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Well-known Riverland woman Nancy Murdock will this year participate in her last Relay for Life, after more than 15 years involvement with the event. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

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# Loxton's new Mardi Gras ambassador

**SEBASTIAN CALDERON**

LOXTON'S new Mardi Gras senior ambassador is confident and grateful for the opportunity to help and become further involved with the local community.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Loxton, Karen Tate was selected as senior ambassador and said the role means, because of the trust people gave her.

"To be among people that work hard and believe in what they do, be a part of that and embrace it was quite special for me," Ms Tate said.

"Helping the community with projects and things that are important to them, getting the kids and schools involved, and after two and a half years involved in the Riverland community, it's nice to see the efforts are coming along."

"I have been a part of Loxton Rotary for about 12 months and have truly enjoyed the friendship, dedication, and community spirit of its members."

"I have witnessed the hard work Rotary puts into supporting various causes and when Bert Haslam approached me to assist with fundraising for the community through the Mardi Gras Ambassador Program, I saw it as a great opportunity to give back to a community that has been so supportive of my role."

The Loxton Rotary Club through Mardi Gras, have organised three important events to raise funds, with the popular Champagne Breakfast on 29 September, the Black Stump Dinner on 9 November, and the well-known Christmas Show.

"The Mardi Gras is also a fun, family-friendly festival that the entire community can enjoy, making it a true multi-generational celebration," Ms Tate said.

"The Champagne Breakfast this year is



Karen Tate has been selected as Mardi Gras senior ambassador due to her educational and work background, key to the goal of contributing to the creative industries across the Riverland. PHOTO: Sebastian Calderon

capped at 110 people, so every year there is a lot of interest for this event."

"There are raffles during the event and an amazing egg and bacon breakfast with mushrooms, so it's an amazing group of organised people."

"We are doing some auctions to raise funds as well, including the final event which will have Andy Seymour as a singer, and after that we have the Elvis Show at the beginning of December at the Loxton Club."

"We are hoping through those events, we

can bring the community together and bring multi-generational people to a part of this."

The Mardi Gras family has been known for raising funds throughout the Riverland community with the support of sporting clubs, social groups and schools.

"High schools have helped much over the years, giving community groups a boost, especially when new equipment's are needed or a particular event has to be done or things like personnel training, that is really helpful," Ms Tate said.

## Riverland men arrested over Paisley firearms offences



THREE men were arrested for several firearms offences on a property at Paisley.

Police searched a property located on the Sturt Highway, at Paisley, on 10 September, where 16 gel blaster firearms and small quantities of illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia were located and seized.

The result of this operation led to the arrest of a 50-year-old, a 39-year-old and an 18-year-old, all from Paisley.

According to the Police, the 39-year-old was charged with two counts of supplying a firearm to a person, being unauthorised to acquire a firearm and failing to answer questions.

He failed to apply for police bail and appeared in Berri Magistrates Court on 11 September.

The other two men were charged with possessing firearms without a licence and contravening a provision of the code of practice. They were granted police bail to appear in Berri Magistrates Court on 4 November.

**RIVERLAND WEATHER**

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						6481 MEGALITRES PER DAY



Renmark's Riverland Agri Services was among the near 260 exhibitors at this year's Field Days. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



More than 12,000 people attended the 2024 Riverland Field Days this weekend, with 256 exhibitors filling the event's grounds.

# Success for 2024 Riverland Field Days

INCREASED attendance and exhibitor numbers, along with ideal weather, all combined for a successful 2024 Riverland Field Days last weekend.

With more than 12,000 people attending across the two days and 256 exhibitors filling the event's grounds, Riverland Field Days executive man-

ager Emma Gwiazda said that weekend revealed "fantastic results overall".

"Comparing to last year — when attendance was approximately 10,000, and there were 220 exhibitors — the event is growing again," she said.

"The committee was wrapped with

the attendance and exhibitors were happy with both days of the event.

"Large number of tourists specifically came for the event, which is fantastic for our region — and exhibitors already asking when they can register for next year."

"Planning for 2025 is underway."

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Riverland Field Days executive manager

## Riverland students seeking career information with The Murray Pioneer

MORE than 170 year 9 students across the Riverland Secondary Schools Alliance (RSSA) participated in the Career Exploration Trail at the Riverland Field Days last Friday.

An opportunity to engage directly with a variety of local industry professionals and gain hands-on experience in a career field of interest, the following local businesses and organisations that participated included:

- ❑ Chartered Accountants ANZ: finance and accounting.
- ❑ Community Living Australia: disability social services.
- ❑ Flight Motors: automotive.
- ❑ GJ Gardner Homes:

construction and sales.  
 ❑ Jamie and Kim's Zoo: tourism and animal care.  
 ❑ Murray Pioneer: media and news.  
 ❑ Murray River Study Hub and TAFESA: study and education.  
 ❑ SA Metropolitan Fire Service: public safety.  
 ❑ SA Power Networks: utilities and energy.  
 ❑ Tim Whetstone MP: public service and government.

Each student was also given a passport and asked to visit different exhibitors, where they took part in activities designed to demonstrate the skills and knowledge required in each industry.

Exposing students to a career in media and news, The Murray Pioneer par-

ticipated in the Career Exploration Trail by having students make up false headlines using local figures and issues.

The top five headlines included:

- ❑ Anthony Albanese seen laughing as Port Adelaide get beaten once again — Jack.
- ❑ The Renmark Olympic Soccer Club is moving to Berri to improve their competition — Michael H.
- ❑ Actual Spiderman loses his own costume contest — Grace.
- ❑ Sabrina Carpenter found dead in the Big Orange — Molly.
- ❑ Ella Winnall has shocked the world getting voted most popular — Gurmanpreet.



The Murray Pioneer editor Hugh Schuitemaker, with journalists Madison Eastmond (obscured) and Lachlan Dand, ran an activity for the Career Exploration Trail at the Riverland Field Days last Friday to expose local students to a career in media. PHOTO: Caitlin Bruce



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However, Mr Mangan said he had seen a significantly lower number of cats around his home in the past month.

"It seems to have gotten a bit quieter now," he said.

"In the last three or four weeks it's really quietened down."

"Whether (the council) has been over there and gotten rid of cats, I don't know."

"I spent a fair bit of time making sure they wouldn't be able to get in the roof, because they were getting in the roof and having kittens."

It is understood Renmark Paringa Council general inspector Peter Burr met with Mr Mangan's wife, Kay, to examine the area.

Renmark Paringa councilors at last month's general meeting passed a motion regarding the adoption of a new cat by-law from January, when the current by-law



An area of Townsend Street, in Renmark, where resident Harry Mangan has had long-term issues with populations of feral and semi-feral cats. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

will expire.

An overview of the draft new cat by-law, contained within a report in the August general meeting agenda, states "the Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill), as drafted by the Department for Environment and Water, is presently open for public consultation and proposes to make various amendments to the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 in respect of cats".

"While a registration scheme for cats is not specifically proposed... it is not known what amendments may be made following the closure of public consulta-

tion," the report read.

"It is recommended that council do not implement a cat registration scheme until it becomes mandatory to do so."

Council director infrastructure and environmental services, Tarik Wolf, said "council is aware of cat management concerns across the Renmark Paringa district and encourages its residents to practice good pet ownership".

"Council manages cats in accordance with its by-law No. 6, and, we encourage the community to contact Renmark Paringa Council if they have concerns relating to cat management," Mr Wolf said.

Mr Mangan said measures such as compulsory registration and desexing, and limiting the number of cats per household, were necessary to decrease feral and semi-feral cat populations.

"Not every council will take up the by-law that all cats should be de-sexed, or having the maximum of two or three per household," he said.

"I've seen what cats do at night time. I worked 28 years with National Parks in New South Wales doing pest work, and I've seen plenty of dead animals after cats have attacked them."

"It's going to be a hard by-law to police and monitor."



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## Grape growers preparing for 'devastating' frost damage

**SEBASTIAN CALDERON and HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

A SENIOR local wine industry figure says some Riverland grape growers will experience "devastating" damage to vineyards from frost conditions.

The Riverland recorded its lowest-ever Spring temperatures on Monday night and Tuesday morning, after near-zero temperatures were also seen last week.

CCW Co-operative chairman Jim Caddy said damage to vineyards in areas vulnerable to frost would be assessed during the week.

"There is damage, there's no two ways about it," Mr Caddy said.

"There were two frosts. One (late last week) certainly did some damage in known frost areas, and there will be damage from (Tuesday) morning's frost, which was about a degree cooler.

"It's going to be devastating for some growers, there's no doubt about that."

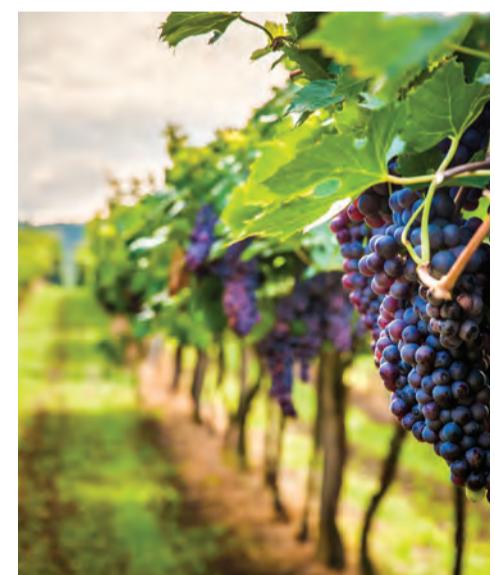
Almond Board of Australia production committee chairperson Peter Cavallaro said "it will take a week for any damage from the recent frosts to be visible in almond orchards".

"We are aware that some growers will be making assessments early next week and if there is minor damage, the almonds may drop to the ground later in the growing season but this can be identified now if growers take samples and cut them open," Mr Cavallaro said.

"Any crop that is frost affected will fall from the tree."

Growers located in frost-prone areas can use different types of fans to push warm air into their orchards to prevent future damage.

Mr Cavallaro recorded -2C on his orchard, at Walker Flat, on Monday night, but said



that those conditions failed to last for long periods.

"The frost fans were coming on for about 20 minutes at a time," he said.

"We are bracing for potentially more frost events, especially if the dry conditions, clear nights and lack of rain continue."

"The latest frost I received at Walker Flat occurred on 7 October around a decade ago and that event resulted in a 30 per cent loss of crop," Mr Cavallaro said.

Chair of Citrus SA Mark Doecke said "frosts haven't been long or cold enough at the moment to see any damages, but we have our eyes open as more low temperature nights can happen."

"Oranges are burnt from the inside due to the low temperatures and can be easily damaged if we don't take prevention measures, because one frost can damage a whole crop overnight," Mr Doecke said.

# One last relay for Nancy

## MADISON EASTMOND

AFTER more than 15 years of fundraising with Cancer Council SA's Relay for Life, local Glossop legend Nancy Murdock will mark the major milestone by retiring her walking shoes.

"It's going to be bittersweet," she said.

"My mind wants me to keep going, but my body wants me to slow down. However, having survived three times (from cancer) and using Cancer Council's services, it has been so important to be a part of the efforts to fundraise."

"I believe if you take, you need to give back."

A long-standing ambassador of Cancer Council SA, Ms Murdock has been a committed and significant member of Riverland efforts to collect vital funds for cancer research, prevention, support services, and supportive accommodation for regional people.

With her team Tired & Inspired having already having raised \$19,000 for the 2024 effort, Ms Murdock said her coming relay is set to be the best one yet.

"I have been putting together a team for every relay since 2007 and have only ever been able to

raise \$17,000," she said.

"However, this year is really special as I have my entire family working to make sure I finish my time in relay on a high — we are hoping to get to \$26,000."

A cause close to her heart, Ms Murdock said her commitment to Cancer Council SA has been inspired by many of her immediate family suffering with the disease.

"I have lost my mother, father, three brothers, and a sister to cancer," she said.

"I have a son with bowel cancer, a daughter who has experienced melanoma, and my husband has been diagnosed with bladder cancer."

"Though I will be retiring from Relay, I will still be fundraising on Daffodil Day and helping with the Biggest Morning Tea."

"I have just always hoped to make a difference... my dream is a cancer free world."

The seven teams and 71 participants of the Riverland Relay are set to kick off at 2pm, on 26 October, at the Renmark Oval Sports Complex.

"Though we have a smaller number of teams for the Riverland this year, they have gone above and beyond in fundraising," Cancer

Council individual and community fundraising manager Emma McKee said.

"So far, they have been able to collect \$50,000 which is just fantastic."

"Relay For Life is very special and important to the Riverland as the funds raised have the biggest footprint in regional Australia."

"Over the course of the Relay for Life being run in the Riverland, local community members have been able to raise more than \$1m for the region."

"Fundraising like this is huge for the cause, as without that money (Cancer Council) would be unable to provide support for rural and regional Australians coming to Adelaide for cancer treatment, or implement it into research programs to improve treatment and help towards finding a cure."

"I really hope the local community will come out offer their support over the couple days of the event."

With still more than a month left to go before the big event, Ms McKee said Riverlanders still have time to follow in Nancy's footsteps by registering in teams and collecting donations.

"Nancy has been an incredible ambassador for Cancer Council



With her team Tired & Inspired, Nancy Murdock has already raised \$19,000 for the 2024 Relay for Life. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

and she continues to be," she said.

"Not only has she been part of the Relay For Life committee in the Riverland, but she has also run her own events and has been a team member in the relays, and in 2018, Nancy was awarded the Global Hero of Hope by the American Cancer Society for her involvement in Relay For Life."

"She is also part of the Cancer Council branch, hosting the Biggest Morning Teas and other fundraising events throughout the year."

"We are just so incredibly proud that she represents us in the community and we are incredibly grateful for everything she does and continues to do for us."

Nancy and her team's next sausage sizzle fundraiser will be held at Bunnings Berri, on 22 September.

To donate, register a team, or for more information on the Riverland Relay, visit the website ([www.relayforlife.org.au/event/sa-riverland-2024/home#EventFAQs](http://www.relayforlife.org.au/event/sa-riverland-2024/home#EventFAQs)).

## Dinner theatre production entertains the Loxton community

### SEBASTIAN CALDERON

A HIGHLY acclaimed dinner theatre production that is sparking conversation about mental health and wellbeing is returning to Loxton.

After last year's success, 'Kick off ya Boots' makes a comeback in 2024 for a new glimpse of the Connor family's farming journey, with the show organised by Little Town Productions.

Held in the Loxton Lutheran Peace Hall, five shows will take place over two weekends, with three of the presentations already sold out.

The new show takes place two years after the last, with songs from the 1980s and classic humour.

The main story gives inside information about farming and country life, dealing with weather, finances, and succession, family conversations and more with celebrations and even a little unexpected romance.

"One of the main messages of this year is how important it is to communicate and talk to each other, especially your loved ones, and that it is okay to not be okay, and there

is help out there," said Leanne Kaezler, Little Town Productions event co-ordinator.

"This is an incredible production that I feel very blessed to be a part of and you don't want to miss out, we guarantee you won't be disappointed," Ms Kaezler said.

"The idea is for audiences to laugh a lot, possibly cry too, and also want to sing and dance, but especially to be touched by the special wellbeing messages throughout the whole show."

"We hope to encourage and inspire everyone to think about your own life, and help to put these tips into practice."

"Five cast members and seven chorus members are the talents behind the presentation, plus all the production team and our sponsors."

Hosted by Clinton Schubert as the main chef for the evening, the dinner that will be served during the theatre production will be a three-course meal, prepared by talented group of kitchen volunteers and served by a group of high school volunteers.

"Rehearsals are going very well, with a big final week of preparations before our first show on Friday night," Ms Kaezler said.



The 'Kick off ya Boots' cast is ready to perform one of the biggest dinner theatre events in the Riverland. PHOTOS: supplied.

"Monday and Tuesday were a big couple of days doing sound and lighting equipment setup, plus organising the amazing guests we are expecting, which include members from councils, MPs and the mental health com-

missioner."

Tickets are available through the website ([www.littletown.com.au](http://www.littletown.com.au)) or at the Loxton Lutheran Ministry Centre and It Feels Like Home on East Terrace, Loxton.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Proving its worth

IF ever an event had the proverbial ‘touch of magic in the air’ to it, it was quite possibly last Sunday’s iteration of the Mindarie-Halidon Cup.

Although horse racing has traditionally been referred to as being among the sports of kings, the beauty of a country carnival – one which was pointed out numerous times over the day – is locals and travellers of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds are brought together.

Whether it was the picturesque settings of the racecourse, excitement for the potential winnings on offer, or the cheaper-than-average refreshments, grey nomads, eye-catching fashion parade entrants, and perhaps even a local mayor and MP all stood side by side along the track at times, sharing their best tip for the day, eagerly awaiting the start of each race, and then anxiously waiting to hear which horse’s numbers were called as winners.

While the racing, and placing of bets on said races, was the main focus, it was clear high levels of effort had been put into all aspects of this year’s carnival. Entrants for the Fashions on the Field contest – probably just as important to some as the racing – were also said to be one of the strongest groups in recent years.

The collective positive emotion at the racecourse on Sunday was one completely opposite to the scenes at the 2023 carnival, where the cancellation of all racing – due to hazards on the track – dealt such a crushing blow for organisers and the many volunteers. An early accident in the first race was seemingly the only speedbump to a day that would have been economically, and probably even socially, invaluable for the area.

The success of the weekend’s meeting would have been a personal reward for all involved when proceedings wrapped up, and are another illustration of why possibly folding the event a few years ago would have been such a mistake.

On the journey from Renmark to the Mallee, it was somewhat simple to see the difficulty the farming families in our regions are facing. The lack of rainfall was evident in patchy areas of crops and the dry soil that could be seen underneath.

If the Mindarie-Halidon carnival had been scratched from the annual calendar, it would prevent countless dollars from entering the local economy, and also remove a chance for Mallee residents, and those from surrounding towns, to forget about the struggles of primary production for a day, and even potentially land that once-in-a-lifetime dream win.

## THE YEARS GO BY

**William Ashley Magarey (left), born 1868, died 1929, commissioner of the then SA Football Association, instigated medals for the season's League and Second Grade fairest and most brilliant players.** His wife, Guli Hack, a renowned SA singer, continued the bequest after William died. William wanted an incentive to raise the standard of football in SA by encouraging fair play and respect for umpires. The medals were, each season, to be uniquely hand-crafted and not carry an image of himself, instructions

not followed since 1998. Rob Magarey, who played for Sturt, is a grandson of William's cousin and is the only family member awarded medal votes at league level. He is pictured (centre) viewing a display of some 144 medals awarded since the first to Alby Green, of Norwood, in 1898. The display, in the Adelaide Oval's Magarey Room, was established through the untiring efforts of Christine, wife of Sturt State Champion and 1961 Medallist John Halbert. His unique medal is seen at right. The medals on display



William Ashley Magarey.

are either the original, of which a replica has been made and given to the owner, or a replica, now on display while the original was



returned. Since 1998, the award was changed so that players tied on the most votes would share the medal. Last week, Harry Boyd, of Norwood,



and Will Snelling, of Sturt, tied in the Medal count. Both received a medal.  
PHOTO: Magarey Collection.

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Repurposing Glossop High School site

I would like our community to get behind Ian Penno and support his idea of re-purposing the old Glossop High School in any way they can ('Golden opportunity, The Murray Pioneer, 11/9/24).

This could be a centre similar to the Operation Flinders and the Aboriginal Youth Pathways to Employment Pilot Scheme. They both have been very successful in changing the lives of the younger generation who have found themselves in trouble.

The persons attending this facility would need to have displayed a change in their ways to be accepted into this programme. Ian is currently seeking financial contributions from philanthropists and companies wanting to make a difference to the lives of these young people.

This facility has everything ready for the teaching of woodwork, metalwork and cooking skills. Existing classrooms could be used as dormitories.

There is also a gymnasium, storage sheds and ovals on the 17-hectare property.

I will be writing to all of the local councils and urging them to think of it as a benefit to the whole Riverland area and get behind the concept and not just see it as benefitting only the Berri Barmera Council.

We have had people from our community contribute to the Operation Flinders cause and change the lives of these young people. Let us all get behind Ian Penno and make his wish to change the lives of these people happen in our region.

DAVID MOORE  
Loxton

### Letting it in unchecked

MY wife Veronica and I recently returned from visiting family in Spain, with flights from Madrid, to Doha, to Adelaide.

Before arriving in Adelaide we completed information on the Biodiversity Declaration cards,

as handed out in the plane.

We duly declared that in our luggage we had medication, being paracetamol, some herbal products, and footwear that had been in country areas.

Therefore we were separated to be checked individually, and thanked for declaring.

After answering their questions, none of our luggage was opened or inspected, and we were allowed to go on our way and leave the airport.

It was only when we returned home that I realised that none of our luggage, or carry-on goods, had been passed through a scanner, as in all of the other airports that we had been through on our trip.

I cannot even remember seeing any scanning equipment when going through, or leaving, the international terminal.

Therefore, it appears that they only rely on the information cards that seemed to be discarded after being handed in.

This greatly surprises me, being what I would consider to be very poor inspection and investigation, especially in the environment that we live in, and the threats that we can be exposed to.

We rightly seem to have more thorough checks entering the state at the Yamba inspection point.

My question then – is this standard procedure at the airport for international arrivals?

PIETER RAAMS  
Monash

### Where do your ESL payments go?

I THINK I have found the problem with the SA Ambulance issues.

According to the graph on the latest Emergency Service Levy (ESL) bill, of the \$395 million allocated, SA Ambulance only receives \$1.6 million of funding.

Interestingly, SA Metropolitan Fire Service receives a whopping \$188.4 million, with even the SA Surf Life Saving receiving more funding, at \$4.5m, than SA Ambulance.

Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the writers, and not those of the Murray Pioneer.

While all of the emergency services mentioned in the graph are important, maybe a reallocation of funds is required to assist SA Ambulance in addressing their ongoing issues.

ANNE G  
Renmark

### Road safety a responsibility for all

SEPTEMBER is Rural Road Safety Month.

While road safety ought to be a daily priority, Rural Road Safety Month is a chance to stop and reflect on road safety and what we can all do to make our rural roads safer.

In 2023, 811 lives were lost on rural roads, representing almost two thirds of the Australian road toll.

The overrepresentation of rural and regional road users in the national fatality and serious injury statistics is very concerning and as someone who drives over 100,000kms a year on rural roads, the issue of road safety is never far from my mind.

These tragic statistics mean 811 people last year alone did not come home after travelling on a rural road and the devastating impact to the lives of their loved ones and communities is immeasurable.

First responders, sporting clubs, work colleagues, parents, children and siblings are among those who bear the heavy burden when a life is taken too early on our roads.

It is the responsibility of every road user across Australia to bring about long-term change to reduce the number of road deaths and serious injuries, and to ensure every journey on our rural roads is a safe one.

This year, the message from the Australian Road Safety Foundation for Rural Road Safety Month is 'Help sow the seeds of change. Road Safety Starts with you'.

Being fit to drive, driving to the conditions, staying focused and taking rest breaks, avoiding distractions such as mobile phones and keeping your vehicle

well maintained are among some of the steps all Australians can take now to keep themselves and their loved ones safe on rural roads.

A core responsibility of government is to ensure the road network is up to standard.

The Albanese Labor Government has allowed the national road network to fall into disrepair with billions of dollars in funding cuts and delays.

Our roads aren't receiving the maintenance and upgrades they need. The Coalition is committed to seeing the Federal Government achieve outcomes to reduce rural road trauma and ensure our loved ones remain in our families and communities for decades to come.

Tony Pasin  
Barker MP  
Assistant opposition for infrastructure and transport

### The misery see-saw

IMMIGRATION imports misery.

Here is how it works. Everyone is an economic unit, and immigrants are in that important age range of 20 to 50.

This means that someone has paid for them to be alive for the tricky years. They have changed their nappies 2000 times, they have sent them to school, they have trained them until they are at the age where they produce more than they cost.

Then we import them. Because they are at that productive age, they look great on the GDP.

They also make jobs more competitive, and wages go down when more people compete for them.

Also our pollies don't have to bother building childcare centres, playgrounds, schools and other non-productive areas of production.

We also need to stable these economic units somewhere, luckily they pay for their own accommodation. Our economic units are self-funding.

This means housing prices go up. Wages go down, houses go up, equalling the misery see-saw.

Average loans for a house are

over \$640,000 now, with twice as many of those loans being for investors than owner/occupiers.

These are not really investors, that would be as wrong as calling them landlords. If you owe money, you are not a landlord. Your bank is.

The real owners of Australian housing are banks. Anyone with a mortgage is just an economic unit holding the bag of risks.

Misery is a choice though, you can always choose to leave Australia, or not have children.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER  
Morgan

## The funny way of politics

IT is certainly difficult to understand federal politics at the present time.

The Labor Party won the last Federal Election with strong assurances to support action countering human-induced climate change.

Now we have Minister for the Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek approving many new coal and gas projects, and also extensions to existing coal or gas operations, to the extent that countering human-induced climate change effectively could well become near to being impossible.

It is now common knowledge that using coal and/or gas to produce energy are major causes of human-induced climate change.

Funny thing politics.

BRIAN MEASDAY  
Kingswood

## Answers needed on water strategy

NATIONAL Irrigators Council is calling on the Australian Government for answers as they continue to pursue additional water purchases, when water usage is well below the Basin Plan limits.

The recently released data from the Murray Darling Basin Authority confirms the core objectives of the Basin Plan are being achieved with water take 23 per cent below the Basin Plan limit.

Usage around the Basin is well below the required limits and that's even before the Federal Government acquires more water via buybacks this year.

Buybacks were a tool to reduce usage to meet these new Sustainable Diversion Limits and provide water for the environment. The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder cannot use all the water it has already, and now with Sustainable Diversion Limits

It's illogical that the focus remains on additional water when the limits are being implemented and more water alone will not fix the Murray-Darling Basin.

We know purchases will drive up water prices and undermine the economic capacity of the irrigation-dependent Basin Communities, adding to the cost-of-living crisis.

Yet the Government has committed to purchase at least another 100GL of water this

## You've gotta be joking!

*Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey*

### COUNCIL AVOIDS HERDING CATS

SEE STORY PAGE 4.



## Looking back...

10 years ago 19 September, 2014

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### COUNCIL BATTLE LINES



**RENMARK TEEN ON DECK FOR CHOWILLA:** RENMARK teenager and paddleboat enthusiast Jackson Wickham will form part of the ps Industry crew during this weekend's Chowilla Station festivities. Along with looking after the Industry's social media and newsletter, 14-year-old Jackson is a regular aboard the boat, helping with driving, general maintenance and river cruises.

20 years ago 17 September, 2004

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### Trust's new water plan



**TRUST'S NEW WATER PLAN:** Renmark irrigators will have their say next week on a longterm plan to give them ownership of their individual water allocations.

The move would see growers given the same amount of water per rated hectare by the Renmark Irrigation Trust, regardless of crop varieties. Each irrigator's total amount calculated under the scheme would then become their fixed annual allocation.

## TEXT LINE

I agree with Ian Penno ('Golden opportunity?', Pioneer, 11/9/24). Keep the Glossop High School for the young people of the region.

JENNY  
Glossop

definitely need somewhere like this in the Riverland. Somewhere that youth can go to learn on a more leisurely basis. Don't sell off to Adelaide, keep it local.

CB  
Loxton

I think Ian Penno's comment on the Glossop High School is a gem. Sara Game and One Nation will

have my vote next time round. On another issue, carp in the river, there's not enough people making enough noise to action the problem. So, Rosalie Auricht needs to ruffle the feathers of our two Liberal representatives in the Riverland.

GARY  
Waikerie

Couldn't give more praise to those involved in the organisation and running of the Mindarie Halidon Carnival last weekend. The place was packed and everyone was having a great day. In my view the Pioneer's representative in the fashion parade should have won best dressed as well.

ROLAND  
Berri

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# Jazmine builds award success

## MADISON EASTMOND

RECOGNISED through the state's most prestigious awards for vocational education and training (VET), Berri Regional Secondary student Jazmin Benson-Richards is a finalist for the South Australian Training Awards.

Currently completing a Certificate III in Cabinet Making and Timber Technology at Loxton business Cabinet Creations Riverland Ms Benson-Richards was recently recognised for her continued efforts, talent, and commitment in her training sector.

As a finalist in the category School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year, Berri Regional Secondary College VET leader Lyn Sweeney said it is no surprise Ms Benson-Richards earned the recognition, as she started the program already advanced in her construction skills.

"Jazmine started out in the school's VET program in year 11 with a Certificate II in Construction," Ms Sweeney said.

"Jazmine is a beautiful kid and such a people person, but is also very keen to learn — through our VET program she actually won the award for Outstanding Student (within the cohort)."

With a passion for woodwork that began in year 7, Ms Benson-Richards was the perfect nominee. when Cabinet Creations Riverland approached the school looking for a new apprentice.

"I just really love building things for people and I wanted to do something no one else was doing," Ms Benson-Richards said.

With encouragement from her mother to pursue an activity she loved, Ms Benson-Richards has recently made the transition to a full-time undertaking of the school-based apprenticeship and the Certificate III.

"It can be hard to find young people

that enjoy what they're doing," Cabinet Creations Riverland director Daniel Winter said.

"Jaz is someone who sought the apprenticeship because she has a passion for wood-work and she has fitted in with the crew so well. We have never had a girl in the factory before and she has shone the boys up a bit which is great.

"We have just seen her grow so much in one year."

Agreeing Ms Benson-Richard's keen interests in the sector are fuelling her achievements, Cabinet Creations Riverland project manager Michael Warman said passion is the starting point of any skilled craftsperson.

"That's actually the first step to being a cabinet maker," Mr Warman said.

"It's so important to have that passion, as you have to be very meticulous with things, and Jaz certainly does."

Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer said "the South Australian Training Awards are an important opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees, training organisations, students, and employers".

"More than ever before, our TAFE and vocational training sector is critical to giving South Australians the skills they need for the jobs they want," Mr Boyer said.

"Events such as the South Australian Training Awards highlight vocational training as an equal pathway that leads to high-quality, secure jobs – while building our state's future."

The winners will be announced at the South Australian Training Awards Gala Presentation, on 25 September, at the Adelaide Convention Centre, before representing South Australia at the 2024 Training Awards, on 6 December, at Canberra.



Jazmine Benson-Richards was recently recognised for her continued efforts, talent, and commitment in her training sector as a finalist for the South Australian Training Awards.

PHOTO: Madison Eastmond

The awards highlight 14 categories – seven for individuals and seven focused on organisations – summing up 120 nominations in total.

"I am getting a bit nervy leading up to the announcements," Ms Benson-Richards said.

"But it's still really exciting and I am just glad I have gotten this far."

With two years left of her apprenticeship, Ms Benson-Richards has been encouraged

by teachers and employers to dream big.

"I am hoping to learn so much more and get my skills really good so I can go travelling across the world," she said.

"I would love to visit different factories and see how they work and do their cabinets."

For more information about the awards, finalists, and open voting polls, visit the website ([www.trainingawards.sa.gov.au](http://www.trainingawards.sa.gov.au)).

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TANKARD'S SILLY CHEFS: Tankard Dental Riverland employees recently celebrated the completion and opening of the business' practice on Kay Avenue, in Berri, a "fun, dynamic and supportive team culture", and the career of dental nurse Julie Walding (left), with a MasterChef competition. The Murray Pioneer editor Hugh Schuitemaker and 5RM radio personality Trevor Scott were among judges for the event. PHOTOS: Karen Jericho



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# All ready for the Riverland Wine Show

**SEBASTIAN CALDERON**

PRESTIGIOUS annual awards will this week celebrate wine industry achievements from Riverland producers.

The 52nd Riverland Wine Show Gala Dinner will be held at the Berri Hotel, on Thursday night.

This year, eight recognised names from the wine industry formed the judge panel, led by Corrina Wright, with the task of selecting the best products and personalities from 302 entries with judging taking place over 3 and 4 September at The Precinct in Loxton.

Riverland Wine Show

president Barry Mangelsdorf said "we present our awards and trophies, and recognise the wine industry person of the year".

"We started in the early 1970s and it is a significant milestone for us to be celebrating the 52 edition of the gala," Mr Mangelsdorf said.

"We are very happy to have that many entries this year and for us its very exciting to have many entries from the Riverland."

"Guest can have a taste of all the entries before heading to the dinner, where meals will be paired with some of the winning wines."

"These are difficult times for the industry, especially this year, so joining all the

wine industry and celebrating their achievements is something everyone is thankful for."

"The Riverland Wine Show is completely volunteer run. We have a great volunteer committee, as well as many hands helping out on judging day to pour wines, clean glasses and generally make sure everything runs smoothly."

"Everyone can attend the dinner and get a glimpse into the amazing local wine industry," Mr Mangelsdorf said.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased by visiting the website ([www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1250992](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1250992)).



The 52nd Riverland Wine Show Gala Dinner will be held on Thursday night. FILE PHOTO

## The volunteer crisis hitting our Riverland communities

**SIMONE BAILEY**

**Mayor  
MMC**

VOLUNTEERING has long been the lifeblood of our regional communities.

From local sports clubs and progress associations to historical preservation societies, the efforts of volunteers sustain the activities, events, and institutions that define our towns.

However, an alarming trend is emerging, our volunteer base is shrinking, and it is creating serious challenges for the future of our regional communities.

Recently I attended an AGM, where the long-serving treasurer/secretary stepped down after an incredible 40 years of service.

His dedication to the community was inspiring, yet what followed was both disheartening and telling.

An awkward silence fell over the room as the question of succession was raised, but no one volunteered to take his place.

Just a few days later, less than 20 people were present at the Friends of the Mannum Institute AGM, an institution that has been part of the Mannum community's heritage for generations.

Sadly, no new committee members were found and a huge job remains for the small committee.

These experiences are not unique.

Across our regional communities, the same story is playing out. Long-serving volunteers are stepping down, and no one is coming forward to replace them.

It's a growing problem with serious implications.

Many essential services and programs that we often take for granted could disappear simply because there aren't enough hands to

carry the load.

So, what's behind this volunteer crisis?

Part of the issue seems to be time.

People are busier than ever, juggling work, family, and other commitments.

Yet, the same individuals who may not have time to volunteer often find time to voice complaints when something is not going well in the community.

Unfortunately, without volunteers, many of the services and events that people care about can't run at all.

Another factor is a change in mindset.

For years, a handful of dedicated individuals have carried our community on their backs, and it seems many have grown used to assuming 'someone else' will step in.

But as we've seen, those people are retiring, and unless we step up, those vital roles will remain vacant.

However, it's important to remember that volunteering isn't just about helping the community, it can also have a profound and positive effect on the volunteer.

Numerous studies have shown volunteering is linked to improved mental health and wellbeing.

The sense of purpose and connection that comes from giving back can reduce feelings of isolation, boost mood, and even lower stress levels.

Volunteering brings people together, fostering friendships and building stronger support networks, which are crucial in our often-fragmented modern lives.

The consequences of this lack of participation go beyond just inconvenience.

When volunteer groups fail, our communities lose more than just services, they lose connection, community spirit, and the shared effort that binds us together.

It's easy to focus on the problems and frustrations when services fall short or beloved community events are cancelled.

But instead of waiting for someone else to act, perhaps it's time to consider what we can do ourselves.

Volunteering doesn't have to be a full-time commitment, and even small contributions can make a significant difference.

Whether it's taking on a committee role, helping to organise an event, or simply offering a few hours of your time, every bit counts.

Our regional towns thrive when people come together, and right now, they need us more than ever.



It's time to put our hands up, step forward, and ensure that the future of our communities remains bright; not only for the good of the town but for our own wellbeing too.

To all of our community volunteers, thank you for your selfless dedication, you are the backbone of our communities, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.



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# Free mental health first aid course available to all Riverlanders

## MADISON EASTMUND

A FREE Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course is being offered to Riverlanders to raise awareness of mental health and prevent suicide this month.

Held at the Chaffey Community Centre on 28 and 29 September, participants of the Remark course will learn how to recognise and respond to the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adults by gaining skills to intervene early, offer support, and reduce stigma.

With the standard \$500 course fee being waived courtesy of the Black Dog Ride Australia — a grassroot charity which raises awareness of depression and suicide prevention — co-ordinator of the Riverland event and licenced instructor, Rosa Hillam, said the opportunity to partake in the upcoming MHFA course was valuable for the local community.

"I am really passionate about people having the skills to understand mental health, and connect those struggling to find professional help," she said.

## Waikerie's Merino Fleece judging winners

WAIKERIE High School's (WHS) Celia Collins has won the Merino Fleece Young Judges Championship for 15 to 25 year olds at the Royal Adelaide Show.

WHS agriculture teacher Paul Tripodi said Celia who is in year 11, would now

represent South Australia in the National Championships during September next year in Adelaide.

Shakira Dailey who is in year 11 at WHS was runner up in the same contest for merino fleece young judges.

Mr Tripodi said students

from a variety of public and private schools from all around SA competed in the championship.

He said WHS student Isabella Paschke made it to the top eight and eventually was placed seventh.



Waikerie High School student Isabella Paschke inspecting sheep in the Merino Fleece Young Judges Championship at the Royal Adelaide Show.  
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*raising awareness  
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The Riverland mental health first aid course is being funded by the Black Dog Ride Australia, a grassroot charity which raises awareness of depression and suicide prevention.

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"Everyone experiences low points, so it's about understanding that it's a natural part of being human. It's like breaking your arm — you can reach out, get treatment, and get better."

Ms Hillam said any Riverlanders over the age of 18 are welcome to come along to the MHFA course, though bookings are essential.

"It's about supporting someone until they get to professional care, however, you need an idea about what mental health is and have

the skill to combat it in a positive and helpful way," she said.

"Community leaders, sports organisations, parents — anyone can benefit from this knowledge."

The two-day course will run from 9:30am to 5pm, with lunch, and morning and afternoon tea included.

A full name, phone number, and email need to be provided in order to enrol. To register, contact Ms Hillam on (0438 370 312).



Waikerie High School students Shakira Dailey who came second and Celia Collins who secured first place in the Merino Fleece Young Judges Championship for 15 to 25 year olds at the Royal Adelaide Show.

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# Original Ramco altar cloth discovery

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

DESCENDANTS of the first congregation members of St Paul's Lutheran Church at Ramco have found its original hand-made altar cloth, safely stored in the Lutheran Archives in Adelaide.

The cloth was made by Emma Schneider (nee Watchow) who moved to Ramco in 1919, when she married her husband, Edward (Eddie).

She made the altar cloth for the official opening of the church, on 30 November 1924.

The Ramco community is celebrating the church's 100th anniversary on 24 November.

Before the church was built, services were held in the Hartwig's house.

The original church was demolished and replaced with a new, larger church, which was officially opened in 1979.

Emma's daughter, Ruby Keller, 102, remembered the crochet her mother had done to create the altar cloth after she received an invitation to the Ramco Lutheran Church's centenary celebrations in November.

She sought the assistance of her niece, Cheryl Elwood, to locate the altar cloth.

Ruby contacted the Ramco Lutheran Church, but they were unaware what had happened to it.

Ramco Lutheran Church 100 anniversary planning committee member Corinne Dubrich said the altar cloth was no longer with the church.

"They searched a little bit further and went to the Lutheran Archives in Adelaide and found it there," she said.

Ms Elwood said the night before she and her Auntie were due to visit the archives, Mrs Keller contacted her to see if she still had a collection of Emma's crochet pattern books to see if the original pattern was among them.

"Ruby remembered that the pattern used for the altar cloth had a pattern of a chalice and a cross in it," she said.

Ms Elwood found the pattern her grandmother used in 'The Lady's World Fancy Workbook No 21', that was published in 1911.

She said this made their task to relocate the altar cloth at the archives much easier.

"This helped us as we knew what we were looking for," Ms Elwood said.

She said with the assistance of the archivists they began their search through the

boxes in storage.

"We went through one, but couldn't find anything," Ms Elwood said.

"We then went through another box and I recognised the chalice and cross pattern on one of the cloths," she said.

"We put it on the table and Auntie said, 'this is it'.

"It was very special and we all cried."

Ms Elwood said they will be unable to display the altar cloth at the Ramco Lutheran Church during the centenary celebrations.

She said this is due to the due to the priceless nature of the altar cloth, and the high insurance costs the church would have to pay to display it.

Ms Elwood said her niece, Anne Fedorowytzsch, who is Emma's great-granddaughter, is creating a photo board to display instead.

It will feature photos of the altar cloth and the pattern book, a photo of Emma and a photo of Mrs Keller, Ms Elwood and Ms Fedorowytzsch, and an article about the cloth

to display in the church.

Ms Elwood said this will be placed on the original altar that will be restored and brought over from the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School, where it was found in storage.

Mrs Keller will be attending the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Ramco Lutheran Church, on Sunday 24 November, with Ms Elwood and her husband Michael.

It will feature a church service, at 10.30am, followed by a lunch.

## TERRY'S TAKE

A LIMERICK BY TERRY MARTER



**At the Mindarie-Halidon races,  
Horses run, and folk get  
off their faces,**

**While the cops down the road  
Switch to breath-tester mode  
Saying "blow in this tube"  
to find traces.**

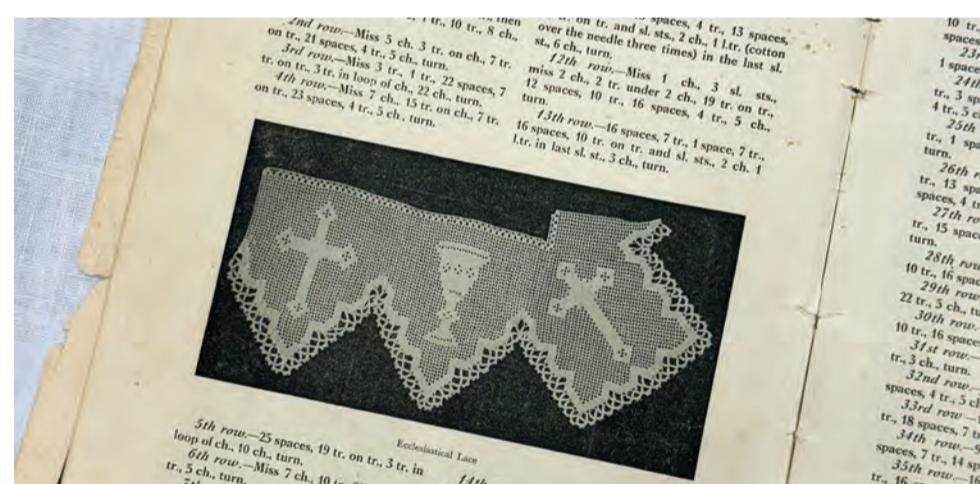
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Emma Schneider who made an altar cloth for the official opening of St Paul's Lutheran Church at Ramco in 1924.



Emma Schneider's great granddaughter Anne Fedorowytzsch, granddaughter Cheryl Elwood and daughter, Ruby Keller, 102, with the altar cloth made for Ramco Lutheran Church's official opening in 1924. PHOTOS: supplied



The pattern used to make the original altar cloth for the Ramco Lutheran Church.

## Riverland Crows Supporters Group update

IN my last report printed in The Murray Pioneer, on 11 September, I reported the wrong date for the coming AGM event, which advised readers of the Riverland Crows Supporters Group column of coming events in November 2024.

The AGM date is 12 November at the Berri Hotel, with a meal at 6pm, and the AGM will be held at 7.30pm.

The End of Year function is to be held at the Mallee Fowl Restaurant, from 12 noon to 3pm, on Sunday 17 November 2024, with bookings made to Deb Kennedy on 0439 081 084.

- Raelene Fuller  
Publicity reporter  
Riverland Crows Supporters Group

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# Riverland Rose & Garden Festival

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## WELCOME TO THE 2024 RIVERLAND ROSE AND GARDEN FESTIVAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY.

The committee is super excited to be bringing this program to you to help you plan your visit to the Riverland and to immerse yourself in what our beautiful region has to offer. It is also a chance for the Riverland to come together annually and celebrate the unique and great features of all our communities.

The program will have a number of our regular and popular components going ahead this year. The Renmark Institute floral display, the Festival Fair, our Gala Dinner, Waikerie and Districts Community Flower Show and of course Open Gardens, which is what our festival is all about.

In fact, we have 35 Open Gardens for viewing, with 12 of those being open for the first time. We sincerely thank all of our gardeners for their time and effort. The passion and love for all things gardening will

be obvious when you take the opportunity to meander through these gorgeous creations and we encourage locals and visitors to make their way to gardens listed in the program, as we promise you won't be disappointed.

Our 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner celebrations will be in the town where it all started. The Renmark Club will be our hosts, presenting a red-carpet dinner overlooking the beautiful views of the mighty Murray River.

Horticulturist, author and ABC television Gardening Australia presenter and personality Sophie Thomson will be officially opening the festival at the annual Festival Fair and will be our special guest at the Gala Dinner.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, committee members, committee guests and to anyone who has helped in anyway, to put on this event each and every year.

"Life is better in the garden."  
Enjoy!

- Riverland Rose and Garden Festival Committee



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SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

## Festival Fair

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY THE 2024 RIVERLAND ROSE AND GARDEN FESTIVAL IS WELL ON TRACK TO PROVIDE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The popular fair and market will kick off the festival on Saturday 19 October, from 9am to 2.30pm, at the beautiful Jarrett Memorial Gardens, Renmark.

Horticulturalist, author and

media personality presenter Sophie Thomson, will be officially opening the festival at 10.30am.

This popular event will once again be providing a great variety of stalls with delectable cakes, biscuits and condiments, rustic garden art, garden supplies, crafted jewellery, candles, giftware and much more.

Young fair goers have a chance to get involved in an art workshop run by Joy Smith.

Wander the 50 + stalls, take in the great views and treat yourself to the great food and coffee available.

The ever-popular Riverland dog obedience and kennel club display will return for a fifth year, with the event, run by Sue Laidler, expected to be well supported.

Emergency services including the Country Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Royal Flying Doctor Service will also be in attendance.

Saturday 19 October  
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view the program online at [www.murraypioneer.com.au](http://www.murraypioneer.com.au)

# Riverland art on new waste trucks

NEW council vehicles featuring Riverland-inspired characters are aimed at promoting environmental and waste education.

Through a collaboration between the three Riverland councils, new shared waste trucks will carry unique designs that feature three characters, 'Tommy the Turtle', 'Murray the Cod', and 'Gabby the Yabby', with each one using a different coloured hat that represents the three bins collected throughout the Riverland.

The new characters will be part of a future education campaign aimed to teach kids and Riverland residents about the importance of waste management and waste recovery.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton said "the importance of preserving our beautiful environment and river system is enormous and presenting a united front between the three Riverland councils is a great opportunity."

"Educating our community to think about what they are doing with household waste is key to ensuring our Riverland remains the special place it is," Mr Norton said.

The new trucks will begin operating this week and will carry the message 'Keep our Riverland clean'.

Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Peter Hunter said "this

project has seen the introduction of our three characters Gabby, Murray and Tommy, and we hope they really strike a chord with our community and our up-and-coming generations."

"If the excitement of seeing these fun characters on the trucks helps make a connection with how households are dealing with their rubbish then we think that is a great starting point," Mr Hunter said.

The new campaigns is part of the Murraylands Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-26, with the newly created Circular Economy and Waste Lead and Educational Waste Program Lead, aimed to help execute current and future environmental programs such as landfill diversion, increased organics recovery and exploring new composting opportunities.

Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella Winnall said "we all know that sending waste to landfill is not just bad for the environment but costs us all financially."

"Councils have a role to play in helping people and providing the right information, but we really need everyone to do their part in trying to reduce waste in the first place, and to try to sort it into the right bins when you do throw



Solo Resource Recovery staff Scott Doyle, Tony Morris and Mark Cox (third from right), pictured with Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall, District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Peter Hunter. PHOTOS: supplied

something away," Ms Winnall said.

"It's great to have the new truck characters, especially for young people in our community who are

so important to start educating about waste.

"It can be a bit confusing sometimes, but if people learn early,

it's like learning to turn the light off when you leave a room – it becomes habit for the rest of your life."

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## Celebrating 100 Years of educational excellence

RENMARK North School has announced the milestone School Centenary celebration will be held in October.

Renmark North School has been a foundation of the community for the past 100 years, fostering a rich culture of learning and growth.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, a weekend of celebrations will be held on Friday 18, Saturday 19, and Sunday 20 October, with three key events planned.

Principal Mary Shannon said "this is a unique opportunity for former students, staff, families, and the community to come together and celebrate a century of shared memories and accomplishments".

"We invite everyone to join us in commemorating this significant occasion," Ms Shannon said.

The planned events will include the popular family friendly fundraising event,

the 65th Continental, a formal dinner at the Renmark Club, and a school open day to unveil the 75th time capsule and seal the centenary time capsule to conclude the celebrations.

The weekend promises to be filled with nostalgia, camaraderie and reflection on the school's journey over the past century, and a wonderful opportunity for the community to witness the impact it has had on generations of students.

For more information on the Centenary Celebrations, please visit the Renmark North School Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/renmarknorth.official/](http://www.facebook.com/renmarknorth.official/)), or contact the school on 8595 3274.

Tickets for the Centenary Dinner can be purchased online ([www.eventbrite.com/e/renmark-north-school-centenary-dinner-tickets-898837486117](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/renmark-north-school-centenary-dinner-tickets-898837486117)).



Riverlanders Raylene Anspach, Margie, Tina, Carol, Peter Hunt, Craig Hamilton, Ann Hunt, Joanne, Annie Wilden, came together last week for the Lifeline Australia's Out of the Shadows Walk. Raising money and preventative awareness around mental health and suicide, the Barmera crew collected \$343 from business donations — IGA Barmera, Rollbusch Meats, Barmera Pharmacy, and Bunnings Berri — and local donations on the day. PHOTO: supplied

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# Waikerie business owner hopes on NBN solutions

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

A WAIKERIE engineering business owner is hoping the latest repairs to the National Broadband Network (NBN) in the area will mean an end to the disruptions he has experienced with his internet service.

Beelitz Engineering's owner and manager Neville Beelitz attended an NBN community drop-in session at the council chambers at Waikerie, on Thursday, to outline his concerns about the internet service.

He switched over from ADSL to the NBN in April.

Mr Beelitz said repairs earlier this month to the NBN tower that services his business was finally providing him with

an internet speed he was happy with.

The tower is just 1km from his property.

Mr Beelitz said initial problems he experienced had started right from the time of installation.

"The download speeds on the fixed wireless system when I first switched over, were way too slow," Mr Beelitz said.

"The ADSL download speeds was about 3 or 4 megabits per second," he said.

"When I switched to wireless, I went to one or two and a half megabits per second download."

Mr Beelitz said the person who installed the NBN at his property was unable to find a reason why the internet speed was so slow.

"I have all the new

equipment in my home and in my roof," he said.

The installer organised for a Telstra technician to check his NBN system.

"He checked it all and he couldn't find a problem in my home and he reported it," Mr Beelitz said.

He said nbn Local was unable to address the situation, then the download speed did end up improving for about a week in April.

But Mr Beelitz said this failed to last and the download speed dropped off again to speeds as low as .5mb/second.

"I would ring Telstra and they would ask me to check my modem to see if it was plugged in and turned on," he said.

"They wanted me to do everything in my home

instead of going to the root cause, which I believe was the NBN tower that needed an upgrade."

He said the low speed meant it caused his business significant delays.

Beelitz Engineering supplies the horticulture industry, dryland farmers and the wine grape industry with mechanical equipment, and repairs.

It also provides and services equipment for motor mechanics in the area.

Mr Beelitz said the poor internet service meant the time that he usually devoted to clients was disrupted leading to a loss in income.

"My financial losses would be mostly due to the time spent in communicating with Telstra," he said.



Beelitz Engineering's owner and manager Neville Beelitz is hoping the problem with his internet service has been fixed.

PHOTO: Christine Webster



Beelitz Engineering's owner and manager Neville Beelitz speaking with nbn Local's community engagement specialist Rohan Watts at a community drop in session at Waikerie. PHOTO: Christine Webster

## More than 100 Riverlanders learn about NBN service

THE National Broadband Network's (NBN) community engagement team has been visiting the Riverland to increase awareness about the service.

A spokesperson for NBN co said its representatives recently visited Loxton and Waikerie and the Riverland Field Days at Barmera and spoke to over 100 people.

He said issues discussed included how to get online with the NBN, how to maximise your connection, local network upgrades in

the Riverland area, scams awareness, and other initiatives.

Nbn co is delivering network upgrades right across the network in rural, regional, and remote Australia, including over 40,000 homes and businesses in the Riverland.

The spokesperson said its aim was to help deliver better broadband for homes and businesses across Australia and support regional Australia's data needs for today and tomorrow.

"We are growing the capacity of our network to keep ahead of data demands by pushing fibre deeper into communities and extending and accelerating Fixed Wireless and satellite coverage and capabilities, the spokesperson said.

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# Flinders calls for local teachers to educate the next generation of Riverland doctors

**MADISON EASTMOND**

FLINDERS University is seeking educators to assist with the teaching of Riverland students enrolled in the South Australia Rural Medical (SARM) Program, the course set to begin next year.

Previously only offering the third year of the four-year postgraduate degree in regional Australia, the SARM program will now allow students to remain in the Riverland or Mount Gambier for the entirety of the course.

Providing the opportunity for students to study a Doctor of Medicine outside of metropolitan Adelaide, those who have a Bachelor degree, or equivalent qualification, and a valid Graduate Medical Schools Admission Test can work within the SARM program to graduate with a medical qualification comparable to a six-year medicine degree.

Upon graduation, students are to complete a year as a hospital intern, before undertaking specialist training with a medical college. Career pathways can span from clinical practice, research, public health, or community aid.

"We are hoping to see

"Students used to come from Bedford Park (Flinders University main campus) to regional areas for their third year and onwards to be taught in clinical practice," Professor Claire Drummond said.

"However, the SARM program will now allow years 1 and 2 — which are years of foundational knowledge — to be taught rurally.

"Because of the nature of the graduate entry, we could have students with an art who have never attempted science at a university level. We need to build a casual pool to create a sustainable cohort of people who can provide support and sit with students that need extra time or education."

"We are looking for scientists and clinicians with teaching experience who to teach these first two years — in particular, local biology teachers, nurses, or other professionals in the health education sector."

Flinders Rural and Remote Health SA program manager Tori Edmonds said the new SARM program will work to build a cohort of health professionals for the region.

"We are hoping to see



Flinders Rural and Remote Health SA program manager Tori Edmonds said the new SARM program will work to build a cohort of health professionals for the region. PHOTO: Madison Eastmond



those who study rurally, stay rural," she said.

"We already have nursing (courses) here and we have Allied Health as well... this is the first program of its kind — to study medicine outside of metropoli-

tan Adelaide is unheard of. Now you can pretty much never leave the Riverland and get an entire health education.

"It's very exciting.

"After spending four years in (rural Australia) we

are hoping students will be able to place down roots and remain for a local internship. Having a teaching cohort build from local talent and community members is an integral part of this initiative."

To register your interest, send a copy of a current CV (including contact details) to the email ([sarmprogram@flinders.edu.au](mailto:sarmprogram@flinders.edu.au)), with the subject: SA Rural Medical Program potential educator information request.

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### Lions celebrate 60 years in Renmark

The Lions Club of Renmark will be celebrating 60 years of service to our community during September after being formed in February 1964 and chartered in September 1964.

In celebration of this milestone, the club will be sponsoring a FREE "Family Picnic in the Park" at the Arthur Shepherd Lions BBQ Park on Patey Drive, Renmark and invites the public to join us in this celebration.

Members of the public of all ages are invited to attend this free community event, on Sunday 22 September, from 11am to 2pm.

Renmark Lions will be providing a free sausage sizzle and donuts during the day, with music by Dally Sparkles, and many fun activities planned.

Many dignitaries are expected to attend.

Renmark Lions have been involved in many projects within our community since our charter, with the Lions BBQ Park being the first major project of the club.

Club president Paul Farr said "we would like to see as many people, family groups, and grandparents as possible come and join us on the day to enjoy the activities planned, including free face painting and entertainment by Kiwi the Clown, and to hear about what we have done in our community over the years, and what our club is doing at present".

"The club has distributed posters around our local community area to promote this event," Mr Farr said.

"In addition to the free food, we will be



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having a promotional membership stall showing what Lions is all about and we welcome enquiries on the day."

"In the meantime, we hope that people will support this event and spread the word amongst family and friends."

#### MAJOR LIONS COMMUNITY PROJECTS OVER THE YEARS INCLUDE:

- "Arthur Shepherd" Lions BBQ Park
- Crippled Children's Houseboat Weekend
- Youth Exchange (Australia and Overseas)
- Disabled children weekend in Big4 Holiday Park
- Border signs on the River Murray
- Lions playground in Jarrett Memorial Gardens
- Lions BBQ shelter in Jarrett Memorial Gardens
- Conducted a fruit stall in Renmark Caravan Park
- King Cod fishing competition
- Resuscitation signs along River Murray
- Public appeal for Tyele Riddle (raised \$24,000)
- Public appeal for 2004 Tsunami (raised \$60,000)
- Maintenance of Renmark Cemetery Gardens
- Construction of bus shelter at Shirrlee House
- Annual cricket match with S.A. Blind Cricketers
- Hosting of Lions District Conventions
- CPR Machine, Bins and Wheelchair for Chaffey Theatre
- Melbourne Cup Calcuttas
- Paringa Paddock Walking Trail
- Donated a hearing dog to local resident
- Assisted local residents following house fires
- Donated furniture to SA Cancer Council lodges
- Headings Cliff Lookout Tower
- Youth of the Year Program
- House demolitions (fundraisers)
- Helpipad at Renmark Paringa Hospital
- Constructed fencing at 'Wikadene'
- Lions playground in Paringa
- Catering for local clubs and schools
- Catering at local major events
- Catering for SA / NSW Variety Bash
- Paddock Management at 'OakBore'
- Breast Cancer Research fundraisers
- Prostate Cancer Research fundraisers
- 4WD tag along trips (raising funds for RFDS)
- Maintenance of Renmark Welcome Wall
- Christmas gift wrapping/raffles at Renmark Square
- Furniture for Renmark Hospital/Nursing Home
- Clean-up Australia Day along Sturt Highway
- CAMEL Lifter for SA Ambulance, Renmark
- Renmark open golf competitions
- Donated a voice synthesiser to local student
- Helping local residents following flooding
- Sponsored Camps for under-privileged children
- Numerous social events for members
- On-going support for many Lions projects and appeals



# Changing seasons in our Riverland home

OUT of nowhere, a swift ‘whoosh’ overhead switched an uneventful morning ride to school into panic.

Waving one arm in the air for self-protection thwarted the message that we came in peace, but the magpie was in no mood for compromise.

‘You’re in my territory, so get out.’

Elsewhere, footy and netball finals were gearing up, occupying the pages of The Murray Pioneer and our family’s excited conversations.

However, the purest exhibition of spring was all the extraordinary blossoms.

Those with hay fever were underwhelmed as itchy eyes and runny noses went into free-fall, but blossom enchanted everyone, even if nature permitted it a short dance only.

On our block were two rows of peach trees which in spring threw off exquisite pink blossom, attracting passersby who’d occasionally pull over and take photos.

That felt quite exalting whenever it happened.

Looking back on life then, the changing of seasons of course signalled distinctive crop activity, and revolving activity in our day-to-day lives as well.

The approaching summer brought the last days of school. Really hot days arrived and down came the fire escapes in the prefab classrooms to circulate some air.

As another school year came to a close, lessons became sparser, replaced in the last week by cleaning out lockers, doing jobs for the teachers, and mucking around on the oval.

We took our school reports home and by early December, we’d hardly got out of our uniforms and Dad was directing us to the cutting shed to wash trays for the apricot season.

Washing trays was one of the worst jobs of the year.

Lifting the bottom tray from the stack gave me the creeps. I’d stamp my feet, flip the tray over and quickly jump back. After all, underneath could be a snoozing snake, a scampering mouse, or a giant spider, all of them murderous assailants.

By January’s end, the watermelons were ripe. Starting with Dad, the watermelon was thrown down the line of us kids, to the last



*A letter from yesterday*

written by Pat Mickan



one who’d throw it up to the man in the back of the truck, ready to head to market.

As summer closed and the grapes were being harvested and dried, school had returned. We kids were fresh from Learn to Swim lessons and seeing way too many apricots.

The leaves were yellowing, and the block began to look bare.

The mornings cooled. Fear of snakes subsided. Salads and cold meat were replaced by mashed potato and lamb chops. Dad had to water less often. Cricket bats and balls went away, as did the basketball.

If it was raining, Mum or Dad drove us to school.

Otherwise, it was the piercing cold of the handlebars that reminded us of winter’s arrival. At least that revolting milk at morning recess was cold.

Without TV, our evenings involved listening to radio dramas, playing table tennis in the loungeroom, or watching the fire – nature’s TV.

Dad had gathered kindling and mallee stumps galore readying for the cold.

The vines needed pruning, one of the few jobs us kids didn’t do. That and spraying.

But pruning didn’t seem a chore for Auntie Edna and Dad, as ebullient laughter resounded from the two siblings as they worked their way down the rows.

Winter seemed the longest season, cold fingers while riding bikes, mud under mudguards, and windscreens wipers flapping while trying to watch Renmark A grade play.

Soon enough though, the new shoots reached for the sunlight and the magpie came out to zealously guard its young again.

Another full cycle done, another lap of the sun – yet so blessed to take that ride right where we were.



## More time for Basin Plan enabling better results

NEW data shows changes to water resource management legislation is providing irrigation communities, such as the Riverland, a “second chance to achieve more” from the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority recently released the latest Basin Plan Report Card, highlighting benefits of the Water Amendment (Restoring our Rivers) Act 2023, which commenced in December 2023.

MDBA chief executive Andrew McConville said changes under the act provided “more time and options, more funding, and more accountability to deliver on Basin Plan targets”.

“This Report Card shows improvement towards achieving the additional 450GL/year water recovery target and the extended timeframe allows for a broader range of recovery options to be considered,” Mr McConville said.

“It is encouraging that two of the Northern Basin Toolkit measures have

been completed within the last 12 months, and another two have had their timeframes extended to December 2026.

“While Basin states have until mid-2025 to rescope, remove or add Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) projects, it is critical that this time is put to good use and that delivery work continues as a priority through to December 2026.

“Water resource plans that are not operational are a concern for many affected communities, so it’s pleasing to see New South Wales now has 16 of its water resource plans accredited and operational. This work must continue as an assessment of the volume of water to be recovered under ‘Bridging the Gap’ can only reliably be conducted once all New South Wales water resource plans have been accredited.”

The full Basin Plan Report Card is available on the MDBA website ([mdba.gov.au/bp-reportcard](http://mdba.gov.au/bp-reportcard)).

## PIRSA set to deploy new mitigation measures

NEW measures and response activities are set to be deployed within the region to mitigate the possibility of new Fruit Fly outbreaks.

PIRSA teams have ramped up their activities in the Riverland with the deployment of Cera traps and other important mitigation measures.

With spring here, fruit are expected to become active again after their winter hibernation period.

PIRSA incident controller Jason Size said “the traps, first introduced in 2022, are another effective tool in the fight against the pest.”

“These traps contain a unique protein-based organic liquid that is attractive to both male and female flies, luring them into a specially designed trap, effectively drowning them,” Mr Size said.

“The good thing with these pesticide-free lure traps is that they will continue to work even when

many flies have drowned in the liquid.

“However, while PIRSA ramps up with a suite of response measures to deal with any potential increase in Q-fly activity, including the deployment of the Cera traps, residents are also being reminded that we all need to work together to eliminate fruit fly from the region.”

Response measures recommended by PIRSA:

- Check the inside of your fruits and vegetables for maggots.
- Avoid freezing any produce collected that contains fruit flies or larvae as this will impair future testing.
- Cleaning up fallen fruit from your garden helps break the fruit fly life cycle and it prevents potential fruit fly maggots from burying into the soil and developing into adult flies.
- If you are in the Riverland, avoid com-

posting your home-grown produce, put unwanted fruit and vegetables in two sealed plastic bags and into a general waste bin.

“Reporting fruit fly helps us know if there is a breeding population so we can act quickly to get on top of any hotspots, thus it is important to clean up fallen fruit from your garden,” Mr Size said.

“If you find maggots, or anything wriggling around that you’re unsure about, seal the fruit in a plastic bag or container and contact the fruit fly hotline on 1300 666 010.”

Riverland residents and produce growers can search their address on the fruit fly interactive map by visiting the website ([www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au/outbreak-map](http://www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au/outbreak-map)) to see how fruit and vegetable movement restrictions affect them depending on where they live, travel, work or go to school.

## What's On in the Riverland.

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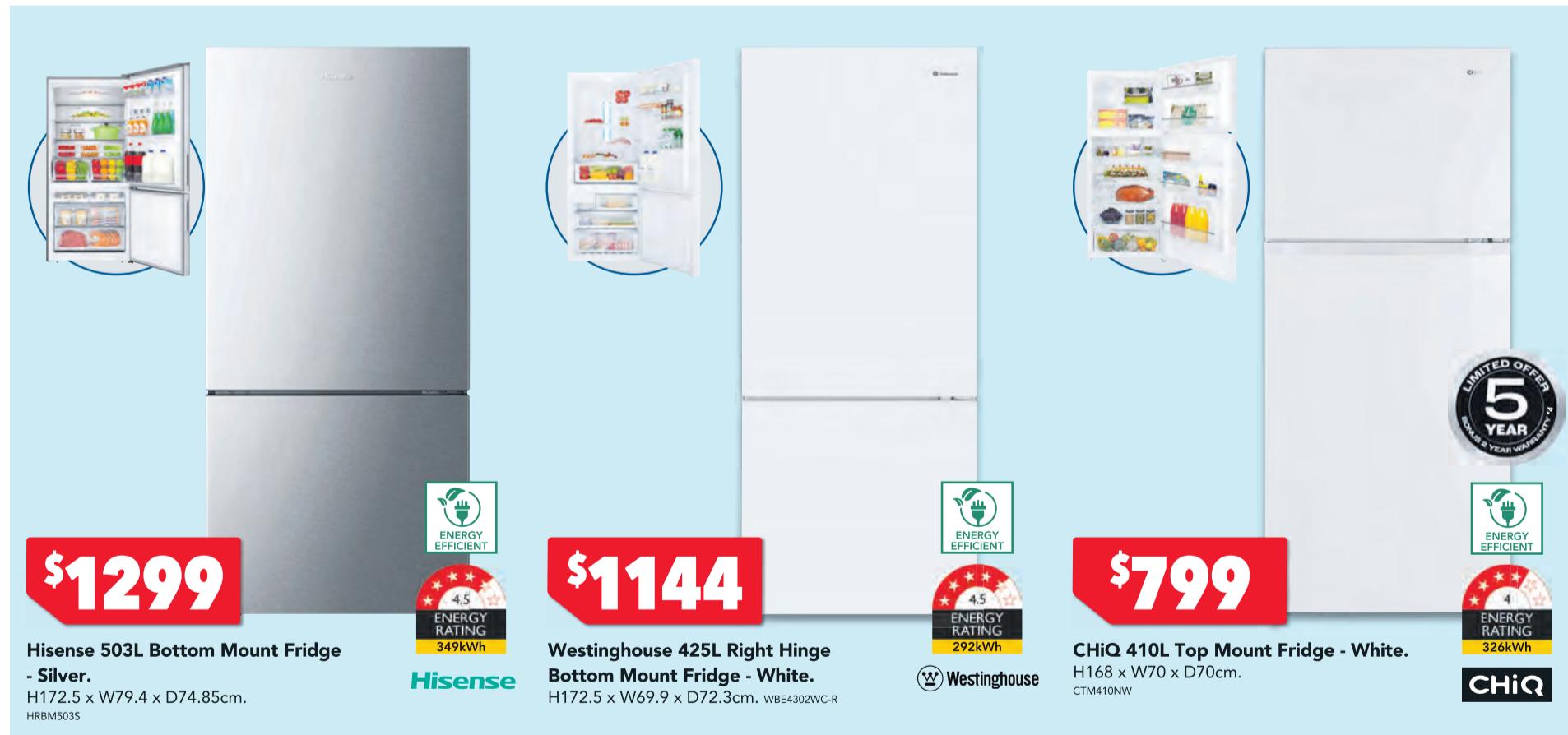


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Contractors are expected to start laying the pavers for the new footpath on Strangman Road over the next few weeks.

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# Footpath would improve access to medical facilities

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

CONSTRUCTION of a new 2m-wide footpath, adjacent to the Waikerie hospital and Waikerie Medical Centre, is expected to be completed by next month.

The Strangman Road footpath is a \$150,000 carry forward project for Loxton Waikerie council.

Loxton Waikerie council's director of infrastructure services Greg Perry said the footpath would run from Lawrie Terrace, near the hospital, to Jemison

Street, opposite the Waikerie Medical Centre.

He said the old concrete kerb had been falling over in some areas and was in very poor condition.

"It has now been relocated out wider to allow the new footpath to be unimpeded by signage," Mr Perry said.

He said the large Jacaranda trees had been leaning out over the path in a few areas and were lifting the old concrete path.

"The tree trunks were then against the path, largely due to the age of the trees that have

grown significantly and were important to retain."

Mr Perry said the new pedestrian ramps were compliant with current standards, and the old steel stormwater pit had been replaced.

He said the planning process with the Department of Infrastructure (DIT), contractor availability, and other council projects had delayed the start of this project.

Mr Perry said the roundabout was a DIT-controlled road, so council needed to work with and ensure that widening of the

footpath and new kerb works conformed with DIT requirements.

"We also had to ensure it did not compromise the turning paths of heavy vehicles that use the area," he said.

"The new kerb is now cured enough to allow back filling and base preparation ready for the paving contractors, who are due to begin laying the pavers in a few weeks' time.

"The paver works and clean-up of the area are expected to be completed by the end of October."

## Local community achievement ready to be recognised

NOMINATIONS opened today for the South Australian Community Achievement Awards, providing a chance to highlight Riverlanders who have demonstrated community spirit.

The South Australian Community

Achievement Awards celebrate contributions – no matter how big or small – of selfless unsung heroes and organisers are encouraging locals to nominate any individual, local business, or group, that has worked tirelessly for

their community.

All nominees will receive a letter of congratulations and a certificate of encouragement.

Nominations close Wednesday 16 October, with judging to take place throughout November and win-

ners will be announced on Friday 14 February, at the Community Achievement Awards Gala Presentation Dinner.

For more information on the conditions of entry, or to nominate someone, visit

([www.awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/sa/](http://www.awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/sa/)) or alternatively, call Community Achievement awards on 08 8132 0753, or email ([sacaa@awardsaustralia.com](mailto:sacaa@awardsaustralia.com)) to pass on a nominee's details.

## Students safeguard democracy through new education boost

CURRICULUMS will be "overhauled" in Riverland public schools with an \$18.4m investment to boost the education of students in the role of civics and citizenship.

Changes, announced recently by the State Government, include:

- All year 7 and 8 public school students will study civics and citizenship for an hour per week.
- Every subject in years 9 and 10 will have civics and citizenship incorporated into it as a part of the introduction of Cross-Curriculum Priority.
- Public schools will be supported to introduce new opportunities for students to participate in school-based democratic opportunities, such as SRCs.
- All public school students will be able to participate in an annual Active Citizenship Convention, starting next year, putting their education into practice.

"It is my Government's ambition to safeguard democracy in South Australia in the face of global uncertainty," Premier Peter Malinauskas said.

"Now we are undertaking to deliver the most comprehensive civics and citizenship curriculum in the country.

"This will provide students in every year level the opportunity to understand democratic principles that contribute to active citizenship, and apply them in a real world which is undergoing radical change."

Designed to "strengthen the future of democracy", South Australia will be the first state or territory to introduce a specialised civics teacher in every public high school.

Civics is currently delivered through Humanities and Social Sciences as a compulsory aspect of learning between the years of 3 and 8. However, the quality of this delivery is mixed due to a lack of specialist teachers.

There has been a 15 per cent decline in students studying year 12 politics, power and people between 2021 and 2023 – highlighting a need for reform.

The introduction of a Cross-Curriculum Priority will mean teachers in all subject areas in years 9 and 10 will need to embed civics into existing content. This will support students to apply the knowledge they learn in years 7 and 8 to real topics and scenarios across areas including science, maths, arts and english.

The department will also work with schools to increase the offering of politics in SACE, so more students have the opportunity to study it in their senior school years.

Additionally, a three-day state-wide Active Citizenship Convention will be hosted annually, starting in 2025, for students to engage in workshops about issues of importance to them, and to learn about the ways in which relevant laws and policies are made and how they are influenced.

"We know that education is a long-term investment in our people and the citizens of tomorrow, so it is increasingly important that we teach young people about the roles of civics and citizenship within our society," Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer said.

"If we want children and young people to think, act and participate as active citizens in the future, and be of service to their communities, we need to provide them with the framework and understanding to make those decisions."

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# Volunteers dedicated to the Morgan gym

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

THE dedication of a group of volunteers is providing Morgan with a gym members can access 24/7.

Mid Murray Council helped set up the Morgan Fitness and Wellbeing Centre 11 years ago, with the support of volunteers Rick Steadman and his wife Vanessa.

"They organised for us to do our certificate of fitness and they also purchased some gym equipment," Mr Steadman said.

He said council first set up the gym to run Strength for Life class for over 50 year olds.

The gym now has five volunteers on the committee, ranging in age from 16 to 54.

It also offers boxing classes run by Mr Steadman, and Brazilian jiu-jitsu classes by Berri-based instructor Johny Wheadon.

A group of mothers and their children also regularly use the gym.

Mr Steadman said becoming involved with these activities helped boost participants' confidence, and improved their lifestyle and self-discipline.

He said the gym was a popular venue for people in the area.

"Mid Murray Council has been very supportive, providing us with a space to use," Mr Steadman said.

"It has been running well for a long time now," he said.



Carlton Penglis (left) sparring with Daniel Ollie under the supervision of Brazilian jiu-jitsu instructor Johny Wheadon.  
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Morgan Fitness and Wellbeing Centre volunteer instructor Rick Steadman (left) and Brazilian jiu-jitsu instructor Johny Wheadon (third right), with a group of gym members and volunteers.

## Clean Up Australia opens community award nominations

LOCALS can be nominated for awards recognising an ongoing commitment and environmental stewardship of volunteers, community members, councils, educators across the Riverland.

Clean Up Australia recently opened nominations for the Clean Up Australia Community Awards, honouring the exceptional and innovative efforts of individuals and communities who have committed to helping eliminate litter, water, and preserve natural surroundings.

"As we approach our 35th year, it is the perfect time to introduce our inaugural Community Awards," Clean Up Australia chair Pip Kiernan said.

"Since the inception of Clean Up Australia Day in 1990, we have had over 22 million volunteers join us for clean-ups.

"This year's Clean Up Australia Day campaign saw more than 750,000 volunteers collect an estimated 140,000 bags of litter alone. Our volunteers are not only vital in tackling our country's litter crisis by cleaning up, but they also share their unique insights and concerns about the environment, which helps us with other initiatives like education around litter prevention and waste."

"Over the years, we have witnessed the power of community as volunteers from diverse ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds and from right across Australia unite for this common cause. We are excited to celebrate their unwavering dedication and support for our organisation and the environment."

The Clean Up Australia Community Awards are open now for nomination submissions and consist of five award categories:

- Individual Community Champion Award: recognising a volunteer for their service, taking into consideration the number of Clean Up Australia events they have participated in and how they have promoted the event within their local community. Submissions can be made on behalf of someone or can be self-nominated.
- Group Community Champion Award: recognising community groups and community-based organisations that have shown consistent participation in Clean Up events and promoted this within their local community. Community groups and com-

munity-based organisations of all sizes can nominate for this category.

- Schools Sustained Environmental Award: recognising education champions for how they have implemented and sustained environmental change within their school or educational institution. Submissions are open to schools and educational institutions of all sizes.
- Outstanding Council Award: recognising outstanding councils for their commitment, support and taking into consideration the longevity of their relationship with Clean Up Australia. Submissions are open to councils of all types and sizes.

The awards will also reveal the winner of the Ian Kiernan Impact



Award, recognising a particular individual or group that has gone above and beyond in their commitment to the environment.

"Nearly 35 years ago, my dad, who was an avid yachtsman, founded Clean Up Australia to address the litter crisis he witnessed in our waterways," Ms Kiernan said.

"The Ian Kiernan Impact Award will recognise the efforts of other environmental champions who follow in his footsteps. I am delighted to personally oversee and judge this award in his honour."

Nominations are now open by visiting the website ([www.cleanup.org.au/clean-up-awards](http://www.cleanup.org.au/clean-up-awards)).

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# Riverlanders warned to remain alert for syphilis

RIVERLANDERS are being urged to remain alert for syphilis, with new guidelines being set to be introduced to support an increase in screening for the sexually transmitted infection (STI) during pregnancy.

In South Australia, 323 cases of infectious syphilis were reported in 2023, a 17-fold increase since 2017. So far in 2024 there have been 138 cases reported.

Health officials are concerned about a rise in cases among females of reproductive age as syphilis during pregnancy can cause complications for both the mother and baby.

Congenital syphilis, when the infection is passed on to a baby during pregnancy or birth, can result in miscarriage, serious birth defects, or even infant death.

Since 2020 there have been 73 cases of congenital syphilis reported in Australia, with 20 of these cases recorded in 2023

— the highest number on record in one year. So far this year, two cases of congenital syphilis have been reported in South Australian babies.

Since early diagnosis and treatment are key to protecting against the infection, new guidelines are being introduced in South Australia later this year that will see all women offered syphilis testing three times during pregnancy.

Currently only one test is offered at the first antenatal appointment.

All sexually active people are recommended to have a sexual health check at least once a year, or when they meet a new partner. A sexual health check should always include a blood test for syphilis and HIV.

People with undiagnosed syphilis may experience a wide range of symptoms including:

- An ulcer that may be small and painless.
- A rash on the trunk, palms or soles of feet.

□ Unexplained vision or hearing loss.

However some people will experience no symptoms at all, which is why regular testing, especially during pregnancy, is important.

"Early diagnosis and treatment are key to protecting yourself, your sexual partners and your baby from the serious impacts of syphilis," Chief Public Health Officer Nicola Spurrier said.

"Unfortunately, with syphilis and other STIs, stigma and shame can result in people not being tested and treated in a timely way."

"We need to normalise the idea that getting an STI is not shameful, that people are not to blame when this happens, and that all sexually active people should be getting regular sexual health checks."

"Congenital syphilis is a particular concern of mine due to the extremely serious and potentially lifelong impacts the infection can have on infants. Sadly, two cases of congenital syphilis have been reported in South Australia so far this year, and I am aware that we have had a few other near misses."

These are completely preventable and our new guidance will increase the number of syphilis tests all people are offered during pregnancy, taking a universal approach," Ms Spurrier said.

"Prevention is always better than cure and I encourage all pregnant people to welcome and participate in this new initiative."

"I encourage all sexually active people and all health professionals to cut through stigma and shame around syphilis and other STIs...to promote safer sex including using condoms, and to normalise regular sexual health checks through your GP, sexual health clinic, or Aboriginal health service."

## Tackling South Australian domestic violence abuse

RIVERLAND and state police made 80 arrests during the first dedicated anti-domestic abuse operation in July.

During Operation Storm, police attended and searched almost 400 addresses, including in the Riverland, looking for 265 known offenders.

The operation was carried out to ensure that bail conditions were being complied with, issuing intervention orders, and making sure victims have access to support.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Linda Williams

said the goal of Operation Storm was to "proactively identify domestic abuse offenders who pose a threat to victims and deter perpetrators through intensified intervention responses."

"Domestic abuse is always a priority for South Australia Police, with high-risk offenders being arrested quickly and, in most cases, we refuse bail to keep those offenders in custody," Ms Williams said.

"Public Protection Branch took an intelligence-led approach to identify offenders with

a history of breaching bail or intervention orders, online or physical stalking, and those with access to firearms and/or prohibition orders. Recent offending or mental health reports were also components of the intelligence gathering process.

"This operation shows our commitment to preventing domestic abuse, and we are committed to not only taking actions against offenders who pose a threat to victims, but also proactively identifying opportunities to refer offenders to behaviour change programs."

More than 400 police officers completed 46 bail compliance checks, issued notices for 148 offences and executed 21 warrants for different domestic abuse offences.

Eight firearms prohibition order compliance searches were conducted, charges with intervention orders were issued and a stalking caution were also made.

The operation also saw 85 referrals to the Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of South Australia (OARS).

"SAPOL believes

working with other agencies is one of the core ways that effective early intervention and prevention can occur," Ms Williams said.

"Police are a part of a larger network of agencies who work together to provide the best and safest outcome for a victim and children caught up in family violence."

"Police officers are also stationed in two Multi Agency Hubs, where victims can make a report in a safe environment."

## Community infrastructure to get state-wide construction standards

A NEW engineering regulation that would cover new projects in the Riverland, will be tendered at the end of the month, aiming to minimise building costs and timeframes while maintaining a high-quality infrastructure standard.

The consistent engineering standards is set to cover all civil infrastructure related to residential developments including roads, kerbs, footpaths

and stormwater drains by using a state-wide recognised standard, whereas currently, community infrastructure such as local roads, stormwater management, drainage, street lighting, gutters and footpaths standards are different and dependant on each council.

Minister for Housing and Urban Development Nick Champion said "Establishing one set of engineering stand-

ards will enable faster delivery of more affordable neighbourhoods".

"Removing unnecessary red tape by simplifying community infrastructure standards is just one way we're helping address the national housing crisis and get more houses built, sooner," Mr Champion said.

"Creating clear and consistent design standards is an important initiative from the Housing

Roadmap."

If approved, housing projects in regional areas could benefit from greater certainty and faster development assessments.

The new standards will also include climate-resilient infrastructure and urban design measures that include a better water management, a key element when building houses in the Riverland.

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## Extra funding for regional community centres

NEW funding has been allocated to support regional areas, including the Riverland, aiming to increase support for community participation and social isolation.

Additional State Government one-off grants of \$1.5m were announced last month, focused on increasing community participation, combating social isolation and acknowledging the important work of community centres running programs and activities for the benefit of local communities.

Part of the Grants SA 2024-25 Community Centres Round, the extra funding will be available to community centres that are currently unfunded by the existing Department of Human Services (DHS) Community and Neighbourhood Development Program.

"This new funding program will provide a boost to local communities right around the state, strengthening social infrastructure at a grassroots level," Minister for Human Services Nat Cook said.

"Our community centres are valued social hubs which meet an important need by running programs and activities to help strengthen local communities."

Eligible community centres can apply for up to \$30,000, to be invested in new programs to meet specific local needs, programs to increase community participation and combat social isolation, or to support the recruitment and retention of volunteers, including staff training.

DHS currently provides Community and Neighbourhood Development funding to 66 community centres and current estimates indicate there are about 70 centres across the state which are unfunded by the current program.

Community centres in the Riverland are encouraged to submit their applications, including in areas of disadvantage (as identified by the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas).

With the extra funding and grants now open for applications, Ms Cook said "we know that more people are experiencing loneliness and social isolation, and community centres play a critical role in helping people find connection and purpose".

People interested can submit their applications through email ([grantsSA@sa.gov.au](mailto:grantsSA@sa.gov.au)) until 2 October.

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# Passion for cycling starts at early age

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

THREE Riverland primary school boys have demonstrated their dedication is paying off with their strong performance in the SA junior cycling championships at Tailem Bend.

Zac Liebich, 10, from Taylorville, north of Waikerie, won the under 11s 8km race, and Harley Temple, 9, of Woolpunda, east of Waikerie, came third in the same race.

Six-year-old Riley Temple, Harley's brother, won the under 9s category, which involved racing alongside the under 11s, as the only contestant in his age group.

The boys are all members of the Riverland Cycling Club.

Zac's dad, Dave Liebich, said his son wakes him up every day at 5am to go training on his bike.

"He has been cycling for a couple of years now and has been going really well," Mr Liebich said.

"If you ask him what his favourite sport is, he says, 'it is cycling,'" he said.

Zac also has a back-up plan when the weather is unsuitable for training.

He also often places his bicycle on a static trainer and joins other youngsters online from around the world.

"Zac is pretty keen." Mr Liebich said.

The 10-year old also enjoys playing and umpiring football, and just missed out on representing the Riverland in the

School Sport SA Cross Country Championships.

Zac, along with Harley, Riley and their father, Brad Temple, often train together on Waikerie's Maggea Road.

Harley also sometimes takes part in criterium races with the Norwood Cycling Club in Adelaide.

Mr Temple would like to see more Riverland boys and girls become involved in junior cycling.

"We need more junior cyclists in the Riverland to make racing a bit more enjoyable," he said.

"Racing against only a handful of competitors is not as fun as racing with a bigger group of kids."

Mr Temple said if more juniors joined the Riverland Cycling Club, more events to cater for their needs would hopefully be organised.

Both Riverland West fathers have also been involved in the sport in the past with the Riverland Cycling Club.

Zac, Harley and Riley are all looking forward to watching the 2024 AusCycling Masters and Junior Road National Championships at Loxton, that start tomorrow and run until Sunday.

Mr Temple said unfortunately the Riverland West cycling trio would not be able to take part in the national competition, as there was no race for under 11s.

For more information about joining the Riverland Cycling Club, visit its Facebook page.



Riverland junior cyclists Zac Liebich (left) 10, of Taylorville and Riley Temple, 6, and Harley Temple, 9, both of Woolpunda enjoyed the experience of competing in the recent state championships at Tailem Bend. PHOTO: supplied



Berri Men's Shed members Ian Campbell and Robert Meeuwenoord, with Jacque Zagotsis, Joyce Ross, Anne Chase and Jenny Segui of Sing Australia Riverland. PHOTO: supplied

## Sing Australia gives men's shed a helping hand

SING Australia Riverland recently received two vouchers from Bunnings as a very kind thank you for singing at a Bunnings event.

It was decided by the group members to donate the vouchers to a community group, and the Berri Community Men's Shed was chosen as the recipient.

The Men's Shed are a wonderful group for men to be a part of for involvement in creating or repairing projects, woodwork, toy making, welding and many other tasks, and is also a place for a relaxing coffee and chat.

"We hope that the Berri Men's Shed can make use of these vouchers for any future projects, or to purchase a new tool or two,"

a spokesperson from Sing Australia said.

The Berri shed is open Monday and Thursday mornings, from 8am to 12 noon. Contact Ian Campbell, on 0418 839 963, for more information.

Sing Australia Riverland meet for singing and friendship, Thursday evenings from 7pm, in the Monash Memorial Hall. Contact Jacque 0438 839 91.

Both groups welcome new members. You are most welcome to pay a visit to either group to see if you may like to join, or just phone for more information.

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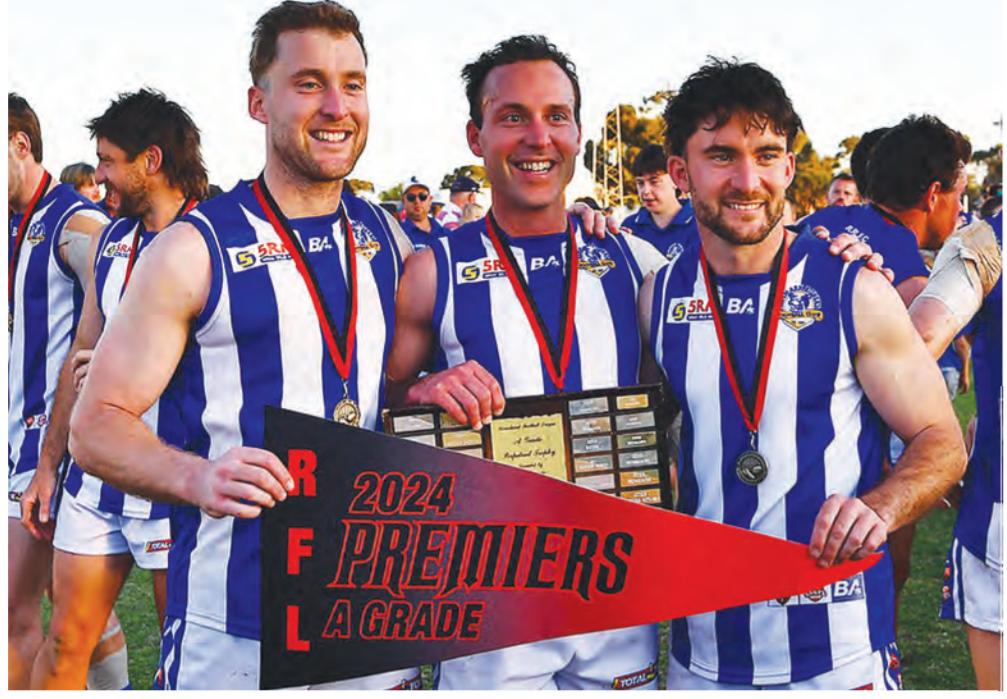
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# Riverland attendance of 80th anniversary since Cowra Breakout

A DELEGATION of Loveday Internment Camp history enthusiasts travelled to Cowra recently to attend the 80th anniversary of the Cowra Breakout. They were among a large group of dignitaries from Japan and Australia who were invited to attend an action-packed two days of amazing pomp and ceremony with the laying of wreaths, and to honour the reconciliation of these two countries after the war.

The party from the Riverland included curator of the Loveday Internment Camp, Rosemary Gower, former Berri Barmera Council mayor Peter Hunt and wife Ann, who was a former committee member, and whose father and grandfather were based there with the army during WWII.

The dignitaries included Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, NSW Governor Margaret Beazley, the ambassador of Japan, the consult general of Japan, Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture in Japan, and many other prestigious officials and politicians from both countries.

The Australian Army had representation of military men and women, including an army band, and the wreath laying in the Australian and Japanese war memorials at the cemetery warranted a pass over by a RAAF 354, which disappeared straight up into the clouds overhead on its second pass.

The weekend's program included a church service, a service at the Peace Bell, of which there is only 10 in the world, a peace march from the Japanese Garden, where lit lanterns were transferred to the site of the former Japanese POW camp for a ceremony to be held at 1.30am, when a re-enactment of the breakout was held.

Prior to the re-enactment, Cowra Council Mayor Ruth Fagen held a mayoral dinner at the Cowra Show Hall, which had been decorated especially for the occasion and included artificial cherry blossoms, similar to all the cherry trees that have been planted along the memorial drive between the town and all the war memorials sites.

The dinner was attended by numerous special guests, including a 100-year-old Cowra woman who was married on the day of the breakout. The dinner provided Ms Gower an opportunity to talk about Loveday to many of the dignitaries, and present them with the DVD about Loveday, which includes live footage filmed during the war, and provides interesting information about the camp and lots of photographs.

The former Japanese ambassador visited the Loveday Internment camp site several years ago at the invitation of the Berri Barmera Council and the Loveday Internment Camp Committee.

Reconciliation between Cowra and Japan came about after a returned soldier began looking after the grave site of the Japanese POWs who lost their lives as a result of the breakout. A total of 524 Japanese prisoners died as a result of the breakout. Most of those took their own lives in an attempt to absolve the shame of being captured alive.

Four Australian soldiers died, three at the site of the camp, and an officer who was sent out unarmed to convince the escapees to surrender. No civilians were harmed.

May Weir, a local woman, invited two of the Japanese prisoners to share tea and scones when they turned up at her place.



Former Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt, and wife Ann, were among attendees of a recent event to mark the 80th anniversary of the Cowra breakout. PHOTO: supplied

Two more were captured on her land and enjoyed tea and scones before being taken back by the authorities.

All the guests who attended the anniversary were given a beautiful glass paperweight, which was dedicated to Ms Weir as she was the first Australian to extend friendship with the Japanese.

It was her compassion, and that of the returned soldiers who tended the graves of the Japanese buried in the war cemetery at Cowra, which led to reconciliation with Japan and led to the magnificent Japanese Gardens being built by a Japanese landscaper and architect, with funds provided by Japanese families and large companies.

Ever since Cowra has become a mecca for Japanese tourists, and each time a new ambassador from Japan arrives, his first visit is with the Governor General of Australia, then an official visit to Cowra to meet the mayor and shire councillors, and the Cowra Breakout Committee.

Well over 100 Japanese officials attended the anniversary, many of whom had flown in from Japan, while a Japanese film company recorded the event, along with national Australian media companies.

This was Ms Gower's third visit to Cowra. The first was with fellow Loveday Internment Camp member, and former Berri Barmera councilor Rhonda Centofanti, when they toured all the other internment and POW camps at Tatura, Hay and Cowra, and were guests at the Australian War Memorial. They were in the process of setting up a collection of memorabilia on Loveday and wanted to meet the committee members at the other camp sites to see how they established their museums.

During that visit, Lawance Ryan from the Cowra Shire Council, who organised this event with other members of the Cowra Breakout Committee, held a mayoral lunch at the Japanese Gardens, took them around to all the sites and provided them with information about the breakout.

Ms Gower's second visit to Cowra was as



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese was also present at the event.

a guest speaker at a symposium held there in regards to civilian internment during the war. Cowra had an internment camp there, plus the POW camp.

Mr Ryan has since visited the former Loveday Internment Camp, which was the largest group of internment camps in Australia, and he was amazed at the amount of memorabilia among the collection housed at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre. He was also impressed with how much of the ruins remain at the former Loveday Internment Camp Headquarters.

His comments ran along the same lines as two archeologists who flew in from the United States to visit the site, as they are currently restoring a former Japanese internment camp in California.

Mr Ryan introduced Rosemary to his staff and official guests as his equivalent at Loveday, and she, along with Peter and Ann Hunt, were greeted with genuine respect and friendliness by everyone they met.

Mr Hunt described the anniversary celebrations as a once-in-a-lifetime event and a very moving experience. He was amazed that such a small committee was able to put on such an truly remarkable historical event. Ann also described it as a great experience and was fascinated by the pomp and ceremony, as she has a keen interest in military history.

When they left the next day they drove to Canberra, where they were guests of the Australian War Memorial. They met up with Major General Peter Phillips, who is the patron of the Loveday Internment Camp. He visited this region many years ago to see where his father was stationed as an army dentist, and was given a tour by Ms Gower.

Mr Phillips, and his wife Ros, drove back to officially launch the Loveday Collection at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre, when it was transferred from the Cobdogla Irrigation & Steam Museum many years later.

He was also the person who suggested to Japanese ambassador Yamagami that he visit the former Loveday Internment Camp Site. He contacted Ms Gower to approach

Berri Barmera Council to start the protocol to organise a visit.

The council then had to approach the Governor of South Australia to extend an official invitation to the ambassador to visit the state, in order for him to travel to the Riverland with his entourage.

His visit was very successful and as a result he extended an invitation to Ms Gower to attend an official event at the Japanese Embassy in Canberra, but Covid-19 put a stop to that.

After an official tour of the war memorial Ms Gower, and Mr and Mrs Hunt, had a meeting with the director of the memorial and he later took them downstairs to lay a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony. Ms Gower said it was the greatest privilege she had ever experienced in her life.

The Australian War Memorial is currently being renovated to the tune of \$30m, so part of the building is closed to the public. Director Matt Anderson expected works to be finished within the next three years.

Mr Hunt said he is going back when it is finished because it is "such a truly fascinating building and will be unbelievable when the extensions are completed". The Riverland group were unable to believe the efficiency and the friendliness of the staff at the memorial, and how much they loved their jobs.

Ms Gower said she felt so privileged to be a guest at Cowra and at the Australian War Memorial, and it was one of the high points of her life. She has devoted many hours to researching the Loveday Internment Camp in order to preserve that important local war history for future generations, so it was very special.

The display on Loveday is open to the public seven days a week at the Barmera Information Centre and has been attracting lots of interest from locals and tourists. There is no charge to view the collection and visitors can view the DVD that includes live footage of the camp, and is also available for sale.

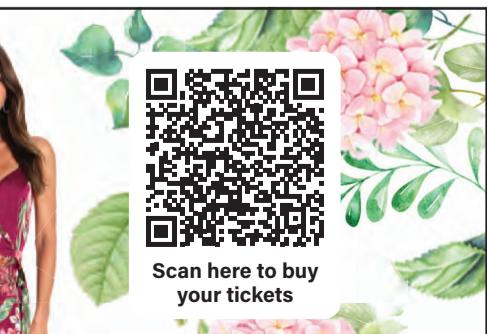
- Rosemary Gower

## Who will be our Riverland Rose?

Put on your finest attire for the Gala Dinner, where the guest with the most stunning outfit will earn the distinguished title of 'Riverland Rose,' as chosen by the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival committee. Join us at the Renmark Club on Friday 18 October, at 6.30pm.

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CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE: After winning the recent A1 netball premiership, celebrations continued for Loxton with a day at the Mindarie-Halidon races. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

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MP Tim  
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The Murray Pioneer advertising sales manager Glenda Malinovski was a participant in the 2024 Fasions on the Field.



PETS IN PAINT: Participants in recent art classes run by local teacher and artist Greg Reeks have been painting their pet animals. Pictured with one of their works is Poppy.

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Charyis and Katelyn.



Abbey.

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**RENMARK IS RED:** Renmark Olympic Soccer Club players and volunteers last weekend celebrated the club's 2024 success, which included winning both the Riverland Soccer Association A grade premiership, and the Top Four Cup. Pictured are Vageli Dedes and Chris Miller. PHOTOS: supplied



Olympic's senior women's team also won both trophies on offer in 2024. Pictured are Penny Eleftheriadis and Angela Pavlomanolakos.



Tina and Lenny Gadaleta.



A grade men's coach Daniel Clark.



**ENJOYING THEIR ARTS:** The Community Living Australia Riverland Engage Group recently visited the Myriad art exhibition, which they had contributed to, at the State Library of South Australia. PHOTOS: supplied





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# 'Ambitious' targets under new emissions bill

UPDATED South Australian legislation, which will cover the Riverland, has set "ambitious goals" for the state to reduce greenhouse emissions.

The State Government last month introduced the Climate Change and

Greenhouse Emissions Reductions (Targets) Amendment Bill – legislating short term and long-term emissions reduction targets to help address climate change – into Parliament.

The bill contains two targets for greenhouse gas

emissions reduction – a 60 per cent reduction, on 2005 levels, by 2030, and net zero by 2050.

Minister for Environment Susan Close said the reforms sent a "clear signal to the community, investors and business about the (State)

Government's commitment to a net zero emissions future".

"When the Act commenced in 2007, it was the first of its kind in Australia and helped our state to become the global leader in renewable energy generation

and climate mitigation," Dr Close said.

"It has helped to drastically reduce emissions and prepare ourselves for climate-related impacts, including more frequent and severe extreme weather events and long-term changes in temper-

atures, rainfall and sea levels.

"Importantly, this bill replaces the South Australian target of at least 60 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, with our current state target to achieve net zero emissions by 2050."



Probus Club morning tea hostesses Helen Kaelser and Lori Fielke, with Judy Martin.

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Fay Davey and Robyn Furness.

## RSL insight at Probus morning tea

THE Loxton Ladies Probus Club recently held their monthly morning tea at the Loxton RSL Hall.

A total of 27 ladies enjoyed their morning tea provided by hostesses, and Probus members, Helen Kaelser and Lori Fielke.

David Ward, an affiliate member of the RSL and local historian, gave the ladies an insight into the RSL Memorial Room, which he encouraged all to view after finishing their morning tea.

He explained how there is so much more to learn about war history and the part our

local men and women played.

The collection includes honour rolls from Loxton and some of the townships nearby, showing the names of those who enlisted in both WWI and WWII – many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice – plus mannequins dressed in war-time uniforms, medal displays, military badges and many photos.

Outside attendees will see an amazing mural, battle machinery, and 'Cliff', the Soldier at Rest, who was carved from a Norfolk Island Pine tree that was grown close to where he stands.

- supplied



Jeanette Kruschel, Therese Eerden and Pam Siddall



You have to love spring, unless you are one of the unfortunate people who suffer from hay fever. I sympathise with you.

However, all those bulbs you planted months ago have reached their potential and delighted us with their beautiful flowers.

The Dutch iris are particularly beautiful this year



After they finish flowering, remember to allow the leaves to die down as they provide nourishment, feeding the bulbs for next year.

### THE COST OF LIVING

This topic seems to be constantly on the radar, and any way of saving money is always welcome. There are quite a few savings that you can make in the garden, and I hope some of these will help you.

□ Sow and save: Sowing seeds, as opposed to buying seedlings and plants, can help the hip pocket.

□ Growing annuals for their beauty and cut flowers is the first suggestion.

Some easy to grow flowers that can be cut and brought inside, that also do well in our area are zinnias, sweet pea (plant in March to flower now), cosmos, cleome, nigella, nasturtium and Gypsophila to name a few. The more you pick the more they flower, as they are predisposed to set seed and will quickly replace the cut flowers. They often self-seed for next year's plants. That means free plants.



□ Some perennials such as erigeron – or seaside daisy – echinacea, and verbena are also easily grown from seed.

□ Growing vegetables from seed will not only save you money, but they taste so much better. Try salad greens, tomatoes, zucchini, spinach, chilli, rocket, cucumber, and silverbeet. Stick to the vegetables that you like to eat and ones that grow well in your area.

□ Grow companion plants to help control pests. Marigold and mint have strong perfumes that deter many common pests. However, mint is invasive so is best planted in a pot. When buying seed check the use-by date for viability, and buy the

best you can afford. Save some seeds to sow next year, or swap with a friend or neighbour. Keep them in an envelope and remember to name them and the planting time. Sow seeds according to the directions and keep moist, as some need to be planted directly and others in containers. Recycle your margarine pots and any tins, which saves more money, but remember to have holes in the bottom for drainage. If planting directly, mix the fine seeds with dry sand in an old spice pot, that way they will be scattered sparingly.

Toilet rolls cut in half are great to fill with seed-raising mix, and then pop in your larger or precious seeds. Stand upright in an ice cream container and keep moist. When they germinate the whole roll can be planted, and thus no root disturbance. The cardboard will disintegrate.

Get going while the soil is warming up and enjoy the fruits of your labour while saving those precious dollars.

Water saving is important when growing plants, so remember to mulch, mulch. Weeding also saves on water as they tend to take the moisture away from your precious seedlings.

### HERBS

One of my most popular types of garden plants. They enhance many recipes and are so easy to grow. Allow them to flower and set seed for you to collect for a continual supply. Basil and coriander flowers also attract beneficial insects.

Remember to practice safe gardening. Sunscreen, sun hat and gloves.

# WAB informed on cycling in France

**HEATHER EVERINGHAM**

RETIRED Renmark locals and intrepid cyclists David and Veronica Crouch were guest speakers at the latest meeting of the Paringa branch of Women in Agriculture and Business.

The couple had recently returned from a three-month cycling holiday in France, choosing to travel at a slower pace and absorb the essence of the French countryside and its people.

To transport their bikes for the overseas flight they had to be dismantled, boxed and then rebuilt at their destination – Charles de Gaulle airport – under the watchful eyes of the airport police and crowds of onlookers. Each bike carried camping gear, cooking equipment, repair tools and a minimum of clothes, weighing 40kg without rider. The first major difference noticed on French roads was their bikes were ‘muscular’ as opposed to the more popular electric bikes. Very noticeable was the respect and easy, safe sharing of all roads by both cyclists and motorists.



WAB member Elaine Leedham (centre), with David and Veronica Crouch, of Renmark. PHOTO: supplied

Camping meant they could interact with other cyclists and travellers, sharing experiences and learning of interesting destinations to visit. There were a few unexpected connections, such as in the Dijon camping ground where they met a backpacker who had worked at Hotel Renmark. They visited the family of a former exchange student who had lived in Renmark 11 years ago. Everywhere they went they were overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of locals met in the streets, cafes, shops and camping grounds.

A highlight of their trip was attending the

Dawn Service at Villers Bretonneau – a very moving experience in the cold and wet, making it easy to reflect on what the Australian soldiers endured in the trenches during WWI.

The couple spent one month in Chaumont, which is 271km, or just over 2.5 hours travel east of Paris. Then their journey took them to Amsterdam, Prague and Berlin.

The couple were always interacting with locals in unexpected places, glimpsing a Prague blacksmith at work through a pavement-level window and being invited to tour his studio, sighting a novel

toilet in a hotel featuring metal beer kegs fashioned into urinals and observing a person with a large basket of wares selling to the street walkers in the Berlin Red Light District.

David and Veronica left their bikes in Belgium ready for their next adventure. Flying home a stopover was made in Singapore, where the Raffles Hotel was visited to taste the famous Singapore sling cocktails.

The next WAB meeting is 24 September, at 7.30pm, in the home of Ruth Christie, of Renmark, and guest speaker is mosaic artist Helen Burgemeister.

## All efforts needed to boost road safety

NEW safety research has shed a light on increasing regional road incidents, including those in the Riverland.

Following a 52 per cent increase in fatal crashes on South Australian rural roads last year, the Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) has released research to help lower the heightened risk in regional areas.

The new ARSF data2 research, part of this year's Rural Road Safety Month, has shown individual attitudes have increased road incidents, with risk taking, and overall lack of rural road safety resilience being key elements.

Numbers showed 57 per cent of fatalities (67 deaths) recorded in South Australia happened on regional roads, putting a serious concern over rural road safety.

One problem found in the research pointed towards Adelaide-based drivers, with three in 10 admitting they are less vigilant about road safety in regional areas.

According to the latest ARSF research:

Two-thirds of South Australians (64 per cent) admitted to unsafe driving practices on rural roads.

Nearly half (47 per cent) admitted to speeding on country roads.

25 per cent acknowledged driving despite feeling fatigued.

19 per cent used a mobile phone behind the wheel.

Lack of preparedness for regional road risks, with 85 per cent of South Australian drivers failing to check safety guidance before road trips.

Neglecting essential preparations, with 66 per cent travelling without emergency supplies, 48 per cent failing to plan rest stops, and 41 per cent failing to check the weather forecast.

ARSF founder and chair, Russell White, said “these disheartening statistics around dangerous driver attitudes, behaviour and lack of road safety resilience underscore the critical need for enhanced safety measures as we enter Rural Road Safety Month”.

“We are urging all South Australians to prioritise safety, especially during Rural Road Safety Month. By choosing to put safety first and undertaking simple actions, such as planning routes, taking rest breaks, and avoiding distractions, we can prevent death or serious injury on the road,” Mr White said.

“That said, our research also unveiled encouraging news for our mission to enhance road safety in regional areas by confirming the positive impact campaigns such as Rural Road Safety Month have on behaviour and attitudes,” he said.

Road users are encouraged to share their personal stories and commitments to road safety by visiting Rural Road safety Month Instagram (@ausroadsafety) and Facebook (@fatality-freefriday) channels.

# the quiz



1. What was invented by Elias Howe in 1846 and improved by Isaac Merritt Singer?
2. Where is the headquarters of the International Red Cross?
3. Madonna sang over the closing credits of the film "A League of Their Own", which centres on women playing what sport?
4. Where were the first World Taekwondo Championships held?
5. Mr McGregor is the name of the farmer in which stories?
6. What was the title of Stephen King's first novel, in which a telekinetic woman exacts deadly revenge on her high school classmates?
7. Radovan Karadzic is associated with genocide between 1992 and 1995 in which country?
8. What does the Italian word "Piazza" mean?
9. Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, was a supporting strike to their main attack an hour or so earlier on where?
10. Eddie Murphy starred in a remake of which Jerry Lewis comedy?
11. In the USA, what is special about 2 February?
12. What is the minimum age for contestants in the World Irish Dancing Championships?
13. The "Saucy Jacky" postcard, received by Scotland Yard in 1888, was claimed to have been written by whom?
14. The Canary Islands are an autonomous dependency of what country?
15. Which British music chart television programme was originally broadcast weekly from 1 January 1964 to 30 July 2006?
16. What does "URL" stand for in the internet?
17. What was the fictional family with children called Keith, Danny, Laurie, Tracy and Chris, that first came to US TV screens in 1970?
18. From 1895 to 1952 the island of Taiwan was under the sovereignty of which country?
19. Feta cheese sold in Europe must contain 70% of milk from what animal?
20. What were the Christian names of Torvill and Dean?

**BONUS QUESTION:** Football manager Brian Clough said of which sportsman, 'Misguided, mishandled, criticised and crucified-and only because he's different'. Answer in next week's Quiz.

**Answers on page 11**

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# Rose and Garden Festival throughout the years

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

**1994**

## THE MURRAY PIONEER TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 1994

Former ABC rural officer Jon Lamb will open the 1995 Rose Festival and rose expert, Eric Trimper, will be a guest lecturer. The Rose Festival will be opened on the Saturday night, at a Sherry party at the Renmark Hotel Entertainment Room.

Festival organisers for the 1995 Rose Festival said forms for the Best Renmark Gardens would be available at the Renmark Garden Centre, or Lynny's Card Shop in Clark's Arcade (owned by Eithne Sidhu).

There will be a Rose Ball on Saturday 21 October at the Renmark Hotel. Walking and bus tours will also be available.

The Riverland Rose and Garden Festival was the brainchild of Eithne Sidhu who collaborated with David Ruston to run the very first festival in 1994, then known as 'Rose Week'. She saw it as an event to bring people into the town and to promote Renmark as the Rose Capital of Australia, and her vision has certainly been realised.

## THE MURRAY PIONEER TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 1994 'ROSE FESTIVAL PLANNED'

A festival to honour Renmark as the rose capital of Australia will be organised in October next year (1995), from 21 to 29 October, and it will be highlighted by David Ruston's Open Garden Day on 22 October, Mrs Quigley's Garden Day, on 24 October, and the Renmark Show, on 28 October 1995.

The Renmark Chamber of Commerce hopes to plant more roses in Renmark and it will encourage local organisations to

hold an event in 1995 and to decorate shops with roses during the Rose Festival.

## THE MURRAY PIONEER FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 1994

The newspaper featured a photograph of visitors to David Ruston's Open Garden Day at Woodbridge, his 1.6-hectare property featuring 50,000 roses, comprising 4,000 different varieties. The garden also featured iris, daylilies, exotic trees, shrubs, and perennials.

## THE MURRAY PIONEER FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1994

"a \$1,000 cash prize is being offered by Riverland Security (Mr Ted Wescombe) for a Garden Competition for the 1995 Renmark Rose Festival".

Mr Chris Brooke (Chamber of Commerce president) said the Rose Festival was to promote Renmark as a tourist destination.

Mr Brooke said the Festival would coincide with both the Renmark Show and Open Garden Day at David Ruston's Rose Garden, Woodbridge.

**1995**

## FIRST ROSE FESTIVAL 21 OCTOBER TO 29 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** Jon Lamb  
**Guest Speaker:** Eric Trimper  
**Theme:** Display of Specimen Roses (Institute Floral Display)

Twenty gardens were open, with bus tours, floral carpets, guided walking tours and Devonshire teas on houseboats moored at Renmark wharf. There was a school poster competition, colourful window displays in shops and cellar door sales at Renmano and Angove Wines. Eithne Sidhu, the first Rose Festival president, mentioned seven busloads had been booked. Eithne said as it was Renmark's first Rose Festival, so it was hard to know what to expect. She said the two major highlights were the Rose Ball (hosted by Renmark Mayor Rod Thomas and Cynthia

Thomas) and the Open Day at David Ruston's rose garden, the largest rose garden in the southern hemisphere.

### The original Rose Festival Committee comprised:

Mrs E. Sidhu, Mrs J. Letton, Ms C. Doyle, Ms J. Frahn, Mrs V. Tripney, Ms C. O'Toole, Mr D. Ruston, Mr C. Taylor, Ms C. Ogilvy, Mrs L. Headlam, Cr. T. Wescombe, Mrs M. Smith

**1996**

## SECOND ROSE FESTIVAL 27 OCTOBER TO 3 NOVEMBER

**Opened by:** Walter Duncan (president of the SA Rose Society)

**Guest Speaker:** Jane Edmanson

The Renmark Australian Post Office was open on a Saturday for the franking of a pictorial First Day Cover for Renmark's Rose Festival.

The Rose Festival was well attended with about 1000 people at the official opening at Ruston Rose Gardens. Garden Tours were organised by Elaine Schier. The open gardens were very popular, with prizes awarded for certain categories, the Floral Display was held in the Renmark Institute and the musical opera 'Carmen' took place at Angove's winery. The festival saw a total of 17 Open Gardens, with 10 activities. These included floral carpets, tours of an alpaca mohair stud and the Red Ochre Native Food Nursery, quilting exhibitions, Olivewood visit, Riverland String Ensemble and a golf stableford. The PS Industry was steaming and the Zenith Gallery held a display of rose paintings and Bunka Punch Embroidery by Mrs Schubert.

**1997**

## THIRD ROSE FESTIVAL 19 OCTOBER TO 26 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** Rod Thomas, (Renmark Mayor)

**Theme:** 'Roses and Rustic Australia' Floral Institute Display

Ten tourist buses were already

booked by the beginning of September 1997, with the festival featuring 18 different activities. David Ruston was very busy as he opened his garden daily and scheduled two Flower Arranging Demonstrations. A new feature was daily garden cruises on the 'MV Big River Rambler'. Highlights were Floral Carpets on the Ral Ral Avenue lawns, garden competitions and the La Boheme Opera, at Angove's Winery. Special rose displays and competitions were also held at the Renmark Show.

**1998**

## FOURTH ROSE FESTIVAL 18 OCTOBER TO 25 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** Bob Pearce, (Renmark Citizen of the Year)

**Theme:** 'Roses Galore' Floral Institute Display

The biggest and best Rose Festival so far. David Ruston commented that the Festival was now well known and promoted around the country. More than 5000 visitors attended. Ruston Roses is the biggest attraction of the Rose Festival, with eight busloads from NSW and Victoria visiting the attraction. David reported the SA buses just kept coming and coming. Local accommodation was all booked out, so some buses had to travel to Mildura to find accommodation. Buses departed twice daily from Ruston's Rose Garden for visits to a variety of gardens. 'Tea, Wine and Roses' was held by Riverland Zonta in Renmark Paringa Council Chambers, and a Rose Ball at Renmark Hotel. Phil Elphinstone (Renmark Rose Festival publicity officer) gave a solo choral recital at the Lutheran Church. 'Divas, Heroes and Scoundrels' opera was at Angove's Wines. A Lions Conference drew large numbers. The Renmark Show was one of the final events on the Rose Festival calendar.

The fishing competition drew more than 1000 anglers. Dorothy Quigley's garden and morning tea was popular, and June Letton organised the annual Primary Schools Art Competition. Again, the Stitches and Craft Show and Big River Rambler river cruises took place. David Ruston and volunteers picked roses to place in local businesses and buildings providing accommodation for visitors. A number of people have requested that the many roses featured in the public gardens around Renmark be name labelled.

**1999**

**May:** Eithne Sidhu passed away

## FIFTH ROSE FESTIVAL 17 OCTOBER TO 24 OCTOBER

**Opened by:** Jim Grifas (ABC Radio announcer)

**Theme:** "Bounty of Spring" Institute Floral Display (Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Dedication of a Jarrett Memorial Rose Garden in memory of Eithne Sidhu

Rose gardens outside Renmark were included for the first time, and a choice of 30 activities were presented this year, with Angove Wines again sponsoring the Spaghetti opera; which was held in the Chaffey Theatre. 'Tea, Wine and Roses', the Riverland Choral Group, a Teddy Bears Picnic, a CWA Workshop and a Quilter's Exhibition were available for enjoyment. Andrew Hoffman demonstrated 'Arrangements for the House' in the Renmark Hotel. There were more gardens open for viewing this year, including Brad and Lorna Taylor's garden at Paringa. A bus tour of Murtho gardens and a Big River Rambler garden viewing cruise took place. The 'Hidden Garden' was open and rosarian Walter Duncan returned to judge the winning gardens, with Jill Knight. Twenty-two tourist buses operated, and a map was included in the program for the first time. David Ruston reported there was an increase in locals planting roses in their gardens. Margaret John's garden in Goolwa Street was judged 'best garden as seen from the road'. The Rose Festival Committee thanked Friends of the Festival, local organisations who staged events and local businesses for their sponsorship and support.





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Queries about the position can be directed to Council's Tourism Co-ordinator Sue Whitbourne on (08) 8580 3060.

**Applications close Wednesday, 25 September 2024 at 5pm.**

Applications to be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to:

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## THE RENMARK HOTEL INCORPORATED

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Public Notice is hereby given that the 126th Annual General Meeting of Members of the Renmark Hotel Incorporated will be held, pursuant to Rule 11, of the Constitution of the Renmark Hotel Incorporated, in the Board Room of the Hotel Renmark on:

**Wednesday 18th September 2024  
commencing at 7.00pm**

The 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements will be available from the Hotel Reception prior to the meeting.

S Jaensch  
Chairman

11th September 2024

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 7pm**

In accordance with Rule 17, the term of the following committee members has expired:  
Matthew Dowley, Ruth Firstbrook, Tim Tol, Chrystal Goodhand.

The following members have offered themselves for re-election:

Matthew Dowley  
Ruth Firstbrook  
Tim Tol  
Chrystal Goodhand

No nominations have been received, therefore no ballot will be required.

Andre Angeleski  
Manager/Secretary

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### RENMARK HOTEL INC BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations have been received for the vacancies for the Hotel Renmark Board, and as there are 3 nominations and 2 vacancies, an election will take place pursuant to Rule 8 of the Hotel's Rules.

Votes can be lodged at the Hotel Renmark Reception from Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September, between the hours of midday and 7pm daily, and also on Saturday 28th September between the hours of 8am and close at midday.

Residents of the Renmark Paringa Council District who have obtained the age of eighteen (18) years of age residing within the District shall be entitled to vote. Photo ID will be required for verification.

The three nominations are:

Mr. Rob Hughes  
Miss. Ann Ryan  
Mr. Jesse Watson

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**DEATHS**

**ADAMS**, Susan Kay.  
Born 12/8/1956  
Passed away peacefully at Waikerie hospital, 11 September, 2024. Much-loved daughter to Tom and Mary (both deceased). Beloved sister, aunty, cousin, niece and friend to all she met.  
"May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special, will never be forgotten".



**ATSAVES**, Konstandinos 'Kosta'.

Passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 8 September, 2024. Dearly loved son of George and Panagiota. Loved and loving brother and brother-in-law of Kerry and John, Louis, Steve and Thuy. Loved uncle of Jake, Georgian, and George.

"Will be sadly missed and forever in our hearts".

Funeral details to be advised at a later date.

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**BIGGINS**, Lindsay Bruce.  
Passed away suddenly at work, on Tuesday 10 September, 2024. Aged 66 years. Cherished son of Margaret and Roger (deceased). Special brother to Brenton, Scott and Kathy. Adored father and stepfather of JeriLee, Steffany, Sam, Shannon and Joliffe, Moss and Clay.

Special father-in-law and friend to Mark, Shaun and Laura. Grandfather of 10. Taken too soon, not to be forgotten. Don't stop the music.

**DEATHS**

**BROOKES**, Helen.  
Passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on 15 September, 2024. Aged 79 years. Much-loved sister to Judy, John and Shirley. Sister-in-law to Roger, Shad, and families. Will be sadly missed and always in our hearts. At peace now. No more pain.

**BROOKES**, Helen.  
To our dear friend.  
No more pain.  
Rest in peace.  
Forever loved and remembered by Deb and Barb.

**DEATHS**

**PONTT**, William Allen 'Bill'. Passed away peacefully at the Loxton hospital on Tuesday 10 September, 2024 with family by his side. Aged 83 years. Dearly loved husband of Daph for sixty years. Pain free, resting peacefully. Proud father and father-in-law of Scott, Jamie and Meredith.

Even prouder Poppy of Ellie and Luke. Sadly missed. Lasting memories. Privately interred as per Bill's wishes.



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**QUALMANN**, Russell Dean.

It is with much sadness we announce the sudden passing of Russell on 8 September, 2024. Aged 56 years. Loved and devoted husband of Belinda. Loving dad of Keegan and Aaron.

**FUNERALS**

**ADAMS**, Susan Kay. Susie's relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at St Thomas More's Catholic Church, Coombe Terrace, Waikerie on Thursday 19 September, 2024 at 11am. At the conclusion of the service the cortège will proceed to the Waikerie Cemetery for the committal.

**BIGGINS**, Lindsay Bruce. Relatives and friends are advised that Lindsay's memorial service will be conducted at the Loxton RSL bowling club on Monday 30 September, 2024 at 11am.

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**GRAY**.

The family and friends of Neth Gray are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Uniting Church, Denny Street, Berri on Friday 20 September, 2024 at 1pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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**QUALMANN**, Russell Dean.

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Grandsons Adam, Ethan and Riley.

**CRITCHLEY**, Stephen.  
29/9/1952 - 13/9/2023

Stephen, Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure. You were loved beyond words, And missed beyond measure.

Love always, Jo, Damian, Bec, Sarah, Ben, Matt and Sara; and all the grandkids xx  
Those we love don't go away, They sit beside us every day. -Marshall four legged mate.

**STEWART-MAHER**, Riley Ivor.  
22/2/1987 - 22/9/2017  
Sadly missing your smiley face and kisses.

We are grateful for having had you in our lives.  
Love always.  
Cindy, Ken, Tim, Josh and Jess.



**STEWART-MAHER**, Riley Ivor.

22/2/1987 - 22/9/2017  
Sadly missing your smiley face and kisses.

From Mum and Mark.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**HOWIE**, Merridy.  
A farewell for Merridy will be held on Thursday 10 October, 2024.  
Family and friends are invited to attend this gathering in Strathalbyn from 11:30am - 3pm.  
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Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 8.00am and 4.00pm on Thursday 19 September 2024 for the Auscycling Masters and Juniors National Championships.

- **Taplan Road from Crase Road to Jachmann Road**

Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238

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- **Western carriageway of Kokoda Terrace from the Loxton Roundabout to Badcoe Road**
- **Badcoe Road to Dorsch Avenue**
- **Dorsch Avenue to Gratwick Road**
- **Gratwick Road from Dorsche Avenue to Fairweather Avenue**
- **Fisher Road from Fairweather Avenue to Quarry Road**
- **Quarry Road from Fisher Road to Bullwinkle Road**
- **Bullwinkle Road from Quarry Road to Edwards Road**
- **Edwards Road from Bullwinkle Road to Balfour Ogilvy Avenue**
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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION****Draft Asset Management Plan  
2026-2035***Pursuant to Local Government Act 1999 s122(6).*

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie welcomes community comment on its Draft Asset Management Plan for 2026-2035.

The plan will assist the Council in effectively prioritising and allocating resources for the maintenance, renewal, and enhancement of assets, considering both the services these assets provide and their current condition.

At the Asset Management Committee meeting held Friday 13 September 2024, Elected Members moved to adopt the plan for public consultation.

**Public Consultation will take place between Wednesday 18 September 2024 and Wednesday 9 October 2024.**

A full copy of the Draft Plan is available on Council's community engagement website, <https://engagement.lwdc.sa.gov.au>.

Submissions from the community are encouraged

- online at [engagement.lwdc.sa.gov.au](https://engagement.lwdc.sa.gov.au), or
- by email at [council@lwdc.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@lwdc.sa.gov.au), or
- by post to PO Box 409, Loxton SA 5333, or
- in person, in writing, at the Council's offices at 35 Bookpurnong Road, Loxton or Strangman Road, Waikerie.

If you wish to present your submission to the Council in person or by advocate, please indicate that in your submission.

**Written submissions will be accepted until 5.00 pm on Wednesday 9 October 2024.**

For further information please contact Council on 8584 8000.

**David Beaton**  
Chief Executive Officer

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**the quiz answers**

- 1.Sewing machine
- 2.Geneva
- 3.Baseball
- 4.South Korea
- 5.Peter Rabbit
- 6.Carrie
- 7.Bosnia
- 8.Open space or square
- 9.Malaya
- 10.The Nutty Professor
- 11.Groundhog Day
- 12.10
- 13.Jack the Ripper
- 14.Spain
- 15.Top of the Pops
- 16.Uniform (Universal) Resource Locator
- 17.The Partridge Family
- 18.Japan
- 19.Sheep
- 20.Jayne and Christopher

**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER**

(From last week): The three states that share land borders with Michigan are Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

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Berri Barmera mayor Ella Winnall, Olympic rower Zachery Schubert, Olympic rower Alexander Hill, Loxton Waikerie mayor Trevor Norton, former Adelaide Thunderbirds player Emily Beaton, and Renmark Paringa mayor Peter Hunter pictured at the Riverland's Recreation, Sport, and Leisure expo on Sunday afternoon at The Precinct in Loxton. PHOTOS: Supplied

# Inaugural Loxton event a success

## LACHLAN DAND

AN inaugural event held in the Riverland on Sunday afternoon, hoping to boost activity in the region, was ticked off as a success following attendance of a mass crowd.

The Riverland Recreation, Sport and Leisure expo was brought to The Precinct, in Loxton, in collaboration with the three Riverland councils.

Connected and activities projects officer of the councils, Nick Dillon, said the event, which featured several exhibitors including local sporting clubs and exhibitors, was "an amazing day."

"The crowd was fantastic, and probably bigger than what we expected, and we had a huge amount of clubs get exposure that might not have happened," he said.

"Smaller clubs which people probably didn't even realise were out there now have some awareness, and hopefully they'll pick up their membership numbers."

"Whether that's through participation, vol-

unteer numbers, officials, or coaches... whatever it might be, now they're out there the numbers can hopefully rise and help them out a bit."

Mr Dillon said the 'come and try' aspect of the day was just as important as potential registrations.

"A large part of the day was making sure people got to give these things a try, and a lot of the stalls were interactive, which is a credit to those clubs and groups," he said.

"Being interactive is the best way to showcase themselves to the public, and hopefully people who came along had a fair bit of fun as well."

"Next year we'll do it all again, and we've asked for feedback from the community and we'll try and make it bigger and better in 2025."

Olympic pair, and Riverland juniors, Zachery Schubert and Alex Hill, lit up the event with their presence, while former Adelaide Thunderbirds netballer Emily Beaton emceed a large majority of the day.

Mr Dillon was grateful for the way the Olympians embraced the day, fully immersing themselves in the event.

"I couldn't be happier with all of those guys," he said.

"We initially had Alex and Zach scheduled for later in the day, but we brought them forward so they could get down to their welcome home parade."

"Both of them decided to forgo that and stick around because they felt it was important to give back and support their communities."

"That says a lot about them as individuals, and the way they spoke and interacted with the stall holders and the community was awesome, and nothing was too much for them."

"On top of that, Emily doing what she did as host, and stepping into a number of roles was great, and nothing was too much trouble for them, and the event wouldn't have been the same without them."

Plans are still being finalised for the 2025

event, with consultation being played out with the clubs to secure the best time of the year.

"We want to make sure every council gets a go at hosting it, and Loxton Waikerie council did a great job this year alongside Belgrave Leisure," Mr Dillon said.

"There is potential of having a focus on water sports so we may use the Renmark riverfront, but that's still to be locked in, and we've got a fair way to go before we do that."

"Next year we'll have 12 months of planning compared to this year's coming together in just a few months."

"So, we're very happy with it from that point of view, and we're sure that the clubs and the community can get even more out of it in 2025."

"I think it's an annual thing, because once you start doing things like this a little bit more they lose the effect, and I think with every event in the Riverland once a year is perfect."



Olympians and ex-Riverlanders Alexander Hill and Zachery Schubert being interviewed by emcee Emily Beaton about what it takes to make the Olympic Games.



Melinda, Jaxson, Brenton and Riley Halupka, of Winkie, with Olympian Zachery Schubert at the inaugural Riverland Sports, Rec and Leisure Expo in Loxton on Sunday. PHOTOS: supplied



VATER REMAINS: Highly successful Renmark playing coach Josh Vater is locked in for another year in charge of the Rovers. Vater recently steered Renmark to a fourth premiership in five seasons, and his reappointment was announced at the club's best and fairest awards on Friday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

## Powerboat event to return to Berri:

THE now famous USA v Australia BAD Boat Challenge is scheduled to make its return in 2026, with one Riverland town to play host to one of the two races.

The Riverland Powerboat Club held the Australian BAD Boat Championships in January this year in Berri, and the town is

booked in to host the 2026 event.

Branded as the biggest powerboat racing event in Australia, the event will attract USA competitors including Duff Daily, who will compete in his last powerboat racing event.

The event will be held from the weekend of 24-25 January.

# Haby earns state selection

**LACHLAN DAND**

EARNING selection in any state representative side is no easy task, but one Riverlander is this week competing in the South Australian over 75s side in Tasmania at the 2024 National Veterans Championships.

Loxton local Geoff Haby competes in the Renmark Table Tennis Association's season, and was first introduced to the sport "about 53 years ago".

The 75-year-old said he was inspired to trial for the state side after other local members made it into representative sides.

"A couple of our other local

members made it into the team, so I just decided to trial and have a go," he said.

"I went down to Adelaide for a lot of the state trials, and eventually got into the team."

"I'd been doing rifle shooting and they had a table tennis table out there and then I saw an ad in the paper for a come and try day, and that's how I got into it."

Mr Haby believes table tennis in the Riverland is continuously improving, with numbers in the association growing following recent upgrades.

"I enjoy playing in the Riverland, it's a good group of

people and everyone's friendly, which is why I've kept going," he said.

"The Riverland club is slowly improving, and we've got quite a few new members who have come on board this year."

"It's all looking really promising for the club at the moment."

"Our president Dennis Robinson does a lot of work with the juniors... to keep them coming through the club too."

Mr Haby is currently the number two ranked player in the state for his age group, which he said was achieved after playing in the South Australian competition.



Loxton local Geoff Haby is currently competing in South Australia's over 75s side at the National Veterans Championships in Tasmania.

PHOTO: Facebook

In addition, he is the sixth member from the Renmark Table Tennis Association to represent the state at

a national level.

"It helped instigate me into having a go, because I thought 'if they can do it I can give it a go as well', so they were pretty big in motivating me," Mr Haby said.

"Time is starting to get on a little bit for myself, so I thought while I am still able I'll give it a go and it'll be a good experience."

"I'm pretty lucky with my health, and the fact I'm able to do it so I'll just give it a go."

Five teams are in the over 75s tournament, but Mr Haby will also compete in individual events during his time in Launceston this week.

# Sides set for table tennis grand final

THE sides are set for tonight's Renmark Table Tennis Association grand final, with BitEdgy narrowly squeezing past Crushers in the preliminary final.

Despite playing some of its best table tennis of the season, it was ultimately a bridge too far for Crushers, who were unable to con-

tinue strong late season form.

In a tight contest across the night, nothing separated the two sides in the doubles matches, finishing four apiece, with no team getting a clear break.

BitEdgy's captain Frank Sullivan led from the front, winning both his singles and doubles

matches, while Asher Harris also won both his singles for BitEdgy.

This will see the grand final, a repeat of the qualifying final which Short Straws won convincingly. In their four meetings this season the score sits at two all, with Short Straws having won the last two.

## PRELIMINARY FINAL RESULT

Bit Edgy 12 (46) d Crushers (43)

## Doubles

F. Sullivan/S. Watson d D. Robinson/P. Haenen; D. Badger/E. Li-Guo lost to M. Rose/P. Farr; F. Sullivan/D. Badger d D. Robinson/M. Rose; S. Watson/E. Li-Guo lost to P. Haenen/P. Farr; C. Gaskin/M. Chappell lost to N. Dyer/C. Georg; A. Harris/S. Adamczyk d B. Rover/J. Livingston-Bornholm; C. Gaskin/A. Harris lost to N. Dyer/B. Rover; S. Adamczyk/M. Chappell lost to J. Livingston-Bornholm/C. Georg.

## Singles

F. Sullivan d D. Robinson; S. Watson lost to D. Robinson; F. Sullivan d P. Haenen; S. Watson lost to P. Haenen; D. Badger lost to M. Rose; E. Li-Guo lost to M. Rose; D. Badger d P. Farr; E. Li-Guo lost to P. Farr; C. Gaskin lost to C. Georg; M. Chappell d C. Georg; A. Harris d B. Rover; S. Adamczyk lost to B. Rover; A. Harris d J. Livingston-Bornholm; S. Adamczyk d J. Livingston-Bornholm.



DOGS AT THE CARNIVAL: Riverland Superdogs players Dex Kennedy, Rob Johnstone, Rob Romeo and Stan Lowcock will head to WA later this month for AFL masters competition.

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JUNIOR PROGRAM A SUCCESS: 2024 Renmark Table Tennis Association juniors with coaches Nigel Stoeckel and Paul Haenen. The club had 14 juniors over a 12-week program, and will run the program in 2025. PHOTO: supplied

## RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS:

### BARMERA

#### Wednesday 11 September – Stableford

P. Wenman 38, R. Nagy (Berri) 37, P. Keane (36), M. Rumball 35, C. Berry (Berri) 35, T. Hansen 34, N. Hamood 33, C. Neilson 33, T. Bishop 32, R. Burn (Berri) 32, M. Ubhey 32, G. Denton 32, J. Maschotta 32.

#### Saturday 14 September – Stableford

D. Agg 46, R. Swanbury 39, N. Hamood 39, P. Selfe 37, J. Watson (Blackwood) 36, B. Finn 36, C. Neilson 36, G. Denton 36, R. Chabrel 35, T. Walmsley (Thaxted Park) 35, N. Kelly 35, A. Gepp (Flagstaff Hill) 34, G. Abdulla Jnr 34.

### BERRI

#### Wednesday 11 September – Stableford

G. Tognon 38, M. Heuzenroeder

37, L. Smith 36, R. Keightley 35, S. Wade 35, J. Seaton 34, D. Shawyer 34, P. Mudge 34.

#### Saturday 14 – Four person Ambrose

Gross. M. Jennings, J. Staunton, I. McHugh, M. Baylis 68; runner up R. Keightley, J. Parker. G. Calgie, P. Mudge 69.

Nett S. Wade, W. Adams, J. Seaton, S. Kitto 54.875. RU D.

Dawson, D. Dawson, M. Clifford, A. Brand 57.85.

#### Sunday 15 September – Stableford

Z. Pogorecki 38, J. Adams 35, S. Gore 34.

### LOXTON

#### Wednesday 11 September

Men A – G. Morrison (Berri) 37, D. Peberdy 36, H. Kara-Ali 36,

C. Foreman 35, P. Hamilton 33,

H. Brown 33, P. Harman 32, D.

Sunman 32, M. Shearer 31, S.

Patching 31.

Men B – G. MacInnes 39, D. Marsland 36, S. Smart (Barmera) 36, A. Ling 34, S. Mills 33, K.

Wagnitz 33, B. Skinner 32, P.

Hendrick 30.

Women – S. Pannell 35, S. Grein 31, M. Thomson 30, B. Rollbusch 29, D. Harman 29, L. Shearer 29.

#### Saturday 14 September

Men A – P. Harman 37, D. Peberdy 36, G. Polymiadis 35, D. Forbes 35, S. Harris 33, H. Kara-Ali 33,

S. Breakwell (Berri) 32, T. Vivian Patching 31.

31, A. Pfeiler 31, K. Martin 31, B. Whitelaw 31.

Men B – R. Harman 38, B. Semmler 37, E. O'Callaghan 36, A.

Baptie 35, M. Hughes (Berri) 34,

P. Hopper 34, C. Langford 33, J.

Davies (Berri) 32, K. Wagnitz 31, A. Rogers (Berri) 30, A. Ling 30, M.

Cash 30.

Women – J. Bullock 33, L. Shearer 32, S. Pendle 31, J. Sawade 31.

## RIVERLAND DARTS RESULTS:

THE latest round of the Riverland darts association move up another gear, as the Cobdogla Eagles showcased how strong they are.

Facing off against an in-form Waikerie team, the Eagles soared past the Vipers with an 11-4 victory.

Waikerie's Shane McKinnon, and the Eagles' Darren Parfitt were in good form each throwing a 180, and while McKinnon had low games of 19 and 20 darts and an average of 22, Parfitt recorded low games of

21 twice.

Elsewhere, R C Ones recorded the same victorious scoreline, winning 11-4 against the Lyrup Lionhearts on the back of a strong showing by Darcy Crane.

Crane stood tall for his side, scoring a 180, and recording low games of 13, 20, 21, 24 with an average of 23.55.

Broden May was the highlight for the Lionhearts, scoring yet another 180 for the season.

Meanwhile, Monash Wanderers ended

Expendables' chances of making the finals with a thumping 13-2 victory.

Monash's Calib Martin was back to his best with low games of 23 and 25 darts, and scoring a 180, with teammate Wayne Bonham pegging out on 103.

Expendables' Mark Hammerling had low games of 18 and 20 darts.

### RESULTS

Cobby Eagles 11 (D. Parfitt 180, 140, 130, 100 x 5, A. Hargreaves 160, 140, 135, 100 x 3, J. Broekers 125, 113, 100 x 4, R. Stemp 125, 100 x 4, G. Dyer 133, N. Peatey 110 peg out) d Waikerie Vipers 4 (S.

McKinnon 140 x 3, 138, 100 x 6, B. Springall 140, 121 x 2, 115, 100 x 6, T. Collins 112, 100 x 3, C. White 100 x 4, M. Court 100, C. Docking 100).

R C Ones 11 (D. Crane 180, 140 x 3, 100 x 5, L. Platten 140, 100 x 3, W. Schwartzkopff 140, 100 x 2, T. Stoneham 125, 100 x 3, N. Flack 100 x 5) d Lyrup Lionhearts 4 (B. May 180, 120, 100 x 2, R. Burgess 140, 100, B. Luke 125, 110, 100, J. Francis 100 x 3, C. Dunhill 133).

Monash Wanderers 13 (C. Martin 180, 140 x 4, 100 x 4, W. Bonham 133, 125, 100, 103 peg out, J. Willett 121 x 2, 100 x 3, A. Martin 120, 100 x 3, D. Martin 123) d Expendables 2 (M. Hammerling 100 x 3, G. Norman 100 x 2, M. Thomas 121, A. Barnes 100).



Bit Of a Rebel edges out Back Me Up Benny to clinch Sunday's \$40,000 Mindarie-Halidon Cup for trainer David Jolly and apprentice jockey Caitlyn Munro. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Racing club 'over the moon'

THE Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club is "over the moon" with the success of its annual meeting last Sunday.

Over 2000 people flocked to the Halidon racecourse for the annual cup day, which represented an important step for the club, after a freak irrigation malfunction led to last year's event being called off on race day.

"It's been bloody excellent and I'm over the moon," said club president, Geoff Redden.

"After that first race, the whole attitude (of club members) changed. There was so much relief."

The track was inspected during the week

by Racing SA officials, and again on race-day morning, and passed with flying colours.

Mr Redden paid tribute to the efforts of the club's volunteers, who had worked across the past two years since the most recent meeting, in 2022.

"Everyone's efforts have just been bigger and bigger," he said.

"The broader community that are not part of the racing club, and who just help out, have been really good."

"And the executive committee have put in a huge effort."

Around 50 volunteers helped stage the meeting, while up to 10 people were on track

each day during the week leading up to the event.

Mr Redden took time off work to spend nine consecutive days at the track preparing for the meeting.

A feature of the day was the official opening of the club's new \$50,000 bar facility, which it jointly funded with Racing SA. The bar was named after life member Frank Griffiths, 83, who was on hand for the occasion.

"If it wasn't for Frank, Robbie Fisher and Norm Humphries the race club may have been gone in the 1990s," Mr Redden said.

"So it was a very fitting tribute."

Racing SA chairman Rob Rorrison also attended Sunday's meeting.

"Rob was very happy with the meeting and Racing SA is right behind us," Mr Redden said.

"Rob thought the facilities are just getting better and better."

Mr Redden also said the club was rapt with the support of its loyal sponsors, most of which have already committed to next year's meeting. He made special mention of Schleins Quarries, which donated crusher dust that was laid on the patrons' section of the racecourse in the weeks leading up to the meeting.

# Erin aces her first trip to Halidon

## PAUL MITCHELL

ERIN Bradshaw will always remember her first trip to the Mindarie-Halidon races, after taking out the Fashions of the Field event on Sunday.

An equestrian competitor at various SA events, Ms Bradshaw travelled all the way from Kersbrook, in the Adelaide Hills, to compete in the fashions event, and triumphed among one of the strongest fields seen in years.

"I thought every-

one was stunning... it's a shame we can't all walk around with something," she said.

"You can fit the criteria of 'spring racing', but you never know what the judges' preference will be."

With a nod – either deliberate or otherwise – to the racing colours of the late great mare Black Caviar, Ms Kersbrook's salmon outfit was rated number one.

"I've been sitting on this dress for quite a while and the millinery is from Princess

Petal Headwear," she explained.

"I just put it all together, grabbed a quick bag, and here I am."

Sunday's victory was just the second time Ms Bradshaw had entered a Fashions of the Field event, after debuting at the 2023 Balaklava Cup meeting.

"I came for the Fashions on the Field today, but I never say no to watching beautiful horses run," she said.

"It's actually my first time at Halidon

and it's great.

"I love the country races. They're a lot more down to earth than the city races and a lot more fun."

"It's definitely been worth the two hours' drive up. The weather's come out and it's a beautiful day, so that's made it even better."

The Fashions on the Field also included male, millinery and judges' choice categories.

Murray Pioneer editor Hugh Schuitemaker was the parade commentator.



Erin Bradshaw, of Kersbrook, won the female Fashions on the Field at Sunday's Mindarie-Halidon Cup meeting.

# Apprentice jockey's biggest success in 2024 main event

APPRENTICE jockey Caitlyn Munro landed arguably the biggest win of her young career when she piloted Bit Of a Rebel to victory in Sunday's \$40,000 Swan Reach Hotel Mindarie-Halidon Cup (1800m).

In an exciting finish, Bit Of a Rebel (\$10) led into the straight and managed to hold off challenger Back Me Up Benny (\$13) by a long neck, with roughie Sandastan (\$26) a further three-quarters of a length back in third.

The unlucky runner was favourite On The Scent, which flew home from last to finish fourth.

Strathalbyn-based trainer David Jolly

– of Behemoth fame – was on track for the race and said Munro had developed a strong bond with Bit Of a Rebel, riding the six-year-old gelding in all four of his career wins (from 15 starts).

"I was so excited to ride him today," Munro told Racing.com.

"I was positive (in taking the horse to the front). I was sort of waiting to see if anything would push up underneath us and nothing did."

Hong Kong Academy apprentice Ivy Lam took overall riding honours with a double, while her fellow academy member, Alan Lai rode the opening winner, aboard Snipers Nightmare.

Reigning SA metropolitan jockey premiership winner and recent 2023/24 John Letts Medallist, Jake Toeroek, also rode at Halidon, but was unable to boot home a winner.

Seven different trainers were in the winners' circle on the seven-race program.

Another highlight of the day was the inaugural \$4000 Sportsbet Wheat Bag Relay down the home straight, won by the Loxton Football and Netball Club.

Loxton's four-member team was first over the line in the 4x30m event, collecting a cool \$2000 for its effort.



A bumper crowd of over 2000 people attended Sunday's meeting, held in fine, cool conditions.



Riverland students represented the region under the River and Hills name in a recent SAPSASA state hockey carnival. PHOTOS: Facebook

## Riverlanders compete at SAPSASA hockey carnival

RIVERLAND students spent last week in Adelaide, competing in the SAPSASA state hockey carnival at West Beach.

Three sides took to the pitch, with competitive hockey played out as the Riverland combined with the Hills, Murray Mallee, Barker, and Murraylands under the name River and Hills.

The boys side was coached by Brooke Burlik-Kelly, the girls by Sarah Schiller and the mixed team by Amelia Waters, with 'playing to learn and learning to play' a key focus for players.

### DAY ONE Boys

Our River and Hills boys had a cracker of a start to the SAPSASA state carnival with a 5-0 win over Central Country, playing very well as a team in their first game together as a group.

Unfortunately, the boys went down 4-0 to a very strong South East Country side in the second match, but still showed great teamwork and effort.

The boys ended day one on a high with a 6-0 win over Northern Metro.

#### Girls

The River and Hills side secured the perfect start to the tournament with a strong 2-0 win over Western Metro, working well as the game went on.

Nothing separated the side against both Southern Metro and Eyre Peninsula, with strong defense played by the teams on the day.

#### Mixed

The mixed River and Hills outfit came out strong with some positive attacking play, but had an overall disappointing opening day.

Four goals were conceded against both Southern Metro and the Eyre Peninsula, while Northern Metro also caused a 2-0 defeat.

### DAY TWO Boys

The boys had a great day today developing their patience and teamwork skills.

The boys had a hard-fought match against Central Metro. The boys had the ball in their attacking half for majority of the game but were unlucky in front of goals.

The second game was a very exciting and stressful game for the boys finishing the game with a 2-2 draw against North Eastern Metro.

The third game saw the boys finishing a hard-fought day with a well-deserved win. Taking out the game 1-0 against Northern Country.

#### Girls

Continuing on from the strong defensive play the previous day, the River and Hills side started the day with a positive 2-0 win over Northern Country.

However, the form was

unable to be continued, with losses to both North Eastern Metro and Central Metro occurring in the latter stages of the day.

#### Mixed

Unfortunately, the River and Hills side suffered an early loss on day two to Central Country by 4-1.

However, the team was able to fight back, creating chances across its next two games to finish with a pair of scoreless games.

### DAY THREE Boys

The boys had a great day of hockey, working extremely hard in some difficult games. Game 1 one saw the boys have a 1-2 loss against a very strong Eyre Peninsula. This was a very, very close game with a shot on goal hitting the post that could have tied the game in the dying minutes.

Game 2 had the boys taking out a 3-0 win against Southern Metro.

The boys showed how strong they were as a team right from the start of this game slotting all three goals on the first half.

Game 3 saw the boys finish an exciting carnival with a very close game ending in a 0-0 draw with Western Metro.

The boys left everything they had on the field, but unfortunately were unable to slot a goal.

#### Girls

The 'inner beasts' of the River and Hills side was on full display in the early game of the final day's action against Northern Metro, picking up a 2-0 win.

However, the good form and high spirits were unable to be continued, with a 1-0 loss suffered against a strong South East Country opponent. Game three, and the final one of the carnival saw a significant arm wrestle played out against Central Country, with nothing separating the two sides, which played out a nil all draw.

**Mixed**

The final day's action for the mixed side began with a tight contest against a tough North Eastern Metro side.

Defeated by a goal, the first half was a clear arm wrestle, before a stunning late goal saw the opposition side secure the win.

The side quickly responded in game two, taking home a comfortable 3-0 win over Northern Country, denying it the chance to take the ball past the halfway point.

Game three, and the final one of the carnival saw an exhausted River and Hills side take on Northern Metro.

With fatigue setting in, Northern Metro scored an early opener, before the River and Hills side recovered for a 3-1 victory.

- report supplied



Action from the River and Hills side at the recent SAPSASA hockey carnival.

## Local kids in spotlight at SAPSASA track and field

THE Riverland SAPSASA Track and Field team very nearly took out back-to-back titles, finishing just nine points behind Gawler, earning a flurry of medals at the School Sport SA Division 1 Country Championships at SA Athletics Stadium on Monday.

All 44 students did us proud and deserve praise for firstly performing at our district day, then being selected and committing themselves to our training program and

the day.

Team members deserve mention for their efforts and contribution, and highlights are also hard to filter with so many PBs and medals.

When our athletes ran past, the students and parents yelled their encouragement, and if they were nervous, there was a pat on the back to get them going.

When an athlete returned to our area, all of their team mates, family and friends were quick to congratula-

late them.

- Gold medals went to
- Elsie Thiele (10F discus)
- Evie Hondow (11F high jump and shot put)
- Chloe Golding (10F 1500m and 800m)
- Anna McCullough (12F high jump)
- Will Staehr (11M shot put)
- Ninke Gardner (12F long jump)
- Alexander Wood (12M long jump)

over the top of the other teams.

Just prior to that the under 12 girls were 0.1 seconds away from gold as Ninke Gardner stormed home to finish a great run by all team members.

Medal winners have received a letter inviting them to nominate for state selection so we wait and see if any Riverlanders are lucky enough to get in.

- report supplied

# Will-ing to best and fairest victory

INSPIRATIONAL leader of the Loxton Football Club's A grade outfit Jesse Will capped off a strong 2024 campaign on Friday night, with a big win in the club's best and fairest awards.

Will, who spends time across the midfield booted 11 goals, playing every game for the Tigers, who bowed out in the opening weekend of finals.

Following closely behind Will was young gun Harley Campbell, who took home the runner up award, while Jacob Evans took out the best team man honours.

Other awards saw Riley Walton take home the best first year player award, Brodie Rollins picked up most improved, and coach Luke Harder's 30-goal effort saw him pick up the leading goal kicker award, finishing third in the competition in the process.

Elsewhere, B grade premiership player Talyn Eagle capped off the perfect week with best and fairest honours, while Johnathan-Jay Campbell won the runner up award.

## HONOUR ROLL

### A GRADE

BnF: Jesse Will  
Runner-up: Harley Campbell  
Best first year player: Riley Walton  
Best team man: Jacob Evans  
Most improved: Brodie Rollins  
Leading goal kicker: Luke Harder (30)

### B GRADE

BnF: Talyn Eagle  
Runner-up: Johnathan-Jay Campbell  
Best team man: Ben Wehrmuller  
Most improved: Michael Demchenko  
Leading goal kicker: Luke Pontt (44)

### UNDER 18

BnF: Josh Marlor  
Runner-up: Daniel Zdanowicz  
Phillip Proud memorial award: Rylan Rothe  
Best team man: Sid Johnston  
Coaches Award: Mervin Winter  
Most improved: Josh Marlor  
Leading goal kicker: Michael Sexton (30)

### UNDER 15

BnF: Will Lister  
Runner-up: Bronn Sylvia  
Most consistent: Bronn Sylvia  
Coaches Award: Ashton Flavel  
Most improved: Jasper Evans

### UNDER 13

BnF: Cooper Kruger  
Runner-up: Lucas Deren  
Best first year player: Ollie Portolesi  
Coaches Award: Brock Kakoschke  
Most improved: Shaun Williams



Loxton captain Jesse Will took out the club's A grade best and fairest award.  
PHOTOS: Facebook

# Foulds is Loxton's top tiger

SUPERSTAR Loxton midcourter Elise Foulds capped off yet another outstanding season of Riverland A1 netball, winning the club's best and fairest award on Friday night.

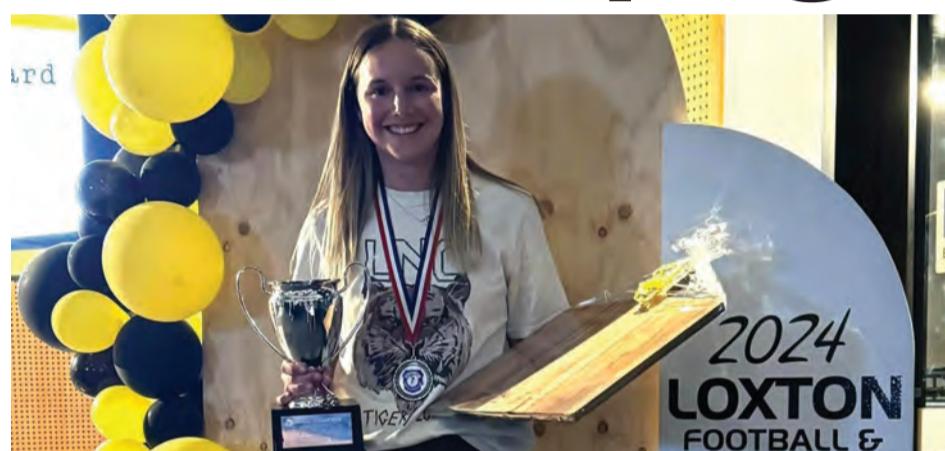
Foulds, who won the 2023 A1 best and fairest in Riverland netball, finished second in this year's tally, while leading her side to the premiership.

Foulds plays in centre for Loxton, and

played every game of the season, with her consistency helping her finish ahead of deadeye shooter Mackella Hogan.

### HONOUR ROLL

A1 BnF: Elise Foulds  
A1 runner up: Mackella Hogan  
A2 BnF: Michelle Pannell  
A2 runner up: Briana Pickering  
C1 BnF: Hayley Hucks  
C1 runner up: Alicia White  
Service awards: Michelle Pannell, Lisa Schlein, Meegan Frost  
Life members: Leah Uren, Jill Lange



Loxton A1 netballer Elise Foulds took out the club's top honour on Friday night at its end of year presentations. PHOTOS: Facebook



Loxton goal shooter Mackella Hogan finished runner up BnF in the A1 competition.

# Geehman flies highest for the Magpies

WAIKERIE defender Tristan Geehman added a new trophy to his cabinet, with the small defender taking home the club's A grade best and fairest award on Saturday afternoon.

Geehman helped steer the Pies to a preliminary final finish, particularly excelling in the latter part of the season.

Geehman finished ahead of Whillas medallist Kade Hilton, while Jarrad Bee won the A grade's most dedicated award among a suite of winners.

### HONOUR ROLL

#### A GRADE

BnF: Tristan Geehman  
Runner-up: Kade Hilton  
Jeff Gay award (most dedicated):  
Jarrad Bee  
Best team man: Ben Smith  
Players player: Jack Burgemeister

#### B GRADE

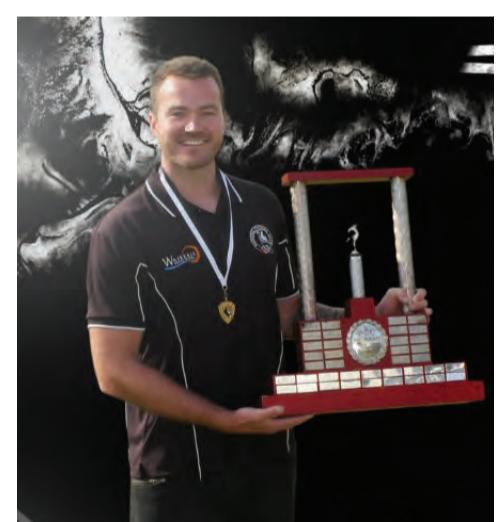
BnF: Ben Haynes and Matthew Briggs  
Best team man: Tom Campbell  
Most improved: Josh Trandafil  
Coaches trophy: Aaron Thompson

#### UNDER 18:

BnF: Harry Glacken  
Runner up: Kieran Hahn  
Most dedicated: Marco Camerlengo  
Best team man: Sam Trandafil  
Coaches trophy: Brayden Richards



Waikerie defender Tristan Geehman won the club's A grade best and fairest award. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



## RIVERLAND EIGHTBALL:

### RESULTS

**Division One**  
Lyrup Club Lions 10 d DILLIGAF  
Lyrup Odd Bunch 11 d Lyrup Bushy 5  
Just the Tip 8 drew with Barmera Breaking Bad 8  
Loxton RSL BC 10 d Loxton RSL 6

### Division Two

Cobbers 11 d Loxton RSL 5  
Waikerie Club Hot Shots 9 d Loxton Black 7

Monash Club 11 d Red J's 5

#### Division Three

NFI 9 d Cobby Club 7  
Bonney Pelicans 10 d Renmark Aces 6  
Lyrup Club 10 d Cobby Roos 6

#### Division Four

Cobby Black Widows 11 d Monash Rascals 5  
G.O.B 8 drew with Cobby Scorpions 8  
Lyrup Lost and Found 11 d The Unpredictables 5

## RIVERLAND WOMEN'S EIGHTBALL:

### RESULTS

Odd Bunch 15 (T. Knight, D. Durling) d Unpredictables 1 (S. Bini, S. Giumelli).  
Bonnie Pelicans 14 (G. Lally, G. Dyer) d Ladies of

Lyrup 2 (McAvaney, C. Hammond).  
Waikerie Club 11 (K. Bannister, M. Briscoe) d Lyrup Club 5 (E. Hoffmann, M. Thomas).  
Cue-T's 8 (A. Threadgold, S. Thomas) drew with DV8's 8 (D. Marshall, G. Beech).

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A grade women premiers: Renmark Olympic - Back: Denver Kimberley, Chelsea Docking, Katie Whiting, Georgie Vermeeren, Blossom Kimberley, Jasmun Kahlon, Tori-lee Pittman, Khali Jegam, Shynae Pittman, Wes Lock (Coach). Front: Mahayla Hurrell, Sophie Schiller, Penny Eleftheriadis, Maggie Lock, Chanel Gadaleta, Rebecca Burns, Millie Koumbarakos, Nita Eleftheriadis, Annari Mouton, Angela Pavlomanolakos. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

## Outstanding Olympic cap off invincible season

### LACHLAN DAND

ONE of the most successful soccer seasons in recent Riverland history was capped off by the Renmark Olympic A grade men's outfit on Saturday afternoon.

Olympic, who finished the season undefeated, before accounting for Berri in the semi final last week, took home the top four cup with a staggering win over Loxton.

After a strong start to the match, Renmark took a 3-0 lead after Linus Johnston's double, either side of Chris Miller's first half finish.

However, just when the result appeared to be locked away, Loxton converted a penalty, and scored just two minutes later to

bring Berri Oval to its feet.

Olympic quickly responded though, finding the back of the net through Kyle Collinson to put the result beyond doubt.

Renmark playing coach Daniel Clark said there were nervy moments for his side during the dying stages on Saturday evening.

"I think we just sat back a bit too deep and invited too much pressure on to us, which was our downfall," he said.

"We were lucky enough to get another late goal while they were pressing forward.

"They left themselves a bit open out the back and we were able to take advantage, so that settled the nerves and gave us that two-goal cushion.

"Being a playing coach is valuable for me to be out there, but that being said, managing the subs and team dynamic is a bit harder.

"Looking over to the bench and wondering how much time is left while worrying about your own game is a bit harder, but being out there and calming everyone's nerves is really handy."

Other results across the weekend saw Renmark also pick up the A grade women's top four cup, with Maggie Lock's double proving the difference.

Elsewhere, Berri tasted victory in the under 16s competition, with the River Rangers defeating Olympic by two goals to one.

### RESULTS

#### MEN

#### A GRADE

##### **Renmark 4 d Loxton 2**

Best: Renmark - L. Johnston, K. Collinson. Loxton - all played well.

Goals: Renmark - L. Johnston 2, C. Miller, K. Collinson. Loxton - C. Ebert, J. Hoffmann.

#### B GRADE

##### **Renmark 1 d Loxton 0**

Best: Renmark - S. Kailes, L. Moses. Loxton - T. O'Shaughnessy, S. Uzzell.

Goals: Renmark - A. Son.

#### UNDER 16

##### **Berri 2 d Renmark 1**

Best: Berri - all played well. Renmark - A. Cartwright, J. Callery.

Goals: Berri - Z. Hronopoulos, (OG). Renmark - L. Ivanovic.

#### WOMEN

#### A GRADE

##### **Renmark 3 d Barmera 1**

Best: Renmark - all played well. Barmera

- S. Lees, M. Coombe.

Goals: Renmark - M. Lock 2, A. Koumbarakos. Barmera - M. Rayner.

#### UNDER 14

##### **Loxton 1 d Berri 0**

Best: Loxton - all played well. Berri - all played well.

Goals: Loxton - S. Angeleski.

#### MIXED UNDER 14

##### **Loxton 3 d Renmark 2**

Best: Loxton - S. Williams, A. Pumpa. Renmark - G. Ivanovic, J. Parker.

Goals: Loxton - S. Williams 2, J. Ingerson. Renmark - J. Curtis, I. Atsaves.

#### UNDER 12

##### **Renmark 3 d Berri 1**

Best: Renmark - I. Atsaves, R. Maywald.

Berri - H. Elphick, K. Maddison.

Goals: Renmark - A. Neelon, Y. Kalogerias, I. Atsaves. Berri - S. Romeo.



B grade men premiers: Renmark Olympic - Back: Nelson Desnie, Harry Dedes, Ripley Bray, Joshua Van Dyk, Samuel Owens, Stelios Kritikos, Callum Leckie-Hefford, Daniel Clarke (Coach). Front: Silbea Kailes, Brodie Clark, Jesse Hammond, Lovi Moses, Eric Sialas, Ari Kazantzis, Andy Son, Jimmy Atsaves.



Under 16 premiers: Berri River Rangers - Back: Chris Hronopoulos (Coach), Nate Vallelonga, Issac Morgan, Daniel Heuzenroeder, Mitchell Cawse, Anthony Lange, Josh Krendl, Dimitri Hronopoulos, Kevin Owen (Coach). Front: Zach Hronopoulos, Connie Vallelonga, Jake Peltz, Kobe Krendl, Oscar Muller, Archie Kent, Blake Walkley.

Under 14 premiers:  
Loxton United - Back:  
Thomas Lynch, Charlie Setchell, Jake Ingerson,  
Shaun Williams,  
Darcy Eleveld,  
Anton Puma,  
Simon Eleveld  
(Coach).  
Front: Austin Sparrow, Nate Felder, Clayton Schwarz,  
Miguel Schwarz-Da Silva, Isaac Martin, Henry Lynch, Harley Martin, Braxton Perram.



Under 12 premiers:  
Renmark Olympic - Back:  
Henry Hodgson, Yanni Kalogherias, Harper Brown, Harry Eleftheriadis, Ryan Vaughn, Rhylan Schepel, Ivan Atsaves, Casey Rover, Armaan Neelom, Joseph Bagnato, Michael Atsaves (Coach). Front: Oskar Liebich, Gurshabad Dhillon, Zethan Morgan, Riley Maywald, Noah Albanese, Brodi Holden, Kon Atsaves, Joel Stoeckel Goalie. Max Preusker

Under 14 Girls premiers:  
Loxton United - Back: Andre Angeleski (Coach), Adelin Angeleski, Danielle Morrison, Katia Bertram, Ellena Tsakarellos, Sophie Angeleski, Tamara Music. Front: Jade Russell, Alyssa Minerds, Sofia Santini, Anwen Dalzell, Emma Kruschel, Derrida Kwitonda.



# RIVERLAND HOCKEY AWARDS NIGHT PHOTOS:



B grade women joint winners Teagan Nourse, Kristen Hibberd, and Anna Kroehn.



Senior men's Team of the Year members.



Junior men's Team of the Year members.



Junior women's Team of the Year members.



Senior women's Team of the Year members.



Under 18 men's Best and Fairest Jayden Everett with runner up Logan Bowers.



Under 14 mixed joint winners Darcy Everett and Sarah Kroehn.



Under 12 mixed Best and Fairest Jessica Cronin and runner up Kobe Sweet.

# Brilliant Berri is Riverland hockey's best

RIVERLAND hockey has its newest A grade men's premiers, with Berri producing a rousing victory over Waikerie on Saturday night at Glassey Park.

The Demons easily accounted for Waikerie, in somewhat of a repeat of the clash a fortnight prior, emerging winners by three goals to nil.

Berri veteran Brett Stokes took home the best on ground honours, and said the award could have gone to any of his teammates.

"It was really hard to show who was an individual brilliant player for the game, but realistically the whole team performed so well, so it had that real satisfying end to it," he said.

"It was more satisfying than elation the way everyone played, and

across the board I don't think we had any passengers."

"From kids who are only 14 years of age up everyone held up their end of the bargain so it was a pretty good experience."

Berri accounted for Waikerie in the semi final a fortnight prior, taking it straight through to the grand final, with the Knights forced to go through the preliminary final against Sunraysia.

"Waikerie went through the prelim pretty easily and were pretty hot to go, and they had the quality on the field to be one of the best teams out there," Stokes said.

"They were the benchmark for us for the whole season, but we just managed to have a really good game across the ground and everyone delivered."

"I couldn't be prouder of the team, and that's ultimately what wins you flags."

Sunraysia pushed past Waikerie with an impressive 3-1 win in the A grade women's fixture, despite the best efforts of Knights player Justice Ebert, who took out best afield honours.

Meanwhile, the biggest win of the weekend came through the under 14s competition, where Berri enjoyed an 8-1 victory over Renmark.

Late games were rescheduled due to the under 18 women's thriller between Berri and Waikerie, with the Demons winning a heart stopping penalty shootout.

Berri's Amahli Kelly stood tallest for her side with the winning penalty, keeping spectators on the

edge of their seats.

## RESULTS

### MEN

#### A GRADE

Berri 3 d Waikerie 0  
Best on Ground: Brett Stokes (Berri)

Goals: Berri – B. Leske, J. Isaacson.

Renmark – T. Nourse.

#### B GRADE

Waikerie 2 d Renmark 1  
Best on Ground: Jax Isaacson (Waikerie)

Goals: Waikerie – B. Leske, J. Isaacson.

Renmark – T. Nourse.

#### UNDER 18

Berri 3 d Waikerie 2  
Best on Ground: Cody Thiele (Waikerie)

Goals: Waikerie – C. Thiele 3, C.

Willoughby. Berri – S. Moldovan.

#### UNDER 18

Renmark/Loxton 6 d Berri 0

Best: Jayden Everett (Renmark/Loxton)

Goals: Renmark/Loxton – J. Everett 3, C.

Hennig 2, C. Morgan.

#### WOMEN

#### A GRADE

Sunraysia 3 d Waikerie 1

Best on Ground: Justice Ebert (Waikerie)

Goals: Sunraysia – J. Chapman 2, S.

#### MIXED UNDER 14

Berri 8 d Renmark 1

Best on Ground: Logan Bowers (Berri)

Goals: Berri – L. Bowers 5, C. Camilleri 2, W. Stokes. Renmark – A. Preusker.

#### UNDER 12

Berri 1 d Waikerie 0

Best on Ground: Kobe Sweet (Berri)

Goals: Berri – A. Bowers.



A grade men's premiers Berri. PHOTOS: Supplied



A grade women's premiers Sunraysia.



A grade women runner up Waikerie



B grade women's premiers Waikerie.



Under 18 premiers Renmark/Loxton.



Under 18 women's premiers Berri.



Under 14 mixed premiers Berri.



Under 12 mixed premiers Berri.

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Renmark Olympic's A grade men's outfit capped off an invincible season with a 4-2 win in Saturday afternoon's Top Four Cup final at Berri against Loxton United. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



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## Cultural connection

**H**ISTORY, heritage and humour combine in this surprising series that host Shaun Micallef describes as "the pinnacle of my glittering career".

Having delved into his own family past on *Who Do You Think You Are?* a decade ago, Micallef joins comedians on their own journeys of discovery, travelling overseas to trace their roots and better understand parts of their heritage that have been hidden until now.

Over six parts, Micallef helps radio presenter Michael "Wippa" Wipfli trace his father's ancestry in the Swiss Alps, explores Dublin with Lizzy Hoo, checks out Colombo with Dilruk Jayasinha, visits Japan with Nina Oyama and traverses India with Arj Barker.

The premiere episode finds *Fish* star Aaron Chen and his comedy idol Micallef in Shanghai, China, where Chen is keen to learn about his father Peter's backstory and the sacrifices he made before moving to Australia in the late 1980s. Language barriers between father and son have resulted in some details getting lost in translation over the years.

As a young man in the 1960s and '70s, Peter worked as a pig farmer for nearly 10 years, but held dreams of a career as a banker. In Hunan province, Aaron tries his hand at a few kinds of farming and meets people from his father's younger years, before the usually unserious comic shares his feelings about confronting an uncomfortable time in history.

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4. Add at least one carnation to each glass of colored water.
5. Check in on the flowers every couple of hours and observe any changes.

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A. FATHER

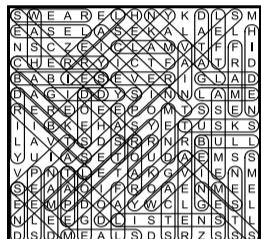
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CONVERSATION	ISSUE	PRIEST	SHRUBS	TYING
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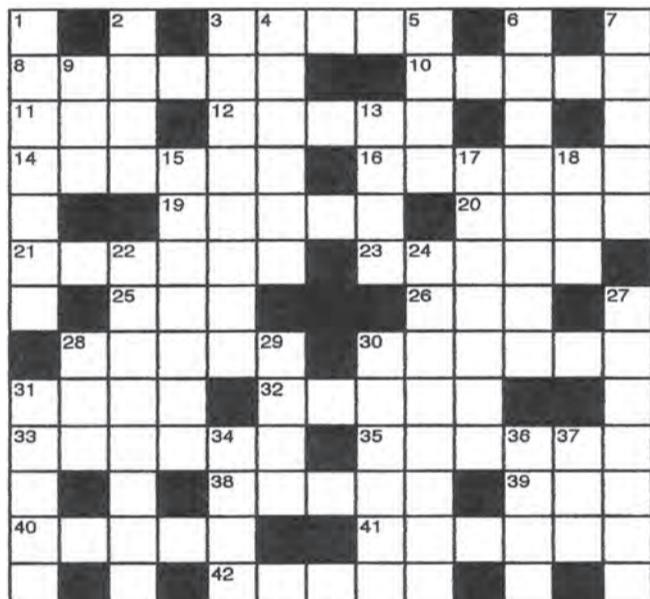
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## CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 3. Find the answer
  - 8. Pill
  - 10. Indistinct
  - 11. Bird
  - 12. French river
  - 14. Promise
  - 16. Harangues
  - 19. Spooky
  - 20. Distinction
  - 21. Bonuses
  - 23. Raises
  - 25. Triumph
  - 26. Behold
  - 28. Breadth
  - 30. Alarm bell
  - 31. Cipher
  - 32. Elate with joy
  - 33. Show embarrassment
  - 35. Oriental sailor
  - 38. Possession
  - 39. Old French coin
  - 40. Clip
  - 41. Came close
  - 42. Upper rooms



- DOWN
- 1. Plug
  - 2. Competent
  - 3. Non-commissioned officer
  - 4. Those not included
  - 5. Always
  - 6. Provokes
  - 7. Hire
  - 9. Cobbler's tool
13. Christmas song
15. Ridiculed
17. Influences
18. Printers' measures
22. Twirled
24. Secludes
27. Enter uninvited
28. Grief
29. Female lobsters
30. Special ability
31. Peak
34. Aristocrat
36. Cover with wax
37. Expert



## SUDOKU

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, fill the empty cells with the numbers 1 to 9

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Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box.

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September 2024: week 3

# Horoscopes



## ARIES

MAR 21ST - APR 20TH

A favourable aspect to Mars will give you the energy you need to push for something which you have wanted for a long time. **Romance.** A person whom you have not seen for many months will be making their presence known. A direct approach will help to sort out the issue which has come between you.



## TAURUS

APR 21ST - MAY 21ST

A positive aspect to Jupiter will give you the confidence you need to make some important changes in your relationship with your co-workers. They value your contribution, and will want to keep you on board. **Romance.** Your relationship with your partner will improve when a recent misunderstanding has finally been laid to rest.



## GEMINI

MAY 22ND - JUN 21ST

Don't forget to pay back the small sum of money which you owe, even if the other person seems to have forgotten. **Romance.** Your partner may be behaving a little strangely at the moment. Try to find out what is going on before you criticise them. You will need to be especially easy-going.



## CANCER

JUN 22ND - JUL 23RD

A favourable aspect to Uranus will help you to meet an interesting new friend. When you have got past the superficial differences between you you will find that you actually have a great deal in common. **Romance.** You may not be completely clear in your mind about what you want at the moment.



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JUL 24TH - AUG 23RD

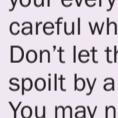
A high-risk venture may not turn out quite the way you have been hoping. Be realistic and don't be disappointed if the project takes a lot longer than you expect. **Romance.** Make sure that an emotional outburst doesn't upset you. Don't take this person's remarks personally. A meeting later in the week will be much more constructive.



## VIRGO

AUG 24TH - SEP 23RD

A recent boost to your social life will help you to put you in a better mood. Don't be slow about taking up an offer from a friend which will not come again. **Romance.** Your plans for a romantic get-together may not go entirely to plan. Be careful that a financial worry doesn't come between you.



## SCORPIO

OCT 24TH - NOV 22ND

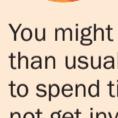
Your co-workers will be hanging on your every word at the moment. Be careful what you say! **Romance.** Don't let the romantic atmosphere be spoilt by a couple of petty arguments. You may need to give in more than you would like, however, especially later in the week.



## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23RD - DEC 21ST

A difficult aspect to Neptune later in the week could leave you a little disoriented. This won't be the best time to make decisions about the future. **Romance.** A romantic evening around the middle of the week will set the tone for the near future. You will be surprised how much more smoothly your relationship runs after this.



## CAPRICORN

DEC 22ND - JAN 20TH

You might be a little less sociable than usual at the moment. You need to spend time by yourself, and should not get involved in any social activities which you don't need to. **Romance.** You might be a little wild at the moment. A meeting later in the week will be a great success – so long as you manage to calm down first.



## AQUARIUS

JAN 21ST - FEB 19TH

A powerful aspect to Mars early in the week will help to give your energy levels a boost. Push ahead with a plan which you have been waiting to get started on. **Romance.** A get-together with a colleague from work will change your relationship with this person. Be careful not to take things too quickly.



## PISCES

FEB 20TH - MAR 20TH

An unexpected comment by an acquaintance could throw you off track for a while. You need to get to the bottom of this remark: there may be an element of truth which you are reluctant to acknowledge. **Romance.** Don't feel rejected, just because a recent event did not go the way you may have been hoping.







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4 Course Meal

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Guest Speaker - Sophie Thomson

Acoustic Entertainment - The Bowerbirds



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