club include being a player, senior and junior coach, and skills development coach.

Those who nominated Sue paid tribute to her "love of netball and the club (and) her enthusiasm and kindness to everyone at the club".

Sue was on hand to receive the award on Friday night.

A Barmera Netball Club member

described Sue as "an amazing clubperson" and "an incredibly hard worker".

Meanwhile many of Sue's club associates took to social media to share their feelings about her award win.

Comments included:

- "Such a well-deserved recipient. Susan Fox has been the most wonderful role model to many generations of Barmera girls. Thank you 'Foxy' for all that you have done and continue to do for the Barmera netball community."
- "Congratulations Foxy. Well deserved. We are very lucky to have you."
- "Both my girls were lucky enough to be coached and mentored by you. Thank you, you really are a gem!!!"
- "So well deserved. We would all be lost without you."



Barmera Netball Club's Sue Fox (centre) at The Hilton, in Adelaide, with representatives of HCF, which sponsored the 2024 Volunteer Achievement Award Country Award, taken out by Sue. PHOTO: Peter Mundy/Netball SA



The State Foundation Cup, which focuses on a development pathway for young contestants, was played yesterday at the Berri Tennis Club.

PHOTO: supplied.

## Berri serves up SA junior event

A MAJOR statewide junior tennis tournament began in Berri yesterday.

The Berri Tennis Club is hosting the four-day State Foundation Cup for the 11th time, featuring 180 regionally-based players across four age groups.

Players from six SA country regions in under 11, 13, 15 and 17 age groups are taking part in both a team competition, plus individual tournaments.

Visiting players will be accompanied by two Tennis Australia qualified coaches from within their respective regions.

The event has a strong focus on the development pathway for junior regional players, engaging them in competitive opportunities to prepare them for their future in tennis.

"It's an incredibly exciting time for the

club and the community," said Berri Tennis Club president Phil Cresp.

"This tournament is not only great for tennis but also offers a wonderful opportunity for kids to connect, build friendships, and enjoy a memorable experience together."

"It's heart-warming to see how everyone bands together, making this more than just a tournament."

"It's a celebration of community, connection, and the love of tennis."

Tennis SA tournaments and competitions manager Stephen Dawson said the Foundation Cup holds special significance for both the local club and the region, showcasing a passion for tennis that "extends beyond the court".

"The (event) forms a key part of the pathway for our regional players and coaches,"

Mr Dawson said.

"This event brings together players from each of our six country regions, creating stronger links to the year-round opportunities on offer."

"This year we have launched a new brand for the event and are excited to elevate the experience for everyone involved."

"Our sincere thank you to the Berri Barmera Council for their generous sponsorship of this year's event, marking the 11th edition of the State Foundation Cup being held in Berri."

"We sincerely thank the Berri Tennis Club for hosting the event and for their generous support over the years."

The event will finish on Friday.

## Four teams for this year's Riverland baseball season

FOUR teams will contest the 2024/25 Riverland Baseball League season, which begins at Berri's Glassey Park this Friday night.

Berri and Renmark have each entered two sides, with the developmental Pirates team dropping out from the 2023/24

season.

"The junior Pirates aren't entering a team this year, but the majority of the players have filtered seamlessly into the other teams, so it will be exciting to watch them develop further," said Riverland Baseball League president Brenton Halupka.

"We're going right through the age groups these days, with everything from 13-year-olds to the over 40s."

"There'll be several good names to watch in the juniors."

"The committee had the plan of attack to split teams, so all the games could be competitive."

That also develops the juniors, by having the experienced players around them as well."

Opening round matches will be played at 6.20pm and 8.30pm.

An indigenous round and a charity round will be special features of the 2024/25 draw.



The new season is set to deliver high emotions and excitement with the teams already training for the new season. PHOTO: supplied.

## RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS:

Numbers were disappointing for the ninth round of Riverland Veterans Golf, held at Swan Reach, on Monday 30 September. However, good weather and good company were the order of the day.

Final round of the season at the Barmera Golf Club on 4 November, starting time 9.30am.

### RESULTS

#### Men's A grade winner

C. Hyde (Berri) 35 pts, r/up C. Berry (Berri) 33, B. Finn 32,

#### Men's B grade winner

R. Chabrel (Barmera) 33pts, r/up on c/b M. Allington 32, T. Zitto 32, N. Richardson 31, D. Thompson 30, T. Bishop 29,

#### Men's C grade winner

C. Zwarts (Swan Reach) 34pts, r/up D. Reid (Swan Reach) 32, A. McDonald 31, A. Thurmer 30, M. Perry 29, J. Young 29,

#### Ladies Div winner

M. Raven (Swan Reach) 37pts, r/up on c/b Y. Reynolds (Loxton) 31, M. Huezenroder 31.

### LOXTON

#### Wednesday 2 October

Men - D. Marsland 37, T. Roach (South Lakes) 35, J. Clayfield (Future) 35, D. Unferdorben 34, M. Taylor 34, M. Howie (Berri) 33, B. Rollbusch 33, P. Richardson 33, S. Semmler 33, D. Peberdy 32, B. Skinner 32.

Women - S. Pannell 36, Y. Reynolds 33, L. Rowe 32.

#### Friday 4 October

S. Williams (Pacific Harbour) 37, D. Williams (Pacific Harbour) 37, M. McCleary 29, A. Searles 27, B. McCleary 26,

#### Saturday 5 October

Men - S. Williams (Pacific Harbour) 37, D. Unferdorben 35, M. Maczkowiack 34, R. Harman 34, D. Marsland 33, J. Goldsworthy 33, H. Kara-Ali 33, P. Katakis (Hidden Valley) 33, P. Morris 33, G. Schultz 33.

Women - D. Harman 35, S. Grein 35, S. Pendle 35, S. Pannell 32.

### BARMERA

#### Wednesday Stableford 25 September

T. Wood 42, T. Fisher 40, N. McPherson, 39 D. Unferdorben (Loxton GC) 38, R. Chabrel 38, E. Van Hensbergen 37, B. Mudge 36, K. Martin 35, T. Williamson (Loxton GC) 35, N. Kelly 34, P. Ashton 34, A. Rogers (Berri GC) 34.

#### Saturday Stableford 28 September

T. Wood 39, J. Maschotta 39, P. Ivanovic 37, J. Kany 37, R. Wurth 36, R. Chabrel 36, I. Girdler 35, J. Marr 35, P. Seife 34, P. Keane 34, D. Carr 33, E. van Hensbergen 33, G. Denton 33, G. Blythman 33, T. Fisher 33.

## RIVERLAND EIGHTBALL



DAWN Hamilton Pairs was played last week with 24 entries.

Gloria Dyer and Gwen Lally defeated Colby Knight and Mel Briscoe 3-2 to take the title.

Well done Sue Verco and Sue Hayes winning the consolation plate.



30hp Standard: Riley Schwarz/Jeremy Morrison (2nd), Sophie Lampard/Sean Petersen (1st), Haydn Meredith/Brad Withers (3rd) and daughter.



25hp Standard: Jake Saegenschnitter/Steve Scott (2nd), Marley McConnell/Garry McConnell (1st), Maddison Perry/Mark Zwiers (3rd). PHOTOS: supplied



300cc Modified: John Chigros/Thomas Pilgrim (1st).

# Brewery setting for Hunchee Run

THE Paul Hutchins Loan Centre Hunchee Run was contested on Saturday as round five of the Riverland Dinghy Club's championship series.

Round 5 was a double point score, with boats leaving one minute apart, racing against their own times over two laps.

"One section of the course has a time out section to enable racers to decide to take a minute to let the water settle and restart or to continue racing," a club spokesperson said.

"Around 50 volunteers worked to make the event happen."

The race was relocated to the Woolshed

Brewery as a result of the Renmark river-front development.

"It was great to see all top three placegetters in the 25hp section (recognised)... the spokesperson said.

"These competitors are all interstate (based), travelling long distances to attend."

The 30hp standard section featured another tight finish, with Sophie Lampard and Sean Petersen just edging out their competition.

The remaining photos will be published in next week's edition of The Murray Pioneer.



Renmark Olympic's under 12 side that claimed the 2024 Top Four Cup. PHOTO: Grant Schwatzkopff

## Olympic announces AGM date

RENMARK Olympic has announced a date for its AGM following the club's successes seen in the 2024 soccer season.

Members of the community seeking to become involved with the club are encouraged to attend the AGM, which will be held at the Hotel Renmark boardroom, on Wednesday 27 November, at 7pm.

The club would also like to thank its sponsors for 2024, which included:

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Under 12 Best and Fairest recipient Ivan Atsaves. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

## Renmark and Berri only undefeated sides

RENMARK and Berri are the only two undefeated sides just two rounds into the Bowls Riverland Wednesday Pennant season.

The two sides only escaped with narrow wins last week, with Renmark edging out The Lawns by four shots, and Berri getting home by a single shot in a cracking battle against Loxton.

For Renmark, the nine-shot win skippered by Sandra Schulz proved crucial in 56-52 victory.

Berri's 53-52 win over Loxton featured one drawn rink, plus another decided by a single shot. The four skippered by Berri star Kerry Treloar delivered the decisive win, edging out Bernie Mattner's four by two shots.

In the other games,

Waikerie and Barmera posted their opening wins of the season, beating Loxton RSL and Monash respectively.

The Waikerie four skippered by Maxine Morley was in particularly good touch, winning 39-7.

Barmera skipper Julie Gartner showed her class in helping to guide her team to 27-14 win over the Monash four skippered by Sandy Elsdon.

### DIVISION ONE

**Renmark 56 d The Lawns 52.**

S. Schulz 21 d J. Knight 12; D. Beer 17 lost to B. Symonds 21; M. Spano 18 d S. Machell 17.

**Berri 53 d Loxton 52.**

B. Knight 18 lost to S. Coombe 19; C. Eichenberger 18 drew with D. Schulz 18; K. Treloar 17 d B. Mattner 15.

**Waikerie 69 d Loxton RSL 51.**

M. Morley 39 d J. Smith 7; C. Davies 13 lost to M. Schutz 27; J.

Johns 17 drew with S. Sumner 17.

**Barmera 68 d Monash 39.**

J. Gartner 27 d S. Elsdon 14; J. Healey 20 d J. John 12; M. Morrow 21 d J. Traeger 13.

**Points: Renmark, Berri 49;**

**Monash, Barmera, The Lawns 26; Waikerie 25; Loxton RSL 4; Loxton 3.**

### DIVISION TWO

**Loxton 41 d Waikerie 38.**

M. Tygh 13 lost to C. Kleemann 22; N. Allen 28 d L. Burnett 16.

**The Lawns 49 d Barmera 29.**

S. Haines 20 d S. Robinson 17; M. Williams 29 d C. Pickering 12.

**Berri Blue 52 d Renmark 26.**

Y. Jex 31 d B. Warren 11; P. Ledsham 21 d L. Hoffmann 15.

**Moorook 57 d Berri Red 25.**

L. Tschirpig 18 lost to K. Tanner 19; M. Heuston 39 d L. Blades 16.

**The Lawns Red 44 d Lyrup 37.**

E. Kennedy 22 d S. Lloyd 15; C. Haar 22 drew with R. Smith 22.

**Points: Berri Blue, The Lawns 48;**

**The Lawns Red 45; Waikerie 24;**

**Lyrup 23; Moorook, Loxton 22;**

**Berri Red 4, Renmark, Barmera 2.**

## Lawns big midweek triples winners

THE Lawns posted a big win over Barmera Pelicans in the second round of the Bowls Riverland Midweek Pennant matches played last week.

The Lawns won 90-38, with Malcolm Inglis' trip leading the way for the victors, winning 32-5.

**Berri Blue 77 d Loxton Blue 54.**

J. Cresp 27 d B. Schubert 8; K. Carpenter 23 d P. Madden 11; N. Weinert 14 d G. Schulz 10; J. Centofanti 13 lost to L. Westbrook 25.

**The Lawns 90 d Barmera Pelicans 38.**

R. Lawton 27 d P. Symens 9; R. Adam 15 d I. Haese 12; M. Inglis 32 d C. O'Connor 5; R. Stoeckel 16 d P. Thompson 12.

**Loxton RSL 71 d Barmera 56.**

W. Schulz 19 d K. Carter 15; C. Inglis 22 d I. Lloyd 9; D. Button 14 lost to R. Reynolds 17; D.

Drabsch 16 d A. Gapco 15.

**Waikerie 76 d The Lawns Red 51.**

M. Morete 18 lost to K. Knight 21; G. Johns 20 d D. Albanese 9; D. Schapel 23 d B. Haby 8; W. Burns 15 d M. Hudson 13.

**Renmark Green 69 d Renmark Gold 58.**

S. Schulz 9 lost to C. Gamble 24; R. Schulz 14 d W. Dopson 13; D. Leedle 19 d R. Andt 15; S. Crook 27 d G. Heywood 6.

**Loxton Red 88 d Lyrup 48.**

G. Huppertz 15 drew with P. Drewett 15; C. McConnell 22 d J. Peters Jr 11; W. Boehm 27 d W. Pahl 8; K. Maynard 24 d L.

Recchia 14.



RTCA action for the 2024 season begins this weekend. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Bats at the ready for cricket return

A TOTAL of six teams are set to feature in a fresh-looking under 16s Riverland cricket competition.

The Riverland Turf Cricket Association (RTCA) will begin its 2024 season this weekend.

RTCA president Luke Cotter said player numbers, particularly in the under 16s grade, had increased.

"In the A grade we've still got the two Mallee teams, and we're welcoming Waikerie Ramco back into the A grade," Cotter said.

"In the 16s we've got all the major

Riverland towns, and we're also welcoming Brown's Well, and a Mallee team into the 16s this year.

"We only had three under 16s teams last year... so it's really good to double the numbers straight up."

"Having six teams is going to be really good for the competition, and allows us to have a finals series where not everyone is guaranteed a spot."

This year's RTCA competition is set to feature under 12, under 16, B grade and A grade divisions.

Cotter expected team commitment to

training would prove a difference in the A grade season, with most sides having recently contended in finals.

"I wouldn't be too surprised if Waikerie is up there as well," he said.

"It will be interesting to see how the season plays out... it's been pretty even in the last three to four years."

"I think it will come down to whoever is the most consistent over the year, and that generally comes from having a core group of players, 13 or 14, that are committed every week."

Cotter said ongoing involvement of

the Mallee-based teams had helped the Riverland sides raise their standard.

"It was four or five years ago we started a partnership with the Mallee teams," he said.

"It creates more breadth in the competition and different faces."

"The more we do it, and the longer it keeps going, the more it will become part of the culture of the association."

The A grade competition begins on Saturday, with Renmark North hosting Warriors, while Mallee Bushrangers take on Parilla and Loxton Tigers face Berri.



# Sport



Darran van der Woude was the main drive, supported by his daughter Millie as back-up driver. His son Izaak shared navigator duties with Millie.

## From rollover to off-road champions

A RIVERLAND team has overcome a mid-season rollover to win a 2024 Australian Off Road Championship.

Barmera-based Dutch Courage Racing took out class 5 title of the ARB AORRA championship, decided over four races across Australia.

Piloting their customised 6-litre turbo V8 Holden Colorado, Darran van der Woude was the main driver, with his daughter Millie back-up driver.

Millie and her brother Izaak shared the role of navigator.

Dutch Courage Racing started the series well in the opening event, held in Rainbow, Victoria, and also finished strongly in Millicent. However, a rollover at Waikerie when not competing in the championship threatened to derail the campaign.

"That put a big question mark over whether we could get the car even back on the track for the championship this year," van der Woude said.

"But a lot of hours by our crew, and race partners Riverland Collision Centre and Lake Bonney Blasting, managed to get the truck 'raceable', allowing us to secure the championship."

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## On the money

**S**HE found fame with The Wiggles as the pirouetting, sweetly singing, Irish dancing, sign language aficionado and won toddler's hearts. Now that those original rug rats are pushing their teens, Emma Watkins is on hand to teach them a handy new skill: budgeting.

This intriguing new gig sees Watkins guide teenagers on the invaluable necessities of finance. Taking over from Eddie Woo, this reimagined format features bigger challenges, older participants and Watkins' wide-eyed charm. She meets 10 families who jump aboard a roller-coaster of emotions and receipts when their teen takes control of the family budget for one month.

"I'm thrilled to join the beloved show *Teenage Boss* for its third series," enthuses Watkins.

"I'm looking forward to working through the challenges of managing budgets with the teens themselves and hoping to learn a thing or two myself. Tighten your purse strings – I'm on my way!"

In Saturday's first instalment, 17-year-old soccer player Jack must embrace cost-cutting to finance a gap year in the United Kingdom. Jack's initial budget has a load of cutbacks in store for mum Claire and sister Aimee, but are Jack's cost-saving measures – not to mention his unconventional approach to meals – feasible in a cost-of-living crisis?

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4.00 Love Your Garden. Hosted by Alan Titchmarsh. (R)  
4.45 Grand Designs. Hosted by Kevin McCloud. (R)  
5.30 Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Bruce. (R)

**SEVEN [CH7, 6]**

6.00 Sunrise.  
9.00 The Morning Show. (PG)  
11.30 Seven Morning News.  
12.00 My Kitchen Rules. Hannah and Lawrence seek redemption. (PG, R)  
1.40 Border Security: International. An American traveller cannot remember his past. (PG, R)  
2.10 Catch Phrase. Game show. (PG, R)  
3.00 The Chase. Hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)  
4.00 Seven News At 4.  
5.00 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.

6.30 Hard Quiz. Presented by Tom Gleeson. (PG, R)  
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.  
7.30 7.30. Presented by Sarah Ferguson.  
8.00 Hard Quiz. Series Return. Presented by Tom Gleeson. (PG)  
8.30 Question Everything. Series Return. Wil Anderson and Jan Fran are joined by a panel to dissect the news and sort the real from the rumours.  
9.05 Planet America. A look at the US politics.  
9.35 Would I Lie To You? Hosted by Rob Brydon. (R)  
10.05 Spicks And Specks. Hosted by Adam Hills. (PG, R)  
10.40 ABC Late News.  
10.55 The Business. (R)  
11.10 Austin. (PG, R)  
12.05 Grand Designs: East Essex. (M, R)  
12.55 Killing Eve. (MA15+, R)  
1.35 Parliament Question Time.  
2.40 Rage. (MA15+)  
3.30 Catalyst. (R)  
4.30 Gardening Australia. (R)  
5.30 7.30. (R)

**7TWO [CH72, 62]**

6.00 Children's Programs. 5.25 Builder Brothers Dream Factory. 5.35 Fireman Sam. 5.45 Shaun The Sheep. 5.55 Octonauts. 6.05 Little J And Big Cuz. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Paddington. 6.40 Pffirates. 6.50 Ginger And The Vegesaurus. 6.55 Hey Duggee. 7.05 Riley Rocket. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Shaun The Sheep. 7.35 The Inbestigators. 7.50 Operation Ouch! 8.20 BTN Newsbreak. 8.25 Doctor Who. 10.15 Merlin. 11.00 Fresh Off The Boat. 11.20 Speechless. 11.40 Horrible Histories. 12.10 Operation Ouch!  
12.25 Good Game Spawn Point. 1.10 Rage. 2.15 Jade Armor. 2.35 Total Drama Island. 2.55 Summer Memories. 3.10 Horrible Histories. 3.35 Odd Squad. 3.55 Close. 4.00 Moon And Me. 4.20 Pip And Posy. 4.35 School Of Roars. 4.40 Olobob Top. 4.45 Twirlywoos. 5.00 Sesame Street. 5.25 Daniel Tiger's. 5.40 Teletubbies. 5.50 Bing.

**ABC FAMILY [CH22]****NINE [CH9, 8]**

6.00 Today.  
9.00 Today Extra. (PG)  
11.30 9News Morning.  
12.00 The Block. (PG, R)  
1.20 Explore TV: Trade Routes Of The Middle Ages. Presented by Trevor Cochrane. (PG, R)  
1.50 My Way. Hosted by Justin Noonan. (R)  
2.00 Pointless. Presented by Alexander Armstrong. (PG)  
3.00 Tipping Point. Hosted by Ben Shephard. (PG, R)  
4.00 9News Afternoon.  
5.00 Tipping Point Australia. Hosted by Todd Woodbridge. (PG)

**TEN [CH10, 5]**

6.00 The Talk. (PG) 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 7.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 8.00 Neighbours. (PG, R) 8.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 9.00 The Drew Barrymore Show. (PG) 10.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 10.30 Taskmaster Australia. (PG, R) 11.40 Entertainment Tonight. 12.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 12.30 Family Feud. (PG) 1.00 10 News First: Lunchtime. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 10 News First: Afternoon. 4.00 Neighbours. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.

**SBS [CH3]**

6.00 DW English News. 6.30 Al Jazeera. 7.00 BBC News At Six. 7.30 France 24 English News. 8.00 DD India News Hour. 9.00 Paul O'Grady: For The Love Of Dogs. (PG, R) 10.00 Grayson's Art Club. (PG, R) 10.55 Revolution: Ideas That Changed The World. (PG, R) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Dateline. (R) 2.30 Insight. (R) 3.30 Plat Du Tour. 3.35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (R) 4.05 Planet Reef. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (R) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)

**9GEM [CH92, 81]**

6.00 Danger Man. (PG) 7.00 Creflo. (PG) 7.30 Skippy. 8.00 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. (PG) 11.30 My Favorite Martian. 12.00 Days Of Our Lives. (PG) 12.55 The Young And The Restless. (PG) 1.50 Innovation Nation. 2.00 Shakespeare And Hathaway. (PG) 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 Movie: Saraband For Dead Lovers. (1948) Stewart Granger, Joan Greenwood, Flora Robson. (G) 5.30 Yorkshire Auction House. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 7.30 As Time Goes By. (R) 8.40 Midsomer Murders. (M, R) 10.40 Queens Of Mystery. (M, R) 11.40 Killer At The Crime Scene. (M) 12.35 My Favorite Martian. 1.00 Creflo. (PG) 1.30 Movie: Saraband For Dead Lovers. (1948) Stewart Granger. (G) 3.30 Antiques Roadshow. 4.00 Queens Of Mystery. (M) 5.00 Yorkshire Auction House.

**10 PEACH [CH11, 52]**

6.00 Stephen Colbert. (PG) 7.00 Drew Barrymore. (PG) 8.00 Lingo. 9.00 Deal Or No Deal. 9.30 Becker. (PG) 10.00 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 10.30 King Of Queens. (PG) 11.00 Friends. (PG) 12.00 Big Bang. (PG) 1.00 Friends. (PG) 1.30 King Of Queens. (PG) 2.00 Becker. (PG) 2.30 Frasier. (PG) 3.30 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 4.00 Everyday Gourmet. 4.30 King Of Queens. (PG) 5.00 Becker. (PG) 5.30 Frasier. (PG) 6.30 Neighbours. (PG, R) 7.00 Friends. (PG, R) 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R) 8.30 The Big Bang Theory. (M, R) 9.30 Two And A Half Men. (M, R) 10.00 Two And A Half Men. (PG, R) 11.00 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 11.30 Impractical Jokers. (M) 12.00 Ent. Tonight. 12.30 Shopping. 2.30 Bold. (PG) 3.30 Stephen Colbert. (PG) 4.30 Just For Laughs Montreal. (M) 5.30 Shopping.

**SBS VICELAND [CH31]**

6.00 TRT World Newshour. 6.50 DW English News. 7.20 FBC News. 7.55 France 24 Feature. 8.10 ABC America Nightline. 8.40 CBC The National. 9.30 BBC News At Six. 10.00 The Movie Show. 12.05 France 24 English News. 12.35 VICE Investigates. 1.30 One Armed Chef. 2.25 Hair Power: Me And My Afro. 3.20 BBC News At Ten. 3.50 ABC World News Tonight. 4.15 PBS News. 5.15 Abandoned. 6.10 Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Movie: The Assignment. (1997) Aidan Quinn, Donald Sutherland, Ben Kingsley. 10.40 Movie: Nekrotronic. (2018) Ben O'Toole, Monica Bellucci, Dave Beamish. 12.30 Tales From The Territories. 2.20 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera.

**7MATE [CH74, 60]**

6.00 The Fishing Show. (PG) 7.00 Step Outside. (PG) 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 A Football Life. (PG)  
9.00 Seven's Motorsport Classic.  
10.00 Storage Wars. (PG) 10.30 American Restoration. (PG) 11.00 American Pickers. (PG) 12.00 Pawn Stars. (PG) 1.00 Outback Truckers. (M) 2.00 Outback Truckers. (PG)  
3.00 Billy The Exterminator. (PG)  
3.30 Hustle & Tow. (PG) 4.30 Storage Wars. (PG) 5.00 American Restoration. (PG) 5.30 American Pickers. (PG) 6.30 Pawn Stars. (PG)  
7.00 Football. AFL Women's. Week 7. Adelaide v Melbourne.  
9.15 Highway Patrol. (PG, R)  
9.45 World's Wildest Police Videos. (M) 10.45 Police Custody USA. (M)  
11.45 Swamp People. 12.45 American Pickers. (PG) 2.00 Pawn Stars. (PG) 3.00 World's Wildest Police Videos. (M) 5.00 Barrett-Jackson: Revved Up.

**9GO! [CH93, 82]**

6.00 Children's Programs. 8.00 Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. 8.30 True And The Rainbow Kingdom.  
9.00 Teen Titans Go! 9.30 Ricky Zoom. 10.00 Ninjago. 10.30 Pokémon Horizons: The Series. 11.00 Transformers: Prime. 11.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. 12.00 Hart Of Dixie.  
1.00 Young Sheldon. 1.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 2.00 Bewitched. 2.30 The Nanny. 3.30 Seinfeld. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched.  
5.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 6.00 The Golden Girls. 6.30 The Nanny. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.30 Movie: Hot Shots! (1991) Charlie Sheen, Cary Elwes, Valeria Golino. 10.15 Seinfeld. 11.15 The O.C. 12.15 Love Island UK. 1.10 Below Deck. 2.00 The Nanny.  
3.00 Bakugan: Evolutions. 3.30 Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. 4.00 Transformers: Prime. 4.30 Ninjago.  
4.50 Ricky Zoom. 5.10 Teen Titans Go! 5.30 Pokémon.

**10 BOLD [CH12, 51]**

6.00 Home Shopping. (R)  
8.00 NBL Slam.  
8.30 Diagnosis Murder. (PG, R)  
10.30 JAG. (PG, R)  
12.30 Dr Phil. (PG, R)  
2.30 Jake And The Fatman. (PG, R)  
3.30 Diagnosis Murder. (PG, R)  
5.30 JAG. (PG, R)  
7.30 NCIS. After a body is discovered at a naval base, Ducky and Abby learn the victim was a submariner. (M, R)  
9.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. A US Marine falls ill during a training mission after an attack by a genetic weapon. (M, R)  
10.30 The Weekly Kick-Off.  
11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles. (M, R)  
11.55 Evil. (MA15+, R)  
12.55 Home Shopping. (R)  
2.25 Diagnosis Murder. (PG, R)  
4.15 JAG. (PG, R)

**SBS WORLD MOVIES [CH32]**

6.00 White Lion. (2010) (PG, R)  
7.40 Remember Me: The Mahalia Jackson Story. (2021) (PG, R)  
9.25 Paris Can Wait. (2016) (PG, R)  
11.05 Kung Fu Yoga. (2017) (M, R)  
1.05 Nordic By Nature. (2021) (Faroeese, M, R)  
2.20 Four Souls Of Coyote. (2023) (PG, R)  
4.15 Topkapi. (1964) (PG, R)  
6.25 The Great Escape. (1963) Steve McQueen. (PG, R)  
9.30 A Fistful Of Dollars. (1964) Clint Eastwood, Marianne Koch. A gunslinger gets caught up in the fight between two rival gangs vying for control of a Mexican border town. (MA15+, R)  
11.25 Black Box. (2021) (French, M, R)  
1.50 The Ballad Of Lefty Brown. (2017) (MA15+, R)  
3.55 Jump, Darling. (2020) (M, R)  
5.35 Topkapi. (1964) (PG, R)

## ABC TV [CH2]

6.00 News Breakfast.  
9.00 ABC News Mornings.  
10.00 Australian Story: Holding On - Gus Taylor. (R)  
10.30 Compass: Chefs Under Pressure. (PG, R)  
11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)  
12.00 ABC News At Noon.  
1.00 The Secret Lives Of Our Urban Birds: Sydney. (R)  
2.00 Parliament Question Time.  
3.00 Earth: Green. (R)  
3.55 Love Your Garden. (R)  
4.40 Grand Designs. Hosted by Kevin McCloud. (PG, R)  
5.30 Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Bruce. (R)

## SEVEN [CH7, 6]

6.00 Sunrise.  
9.00 The Morning Show. (PG)  
11.30 Seven Morning News.  
12.00 Movie: Hailey Dean Mysteries: Killer Sentence. (2019) Kellie Martin. (PG)  
2.00 Your Money & Your Life. Presented by David Koch.  
2.30 Border Security: International. A traveller's belongings raise alarms. (PG, R)  
3.00 The Chase. Hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)  
4.00 Seven News At 4.  
5.00 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.

6.30 Hard Quiz. Presented by Tom Gleeson. (PG, R)  
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.  
7.30 7.30. Presented by Sarah Ferguson.  
8.00 Grand Designs Australia: Kevin McCloud Special. Series Return. Hosted by Anthony Burke. (PG)  
9.00 Return To Paradise. A tense game of lawn bowls turns to chaos when a player is killed on the green in broad daylight. (M, R)  
10.00 Fake Or Fortune? William Nicholson. Part 1 of 5. (R)  
11.00 ABC Late News. Coverage of the day's events.  
11.15 The Business. Presented by Alicia Barry. (R)  
11.30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe: Bill Bailey. Zan Rowe chats with Bill Bailey. (PG, R)  
12.00 Killing Eve. (M, R)  
12.45 Parliament Question Time.  
1.45 Love Your Garden. (R)  
2.30 Rage. (MA15+)  
3.35 Catalyst. (R)  
4.30 Gardening Australia. (R)  
5.30 7.30. (R)

## ABC FAMILY [CH22]

6.00 Children's Programs. 5.55 Octonauts. 6.05 Little J And Big Cuz. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Paddington. 6.40 Pfffires. 6.50 Ginger And The Vegesairs. 6.55 Hey Duggee. 7.05 Riley Rocket. 7.20 Bluey.  
7.30 Shaun The Sheep. 7.35 The Investigators. 7.50 Operation Ouch!  
8.20 BTN Newsbreak. 8.25 The Wonderful World Of Puppies. 9.10 72 Cutest Animals. 9.40 Doctor Who. 10.25 Merlin. 11.10 Fresh Off The Boat. 11.30 Speechless. 11.50 Good Game Spawn Point. 12.40 Rage. 1.40 Slugterra. 2.00 The Rubbish World Of Dave Spud. 2.15 Summer Memories. 2.25 Horrible Histories. 2.50 Miraculous. 3.35 Odd Squad. 3.55 Close. 4.00 Moon And Me. 4.20 Pip And Posy. 4.35 School Of Roars. 4.40 Olobob Top. 4.45 Twirlywoos. 5.00 Sesame Street. 5.25 Daniel Tiger's. 5.40 Teletubbies. 5.50 Bing.

## 7TWO [CH72, 62]

6.00 Shopping. 6.30 I Escaped To The Country. (PG) 7.30 Harry's Practice. 8.00 Million Dollar Minute.  
9.00 Left Off The Map. (PG) 9.30 NBC Today. 12.00 Better Homes. 1.00 I Escaped To The Country. (PG)  
2.00 South Aussie With Cosi. (PG) 2.30 My Impossible House. (PG, R)  
3.30 Left Off The Map. (PG) 4.00 The Zoo. (R)  
4.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)  
5.30 I Escaped To The Country. (PG, R)  
6.30 Bargain Hunt.  
7.30 Father Brown. (M, R)  
8.30 Miniseries: Karen Pirie. (M)  
10.30 Murdoch Mysteries. (M, R)  
11.30 Father Brown. (M, R)  
12.30 Bargain Hunt. 1.30 My Impossible House. (PG) 2.30 The Zoo. 3.00 Better Homes. 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. 5.00 Harry's Practice. 5.30 James Robison. (PG)

## 7MATE [CH74, 60]

6.00 The Fishing Show. 7.00 Step Outside. (PG) 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 A Football Life. (PG) 9.00 Seven's Motorsport Classic. 10.00 Storage Wars. (PG) 10.30 American Restoration. (PG) 11.00 American Pickers. (PG) 12.00 Pawn Stars. (PG) 1.00 Highway Patrol. (PG) 1.30 The Force: BTL. (PG) 2.00 Carnage. 3.00 Billy The Exterminator. 3.30 Hustle & Tow. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Restoration. (PG)  
5.30 American Pickers. (PG) 6.30 Pawn Stars. (PG) 7.00 Football. AFL Women's. Week 7. Port Adelaide v Collingwood. 9.00 Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. (PG) 10.00 Disasters At Sea. (PG) 11.00 The Mightiest. 12.00 American Restoration. (PG) 12.30 American Pickers. (PG) 1.30 Pawn Stars. (PG)  
2.30 Sound FX: Best Of. 3.00 NFL. Week 5. Cincinnati Bengals v Baltimore Ravens.

## NINE [CH9, 8]

6.00 Today.  
9.00 Today Extra. (PG)  
11.30 9News Morning.  
12.00 The Block. Hosted by Scott Cam and Shelley Craft. (PG, R)  
1.00 Journey To Europe: Switzerland And Ireland. A look at Switzerland and Ireland. (PG, R)  
2.00 Pointless. Presented by Alexander Armstrong. (PG)  
3.00 Tipping Point. Hosted by Ben Shephard. (PG, R)  
4.00 9News Afternoon.  
5.00 Tipping Point Australia. Hosted by Todd Woodbridge. (PG, R)

## TEN [CH10, 5]

6.00 The Talk. (PG) 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 7.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 8.00 Neighbours. (PG, R) 8.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 9.00 The Drew Barrymore Show. (PG) 10.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 10.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PG, R) 11.30 Entertainment Tonight. 12.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 12.30 Family Feud. (PG) 1.00 10 News First: Lunchtime. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 10 News First: Afternoon. 4.00 Neighbours. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.

## SBS [CH3]

6.00 DW English News. 6.30 Al Jazeera. 7.00 BBC News At Six. 7.30 France 24 English News. 8.00 DD India News Hour. 9.00 Paul O'Grady: For The Love Of Dogs. (PG, R) 10.00 Grayson's Art Club. (PG, R) 10.55 Seed. (PG, R) 11.30 Beneath The Stigma. (M, R) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. (R) PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Secrets To Civilisation. (M, R) 3.00 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (R) 4.05 Planet Reef. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (R) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)

## 9GEM [CH92, 81]

6.00 Danger Man. (PG) 7.00 Creflo. (PG) 7.30 Skippy. 8.00 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. (PG) 11.30 My Favorite Martian. 12.00 Days Of Our Lives. (PG) 12.55 The Young And The Restless. (PG) 1.50 As Time Goes By. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 Movie: Brothers In Law. (1957) Richard Attenborough, Ian Carmichael. (G) 5.30 Yorkshire Auction House.  
6.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)  
7.30 Keeping Up Appearances. (PG, R)  
8.40 Poirot. (PG, R)  
10.50 Miniseries: Agatha Christie's Ordeal By Innocence. (MA15+, R)  
11.50 Murdered By Morning. (MA15+)  
12.50 Innovation Nation. 1.00 Creflo. (PG) 1.30 Movie: Brothers In Law. (1957) (G) 3.30 Antiques Roadshow.  
4.00 Miniseries: Agatha Christie's Ordeal By Innocence. (MA15+) 5.00 Yorkshire Auction House.

## 10 PEACH [CH11, 52]

6.00 Stephen Colbert. (PG) 7.00 Drew Barrymore. (PG) 8.00 Lingo. 9.00 Deal Or No Deal. 9.30 Becker. (PG) 10.00 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 10.30 King Of Queens. (PG)  
11.00 Friends. (PG) 12.00 Big Bang. (PG) 1.00 Friends. (PG) 1.30 King Of Queens. (PG) 2.00 Becker. (PG) 2.30 Frasier. (PG) 3.30 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 4.00 Everyday Gourmet. 4.30 King Of Queens. (PG)  
5.00 Becker. (PG) 5.30 Frasier. (PG) 6.30 Neighbours. (PG)  
7.00 Friends. (PG)  
8.00 The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R)  
8.30 The Big Bang Theory. (M, R)  
9.00 Big Bang. (PG) 9.30 Two And A Half Men. (M) 10.30 Two And A Half Men. (PG) 11.00 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 11.30 Impractical Jokers. (M) 12.00 Ent. Tonight. 12.30 Shopping. 2.30 Bold. (PG) 3.30 Stephen Colbert. (PG) 4.30 Just For Laughs Montreal. (M) 5.30 Shopping.

## SBS VICELAND [CH31]

6.00 TRT World Newshour. 6.50 DW English News. 7.20 FBC News. 7.55 France 24 Feature. 8.10 ABC America Nightline. 8.40 CBC The National. 9.30 BBC News At Six. 10.00 The Movie Show. 12.00 France 24 English News. 12.30 Hustle. 1.25 The Story Of. 1.55 Unknown Amazon. 2.50 The Wine Lovers' Guide To Australia. 3.25 BBC News At Ten. 3.55 ABC World News Tonight. 4.20 PBS News. 5.20 Abandoned. 6.10 Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown.  
8.30 Hells Angels: Kingdom Come. 10.20 Obsessed With My Muscles. 10.50 Dark Side Of Comedy. 11.45 Movie: Code Of The Freaks. (2020) Lawrence Carter-Long. 1.00 Sex Before The Internet. 1.55 Cocaine: Britain's Epidemic. 2.50 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera.

## 9GO! [CH93, 82]

6.00 Children's Programs. 8.00 Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. 8.30 True And The Rainbow Kingdom. 9.00 Teen Titans Go! 9.30 Ricky Zoom. 10.00 Ninjago. 10.30 Pok閙on Horizons: The Series.  
11.00 Transformers: Prime. 11.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. 12.00 Hart Of Dixie. 1.00 I Dream Of Jeannie. 1.30 Bewitched. 2.00 The Golden Girls. 2.30 The Nanny. 3.30 Seinfeld.  
4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 6.00 The Golden Girls. 6.30 The Nanny. 7.30 Survivor 47. 9.00 Movie: We're The Millers. (2013) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis. 11.15 The O.C. 12.15 Love Island: Unseen Bits.  
1.10 Below Deck. 2.00 The Nanny. 3.00 Bakugan: Evolutions. 3.30 Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. 4.00 Transformers: Prime. 4.30 Ninjago. 4.50 Ricky Zoom. 5.10 Teen Titans Go! 5.30 Pok閙on.

## 10 BOLD [CH12, 51]

6.00 Home Shopping. (R)  
8.00 Pooches At Play. (R)  
8.30 Diagnosis Murder. (PG, R)  
10.30 JAG. (PG, R)  
12.30 Dr Phil. (PG, R)  
2.30 Jake And The Fatman. (PG, R)  
3.30 Diagnosis Murder. (PG, R)  
5.30 JAG. (PG, R)  
7.30 NCIS. After a US Marine's widow receives a call from her dead husband, the team takes on the case. (M, R)  
9.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. When the NCIS team investigates a shootout on a boat in which a rare cultural artifact is stolen, they are shocked to learn who owns the vessel. (M, R)  
11.15 Evil. The team investigates a demon. (MA15+, R)  
12.15 Home Shopping. (R)  
2.15 Diagnosis Murder. (PG, R)  
4.05 JAG. (PG, R)

## SBS WORLD MOVIES [CH32]

6.00 Topkapi. (1964) Continued. (PG, R)  
7.45 Anandi Gopal. (2019) (Marathi, PG, R)  
10.10 Benediction. (2021) (M, R)  
12.40 Supernova. (2020) (M, R)  
2.25 Remember Me: The Mahalia Jackson Story. (2021) (PG, R)  
4.10 Paris Can Wait. (2016) (PG, R)  
5.50 The Grey Fox. (1982) Richard Farnsworth. (PG, R)  
7.30 T-34. (2018) Alexander Petrov, Irina Starshenbaum. Russians escape from the Germans in a tank. (Russian, M, R)  
9.35 For A Few Dollars More. (1965) Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef. A bounty hunter chases a deranged killer. (M, R)  
12.00 Tracker. (2010) (M, R)  
1.55 A Fistful Of Dollars. (1964) (MA15+, R)  
3.50 OSS 117: From Africa With Love. (2021) (French, M, R)

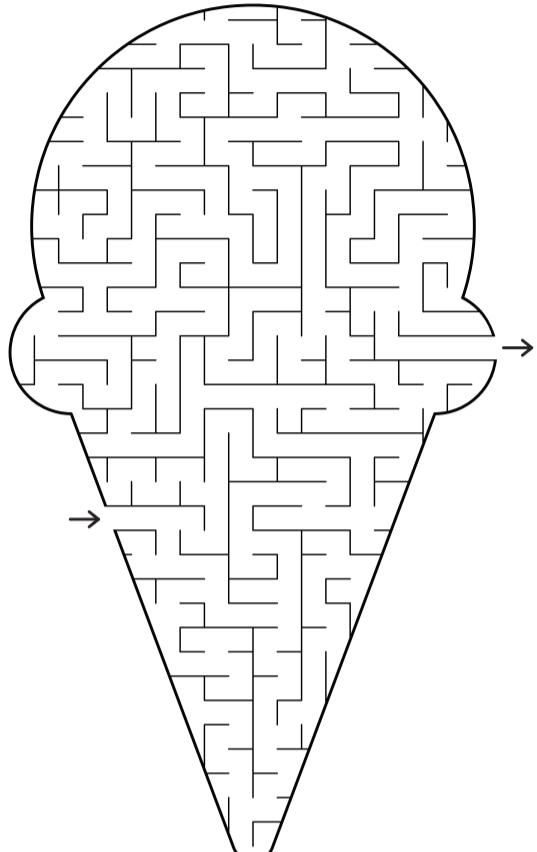




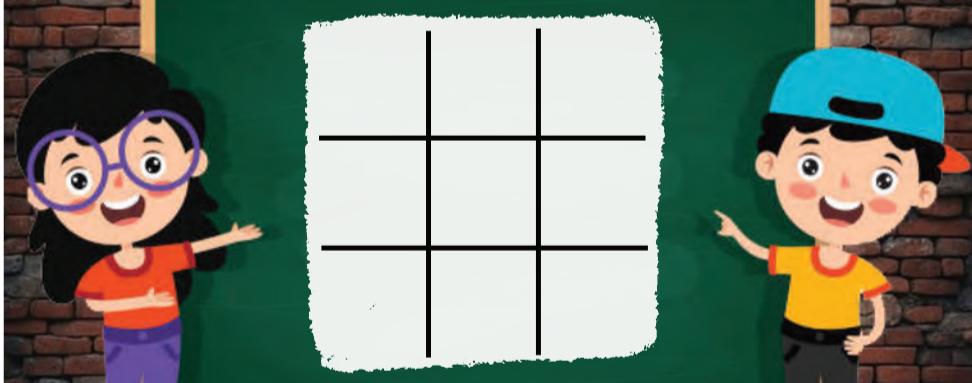
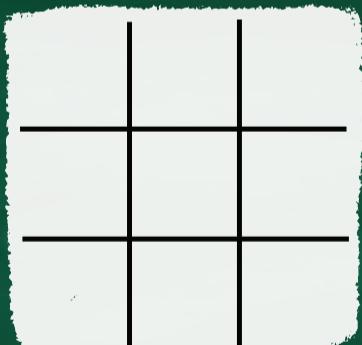
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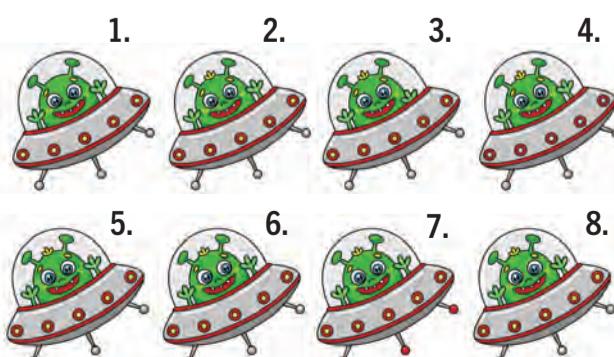
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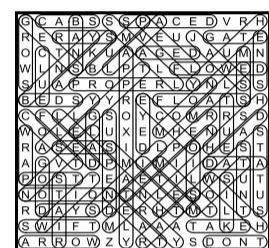
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BLACK	DUMB	HEAL	LINE	RAINS
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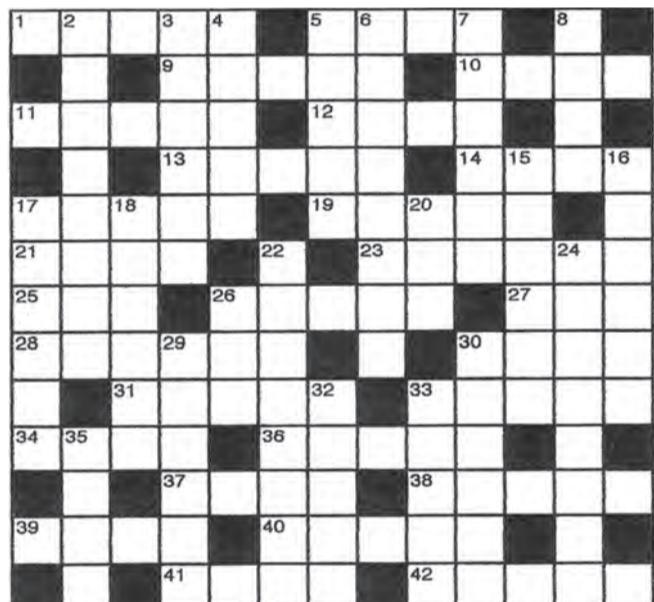
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## CROSSWORD

ACROSS  
1. Card game  
5. Hardens  
9. Keyboard instrument  
10. Chilly  
11. Seasoning  
12. Mormon state (U.S.A.)  
13. Seize  
14. Expel  
17. Fastener  
19. Canadian territory  
21. Beneficiary  
23. Without sound  
25. Scottish river  
26. Female fox  
27. Wine vessel  
28. Old Dutch coin  
30. Carnival  
31. Connection  
33. Underwater detection device  
34. Symbol  
36. Pertaining to a lobe  
37. Decorated a cake  
38. Moderately warm  
39. Metallic element  
40. Nostrils  
41. Consumes  
42. Dazes.

DOWN  
2. Most cheerful  
3. Football code  
4. Manage  
5. Pert  
6. Thrilled  
7. Place of learning  
8. In addition  
15. Lopsided



16. Restrained laugh  
17. Monkey  
18. Scandinavian sea rover  
20. Relative  
22. Malignant  
24. Art of swimming  
26. Annoy  
29. Italian city  
30. Woodland  
32. Soft drinks  
33. Surfeits  
35. Eye membrane

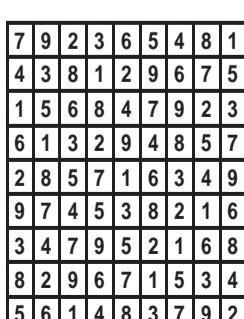


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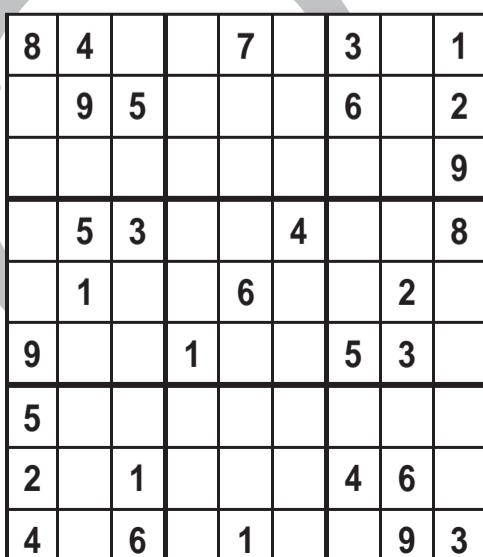
## SUDOKU

No.500

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



Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



Solution No. 499

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# Horoscopes



### ARIES

MAR 21ST - APR 20TH

A remark from a friend may throw you for a while. Your feelings towards this person will change when you understand what was behind it! **Romance.** You may need a little bit of time by yourself this week. Find a way to let your partner know this without hurting their feelings.



### TAURUS

APR 21ST - MAY 21ST

A message which was meant for someone else should stay that way! You are curious to find out what is in it, but you should not push your luck too far. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Jupiter later in the week will help to give your self-confidence a boost. You will be surprised how much more attractive you are to members of the opposite sex.



### GEMINI

MAY 22ND - JUN 21ST

Do your best to make your feelings clear without being too confrontational. There may be tension with a colleague at work who wants to keep you under control. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Mars will give you a lot of determination and energy: you will expect other people to take you seriously, and if they don't, there could be trouble!



### CANCER

JUN 22ND - JUL 23RD

Be cautious about what you are told by somebody whom you have never met before. This person is trying so hard to impress you that you cannot help but be a little suspicious! **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Venus will give your love-life a boost. You will be unprepared for all the extra attention that you get!



### LEO

JUL 24TH - AUG 23RD

A powerful aspect to the Sun could make you a little self-centred this week. Don't try to take the credit for an idea which originally came from someone else. **Romance.** A meeting later in the week will help you to sort out your feelings towards a new person in your life. Think through your options carefully before you make a decision.



### VIRGO

AUG 24TH - SEP 23RD

Your work may seem to be a little heavy-going at times. The end is in sight, however: don't slow down until you have got everything under control! **Romance.** Don't be too passive in a situation which affects you as much as it affects your partner. This decision will only work if you are both satisfied with the result.



### SCORPIO

OCT 24TH - NOV 22ND

Be especially careful around the middle of the week, when a meeting may go in the wrong direction. Do your best to keep your cool. **Romance.** You will be very easily influenced by other people. Know your own mind, and don't allow yourself to be swayed by a well-meaning friend.



### SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23RD - DEC 21ST

A co-worker who has been reliable in the past may suddenly let you down without warning. You may be expecting too much from this person without realising it. **Romance.** An issue which has caused tension in the past has not gone away. If you deal with it once and for all you will clear the air and strengthen your relationship.



### CAPRICORN

DEC 22ND - JAN 20TH

Your friends will be impressed by your positive mood. This will be an excellent time to push through with some changes which have been taking a while to materialize. **Romance.** A platonic relationship may gradually become more romantic. Make sure you think through the consequences of this change before it is too late.



### AQUARIUS

JAN 21ST - FEB 19TH

You need to see the last few weeks in a broader perspective. When you have more clarity you will know which areas of your life you need to change. **Romance.** Your relationship with your partner will be in good form at the moment. Time spent discussing each other's feelings will help to bring you closer together.



### PISCES

FEB 20TH - MAR 20TH

A challenging aspect to Mars later in the week may make you slightly more nervous than usual. Stop expecting everything to go wrong! **Romance.** Time spent doing everyday chores with your partner will help to draw you closer together. You both have a lot to talk about at the moment.







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