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The best ever show and tell

THE Riverland's newest Olympic gold medallist, rower Alex Hill, is out of quarantine and has been catching up with friends and family in recent days – plus visiting several local schools. This week he reunited with his cousin, Charlie Kregar, 8, at Berri's Our Lady of the River School, where his gold medal was handed around to students.

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CRISIS: Shortage in Loxton threatens services, local GP warns



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PROTESTERS IN TOWN

'Pro-choice' street rally

PROTESTERS against Covid-19 measures hit Waikerie yesterday. PAGE 8

NETBALL FAMILY A1 double?

IF Barmera breaks a 31-year Riverland netball drought on Friday night it would complete a mother-

daughter A1 premiership double. PAGE 46





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2 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 Missing man's body found

THE body of a man who had been missing in a local stretch of the River Murray for a week has recently been recovered.

The 72-year-old Paringa man's body was located by police and SES crews, near Murtho, during the morning of Saturday, August 28.

Searches had been conducted at the area since Saturday, August 21, after the man was seen to fall from his tinny into the water and failed to resurface.

It is understood police are now preparing a report for the coroner.

A SAPOL spokesperson thanked the



numerous volunteers and emergency services who assisted in the search.



TRAFFIC EVENT: Emergency services were called to an incident in East Terrace, Loxton yesterday morning after a car mounted the footpath. PHOTO: supplied

Renmark Paringa extends councillor's leave

A FORMER local Labour Party candidate, and director of an irrigation trust, will spend more time away from his duties with a



Riverland council due to an ongoing legal case.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last week's general meeting to extend Sim Singh-Mahli's leave of absence from council – without payment of his elected member allowance – until January 31, 2022.

Mr Singh-Mahli was initially granted a leave of absence until July 31, 2021, after he had appeared in the Berri Magistrates Court facing charges that included two counts of sexual intercourse without consent, choking, suffocating or strangling a person in a domestic setting, false imprisonment, and an aggravated charge of threatening to kill or endanger life.

Mr Singh-Mahli was also removed as a director of the Renmark Irrigation Trust last September.

A council report on the matter stated the extension meant a casual vacancy would be avoided.

"During the period from October 2020 to present Council has not had a situation where a quorum hasn't been able to be reached in general council, policy review or the former

asset and lease committee," the report read. It is understood Mr Singh-Mahli will appear in court again this month.

Rural GP jobs no longer appealing

COUNTRY towns without doctors are becoming increasingly common and a local doctor said the issue is "multi-faceted".

Loxton Health Centre's Dr Hamilton said the general practitioner workforce has gradually aged.

"There's a generation that has reached retirement age and perhaps we haven't been able to engender enough interest in careers for lots of different reasons and now, suddenly, it's become very apparent," he said.

"Policy makers have failed to recognise that it's necessary to have a new generation of rural general practitioners who are multiskilled."

Dr Hamilton said the appeal of becoming a locum doctor was also causing issues for the industry.

"I could go and be a locum somewhere, walk in, walk out and fill a gap somewhere, with no responsibility and get paid about four times as much," he said. "That's the current locum rates – about four times what I can earn as a partner

in Loxton. "The reason for that is because of the number of vacancies that has contin-

ued to gradually increase." Dr Hamilton said country areas were having to pay "more and more" to attract locums.

"There are so few graduate doctors who are looking for rural practices that the number of vacancies has just gradually increased," he said.

"The rates people are prepared to pay – and that includes governments and private – for locum services has just increased gradually. "It costs the state – or

somebody – a lot of money." The "fly in and fly out" mentality of locum doctors is "detrimental to the structure of rural communities", according to Dr Hamilton. "They don't provide continuity of care or those social services we do," he said.

"(Like) provide gratis services to football clubs, support men's sheds, speak at Rotary, give advice to school counsellors and students," he said.

Dr Hamilton said new doctors were graduating later in life and with bigger HECS debts.

"By the time they graduate, they might already have a partner who has a job in the city and may already have children, so they are more settled and far less able to move around," he said.

"The training for me was a lot simpler and a medical degree now costs \$100,000."

As part of their training, new doctors also have to move at least twice and Dr Hamilton said the reform package must make rural practice attractive to young people again.

'They have us over a barrel'

WHILE truck drivers were able to strike in protest of safer work conditions around the country this week, a local doctor said his industry was morally unable to do the same.

Dr Hamilton is one of the state's country doctors working without a contract for the past three years due to failed negotiations with SA Health. "If we say that we aren't going to work

because we don't have a contract, people suffer in the community and none of us are prepared to wear that," he said.

"None of us feel comfortable with saying, 'Well, we just aren't going to go to work at the hospital'.

"That would mean no inpatient work, no after-hours work, no obstetrics, no emer-

gency departments.

"Health bureaucrats know that. They have us over a barrel because they know we won't go and strike basically."

Dr Hamilton said the health system relies on the goodwill of rural doctors.

"We could just say, 'We don't have a contract, we are sick of not having a contract'," he said.

"We could (strike) tomorrow.

"That would be worst-case scenario and we don't want that to happen and aren't threatening that.

"But in reality, if we don't get some kind of response at some point, that will begin to happen."

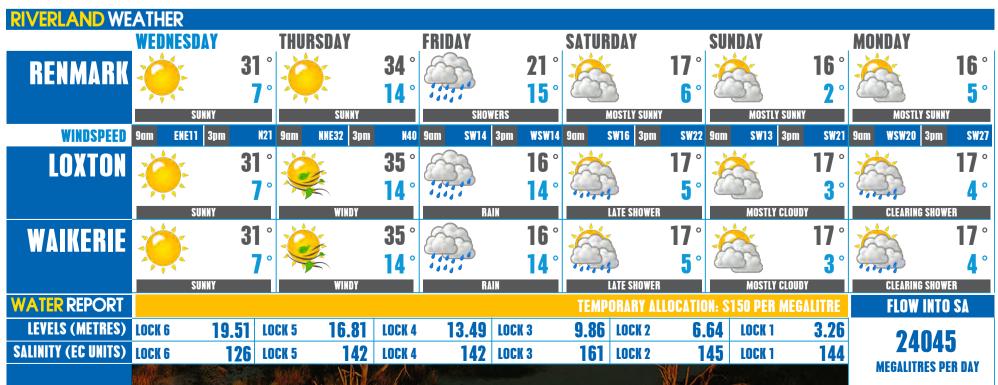
Collation of responses from the survey of SA's country doctors:

□ 77 per cent of respondents say the number of doctors is near or already below critical mass in their areas;

□ 55 per cent say there is tension between the available doctor workforce and the health services needed in their local community; □ 79 per cent say there are long-term vacancies for doctors in their community, or that they are experiencing difficulties in recruiting doctors;

□ 49 per cent say access to locum relief for doctors in their community is either unreliable, not available or not clinically suitable; **D** 59 per cent say they

have been asked to help out colleagues in other locations or provide backfill, showing the SA rural doctor workforce is under significant pressure.



It's not what the doctors ordered

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Loxton's Dr Hamilton – who, like many rural doctors, has been without a hospitalworking contract for three years due to failed negotiations with SA Health – said many country towns, such as Peterborough and Elliston, are now without doctors.

"Some places are more desperate than us, but we see the trend and know the writing is on the wall," he said.

"We know that while we've been relatively robust, we are not so far away from the same scenario.

"Millicent once did 500 deliveries per year and provided midwife/obstetric GP training and it can now provide none of that. "Even Ceduna, as remote as it is, has an

off and on, locum-reliant, obstetric service." The Australian Medical Association of

SA and Rural Doctors' Association of South Australia (RDASA) were due to meet with SA Health last month to discuss an offer, however the meeting was cancelled.

RDASA president Dr Peter Rischbieth said the state's country doctors were being "left out on a limb" by SA Health.

"SA Health's initial response to our reform offer – which we developed to better support South Australia's rural GP visiting medical officers and rebuild the rural doctor workforce in the state – was unacceptable and woefully inadequate," he said.

"We urgently need SA Health to come back to us with a genuine response to our reform offer – one that better supports SA's rural doctors and better supports rural South Australians."

Dr Hamilton said Loxton Hospital Complex is open 24 hours for emergencies and delivers about 100 babies a year, but currently has only two obstetric doctors, while the practice is running about two doctors short.

"We haven't stopped recruiting," he said. "We would like to recruit another two



Loxton's Dr Peter Hamilton is concerned about the sustainability of the rural workforce, with the Loxton Health Centre currently about two doctors short. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

doctors, one with obstetric skills particularly, but they just aren't out there."

If the current trend of rural practices and towns being unable to attract GPs continues, Dr Hamilton said the consequences would be dire.

"It will be harder and harder to get an appointment," he said.

"(It will be) harder for us to provide afterhour services and things will be centralised from around this region to Berri, and then ultimately centralised from regional Berri to the city.

"Eventually, everyone in the country will have to drive to the city to be seen."

Dr Hamilton said Loxton Health Centre's current wait time is already about a fortnight or up to eight weeks for a specific, senior practitioner.

SA Health Rural Support Service chief clinical advisor Dr Hendrika Meyer said the proposal presented in March was "unrealistic, based on the regional local health network budgets".

"Since then, the Rural Support Service has

been developing an offer to put to the associations that is reasonable for the regional LHNs while also providing appropriate recognition, remuneration and support for contracted GPs," she said.

"Despite containing significantly increased rates compared to the 2017 SA Rural Medical Fee Agreement, this initial offer was rejected by the AMASA and RDASA."

However, Dr Meyer said a revised offer was sent last week with a "higher on-site sessional rate".

"The rates in the offer are the limit of what is reasonable at this time, based on the regional LHN budgets," she said.

"We hope that contracted GPs accept the offer as fair and capable of providing a robust and sustainable GP-led health service in our rural hospitals."

Dr Hamilton said the new offer "misses the point". "Offering old doctors a few extra bucks

will not solve the workforce issue," he said.

Federal Barker MP Tony Pasin said he is

scheduled to meet with Dr Hamilton to discuss his concerns. "I acknowledge that there is a maldis-

tribution of GPs across Australia and that the associated workforce shortage in rural Australia needs to be prioritised," he said.

"I can confirm the Federal Government is working on solutions for this endemic situation.

"These problems are being exasperated by the dispute between the South Australian Government and the RDASA, that I trust the State Government will resolve expeditiously in the interest of rural South Australians."

State Opposition spokesperson for health, Chris Picton, said if elected next year, Labor would invest "at least \$100 million more" into country health services.

"The Liberals were elected promising they would improve regional health," he said.

"But, instead they are ignoring the growing pleas for help from our state's regional medical professionals."



Traffic concerns still going unresolved

JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL council is continuing to lobby the state government to address safety concerns it has been highlighting for more than two years near the site of the future Berri Regional Secondary College.

Berri Barmera Council is concerned about traffic issues at the Kay Avenue/Fenwick Road and Fenwick Road/Burgess Drive intersections that it believes will be brought about by the upgrade of the school and increased student numbers.

Council CEO Karyn Burton said appeals to the state government, which council believes should be responsible for the works, had so far fallen on deaf ears.

"In the first instance we need them to do a full traffic impact study that will... highlight where the issues are, if it's done properly," she said.

Fruit Fly Update

With the current fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland, it's important to know what you need to do to stop the spread of the pest

If you are in a red outbreak area, remember:

- Keep fruit on your property do not share, sell or give it away.
- Give official biosecurity officers access to your garden - we will work quickly to do our baiting and fruit checking work.
- Pick your ripe fruit and vegetables and put any unwanted fruit and vegetables in your green bin* - do not compost.
- Check your fruit for blemishes and maggots.
- Collect fallen fruit and put in your green bin* - do not compost or bury.
- Cook your fruit preserve, bake, juice, blend or freeze it.
- Call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 if you suspect fruit fly. Seal the fruit in a plastic bag.

A new fruit fly outbreak resource kit is now available, with assets for use at events and community gardens. It includes key messages, posters for outbreak areas and community gardens, bin signage and videos.

We encourage you to use these resources to help raise awareness of the fruit fly outbreaks currently impacting your area.

The full resource kit can be found at fruitfly.sa.gov.au/promo-kit

*If you do not have a green bin service, seal the waste in a plastic bag and call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.

We need your help to get rid of these outbreaks. Find out what you need to do - visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au



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Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (inset) says the state government and Berri Barmera Council will be able to reach a solution regarding traffic concerns at the future Berri Regional Secondary College.

"Then whatever the outcomes are from that we are hoping that the state government then fund it because our ratepayers shouldn't have to fund it.

"The last thing we want happening is for kids to be walking to school and running across the road when there are serious issues.

"At council's most recent meeting, councillor (Andrew) Kassebaum asked what our plan B would be, but at this stage I don't know what it would be short of us having to do the works, and I don't think that would be fair because it's not our development."

Ms Burton said upgrades to the Burgess Drive/Stadium Drive intersection, which have been undertaken, had been a condition of the state government's development application approval.

We think this should have all been included in there as well, which is why we corresponded with (Planning Minister) Vickie Chapman," she said.

"We then were pushed off to DIT (Department of Infrastructure and Transport), who we had a video meeting with and sent videos to, showing the problems that were going to happen.

"They told us they would get back to us

and that didn't happen.

"We've got to take it higher, but trying to get an audience with any of the ministers is going to be very difficult."

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who has met with the council multiple times to discuss its concerns, said he was "steering the council to the right government department to have their issues dealt with"

'They have essentially been writing to the Planning Department and it's actually DIT that is the correct department," he said.

"I have been liaising with both the Department of Education and DIT so that the lines of communication are open.

"It has been a lot of to-ing and fro-ing and the council are a little bit combative and I'm just trying to calm them down so we can have the right conversation with the right people."

Mr Whetstone said he believed the state government would address the council's concerns.

"If we come together and have a sensible discussion, we will have a favourable outcome," he said.

The Berri Regional Secondary College is expected to open for the 2022 school year.

riverlandbusiness.com.au **Development applications** to be made easier for SA

INFORMATION about council-related development applications across South Australia is now easier to access, thanks to a new digital system.

Quicker public notification will also be an upside of the new PlanSA system, which has been "enhanced to increase the user experience", according to Sally Smith, of the Attorney General's Department.

The new system aims to improve usability for councils to centralise information, while simplifying access for members of the public to help them understand developments happening in their neighbourhood.

This "end-to-end solution" was devel-oped in response to feedback from PlanSA users, intended to refine the planning system's functions, features and usability.

"Through this upgrade, users of the PlanSA system can easily find applications on notification and submit feedback on them," Ms Smith said.

"These enhancements further ensure consistency in the process, regardless of council area, and enables a digital-bydefault interaction.

"In addition, by using QR codes, members of the public can easily access plans and other information about any given development simply and easily online.'

The Local Government Association (LGA) and individual councils have been working with the state government to improve the public notification process, according to LGA acting chief executive Lisa Teburea, who welcomed the upgrade.

"We are pleased that the department has heard and understood our concerns and worked with council planning staff to develop a practical solution," Ms Teburea said.

"The LGA will continue to work collaboratively with its members and the government on further enhancements to the system that will benefit all users."

The new system is now available to councils for any upcoming applications requiring public notification.

Information on notified developments can be found at: https://plan.sa.gov.au/ have_your_say/notified_developments.



The current Waikerie Community Sports Centre. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Council says 'we don't need a mezzanine'



THE Waikerie community just local councillor.

At Friday's Loxton Waikerie council meeting, elected members received the 470 submissions as part of the public consultation for a one-court stadi-

Speaking at the meeting, councillor Clive Matthews said the Waikerie community "needs two courts". "The user group did come up with a simple solution - they

wanted two courts," he said. "There was no mezzanine involved, no upstairs, nothing fancy, just a beautiful new build-

ing." Despite his pro-dual court comments, in June Cr Matthews and councillor Jordann Kleemann moved and seconded a motion – which was unanimously carried - to endorse a conceptual one-court design for the purpose of public consultation.

Speaking at Friday's meeting, councillor Trevor Norton said he hoped the trend analysis and report would show the necessities for the community.

"We need to get a feel for the need, not the want in this particular case," he said. "I am really mindful of what

the community's needs are. "Sometimes, you can't build

something that is going to do everything for you."

Councillor Kym Webber said community feedback about the new stadium had varied widely.

"The whole process has been changing the whole way through, there's been no consistency," he said.

"At one stage, we got a request to set up netball down at the river front."

Loxton's \$13 million Precinct was unveiled last year, while its \$1.5 million mezzanine fit-out was completed recently.

basketball and netball clubs. including a trend analysis, which will also compare the capital and running costs of two courts as opposed to one.

wants a two-court stadium and "nothing fancy", according to a

um.

Council has requested a report on the current use by Waikerie's



STEPHANIE THOMPSON

NEW Olympic gold medallist and former local Alexander Hill is fresh out of quarantine and has wasted no time catching up and celebrating with his loved ones.

Just hours after his 28-day quarantine ended, Hill got together with family and friends on Sunday afternoon, followed by Riverland school visits on Monday.

"It is good, going around and seeing smiles on the young kids' faces and showing off the medal with them," he said. "I'm excited to do that over the

next couple of days." Hill was part of the men's fours rowing team that won gold at the

Tokyo Olympics recently. The former Loxton High pupil met with staff and students on

Monday and will visit his former primary school, St Albert's Catholic School, in Loxton today. Hill also visited his eight-year-

old cousin, Charlie Kregar, at

Our Lady of the River School on Monday.

While Hill resides in Canberra for his rowing commitments, he still affectionately refers to the Riverland as "home".

"I love the tight-knit community," he said.

"Being on the world stage sporting wise, you notice how much support you do get from this place. 'I just love the river and the

relaxed lifestyle." After winning silver in Rio in 2016, the 28-year-old said he hopes to now turn his attention to Paris for 2024.

"I'm still relatively young in the sport," he said.

"If the body holds up, I might try and go one more."

The two-time Olympian said this year's event was a stark contrast to 2016.

"It was a bit strange knowing that your supporters weren't there in crowd," he said.

"But you definitely felt their

support from behind the TV."

Hill thanked his parents and the wider Riverland community for the support.

"Everyone around here has had a massive influence on me and helped shape who I am, that is for sure," he said.

"I literally can't put into words how thankful I am for my parents and how much they have done for me.

"I wouldn't be able to do what I do without them.'

Still full-steam ahead for new MRQ home

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE Murray River Queen is still set to call Loxton home, but is waiting on planning approvals to do so.

Murray River Queen owner Donna Neale met with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie in April to discuss mooring sites, with elected members agreeing in-principle to the Lions Park, located near the Tree

of Knowledge.

Ms Neale said she was looking forward to the Murray River Queen being permanently moored in Loxton.

"It is a long process, but it's got even worse because of how busy everybody is," she said.

"(Coming to Loxton) is definitely still the aim."

The Murray River Queen resumed trading in Renmark

11:30AM - 8:00PM

earlier this year, via Kings on Queen Café.

Loxton Waikerie council environmental services manager Cheryle Pedler said negotiations are continuing.

"Council looks forward to continuing to work with Ms Neale," she said.

"The relevant authority for the planning consent will be the State Commission Assessment Panel because of its location in the river."



The Murrav River Queen owner has confirmed the boat will still relocate to Loxton once planning approvals are complete.



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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

All 'anti' people ain't the same

SUPA Glue was nowhere to be seen in downtown Waikerie yesterday.

Likewise any traffic hold-ups to prevent busy locals going about their daily tasks, including travelling to and from work.

Unlike the Extinction Rebellion or the mass protests seen in some Australian capital cities of late, vesterday's 'anti' protest was a benign affair, attended by around 15 people, holding - or brandishing, if the preferred 2021 hyperbole is adopted handmade signs outlining their concerns.

The protest was against a few issues that intersect, but don't necessarily always support each other.

They may have been side by side, but "Stop the lockdowns" is a different message to "We are not complying to forced jabs", and different again to "Open borders".

However, despite the mixture of signs, the main thrust of yesterday's gathering seemed to be distrust of vaccinations. Antivaccination, to put it bluntly.

While the Waikerie event was miniscule when compared to much-publicised protests interstate, and even in Adelaide, these mixed message do a certain proportion of protesters no favours.

Someone can simultaneously be provaccination and anti-lockdown. Indeed, it seems an increasing percentage of Australians fit into this category, if recent polling is anywhere near accurate.

Likewise, an 'anti-mask' proponent can also be pro-vaccination.

Dangers lurk on both sides of this most heated of debates.

For example, pitching your antilockdown lot in with anti-vaxxers – to bolster protest numbers - can immediately render any well-made anti-lockdown points void, given the regard in which antivaxxers are currently held.

But ignorance from the other side has the potential to be equally damaging.

Writing off all protesters – as many have done, including large slabs of the media – as 'nutters' simply because they are protesting suppresses genuine debate about the merits of lockdowns or masks or closed borders.

Despite what many people think, again including some in the media, the best way to shut down fake news is to have it aired and debunked.

Suppressing it, or attempting to de-platform people who offer opinions different to your own, helps feed the fire for legitimate conspiracy theorists. This contrasts against reasonable people simply wondering if our Covid-19 strategies are working.

The argument that certain views should never be aired because they pose a safety risk to others is a blunt tool, too often used to stymie debate by those who think their view is the only view and should go unchallenged.

Given how often the vaccine goal posts have been shifted in Australia over the past six months, a certain degree of scepticism is warranted.

So, yesterday's Waikerie gathering may not necessarily be your cup of tea, but the protesters had every right to be there. If you disagree with any - or all - of their views, your right is to say so, and why.

Like always, the Pioneer welcomes your contributions.

Dividing our nation by race tags

JAKOB Gamertsfelder has it right ('White guys bad is the new racism', Pioneer, 25/8/21).

When we left South Africa in 1986 the white apartheid government was still in power.

We were threatened and persecuted by government forces for opposing apartheid and black oppression.

We still strongly believe that any form of racism is wrong and should be opposed.

The claims of racism by whites against blacks is quite rightly condemned. Why then, is racism by blacks against whites

accepted? Any form of identification or classification by race or ethnicity

is divisive and is apartheid. We should not be dividing our nation into 'Aboriginal' and

'non-Aboriginal'. Nor should we be accepting refugees based on their origins and ethnicity.

Referring to Mr Gamertsfelder's comments, in South Africa, the apartheid system has reversed and there is violent discrimination against

white South Africans. The Australian government is granting access to many others who have little chance of integrating, and most of whom will become welfare recipients.

There are many, many South Africans with white or mixed race heritage who are being persecuted and see Australia as a new home.

These South Africans share our cultures and customs, and have our morality and work ethics. They fit into the Australian community and lifestyle.

I know many other South African immigrants in Australia who have integrated well, and have contributed significantly to our economy and communities.

So let's remove the race tag, and bring in those who need us, and who will benefit us. MALCOLM TUBB

Renmark

Bowlers concerned about RSL article

THE article in last week's Murray Pioneer about the Loxton RSL sub-branch's fundraising activities was very concerning to Loxton RSL and District Bowling Club members ('RSL shows worth of a homestyle meal', 25/8/21).

The Loxton RSL Bowling Club was formed as a mutually beneficial arrangement between two organisations that both respect the traditions and sacrifices of returned servicemen and women, with many of our members having direct links with ancestors who served our country.

Since its formation in 1974, the Loxton RSL Bowling Club has had a long-standing lease with the RSL sub branch and has helped it in many ways.

This was particularly so in the 1990s, when the bowling club took over the running of the building/bar at the sub-branch's request. At that time, the subbranch was on hard times after the local council had declined to take over the building.

In the years since, the roof has been replaced, a new solar system has been been installed, along with air conditioning, furniture and carpets, while the bowling club has also helped via the addition of associates to the sub-branch membership list.

On top of our lease payments we also cover all costs, which include council rates, insurances, water rates, power and levies.

The arrangement had worked reasonably well until a meeting was held in January this year between an RSL sub-branch representative and our management committee.

At this meeting a new lease was suggested to give the subbranch total control of the building, the bar and all our events. The bowlers would then pay a commercial lease rate based on a building valuation, with a small discount to cover the "RSL's defined enjoyment of the premises".

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The RSL bowlers agreed to a meeting in March with subbranch representatives, with the goal being to achieve a working arrangement under the current lease.

At this meeting it was agreed that the bowling club would continue with the lease, with the intent to try and make our current arrangement work.

The situation unfortunately has deteriorated since then, with many emails and demands being received on our desk.

This has resulted in a letter being sent to the sub-branch expressing our dissatisfaction with what we consider to be continued interference in our affairs.

This episode has affected the mental wellbeing of some of our bowling club members.

It is interesting to note that at the original meeting in January we heard, in a written statement, that:

"The Loxton RSL sub-branch acknowledges that it has no authority to alter the lease agreement with the Loxton RSL and District Bowling Club during its tenure.

"If, after discussion, both parties see mutual benefit in preparing a new lease to supersede the existing agreement then the formal relationship may be changed by mutual agreement."

Is the sub-branch now disregarding its own statement?

So, you can understand our dissatisfaction when we read in your paper that events are being organised in the hall, including open-ended fundraising, that are - we believe - outside the lease agreement made between both entities.

LILLIAN JOLLY (president) **GEOFF HUPPATZ** (vice chairman) **DEB SMITH (secretary)** Loxton RSL and District Bowling Club

Insurrection should be in headlines

I REFER to a Jacob Gamertsfelder letter in The Murray Pioneer last week

In the middle of nowhere: Perhaps Yinkanie's first Station Office, c.1930 - the terminus of the longawaited railway from Wanbi to Yinkanie. Since the Paringa line in 1913 and subsequent three spur lines, to Loxton, Waikerie and Peebinga in 1914, many locals advocated the need for a line to Moorook or Kingston. But, when it was laid, the line terminated abruptly in a paddock at Yinkanie, 10km short of Moorook. This spur line, branching from the main Tailem Bend to Paringa line, began operating from September 4, 1925 - 96 years ago this week. The line filled the gap in the so-called 'right hand of rail' in the Northern Mallee. In this, a network of five spur lines ('fingers') comprised four running north, each about 20km apart. This roughly fitted the maximum daily distance for a horse-drawn wagon (about 10km/day) carrying goods from farm to the nearest rail siding. When the trains ceased running to Yinkanie on April 29, 1971, the National Trust (Loxton branch) secured the SA Railways' donation of the second Yinkanie office to the Loxton Historical Village. That office, about twice the size of the one pictured,

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now is a significant part of the Village's railway display. PHOTO: LHC

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

('White guys bad is the new racism', 25/8/21).

I totally agree with what he said regarding the South African riots/insurrection in July, which related to the imprisonment of ex-President Jacob Zuma for fraud and corruption.

It is worth noting that tribalism remains the biggest obstacle to Africa's progress and the Zulu tribe in KwaZulu Natal is the largest and most dominant tribe in South Africa.

It is fairly obvious that these riots were intended to develop into a Zuma (who is Zulu) coup.

Fortunately, despite the fact that the police did not make an appearance until after things were basically brought under some sort of control by whites, with Indians and blacks all working together to save what

was left, the coup actually failed. A basic list of damage etc. shows how serious the riots were:

1. Around 340 people killed, mainly murdered trying to protect their property.

2. Approximately 150 schools were vandalised and stripped, with many burnt.

3. 100 major malls were totally looted and plundered, with many burnt. This also applies to 200 shopping centres and 3000 shops.

4. 150,000 informal traders attacked and wares - sometimes their lives - stolen.

5. 40,000 businesses plundered with many burnt.

6. 300 banks and post offices raided and many burnt.

7. 1400 ATMs raided and destroyed with millions of dollars stolen.

8. 11 warehouses and eight factories raided and some burnt. This included a chemical factory, which caused massive toxic pollution.

9. 150,000 jobs drastically impacted.

10. Insurance claims alone are close to \$5 billion.

11. A container full of ammunition was raided and all the

contents stolen.

12. Approximately 40 heavy



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duty trucks were stopped on the highway, their goods stolen and most set on fire, with the odd driver losing their lives.

President Ramaphosa thanked the vigilantes who prevented further destruction.

If the above was not newsworthy, I don't know what is. One can only assume that if

the facts could have been twisted to show that whites were negatively involved it would have been headlines throughout the world. **GORDON FORREST**

Barmera

Soldiers' sacrifices for what reason?

IT broke my heart listening to veterans from England and Australia asking what did they sacrifice for after the Coalition of the willing left Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison told veterans that they had not sacrificed in vain, but did not say why this was so.

I know myself that many World War II veterans were very upset that the Japanese were allowed into Australia after the war.

I remember when a resort the Japanese were building at Yeppoon for exclusive use by Japanese was blown up in protest.

I have no time for conspiracy theories and I try really hard not to be judgemental but I just do not understand why Australia has been involved in wars like Korea, Malaysia, Borneo, Vietnam, Iraq and so on.

ROB JOHNSTONE Paringa

Answers to your religious questions

REFERRING to Rex Bakes' letter, headed 'Questions about kids and religion' (Murray Pioneer, 25/8/21), the word "religion" for some conjures memories of atrocity, unfortunately tainting the understanding of religion versus Christianity.

Christian schools try to encourage good morals via church chaplains and prayer time.



As we become better acquainted with Biblical truth we are better equipped to discern and avoid evil.

As you say, there are some parents who are suitably equipped with good foundations and ethics, but the rest are having their homes and lives infiltrated with violent, foul mouth Hollywood movies, violent video games, young girls being sexualised and attitudes of "if you don't like the gender you're born with, change it".

Alcohol and drug abuse are now all seemingly acceptable. Our laws in Australia come

from Jesus' teaching - protection for women, children, the elderly and disabled, not murdering, stealing, or lying, but having compassion and helping the less fortunate - and were good qualities that our country upheld.

I asked a young person your question 'Who made God?' and the answer was God is infinite.

Please don't use your confused opinions to turn children away from being well educated and informed.

Most teachers are still trying to hold onto their values in an ever-increasingly hostile and media-negative world.

Fortunately in your letter you admit Jesus was around 2000 years ago, which is the event that stopped time or years being counted as such, and started it all again.

If it wasn't a significant event, why are we only in the year 2021?

M. VOSS Renmark

You will get old and you will suffer

THE future for all Australians is drugs and violence. It's an easy prediction,

because it's happening now. You will get old, you will go into a nursing home, and you will not like it.

You will get medication for that anxiety, be manhandled into doings things to a schedule, and clothes and belongings will go missing.

No amount of money will protect you. You will be a caged chook, except chickens have the RSPCA to look after them.

will happen, because there is nowhere else for you to go.

Right now there are only two results from nursing home audits: they fail, or the audit wasn't done properly.

As a result you will see growing support for euthanasia; voluntary, or systemic.

Your other option will be to find a way of paying extra to the underpaid casuals who care for

A backhander to avoid backhands? Welcome to your future. JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

TEXT LINE

you for your letters. I feel just as passionate about politics and policies too.

MARG Berri

Accolades to the staff of a popular local food outlet that refused to serve three non-mask-wearing people, in their late 30s/early 40s, who made the decision to enter the premises. They were asked to leave immediately, which they sheepishly did without any food. Age of entitlement, as well as selfish, I assume. MW

Loxton Great story in Farmer, Hugh

Schuitemaker, about Lowana Fruit and the Ceracchi family. Riverland legends. REEKSY

Berri



'WE DID OUR BEST': The Berri winery did its best to take all growers' grapes during this year's vintage, despite "unfounded conspiracy theories" suggesting otherwise. The assessment of what was ultimately a disastrous vintage for many growers was made by Accolade Wines (formerly Constellation Wines) in a recently completely internal review.

20 years ago August 31, 2001



PHARMACY RAID: The overnight theft of drugs from pharmacies in Barmera and Waikerie this week are believed to be the work of the same people. More than 100 bottles and packets of narcotics were stolen from the Barmera pharmacy on Tuesday night.

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It is really good to see the river having much-increased flows. It's currently running at 22,000 megalitres a day, against an allocated flow of 4000 megalitres a day. The higher river levels give the Murray River Queen owners and the Renmark Paringa Council a great opportunity to float off the boat and avoid sandbar problems on the journey to Loxton. Why don't they get on with the job?

KAREN Renmark

I refer to the story headed 'Colossal amount' (Murray Pioneer, 25/8/21). The Loxton Waikerie council sure knows how to spend money on the wrong areas. Instead of walking and bike trails, and sealing unused roads, and the won't-get-used-much mezzanine fitout, how about spending some on the out-of-town roads and cutting dumping fees? Or even a hardwaste collection. Out of touch with what ratepayers want. JIMMY Loxton North

I think the Berri Visitor Information Centre should move to the old Alfresco's building, opposite Woolworths. It is more central, much closer to the local shops, and has parking behind the public toilets. River Jacks could expand and take up the old VIC. W. MARTIN

Berri

In reply to "Red T" (Murray Pioneer, 25/8/21), Australia missed out on a glorious economic manufacturing future offered by globalism because we are racist and wanted to treat Australians better than other countries treated their citizens. If we had picked up the opportunities offered by slavery, adulterated products,

Australia would be a wonderland of manufacturing. Sadly instead we chose to be racist and fade into history. On your other points, the internet offers informative news choices. Reuters, Al Jazeera, BBC, even the ABC if you don't mind the odd typo. Overseas people buy our Aussie-made food - like our tinned baby food and the items you listed - because we didn't do the race to the bottom that is globalisation. That is, our food is not poisonous. Cheers. JAKOB

and environmental destruction,

Morgan

To Jeanette Staehr of Barmera and Jakob Gamertsfelder of Morgan (Pioneer, 25/8/21), unless citizen voters are willing together to discuss, learn and identify agreement on the policies and change needed to present a united voice, nothing will change. Thank

you.

If you record abuses, nothing

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Barker MP Tony Pasin is informing Riverlanders that the federal government plays a limited role in fruit fly management amidst an increase in inquiries to his office. PHOTO: supplied

Pasin says state, not feds, makes fruit fly call

A LOCAL federal MP says he has received a large number of inquiries from locals about current fruit fly restrictions, despite fruit fly falling under the state government's juridstiction.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said inquiries to his office about fruit fly had risen due to the "implementation of tougher restrictions aimed at curbing ongoing fruit fly outbreaks".

"Under the new restrictions, travellers can no longer use a receipt to bring fruit and vegetables into the Riverland from other parts of South Australia," he said.

"There appears to be some confusion among the community about which level of government is responsible for the design and implementation of these restrictions.

"Many constituents have indicated that they are being told this measure has been implemented at the direction of the federal government. This is not the case."

Mr Pasin said state and territory governemnts were responsible for fruit fly management, with the federal government playing a limited role.

"They retain legislative

authority to set conditions for interstate and intra-state movement of produce that will provide sufficient protection for any advantageous trade claims in their region, such as the Pest Free Area (PFA) of the Riverland," he said.

"State and territory certification of a PFA is a critical component of the international export certification process that gives the region significant trading benefits.

"The federal government does not dictate or enforce conditions that are within the legislative remit of the states and territories.

"The federal government does however, advise state government where domestic arrangements may impact international trade.

"This advice is offered to assist the SA Government to protect local industry to ensure our growers can continue to enjoy the benefits of a PFA.

"Specific restrictions such as those announced on July 28 about the movement of fruit and vegetables within our state are matters entirely within the remit of the South Australian state government." **Peaceful 'pro-choice' rally in Waikerie**



Participants in the peaceful pro-choice rally in Waikerie yesterday. PHOTOS: Christine Webster

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A GROUP of Riverland West residents rallied peacefully at Waikerie yesterday to increase awareness about the importance of free choice, especially in relation to Covid-19 restrictions and vaccinations.

About 16 participated in the threehour rally, which started at 9am.

One of the participants, Kathryn Bannister, of Ramco, said the demonstrators believe people should not be forced to wear masks, and that travel restrictions between states should not exist. "We are protesting against any mandates, which are not law, such as masks and lockdowns, they are not law, just mandates," she said.

"Leave the borders open, we are a free country, we need to go back to common law."

The group also called for more transparency from federal and state governments around Covid-19 restrictions and requirements.

Ms Bannister said the federal government's decision to make Covid-19 vaccination mandatory for people employed in the aged care sector, some health care workers and employees in transport and airports, was wrong. "It is up to the individual," she said. "It is their body, their choice."

Ms Bannister said she regretted having vaccinations in the past and also had concerns about her children's vaccinations.

The demonstrators said they were also concerned about the safety of the Covid-19 vaccinations and believe nine months was insufficient to determine their safety.

They said their intention was to increase awareness about the need for individuals to be able to choose whether they have a Covid-19 vaccination or not.

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Renmark Paringa councillors voted at last week's general meeting to remove 18 palm trees at the Renmark Swimming Centre. PHOTO: supplied

Swimming pool palms going

A RIVERLAND council is set to remove numerous trees at a local pool in order to increase safety and lower its maintenance costs.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last week's general meeting to remove 18 palm trees at the Renmark Swimming Centre, as part of council's ongoing upgrades at the site.



Renmark Paringa director of corporate and community services, Tim Pfeiffer, said removal of the trees would make the area safer for pool users.

"The Renmark Swimming

Pool upgrade is expected to finish in late October," Mr Pfeiffer said.

"Council has endorsed the removal of six tall palm trees that present a risk in terms of fronds dropping on patrons and also obstruct the sight lines of lifeguards between the 50-metre pool and the toddler pool.

"In addition, council has

endorsed the removal of a further 12 smaller palms to improve access to the rear of the centre and the new plant room.

"The removal of these 18 palms will reduce the maintenance costs at the pool and make the facility much safer." It is understood removal

of the palms has been estimated to cost council \$7500.

Riverland **POLICE NEWS**

Drink-driving quartet all double limit

TWO Riverland males were among four who instantly lost their licence last weekend after all were found to be drink-driving at least double the limit.

A 57-year-old man who police media said was from the "Murray region" - was stopped driving on the Stott Highway, at Swan Reach, about 11.10pm on Friday, August 27. He was breath tested and allegedly returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.105.

Then, around 1am on Saturday, August 28, police stopped a 20-yearold Renmark man driving on Ral Ral Avenue, in Renmark, where he alleged-

Power tool thefts across Riverland various Stihl tools stolen

had their cars impounded.

ly produced a blood alcohol

Police also detected another drink driver when a

41-year-old Evanston South

man allegedly produced a

reading of 0.115, just 10

minutes later on Renmark

A 23-year-old Berri

man was then stopped on

Swanport Road, at Murray Bridge, around 10pm on

Saturday, August 28, and

allegedly produced a blood alcohol reading of 0.175

It is understood all four

men were reported for drink

driving, issued with an

instant loss of licence, and

when breath tested.

reading of 0.135.

Avenue.

SAPOL investigations are ongoing after power tools were stolen at three separate Riverland locations during the same time frame last week.

A trailer parked on Queen Elizabeth Drive, in Barmera, was broken into sometime between 4pm on Monday, August 23, and 7.10am on Tuesday, August 24, when a large amount of various power tools were stolen.

A shed on Fisher Road, in Taldra, was then broken into between 4.30pm and 7am on the same day, with including a whipper snipper and chainsaw. Thieves then broke

into a prime mover parked on Heinrich Road, at Wappilka, south of Moorook, between 5pm and 8.25am, and stole a GME-branded UHF radio, plus a set of digital scales.

Riverlanders with information that could assist investigations into the thefts are asked to contact Crime Stoppers by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www. crimestopperssa.com.au).

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IONEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au Inside Berri's \$18m residential care home

RESIDENTS, their families and the local community have been invited to take a sneak peek at the new \$18m Calvary St Catherine's Retirement Community in Berri.

Calvary staff will be on hand to show people through the Riverland's newest residential care home on Sunday, September 12, with resident and family tours during the morning and community tours in the afternoon.

The new facility will be home to 50 residents, each with their own room, including private ensuite. Residents and staff move in September 21.

The single-storey facility, located on McGilton Road, includes a residents' café with indoor and outdoor seating, gardens, recreational spaces, dining, lounge and entertainment areas.

Calvary's general manager for retirement communities in SA, Ryan Midgley, said the new facility has been supported by a \$900,000 grant from the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA).



The new \$18m Calvary St Catherine's Retirement Community in Berri is built around six distinct courtyards and set amid landscaped grounds. PHOTOS: supplied

are excited about moving into their new home," Mr Midgley said.

"The new home provides contemporary living and has been purpose-built to support residents to 'age in place' and enhance their independence, social interactions, and health and overall wellbeing. "It will also enable best-prac-

"I know residents and staff alike tice care and support for members

of our older community who may be living with varying levels of dementia.

'We are really proud of the effort that our project team has put in to bring this development to completion, and that our Calvary St Catherine's staff put in every day."

Built around six distinct courtyards and set amid landscaped

Mrs Zagotsis encouraged

Justices to join the group.

JPs must do some of at least

every few years, will again be

held this year if Covid allows,"

Sunday, October 10, at the

Berri Library has been set aside

with training subjects being:

Refresher; Enduring Power of

Attorney; and general refresher

on changes in the newest edition

The executive committee

Advanced Care Directives

to the JP handbook.

members to ask other Riverland

'Justices training, which all

grounds, the new Calvary St Catherine's is adjoined by the Berri Cottage Homes independent living units and the new Berri Medical Centre, which is under construction.

The home also includes a commercial kitchen and laundry, a central dining room and front reception area.

Chairman – Bert Haslam

(Loxton); vice chairman –

Lorraine Fielke (Loxton); secre-

(Barmera); committee members

– David Ward, Sue Jacka, Lynn

Mr Ward gave a brief history

treasurer – Tracey Alexander

Hand (Loxton).

tary – Jacque Zagotsis (Monash);



St Catherine's aged care home was established nearly 60 years ago in what was the original Berri hospital. Calvary took over management of the home in 2016 and construction of the new Calvary St Catherine's Retirement Community began in 2020.

A special photo montage and timeline in the main corridor will show the service's heritage.

Interested members of the community can book their tour online via the Calvary St Catherine's Retirement Community website (calvarystcatherines.org.au).

Bookings open today and places are limited.



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Riverland JPs gather for AGM told membership fees were not THE Riverland Justices Group required for the 2021-22 year.

she said.

held its AGM at the Loxton RSL Hall recently. In the absence of chairman

Bert Haslam, vice chairman Lorraine Fielke chaired the meeting.

"Riverland Justices and visitors were treated to a beautiful two-course meal along with time to catch up with each other," Mrs Fielke said.

New member Glenda Cass, of Loxton, with her husband Ian, was welcomed to her first meeting and introduced to the group. Secretary Jacque Zagotsis said

that due to Covid-19 preventing many meetings last year, members where happy to be

JPs Colleen Andrew, Kay Nayda, both of Waikerie, and Lorraine Charity, of Berri, look through the Loxton RSL Memorabilia room after the recent Riverland Justices Group AGM held in the Loxton RSL Hall.



Barmera JPs Tracey Alexander and Bruce Lieven viewed the many donated items in the Loxton RSL memorabilia room.

memorabilia room, after which justices and friends were invited to view the room.

The Riverland JPs executive committee, elected at the recent

AGM: David Ward, of Loxton, Jacque Zagotsis, of Monash, Tracey

Alexander, of Barmera, Sue Jacka and Lorraine Fielke, both of Loxton.

Absent: Bert Haslam and Lynn Hand, both of Loxton. PHOTOS: supplied

"It is a great example of war memorabilia and well worth a visit," Mrs Fielke said.

The next Justices Group meeting will be held at the Cobdogla Club on Thursday, November 18, at 6pm.



Deane Phillips, of Loxton, and Wendy Gambling, of Berri, enjoyed seeing the many uniforms of war servicemen and women at the Loxton RSL memorabilia room.



Growing in *harmony*

SA Health searching for Waikerie birthing solution

JOSH BRINE

THE region's local health network is looking into different options for providing birthing services at the Waikerie Hospital, which are still suspended after more than seven months.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion said the network would explore "alternative birthing model of care options to ensure a consistent birthing service approach is available across our region".

The RMCLHN will begin clinical engagement with health practitioners in Waikerie in October.

"All hospitals in the area work collaboratively together to support patient care needs and ensure the ongoing delivery of essential health services to the community," he said.

As always, the health and safety of mother and baby remains our number one priority." Birthing services at the Waikerie Health Service were put on hold in January due to a

lack of staff. The suspension was intended to last six weeks, but was later extended indefinitely.

"The COVID-19 pandemic and unprece-A recruitement process is under way to find the specialised staff that

are needed to provide safe birthing services...

- Wayne Champion

Lions taking a stance against domestic violence

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie Lions Club is aiming to increase awareness about how the community can help address domestic violence with a Relationship Australia-run workshop on Tuesday.

Club president Pam Stendara said taking a stance against domestic violence has always been an issue close to her heart.

She said when newly appointed district governor, Darryl Morley, indicated he wanted all clubs in the C2 area to stand up to domestic violence, she decided to organise an 'understanding domestic violence' workshop in Waikerie.

Mrs Stendara said it was important to have an insight into what the victims of domestic violence were going through.

"It is something that people often don't understand, they may wonder why doesn't she or he leave the situation?" she said.

"But it is not always that easy. If it is the father who is abused, he won't leave because he doesn't want to leave his kids and it could be the same with the mother. She may think 'What will I do, I haven't got any money, I have no one to support me'."

Mrs Stendara said some people often feel like they "don't want to get involved".

She said hopefully the workshop next week would provide the Riverland West community with information on the best way to help victims of domestic violence.

"You need to help the person who is involved, without going in and dragging them out," Mrs Standara said. "You need to give them information about

all the places to go to get help." The Understanding Domestic Violence Workshop will be held on Tuesday

Workshop will be held on Tuesday (September 7) from 9am to 1pm at the Waikerie RSL at 10 Thompson Street. dented demand for healthcare workers across Australia has provided additional challenges in our ability to recruit appropriately trained staff to support the provision of health services," Mr Champion said.

"A recruitment process is underway to attract the specialised staff that are needed to provide safe birthing services at Waikerie Hospital.

"During this time, we are continuing to provide antenatal and postnatal community services to mothers in the community."

Mr Champion said the RMCLHN continued to provide other health services at the hospital, including acute services, emergency services, mental health support, community health services and residential aged care.

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RMCLHN CEO Wayne Champion says alternative birthing options are being explored for the Waikerie Hospital.

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12 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au SATC, local councils back Rose Festival

THE South Australian Tourism Commission has granted \$10,000 to support the 2021 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, while local councils are also getting on board.

The SATC funds will be spent on the reinvigorated ambassadors program, collection of event survey data at about 40 event and open garden sites.

Festival president Sheree Chappel said this week the

committee had received a "very strong message" from SATC that the ability to collect accurate event data that can demonstrate positive tourism outcomes is important for future success with grant applications.

Mrs Chappel said survey data would provide a strong platform to request ongoing support from the SATC in 2022 – the year of the World Rose Convention in South Australia.

This support has been backed up with a \$5000 grant from the Berri Barmera Council and \$5000 sponsorship from the Renmark Paringa Council.

Council funds will be spent on town banners, signage, additional programs and professional photography at each town and event.

Mrs Chappel is keen to emphasise that Berri Barmera Council contributions will be spent in Berri, Barmera, Glossop and Monash. The same approach will

be applied in the Renmark Paringa Council area. The committee understands that the District Council of Loxton Waikerie has a motion – regarding \$5000 of funding – on the table to be decided at its

next meeting. "The festival has few opportunities to raise funds very dependent on sponsorship and grants," Mrs Chappel said.

"Without the huge support and work of volunteers the Festival would not exist. "Last year a post-event study showed that volunteers provided in excess of \$100,000 in unpaid labour, without which the festival would not happen.

"Volunteers are the horsepower that have made the

in its own right, making it festival so successful and the Riverland's biggest annual event with a proud 27-year history."

Mrs Chappel said the official program would be available at tourist outlets throughout the Riverland from next Wednesday, September 8.

To keep up to-date with 2021 festival updates search 'Riverland Rose and Garden Festival' or follow the event's Facebook page.

Network's success earns award nom

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

SUPPORTING local small business owners through Covid-19 has seen a Riverland network nominated for an upcoming state award.

The Renmark Paringa Network (RPN) was earlier this month announced as a finalist for the Minister for Innovation and Skills Small Business Award at the 2021 South Australian Community Achievement Awards.

RPN membership and marketing coordinator Georgie Vermeeren said the group - established in 2019 - continued to reach new milestones.

"Being recognised for any achievement we reach during these times is big," Ms Vermeeren said.

"Being we're only two years old, to be recognised with award status would be amazing.

'We're very excited, and very proud,

that we've reached that milestone." Ms Vermeeren said being part of the

network had provided support for local small business operators during the impacts of Covid-19.

"More than ever businesses need to rely on each other," she said.

"We're all doing it a little bit hard at the moment, and having businesses know they are part of a network together, as a unified group, is helping.

'There's a lot more conversation happening between businesses... and that all started because we brought everyone together through their membership.

"We are starting to see more positive communication between businesses, because of the initiatives we've been doing.'

Winners of the South Australian Community Achievement Awards will be announced on Saturday, November 20.



Members of the Renmark Paringa Network at the group's business awards night held earlier this year. PHOTO: Glenda Malinovski



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All things through Christ





Loxton man Bill Garside is disappointed at the prospect of travelling to Berri to withdraw cash from a fee-free ATM following the recent rebranding of the Commonwealth Bank ATM and announced closure of the Loxton ANZ bank. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOXTON man is concerned he will soon have to travel over 20km to withdraw cash from his bank free of charge.

Loxton's Bill Garside is with the Commonwealth Bank, which rebranded its East Terrace ATM to Armaguard earlier this year, meaning it is no longer free to withdraw cash for Commonwealth customers.

Mr Garside said Commonwealth customers could still use the ANZ Loxton ATM free of charge, but with the bank set to close in January, he feared he will have to travel to Berri.

"It's not just me, but there's a lot of peo-

ple who are not very mobile," he said.

"If they need to do serious banking, they are going to need to go all the way to Berri." As a Commonwealth Bank customer for 35 years, Mr Garside said he was disap-

pointed in the loss of the service in Loxton. "You can go to the supermarket to get cash out, but it depends on how much cash

you need," he said. "I like to use cash and I like to shop locally.

"A lot of people don't like plastic cards."

A Commonwealth Bank spokesperson said it continues to operate the "largest feefree bank ATM network" across Australia. "While ATM withdrawal volumes across

the industry continue to decrease each year as more people adopt digital and card payment options, we are committed to ensuring cash access options continue to be available to communities across Australia," the spokesperson said.

"There are a number of fee-free options for our customers to access cash at any of the over 5000 major bank ATMs, and EFTPOS via participating supermarkets.

"Customers can also make withdrawals and balance enquiries through Bank@ Post at participating Australia Post outlets, including the Loxton Post Shop on East Terrace."



The last ever **Melbourne Cup** of the Mallee



ONCE hailed "the Melbourne Cup of the Mallee", sadly this year's renewal of the Mindarie-Halidon Cup will be the last.

On Sunday, September 19 at Halidon, the final curtain will come down on the oncea-year race meeting with over a century of tradition.

Many factors have led to the demise of this well-patronised annual event - the Covid-19 pandemic just one, albeit a factor that brought a sooner-than-expected focus on its future.

Maintaining safe racing conditions at any racecourse is continually more demanding and with a predominantly volunteer base the costs to upgrade these and other facilities at regional and country tracks have become a constant struggle.

No matter the code, venues now need to host a minimum number of events per year to be sustainable, to regularly attract patronage and their share of the dollars from betting turnover to meet these needs.

A multi-million-dollar investment in thoroughbred racing at Gifford Hill on the outskirts of Murray Bridge, about a 100km away, has perhaps been the last straw, but it may also be a glimmer of hope.

A new dawn beckons if future runnings of the Mindarie-Halidon Cup were transferred to this venue in this calendar slot. Tradition chronicles change, but none survive without embracing it.

It's hard to imagine that horse racing in the Riverland was once more prolific than the annual cup meeting in the Mallee, and I well remember Melbourne Cup Day at the Berri races and the regular meetings I sporadically attended as a boy.

My grandfather fielded the doubles board on course and while too young to understand it all, my parents always commented that after spending a day with him my mathematics greatly improved.

When the Berri racecourse closed in 1998 it left only the Riverland Greyhound Racing Club at Bruce Oval, Barmera.

Opening in April 1972 it lasted almost 40 years, before closing in 2011, also under the weight of costly upgrades required to meet industry standards.

It was a shame for all involved in the industry in the region and also for any young local racecaller with a desire to be like sports commentators who started in racing, such as Bruce McAvaney.

Earlier this year a former Loxton resident now domiciled in Geelong proposed the return of thoroughbred racing to the Riverland. He continues to espouse the benefits of such a venture and will address local councils this week.

In an industry where a longshot can salute, albeit on rare occasions, this seems at odds with current practice and would buck a trend.

Economic opportunity in any region requires consideration, but to try and turn back the clock when the horse has well and truly bolted will be some training feat.

O Trevor Norton is deputy mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and co-host of 5RM Sports Saturday, but has provided the above comment as his own opinion.

Canning corflutes for cleaner streets

RIVERLANDERS expecting to be bombarded with election posters for the 2022 Chaffey campaign could be in a for a pleasant surprise.

Reducing waste and keeping SA Streets clean are the primary aims of proposed legislation that would regulate the use of corflutes for March's State Election.

The laws, which have been introduced to State Parliament, would see a limit placed on how many corflutes candidates could have at polling booths and where the posters could be displayed.

Attorney-General Vickie

Chapman said the measures would minimise the use of the contentious and environmentally damaging signage.

"Every election cycle, thousands of corflutes are printed, many of which end up on the scrapheap," Ms Chapman said.

"The posters are detrimental to the environment and the cable ties used to fix them to stobie poles often end up harming local wildlife.

"These proposed laws will help cut the waste, while still allowing for sensible corflute use on polling day."

The laws would prevent the use of corflutes on the bulk of roadsides, with exemptions for use in close proximity to polling booths.

Candidates or parties would only be able to display a maximum of four corflutes within 50 metres of booths. Further exemptions could also be set through regulation.

"Times have changed since corflutes were first adopted as a means of promoting political parties and candidates," said Ms Chapman, who called on the State Opposition to back the Bill.



could be more scarce across the Riverland in the lead-up to the 2022 State Election.

ib MP unveils plan for a 69th South Australian council.

AN additional council – South Australia's 69th – would be established under an SA Liberal MP's plans.

Last week Davenport MP Steve Murray revealed the plan in parliament, immediately attracting strong questioning and criticism from the State Opposition.

"I am pleased to announce the launch of the Glenthorne council..." Mr Murray said.

"It will be a community focused on parks and lifestyle, sweeping from the Hills down through to Hallett Cove. It will have 55,000 people, sensible rate structures and be responsive and locally accountable."

The comments were seized upon by

Labor Legislative Council Member, Emily Bourke, the opposition spokesperson for local government.

"While the community calls for less councils, Steve Murray wants to create more, which will cost ratepayers more," Ms Bourke said.

"This appears to be a half-baked plan that will likely add another layer of red tape, bureaucracy and cost to ratepayers in the south.

"This is a government that promised 'lower costs'. However, the establishment of a 69th council will only deliver confusion and duplicate services at a great cost to its community."

In question time, Local Government Minister, Vickie Chapman, said members of parliament were "most welcome" to discuss potential changes to council boundaries.

The proposed new council would intersect part of the existing Onkaparinga Council, which Mr Murray had previously described as an "unmitigated disaster", according to The Advertiser.

The Advertiser also reported that Onkaparinga Mayor, Erin Thompson, was unaware of plans to create a Glenthorne council. Ms Bourke said an additional council "has not been formed in South Australia for decades".

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New treatment hub a boost for Riverlanders

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE development of a non-profit organisation's new Adelaide hub is set to make it easier for Riverlanders to receive cancer treatments.

Cancer Council earlier this year began construction on its new \$31 million integrated cancer building, located on Greenhill Road, in Eastwood.

Cancer Council board chair Karlene Maywald – who visited the Riverland last week – said the organisation's current accommodation facilities required upgrades.

"In the business we have four pillars we support in the cancer area and one is support and accommodation for regional people going through a cancer journey," Mrs Maywald said.

"Those facilities we provide are at Flinders Lodge and Greenhill Lodge, and they're past their used by date. They're very tired.

"We're selling Greenhill Lodge and Flinders Lodge, we've demolished our admin building, and we're building a brand new 120bed facility."

Mrs Maywald – who was the previous Chaffey MP before Tim Whetstone – said the new building would combine research, prevention, information and support services for patients.

"It's really contemporary and special-purpose accommodation,

designed specifically to support people who are experiencing a cancer treatment journey," she said.

"Onsite will be the support services we currently offer state-wide, and the support services we offer to people and residents who come down now.

"It includes the provision of support nurses and counselling, to support the wellbeing of people when they are going through this journey."

Mrs Maywald said South Australians in regional communities faced extra challenges when battling cancer.

"Currently 28 people every single day in South Australia hear the words 'you have cancer'," she said.

"One-third of those, which is a disproportionately high number, are regional people... (and) of those regional people, a good percentage of those will have their lives cut short within five years of their diagnosis, as a consequence of them being regionally based.

"The reason for that is because of the challenges associated with distances they have to travel for treatment.

"They're away from home, away from their support networks and the financial cost is a lot more of a burden."

Berri woman and Cancer Council 2018 Global Hero of Hope Nancy Murdock – who has survived three battles with cancer –



Cancer Council board chair, and former Chaffey MP, Karlene Maywald (left), breaking ground for the organisation's new Eastwood treatment hub with Premier Steven Marshall. PHOTO: supplied

said metropolitan accommodation had been crucial to her treatment.

"Staying at the lodges really is life or death for country people," Mrs Murdock said.

"If you don't have the lodges then often you can't afford to come to Adelaide for treatment – and if you can't have treatment then you have no chance at all."

Construction of the facility has been supported by funding from the state government, and a donation from Riverland Water.

Riverland Water chair Vincent Tremaine said the new building would have "significant" benefits for locals.

"It's important we give back to the communities in which we serve, and that's why Riverland Water is very proud to partner the Cancer Council South Australia Integrated cancer centre development," Mr Tremaine said.

"The facility will make a significant difference to the comfort of its Riverland region guests when they stay in Adelaide and while undergoing treatment."

Mrs Maywald said providing a comfortable setting for rural resi-

dents during their treatment would continue to be a priority for Cancer Council.

"We can support them in an environment where everyone's going through their cancer journey," Mrs Maywald said.

"They're going through it in a supported environment, with a reduced financial burden and in an environment where they can feel at home.

"For a lot of the treatments you need to be there consecutive days, so you need to stay in the city and you can't do it in a day trip."

Local volunteer efforts still vital to Daffodil Day

CONTINUED commitment from local volunteers has assisted a national charity's major fundraising campaign to support people battling cancer.

The Cancer Council's annual Daffodil Day fundraiser was held last Friday, with numerous donation stands set up across the region.

Cancer Council board chair Karlene Maywald said the efforts of local volunteers had been integral to the campaign's continued success.

"It's a really important part of our fundraising calendar, and it also creates the opportunity for us to build awareness of what the Cancer Council does and the support services we provide," Mrs Maywald said.

"For every dollar we invest from our donors, we leverage another six into research. So the dollar you invest in Cancer Council has huge benefit.

"We've got Daffodil Day on every corner in the Riverland... and an amazing band of volunteers.

"Join the cause (because) there's nothing better than having fun while you're raising money for something worthwhile."

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER



Manning the Daffodil Day stand in Loxton on Friday were Cancer Council volunteers Elaine Smith, of Berri, and Leanne Christopher, of Loxton. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Pasin flexes his muscle after MP case

TONY Pasin has flexed his muscle within the SA Liberals, weighing into discussions about controversial former Liberal MP Sam Duluk.

Mr Duluk was last week found not guilty of assault following an alleged incident with upper-house crossbencher Connie Bonaros.

The decision prompted Mr Pasin – MP for the federal seat of Barker and increasingly regarded as a right-wing powerbroker – to call for Mr Duluk to be allowed to return to the Liberal Party.

"The acquittal of Sam

Duluk is a reminder to everyone that rushing to judgment in the absence of all the facts is a dangerous approach," Mr Pasin said in The Advertiser.

"With this matter finalised I encourage the leadership of the Liberal Party to immediately lift the suspension of the Member for Waite's membership."

Mr Pasin's comments follow a recent factional battle within the SA Liberals, sparked by a party move to prevent some Pentecostal Christians from becoming members. The roadblock was subsequently dumped after a flurry of publicity, with 550 conservative Christians then joining the party to boost its conservative faction.

Mr Duluk is among the few remaining conservative faction South Australian MPs in the SA Liberal Party, along with Boothby MP Nicolle Flint and SA Liberal Senator Alex Antic, who is a close friend of Mr Pasin.

Premier Steven Marshall is part of the Liberals' moderate faction.



Barker MP Tony Pasin (right), pictured with federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg, has called for Sam Duluk's return to the SA Liberal Party.

riverlandbusiness.com.au www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 NEWS 15 Riverlanders show their pride at Berri march

MORE than 100 Riverlanders showed their support for the LGBTQIA+ community at the region's first ever Pride March last Friday.

The march, organised by headspace Berri, ran along the Berri river front to the mural underneath the Berri bridge, where marchers gathered to hear speeches.

Attendees of all ages dressed in rainbow clothing, donned pride flags and carried signs showing their support.

The event coincided with national Wear It Purple Day, an awareness day aimed at celebrating diversity.

On the day, headspace Berri also took special guest speaker Shay Leach to talk with senior students at three Riverland high schools, among other activities.

In a post on Facebook, headspace Berri thanked those who attended the Pride March, and said feedback on the march would determine if it would be held again in future years.

"Riverland Pride March was an opportunity for all of us to come together to celebrate and show support for Riverland LGBTQIA+ young people as part of our other Riverland Wear It Purple Day activities," they said.

Locals who attended the march are encouraged to provide feedback via an online survey, available on the headspace Berri Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ headspaceBerri).













Riverlanders travelled from across the region to take part in the march in Berri.



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MONASH CENTENARY MILITARY CEREMONY

Monash's memorable milestone

Hundreds of people attended the Monash Centenary Military Ceremony on Sunday at







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JOSH BRINE

MORE than two years of planning by volunteers came together for the Monash Centenary Military Ceremony on Sunday, drawing hundreds of attendees from across the region and beyond.

The event marked the centenary of the towns gazetting on August 25, 1921, and included a military service, march, mural unveiling, weapons display and more.

Special guests Commander Alastair Cooper of the Navy, Brigadier Graham Goodwin of the Army and Air Commodore Ross Bender of the Air Force attended the event, with the South Australian Army Band performing and local Army and Air Force cadets also in attendance.

A mural was also unveiled on the side of the Monash CFS building, painted by local artists John Seaton and Dean Hembling.

Event organiser Lloyd Wright said he was "blown away" by how the event went.

"Everything ran smoothly, everyone enjoyed themselves and the military portions of the cer-

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emony were just magnificent," he said.

"To have all three branches of the military represented here was very special, and the crowd were really appreciative.

"It was amazing too that Brigadier Goodwin, Commander Cooper and Air Commodore Bender all enjoyed themselves.

"I was at the end of the march, and I don't know how many people were in it but it seemed pretty popular.

"It was great to see people bring their descendants medals or their own medals."

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Legislative Council Member Nicola Centofanti, Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt and Berri Barmera councillors attended the event, while Chief of Army Lieutenant General Rick Burr and Barker MP Tony Pasin provided video messages from lockdown in Canberra.

"(The video messages) were great, but that then gave us the problem of playing a video message in broad daylight for hundreds of people," Mr Wright said.

"Fortunately, (Berri Barmera councillor) Adrian Little was able to do a dash to Adelaide Saturday morning to get this big mobile screen which worked perfectly."

The ceremony was preceded by a centenary dinner at the Monash Club on Saturday night, which was attended by about 90 people.

"We read out five soldier settler stories at the dinner, which helped everyone understand the mood and where we were coming from," Mr Wright said.

"There's also a lot of people who have come from out of the region for the events and stayed here for the weekend.'

Mr Wright said the committee would now turn its focus to a book currently being produced on the original Monash soldier settlers.

"We are finalising the last few bits for that, but it's been heaps of work," he said.

"People are really inquisitive now about where they fit into the history of things, and I think that will be the legacy of this.

"This will now be the record of the first 100 years of Monash.'

Mr Wright thanked the Lone Gum and Monash Community Association, Monash CFS, Berri Barmera Council and all other volunteers for their "outstanding" support.

MONASH CENTENARY MILITARY CEREMONY



Lone Gum and Monash Community Association member Alison Halupka, Monash CFS captain Dave Otto de Grancy and Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt lay wreaths at the cairn in front of the hall.



Locals take part in the march at the Monash Centenary Military Ceremony.



Riverland war veterans marching down Monash's main street, led by Riverland Vietnam Veterans Association president Max Binding.



Chief of Army Lieutenant General Rick Burr addressed the crowd from lockdown in Canberra.



The Monash CFS brigade with artists John Seaton (front left) and Dean Hembling in front of the new mural on the side of the station.



Yvette Webber and Ros Heward, who each married the sons of soldier settlers, cut the cake during Monash's centenary celebrations.



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Monash Shindig cancelled

A Monash community feast planned for the October long weekend has been cancelled.

In a post on the Monash centenary Facebook page, organiser Sue Heward announced the cancellation of the Monash Shindig yesterday.

"Due to the uncertainty of Covid and the minimum Covid-safe requirements (for seated indoor events serving food and drinks), we felt that the shindig could not be run and provide the maximum experience to celebrate the Monash centenary," she said.

"In addition, interstate visitors would have been precluded from attending as a result of state-based isolation rules."

Ms Heward said the shindig would be rescheduled for 2022, with all tickets already sold to be refunded.

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Russell's time to back-pedal

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL high school's Pedal Prix program will be without its main man in the future.

Loxton High School teacher Russell Voumard recently announced he will take a step back from the Pedal Prix after more than two decades as team manager.

"I don't regret one minute of it," he said.

"But I have just got to that point where I think that I need to free up some time to explore other parts of my job."

Loxton High School began competing in Pedal Prix 20 years ago and Mr Voumard spent the year prior researching the event.

"The reason I got involved in the first place is that being a tech teacher, I really loved the engineering side of things," he said. "(It was) the whole idea

"(It was) the whole idea of building a bike with a group of students and then going and racing it and seeing how you could make it perform."

In the past 20 years, Mr

Voumard has seen the event evolve in numerous ways.

"You can now commercially buy some high-quality bikes, so then the focus is on fitness and the logistics," he said.

"We were fundamental in pushing for an all-female category.

"In the first seven or eight years that we were involved, it was a great program for females, but teams were stacking their teams with male riders.

"They (the girls) weren't getting a fair go. We knew we wanted to create an opportunity for all of our students, regardless of their age and gender."

Mr Voumard said he believed the program would continue to evolve.

"I think there's an opportunity now for another person or group to inject some new life into the program and perhaps tweak it in different directions," he said.

"(It may mean) it gets put into recess for a year or so, so that we can get some stability in order to create a model that is going to work

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for us going forward."

While Loxton is highly competitive on the Pedal Prix track, Mr Voumard said the race results were often "insignificant".

"It is all about the offtrack team work, like leadership, working together, adults working with students, school working with community, the businessside of thing in managing sponsorship, budgets, equipment and maintenance," he said.

"There are so many elements. As an educational tool, it offers so much."

Loxton High School principal David Garrett said Mr Voumard sets a "wonderful example" of the school's values and culture.

"We're proud of what Russell achieved over many years by developing and leading the school's Pedal Prix program," he said.

"He inspired hundreds of students, and staff, over many years, helping them to become better people and team members in the process."

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LEFT: Pedal Prix team manager Russell Voumard in the early vears of the event. Loxton High School celebrated 20 years of **Pedal Prix** involvement this year and **Mr Voumard** has announced his intention to step down from the role. PHOTO: Loxton News

National Skills Week highlighting importance of digital expertise

EIGHTY-SEVEN per cent of jobs needed by businesses today require digital skills, according to a McKinsey Global Survey from 2020.

National Skills Week, which took place last week, highlighted the use of digital skills needed in workplaces, prompting chair Brian Wexham to emphasise the importance of young people acquiring digital skills to lay the groundwork for a satisfying and successful career.

"Digital is everywhere," he said.

"It shouldn't be seen as just IT. As technology continues a rapid ascent, digital skills needs are inserting itself into all aspects of our lives."

Mr Wexham said technology and digital careers offer higher paying jobs with greater flexibility to work almost anywhere in the world.

"Over 150,000 digital professionals will be required over the next five years, 65,000 new technology jobs have been created during Covid to date," he said.

"Technology is now the seventh largest employer – there are more software engineers and application programmers than plumber, hairdressers or secondary school teachers.

"We should also recognise the importance of digital skills for every person in every job across all industries.

"All of us have to learn new skills and keep on learning them to keep up-to-pace with the pace of change."

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Glossop's past, present and future celebrate centenary

JOSH BRINE

LOCALS of all ages came out in droves last Wednesday to celebrate the centenary of Glossop's gazettal as a town.

More than 120 people, including students from Glossop High School, Rivergum Christian College and Glossop Primary Community School, attended the event at the town's anchor exactly 100 years after the town was gazetted on August 25, 1921.

The ceremony included speeches by local historian Jacque Zagotsis, Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt and special guest Commander Alastair Cooper, of the South Australian Navy Headquarters.

Students from all three schools, plus Mr Hunt, laid wreaths at the

anchor to commemorate the occasion.

Glossop Centenary Committee chair Heather Shearer said the event had come together in just a couple of months

"We had a dinner when the Governor (Hieu Van Le) was in the Riverland (in May), and we decided there and then... that we would do this," she said.

"We also decided that we needed to have a man in uniform for the ceremony, and Commander Cooper accepted our offer which was fantastic."

Ms Shearer said the committee was pleased with the turnout for the ceremony.

"My initial thought was if we got 50 we would have really done well, so this is fantastic," she said. The ceremony was followed by a morning tea with a town birthday cake, which was cut by long-term Glossop residents.

"The residents were in or close to their 90s," Ms Shearer said.

"It was great to be able to have them here to cut the cake." Ms Shearer also thanked council for its assistance in preparing for

and organising the event. "The Berri Barmera Council have been so wonderful in supporting us with our centenary celebrations, and have been right behind

us the entire time," she said. Several other centenary events are planned in Glossop before the end of the year, including a visual presentation of Glossop through the years to be displayed on the Ashborn Industries building, on the Old Sturt Highway, from October

11 to 17.



Long-term Glossop residents Glenda Walsh (left), Betty Schwertfeger, Dorothy Guscott and Lester Creed cutting the cake at the Glossop centenary event last Wednesday. PHOTO: supplied

The Glossop Primary Community School will also celebrate 101 years on October 15. Glossop High School, the primary school and town will also hold an open day on October 16, followed by a dinner at the Barmera Club.



Berri Barmera library manager Peter Ison (left), Mayor Peter Hunt and Commander Alastair Cooper from the Navy Headquarters South Australia (right) with Glossop centenary committee members Jenni Jury (third from left), Kerry Woolston, Kath Materne, Rhonda Centofanti, centenary project officer Christine Webster, Marg Staker, chairperson Heather Shearer, Jacque Zagotsis, secretary Annie Berriman and Dudley Materne. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



More than 120 people gathered at the anchor outside the Glossop Motel to celebrate the centenary.



Photos capture mural memories IMAGES of the now photographer to capture

IMAGES of the now dismantled community mural at the Berri cannery have been published online, with the Berri Barmera Council now exploring options to use the photographs in a public art display.

The mural was removed to make way for commercial development on the site, but at its June monthly meeting council voted to preserve the mural by hiring a professional

images of the artwork. Council recently uploaded the images to its website, seeking information, memories or photos of the mural.

Council's community development staff are also accepting ideas for how the images can be used for a public art project.

To see the images or submit memories of the mural, visit council's website (bit. ly/3sLDI84).



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Abbey Hughes, 12, of St Albert's Catholic School, dressed as Black Widow. PHOTOS: supplied





Abigail Sims, 5, of Renmark West Primary School, dressed as Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz.

OLD WORLDS. NEW WORLDS



Alice Hansen, 7, of Loxton Lutheran School, dress as Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz.

Amber Brown, 9, of Renmark Primary School, dressed as The Cat in the Hat.

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Amity Mulvey, 7, of Renmark Primary School, dressed as Princess Aurora of Sleeping Beauty.



Anna McCullough, 9, of Loxton Lutheran School, dressed as Susan from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.



Ayvah, 2, and Lucas Karagiannis, 1, of the Riverland Early Learning Centre, dressed as a cowgirl and cowboy.



Charlee Onofria, 9, of Renmark Primary School,



Elliot Watts, 4, of Renmark Children's Centre, dressed as Ghecko from PJ Masks.





Callie Balshaw, 2, of Renmark Children's Centre, dressed as a witch.





Emma Kruschel, 9, of Loxton Lutheran School, dressed as

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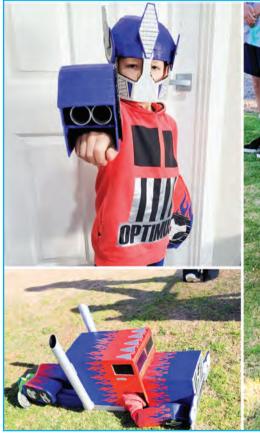
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Ella Vaughan, 6, of Renmark North School, dressed as Poppy from Trolls.



Bailey Yard, 8, of Renmark North School, dressed as Optimus Prime.



Emmie, 7, as Little Red Riding Hood, and Abbey Smith, 5, as Matilda, both of St Joseph's School

Renmark.





Della Lange, 4, of Loxton Lutheran School Early Learning Centre, dressed as the butterfly from The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



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Harry Dillon, 5, of Renmark West Primary School, dressed as a ninja.

Jacob Raeder, 5, of Renmark Children's Centre,

dressed as Spiderman.



Harry Lloyd, 3, of Renmark Children's Centre, dressed as Batman.



Jaxon Little, 4, of Renmark Children's Centre, dressed as Harry Potter.



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Jayda Lambert, 12, and Ocea Gartner, 11, both of Renmark North School, dressed as hippies.



Emma, 7, dressed as the witch from Room on The Broom, and Eloise Lloyd, 10, dressed as Thing 2, both of St Joseph's School Renmark.



Renmark Toyworld's Jenni Muskett, dressed as a queen, with Harry Leesue, 10, as a cowboy, Angus Leesue, 12, as a minion and Oli Kroemer, 12, as a minion, all from Renmark West Primary School.



Jacob, 12, as old man from Up, Nicola, 6, as Goldilocks, Milla, 2, as Emma the Yellow Wiggle, and Koa Tregeagle, as Wanda from Where's Wally?, all of Renmark West Primary School.



Kira McCullough, 5, of Loxton Preschool, dressed as Moana.



Katie Blackwell, 2, of Renmark Children's Centre, dressed as Bingo, from Bluey.

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OUT & ABOUT

Lynchburg release a pleasant surprise



THERE are many reasons why I decide to purchase a CD.

Recently, I received *How Country Do You Want It?* by Lynchburg, from the newly established duo of Allan Caswell and Lindsay Waddington.

This one was a pleasant surprise. After hearing the track *Youngie*, on which the lead vocals are sung by Lindsay Waddington, who began touring with Youngie as a teenager, I knew the album would be very special and I had to purchase it.

Waddo is known for his excellent instrumental tracks, and he was cajoled by his wife Reegan, plus Allan, into singing this one, due to his respect for Brian Young.

Yes, I shed some tears listening to that particular song, but I enjoyed all of the 13 tracks, which other than *Black Jack Blues Again*, written by Allan, and *Cuervo*, Waddo's instrumental track, were co-writes by the duo.

Alison Forbes features on *Next Broken Heart*, a moving duet with Allan, into which Alison puts so much feeling.

A few of the other tracks are Just Get Better, That's Why People Dance, Sometimes If I Drink, The Reason That I'm Gone, Guilty As Charged, Love You When I Can, and Drinking To Forget You.

Besides Allan on lead vocals, backing vocals, and acoustic guitar, Waddo plays electric, acoustic, nylon string and baritone guitars, mandolin, lap steel, dobro, banjo bass, drums and percussion. Harmonies are by Jen Mize.

As usual Waddo chooses some of our most competent musos to suit the content of the songs: Brendan Radford, (electric acoustic, nylon string guitars, harmonica), Hugh Curtis (fiddle, mandolin), Pixie Jenkins (fiddle), Michel Rose (pedal steel), Glenn Thomas (piano, organ, trumpet).

Recorded and produced by Waddo at his Kross Kut Studios at Robina, this album is available from Reegan and Lindsay Waddington through their website (www.krosskutrecords.com.au).

The CMAA's 50th Anniversary Winners Limited Edition Deluxe 4CD set will be launched on November 12, 2021.

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Toyota Golden Guitar Awards the CMAA and ABC Music is releasing this package containing songs from a good assortment of artists who have won awards over the years.

Having seen the list of 85 songs selected, I am very impressed, and have already ordered this one, even though unfortunately one of our country music pioneers, Reg Lindsay, failed to make the cut, for whatever reason.



At the end of July Geoff Evans, a popular Sunraysia entertainer who performed a variety of music from rock to country, plus old-time dance songs, left us at 84 years young.

He was still entertaining three weeks before he passed. In the 1960s Geoff was a member

of the Sunraysia-based rock band, The Rhythm Rockets, who performed in the Old Ballerina in Lime Avenue, Mildura, and rose to success due to their popularity, releasing around 30 vinyl records.

After the group split up in 1975, Geoff continued to perform solo, touring all over Australia.

Many will remember when Geoff was a regular at the Tamworth Country Music Festival for over a decade, playing on the corner of Peel and Fitzroy Streets to good crowds, including line dancers, and fans who appreciated good music.

The music by this accomplished vocalist, pianist and guitarist led to his continued success as a solo performer.

When Geoff retired from touring, he would still spread his love of music onto those in the community, performing for local nursing homes, on Mildura paddleboats, and for numerous fundraisers. He would not only sing for the nurs-

ing home residents, but was one of those caring entertainers who would also spend time talking to them.

The Mildura Country Music Festival included him in its program numerous times, and he was also a regular performer at the Red Cliffs Markets. Geoff Evans will be fondly remem-

bered by all who knew him, and our thoughts are with his wife Joy and his family.

Joy is sending some of Geoff's CDs over to me, so they will be available for \$15 (plus postage) if you want to have another listen to that beautiful smooth voice.



Geoff Evans with Terry Gordon at the Mildura Country Music Festival. PHOTO: Robyn McIntosh

News has filtered in that one of coun-

try music's best songwriters, Tom T. Hall, has passed away.

Known as storyteller, you surely must recall at least one of the many songs that this talented man wrote during his career. *Harper Valley PTA*, (Old Dogs,

Children and) Watermelon Wine, and The Year That Clayton Delaney Died are just a few that come to mind. In addition to being a songwriter

and entertainer, Tom also wrote a set of books on song writing, to help others.





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ABOVE: At the unveiling of the Monash CFS mural on Sunday were Raoul Otto de Grancy, his son Dave and grandson Harley. PHOTO: supplied

LEFT: Renmark's Nick Wilkinson and Barmera's Meleana Morrow got engaged on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. The duo recently had an engagement photoshoot among almond orchards in Renmark. PHOTO: supplied

COMMUNITY DIARY A guide to what's on in the Riverland and Northern Mallee for community non-profit events.

Email: editor@murraypioneer.com.au with an event description in 30 words or less.

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The Palms Bingo club hold a Bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available from the bar. Please make sure you sign in under the Covid rules. **WEEKLY**

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Charity For All Bingo at the Loxton Club is being held for Brownswell Novita. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and raffles available. All welcome, come along for an enjoyable night raising funds for worthy causes and maybe make a few

friends along the way. **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** Berri combined Probus Club will meet in new venue at Berri Cottage Homes. Interested new members or visitors welcome. Come along and hear interesting speeches, trips to local venues and great companionship. Enquires to 0428 215 114. **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** Understanding domestic violence meeting. 9am to 1pm at the Waikerie RSL, 101 Thompson Street. Bookings essential.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare

Community Hub, 13 Drabsch St, Loxton, 10am to 1pm. Good food, good people, good times.

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12 Chaffey Rose Club 25th birthday celebrations on September 10, 11 and 12. Ring secretary Dale on 0420 383 948 for inquiries. **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 -MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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



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Rachel Wagner is looking

forward to increasing the

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Local is

new face of The Precinct

The Precinct Loxton's

new venue manager

centre's usage.

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE new manager of Loxton's multi-million dollar sporting precinct is eager to see the building

reach its full potential. Local woman Rachel Wagner began her new position in July and is looking forward to seeing The Precinct be well utilised by the Loxton and wider community.

"(The aim) within the next few months is to get everything up and running, the way it was intended," she said.

"We want to make it a feasible facility for sporting groups, (including) basketball and netball, but then any other group really."

Loxton Waikerie council engaged Belgravia Leisure earlier this year at a cost of \$4000 a month (excluding GST) to oversee the Precinct.

Mrs Wagner has previous management experience and is currently involved with the Loxton Softball Club.

The Precinct has the potential for a wide range of events, according to Mrs Wagner.

The building is home to two meeting rooms, a large,

carpeted indoor space, two full-sized courts and the mezzanine function facility.

"It can be whatever you want it to be," Mrs Wagner said.

"It has endless capabilities, from art shows to cooking classes (and) it's disability friendly."

Mrs Wagner said usage was constantly increasing.

"At this time of year you have the crossover of netball and basketball," she said.

"We have something here every night of the week.

"Through the day, it would be nice to get some community groups in using it."

As the weather warms up, Mrs Wagner said she expects to see more socialtype bookings in the mezzanine function area.

"We have some future bookings happening up there already, which is really good, (including) Loxton High School prom and graduation dinners," she said.

For more information about The Precinct, contact Mrs Wagner on 0459 931 233, or visit the Facebook page (facebook.com/ ThePrecinctLoxton).

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Students take their Book Week costumes 'out of this world'

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

LOCAL students dressed in "out of this world" costumes last week to celebrate the most fun day of school.

Australian schools marked Book Week last week, and the 2021 theme of 'old worlds, new worlds and other worlds' sparked costume inspiration for many fairy-tale characters, aliens and astronauts.

Cobdogla Primary School held its parade last Wednesday and teacher Sheree Smart said the students put "lots of effort" into their costumes. "Book Week is a huge deal and something students look forward to

annually," she said. "Although the whole week is about learning and reading, the students love the parade and dressing up.

"Every student put in effort with their costumes and it really showed."

Ms Smart said Book Week was a "great way" for students to explore new books. "This year's theme

of 'old worlds, new worlds and other worlds' really had the children intrigued and they were introduced to new books that they usually wouldn't consider reading," she said. "We've explored

"We've explored the theme, done lots of activities as classes, highlighted the importance of reading and learnt lots throughout the week."

Reception student Ruby, who dressed up as Princess Ariel, said the parade was her favourite part about Book Week.

"I had fun learning about books but I was very excited to dress up as Princess Ariel because it's fun," she said.

"The Little Mermaid is my favourite book and Ariel is beautiful so it was cool I got to come to school dressed as her." Book Week last week.

RIGHT: Cobdogla Primary

School's reception class.

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STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOCAL students are missing out on the opportunity to show off their hard work following the recent cancellation of the Royal Adelaide Show.

Loxton High School year 10 agricultural students take part in the Adelaide Show Led Steer Competition each year and teacher Justine Fogden said the event's cancellation was disappointing.

"The students have been really good about it," she said.

"We will still do everything, except go to the show."

Mrs Fogden said the students work hard to get the steers ready for the Adelaide event.

"They basically spend every lesson out in the yards, washing them, getting them quiet, teaching them to lead, but it's also about teaching the kids as well," she said.

With the Riverland no longer a large beef cattle area, Mrs Fogden said students have a lot to learn.

"I love it, because they start completely green and grow every lesson," she said.

Mrs Fogden said she hopes to organise an opportunity for the students to show and lead the steers at the school.

"We haven't quite worked out what we are going to do yet, but before we go to the show, I usually get some teachers to come over and do a bit of a presentation anyway," she said.

As part of the Adelaide Show Led Steer Competition, the carcass is also judged.

"The steers will still go to the abattoirs and they will get processed, so we will still get the carcass assessment," she said.

"That looks at how good the fat is, how much muscle, colour of the meat, colour of the fat."



The Fogden family's Nangaringa stud tasted success at the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show, winning a number of ribbons including the most successful beef cattle exhibitor. Celebrating the win were back, (from left) Stock Journal's Mark Scown, Richard 'Dick', Deidre, Peter and Justine Fogden. Front: Thomas, Alizah and Eleni Fogden. PHOTO: supplied





Loxton High School agricultural studies students will miss out on the opportunity to show cattle at the Royal Adelaide Show, following the event's recent cancellation. PHOTO: supplied

Adelaide Show cancellation ramifications

THIS week will barely feel like September for a Loxton family following the recent cancellation of the Royal Adelaide Show.

The Fogdens run their Nangaringa santa gertrudis and Boulview charolais studs, and large shows are considered important events for the family.

Justine Fogden's three children have shown cattle at the Royal Adelaide Show from a young age and she said the event's cancellation was disappointing from both personal and business perspectives.

"For them, a lot of their closest friends are people who they show cattle with," she said.

"Plus it's lots of work in the lead-up to it. "You get refunded your entry forms, but

you've already put extra feed and time into the cattle and paid staff to work with them. "It's lots of preparation and it starts in

January." The Fogdens usually travel to Brisbane

and Sydney shows, which have also been impacted heavily by Covid over the past two years.

"You can never really gauge what busi-

ness you get out of a show because very few people go to a show and buy a bull," she said. "But, we are trying to expand into that

Queensland market and if you do well up there with a bull, then someone might come down and buy more from here. "So it sets you back another year if you

can't go.

"This is bull-selling season in northern New South Wales and southern Queensland now."

Justine's eldest daughter, Alizah, was lucky enough to show cattle in July.

"Alizah was the only one who competed at the SA Junior Heifer Expo, so we caught up with quite a few people there," Mrs Fogden said.

"But, the last time we would have shown would have been Royal Adelaide Show in 2019.

"It's probably harder this year because it got so close before cancelling.

"You just have to hope that the cattle will still sell well."

- STEPHANIE THOMPSON



MINNIE VINNIES: Berri's Our Lady of the River School's senior students have been involved in the Minnie Vinnies program since Lent this year. The school partnered with its local St Vincent de Paul to help pack food boxes to be distributed to the community. The students thanked Mr John Fewster for his support along with all the St Vinnies volunteers, who worked alongside the students. Pictured are year 7 students Kuljeet (left) and Bella with St Vincent de Paul volunteer John Fewster. PHOTO: supplied

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At last month's **Grains Research** Update in Loxton were (from left) **GRDC** southern region panel member Louise Flohr, Insight **Extension's Chris** McDonough, Elders Loxton's Brian Lynch, SARDI's Stuart Nagel and GRDC's Tom Blake. **PHOTO: supplied**



Growth in grain knowledge at Loxton

RIVERLAND grain growers left a recent industry update armed with "new knowledge" to improve their practices.

Hosted by the Loxton Hotel, the GRDC Grains Research Update covered a range of topics, including wind erosion, ameliorating sandy soils, adapting to dry sowing and using satellite data and imagery to assess frost damage.

Seven guest speakers were on hand, generating plenty of debate, according to Tom Blake, grower relations manager for GRDC (Grains Research and Development Corporation).

"We were not sure if it would go ahead, with recent Covid-19 travel restrictions, but we luckily found a window of opportunity to bring everyone together on the day," Mr Blake said. "Our research updates

always generate plenty of discussion and I am sure that those who attended the event went home armed with new knowledge to review their current practices and or validation for what is already working well on their farm."

Mr Blake described the line-up of presenters as "outstanding".

about changes.

"The session on long coleoptile wheat - which allows growers to sow deep into moisture - was of particular interest to Mallee grain growers," he said.

"CSIRO's Greg Rebetzke outlined promising results indicating new long coleoptile varieties capable of delivering wheat yields similar to typical wheat varieties.

"As these new varieties come onto the market soon, growers will have more choice to support adaption to sowing deeper to reach moisture.

"It's a great example of GRDC research-based investments moving through validation projects to adoption by seed companies and ultimately growers."

Presentations included: Wind erosion recovery – what actions can we take? (Chris McDonough, Insight Extension, and Brenton Schober, farmer from Borrika)

Ameliorating sandy soils strategies to improve productivity (Lynne Macdonald, CSIRO) Vetch – getting more from this

versatile legume (Stuart Nagel, SARDI) Adapting to dry sowing – long coleoptile wheat (Greg Rebetzke,

CSIRO) Using satellite data and imagery to assess frost damage and enable timely decision making (Moira

Smith, D-CAT, and Brian Lynch, Elders Loxton)

Illuminate art event postponed

A MULTIMEDIA art project scheduled to be shown in Renmark later this year as part of the Illuminate Adelaide festival has been postponed due to border restrictions.

In Depth, created by NSW-based artist Craig Walsh, was initially planned for September 17 to October 9 but will be rescheduled for 2022 following a decision by Illuminate Adelaide and the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

"Due to the volatile situation in NSW and that state's extended lockdown, the artist is unable to travel to SA for the planned September 17 start date," said an SATC spokesperson.

"In Depth is a collaborative work with strong engagement of local artists and community, and Illuminate Adelaide and SATC will continue to work with local stakeholders towards the new date.

"Illuminate Adelaide and the SATC are absolutely committed to delivering In Depth to the Riverland's township of Renmark and look forward to seeing it light up the river front in 2022.

"The work undertaken so far stands us in good stead to be ready for what will be an outstanding event."

In Depth was set to follow installations in Mount Gambier and Tumby Bay as part of the 2021 Illuminate Adelaide calendar.

Women in business get tips to beat stress

BEATING and dealing with stress was the focus for the latest Riverland dinner for the Women in Business Regional Network. The guest speaker was

Waikerie's Jo-anne Cain, of Soul Essence Therapy & Life Coaching.

Ms Cain helped those present to understand the reasons why they react the way they do to stressful situations and challenges.

And she pointed out that the current pandemic was making it even harder to cope with stress, particularly as some people shut themselves away when under pressure, suffer anxiety which can be made worse by mask wearing and can even become angry when frustrated

Ms Cain said we each needed to drive our own bus and "be responsible for our own feelings and actions, and also to fight off negative voices in our heads which can

make dealing with stress and crises more difficult". Those at the dinner were given a range of tools to assist including learning to refocus their thoughts, to enjoy time in the outdoors, practice gratitude for the good things in life, focus on breathing, have a mantra and even undertake some basic yoga moves.

At the dinner, network founder Carolyn Jeffrey outlined the latest steps for the network, which



Julie Day, Karen Jericho, Jo-anne Cain, Angela Lukacs, Elyssa Thurmer, Tia Ingle and Barb Cowey at the recent Women in Business Regional Network meeting. PHOTO: supplied

included offering group coaching and learning resources for members, as well as the forthcoming launch of a new online magazine to showcase regional women in business.

The next Riverland dinner is scheduled for November 10. The

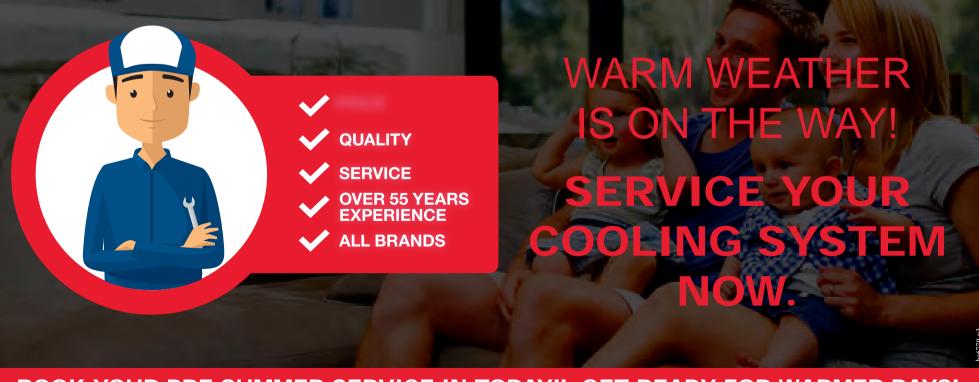
subject and venue is yet to be finalised.

The Women in Business Regional Network is open to busi-

ness owners, managers, staff and those dreaming of owning their

own business. "You don't have to be a member to attend events, but bookings are essential via Eventbrite.com.au," a spokesperson said.

For more information about the Women in Business Regional Network visit www.wibnetwork. com.au or contact Carolyn (0435 432 203).



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Grants to protect our local spots

THREE Riverland projects to improve local environments have been awarded thousands of dollars in grants from the federal government.

Berri Barmera Landcare, Mid Murray Landcare and Austland Management were among 73 groups to receive funding through the government's Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program.

Berri Barmera Landcare business manager Sharon Schrapel said the group's \$50,000 grant would go towards a project called Working Together to Strengthen Biodiversity.

"The project incorporates the implementation of local threatened species recovery plans, propagation and distribution of native plants from our nursery and numerous natural resource management community engagement events," she said.

"Building on our existing partnerships with community groups, the project incorporates the knowledge of indigenous communities, engages volunteers and youth in on-ground works and informs government.

"Community members will provide valued input to determine site selection based on potential benefits to biodiversity and complementing existing vegetation and fauna requirements.

"By utilising multi-species indigenous revegetation that includes habitat specific plants such as grasses and smaller shrubs, the cumulative benefit to biodiversity will be increased."

Mid Murray Landcare received \$46,600 for a regent parrot conservation project, while Austland Management received



Barker MP Tony Pasin says funding from round one of the Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program will help sustain numerous environmental sites in the Riverland. PHOTO: supplied

\$11,253 to engage community volunteers to restore the Calperum floodplain.

Calperum Station general manager for education and business, Julie Robertson, said the funding would allow volunteers to build connections with local environmental sites.

"A big part of our Calperum Connect program surrounds egagement, and this really aligns with that," Ms Robertson said.

"To be able to give volunteers a really worthwhile and interesting project to work on is fantastic.

"This project surrounds revegetation, and monitoring the health of the floodplain. Volunteers will actually be involved with the data collection."

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the grants were a win for the local environment and communities.





"It's great to see the community coming up with practical ways that they can improve the Basin environment, whilst we are getting on with the job of implementing the Basin Plan," he said.

"Local Landcare and community groups will undertake these projects, getting locals involved in revegetating waterways, fencing out cattle and clearing invasive species.

"This is just the first round of these grants, and I encourage communities to apply for further rounds when they open in the coming months."

Minister for Resources and Water, Keith Pitt, said the grants would enhance the environment of communities across the Murray– Darling Basin.

"Thanks to these grants, communities can get on with the job of caring for their local environment, through a range of activities including re-snagging rivers for native fish habitat and erosion control projects to improve water quality," he said.

- JOSH BRINE au/grants/).

New round of Healthy Rivers funding opens

RIVERLAND community groups and landholders aiming to benefit local environments and wildlife have been encouraged to apply for new funding under an ongoing program.

The Federal Government last weekend opened applications for round two of the Murray–Darling Healthy Rivers Program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said funding under round two of the program would be split into small, and large, grants.

"The first stream for small grants valued between more than \$5000 and \$100,000 and a new large grants stream valued between \$100,000 and \$2m," he said.

"The new large grants stream could fund a series of projects along a large stretch of the Murray River, or more intensive local projects such as installing fish passages to allow Murray Cod to travel throughout the whole river.

"These projects are helping community groups and landholders to get out on the ground and support local rivers, wetlands, flora and fauna. Grantees are also buying local which helps small businesses across Barker."

Minister for Water, Keith Pitt, said the projects would improve the health of rivers and wetlands.

"Our government is getting behind Basin farmers and landholders, community groups and schools," Mr Pitt said.

Local projects funded under round one of the initiative include:

□ Mid Murray Landcare – conservation of the regent parrot in the Murray-Darling Basin (\$51,260 including GST).

□ Berri Barmera Landcare – Improving habitats for threatened species in the Riverland (\$55,000 including GST).

□ Austland Management – Engaging

community volunteers in the restoration of the Calperum floodplain (\$12,378 including GST).

Applications for round two of the Murray– Darling Healthy Rivers Program will remain open until October 6.

Further information can be found by visiting the website (www.communitygrants.gov. au/grants/).

Berri police station imitated in scam

LOCALS have been warned to be wary of scammers imitating the phone numbers of legitimate Riverland businesses in order to gain personal information from potential victims.

A Riverlander recently received a telephone call from a number that was the same as the Berri Police Station.

The person was asked for personal information and threatened with being arrested over outstanding fines, however they suspected the call to be a scam and reported it to police.

A SAPOL spokesperson said scammers utilise technology to manipulate their caller

identification information.

"Although they can change the caller ID, they do not have access to actual phone number itself," the spokesperson said.

"This means that if you were to ring back the phone number, it would actually go the intended recipient, not the scammers.

"Never give your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and if in doubt, hang up the phone and call the person back on a known, reputable number."

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riverlandbusiness.com.au Industry welcomes affordability enquiry

REAL Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) has welcomed the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue inquiry into housing affordability and supply in Australia.

REIA president Adrian Kelly said the inquiry will address property taxation in the form of stamp or transfer duties and land tax which are among the largest barriers to housing affordability and consistently performing markets.

"Families across all the states and territories, except the ACT, are paying more stamp duty today than 20 years ago and that is time to get serious about stamp duty reform," he said.

"Australia has had the fourth-fastest house price growth out of the world's advanced economies over the past 20 vears

"Politicians cannot on one hand gripe about housing affordability; and then on the other say we need this income from home buyers and owners to fund public sector operations.

REIA has called on the Council of Federal Financial Relations to take on board this issue seriously and nationally rather than just shift this responsibility off to states and territories.

Mr Kelly said the massive market entry from first home buyers in both 2009 and 2020 show the power of waiving taxes and stimulus programs in boosting house ownership.

"The lack of national co-ordination has led to limited supply of both new and existing listings across the board," he said.

"Now more than ever we need fact based and bi-partisan support on policy issues for home buyers and home owners.'

Mr Kelly thanked the chair of the committee, Mr Jason Falinski MP, for his leadership in putting together the inquiry.

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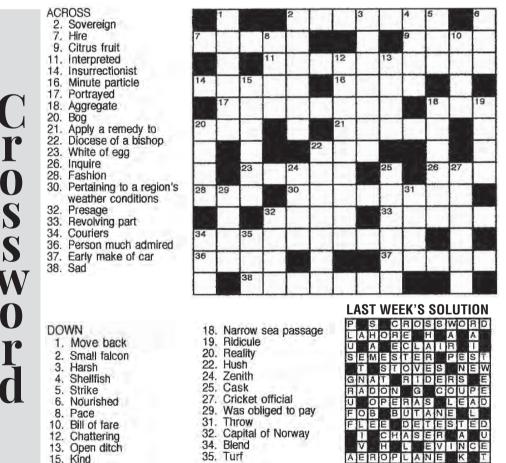
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ARIES (March 21st - April 20th) A favourable aspect to Neptune will help to give your powers of intuition a boost. Your ability to read between the lines and work out what is going on will help you to solve a long-standing mystery. Romance. It will soon be quite obvious if a meeting has gone well. Don't make any snap decisions!

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Make sure you know your own mind before you make a decision which will have long-term consequences. Romance. At times you may feel that you are not really clear what your partner expects from you. A favourable aspect to Mercury around the beginning of the week will help to improve communication between you

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

You might find it harder than usual to stick to something which requires discipline. Do your best not to give up, even if you feel that you are doing work which is not really necessary. Romance. A better understanding of the way your partner thinks may help you to deal with them.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A surge of energy will help you to get a lot of things out of the way which have been piling up. This would be an excellent time for tackling a chore which you have been trying to put off. Romance. Your good mood will help to smooth out a recent dip in your relationship. Your partner will be especially grateful for your support.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

Sudden inspiration will help to keep you moving in the right direction. Stick to this plan, even if things don't go smoothly at first. Don't let other people push you off course. Romance. A strange dream may worry you. The experiences in your dream will help you to make sense of recent changes in your life, but you must not interpret them too literally.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

Your relationships with your friends at work may become a little strained at times. Spend time by yourself if you need to and don't worry if other people feel that you are being anti-social. Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus will help your relationship to move from strength to strength.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

A visit from a relative could disrupt the atmosphere at home for a while. The solution will be right in front of you if you can only see it. Romance. A favourable aspect to Neptune could make you a little dreamy and unrealistic at times this week. Be careful not to let your emotions lead you into a decision which is entirely irrational.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

An unexpected question could create quite a stir this week: you may find out much more than you wanted to know about events which affect you directly. Romance. You will be surprised how popular you are with members of the opposite sex. A friend who has been interested in you for some time may make a move.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

If you are not careful you could get sucked into problems which have nothing to do with you. Keep a low profile for the next few days, and only give advice if you are specifically asked for it! Romance. Working together on chores will help you and your partner to become a little closer.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

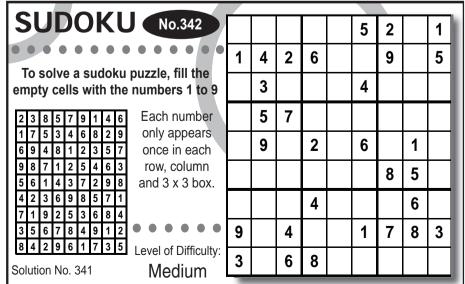
A positive aspect to Jupiter will help to give your confidence a boost. This would be a good time to start a new project, especially if the project seems a little risky. Romance. A close friend will give you some well-meant advice about your relationship. Before you get upset consider if the advice might not be worth taking

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Write back to a friend who contacted you recently. This person wants to establish a closer relationship with you and will be disappointed if they don't hear soon. Romance. A person who has not shown much interest in you in the past will be impressed by a generous gesture. You might get more attention than you want, however!

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

You have a lot to get through this week and must plan your time carefully. Be careful not to get diverted into a side-track which will lead nowhere. Romance. An inauspicious start to a new relationship may be disappointing. You should not give up, however: your next few meetings with this person will be much more rewarding.



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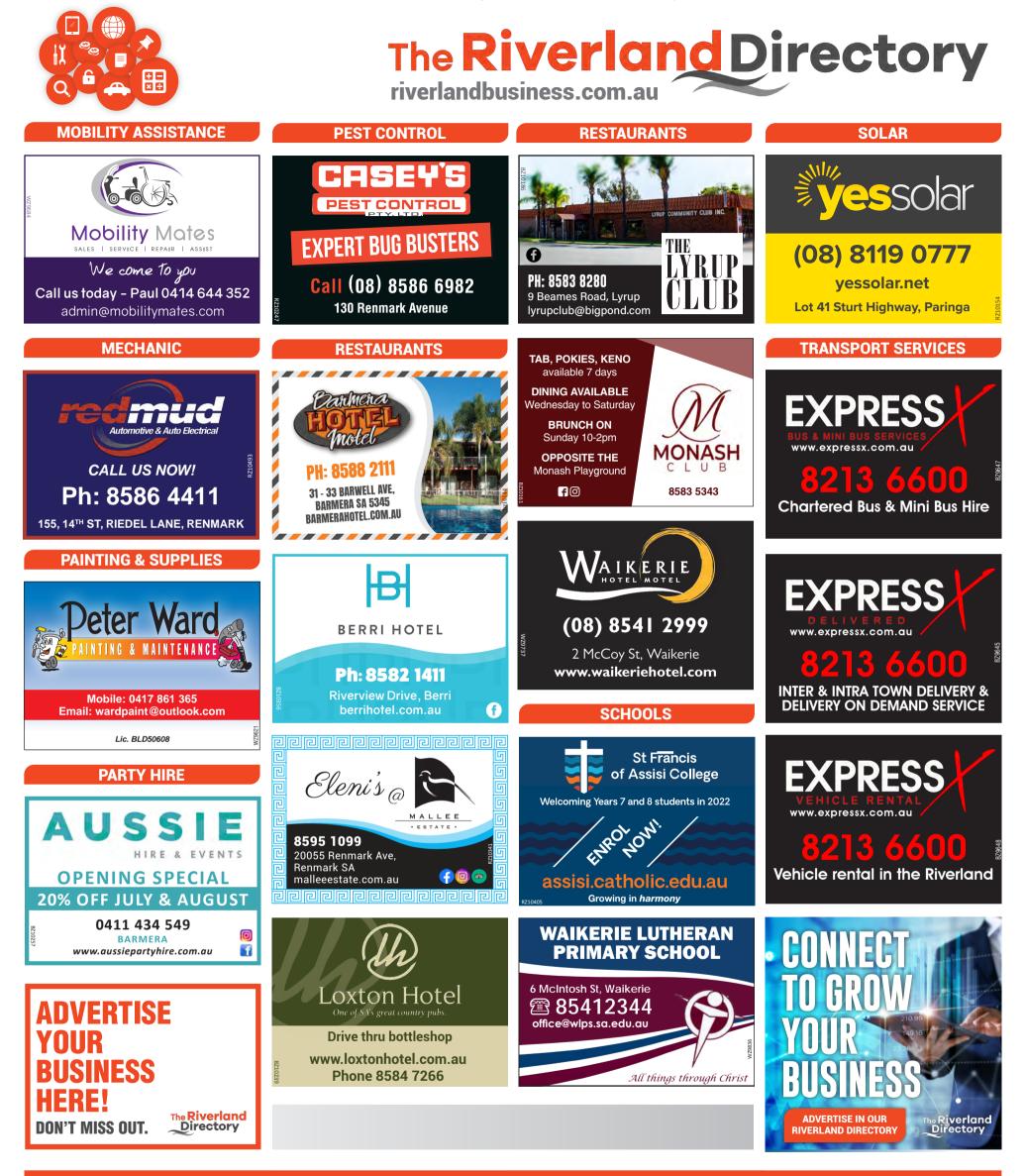


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100 Allan reaches a major milestone

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EATING a home-cooked meal a day with plenty of vegetables is the secret to living to 100, according to a local man who reached the milestone recently.

Barmera's Allan Thurmer turned 100 on Thursday, July 29, and marked the milestone only a fortnight ago, as the initial celebration was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Mr Thurmer, who resides at Barmera's Bonney Lodge, said he was "amazed" he reached the milestone.

"As a child, I loved sports, but when I reached the age of about 14 I was diagnosed with osteomyelitis," he said.

"I stayed in hospital for a whole year and for most of that time there was poison in my blood.

"The doctors then told my mum that they'd have to amputate my leg and if they don't I'd die.

"My mother didn't allow it so I had trouble for two to three years and then about six years later penicillin came out.

"By that time though, my knee joint was ruined and unfortunately I've had a stiff leg since."

Mr Thurmer was born and raised in Adelaide, and married the love of his life, Dorothy, in 1947. Together they would raise



Barmera's Allan Thurmer turned 100 recently. Mr Thurmer is holding his birthday card from the Queen and is pictured with his son, Allan Jr. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

four children.

Over the years, he then became the proud grandfather and great-grandfather of eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He made the move to Berri in June 1967 after one of his jobs in Adelaide gave him a connection with the region.

Mr Thurmer is a well-respected member of the Berri-Barmera community and has been involved with a number of community clubs and projects.

"I'm a 50-year charter member of the Berri Lions Club and a life member of Lions Clubs International," he said.

"Through my work with the club, I was lucky enough to be recognised and have

a walking trail by Martin Bend in Berri named after me: The Lion Allan Thurmer Recreational Trail." Mr Thurmer said he enjoyed his birthday

celebrations. "I had a function at Bonney Lodge with

all the residents and there was a big cake," he said. "I had planned to have a party with my

family closer to my birthday date but it was postponed due to Covid.

"Eventually, I was able to celebrate the milestone with my close family and friends at the Barmera Hotel and it was a great time."

Mr Thurmer said a highlight of turning

100 was receiving a letter from the Queen.

"I've always said that I wanted to receive a letter from the Queen and not the next King," he said.

"I was excited when it arrived; it was a great gift. I also received other letters from the Prime Minister and other members of parliament."

Mr Thurmer said the secret to living to 100 was maintaining a healthy diet.

"My mother always told me I had to eat at least one home-cooked meal a day and it had to have lots of different veggies in it," he said. "I've done so every day of my life and I've made it this far, so I guess she was right."

Locals warned as tax file number scam returns

RIVERLANDERS preparing tax returns have been warned to be wary of scammers attempting to request payments over the use of tax file numbers.

The scam often begins with a 'robo-call' from a mobile number claiming a person's tax file number (TFN) has been used illegally, followed by the threat of arrest.

Alternatively, the recorded message may claim a TFN has been suspended and that money needs to be trans-



ferred to the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

A SAPOL spokesperson said scammers also manipulate incoming caller ID and text messages to mimic local police stations, tax agents and the ATO.

"Payment methods have been demanded through 'cardless cash' ATM withdrawals, retail gift cards and even via a courier service to collect cash," the spokesperson said.

"Police, ATO and government agencies will never request payment by these means or request sensitive information via phone, text or email."

Further information regarding cyber security can be found by visiting the website (https://bit. ly/3zpQxHN).



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Ahead of Father's Day this Sunday, Renmark Primary School students were asked what they loved most about their dad...



36 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 New book slams 'sale' of

the Murray-Darling Basin

A BOOK exploring the tributed to appalling envidevelopment of Murray-Darling Basin water trading markets has recently been released.

The book, Sold Down the River: How Robber Barons and Wall Street Traders Cornered Australia's Water Market, by authors Scott Hamilton and Stuart Kells, was released yesterday by Text Publishing.

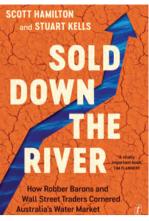
The Murray-Darling Basin Plan, a scheme designed to create a market for the Basin's water and to safeguard the environment, has gone horribly wrong," the spokesperson said.

"It has sold our farmers and rural communities down the river. It has conronmental damage on the planet's driest inhabited continent.

"As Scott Hamilton and Stuart Kells reveal, it has allowed a ruthless market to form, exploited by traders who buy and sell water as if it were a currency like Bitcoin.

"Hamilton and Kells have interviewed farmers, politicians, traditional custodians and water traders to tell this disastrous story. In doing so, they bring to light how we have failed to protect our most precious natural resource."

Further information regarding the book can be found by visiting the website



Sold Down the River purports to expose how Australia has "failed to protect our most precious natural resource".

(www.textpublishing.com. au/books/sold-down-theriver).



TITLE:

AUTHOR:

The Girl Remains

Katherine Firkin

BOOK REVIEW BY:

Katrina Webber

THE Girl Remains is an

Australian crime novel set

in southern Victoria on the

The year is 1998, and

three 15-year-old girls plan an

adventure on the night of the

It's nearly midnight when

they leave the house and make

their way along the sandy track

canopy of trees to the clearing

where the blood moon shines

bright. They've found Devil's Landing, marked by a ring of

rocks and inverted pentagrams

and through the pitch-black

Mornington Peninsula.

blood moon.

LOXTON WAIKERIE TOP 10 NOVELS Silver Tears by Camilla Lackberg 1979 by Val McDermid **Rabbit Hole** by Mark Billingham The Enemy Within by Tim Ayliffe The Couple by Helly Acton The Garden of Hopes and Dreams by Barbara Hannay **Radar Girls** by Sara Ackerman The Devil's Advocate by Steve Cavanagh

Fast Track by Stephen Leather

Cave Diver by Jake Avila



hanging from nearby trees. The girls calm their nerves by sharing a can of beer, not realising Scarlet has added a few white pills. Cecilia, oblivious to the narcotics, has a huge swallow of the liquor. Gypsy moves away from the others in search of kindling to start the fire but

gets disorientated and hears scratching, rustling of the bush and deep breathing. Is someone following her? Then she hears an ear-

piercing scream. Terrified, she runs, slips, slides, and stumbles to escape harm. Gypsy and Scarlett make

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SA growers develop revolutionary new worm biostimulant

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A HIGH-PERFORMING worm extract biostimulant developed by local farmer has hit the market for the first time.

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The product has been extensively laboratory tested by Dr Ash Martin and team from Microbiology Laboratories Australia. Their testing has proven VermiGold has high levels of micro-organisms, with a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria, fungi and other microbes.

The high-quality biostimulant is a rich liquid extract, derived from the vermicomposting process. Once extracted, the liquid is not altered in any way. "This is what set's us apart form our competitors, we don't brew, ferment or run the product through water. This equals a product which has more micro and fungi activity," Chris said.

available in commercial quantities and is suitable for agricultural horticultural viticultural and broadacre applications. It is also suitable for use in home gardens.

"We created VermiGold after previously encountering supply issues for another worm product"

"Producing our own allows us to control the whole process, ensuring the worms are being fed the right balance of foods at the right time. We like to think of it as a high-performance diet for worms.

"We have vast experience



The VermiGold team. PHOTOS: supplied



One of VermiGold's holding tanks for worms.

the animals, orchards, or paddocks," he said. "It's another tool in the overall formula of successful farming.

"I was impressed with how well the dry land lucerne stand had established this year after using VermiGold Liquid Tonic for the first time.'

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VermiGold Liquid Tonic is available to purchase online (www.vermigold.com.au).

BOOK REVIEW

it back to the house. Cecilia doesn't. She's not seen again for over 20 years.

Warren Turton, a convicted paedophile, confesses to her disappearance, but charges are dropped when he provides an alibi.

Over 20 years later, human bones are found by children on the beach. The bones have been buried for some time. Detective Emmett Corban is given the cold case.

It doesn't take long for him to realise they are the remains of Cecilia and so starts the process of digging up old records and re-interviewing family and friends to uncover the truth.

This asks more questions than it answers and takes the reader on a journey through lies, secrets, and retribution.

The Girl Remains will keep you guessing until the final chapter.

SEPTEMBER

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SA author coming to local libraries

SOUTH Australian author Meredith Appleyard will visit the Riverland to discuss her new book, All About Ella, on Thursday, September 23.

Sessions will be hosted by the Waikerie Library at 10.30am and the Loxton Library at 2pm. Bookings are essential and signed copies will be available for purchase. For bookings phone Waikerie Library (8541 0720) or Loxton Library (8584 8051).

The school holidays will be here before we know it and Loxton and Waikerie libraries are staging story and craft activities for children each Wednesday and Thursday during the holidays. Look out for notification on Loxton Waikerie council's Facebook page closer to the dates (https://www.facebook. com/loxtonwaikeriecouncil) or call into the libraries for a program.

Loxton Public Library has had a fantastic response to the Little Bang Discovery Club. The current group of budding scientists are

halfway through the four-week course. Loxton Public Library will be running this

program again in term 4. If you are interested or require further information, phone the Loxton Public Library (8584 8051).

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riverlandbusiness.com.au Into the Blue extended

THE Into the Blue SALA event hosted at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery during August has been extended.

"While SALA events officially come to a close at the end of August this exhibition will continue through until the end of September to allow more viewers to cast their votes in a 'people's choice' award," a spokesperson said.

"The award, sponsored by the Waikerie Rotary Club, has attracted around 60 entries, ranging from reception students through to professional artists, with a vast range of mediums used.

TODAY we say goodbye winter and welcome spring, but we also acknowledge and celebrate National Wattle Day.

Wattle Day can symbolise anything we want, but it relates generally to spring for the Australians, the Australian environment and history. Now getting more accepted nationally, it is sometimes celebrated on August 1, but more Australians prefer it September 1. Let us all celebrate Wattle Day by thinking green and gold the Olympic and Paralympic colours. I also acknowledge the Waikerie-owned Green and Gold Houseboats and how great they are cruising our mighty River Murray. Locals and visitors enjoy the excellent experience on the river and it's also a photographer's paradise.

I have finally been able to see the most amazing event, Van Gogh Alive, in Adelaide. Readers should endeavour to see this exhibition. The photographs are great, but the experience of being there is deeply felt. There has been an extension of the exhibition, but only to September 12.



"There was a great reaction from students of the Waikerie Primary School who visited the gallery last week to see their work on display and also vote for their favourite works of art."

The award winner will be announced at the end of September.

KEEPING IN

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Harrison proudly points out his work on display at the Rain Moth Gallery in Waikerie. PHOTOS: supplied

relaxed area.

Another reason to be at the Waikerie Lions Park on Saturday, October 2, of the holiday weekend is the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce's popular outdoor movie night, from 6pm until 9.30 pm. By the way, it is the beginning of daylight saving that weekend, so enter it in the diary now. I know it is hard with Covid-19 restrictions, but that weekend is the last long weekend before Christmas so make some plans together as a family, enjoy and relax in our Riverland region.

Riverglen View Art Studio can now accept and welcome group bookings of up to 20 people for its river-front art gallery. Give Liz a call and make a reservation on 8589 3123 for your group for morning or afternoon tea, featuring delicious home-baked goodies. You can also see the extensive range of art that Liz and Clint have created from glass. You may see something really exciting for a special gift for someone at Christmas or simply spoil yourself.

Following the completion of the huge



Prabh voting for a favourite piece of art work.

dome covering at the Waikerie Bowling Club, members - while still busy - are ready to have bit of a relaxing time and fun leading into the forthcoming summer season. The club's 2021 night bowls season under the dome is about to start. Now is the time for you to get involved in a team environment, with the emphasis on fun. The 10-week season, plus a finals night, finishes on December 14. Get a few mates together if you can; it's teams of four. For further details phone Ian Light (0411 884 267). Registration night and practice are on September 21, from 6.30pm. The season starts October 6, at 7pm.

This Sunday is Father's Day, when families get together for lunch or tea, or phone dad to thank him. For some families, sadly this will be the first time without their dad, but hopefully they can remember happy times in years gone by.

Thought for the week: Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together. - Vincent Van Gogh

quarantine **Father's Day Edition** When do the countries Australia and New Zealand What is the name of the film in which the lead dad 14. Which famous dad appeared with his son in the film 1. 8. celebrate Father's Day? character journeys to 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney to find The Pursuit of Happyness? his son? 15. According to Greek mythology, who was the father of What country was the first to celebrate Father's Day? 2. Who does Robin Williams play in the film about 9. the gods and mortals? a divorced dad who disguises himself as a Up until the year 2012, what was the only country in 3. housekeeper in order to work in his ex-wife's house the European Union not to have an official Father's 16. In the Star Wars Universe, who uttered the infamous and spend more time with his children? phrase "No, I am your father"? Day? 10. Which former American President vowed to have 17. Father's Day was started by who? Which country celebrates Father's Day on the King's 4. dinner with his family five nights a week, despite his birthday? busy schedule as a world leader? 18. What is the name given to the longest continuous What is generally considered the official Father's Day 5. service by a member of the House of Representatives 11. When is Father's Day celebrated in North America, in the Australian Parliament? flower? the UK, Greece and France? Father's Day was first celebrated in what year? 19. Which famous father is dad to children Brooklyn, 6. 12. In the United States, which President signed Father's Romeo, Cruz and Harper? Day into law? What is the name of Simba's dad in The Lion King? 7. 20. Which famous fictional father in literature had 13. In which European country is doing a hiking tour children named Scout and Jem? pulling a wagon (man-powered) a traditional part of Father's Day? Which is the only father-daughter **BROUGHT TO YOU BY** BONUS combination to have a Number One

QUIZ MASTER TOM TRIFONOFF

QUESTION: hit on the US Billboard singles chart? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 43



to the fact there a long weekend Twilight Markets is planned for Sunday, October 3. The market will commence at 3pm and

gwenwebber21@gmail.com

The Waikerie Riverfront Markets com-

mittee has decided to cancel the upcom-

ing event for Sunday, September 26, due

close at 8pm. The last market day was an outstanding success, with many individual stalls offering a great variety of household items. The food is always delicious and there is always something that you see and think 'yes, I can use that'. Enthusiastic volunteers make the markets happen and ensure it is Covid-19 safe for everyone. The markets are a great social meeting

place for families and friends to catch up,

and have a coffee and a cake together in a

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38 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 Tony gives Monash next best thing

WHEN interstate travel restrictions and Canberra's Covid-19 fallout prevented Tony Pasin from attending last weekend's Monash centenary celebrations, the Barker MP did the next best thing.

Using his speech time in the House of Representatives last Wednesday night, Mr Pasin schooled some of the nation's politicians about Monash and its history

Mr Pasin had Monash's centenary celebrations - which climaxed on Sunday with a military ceremony and other town events - locked into his calendar, but state border restrictions, courtesy of Covid-19, sunk his plans and left him stranded in the nation's capital.

In addition to delivering a history lesson, Mr Pasin also sent a video message to the organising committee, including a congratulations on the celebratory event.

His electorate office said he was "very sad" about missing the Monash event.

PAGES 16-17 Monash's big day

Citrus SA



Barker MP Tony Pasin schooled Australia's federal politicians about the Riverland town of Monash last week. PHOTO: supplied



Barker MP Tony Pasin says the establishment of a new Agricultural Worker Visa is crucial to supporting Riverland growers through the effects of Covid-19. PHOTO: supplied

FARM SAFETY – ARE YOU COMPLIANT?

HOW up to date are you with all your workplace safety documentation?

Are you aware of your responsibilities as an employer? Under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, it is up to the owner and/or manager to provide a safe workplace and safe work systems for all family members, employees, contractors, and visitors to your property.

However, it is up to the individual workers, contractors and visitors to take appropriate care for the health and safety of themselves and all those who are on the property with them.

There are several tools available online to help. Some are free which you can find at www. farmsafe.org.au or there are app-based options which have a monthly or annual fee.

One of these which some citrus growers in the Riverland have implemented is www. safeagsystems.com. It may also help with your record keeping required for Freshcare.

Citrus SA has negotiated a discount with Safe Ag systems. Please email us at contact@ citrussa.com.au or Safe Ag Systems direct at info@ safeagsystems.com for more details

FRUIT FLY RESPONSE UPDATE: CHANGES TO THE PFA ACT AND SPRING **OPERATIONAL PLAN**

If you're wondering what will be happening with fruit fly control during spring, there will be an information session held at the Loxton Research Centre tomorrow, Thursday, September 2, from 1.30pm to 3pm.

Conducted by PIRSA, the session will include a short summary of operations to date. market access (an interactive session on what worked well and what can be improved). It will also cover arrangements for spring: what's available and which markets are they applicable to.

If you have questions or concerns you would like raised with PIRSA, please don't hesitate to contact Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke on 0408 499 287.

BACKYARD AND ORCHARD HYGIENE PRACTICE TO FIGHT FRUIT FLY

The Riverland has been working hard to eradicate fruit fly. There are a few key things members of the community can do to maintain this success and keep the Riverland free of fruit fly in the future.

These include: Remove unwanted fruits/pick up or destroy fallen fruit

For control to be effective, it is essential for growers, both commercial and home garden, to maintain orchard hygiene by disposing unwanted fruit that has fallen to the ground or unwanted fruit left on the tree Regularly check your fruit for any signs of fruit fly infestation If you find maggots in your

fruit or vegetables, please contact PIRSA on the Fruit Fly Hotline, 1300 666 010, immediately. Commercial inquiries can be directed to 1800 255 556. Remove all late hanging fruit

missed during harvest All fruit should be stripped out at harvest to ensure no there is no fruit fly host material left in the backyard/orchard. **Remove unwanted fruit trees** from around sheds, houses and

along the property It's also important to remove wild host plants from boundaries such as prickly pear and wild rootstocks. All orchards, vineyards, households, veggie gardens, roadsides, and riparian zones should be raked clean of

host product post-harvest Collaborate with others in

the community Encourage friends and neighbours' to be involved and take

action or support action to prevent infestation from fruit flies. Key messages for growers • Restrict fruit entry into the

orchard from outside sources. A good way to do this is putting up a biosecurity sign on the front gate to remind visitors not to bring fruit on to the property.

Follow phytosanitary requirements for the movement of fruit or vegetables off your property.

 Dispose of trees that aren't in use within 600m from the crop.

 Remove unwanted trees from within commercial blocks. More tips on fruit fly management can be found at

https://bugsforbugs.com.au/ whats-your-pest/fruit-flies/

2022 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AWARDS NOW OPEN

If you know a young person in involved in horticulture, they could apply for a \$22,000 grant through the 2022 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

This annual grants program supports young Australians aged 18-35 by funding projects that will benefit Australia's primary industries. In partnership with Australia's leading research and development corporations and industry associations, there are 12 industry categories each worth up to \$22,000 (including GST)

The winners of each industry category will be invited to apply for the Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia's Award, granting an additional \$22,000 (including GST) to extend their project.

Details: https://www.awe.gov. au/scienceawards

AGM

Citrus SA's AGM will be held on Friday, October 15 at 8.30am for a 9am start at the Riverland Events Centre, More details will available shortly. Please email contact@citrussa.com.au to register your interest.

SEPTEMBER **PRODUCTION TIPS**

Pruning: Annual pruning programs are likely to be well under way. Those who have pruned have seen a vast improvement in class one fruit nack outs narticularly whe we have encountered a windv spring resulting in marking in last season's fruitlets.

Fertilizing and fertigation: Soil temperatures are starting to warm up so it's time to start broadcasting fertilizer to cover the spring flush. Those on drip irrigation or micro jets should also begin fertiliser programs. Foliar applications can also be applied to ensure a healthy spring flush.

Weed control: Once fruit has been harvested it is important to control weeds to reduce the competition for water and nutrients, especially during the spring flush period.

Ag visa to be an industry saviour

THE introduction of a new visa aimed at attracting more seasonal workers to the Riverland has been welcomed by industry bodies and a local federal MP.

The federal government last week announced the new Agricultural Worker Visa would be established by September, in response to "critical" workforce shortages due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said success of a program to quarantine seasonal workers in Paringa provided an example other states could follow.

"The visa will also greatly assist the citrus industry in the Riverland as they manage and plan out their future workforce needs," Mr Pasin said.

"South Australia has led the way with the quarantine facility at Paringa.

"This really saved the SA citrus crop this year and hopefully with this new visa. we can be equally accommodating to help more farmers get our produce off the trees, out of the ground and off to

The Agricultural Worker Visa – initially announced in June - will be made available to skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled workers from all 10 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries.

National Irrigators' Council (NIC) chief executive officer Isaac Jeffery said a low number of local workers meant it was necessary to utilise seasonal travellers.

"Last season we saw fruit rotting and crops going unpicked as farmers struggled to hire a willing workforce," Mr Jeffery said.

"This new visa is a welcomed and positive step to help our food and fibre producers avoid these shortfalls into the future.

"The agriculture industry has a wealth of opportunities for workers from all walks of life from low-skilled fruitpicking jobs right through to technical farm machinery and robotics careers."

"We encourage all Australians thinking about future careers, career changes or simply looking to pick up some work to explore options in the industry.

"But until we can encourage more Australians to move into the industry, we need the Ag Visa."

Summerfruit Australia chair Andrew Finlay said an adequate labour pool was necessary to ensuring Riverland stone fruit reached export markets.

"We are actively seeking additional labour from all and any sources," Mr Finlay said.

New visa crucial for citrus growers

the introduction of a new visa scheme will ensure local growers can harvest fruit despite ongoing travel restrictions for workers.

Citrus Australia CEO Nathan Hancock said the Agricultural Worker Visa program would be vital to supporting Riverland citrus producers through the ongoing economic impacts of Covid-19.

Growers across all sectors this year, who contribute billions of dollars to the national economy and rural and regional Australia, have suffered significant financial losses, and great mental stress, due to the severe labour shortage," Mr Hancock said.

"The agriculture visa not only provides confidence to our citrus growers

THE head of a national citrus body says to continue to invest in their export programs, but enables them to focus on attracting returning workers to their farms and pack sheds, leading to increased effi-

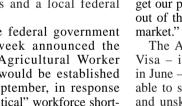
> ciencies in their business. "The ag visa provides another avenue, particularly to smaller citrus businesses, to recruit skilled, semi-skilled and

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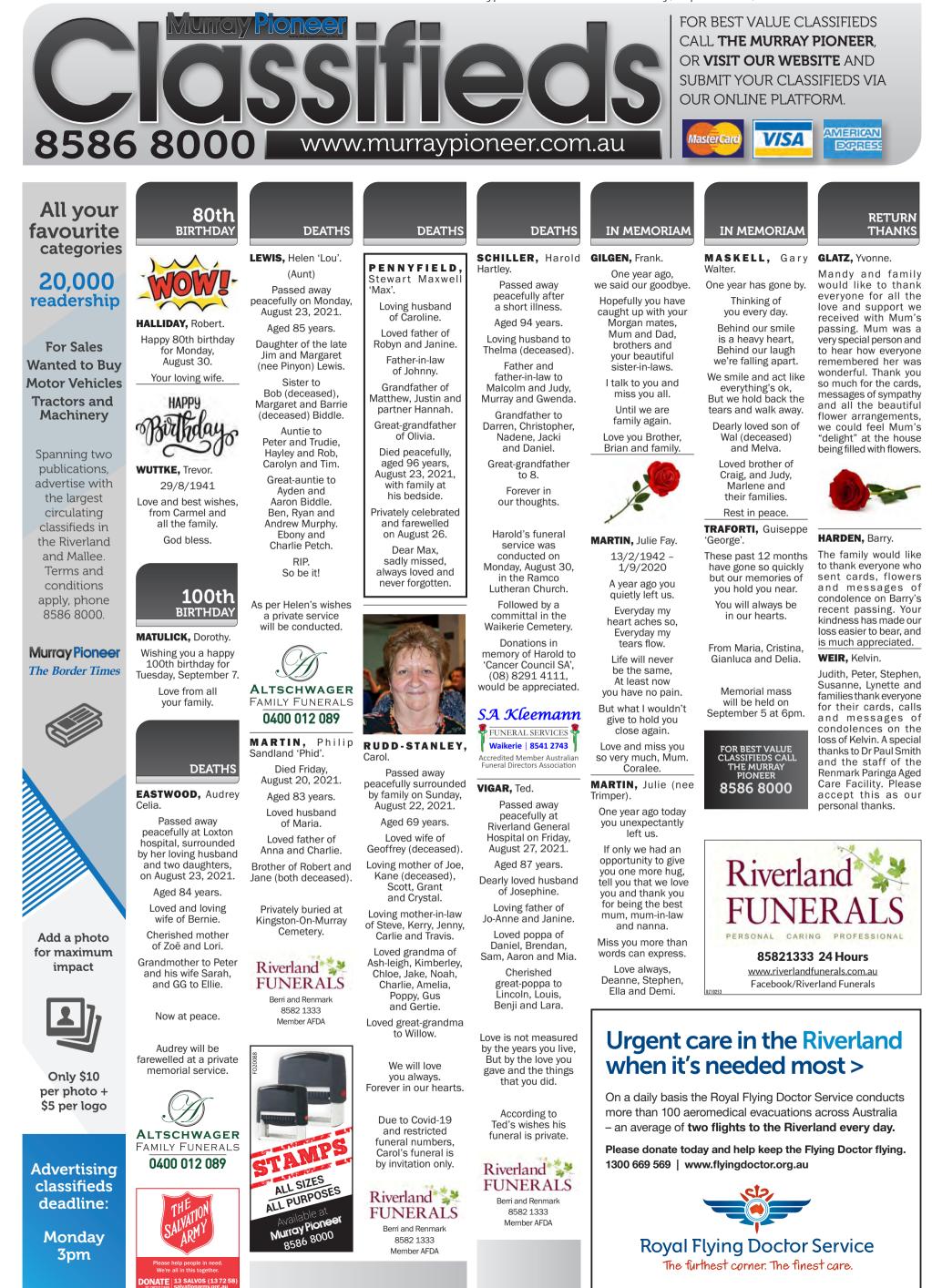


Nathan Hancock

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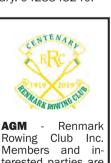
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PUBLIC NOTICES AGM- notice of 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Barmera Community Shed Inc will be held at the shed, Sims Street, Barmera on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 11am. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports from the coordinator and

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auditor, and elect a commitee of management for the year ending 30/6/2022, and to handle any general business as may be appropriate. There will be a strict adherence to Covid restrictions current at the time of the meeting. In the event that a lockdown may occur and you have not been in regular attendance please phone for information. Dennis Wise, Act Sec-

retary, 0419808681. AGM - notice of 2021 annual general meeting of The Barmera Branch of The National Trust of SA will be held at the national trust building in the grounds of The Irrigation Cobdogla & Steam Museum, 3 Trussell Terrace, Cobdogla on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 1.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports from the chairperson and auditor, and elect a commitee of management for the year ending 30/6/2022, and to handle any general business as may be appropriate. There will be a strict adherence to Covid restrictions current at the time of the meeting. In the event that a lockdown may occur and you have not been in regular attendance please phone for information. Kent Barney, Secretary. 0428843240.



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- Prior experience in a winery or food production facility desirable Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Tank and Building Cleaner

As a Cellar Tank Cleaner, you will play an important role at our Riverland Winery maintaining a As a central rain Clearlet, you will play an important role at our invertand winely inflating at cleaning schedule of stainless steel wine tanks and site buildings. You will work in all areas of the winery to complete commercial cleaning to maintain our site cleanliness to a high standard. You will be required to work at heights, use site cleaning equipment and work with cleaning chemicals. As a Cellar Tank Cleaner, you will report directly to the Cellar Manager who will support with your learning and development.

- Typical duties of this role include: Cleaning of external wine tank farm and site buildings
- Mixing and using a variety of chemicals Maintenance of cleaning equipment Undertake routine maintenance of wine tanks and buildings
- Perform tasks safely and within Company WHS policies and procedures
- Skills and Experience

Previous experience in commercial external cleaning

- Understanding of cleaning chemicals/mixing

- Working at heights training and experience essential Current drivers' licence Scaffolding/EWP/scissor lift licences are desirable Physically fit and have a continuous improvement mindset

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Data entry and auditing

- Centrifuging Operation of presses, vinomatics and filtrations
- Veast propagations Transfers, machine and pump operations Perform tasks safely and within Company WHS policies and procedures

Skills and Experience

- Prior experience in the wine industry would be considered an advantage Physically fit
- Literacy, numeracy and communication Skills Current forklift and HR Licence is desirable
- Certificate II in Wine Industry Operations/Food Processing desirable

Assistant Winemaker

As an Assistant Winemaker you will assist the winemaking team to produce a large portfolio of As an Assistant Willemaker you winerate you winernaking team to produce a large portolio of wines for both domestic and international customers. You will participate in processes that contribute to the production and dispatch of high-quality wines from grape receival to dispatch. Reporting to the Customer Services Winemaker you will provide key support to the winemakers, supervise day to day vintage operations and coordinate wine dispatch activities. The position will suit you if you seek to be part of a dynamic team that strives to continually improve wine quality, efficiency and service.

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- Quality control and record keeping Prepare cellar work notes and work plans

Work closely with and support the winemaking team

- Skills and Experience
- Degree in Oenology, Wine science or related field (or nearing completion)
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- programs, including adherence to procedures and documentation.Train volunteers in the use of kitchen
- equipment, monitoring adherence to Standard Operating Procedures.
- Assist branches in preparation, cooking, storage and delivery of meals in a timely and efficient manner.
- Provide administrative assistance, especially to Branch Committee members.

We are looking for a Branch Coordinator who can:

- Demonstrate excellent supervisory skills and the ability to coach and develop people.
- Has the ability to maintain positive team relationships with volunteers, staff and other stakeholders.
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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): ABBA had six number one singles in Australia.



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 551/D005/2020

 APPLICANT:
 Michael Western

 ADDRESS:
 PO Box 521, LOXTON SA 5333

 OWNER:
 M Western, C Western, & B Western

 NATURE OF THE DEVELOPMENT:
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The application may be examined at the Office of the Council located at 35 Bookpurnong Terrace Loxton between the hours of 9.00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and any person or body affected may make relevant representations in writing concerning this application to reach the Chief Executive Officer at PO Box 409, LOXTON SA 5333, not later than Wednesday 22 September 2021.

Each person making a submission should indicate whether that person wishes to appear personally or be represented by another party before the Council in support of that submission.

Please note that, pursuant to Section 38(8) of the Development Act 1993, a copy of each representation received will be forwarded to the applicant for a written response.

David Beaton Chief Executive Officer

Date: 1 September 2021

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44 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au Berri women keen to earn another shot

KEEN to earn another crack at regroup and get things right against Renmark, Berri will start favourite to win this weekend's Riverland A grade women's hockey preliminary final.

Berri will face Waikerie, with the winner progressing to the grand final against Renmark.

In last weekend's final, Renmark and Berri finished locked together at 1-all, allowing Renmark to progress courtesy of its minor round position on top of the ladder.

Berri was dominant early, missing several chances. Against the flow, Renmark went 1-0 up after a penalty corner from Bec Keynes. It was Renmark's only circle entry for the quarter, illustrating Berri's dominant midfield.

Brooke Webb was injected into the game in the second quarter, changed the dynamic of the midfield battle and making Renmark more dominant.

However, Berri scored through forward pressure from Alex Herbert, then got close to a second via a penalty corner at the end of the quarter.

The final quarter was a scrappy affair, but Renmark controlled the game enough to prevent Berri scoring another goal.

Berri will start favourite in the preliminary final against the competitive Waikerie unit.

Meanwhile Waikerie will be looking to regroup in the men's A grade competition ahead of its preliminary final date with a depleted Berri side this weekend.

Loxton progressed to the grand final last weekend with 2-1 win over Waikerie

Although Waikerie looked a bit flat in the warm-up, it matched the pace and endeavour of Loxton from the first whistle.

Loxton seemed to settle early and controlled the midfield, however Waikerie's James Smith - after pressuring the Loxton defence and making a desperate lunge inside the circle - was able to squeeze the ball past the Loxton goalie to give Waikerie a 1-0 lead.

Waikerie gained confidence and had other opportunities but failed to make the most of them. Loxton was keen to fight back and soon Jimmy Lange was able to hustle the ball inside the 25, along the base line and – once inside the circle – pick the slightest opening past the keeper for Loxton to level at 1-1

The pressure let off for Loxton, but it didn't show it in the game with desperation being shown by many players on the pitch. This resulted in send-offs for both teams and the heart rate of spectators was like a roller-coaster.

Needing to score again, Waikerie pushed hard but was unable to break through.

Loxton got another goal on the board through Joel Hopper. Waikerie even took to taking off its

goal keeper in the dying stages of the game but was unable to capitalise.

Waikerie will be looking to

Berri to earn another crack at Loxton in the grand final.

WOMEN **A GRADE**

Renmark 1 drew with Berri 1. Best: Renmark - not supplied. Berri - not supplied Goals: Renmark - K. Pick. Berri - C. Turner.

B GRADE

Loxton 3 d Renmark 0. Best: Loxton – A. James, B. Geraghty, J. Gilliland. Renmark – L. Hoffmann, L. Fourie, K. Botten, J. Packer. Goals: Loxton - T. Allister 2, C. Sharrad. Berri Red 2 d Berri Blue 0. Best: Berri Red - A. Kennedy, R. Hronopoulos, J. Size, C. Marsden. Berri Blue – H. Amos, T. Nourse, K. Jury. Goals: Berri Red – L. Delaine, T. Pongrac.

U18 Renmark 3 d Berri 1.

Best: Renmark - A. Loffler, N. Hocking, S. Schier, X. Hocking. Berri - A. Kennedy, M. Martin, A. Kelly, A. Herbert. Goals: Renmark - A. Loffler 2, S. Schier. Berri – D. O'Callaghan. Loxton 3 d Waikerie 0. Best: Loxton - C. Sharrad, J. Gilliland, A. King. Waikerie - not supplied. Goals: Loxton - C. Smart, E. Schaefer, C.

U15 GIRLS

Sharrad.

Renmark 4 d Berri 3. Best: Renmark - not supplied. Berri - A. Kennedy, C. Camilleri, A. Herbert. Goals: Renmark – J. Shugg 2, N. Hocking, C. Reay. Berri – C. Camilleri, M. Stokes, E. Schaefer.

U12 MIXED

Berri 8 d Waikerie 1. Best: Berri - L. Bowers, A. Kelly, B. O'Callaghan, W. Marsden. Waikerie - all played well. Goals: Berri – B. O'Callaghan, L. Bowers, L. Gray, S. Coote 2. Waikerie – S. Kroehn. Renmark/Loxton 2 d All-Stars 0. Best: Renmark/Loxton - L. Murtagh, T. Vowles, H. Keynes, L. Everett. All-Stars - no details supplied. Goals: Renmark/Loxton – L. Everett, J. Everett.

MEN **A GRADE**

Loxton 2 d Waikerie 1. Best: Loxton - D. Schubert, C. Gow, S. Herbert. Waikerie - L. Ebert, B. Dedman, R.

Kleemann. Goals: Loxton - J. Lange, J. Hopper. Waikerie - J. Smith.

B GRADE

Renmark d 3 Loxton 0. Best: M. Reilly, N. Woodrow, T. Heimann, J. Barton. Loxton - M. Hopper, J. Mickan, M. Wheeler, T. McDonald. Waikerie 4 d Berri 0. Best: Waikerie - N. Gogoll, B. Kroehn, S. Lawson, A. Nitschke. Berri - J. Bower, M. Gray, J. Roberts Waikerie - R. Edwards 2, S. Lawson, B. Kroehn.

U18

Waikerie 1 drew with Renmark 1. Best: Waikerie – E. Johnson, J. Thiele, J. Kroehn. Renmark – H. McDonald, J. Radloff, J. Barton, J. Botten. Goals: Waikerie - J. Thiele. Renmark - J. Barton.

Berri 4 d Loxton 3.

Best: Berri - R. Herbert, R. Hill, R. Milne, B. Kennedy. Loxton – C. Size, R. Grosse, C. Schaefer, C. Morgan. Goals: Berri – R. Herbert 3, K. Stokes. Loxton

- C. Schaefer 2, L. Phillips.

U15 BOYS

Loxton 1 d Waikerie 0 Best: Loxton - I. Schaefer, T. McDonald, J. Everett, H. Lipman. Waikerie - not supplied. Goals: Loxton - J. Everett.



Renmark's Natalia Hocking (right) and Berri's Haley Crowhurst in action during the 1-all draw in their Riverland A grade women's hockey final last weekend. Renmark finished higher on the ladder and subsequently progressed to the grand final. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff





ABOVE: Loxton star Sean Herbert (right) tangles with Waikerie opponent Caleb Catford during their Riverland A grade men's hockey final last weekend.

I FFT: Renmark's Bec Keynes is a picture of concentration during the A grade women's final.

Eages and RC Ones darts flag favourites heading into finals series

COBBY Eagles and RC Ones showed why they are the favourite teams to claim the 2021 Riverland darts premiership with impressive wins last week.

Bolsterd by the return of Darren Parfitt, Eagles defeated Double Jacks 11-4. Double Jacks appear to be the only team besides RC

Ones to possibly have a chance of defeating Eagles. Parfitt recorded the highest aver-

age of the night with 20.53. R C Ones had a comfortable

11-4 win over Monash Wanderers, who are struggling at the moment

and could battle come finals time. The only highlight of the night was Wanderers' Calib Martin having a high pegout of 152.

Results 26/8/21: Cobby Eagles 11 (D. Coombe 140 x 2, 100 x 3, A. Hargreaves 140, 135, 100 x 3, R. Stemp 140, 125, 100 x 2, D. Parfitt 140, 125, 100, J. Broekers 140, 121 100 x 2, G. Dyer 133) defeated Double Jacks 4.

RC Ones 11 (N. Flack 140, 120, 100 x 5,

T. Josephs 135, 100 x 2, W. Schwartzkopff 123. 100 x 3. C. Dunhill 123. L. Rasheed 100 x 5) defeated Monash Wanderers 4 (D. Martin 140 x 2, 119, 100 x 3, W Bonham 140, 100 x 2, C. Martin 120, 105, 100, 152 peg out, K. Hayes 120) Results 19/8/21:

Cobby Eagles 10 (R. Stemp 180, 140, 135, 117, 100 x 2, D. Coombe 140, 125, 121, 100, J. Broekers 140, 121,

100 x 2, A. McCauley 133, 125, 100, A. Hargreaves 123. 100 x 2) d Monash Wanderers 5 (D. Martin 132, 125, 100, C. Martin 111, 100 x 9, D. Hayes 105, 100, 100 peg out, M. Hayes 113). Double Jacks 11 (C. Wagner 140 x 2, 100, N. Peatey 134, 100, A. Weidenhofer 126, 121, 100, L. Platten 118, 100 x 3, L. Hawke 114, K. Wenske 101) d Expendables 4 (S. Lockwood 120, 100, A. Barnes 114).

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Renmark Olympic and Loxton United men's B grade players battle it out at Berri's No.2 oval last Sunday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Barmera United's women's team sealed its premiership by beating Berri 8-0.

Pelicans soar to women's crown

THE Riverland Soccer Association's women's division title was sealed last weekend with one round remaining in the regular season.

Barmera United – which had lost just one game so far in 2021 - put the women's premiership beyond doubt with a comfortable 8-0 win over home side Berri River Rangers, at the No.2 Oval, thanks largely to a four-goal haul from Tessie Mitchell and a hat-trick for Macy Bourton.

Virginia Mitchell was also on target for the Pelicans, with Tessie Mitchell and Bourton also named best players.

The other women's game saw Renmark Olympic solidify its hold on second place with a commanding 9-0 performance against Loxton United.

Penny Eleftheriadis netted a stunning seven goals during the match, with Jasmun Kahlon and Nicolette Pavlomanolakos also adding to the scoreline.

Eleftheriadis – naturally – and Maggie Lock earned best player honours for Olympic, while Loxton highlighted the efforts of Ruby Payne and Gretel Pumpa.

In the men's A grade, Renmark continued to build momentum for the Top 4 Cup with a 3-0 victory over Loxton.

Hari Sahota scored twice for Renmark, plus a goal from Berry Maika, with Kyle Collinson and Vageli Dedes named as the team's best.

William Koskinas, Travis O'Shaugnessy and Geordie Franks were all named Loxton's best players.

Also in A grade action, goals from Dylan Eleftheriadis and Evan Wade saw Berri River Rangers emerge 2-0 victors against Barmera United.

In the men's B grade, hat-tricks for both Harry Eleftheriadis and Consten Maulini

contributed to Renmark's 11-0 win over Loxton.

Dally Nijjar and Abraham Roqara also scored twice each, along with a goal from George Tsolomitis.

Karan Kahlon and Andy Son were named Renmark's best, while Jinkook Kim and Luke Hagean took the honours for Loxton.

The other B grade match saw Berri seal second spot with a 5-0 win over third-placed Barmera, highlighted by a Callum Cassell hat-trick.

Peter Hronopoulos and Tyson Schrapel also netted for River Rangers, with Cassell and Michael Kondoprias named as the side's best.

Barmera defeated Berri 5-0 to further solidify its grasp on first place, while Renmark beat Loxton 4-0.

RESULTS

MEN

BEST: Renmark - K. Collinson, V. Dedes. Loxton - W. Koskinas, T. O'Shaughnessy, G. Franks. GOALS: Renmark - H. Sahota 2, B. Maika. Berri 2 d Barmera 0

B GRADE

Renmark 11 d Loxton 0 BEST: Renmark - K. Kahlon, A. Son. Loxton - JK.

GOALS: Renmark - H. Eleftheriadis 3, C. Maulini 3, D. Nijjar 2, A. Roqara 2, G. Tsolomitis.

BEST: Berri - C. Cassell, M. Kondoprias. Barmera -

GOALS: Berri - C. Cassell 3, P. Hronopoulos, T. Schrapel.

BEST: Renmark - M. Singh, A. Son. Loxton - N.

Adam, J. Bertram. GOALS: Renmark - O. Kaklik, H. Dedes, M. Singh.

Barmera 5 d Berri 0 BEST: Barmera - J. Tsonis, R. Verrall. Berri - F.

Vallelonga, M. Eleftheriadis. GOALS: Barmera - K. Kenefick, T. Mitchell, M.

Rayner, R. Verrall, K. Wright. WOMEN

Renmark 9 d Loxton 0

BEST: Renmark - P. Eleftheriadis, M. Lock. Loxton -R. Payne, G. Pumpa. GOALS: Renmark - P. Eleftheriadis 7, J. Kahlon, N.

Pavlomanolakos. Barmera 8 d Berri 0

BEST: Barmera – T. Mitchell, M. Bourton. Berri – None supplied GOALS: Barmera - T. Mitchell 4, M. Bourton 3, V.

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UNDER 14

Renmark 4 d Loxton 0 **BEST:** None supplied

GOALS: Renmark - C. Demou 3, K. Curtis. Berri 7 d Barmera 1

BEST: Berri – J. Krendl, B. Pankhurst. Barmera – M. Mitchell. C. van der Woude. GOALS: Berri - B. Pankhurst 3, M. Cawse, J. Krendl, I. Morgan, R. Sowkath Ali. Barmera - J. Dymmott.

UNDER 12

Renmark 8 d Loxton 1 **BEST:** None supplied GOALS: Renmark – N. Meimetis 4, J. Cartwright 2, A. Preusker 2. Loxton - D. Swart. Barmera 9 d Berri 1 BEST: Barmera - A. Liddell, K. Ogle. Berri - D. Heuzenroeder, Z. Hronopoulos. GOALS: Barmera - J. Sweet 3, M. Bourton 2, J. Garoufalis 2, K. Ogle, M. Rayner. Berri - Z. Hronopoulos.

UNDER 12 DEV Renmark 10 d Loxton 0

BEST: Renmark - I. Atsaves, J. Hoffman. Loxton - H. Martin, K. Hantecha. GOALS: Renmark - I. Atsaves 4, J. Hoffman 2, G. Wilson 2, D. Atsaves, S. Drogaris. Barmera 13 d Berri 0 BEST: Barmera - H. Cooper, M. Sidhu. Berri - B. Walkley, H. Vrakking. GOALS: Barmera – H. Cooper 4, J. Lewin 4, Y. Kalogerias 2, C. Bourton, K. Sweet, E. Vincent.



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CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The position of Enforcement Officer is responsible to the Sheriff of South Australia and the Registrar of the Berri Magistrates Court for the service and execution of civil and criminal processes.

The successful applicant will serve processes and execute warrants issued from the Magistrates Court and the Sheriff's Office. Tasks will include serving processes, collecting monies, arresting debtors and seizing property for sale.

Skills: Applicants must be effective communicators, both verbally and in writing. Applicants must display excellent negotiation skills and be able to deal with emotional clients. Other skills include attention to detail, proficient in the use of computers and must be committed to providing good customer service.

Special Conditions:

- Applicants must undergo a Police records check for any criminal convictions. A National Police Check and Working With Children Check must be provided.
- The successful applicant must be available to work outside normal business hours.
- A current drivers licence and mobile telephone are required.
- Appointment is under the Sheriff's Act 1978 with terms and conditions governed by a Sheriff's Officer appointment contract.

Salary: Sheriff's Officers are paid a fee for the service and execution of each process issued to them.

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Ms Rebecca McRae, C/- The Sheriff's Office. GPO Box 798, ADELAIDE SA 5001, marked "Confidential"

Please provide a contact number of three

recent referees in your application. Telephone enquiries can be made on

82040157

Applications close: 17 September 2021





TENNIS CLUB HONOUR: Berri Tennis Club awarded life membership to Peter Tanner at its recent annual general meeting. Mr Tanner (centre) is pictured with outgoing club president Rob Day, who spent five years in the role, and club secretary Merridy Rady, who had eight years in the role. PHOTOS: supplied



Outgoing Berri Tennis Club president Rob Day (left) thanks retiring patron - and long-standing life member - Tim O'Brien at the club's recent annual general meeting.

In the RSA under 16 competition,



BEST: None supplied GOALS: Berri – D. Eleftheriadis, E. Wade.

Kim, L. Hagean.

Berri 5 d Barmera 0

None supplied

UNDER 16

Renmark 3 d Loxton 0

PAUL MITCHELL

BARMERA is gunning for its first Riverland A1 netball premiership in 31 years this Friday night and is appearing in its first grand final in 25 years.

Under freshman coach Shane Phillips, Barmera will go into the grand final as rank underdogs, taking on unbeaten Renmark at The Precinct Loxton.

However, it was the same story way back in 1990, when coach Liz Dashwood - who had experience at national level – guided her team to a 45-29 win over Renmark.

The victory was heralded as a "defensive revolution", with Renmark coach Stuart Scott declaring Riverland netball had "never encountered anything like it before".

Barmera's 1990 line-up reads like a who's who of the town's scarce netballing royalty.

The team comprised Benita Dillon (nee Richter), Jane Stevenson, Tammie Boase, Sue Fisher, Sue Millard, Paula Burns (nee Caddy), Yolande Gower and Kerry Treloar.

Only Dillon and Boase remained for the club's next A1 grand final, a loss to Loxton North in 1996 under coach Cathy Wundenberg.

Goal defender Stevenson

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GRAND FINALS

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Berri 57 (G. Whitehead, C. Gates) d Renmark (T. Venables, A. Martinson).

Loxton 50 (S. Falting, A. Hyde) d Loxton North 33 (Not supplied).

B2 Berri 43 (S. Braun, N. Philip) d Loxton Black 34 (S. Nield, A. Biele).

15B12 Loxton North 32 (L. Meaney, T. Pankhurst) d Loxton 24 (I. Drake, T.

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Renmark 31 (S. Formby, L. Dunne) d Barmera 25 (N. Coote, S.Kassebaum). **C2**

Loxton 48 (B. Charles, R. Brown) d Renmark 36 (T. Iskra, A. Sarti). 17A

Renmark 38 (M. Rothe, Z. Siviour) d Berri 30 (M. Minchella, C. Gates).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

(BERRI)

B1: Renmark v Loxton, 4pm (court 1).

B2: Cobdogla v Berri, 4pm (court 2).

C1: Berri v Renmark, 2.15pm (court

C2: Waikerie v Loxton 5.45pm (court

17A: Barmera v Renmark, 5.45pm

A1: Renmark v Barmera, 8.30pm

(court 1). A2: Loxton North v Berri,

7pm (court 1).

(court 1).

17B

Renmark 38 (S. Prokopec, L.K. 'atrick) a Renmark Blue 28 (G Thompson, G. Kennedy).



was named best on court in the triumphant 1990 grand final victory, while Fisher was lauded for her efforts to limit the influence of champion Renmark shooter Charmaine Seekamp.

Barmera's mid-court players Treloar, Millard and Richter were praised for their "tireless work", while Caddy, Boase and Gower "combined well in attack".

It was an outstanding day for Barmera, which won the top four senior premierships (A1, A2, B1 and B2).

SEPTEMBER 8, 1990: BARMERA'S LAST A1 PREMIERSHIP

Bird on a Wire was screening at the Chaffey Theatre

Barmera Serv-well had sides of lamb for \$1.79kg

Petrol was 24.9 cents a litre across the Riverland Loxton was hosting the Riverland

Field Davs Any Gow's Out and About column was featuring in The Pioneer

Barmera's Pam Reid won a national bodybuilding title

Dean Caporella was preparing to anchor the 1990 RFL grand final preview □Visiting greyhounds won nine

of the 10 races at the Riverland Greyhound Racing Club in Barmera

Barmera 34 (C. Wutke, S. Nettle) d

Schestakov) d Barmera 18 (N. Dawe,

Loxton (T. Tickle, J. Inglis).

Renmark 39 (S. Thompson, E.

Barmera 30 (A. Gilgen, M. Nagy)

Loxton North 38 (I. Drogemuller, L.

Hutchinson) d Barmera Blue 16 (H.

Berri 40 (M. Pitt, Mad. Pitt) d

Cobdogia 13 (T. Dougiass, A.

17B: Waikerie v Renmark 2.15pm

15A: Berri v Barmera, 12.30pm

15B1: Waikerie v Renmark, 12.30pm

15B2: Renmark Blue v Loxton North

13A; Loxton v Barmera, 10.45am

13B; Renmark v Loxton North, 9am

13C: Waikerie White v Berri, 90am

d Loxton North 20 (S. Gibbs, K.

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Mother-daughter double 31 years in the making?

IF Barmera breaks a 31-year Riverland netball drought on Friday night it would complete a motherdaughter premiership double

Benita Dillon (nee Richter) played in Barmera's last A1 flag, way back in 1990, and will watch on as daughter Tahlia takes to the court against grand final favourites Renmark this weekend.

Benita said she has cherished - though hazy - memories of the 1990 grand final, played against Renmark at the Berri outdoor courts on a warm Saturday afternoon.

"It was a great team – a mix of experience and younger ones," she said.

"I certainly looked up to the people in my team and it was great to be guided by and to play alongside people like Sue Millard.

"We finished fourth, so we were the underdogs, but it made the win very rewarding.

"I don't actually remember much about the game, but I do remember getting dragged out of bed by my teammates and taken in a mini bus - still in my pyjamas – around Barmera visiting different households



Barmera netballer Tahlia Dillon with her mother Benita, who was part of the most recent Barmera A1 netball premiership side. PHOTO: Josh Brine

during the night.

"They told my parents, 'Don't worry, we'll look after her'.'

Tahlia is a mid-court player, like her mother was, and at just 16 is one of Barmera's young brigade. Benita was 15 when she played in the 1990 grand final.

Barmera has languished at – or near – the bottom of A1 table for most of the past three decades, and has particularly struggled in senior grades for a long time.

However, Benita said plenty of hard work and commitment from club officials and members was slowly turning things around.

"For one of the small-

est country towns in the Riverland, I think Barmera does really well," she said.

"Barmera has a good culture and our junior program must be paying off, with A1s, 17As, 15As and 13As all playing in a grand final this weekend.

"It is a credit to all those involved, from Net-Set-GO through to the A1s, all the committee members, umpires and parents who are volunteering their time to make a great community club."

The club's first-year A1 coach Shane Phillips, who joined Barmera with a background as a high-level basketball coach, also paid tribute to the committee's role in the rebuild. "It's nice when a club

that's been really starved of winning is able to turn that around without recruiting - like football clubs can do when they go out and recruit and buy players from other clubs," he said.

"Barmera's had to do this internally and building up structures within a club takes an awfully long time.

"Barmera has had some horror years, even a few years when they shouldn't have even been in A1, because they just weren't good enough.

"So a lot of people before me have done so much work. I just happen to be the person now - I've just come in and picked up the pieces at the end."

Phillips said previous A1 coach Lyn Wutke, the committee and members had all "put building blocks in" to push the club's revival.

"Sometimes people don't see the rewards of their work..." he said.

Barmera faces Renmark in the A1 decider at The Precinct Loxton at 8.30pm Friday, following the A2 grand final between Loxton North and Berri.

Grand finals in all other grades are at Berri on Saturday. - PAUL MITCHELL

North's A1 title hopes dashed

BARMERA ended Loxton North's A1 title hopes with a hard-fought 52-49 win in last Friday night's preliminary final at Loxton.

Bolstered by a superb shooting display by Hannah Boylan and Ashleigh Haigh, Barmera was able to keep North at arm's length for most of the night, after bursting out of the blocks in the first quarter.

The odd turnover and missed shot cost North in the first half, with Barmera 'winning' both quarters by three to lead 33-27 at halftime.

Despite defender Jenna Selfe not taking the court, Barmera's defence held up okay, with Khaleisha Barnett and Paris Lawrie battling hard against North pair Ellie Thomas and Paige Roberts

North switched Courtney Hume from goal defence to wing defence at halftime, with Kirrilev Wagner doing the reverse.

Fired by the energetic efforts of wing attack Lori Sandland and centre Georgia Brown, North managed to close the gap to two during the quarter, and three at the final break.

The final quarter was a tense affair and the crowd was on edge as North closed to within a goal. However, Haigh stepped up with a brilliant last quarter, bombing goals from different spots in the circle and helping to steady the Barmera ship, along with experienced teammate Sue Whitbourne.

In the end, the partnership between Haigh and Boylan was enough to give



Barmera a spot in its first A1 grand

Selfe would play against Renmark

Coach Shane Phillips confirmed

Meanwhile, the A2 preliminary

Renmark had a slightly different

final delivered an upset result, with

Berri - ranked fourth after the minor

line-up to most of the minor round,

but Berri nonetheless played an out-

round - upset Renmark 57-41.

final since 1996.

this Friday night.

standing game, led by goal shooter Giorgia Whitehead, goal attack Charlie Gates, and wing attack Tia Efthimiou, who was brilliant all night.

Goal defender Taneesha Venables did well for Renmark, while former A1 star Amy Martinson stepped seamlessly back into the goal shooter's bib.

Berri now takes on Loxton North in a grand final combination few would have picked a month ago.

Loxton North's Ellie Thomas shoots over her Barmera defender in the Riverland A1 netball preliminary final. **PHOTO: Grant** Schwartzkopff

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NETBALL GRAND FINALS



Renmark coach Denika Thorpe is hoping to complete an unbeaten season in the Riverland A1 netball grand final against Barmera this Friday night.

Renmark coach feeling the love

PAUL MITCHELL

DENIKA Thorpe played in a handful of A1 premierships for Renmark Netball Club, but says coaching one – in her first season in charge – would be "amazing".

Thorpe has guided Renmark through an unbeaten 2021 and hopes to finish off with a grand final victory over Barmera this Friday night.

"I've absolutely loved coaching – I've got a really good group of girls and they make it enjoyable," she said. "It would mean the world

to us. We've worked so hard this year and we've really gelled as a team. "We all just love each

other; we're like this little family."

Thorpe, who played in A1 premierships alongside "two or three" of her current players, says Renmark's unbeaten record – and any added pressure that goes with it – is a little misleading.

"I think any other season it would've added pressure, however we've had to fight pretty hard all year for the wins that we've got," she said. "We haven't had easy games. It's kind of been pretty even until late in the games, so I think although we are undefeated we've had to work hard to get there.

Renmark star Laura Collins will be a key player in the 2021 Riverland A1 netball grand final against Barmera. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Shane Phillips

"Barmera has definitely made us work for our wins..."

Renmark beat Barmera by 16 goals in the recent second semi-final, and Thorpe's opposing number, fellow first-year A1 coach Shane Phillips, was full of praise for the premiership favourite.

"They're very good, well disciplined and well coached," he said.

"I didn't think we played that badly in the second semi-final, I just think Renmark played really well – the best I've seen them play all season.

"But the gap wasn't that big, I think."

Phillips said Renmark's shooting depth had given it the edge over the other four A1 teams this season.

"Laura Collins is just an outstanding netballer," he said.

"She's really fit and has great range.

"But they've got really good shooting depth, probably more than all the other clubs."

Thorpe said Collins' passion "really rubs off on us all" and agreed that her team's depth had been a key factor in 2021.

"We're very lucky to be so versatile," she said.

"I've got nine girls and they all deserve to be on that court." An off-colour Jenna Selfe

took no part in Barmera's preliminary final win over Loxton North last weekend, but Phillips said all eight players would take to the court at some stage this Friday night.

"You play everyone in a grand final," he said.

"You win as a team or you lose as a team." Selfe has been a regular

in the defensive circle for Barmera this season.

RENMARK VS BARMERA Possible starting line-ups:

| RENMARK |
|---------------------------------|
| GK – Z. Siviour |
| GD – E. Stockman |
| WD – M. Rothe |
| C – F. Rowette |
| WA – R. Leuders |
| GA – L. Collins |
| GS – S. Modlinski |
| Bench – S. Rucioch, D. Woolford |
| BARMERA |
| GK – J. Selfe |
| GD – P. Lawrie |
| WD - K Barnett |

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| C – T. Albrecht |
| WA - S. Whitbourne |
| GA – A. Haigh |
| GS – H. Boylan |
| Bench – T. Dillon |
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WUNKAR netballers Caitlyn Hampel and

Chelsea Hoare were named joint winners

of the Riverland Independent Netball

Association's (RINA) best and fairest

award at its awards presentations held at the

each, finishing one vote ahead of a three-

way tie for the runner-up between BSR's

Dani Timpano, Hayley Schultz and Vanessa

The rookie of the year award went to

Roachford, both of Sedan-Cambrai.

The Wunkar teammates polled 10 votes

Cobdogla Club on Sunday.

Wunkar's Skyla Schulz.

In the B grade, Tiffany Lindo, of Ramco, was named best and fairest after polling 17 votes, while runner-up went to Paringa's Emma Rossiter on 10 votes.

The RINA presented life memberships to Ramco's Louise Thiel and Paringa's Teressa Rover.

Meanwhile, Golden Whistle awards went to club umpires Jo Hogg, of Wunkar, and Lindo.



Independent

netball B



Wunkar's Skyla Schulz was

named Independent netball's

Rookie of the Year.



Ramco club umpire Emma Rossiter received a Golden Whistle award at the Riverland Independent Netball Association's awards presentation on Sunday.



Wunkar club umpire Jo Hogg received a Golden Whistle award at the Riverland Independent Netball Association's awards presentation on Sunday.



Paringa's Teressa Rover and Ramco's Louise Thiel received Riverland Independent Netball Association life memberships on Sunday.

Roosters romp into Independent decider

BRENDAN LINES

RAMCO'S finals campaign clicked into top gear with an eight-goal first-quarter blitz of Wunkar laying the foundation for a 56-point win in last Saturday's RFL Independent preliminary final at Ramco Oval.

Nine goals between Adam Burkett and Kade Muir helped the Roosters storm to their first grand final appearance since 2016.

With just one behind from its 12 scoring shots in the first half, Ramco's bullseye accuracy had almost put the game to bed by half-time.

Ramco coach Jaimie O'Callaghan said it all just "clicked" on the day.

"Our kicking hasn't been amazing all year but everyone was just hitting targets," he said.

"They were a young side and they have got plenty of run, so we knew they would come at us in the third quarter with everything they had.

"But we just had to keep our heads and our composure in that third quarter."

The Dogs, looking to end their 45-year

ROOSTERS 8.0 11.1 13.2 108 17.6 BULLDOGS 0.3 2.5 52 5.9 7.10 BEST: Ramco - J. Aldcroft, D. Conley, A. Burckett, N. Hart, D. Donnely, C. Hawke. Wunkar - O. Winen, T. Renshaw, L. Hampel, T. Schulz, M. Worsfold, D.

Mitchell. GOALS: Ramco - A. Burckett 5, K. Muir 4, C. Hawke 2, J. Andrewartha, A. Pryor, S. Hefford, N. Hart, T.

Pursche, D. Donnely. Wunkar - J. Jeffery 3, K. Hewitt 2, S. Schulz, J. Wood.

premiership drought mounted a comeback, of sorts, in the third-quarter. Defenders Omar Winen and Tyson Renshaw battled hard, but were unable to rally the Dogs further up field.

The Roosters march on to meet reigning 2019 premiers Sedan-Cambrai in this weekend's grand final.

O'Callaghan said it would be a "challenge" to knock off the Magpies after their recent second semi-final encounter.

"They (Sedan-Cambrai) are a well-drilled side that play well together and just get the



2021 Duthie Medal winner Bradley Walkley (centre) with AFL legend John Platten and members of the Duthie family at the RFL Independent awards presentations at the Cobdogla Club on Sunday. PHOTOS: supplied



Craig Thiel (left), of Ramco, Shane Schulz, of Wunkar and Paul Ryder of Cobdogla football clubs were inducted as life members of the RFL Independent football league.



Ramco coach Jaimie O'Callaghan

was named the Independent coach

of the year on Sunday.

Best First Year Player Award winner Jack Jeffery, of Wunkar, receives his award from Rob Lehmann.



Ramco's Nathan Hart was among the Roosters' best in their 56-point win over Wunkar in Saturday's Independent preliminary final. INSET: Duthie Medal runner-up Lachlan Hampel gets a kick away in Saturday's preliminary final. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

basics right," he said.

"We've just got to emulate how we played on the weekend. If we can play half as good as we did against Wunkar, we'll get the job done."

Meanwhile, Sedan-Cambrai's Bradley Walkley was awarded Independent foot-

ball's best and fairest honour, the Duthie Medal, at the Independent presentation day at the Cobdogla Club on Sunday. Wunkar's Lachlan Hampel was runner-up.

Former Hawthorn and Central District champion John Platten was guest speaker.

Walkley best in breakout season

BRENDAN LINES

SEDAN-CAMBRAI'S Bradley Walkley took out RFL Independent football's top honour, the Duthie Medal, as the league's best and fairest in 2021 on Sunday.

The former South Gawler player, capped off his breakout year with the Magpies in his first season of Independent football.

Sedan-Cambrai coach Chris Eaton said the 23-year-old was beginning to be a leader for the club. "If he turns it on... he can make a bit of a difference," he said.

'Every side has probably got one player in their club, but he is starting to now bring guys into the game a bit more.

"It's one of the things we wanted to work on a bit more this year, coming to the Independents. We wanted him to be one of those good players that drags other guys up to another level, not just be the dominant force. "I think that has shown in some

of (our) results each week."

Walkley won the award by one vote ahead of runner-up Lachlan Hampel of Wunkar at a presentation function featuring AFL legend John Platten at the Cobdogla Club on Sunday.

Wunkar's young brigade won a swathe of other awards with Jack Jeffery winning the Rob Lehmann Best First Year Player award and Zac Lawrence the rising star award.

Ramco's Jaimie O'Callaghan was named the coach of the year after guiding the Roosters to the 2021 grand final on Saturday.

Loyal Independent football servants Craig Thiel, Shane Schulz and Paul Ryder were inducted as life

Meanwhile West Adelaide's Colin Arnold presented the

| DUTHIE MEDAL LEADERBOARD | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| Player | Club | Votes | | |
| Bradley Walkley | (SC) | 21 | | |
| Lachlan Hampel | (W) | 20 | | |
| Isaac Frahn | (P) | 14 | | |
| Nathan Hart | (R) | 12 | | |
| Eammon Laughton | (R) | 9 | | |
| Matthew Clark | (BSR) | 8 | | |
| Brian Hampel | (BW) | 8 | | |
| Murray Burton | (C) | 8 | | |
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Magpie reported in semi-final

WAIKERIE'S Craig Miller was yellowcard-reported by umpires for an incident involving Loxton's Will Gutsche in Saturday's RFL A grade second semifinal at the Lakeside Oval.

The incident is under investigation by the match-day review officer (MRO).

Independent report:

DUE to a production error, the RFL Independent report was accidentally omitted from last week's Murray Pioneer.

On Wednesday morning the report was subsequently posted online (murraypioneer.com.au) and on the Pioneer's Facebook page.

Whillas Medal count goes online

THIS year's Whillas Whillas Medal on Medal count will be online next Monday night from RFL headquarters at Berri Oval.

The count will be broadcast live under the eye of RFL commissioners present to scrutineer the votes.

In July, during the snap seven-day lockdown, the RFL hinted a formal awards presentation night would be unlikely and it would present the

grand final day The remaining awards will be given to clubs to present to their players at their own

awards nights. The RFL has encouraged clubs to host smaller events in their clubrooms while watching Monday's count.

Glossop High School will be the broadcast provider. Coverage starts at 7pm.



2019 Whillas Medallist Levi Proude (right) from Barmera-Monash.

members of the league.

Independent team of the year.

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| Murray Burton | (C) | 8 | | |
| Tomas Eleftheriadis | (C) | 8 | | |
| Josh Wiseman | (W) | 8 | | |

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www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 SPORT 49 riverlandbusiness.com.au **Maggies fly into seventh straight decider**

CAMERON DIXON

WAIKERIE will play in its seventh straight RFL A grade final after beating Loxton by a colossal 74 points at the Lakeside on Saturday.

Even after a hard-fought first quarter, powerhouse Waikerie's four-quarter performance was too much for the young Tigers.

A strong breeze off Lake Bonney found majority of play on the town side of the oval. Some courageous play early by both sides set the match up into a stalemate status.

With an abnormal amount of ball-ups, it seemed like both sides had settled well into the finals environment.

Missed opportunities in front of goal and an early yellow card to Waikerie's Craig Miller let the Tigers record the first major of the game, with Jack Evans assisting Raph Liddle to an easy goal.

To break the game open, Brendon Moon found plenty of space out of the half back line, forcing play into the Magpies' attacking half.

Before long, some undis-

SECOND SEMI-FINAL WAIKERIE LOXTON MAGPIES 1.2 11.5 13.5 16.8 **104** TIGERS 2.2 30 1.1 4.4 4.6

BEST: Waikerie - M. Spencely, J. Bee, R. Shaw, J. Burgemeister, B. Smith, B. Moon. Loxton - J. Mann, W. Gutsche, J. Evans, L. Bradley, B. Oxlade, J.

GOALS: Waikerie - M. Spencely 5, M. White, J. Spencely 2, C. Mackereth, J. Grieger, R. Shaw, T. Geehman, L. Schiller, M. Taylor, S. Hausler. Loxton -J. Mann, W. Gutsche, J. Evans, L. Bradley, B. Oxlade, J. Will.

ciplined acts by the Tigers led to Waikerie's Matt Spencely kicking his first of a handful for the game from outside the 50-metre arc. At that point, the Tigers'

resilient play was halted by a goal to Ryan Shaw, sparked by a flock of Magpies through the middle. It started a seven-goal-straight haul, opening the second-quarter floodgates.

Waikerie's overlap plays through the corridor broke through Loxton's defensive structure with ease and repeatedly. In addition, Matt Taylor's effort in the ruck reflected the Magpies' increased workrate.

Some terrible turnovers by Tigers showed they were outclassed against the professional Magpies.

High-fives

all round as

Renmark's

A spark of hope came through when Loxton's Jesse Will slotted an early goal, but injuries to some key Tiger players left their ranks depleted.

Attempting to break the Magpies dominance in any way, the Tigers took the game on through the middle of the ground, with experienced campaigner Brad Yeomans performing some great clearance work to rally the troops.

However, this only led to a plentiful number of turnovers around the ground. Some brilliant body work by Jake Spencely, who cleared out two Tiger opponents, left a wide-open goal for Mitchell White to capitalise. Jake Spencely's impact

was noticeable throughout



the game, providing many score involvements. His brother Matt found plenty of space and possessions around the ground in beston-ground performance.

Despite the result being beyond doubt late in the game, Waikerie players continued to work hard, fighting for a position in the grand final side. Loxton faces Renmark in this week's preliminary final - a real test of the Tigers' legitimacy as premiership contenders.

Stephen Hausler's clearance work was the

backbone of Waikerie's defence in its 74-point second semi-final win on Saturday.



Rovers march onto blockbuster prelim

BRENDAN LINES

RENMARK took its first scalp of the RFL A grade finals, series eliminating Berri with a convincing 57-point win in Sunday's first semi-final at Waikerie Oval.

Renmark began the long road – after its double-chance hopes were dashed by a loss to Waikerie the previous weekend - to defend its 2019 crown by outmuscling Berri in the Demons' return to finals for the first time since 2016.

Berri put on a brave face managing 20 scoring shots — its best this season — under the Rovers' unrelenting pressure across four quarters.

The Demons showed glimpses of their potential to match the powerhouse, with some clean passages of possession football setting up main target Jason Sutherland for his three majors for the match.

Still without interleague vicecaptain Tim Woolford, the Rovers midfield chopped up Berri's advances with tough clearance work from Grady Obst, while gun defender Jack Agostino went unchecked and contributed towards a dominant 45-23 inside 50 count. Renmark playing coach Josh

our boys to grind out a win."

their preliminary final encounter

with Loxton this weekend.

"We're just happy to be playing footy...

"Whether we have to go a bit longer way or whatever it is to hopefully keep playing throughout the year. We're just keen to play footy."

RIVERLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS



Grieger, K. Harkins, R. Correll, B. Thompson, L. Teasdale, B. Rosenzweig. GOALS: Renmark - T. Blight, J. Anspach 4, J. Rowe 2, N. Zunic, H. Brown, G. Obst, Z. Gartery, A. Haynes, L. Lellmann, J. Vater, T. Charlton. Berri - J. Sutherland 3, J. Westley 2, T. Jolly, B. Thompson.

West Adelaide under 18 Kade Harkins reined in Vater's influence for most of the first half but the class of the former Central District senior player eventually shone through, providing the Rovers with some deep forward entries.

Renmark put its foot firmly on Berri's throat in the second term, with goals to Tim Blight, Zach Gartery and Nathan Zunic setting up a 31-point lead at half time.

The injection of Brad Rosenzweig into Berri's midfield provided some strong in-and-under clearance work in the third term, and goals to Brody Thompson and Sutherland demonstrated the Demons would not go without a fight.

Jason Westley was determined

can go forward next year." Renmark faces Loxton in the RFL A grade preliminary final at RFL headquarters this Saturday.

to add to his highlight reel before

the curtains came down on Berri's

season with a classy snap shot for

Demons "showed face" in their

reflect the effort the boys gave,"

had played finals footy, but for a

large group of our boys it was the

"It was one step forward playing

finals (this year) and hopefully we

first time they had played finals.

Coach Brian Gates said the

"The scoreboard probably didn't

"We had some under 18s that

his major in the final quarter.

long-awaited return to finals.

Gates said.

BGRADE

Second semi-final Renmark 13.13 (91) d Waikerie 2.0 (12). Best: Renmark - B. Rover, L. Croft, T. Milne, J. Howard, M. O'Loughlin, D. Strongman. Waikerie - S. Meredith, H. Mackereth, S. Smyth, A. Thompson, J.

Sutton, D. Stevens. Goals: Renmark - H. Twyford, M. O''Loughlin 3, L. Jackson, R. Glazbrook 2. T. Austin, B. Eckermann, J. Howard, Waikerie - T. Sutton, D. Stevens.

First semi-final

Loxton 9.9 (63) d Berri 9.6 (60) Best: Loxton - N. Uren, J. Norman, M. Falting, J. Evans, J. Oates, R. Mitchell. Berri - J. Hennessy, J. Marr, M. Toogood, J. Fielke, M. Blanck, B. Tanner.

Goals: Loxton - M. Falting 3, R. Nickolls 2, B. Freundt, B. Tregeagle, N. Flight, B. Falting. Berri - J. Staunton 3, M. Toogood 2, R. Lehmann 2, J. Fielke, J. Preece.

UNDER 18

Second semi-final Berri 8.6 (54) d Loxton North 2.2 (14). Best: Berri - D. Greer, D. Minchella, W. Frankel, S. Caddy-Mitchell, M. Foulds, R. Moroney. Loxton North - D. Petch, M. Akaso, W. Schultz, C. Koehne, L. Stephens, J. Meaney. Goals: Berri - R. Moroney 3, T. Varbai-Heward 2, A. Page, P. Minchella, R. Kruger. Loxton North - J. Neumann, E. Wagner.

First semi-final Renmark 13.10 (88) d Waikerie 1.7 (13). Best: Renmark - J. Hansen, D. Austin, J. White, M. Edwards, N. Stockman, R. Curtis. Waikerie - J. Pillion, K. Hilton, S. Liebich, W. Hawke, R. Lehmann, T. Brand. Goals: Renmark - J. Hansen 6, A. Herrador Vuleta 2, D. Johnson, D. Orr, K. Camilleri, J. White, T. McBride. Waikerie - R. Turner.

UNDER 15

Second semi-final Barmera-Monash 8.7 (55) d Renmark 6.5 (41).

Best: Barmera-Monash - L. Allder, H. Westcott, B. Rashleigh, L. Marks, F. Dillon, L. Warnett. Renmark - C. Cornelius, T. Bonner, J. Kennedy, L. White, C. Greer, T. Johnson.

Goals: Barmera-Monash - H. Westcott 4, A. Hodgson 2, T. Ogle, K. Liddell. Renmark - T. Johnson 3, L. White 2, M. Strachan.

First semi-final Berri 8.5 (53) d Loxton North 4.8 (32). Best: Berri - L. Watson, H. Johns,

H. Campbell, C. Erceg, S. Johns, D. Hronopoulos. Loxton North - J. Koehne, N. Paull, C. Petch, K. Serafin, M. Hall, J. Lloyd.

Goals: Berri - C. Robertson, B. Wenman 2, C. Lloyd, H. Campbell, W. Nuske, L. Watson. Loxton North - J. Koehne 2, J. Hutchinson, R. Music

UNDER 13

Second semi-final Renmark 6.4 (40) d Barmera-Monash 5.2 (32).

Best: Renmark - L. Keynes, J. Pitman,

A. Schumann, N. Martinson, S. Files. A. Leesue. Barmera-Monash - T. Drogemuller, H. Banks, S. Jericho, W. Marks, D. Marks, K. Nixon. Goals: Renmark - L. Keynes, J. Bentley 2, R. Harding, J. Saegenschnitter. Barmera-Monash - D. Marks 3, T. Allder, J. Norman.

First semi-final

White

Loxton North 12.5 (77) d Loxton 0.3 (3). Best: Loxton North - J. Wooldridge, W. Simes, J. Petch, T. Meaney, S. Williams, A. Kent. Loxton - A. Roberts, R. Montgomery, A. Edwards, B. Duthie, A. Giles, W. Lister-

Goals: J. Wooldridge, W. Simes, J. Petch, T. Meaney, S. Williams, A. Kent.

Josh Vater, **Tim Blight** and captain Matt Woolford celebrate a goal during the Rovers' 57-point win in Saturday's RFL A grade first semi-final against Berri. **PHOTO: Grant**

Schwartzkopff

Vater conceded it was a hardfought win.

"We knew Berri were going to come out and have a crack," Vater said.

"They actually beat us around stoppages a bit, but it is a credit to

Vater told 5RM the Rovers would ride the bumps of what has been an unusual season towards "We would had liked to have

finished top two, but with the lockdown we missed a couple of games.

50 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, September 1, 2021 riverlandbusiness.com.au Can Hume land treble at Berri?

LOXTON golf ace Andrew Hume is on the hunt for back-to-back open wins in as many weeks when he lines up for this weekend's Berri Open.

Hume, who plays off a plus 0.2 handicap, recently defended his Barmera Open title in a one-shot thriller in June, then backed it up with a supreme 150 off the stick to win the Loxton Open on the weekend.

This time around, Hume could have his work cut-out against Thaxted Park GC members Ben Pearce playing off 0.2 (scratch), Jamie Trezise (2.5) and Lachlan Oakes (1.5), who have all nominated for this weekend's Berri Open.

The Berri Golf Club is encouraging entrants to participate in a free practice round on Friday, before shotgun starts, on 8am Saturday, and 9am Sunday.

A swathe of big-ticket prizes including a Mazda 2 car will be the major prize up for grabs for players who can sink a hole-in-one in competition on Sunday.

Additional prizes will be on offer for nearest-to-the-pin and longest drives at designated holes.

Club spokesperson Doc Clifford said the Berri course had been well prepared for the open.

"The course is looking awesome, the greens are in top condition," he said.

"Our greenskeeper Robbie Vagg has done an exceptional job.

"There is some real quality in the field. To have golfers of this quality at the open and to be able to watch them in action at Berri this weekend will be awesome."

The club will conclude the weekend with presentations to be held at the Big River Tavern on



The Berri Golf Club is set to host this weekend's Berri Hotel Open with prizes, including a Mazda 2, up for grabs. PHOTOS: supplied

Sunday night.

Meanwhile, the Loxton GC held its open in varying conditions over the weekend, Hume won the men's event with scores of 78 and 76 while Craig Wooldridge was the A grade handicap winner with 78 and 72 (nett 150).

RESULTS LOXTON OPEN

Men's open: Winner - A. Hume 74/76 150; runner-up – B. Leske (SGA GC) 78/76 154.

A Grade Handicap: Winner – C. Wooldridge 78/72 150; runner-up G. Shields (Barmera GC) 82/71 153. B grade: Winner – D. Dolman (Coomealla GC) 87/82 169; runner-up M. Maczkowiack 89/83 172. B grade handicap: Winner - R. Fielke (Kooyonga GC) 74/72 174; runner-up P. Morris 77/73 150. C grade: Winner A. Giles 86/86 172; runner-up N. O'Connell (Kooyonga GC)

89/91 180 C grade handicap: Winner - J. Reynolds 74/71 145; runner-up R. Bently (Grange GC) 74/74 149. D grade: Winner – J. Speed (Mt Osmond GC) 90/88 178; runner-up S. Hutchings (SA Metro GC) 92/93 185. D grade handicap: Winner – B. Fogden 74/70 144; runner-up M. Voight (Echunga GC) 73/72 145 Men's Veterans: Winner – J. Reynolds 74/71 145; runner-up R. Bently (Grange GC) 75/74 149 Women's open: Winner - H. Custance (Blackwood GC) 92/81 173; runner-up M. Tyler 86/96 182. Women's handicap: Winner – A. Thiel (Berri GC) 79/80 159; runner-up S. Pannell 79/82 161. Women's B grade: Winner - J. Sawade 98/102 200; runner -up J. Patching 110/95 205. Women's B grade handicap: Winner – J. Ling 78/73 151; runner-up J. Bullock

Ladies Veterans: Winner - J. Ling 79/73

151; runner-up Jenny Patching 84/69

77/79 156.

153.



Loxton ace Andrew Hume (left, pictured with Dave Brown) is gunning for back-to-back Riverland opens in as many weeks when he lines up for this weekend's Berri Open.



Loxton Open winners (from left) Andrew Giles, Damian Dolman, Greg Shields, Janice Sawade, Matt Maczkowiack, Craig Wooldridge, Andrew Hume, Steven Koch, Hannah Custance. John Reynolds, Rowan Fielke, Nick O'Connell, Steven Hutchings, Phillip Morris, Brooke Fogden, Jenny Ling.

Crushers in form, Desperados edge into Riverland table tennis finals

ROUND 15 of the table tennis season saw short of the finals. the Crushers seal top spot on the ladder and Desperados scrape in by percentage to make up the final eight.

Crushers had a confidence-boosting win over Top Guns (11-7), who have had a drop in form after losing both their post-Covid-19 break games.

They will be looking to bounce back next week when they meet Crushers again in the qualifying final.

Top Guns will look to their middle two. Joey Haenen and Barry Heuzenroader, to secure at least two matches over their young Crushers opposition of Rylen Coppin and Jack Crossfield.

Despite a big run home, The Shooters stumbled at the final hurdle to finish just

Desperados had a strong win (13-6) and are the in-form team coming into the finals.

With captain Barry Williams returning to some good form with support throughout his team, it makes for a great elimination final between Desperados and Double Fish.

RESULTS

Desperados 13 d The Shooters 5 DOUBLES

B. Williams/P. Rogers d D. Nitschke/G. Amachi 11-7, 11-4, 11-13, 5-11, 11-9; R. Stoeckel/D. McAllister d A. Schulz/D. Shaw 11-8, 11-8, 11-13, 11-8; L. Rasheed/C. Letton d C. Carson/C. Balshaw 6-11. 9-11, 15-13, 7-11; B. Williams/R. Stoeckel lost to D. Nitschke/A. Schulz 9-11, 11-7, 11-6, 4-11, 8-11; P. Rogers/L. Rasheed d G. Amachi/C. Carson 11-3, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7; D. McAllister/C. Letton d D. Shaw/C.

Balshaw 11-9, 11-5, 11-8

SINGLES B. Williams d G. Amachi 11-9, 11-3, 11-6; P. Rogers lost to D. Nitschke 15-17, 8-11, 11-13; B. Williams d D. Nitschke 11-5, 12-10, 7-11, 11-9; P. Rogers d G. Amachi 11-8, 11-7, 11-7; R. Stoeckel d D. Shaw 11-4, 11-7, 11-8; D. McAllister lost to A. Schulz 8-11, 9-11, 11-13, 6-11; R. Stoeckel d A. Schulz 12-14, 11-5, 11-7, 14-12; D. McAllister d D. Shaw 9-11, 11-8, 11-9, 9-11, 11-4; L. Rasheed d C. Balshaw 12-10, 13-11, 11-7; C. Letton lost to C. Carson 10-12, 8-11, 5-11; L. Rasheed d C. Carson 4-11, 11-8, 11-1, 12-10; C. Letton d C. Balshaw 9-11, 11-9, 15-13, 11-9.

Top Guns 7 lost to Crushers 11 DOUBLES

N. Stoeckel/J. Perry lost to D. Robinson/P. Haenen 14-12, 9-11, 4-11, 11-6, 8-11; J. Haenen/B. Heuzenroeder d R. Coppin/J. Crossfield 8-11, 4-11, 11-6, 8-11; S. Freeman/J. Kelly d J. Trobbiani/C. Coppin 11-3, 11-10, 11-6; N. Stoeckel/J. Haenen lost to D. Robinson/R. Coppin 6-11, 11-8, 4-11, 11-9,

7-11; J. Perry/S. Freeman d P. Haenen/J. Trobbiani 11-6. 11-6. 7-11. 11-8: B. Heuzenroeder/J. Kellv d J. Crossfield/C. Coppin 11-7, 11-4, 11-7. SINGLES

N. Stoeckel d P. Haenen 10-12, 11-4, 11-7, 11-5: J. Perry lost to D. Robinson 9-11, 4-11, 8-11; N. Stoeckel lost to D. Robinson 11-13, 10-12, 8-11; J. Perry defeated P. Haenen 14-12, 4-11, 7-11, 11-13, 11-9; J. Haenen lost to J. Crossfield 6-11, 9-11, 11-8, 14-12; B. Heuzenroeder lost to R. Coppin 11-7, 1-11, 5-11, 4-11; J. Haenen lost to R. Coppin 7-11, 11-6, 6-11, 4-11; B. Heuzenroeder lost to J. Crossfield 12-14, 7-11, 11-5, 11-7, 4-11; S. Freeman d C. Coppin 11-2, 11-9, 11-8; J. Kelly lost to J. Trobbiani 11-5, 5-11, 8-11, 11-3, 4-11; S. Freeman d J. Trobbiani 11-9, 11-9, 14-12; J. Kelly lost to C. Coppin 3-11, 3-11, 12-14.

FINAL TABLE

Crushers 7.5 wins (52.31 per cent); Top Guns 5.5 wins (50 per cent); Desperados 5 wins (50.93 per cent); Double Fish 5 wins (50.46 per cent); The Shooters 5 wins (47.22 per cent).

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Robinson's state career comes full circle

BRENDAN LINES

THE past six months has been a long road for Renmark table tennis ace Dennis Robinson, but the blood, sweat and tears - amid a pandemic — has paid off with selection in SA's veterans table tennis team.

In October, Robinson will represent the state at the Australian championships, which will include a New Zealand team, comprising a field of around 400 competitors, to be held in Darwin.

It would be a full circle in his 51-year career at the state level, having first represented SA as a 19-year old.

The 70-year-old said he was looking forward to his fourth state appearance. "It is the top echelon of players,"

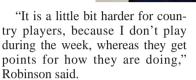
he said. "Paul Pinkewich was the first

Australian to play in China and they are all ex-Australian and state champions.

"Some are Olympians."

Robinson has recently been putting in the hard work and kilometres to compete in the city.

Renmark table tennis ace Dennis Robinson's state career came full circle when he was selected as part of the SA veterans team for the national championships in October. PHOTO: Brendan Lines.



"A country player has to play all

the tournaments and do well to get

Robinson qualified by winning two veterans open events this year at Woodville and Southern table tennis clubs, which earned enough

points for his state selection. Two further runner-up placings

in Adelaide and Sturt open events made Robinson a clear choice for

Robinson's stellar season had



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caught the eye of SA captain and state veterans champion Gary McDougal, who asked Robinson to play in the double's competition.

On the weekend, Robinson continued his great run to the championships, winning the A grade men's singles at the Barossa Open.

Robinson's fourth SA representation might be his swansong at the top level.

"To be prepared for the championships, it is about getting the mind right, the body right... and mental pressure of having to do well," he said.

Meanwhile Robinson's junior Riverland protégé, Rylan Coppin, won the under 14 and C grade events at the Barossa Open.

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selection."

the selectors.



Benita Dillon (nee Richter) played in Barmera's last A1 flag, way back in 1990, and will watch on as daughter Tahlia takes to the court against grand final favourites Renmark this Friday night. Barmera's most recent A1 grand final appearance was in 1996. PHOTO: Josh Brine



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