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Local doctors: We need your help

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A LOCAL GP is urging locals to show support for their rural doctors – or face longer wait times and loss of services.

In last week’s Murray Pioneer, Dr Peter Hamilton urged SA Health to respond with a “fairer” reform package for rural GPs, or risk the further loss of healthcare services.

Dr Hamilton said locals can support the cause by visiting the Rural Doctors’ Association of South Australia (RDASA) website.

“The more fuss people make, the more likely it is that things will change,” he said.

“On the website, they will find a letter, which they can download and sign and send to their local members.”

As South Australia’s current workforce of rural doctors retires or moves to other locations, the RDASA said it is struggling to recruit new doctors to rural communities – a challenge made much harder through the “continued absence of a fair package”.

Country doctors underpin the delivery of care at local hospitals and after-hours emergency facilities.

Dr Hamilton said talks with both local MPs are under way.

“The two local members are very supportive,” he said.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said he will speak to State Health Minister Stephen Wade about the issue this week.

“I am hoping that my conversation with Minister Wade this week will again highlight the challenges and the headwind that we face try-

ing to find good health services in the Riverland,” he said.

“If we want to grow our economy and our population, a good health system underpins anyone’s confidence to come to our region.”

Mr Whetstone said he will also discuss both short-term and long-term solutions.

“The longer-term strategy that I wanted to move with doctors and nurses is the ability for the Flinders Medical Training Initiative, which is the Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence (RACE) program,” he said.

“I would like to make sure that as an election commitment to Chaffey, I would look for an endorsement for that program to be funded.

“At the end of the day, we could see 100 or more doctors, training through that RACE program, here in the Riverland.”

Barker MP Tony Pasin discussed the issue with Dr Hamilton and wrote to Mr Wade last week.

“Dr Peter Hamilton has been in contact with my office, as have many other doctors across Barker raising their concerns regarding rural medical service provision,” Mr Pasin said.

“These problems are being exasperated by the dispute between the South Australian Government and the Rural Doctors Association of South Australia, that I trust the state government will resolve expeditiously in the interest of rural South Australians.”

To support rural medical services, visit the website (rdasa.com.au/rdasaresources/supporting-our-rural-medical-services-toolkit).

Loxton-based GP Dr Peter Hamilton, with one of the Rural Doctors’ Association of South Australia posters, encouraging Riverland residents to support their local doctors.

PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Anonymous information

THE Murray Pioneer would like to hear from the person who anonymously posted some information to the Pioneer office a couple of weeks ago.

Pioneer editor Paul Mitchell said the person’s identity would remain anonymous after they got in touch.

He invited the person to contact him on his personal mobile phone number (0439 478 705).

Deputy mayor’s new SA Libs role

BERRI Barmera deputy mayor Ella Winnall has been elected a vice president of the SA Liberal Party.

The party voted in four vice presidents at its AGM on Saturday, with non-factional Ms Winnall ascending to the position

with the support of the party’s Right faction.

In addition to her role as a Berri Barmera councillor, the 30-year-old is also employed as economic development advisor for the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.



Berri Barmera elected member Ella Winnall (second from right) with fellow SA Liberal Party vice presidents Luke Westenberg (left), Rose Miller and Ben Hood, after the party’s AGM in Adelaide last weekend. PHOTO: supplied

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25 years of iconic musical festival

BEAUTIFUL voices filled the Chaffey Theatre over three nights last week to celebrate the 25th anniversary of a local music festival.

Over 20 schools from across the region took part in the

Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival, celebrating through singing, music and dance.

The festival was originally scheduled for early August, but due to Covid restrictions, was rescheduled to last week.



Hundreds of students from across the region took part in the 25th Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival at the Chaffey Theatre last week. Pictured with some students was Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival's Cindy Ridley (centre). PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Cash flow for two local councils

STEPHANIE THOMPSON
and **HUGH SCHUITMAKER**

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"The events could be sporting, art, or cultural," he said.

"That links in the regional tourism and the economic development with accommodation and helping small business during Covid with having more people come through the town."

Mr Waters said the grant would also help with tourism data collection.

"It will be crucial for our local tourism and small businesses in regards to who is spending what,

where and how much, but also where they are coming from," he said.

"That's going to be really beneficial data for tourism and businesses around the region, which is fantastic."

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said the funding would be used for council's ongoing Urban Design Framework (UDF) project.

"Funding will be allocated to design and construct some elements of Stage 2 of the UDF, roll out of wayfinding signage and fund various town making projects in conjunction with Renmark Paringa

Network," Mr Martinson said.

"(Barker MP) Tony Pasin understands the vision that council has for the Renmark township and has been heavily invested in helping us secure the funding to bring it to fruition."

Mr Pasin said supporting projects which generated local employment opportunities was a goal of the Economic Development Program.

"These grants will provide work for local small businesses and employment opportunities in our community in the midst of this pandemic while at the same time providing enduring benefits," Mr Pasin

said.

"The projects will provide an important stimulus now and, in the long-term, will provide our communities with better infrastructure, more diverse economies and more jobs.

"It's a win-win."

Further information regarding the federal government's Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development program can be found by visiting the website (www.agriculture.gov.au/water/mdb/programs/basin-wide/edpgrants).

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Hon. Tim Whetstone MP

Member for Chaffey



Chaffey Community Column

Monash Centenary Military Ceremony

On Sunday August 29th I was honoured to be present and lay a wreath at the Monash Centenary Military Ceremony at the cairn of the revered General Sir John Monash. Brigadier Graham, Commander Alistair Cooper and Air-Commodore Ross Bender were in attendance, and the Australian Army 7 RAR did an excellent job as the catafalque party. Congratulations to the volunteers and organising committee, on a fantastic event and schedule of events throughout the day.

Pictured below with Berri Barmera Council Mayor, Peter Hunt and Commander Alistair Cooper.



Regional Event Fund

The South Australian Government recognises the huge impact that COVID-19 has had on the events sector in South Australia. In the Riverland, our events are key economic drivers. The Regional Event Fund (REF) Round 2 opened on August 1 and looks to bolster the regional events calendar and drive the economy across the regions. Round two of the Regional Events Fund will encourage new events, grow existing events and increase regional visitation. Applicants can seek funding grants from \$5,000 to more than \$50,000 with applications closing September 30, 2021. For more information or to apply visit www.tourism.sa.gov.au/support/regional-event-fund

Agri Futures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant

I'm encouraging local women to apply for the AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant program. This grant will offer seven Australian women with a learning and development bursary (not cash) of up to \$7,000 for professional development to enable them to bring their idea, cause or vision to life. To find more information about this fantastic opportunity visit www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/acceleration-grant/

Digital Donation Program now open

The Digital Donation Program was created to assist South Australian community based, not-for-profit organisations to access devices from surplus government computers and laptops. Applications for the next round of the program are open and will close on 24 September 2021. For more information please visit: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/community-organisations/information-and-resources/digital-donation-program>

Governor's Multicultural Awards open

I'm encouraging you to consider an application to the 2021 Governor's Multicultural Awards. These important awards celebrate outstanding South Australians who promote multiculturalism and increase the understanding of the benefits of cultural diversity in our community. The awards are administered by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet through Multicultural Affairs. You can also nominate an individual, team or organisation that is passionate about making a positive contribution to multiculturalism and intercultural understanding and promoting our culturally diverse state. There are nine award categories, with nominations closing 5pm on Friday 8 October 2021. To nominate online or for more information visit www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/multicultural-affairs/events/the-governors-multicultural-awards.

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Loxton Waikerie councillors: build the East Terrace loos

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON will have its highly anticipated new public toilets within 12 months if the local council's CEO meets his KPIs.

Loxton Waikerie council elected members met to discuss chief executive officer David Beaton's performance review and included seven key performance indicators (KPI).

In March 2018, councillor Deb Thiele requested council investigate the cost of replacing the East Terrace toilets following negative comments from both tourists and locals.

Since then, Loxton Waikerie council set a budget of \$685,000 for a complete rebuild of the town's toilets.

The KPIs were set for the next 12 months, while elected members also

agreed to a 1.2 per cent pay increase for the March 2021 quarter.

- The KPIs are:
- Loxton main street toilets built
 - Institute building/ library/VIC building arrangements finalised
 - Build strategy and resources and increase communication with stakeholders
 - To increase communication with councillors between council meetings
 - Seek a dedicated communications and media person on council staff
 - Elections coming up – need to have big ticket items shovel ready – Murray River Queen and pontoons.
 - Long Term Financial Management Plan continuously communicated to elected members

Riverland's worst loos?

A FACEBOOK poll last week suggested that Loxton does in fact have the worst toilets in the Riverland.

On the Murray Pioneer's Facebook page, people were asked to vote for the Riverland town with the worst toilets.

Loxton 'won' the poll with almost 39 per cent, followed closely by Barmera with 33 per cent.

Berri placed third, followed by Waikerie with 10.3 per cent of votes.

Unsurprisingly, the Renmark public toilets – which were opened in October 2014 – finished last and were therefore voted best.

- STEPHANIE THOMPSON

YOUR THOUGHTS ON FACEBOOK

Loxton, Berri and Barmera all need upgrades.
DEBBIE BALZER GIBBS

Let's look at the lack of housing. Members of the community are sleeping down the river in this weather. We don't need fancy toilets, we need a rental market that's not deplet-

ed, mental health care that's adequate and drug and alcohol services that meet demand. Fancy toilets is the last thing our community needs.

TINA SUTTON

Better not put up our rates to cover the ridicu-

lous price. They need toilets, not a jolly gold-lined palace!

MICHELLE WARD

Don't spend big money. Just make them nice.

ROBYN SCHULZ

Official Rose Festival program inside today

THE newly renamed Riverland Rose and Garden Festival also has a new-look official program – inserted free inside today's Murray Pioneer.

The 2021 event runs from October 15 to 24, and this year's festival aims to encompass the entire Riverland.

"We believe this event is a change for the Riverland to come together, celebrate our beautiful region and showcase the area to the rest of the state and beyond," a spokesperson for the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival Committee said.

"We have a number of our regular, popular components

going ahead this year, like the open gardens, market fair and Renmark Institute.

"We promise you won't be disappointed, with gardeners from across the Riverland generously offering to showcase their wonderful gardens."

Among those is Renmark woman Di Speight (pictured), whose Eleventh Street garden is taking shape nicely ahead of next month's festival.

The bumper 36-page, 2021 program contains details of all open gardens, plus everything else that looks set to make this year's festival memorable.



Di Speight checks out the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival's official 2021 program. Di's Renmark property is among 27 open garden across the Riverland featuring in this year's event, which also features a long list of other events and attractions. Details of all open gardens and all festival events are inside the program. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

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THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

SANFL will back Independent clubs

THE Riverland Independent football competition’s epitaph has been penned more than once over the past 10 or 15 years.

Now it seemingly faces the biggest threat yet to its survival.

Its overarching body, the Riverland Football League, has effectively said it wants the Independent clubs to stand alone and form their own league.

It wants them out.

The six A grade clubs have long felt they have propped up the Independent competition, in one form or another. A breakdown of the monetary contributions A grade clubs have made – recently and historically – to effectively support the Independent clubs would be a useful tool in judging the strength of that argument.

What do the dollars tell us?

Undoubtedly, certain A grade clubs have also lamented the player drain caused by the existence of Independent clubs. The two Loxton clubs have most reason for concern, given the proximity of Wunkar and Brown’s Well, and previously Moorook-Kingston and East Murray.

However, Waikerie would also be impacted, given the current proliferation of clubs from the Mid-Murray region.

RFL president and noted straight-shooter Mark Wright has been admirably open about the league’s intentions for its own future and that of the Independents.

The neighbouring Mallee Football League is in trouble and the RFL is pursuing the possibility of expanding the local league with MFL clubs. Likewise, Mr Wright feels the Independent clubs should stand alone and exist if they deserve to exist.

Extrapolating that sentiment, the RFL also believes the Independent competition should die if it deserves to, and few within A grade ranks would disagree.

However, the SANFL is the decision-maker here, and if overall player participation is a priority – surely the case – the Independents have a strong chance of being around next year, and well into the future.

Because regardless of how anyone slices it, if the competition is wound up, well over 100 fewer seniors will be playing football in the Riverland each weekend. True, not all live in the Riverland and Mid Murray regions, but most do.

Is that a desirable outcome, given the focus on participation numbers?

Women’s football finally has a foothold in the Riverland and the emphasis has been on participation numbers and encouraging females to have a crack. Likewise, those behind junior programs work long and hard to encourage children to play Aussie rules.

Can a desire to grow women’s and junior numbers sit comfortably alongside a sentiment – whether deliberate or otherwise – to send the Independent clubs packing?

But if the clubs do go it alone, they will live or die on the support they receive and their efforts to survive. If they receive the same support the SANFL offers every other league in the state, maybe that’s the way it should be anyway?



Taplan footballers, premiers, 1935: From the mid-1890s, in the early days of white-settlement, football was a large part of most local communities. In the early-1930s, much machinery on farms was still horse drawn. More scrub needed to be cleared and the stumps removed. The crops needed sowing and the harvest attended to. And the animals needed feeding and care. Being well before the advent of bulk-handling in the early-1960s, the harvested grain was stored and carried in heavy hessian bags. These needed ‘lumping’ from paddock to trolley, then from trolley to the wheat stack at the railway siding. Farm-life bred strong farmers’ sons, who were tough, resilient footballers. It appears that Taplan won the premiership in 1935. The Gordon Football Association operated from 1924-1931 and comprised teams from along the Meribah-Taldra railway. That association was superseded by the Loxton Football Association, operating from 1932-1940, comprising teams from Wunkar, Pata, Taldra, Taplan, Loxton’s Olympians, Loxton Imperials, and Moorook. The Taplan team included two of the many Schwerdt brothers and a number of World War I Soldier-Settler families. Bill Hammond (middle row, fourth from left), shopkeeper and local identity, was president and R. Foulis (front row, third from left) was the team umpire. Note the large football. PHOTO: LHV

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council must keep Renmark river site

HAVING been an elected member of the Renmark Council from 1991, I have always been particularly pleased with our achievements at and from that time – not the least of which was the development of the Renmark river front.

This started with the purchase, demolition and development of the river front at the wharf, being the old Rivergrowers town store.

Then, with the assistance of the Renmark Club, came the development of the river bank between the club and the hotel.

Of course, the old Rivergrowers site is now the recently upgraded Taylor Precinct.

In the year 2000, council took the opportunity to purchase the Westpac site to continue the river-front development.

Westpac leased back the building until the end of 2020, and over those years paid council almost \$800,000 in rent. This surely covers any development costs.

Then Westpac advised council it had no further use for the building, and paid a further \$80,000 to repair the building, as it was in very poor condition.

Last year, council let it be known it was considering selling the site or maybe re-leasing the building – contrary to the original intention of river-front development – and a number of ratepayers complained to council.

The response to that was council conducting a “public consultation”, which was held over just a few days last December, and not supported by much advertising.

Despite that, enough submissions were received to convince council to decide to not sell the site. But it still pursued any possibility of other use and allocated \$10,000 to find some interested party.

That was eight months ago – a bit longer than what was given

to ratepayers.

Nothing has happened, and should not, because the site is supposed to be redeveloped as public access.

It is time the money allocated to repair the building was used to demolish the building and open up that river front. A lot could be done with \$80,000.

To preserve community ownership of the site, the land must be reclassified and put on the Community Land register – perhaps even joined to the title of the Taylor Precinct.

It would be a disgrace if some future council wanted to dispose of this great community asset.

TREVOR LOXTON
Renmark

What ratepayers expect from councils

LOCAL government ratepayers, what do you expect from your council, councillors, and council staff?

Communication would be top of my list and it comes in many forms: verbal, written, attitude and body language.

Are we getting transparent, clear, and correct information?

Is the communication engaging the community or are we being dictated to?

Is it always constructive, respectful, compassionate, or empathetic?

Is there stakeholder consultation?

Communication reflects in the behaviour both verbally and physically.

Is the tone of voice condescending, patronising, lacking respect or bullying?

Are you being listened to? Or does the council have a hidden agenda?

Is conversation being interjected? Again, are they really hearing you as a ratepayer?

Communication can portray enthusiasm, caring, empathy or disparagement.

It can be offensive and intimidating, and this constitutes bullying. Have you been bullied by

council? If so, that is not okay and not acceptable.

Communication is about discussion, negotiation, compromise, and respect. It is not a one-sided “Do as I say and not as I do”.

Communication is about having facts correct and taking responsibility for your own communication.

Do councils take this responsibility or do they hide behind written communication when good, clear communication is best placed when in person?

I object to communication that is talking about a third party and naming that person. That is not okay, not acceptable.

To councillors, your communications become your behaviour and how you are viewed in the public eye.

Of recent time I have had a very poor view of council attitudes and communication, or lack of communication.

To ratepayers, don’t let councils do and say things that are not okay.

Please attend to any issues and let everyone know, after all the councillors are there to serve us, and not seek power and control for themselves.

I believe the District Council of Loxton Waikerie has core values they do not always adhere to.

One core value under “unity” states: “What we stand for, effective communication, what we say and how we listen.”

I have not experienced any of those of late.

Speak up ratepayers. You are not alone.

CAROLYN EDWARDS
Loxton

Working towards fruit fly solutions

THE scourge of fruit fly continues to threaten our \$1.3 billion horticulture industry and the thousands of jobs the industry supports.

Random roadblock figures this year show around one in 10

travellers continue to flout the law and bring illegal fruit fly host material into the Riverland.

To protect the internationally recognised Riverland Pest Free Area (PFA), the Commonwealth Government has advised the government of South Australia that fruit fly host produce must now be subject to specifically approved treatments before being brought into the Riverland.

Retailers in the rest of South Australia are not subject to the same requirements, so fruit and vegetables purchased outside the Riverland may not meet the requirements for entry into the Riverland PFA.

Previously, fruit and vegetables could be brought into the Riverland PFA with appropriate proof of purchase. For the reasons outlined above, recent changes to the interpretation of legislation mean people can no longer bring any fruit and vegetables that are a fruit fly risk into the PFA and the ‘bring a receipt’ rule is no longer recognised.

PIRSA is working with retailers outside the PFA (e.g. Murray Bridge and Barossa) to allow the supply of appropriately treated fruit and vegetables to people within the PFA, either through delivery services or direct to customers. As we can appreciate, this will take time to implement but is being actioned as a priority.

Biosecurity officials are also working with smaller retailers in the southern portion of the PFA about how they can increase fresh produce lines to meet the demand for fruit and vegetables to be sourced within the PFA.

I will continue to work towards a practical solution that addresses the current unworkable guidelines for those community members in the southern PFA and the shack owners along the Murray River who have been largely affected by this change and I appreciate the patience of those who have contacted me with concerns.

TIM WHETSTONE
Member for Chaffey

True champions

I WOULD like to congratulate the Ramco Football Club and Ramco Netball Club on their victories in the grand finals at Paruna on Saturday.

We were there to watch the football and what a great game of hard and physical football it was.

Ramco didn’t score in the last quarter but had done enough in the first three quarters to hold on for a great win.

For all the times I watched them play, two players who have always stood out to me are Cameron Hawke and Daniel Donnelly. Given all the injuries and adversity they have gone through, they are true club champions.

The club has to be congratulated on the way it presented itself this year. It was well coached Jamie O’Callaghan, who was a deserved winner of the Coach of the Year award. He brought out the best in the players to win the grand final.

To all the hard workers at the club well done and thanks for the memories.

Go Roosters.

K. DATSON
Waikerie

Read the Bible

I REFER to the Berri headspace team and its invitation to support the LGBTQIA+ at the Berri river front last month.

I would encourage these people to get a Bible and read the story of God’s creation in Genesis chapters one and two – especially chapter two, verses 18-25, and verse 27 of chapter one.

In His wisdom, God created male and female. This was reiterated by Jesus Christ in Matthew 19:4-5.

If we continue to lower God’s standards and walk in the opposite direction we will reap the consequences of our actions.

Read from the apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 1, verses 24-27. See also Corinthians 6:9-11.

God is a god of love, but he is also a god of judgment. Help is available through any Bible-believing church to break free from this lifestyle.

DARRYL KNOWLING
Loxton



About Afghanistan

THE situation in Afghanistan has been utterly devastating.

The images in our newspapers and on our television screens have shocked and saddened our nation.

I don’t think there is an Australian out there that hasn’t felt a deep sense of emotion over the past few weeks for those in Afghanistan.

My thoughts at this time are with those most impacted, their families and loved ones, particularly the Afghani Harzara community living here in Barker. I cannot imagine what they are going through at this time.

My heart sank upon waking last week to the horrid news of the evil and calculated attack perpetrated on the innocent and the brave at the Hamid Karzai International Airport.

The Australian Government strongly condemns the attack and we join with our American and Afghan friends in mourning their terrible loss.

I am especially mindful of the reported 13 United States Defence Force personnel who lost their lives providing a pathway to freedom for others.

Prior to the attack, Australia

had supported the evacuation of approximately 4100 people on 32 flights in nine days under incredibly dangerous and deteriorating circumstances.

I commend the work of Australian Defence Force, and the Departments of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and of Home Affairs for this remarkable effort.

I also commend our intelligence agencies who are responsible for saving many Australian lives. It’s thanks to our intelligence networks that we were able to instruct our contacts to stay away from the airport, refrain from gathering in large crowds and move away from the gates in the hours leading up to the attack.

While Australia’s evacuation operations may have concluded, the Australian Government will continue to help Australians, Permanent Residents and their family members who are seeking to leave Afghanistan.

The Australian Government is receiving a large volume of enquiries from visa applicants and members of the public seeking to assist Afghan nationals who wish to be granted a visa or leave Afghanistan.

Many of these visa applica-

tions are complex and cannot be completed quickly despite our best efforts.

While Australia consistently operates one of the world’s most generous humanitarian resettlement programs, we continue to balance our obligations as global citizens with the safety and security of our nation.

All foreign nationals require a valid visa to enter Australia and all applicants must continue to meet visa criteria and character, security and health requirements.

This is an incredible complex and evolving situation and our government and our international partners are working diligently to ensure we are doing everything we can to manage the situation for the best outcomes possible.

Finally, I note the Prime Minister has been very clear that no Afghan visa holder currently in Australia will be asked to return to Afghanistan while the security situation there remains dire.

Anyone requiring assistance pertaining to the situation in Afghanistan should contact the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

TONY PASIN
Federal Member for Barker

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Moving the Murray River Queens to Loxton ain’t a matter of cutting the ropes and off we go. What’s the hurry, Karen (Text Line, 1/9/21)?

RAY
Renmark

I have noticed over the last few years young magpies trying to survive with parts of their beaks missing. I kept one alive by feeding him. Can anyone tell me why this is happening to these intelligent, beautiful creatures?

WAYNE
Moorook

One day the police might visit Loxton around 5pm or 6pm on a weeknight and book that idiot motorbike rider – or motorbike

riders – who hoons around the residential area for fun, popping monos and generally riding dangerously. Mate, get out of the town and into the bush if you want to carry on like that. You’re behaving like a boofhead.

HL
Loxton

I’d like to work with likeminded people to organise an annual “straight pride” march in the Riverland, in support of all heterosexual people who struggle with a myriad of issues. I wonder if we’ll get government funding and support from government agencies? Will our cause get overwhelming support from the media? Or will our efforts to

support hurting people and shine a light on their daily struggles get us labelled “bigots”, “homophobes”, “transphobes” and “haters”?

MR
Berri

In reply to your editorial freedom of speech should not include anti-vaxxers and a protesters like those in Waikerie last week (‘Peaceful pro-choice tally in Waikerie’, 1/9/21). *The Pioneer* should be ashamed of itself for giving any coverage to that event. We need the public to listen to the public health messages, mask up, keep your distance, get vaccinated and stay safe – and home if necessary. Only when we all do that, will we be able to move forward. Get with the

program, guys.

CHRIS
Renmark

It is great to have the new walkway along the Renmark river front towards the caravan park. Now we have had some rain, hopefully Renmark Paringa Council will arrange for the contractors to come back and fix up the new pathway, so that when we walk, the large puddle that is across the walkway can drain more efficiently. I walk this way regularly with others and dodging such a large puddle is difficult if people are walking in both directions.

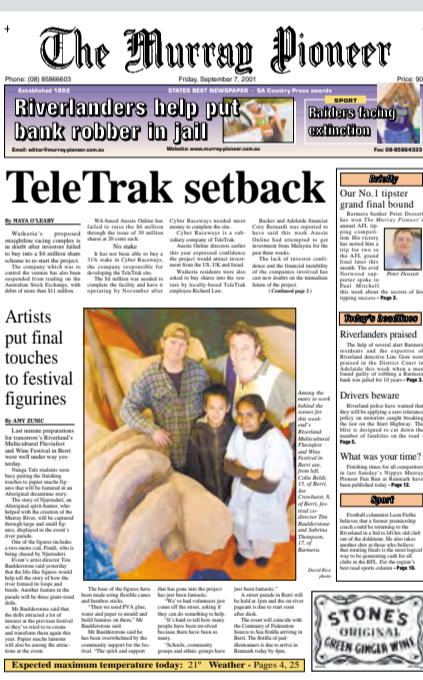
SUE H
Renmark

10 years ago September 6, 2011



SWITCHED ON: Six more commercial digital TV channels will be available in the Riverland by year’s end. From December, local households will have access to nine channels through WIN, plus all ABC and SBS channels, bringing the Riverland in line with metropolitan viewers.

20 years ago August 24, 2001



TELETRAK SETBACK: Waikerie’s proposed straightline racing complex is in doubt after investors failed to buy into a \$6 million share scheme to re-start the project. The company which was to control the venture has also been suspended from trading on the Australian Stock Exchange, with debts of more than \$11 million.

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

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Riverland wine and food centre opportunity up for grabs...

Show of hands?

JOSH BRINE

A COMMUNITY group or local business would need to take up the Riverland wine and food centre project to make it a reality, with the business case currently lying on the table.

Berri Barmera Council CEO Karyn Burton contacted the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (PIRSA) to clarify the status of the project following a meeting of the Riverland Local Government Forum – comprising all three local councils – in June.

In a response to council last month, PIRSA’s Future Drought Fund project manager, Rachael Kelly, said the government had committed to developing a “business case and detailed plans to help advance a state-of-the-art Riverland wine and food centre”.

“This commitment is

completed and the business case, including detailed plans, is available on PIRSA’s website and is able to be used by anyone who is interested in pursuing the opportunity further,” Ms Kelly said.

Council had previously resolved to establish a working group to liaise with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone regarding the project, but will no longer pursue this due to the lack of progress.

However, Mr Whetstone said he had continued to have conversations with interest groups from across the Riverland.

“I’ve met and spoken with all the councils, and there have been interest groups in Renmark, Loxton, Waikerie and Swan Reach,” he said.

“The (Berri Barmera) Council can show interest if they wish, but it is not a council project. It is a project there for the benefit of the region as a whole.”



An early graphic of how a Riverland wine and food centre could look. The business case created by the state government is available for anyone interested in pursuing the opportunity, according to PIRSA.

Mr Whetstone said the state government had spent about \$220,000 to undertake the feasibility study and business case.

“I’m now looking at ways where we can have a community group or a small business that will consider adopting this initiative,” he said.

“I want it to be of benefit to the Riverland and I want it to benefit and showcase

wine and food.

“I think there are many great opportunities in our wine and food sector that there could be a collaborative model for a wine and food centre or museum in the Riverland to showcase what we do so well.

“There will need to be a financial contribution, but we can also look at ways that we can apply for government funds, both state

and federal, to make this project a reality.”

The business case, released in April 2020, found that with a low-revenue model the centre would be unlikely to cover its costs and, even with a high-revenue model, would be unable to cover its initial capital costs over a 20-year period.

However, the business case said the centre would have a positive impact on

the Riverland economy and was preferred to having no Riverland wine and food centre.

Government investment to help cover the construction of the centre was “highly likely”, it said.

The next step for the project, as identified in the business case, was to “work with stakeholders to identify the most appropriate specific location” for the project.

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Berri Barmera Council listed more than 40ha of land for sale in Berri recently.



A large parcel of rural land next to the Riverland Field Days site near Barmera is also for sale.

Council selling off 80ha of rural land

MULTIPLE parcels of council land have been placed up for sale recently in both Berri and Barmera.

Lot 21 and pieces of Lot 22 and 23 on the Old Sturt Highway in Berri are listed for sale following a decision by the Berri Barmera Council's Strategy, Assets and Major Projects committee in June.

Another parcel at 202 Elliot Drive, Barmera, adjacent to the Riverland Field Days Site, was also listed for sale after a separate decision at council's June ordinary meeting.

By **JOSH BRINE**
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Expressions of interest on both pieces of land, which are zoned rural, closed last Friday, August 27, with a listed price of \$310,000 for the land in Berri and \$295,000 for the land in Barmera.

The Berri land parcel totals more than 40ha, lying behind businesses on the Old Sturt Highway and Riverview Drive.

"They're big parcels of land that we had given to us, basically, for \$1 by National Foods when they left Berri," said Karyn Burton, council CEO.

"Council resolved to sell that land, so that is what we're doing."

The sale of the property is subject to a land management agreement with council and the transfer of Environment Protection Authority (EPA) liability to the purchaser.

"Council still wants the Wilabalangaloo trail to go through there, so there will be

a land management agreement or whatever other instrument for keeping that trail," Ms Burton said.

"The topography of the land is such that there is probably not a lot the purchaser could do with the end of the lots anyway."

"It's a complicated piece of land... but there's been a lot of interest in it apparently."

Ms Burton said council had been approached from interested buyers for the Barmera allotment, so had listed the property for sale publicly, in line with council's procurement policy.

Councils all about communication



CONVEYING information to the community is a constant challenge for councils.

Effectively communicating with ratepayers requires differing strategies and forms.

Consistency from management, staff and councillors is a non-negotiable.

The big picture is always a difficult one to paint and can be even harder to interpret if some are standing too close. If it's a landscape, you often can't see the forest for the trees.

By that, I mean no matter how well an issue or plan is explained, individual(s) can be too involved or affected by their own circumstances to look at the situation as a whole.

When this occurs there is no amount of communication that will either alleviate grievances nor provide the solace sought by those wanting the status quo to remain.

Council management, staff and councillors confront these situations individually and as a collective. Responses from each and all can be limited by policy, statutory requirements and community expectation among other things.

Even when empathy is felt the facts cannot be ignored, nor can the direction taken to achieve the outcome for the community be altered.

An example of this type of situation occurred when I first came to council and became involved in planning to redevelop the Loxton river front.

About four or five houseboats were moored on the main river bank, at the Snake Island end of Apex Park.

Plans were being developed to upgrade the whole park and permanent houseboat mooring on this site had to be discontinued so that the area could be renovated and rezoned.

The responsible council director, her regulatory staff and councillors were all involved in the communication and she led a faultless process. Despite this some remained unhappy.

To their credit though, the houseboat owners affected by the change sought to work through their disappointments directly with council and most found acceptable outcomes.

One only has to look at the Apex Park today to see that the big picture was worth the turbulence. While it is still a work in progress, it is enjoyed by many.

How change is communicated can soften the blow, but inherent in this change is disappointment and satisfaction – hopefully more of the latter than the former.

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

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Riverland POLICE NEWS

TV stolen in Barmera

POLICE investigations are ongoing into the theft of a television from a Riverland home.

A home on Nookamka Terrace, in Barmera, was broken into sometime between Monday, August 30, and Thursday, September 2, when a 32-inch flat screen television was stolen.

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

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Riverland councils baulk at ‘impossible’ racecourse idea...



Murray Bridge Racing Club’s Gifford Hill development is the closest the Riverland will get to having a local racecourse. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Scratched

JOSH BRINE

THE top brass of the Riverland’s three councils have labelled an ex-local’s dream of building a new racecourse in the region as “impossible”.

Former Loxton resident Charles Neal, now of Geelong, gave a deputation – outlining the proposal – to the mayors, CEOs and deputy mayors of the Renmark Paringa, Berri Barmera and Loxton Waikerie councils at a meeting of the Riverland Local Government Forum (RLGF) last Wednesday.

Mr Neal, who detailed his idea to the Murray Pioneer in May, said he believed a new racecourse and horse training complex built in the Riverland would benefit the region’s tourism, wine and farming industries, and also suggested night racing and renewable energy.

“This is an opportunity to be first in the state with not only night racing but a solar (power) system,” he said.

“I would be calling for all businesses in the Riverland to donate a solar panel, and that would give you a very good start and that’s not asking a lot of money.”

When asked by Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt about costings for the



Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt and his RLGF colleagues say funding a racecourse complex in the Riverland would be cost-prohibitive.

course, Mr Neal said he believed financing the track “wouldn’t be an issue at all”.

“To do it properly it would (cost in the millions), but there is a terrible lot of money available nowadays and it’s available cheap,” he said.

“The size of the racecourse in Mildura would be good, but I’ve got my sights set on something bigger than that with a training complex.”

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson, among other forum members, expressed doubt over the viability of the idea, particularly with a new racecourse having

opened in Murray Bridge in 2019.

“We are talking millions of dollars (at Murray Bridge, and it’s been going on for over 10 years now...” he said.

“There’s still a long way to go as far as money is concerned for that facility.”

Mr Hunt said the funding of the complex would be prohibitive for the three councils.

“None of our councils have any kind of money whatsoever to put into starting a facility,” he said.

Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton said the project would also lack support from Racing SA, which has committed \$35 million to the Murray Bridge complex.

“You can’t get any funding or anything else without them at least signing off on the proposal,” he said.

After the deputation, Renmark Paringa CEO Tony Siviour recommended that Mr Neal prepare a business case supported by Racing SA before he could present to the RLGF again.

The forum also discussed making the process of applying for a deputation at RLGF meetings more stringent.

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Artefact’s history story

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLAND World War II artefact was recently examined by an Adelaide-based university researcher documenting historical Japanese artworks.

Flinders University research associate and topic lecturer, Dr Tets Kimura, last month visited the Renmark Irrigation Trust to view a model wooden ship carved by an occupant of the Loveday Internment Camp during World War II.

Dr Kimura said the model would help inform his ongoing study into art created by Japanese prisoners of war, and civilian internees.

“I’m here to create a record of Japanese artworks made, and kept, in this part of Australia,” Dr Kimura said.

“North America had about 120,000 Japanese civilians interned... so the history of Japanese Americans, and how they were treated in America, is well-studied.

“But in Australia there was only about 1000 Japanese civilians in 1941... so their history is not well taught to their future generations.

“It is now very difficult, if not impossible, to listen to the stories of their experience. So the way to learn about their experience at the camps is to look at the artworks they made.”

Dr Kimura said creating art was a favoured pastime for Loveday internees.

“Making that artwork was encouraged, rather than discouraged, at the camp, because they’ve



Riverland historian and author Geoff Bull (left) showing a wooden model ship carved at the Loveday internment camp, and currently kept at the Renmark Irrigation Trust, to Flinders University research associate Dr Tets Kimura.

PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

got time and things to do,” he said.

“They were encouraged to engage in activities, including growing vegetables...

“They’ve got a lot of time to spend and don’t know what will happen to their future. They’ve got no idea how long the war is going to last.”

Renmark-based historian and author Geoff Bull said Dr Kimura’s visit provided an opportunity to share the Riverland’s military past with a wider audience.

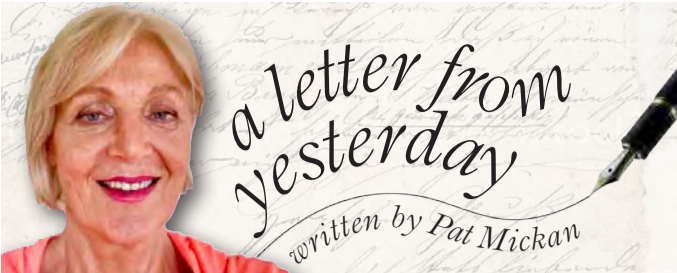
“It’s a part of (Riverland) cultural

history a lot of people don’t know much about, and it’s great there’s an interest in it,” Mr Bull said.

“A lot of people I’ve spoken to have mentioned they want to learn more about it.”

Dr Kimura said artwork from the Loveday Internment Camp also reflected aspects of life the occupants missed from home.

“There is a lot of art of naked women... and the reason for that was because the Loveday camp was a male-only camp,” Dr Kimura said.



The smell of liniment and the crunch of footy sprigs

IT was early on a Saturday morning and there’s a sense of hurried anxiety about the house.

Even Dad, who’s usually calm and easygoing, is a bit apprehensive.

We needed to get moving now. Two cars and two drivers are required but one driver isn’t ready yet. Dad’s not one to sit in the car and beep the horn, but perhaps he’s contemplating it.

The gates to the Renmark Oval on footy grand final day are opening at 8am and I’m guessing he’s nervously envisaging a bank-up of cars right back to the post office already.

Indeed there’s a line of cars as we arrive, but not enough to stop us from pulling the station wagon into one of the treasured spaces around the oval. It’s left there, unlocked as was usual, until we return later for the A grade final.

If the boys were playing (brother Kym was at full forward for the senior colts or Mark at half-forward for the juniors) naturally the family would watch their games too; Dad himself a proud ex-Rover.

Riverland footy was at the heart of communities back then; team champions were our heroes, made even more so by our local media.

The smell of liniment would come from the Renmark change rooms beneath the grandstand. The combative, vigorous shouts from within were utterly foreign but thoroughly intriguing to a wide-eyed young girl.

After one reverberating roar inspired by the coach, the Rovers wearing their lace-up guernseys with the big white V, ran out in single file, their arms and legs shiny with oil, their faces set, bodies athletic and powerful. I believe I can still hear the crunch of their sprigs

on the ground.

Then the teams lined up and the umpire walked behind, running his hand across each boot sprig, checking for exposed nails or tacks.

The ball was bounced, a rugged contest under way. Particular players, especially those in the back lines, used the drop kick for spectacular distance.

The trainers in their all-whites gave aid to injuries on the field with a wet towel, a water bottle from which everyone drank, and the universal remedy of smelling salts. Deep Heat on sprained joints too was standard.

The funeral for one of Renmark’s most devoted trainers, our neighbour Peter Logos, was naturally held at the Renmark Oval, the hearse doing one last lap, and as he rode past the grandstand the final siren was sounded. A tribute to a lifetime of loyalty.

Another who gave ample to Riverland football was Peter Frankcom; honoured by naming sporting awards and the recreation centre’s courts after him.

It seemed like the entire town would flock to their team’s games. When the Rovers played over in Loxton, the line-up of cars at the Berri punts was demoralisingly long, but with two punts smashing it out at top speed, there was hope we would eventually get there.

John Farrant, Renmark’s champion full back of the 1960s and also a neighbour, was running late for the Loxton game, and when the Renmark supporters noticed his car, everyone waved him onto the punt. This was their devotion.

On the way home, some would leave their car on the Loxton side, walk onto the punt and relax for a while at the Berri pub before retrieving their cars, breathalysers unimagined back then.

I have since wondered why women’s sport hardly figured in my or our thinking then. I guess the answer lies with this: what we see is what we know, the media being considerably powerful in what is seen.

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Renmark says YES to new solar farm

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE successful construction of new energy infrastructure in the Riverland is putting the region at the “forefront” of a transition to renewable sources, according to a senior local industry figure.

Paringa-based YES Group last month finished construction on a 5-megawatt solar farm, located at David Street, in Renmark.

YES Group managing director Mark Yates said completing a solar farm in Renmark was personally rewarding.

“It’s been a pretty challenging project to get across the line,” Mr Yates said.

“From initially visiting the site, to seeing what it is now, makes me really happy to get it to the point where we can energise.

“There’s so many moving parts to a job like this. It’s not just about building a solar farm, there’s so many different aspects that can come unstuck.”

Mr Yates said issues surrounding the international transport of materials presented challenges during the project.

“You’ve got US dollar risks, material prices, and shipping risks, (so) it’s not an easy process,” he



YES has recently completed construction on a new solar farm, located at Renmark’s David Street.
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said. “Some of our shipments coming out of Spain got tied up in the Suez Canal... we got caught up in that.

“Overall we’ve managed to hit our milestones and keep the project on track, despite a lot of delays in shipping, and Covid delays.”

Mr Yates said the project’s success was likely to result in further contracts with the Adelaide-based firm, Sustainable

Energy Infrastructure.

“They wanted to really test us on these first two projects, to see how we managed our construction,” he said. “The feedback we’ve had from the whole board is that it’s been flawless... they’ve been pretty happy and they’ve had no complaints about how the project has gone.

“That’s given them the reassurance to move forward with the next three.

“This has been one of the largest single roll-outs we’ve done. It’s a fantastic achievement for a business to partner with a super fund, so I think we’re pretty lucky in that aspect.”

Mr Yates said an increasing demand for renewable energy sources would have economic, and environmental, benefits for the Riverland.

“It’s inevitable, and the market

has so much momentum now that the path moving forward looks fairly clear,” he said.

“As coal phases out, we’ll see the transition to gas and storage... then it will become a mix of renewables, and storage.

“The fact we’re getting infrastructure investments like this in regional areas is excellent, because it puts us at the forefront of this transition.”



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone last week presented members of the Berri SES Unit with a certificate commemorating their \$36,025 grant under the Project Renew scheme.
INSET: Mr Whetstone inspects the SES appliances. PHOTOS: supplied

Funding ‘revitalises’ Berri SES branch

NEW grant funding has allowed a Riverland SES branch to upgrade its facilities and increase its ability to respond to emergencies.

The Berri SES Unit recently received \$36,025 in funding under the state government’s Project Renew initiative.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the funding would allow for maintenance works to be undertaken at the unit’s office.

“The Liberal Government has committed to resourcing our emergency services with the facilities and equipment they need to carry out their vitally important work, our hard-working and dedi-

cated volunteers do 365 days a year,” Mr Whetstone said.

“I was pleased to meet with the Berri SES volunteers and get a firsthand look at how the funding is contributing to their base and their ability to respond to emergencies.

“The volunteers do an outstanding job in assisting in all sort of situations and have played a vital role during Covid-19, in addition to the everyday duties they carry out in our community.

“This latest SES funding of \$36,025 has enabled the service to revitalise the station through the provision of improved education facilities, new carpets and paint, and

other building works that will improve the operational efficiency.”

Mr Whetstone said the upgraded facilities would allow the Berri SES to attract more volunteers.

“The flow-on effects of the additional funding to the SES will provide the amenities required to support increased diversity of volunteer membership and increase the recruitment and retention of volunteers due to improved facilities,” he said.

“I would encourage anyone considering signing up to contact any of our local SES and CFS units, who are always welcoming and looking for additional volunteers.”



New standard to flush out the ‘unflushables’

THE release of a new draft standard defining what products shouldn’t be flushed down the toilet has been welcomed by SA Water.

SA Water says the Australian and international move is a step towards stopping wet wipes from clogging up the sewers and causing unnecessary costs, inconvenience and environmental impacts.

Many wet wipe products are labelled as ‘flushable’, despite the fact that – unlike toilet paper which breaks down in around 20 seconds – they don’t disintegrate in the sewer system in an acceptable time.

SA Water’s Joshua Zugajev said when items like wet wipes, sanitary pads and tampons are flushed down the toilet, they can build up in sewer pipes, “leading to an overflow in your street, yard or even inside your house”.

“We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year removing predominant-ly wet wipes from sewer

mains and wastewater treatment plants around South Australia,” Mr Zugajev said.

“They can also cause issues for your internal plumbing, with what goes down the toilet eventually coming back up, resulting in a messy and costly – but avoidable – inconvenience.

“We believe the draft standard released last week by Standards Australia will go some way in resolving this issue, as it provides clear specifications and testing methods for manufacturers to determine if products are suitable for flushing, and perhaps more importantly, labelling requirements.

“This will provide consumers with better flushing guidance, but we still remind everyone to only flush the three Ps – pee, poo and (toilet) paper.”

SA Water is not alone in the wet wipe battle, with the Water Services Association of Australia’s executive director, Adam Lovell, conceding the urban water industry in Australia and

New Zealand had been concerned about the contribution of wet wipes products to pipe blockages for some time.

“We know wipes and other items that shouldn’t be flushed are an issue for water utilities around the globe, disrupting customer services, creating extra costs for water utilities and customers, and impacting the environment through overflows,” Mr Lovell said.

“The issue became even more serious during the Covid-19 pandemic, with our members reporting increases in blockages of between 20 and 60 per cent at the height of the pandemic last year, with people flushing materials never intended to go down the toilet like paper towel and wet wipes.”

People can provide feedback to the draft standard DR AS/NZS 5328, Flushable Products through the Standards Australia website (standards.org.au).

Covid relief to ratepayers



RATEPAYERS and businesses in the Mid-Murray Council area impacted by SA's Covid-19 restrictions in July are being offered financial relief.

The Mid-Murray Council is offering ratepayers a payment plan for the next rate instalment due on September 10, if they have been financially affected by the latest Covid-19 lockdown and Level 5 restrictions.

Those who are eligible will have until December 10 to pay the September amount and all interest and fines will be waived, as long as the repayment plan is honoured.

The council also offered the same help to ratepayers affected by Covid-19 restrictions last year.

Mid Murray Council CEO, Ben Scales, said ratepayers who had become unemployed or underemployed and were receiving a payment from the government as a result of Covid-19 were eligible for a rates repayment plan.

He said they also could receive the assistance if their business had failed or was in hardship and had received a payment from the government as a result of Covid-19.

Ratepayers who may not qualify for government assistance, but could provide rea-

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sonable evidence to the CEO of hardship as a result of Covid-19, could also be eligible.

Mr Scales said while some businesses had suffered due to Covid-19, others have thrived.

"It depends on the industry," he said.

"Obviously tourism has had some ups and downs over the last 18 months.

"The lockdowns and border restrictions from interstate have definitely impacted businesses at times, but there has also been huge travel locally intrastate, so that has been of assistance."

Mr Scales said the council was also ensuring it provided other support measures to local businesses and the community.

These include prompt payment to suppliers, relief to commercial leaseholders in council-owned buildings if requested (as per the commercial leases code of conduct), and finding ways to assist community groups experiencing hardship.

Kitchen upgrade at Waikerie RSL

A KITCHEN upgrade and replacement appliances at the Waikerie RSL sub-branch will be the result of a \$20,000 federal government grant.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the sub-branch would share in \$2.4 million of funding under the most recent round of the Veterans and Community Grants program.

"Waikerie RSL sub-branch is set to undertake a kitchen upgrade and replace appliances to improve the capacity to service the veteran community in Waikerie," Mr Pasin said.

"Modern, fit-for-purpose facilities are so important to the long-term sustainability of organisations such as RSL sub-branches.

"I understand the value of bringing veterans and their families together, but I also understand that unless we modernise facilities such as local RSLs they will find it increasingly difficult to attract volunteers and service the needs of our veteran and



broader community."

Waikerie RSL sub-branch president, Paul Croft, said the grant would deliver "a significant benefit".

"The current kitchen is very small and not fit for purpose, with our current food service limited to barbecues or meals prepared off-site," he said.

"This grant will enable us to refit the kitchen with new cabinetry and appliances.

"In turn this will enable us to hold regular formal dinners and other

events where food can be offered.

"Waikerie RSL also provide Christmas lunch to veterans and isolated members of the community, as well as make our facilities available to the community for functions.

"This is especially important for some of our older members who may be physically isolated from the broader community, providing them with more opportunities for community contact and thereby improving their overall wellbeing."

Blanchetown to be revitalised

MID Murray Council will use recycled water to irrigate Blanchetown's top oval and create a playground and nature play facility in its bottom oval.

The revitalisation project has been funded through a \$450,000 grant from the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development fund.

Mid Murray Council CEO, Ben Scales, said about \$250,000 would be spent on setting up the system to water the town's top oval with recycled waste water.

"Water is a precious resource so if we can reduce the impact on the river that is also something that is beneficial," he said.

Mr Scales said the Blanchetown Primary School, the Blanchetown Swan Reach Football Club and community groups all used the facility.

He said the additional \$200,000 would be used to install a playground and nature play space in the bottom oval and for streetscaping.

Mr Scales said the Blanchetown

Medical Centre carpark would also be upgraded.

He said the Mid Murray Council was committed to working with local communities such as Blanchetown to improve and maintain their town's facilities.

"We want to make sure they are progressive and attractive and they are attracting both residents and tourists," he said. "Having good facilities is important for that to occur."

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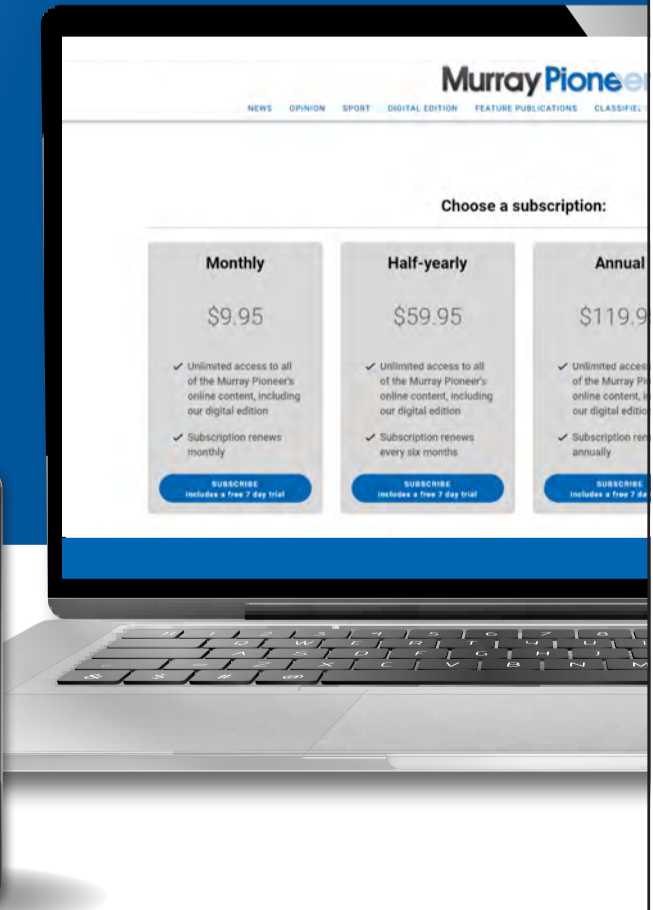
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Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky with Olympic gold medallist Alexander Hill last week. The Alexander Hill Drive street sign was updated last week to reflect his recent gold-medal win. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

New sign for our medallist

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A SCENIC Loxton road had its street sign updated last week to reflect its name-sake’s recent Olympic gold medal win.

Alexander Hill Drive now reads ‘Olympic Gold’, following Hill’s win at Tokyo in the men’s fours rowing.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky unveiled the new street sign to Hill last week.

It previously read ‘Olympic Silver’ to reflect Hill’s medal-win in Rio in 2016, with the original street sign unveiled in November last year.

Last year, Hill joined

peers Sarnya Parker, Sophie Edington and Grant Schubert in having a river-front road named in his honour.

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

“I love the tight-knit community,” he said.

Council said let there be (airport) light

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

THE need to improve safety and functionality will see a local council replace a piece of lighting technology at a Riverland airport.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last month’s general meeting to replace the Pilot Actuated Automated Lighting Control (PAALC) – allowing for pilots to engage the runway lighting during their approach – at the Renmark Airport.

Renmark Paringa director of corporate and community services, Tim Pfeiffer, said the work would allow Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) flights to operate more efficiently in the area.

“In July 2021, council’s airport reporting officer identified that the PAALC at the Renmark Airport was malfunctioning,” Mr Pfeiffer said.

“This device allows for pilots to remotely engage the runway lighting in their approach to the Renmark Airport.

“The current PAALC is a very old unit and has been operating intermittently recently, resulting in after-hours callouts to manually activate the runway lights for the RFDS. Council has endorsed the replacement of the PAALC, which will occur as soon as possible.”

Replacement of the PAALC is estimated to cost council \$8000.



Olympic rowing gold medallist Alexander Hill with St Albert’s Catholic School student Mahalia. Hill visited his former primary school last week. INSET: St Albert’s Catholic School students Elise, Reagan and Abbey looking at Alexander Hill’s gold medal as part of his visit to the primary school last week. PHOTOS: supplied

Golden boy Hill visits former school

OLYMPIC gold medallist and former Loxton local Alexander Hill made a special appearance at his old school last week.

Hill visited St Albert’s Catholic School on Wednesday morning and acting principal Nanda de Winter said it was a “great opportunity” for the students.

“He was so generous with his time, allowing all the students to handle his gold and silver medals,” she said.

Ms de Winter said students watched a

replay of Hill’s men’s fours rowing race with him, stopping the footage to ask questions throughout.

“He talked about how he was feeling or how he was doing or what was going through his head,” she said.

“The kids were cheering.

“Even though we knew he was going to win, you could still feel the anticipation in the air.”

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BARMERA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



Barmera Primary School students and staff celebrated the town's centenary last week with a special cake. PHOTO: supplied

Barmera Primary joins the party

BARMERA Primary School helped celebrate Barmera's centenary last week.

The school delivered "delicious cupcakes made

by the Barmera Bakery" and some handmade cards to seniors in the community.

"We had a special birth-

day celebration in our gym with students singing Happy Birthday and enjoying a cupcake," a school spokesperson said.



About 300 people attended the celebrations along Barwell Avenue. PHOTOS: Josh Brine

Helping with the Barmera Lions' famous doughnuts at the centenary celebrations last week were John Scott (in the Lions van) Barbara Thompson, John Hughes and Josie Spriggs.



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BARMERA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Barmera's once-in-a-century party

JOSH BRINE

HUNDREDS of current and former residents became part of Barmera's history last Wednesday, celebrating the town's centenary at its Big Birthday Party.

The celebrations, held along Barwell Avenue, drew about 300 people from across the Riverland and beyond, with activities including a craft table, glitter tattoos and a photo display in the Memorial Hall and more.

Event organiser Helen Barney said it was an "excellent afternoon".

"We were absolutely impressed and overjoyed with the amount of people who came and their excitement," she said.

"I think the activities for the kids went down really well and they enjoyed doing things they normally don't get to do, like the chalk drawings on the road.

"Everybody had a real sense of enjoyment and we had a whole range of age groups."

Ms Barney said support from community groups and businesses had helped bring the event together.

"Rollbusch Quality Meats worked hard on the sausage sizzle all afternoon and everyone loved that and they gave out just under 300 sausages," she said.



Barmera's Big Birthday Party attendees forming the number 100. This photo was taken from a drone flying above Barwell Avenue. PHOTO: Matthew Dixon

Local man Dave Waterman acted as MC for the celebrations, while Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt cut the centenary cake, made by the Barmera Bakery.

The Barmera Primary School delivered cupcakes from the bakery to seniors in the community.

"We had a special birthday celebration in our gym, with students singing Happy Birthday and enjoying a cupcake," a school spokesperson said.

A drone photo of locals arranged in the shape of the number 100 was also taken to mark the event.

Ms Barney thanked the other members of the Barmera Centenary Committee for helping organise the celebration.

"The committee was very excited about the success of the party and the afternoon," she said.

"All of that co-ordination and effort by the committee has really come to fruition in a wonderful afternoon.

"Having that sense of community and pride in their community really came through when you were talking to people that were there enjoying themselves

"There was a great sense of pride in being part of Barmera's history and to be part of the birthday celebrations."

"We had two local choirs, the Barmera Men's Choir and the Barmera Primary School choir, which were both fantastic.

"The school choir did a number of songs and they sounded absolutely beautiful.

"The Barmera Golf Club served the afternoon tea and were very busy all afternoon, so they did a fantastic job because that hall was pretty full most of the time.

"There was that wonderful vibe of community and we had a lot of

community involvement and support from local businesses and the Berri Barmera Council.

"It just showed that collaborative attitude of the community – people getting together to make it a success."

HAPPY 100: Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt cuts the cake at Barmera's centenary celebration. PHOTO: Josh Brine



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Youth theatre says hello to Jo and Fiona



RYT creative producer Fleur Kilpatrick (centre) with the organisation’s new board members Joanne Stone (left) and Fiona Giles. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE addition of two local board members is set to help a Riverland theatre company develop new strategies to support young creatives.

Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT) last month appointed Fiona Giles and Joanne Stone as new members of the organisation’s board.

RYT chairperson David Langdon said the new members would bring further skills, knowledge and experience to the company.

“Recruiting people with the right skills and talent to serve on the theatre company’s volunteer board is a key strategy to ensure high governance standards, planning, and capabilities while maintaining the passion for youth arts that has sustained us for over 35 years of operation,” Mr Langdon said.

“The latest appointments

demonstrate our commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and critical balance in the task of overseeing the company’s important role in the community.

“A strong not-for-profit board is made up of individuals with not just a diversity of skills, but also multiple perspectives and the ability to think outside the square, yet the capacity to act collectively for the good of the organisation.”

Both “long-term Riverland personalities”, Ms Stone is the Angove Family Winemakers human resources and quality systems manager, while Ms Giles is the Department of Environment and Water first peoples co-ordinator, plus co-chair and director of the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation.

Mr Langdon said creative outlets were crucial to supporting young Riverlanders

through the emotional impacts of Covid-19.

“There’s no doubt that the pandemic has required the theatre company to rethink many of its youth-oriented programs and workshops, and to develop new and innovative ways of supporting the youth of the Riverland,” he said.

“There’s never been a more important time to reach out and engage with young people in the community when so much of their social, educational, and creative lives have been disrupted by the global pandemic.

“Recent research is showing us how young people are being seriously affected by the conditions they face that currently cast a shadow over their lives, particularly in the regional areas, and which are making it harder for them to maintain overall wellbeing and healthy development.”

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Barry’s time to take a step back

AFTER 30-plus years servicing the agriculture community with new equipment, spare parts and service work, owner Barry Lewan has decided to take a step back and semi-retire.

Murray River Machinery has closed its doors to spare parts sales and service work from September 1.

Kioti parts and service will now be available from Riverland Agri Services, while Hardi Horticultural sales and services will still be available through Barry until a new dealer is appointed.

Murray River Machinery will continue to sell

and service EDP power ladders, Whitco pruning equipment and a range of subsoil rippers, mulchers, slashers, and heavy-duty steel vineyard posts, via a mobile service.

Barry can be contacted on 0411 111 526.

Serviceman Ron Lloyd has accepted a position with Riverland Agri Services and will be able to offer service support with Kioti products.

Barry would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all in the community that have supported him over the last 30 years and wishes you all the very best in the future.



Members of the Uniting Threads group (from left) Lyn Eagle, Marj Rowe, Gwen Leuth, Doug Carr, Helen Davison, Lorraine Green, Helen Ellbourn, Val Fulton, Margaret Neale, June Howlett, Gaylene Robins and Raelene Pfeiler. PHOTO: supplied

A good yarn about knitting in Loxton

ON alternate Tuesday mornings at Loxton Uniting Church, a group of ladies, and one creative male, gather together with knitting needles, crochet hooks and multiple balls of wool to create colourful knee rugs, beanies, scarves and face washers.

They discuss different designs, colours and textures as they “knit one, purl one and cable four”.

“Along with a cuppa, there is a lot of chatter as they talk around the tables about the things of life in a safe and friendly environment,” said spokesperson, the reverend Linda Forsyth.

“Ladies and men are welcome to come and learn from this crafty Uniting

Threads group.

“While some restrictions leave people feeling isolated and alone, gathering for Covid-safe craft allows us to remain connected.

“This year in August, we were pleased to be able to donate 51 items to Uniting SA at Port Adelaide for those who are sleeping rough.”

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Paringa-based community social group Mates at the Cross was recently able to purchase a number of new e-bikes through a federal government Stronger Communities Program grant.
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Paringa mates upgrade with e-bike funding

A RIVERLAND community group focused on social inclusion will be able to cater for an expanded number of members thanks to new grant funding.

The federal government last month announced Paringa-based Mates at the Cross would receive a \$14,623 grant under round six of the Stronger Communities Program.

Mates at the Cross co-ordinator Grahame Nicholson said the funding would allow the group to provide a number of e-bikes, and upgraded working equipment, for members.

“Our focus is on the socially isolated, but many are also physically limited by age, health and mental disabilities,” Mr Nicholson said.

“With the grant we have purchased six e-bikes and support equipment. This has expanded our ability to offer riding in our ride group to those who are otherwise excluded due to disability.

“Mates at the Cross’ member uptake has grown as a result. The ride includes social aspects and is one of our most effective groups for social, mental and physical health improvement.

“We have also added to our wood and metal workshops by the acquisition of better quality and safer power tools. A laptop has also been acquired to assist in the provision of OH&S programs and instructional videos and membership, Covid and training records.”

Barker MP Tony Pasin said enabling projects which provided social benefits for regional communities was a priority of the Stronger Communities Program.

“Local organisations such as Men Shed community groups are the beating hearts of local communities,” Mr Pasin said.

“We know this is needed more than ever after the challenges of the last year, so I am pleased that the federal Liberal government is continuing to support local organisations and their communities.”

For further information regarding Mates at the Cross contact Grahame Nicholson on 0408 324 429.

Covid relief for eligible Mid-Murray ratepayers

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

RATEPAYERS and businesses in the Mid Murray Council area impacted by SA’s Covid-19 restrictions in July are being offered financial relief.

The Mid Murray Council is offering ratepayers a payment plan for the next rate instalment due on September 10, if they have been financially affected by the latest Covid-19 lockdown and Level 5 restrictions.

Those who are eligible will have until December 10 to pay the September amount and all interest and fines will be waived, as long as the repayment plan is honoured.

The council also offered the same help to ratepayers affect-



● Mid Murray Council CEO Ben Scales and Mayor Dave Burgess

ed by Covid-19 restrictions last year.

Mid Murray Council CEO, Ben Scales, said ratepayers who had become unemployed or

underemployed and were receiving a payment from the government as a result of Covid-19 were eligible for a rates repayment plan.

He said they also could receive the assistance if their business had failed or was in hardship and had received a payment from the government as a result of Covid-19.

Ratepayers who may not qualify for government assistance but could provide reasonable evidence to the CEO of hardship as a result of Covid-19 could also be eligible.

Mr Scales said while some businesses had suffered due to Covid-19, others have thrived.

“It depends on the industry,” he said.

“Obviously tourism has had some ups and downs over the last 18 months.

“The lockdowns and border restrictions from interstate have definitely impacted businesses at times, but there has also been huge travel locally intrastate, so that has been of assistance.”

Mr Scales said the council was also ensuring it provided other support measures to local businesses and the community.

These include prompt payment to suppliers, relief to commercial leaseholders in council-owned buildings if requested (as per the commercial leases code of conduct), and finding ways to assist community groups experiencing hardship.

Pair of Riverland teachers up for SA education awards

TWO Riverlanders are finalists in the SA 2021 Public Education Awards.

Renmark High School’s Jodi Long is among three finalists for the Secondary Teacher of the Year Award, while Barmera Kindergarten’s Coralie Dixon likewise has a one-in-three shot for the Early Years Teacher of the Year Award.

Thirty-three finalists are spread across 11 categories, with achievements ranging from creating specialised programs supporting localised student needs to successfully implementing and leading key measures for system-wide improvement.

“Everyone in our state’s public education system is working together as a connected team towards one goal, for children and young people in South Australia to be successful,” said Minister for Education John Gardner.

“This year’s finalists are leading the way as South Australia continues to improve public education outcomes across the state.

“I would like to congratulate this year’s finalists on being selected from such a strong field of applicants and I look forward to celebrating excellence in our Public Education system with them at the awards ceremony in November.”

Finalists and winners will be awarded

grants to undertake professional learning or activities. Winners of each category receive \$10,000 and the remaining two finalists for

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MONASH MILITARY: At the Monash Centenary Military Ceremony were Lloyd Wright (event organising committee), Commander Alistair Cooper, Air-Commodore Ross Bender, Brigadier Graham Goodwin, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Jenny Goodwin and Father Paul Devenport.
PHOTO: supplied



At the Monash Centenary Military Ceremony recently were Pat Brennan, Debby and Don Ridley, all of Monash, and Mick Lihou, of Loxton. PHOTOS: Josh Brine

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY
Social Badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every Thursday evening 6.30pm to 8pm. Racquets are available and all welcome. We also play Tuesday

mornings 9am to 10.30am. For more information contact Judy 8588 8000.

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Charity For All Bingo this week at the Loxton Club is for Friends Of The Loxton Hospital. Please come along and support the Hospital Committee. Raffles and supper available. Eyes down at 7pm and all welcome.

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Bingo at the Barmera RSL, Tuesday September 14th in aid of the Barmera Lions Club. Eyes down 7.00pm. Good supper, plenty of raffle prizes.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch St, Loxton, 10am to 1pm. Good food, good people, good times.

OCTOBER 15, 16, 17
'Kick off ya boots' dinner theatre event at Loxton Lutheran Peace Hall. Fri/Sat 6.30pm – \$50/pp Meal & Show – Bar Available. Sunday 3pm – \$20/pp Show only – BYO nibbles/drinks. Tickets: www.littletown.com.au or Leanne 0427 791 987

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Proposed Chaffey Rose Club bus trip to Eyre Peninsula has been deferred until 2022.



John Seaton, of Renmark, and Dean Hembling, of Monash.



Geoff Champion, from Good Hope Landing, and Robert O'Callaghan, of the Barossa Valley, descendants of original soldier settler Jack O'Callaghan.

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FATHER'S DAY: Waikerie Children's Centre celebrated Father's Day in the lead-up to the big day. Pictured is Tate, 3. PHOTOS: supplied



Mason, 3.



Darcy, 2.



SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL TRIUMPH: Barmera Primary School had two teams at the SAPSASA District Basketball Carnival in Loxton recently. A school spokesperson said both teams played well, with the girls winning the grand final and the boys remaining undefeated all day before finishing with a draw in the grand final. Pictured are (back, left) Mia Nagy, Lazara Wade, Shaya Whitbourne, Ocea Higginson, Sam Jericho, Rhys Scordo, Robert Randall and Max Rashleigh. Front: Toby Alder, Jonte Clarke, Blake Sullivan, Nate Gartner, Bailey Gilgen, Heidi Brattoli and Gypsey Mitchell. PHOTO: supplied



Skylar, 4, and Blaire, 1.



Dominic, 3, and Nicholas, 1.



Katie, 2, and Demi, 1.



Blake, 4.



Kyan, 3.



Charlotte, 3.



THE Waikerie Netball Club hosted the Riverland Netball Association's semi-finals at Waikerie on August 21. Pictured on the day are Waikerie Netball Club C grade players (foreground) Tamara Belsham, Emily MacDonald and Alison Wurst, helping to serve at the Rotary barbecue, with Dave Golding and Marcus Wills cooking up a storm. INSET: Waikerie Netball Club volunteers Ashleigh Leuders, Nikki Liebich, Elisa Schiller and Corrin Bald helping to serve in the canteen during the Riverland Netball Association semi-finals at Waikerie on August 21. PHOTOS: supplied



Eli, 1.



Madeleine, 3.



Regan, 4.



OLOR'S BOOK WEEK: Our Lady of the River School in Berri embraced Book Week again this year. PHOTO: supplied

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Loxton District Children's Centre staff and children dressed up for Book Week. PHOTO: supplied



Loxton Lutheran School's Jericho Knowing, 4, as Captain Hook, and Angelina Knowing, 5, as the witch from Room on the Broom. PHOTOS: supplied



Lilly Andrews, 8, of Our Lady of the River School, dressed as a Minecraft witch.



STAFF EMBRACE BOOK WEEK: Waikerie Lutheran Primary School staff got dressed up for Book Week. PHOTO: supplied



Lacey, 9, as the Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland, Izzy, 11, as Luna Lovegood from Harry Potter, and Hugh Sanderson, 6, as Steve from Minecraft in Diamond Armour, all of Cobdogla Primary School.



Cobdogla Primary School staff members each dressed up as minions for Book Week last week. PHOTOS: supplied



Lachie, 6, as the Woodchopper from Little Red Riding Hood, and Bella Mitchell, 8, as Neala from Bards of Birchtree Hall, both of Renmark West Primary School.



Lewis Owen, 2, Berri Regional Child Care Centre, dressed as Harry Potter.



Cobdogla Primary School year 1 class.



Cobdogla Primary School year 3 and 4 class.



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Lucca, 7, as Squirtle from Pokemon, and Louisa Del Zoppo, 10, as Mike Wazowski from Monsters Inc., both of St Joseph's School Renmark.



Maddison Weger, 4, of Berri Kindy, dressed as Doc McStuffin.



Eleanor, Bella, Katlyn, Jett and Jayden during the Book Week parade at Ramco Primary School last month. PHOTOS: supplied



Mackinley Forbes, 4, of Renmark North School, dressed as Woody from Toy Story.



Olivia Blackwell, 10, of Renmark Primary School, dressed as Batgirl.



Ramco Primary School students Kyan, Khaidyn, Declan and special education teacher Bethany Smith during Book Week festivities last month.



Mila, 3, of Renmark Children's Centre dressed as Anna from Frozen, and Ava Skinner, 5, of St Joseph's School Renmark, dressed as Elsa from Frozen.



Nate, 5, dressed as a character from Do Not Open This Book, Jack, 10, as Where's Wally, and Stella Tippet, 9, dressed as Thing 1, all from St Joseph's School Renmark.



Ramco Primary School students all dressed up for Book Week last month.



Olive Hammerstein, 6, of St Joseph's School Renmark, dressed as the good witch from Wizard of Oz.



RIGHT: Macy McCullough, 7, of Loxton Lutheran School, dressed as Alice in Wonderland.

LEFT: Renmark North School's year 6/7 class dressed as hippies.





The final Mindarie-Halidon Cup meeting at the Halidon racetrack is set to be held later this month, with tickets already sold out.

Big day as final Halidon meeting looms

THE 2021 Mindarie-Halidon Cup meeting will again feature full TAB coverage.

To be staged on Sunday, September 19, the meeting is sold out, but those who missed out on tickets will still be able to catch all the action on Racing.com or Sky Racing.

TAB coverage, together with broadcasts of meetings on free-to-air TV (Racing.com) and pay-TV (Sky Racing) boost turnover and drive profits back to individual clubs and the industry.

The 2021 Mindarie-Halidon Cup meeting will be the last ever meeting at the Halidon racetrack, bringing down the curtain on over 100 years of tradition.

Mindarie-Halidon Racing Club is keen to farewell over a century of tradition in style.

The club has traditionally hosted one meeting per year at its Mallee facility, 73km south-west of Loxton, however problems with the track surface forced the cancellation of the 2019 meeting, before Covid-19 restrictions saw last year's meeting transferred to Murray Bridge.

Racing SA's chief operating officer Vaughn Lynch said the industry body was looking forward to helping the club "plan for a big finale to Halidon".

The door has been left open for the club to continue to host its annual meeting at the Murray Bridge Racing Club in the future.

The first Mindarie-Halidon race meeting was held in 1916.

Gates open at 10am for Halidon's final meeting, with entertainment provided by One Fusion, while a jumping castle will be on hand for the under 12s.

Fashions At The Races will also be part of the 2021 meeting.

Viva's success at olive awards

RIVERLAND-based Viva Olives tasted success at last week's 2021 Royal Adelaide Olive Awards, presented in Adelaide.

Viva Olives won three table olive awards, including the overall prize for 'best green olive' for its 'Kalamata (Giant)', plus a silver and bronze in the 'green olives, plain, whole or pitted or sliced, but not stuffed' class.

The table olive section attracted 15 exhibits.

"It was a good night for Viva as it has been some time since we have entered and won any awards," said Viva Olives' Darren McKenzie, who accepted the awards.

"Next year we will be in a position to enter even more tables olives and a range of our olive oils all made here in Loxton."

Mr McKenzie said a change of ownership in December 2018, plus new management, had contributed to Viva Olives' recent upturn.

"We have had new upgrades to the olive oil processing line and doubling of our olive oil storage capacity, and have upgrades planned for the table olive processing and packing line, so the future is looking very promising," Mr McKenzie said.

"Over the last two years our sales have more than tripled for table olives and olive oil."

"I believe one thing the Covid outbreak has highlighted is the importance for Australian manufacturing and that is being very much supported by the Australian consumer currently."



Viva Olives' Darren McKenzie and his wife, Sheryle, at last week's 2021 Royal Adelaide Olive Awards in Adelaide. PHOTO: supplied



Adelaide restaurateur and MasterChef contestant Laura Sharrad with her mother Anita Cassai at Illalangi Gourmet Foods in Waikerie recently. PHOTO: supplied

MasterChef star's picture-perfect visit

A PROMINENT restaurateur, social media influencer and reality TV star visited the Riverland recently to help launch a new tourism marketing campaign.

Destination Riverland's campaign, called 'A New Riverland', aims to present the region to a new and younger group of potential visitors, focusing on experiences in the region and encouraging them to visit as soon as they can.

To support the campaign, former MasterChef contestant and Adelaide restaurant owner Laura Sharrad was engaged to sample some of the region's food and wine experiences and share them with her 130,000 Instagram followers.

During three days in the region, Ms Sharrad visited a number of local businesses including the Riverland Wine Centre, 23rd Street Distillery and a local date producer.

The 'A New Riverland' campaign is set to run through to October.

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At the Riverland 4WD Club's Christmas in July campout were (from left) Phil and Julie Turpin, of Berri, and Mick Logan and Annie Pfeiffer, of Paringa. PHOTOS: supplied

4WD club celebrates Christmas in July

THE Riverland 4WD Club was finally able to hold its Christmas in July Campout on the last weekend of August.

The location was at Camp Andrew Russell just south of Alawoona.

"This excellent facility has been built and is run by the Vietnam Veterans Off Road Group," a Riverland 4WD Club spokesperson said.

"It is named in memory of Andrew Russell, a local Alawoona man who was the first Australian soldier to die in the recent conflict in Afghanistan.

"Excellent weather helped make this a very pleasant weekend, culminating in a barbecue Christmas dinner and a visit from Santa who distributed Kris Kringle gifts."

Trips planned by the club for the near future include day trips to the Monash CFS station and a country music night. A five day excursion to the Grampians is also planned.

Anyone wishing to attend meetings and inquire about joining the club is urged to visit the website (<https://riverland-4wd-club.org.au/>).

The next meeting of the club is to be held at the Renmark Hotel on Tuesday, September 14, with dinner at 6pm and the meeting from 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month.



Father Christmas (aka Phil Turpin) distributed Kris Kringle gifts to club members.

Calperum visit highlights leaders tour

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

LEARNING about the management of Murray-Darling Basin water resources was a highlight for a group that toured the Riverland recently.

Calperum Station was last month toured by 45 members of the Governor's Leadership Foundation, which visited the Riverland in order to "gain a deeper understanding of regional issues".

SA Leaders Institute CEO Cathie Brown said tour participants found a presentation regarding management of the Murray-Darling Basin – featuring Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) local engagement officer Michelle Campbell, Riverland stone fruit grower Jason Size, and senior ecologist Dr Peter Cale – particularly informative.

"It's been a great insight into the issues, and the complexity of managing the river," Ms Brown said.

"We went out with the Aboriginal rangers and ecologists and heard about the stories, the stock route...and also how Calperum is managed."

Ms Brown said the group also visited AlmondCo and Banrock Station, and met with Renmark Paringa Council CEO Tony Siviour during their time in the region.



CEWH local engagement officer Michelle Campbell (left), Riverland stone fruit grower Jason Size, Calperum Station senior ecologist Dr Peter Cale, SA Leaders Institute CEO Cathie Brown and Calperum Station general manager for business and education Julie Robertson following the Governor's Leadership Foundation visit to Calperum Station last month. INSET: The visit included a presentation on Murray-Darling Basin water resources from Ms Campbell, Mr Size and Dr Cale. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

"We are spending three days in the Riverland looking at life from a regional perspective," she said.

"We're getting insight from meeting locals. A lot of the people on this program are senior leaders where they are making decisions about what goes on in the state,

and living in a region is very different to living in the city.

"You need to collaborate and resources are so much scarcer. Medical services are so much different here, so I think it's important they get a completely different view of what life is like."

New yabby discovery... 15 years in the making

A NEW species of freshwater crayfish, known as the swamp yabby, has been formally named.

The official acknowledgement of the swamp yabby (pictured) – or *cherax latimanus* – comes after 15 years of rigorous fieldwork from scientists.

It is the first time in 80 years that a new yabby species in the Murray-Darling Basin system has been formally described, making the swamp yabby only the third species known to naturally occur in the Basin, according to Victoria's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

It is found in deep clay soil burrows in northern Victoria's Goulburn, Broken and Ovens River catchments, and as far north as Deniliquin in New South Wales.

The species looks similar to the well-known common yabby (*cherax destructor*), but is much larger and has uniquely shaped broad claws. It is not considered threatened.

Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research's Dr Tarmo Raadik, said the discovery was welcomed.

"We'd heard rumours from landholders and river-users that there was a different and larger yabby living in the Barmah Forest – little did we know it would take so long

to track it down," he said. "The first step to conserving biodiversity is discovering and naming new species, as we cannot protect something properly if we don't know it exists in the environment."



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This family-owned business soon opened more stores across the state before expanding further to the mainland. A spokesperson for the company said Pets Domain has a “focus on bringing a full pet offering to regional Australia”.

However, despite growing, the business has kept its core values: providing customers with the products they need at affordable prices and being passionate about pet care.

“Here at Pets Domain we stock everything you need as a proud pet parent to keep your furry, feathered or scaly friends happy and healthy,” the spokesperson said.

“Pets Domain has a wonderful team who are passionate about the care and welfare of all pets.

“As a company, we strive to provide pet parents with the things they need to care for and spoil their pets – which is why we introduced our +PLUS Club Loyalty Program Membership so you can get the best price possible every single day.”

Pets Domain Berri is opening on September 18, making this the

eighth Pets Domain store in South Australia, and the 45th store in the Pets Domain family.

All stores have an expansive range of pet products, including food and treats for all pets, health treatments, fashionable clothing, litter, accessories, and livestock feeds. Customers can also use the DIY dog wash for \$10.

There is also a large range of live fish and live plants in the specialised fish room – plus everything you could possibly need as a first-time fish owner or someone who has kept fish for years.

“Fish and fish products are one of our biggest specialties,” the spokesperson said.

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“We enjoy supporting and working with local pet adoption and community rescue groups to assist in finding animals their forever homes.”

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● Adrian Kelly

High prices impact first-time home buyers

THE number of first-home buyers plummeted in July as housing affordability continues to be an issue for those entering the market, according to the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA).

REIA president Adrian Kelly explained the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures showed that the number of first-home buyers fell 6.8 per cent in July.

The level of commitments has fallen by 20 per cent since the beginning of the year.

“This is still 20 per cent higher than the previous year, however the removal of HomeBuilder could see further reductions,” Mr Kelly said.

“The largest fall was seen in Victoria, followed by Queensland and New South Wales, and it is likely these states will experience further falls as lockdowns continue to impact on the market.”

Mr Kelly previously noted property taxation was also increasing at an unsustainable rate, and was one of the largest barriers to housing affordability.

“Families across all the states and territories, except the ACT, are paying more stamp duty today than 20 years ago and it is time to get serious about stamp duty reform,” Mr Kelly said last month.

“Australia has had the fourth-fastest house price growth out of the world’s advanced economies over the past 20 years.”

The figures indicated the value of refinancing between lenders was 60 per cent higher in July 2021 compared to a year ago.

Mr Kelly noted those with mortgages are now seeking out lower interest rates with the value of new housing loan commitments rising by 0.2 per cent.

“Demand from investors continues to dominate with this sector seeing continued growth over the past year, almost doubling in value,” he said.



City growth a welcome focus for Australian property industry



THE Property Council of Australia has welcomed the release of Infrastructure Australia’s 2021 Australian Infrastructure Plan, a 15-year roadmap of reforms and investment initiatives.

Property Council chief executive, Ken Morrison, said that the plan had a welcome focus the infrastructure needs of our growing cities and the role of the built environment in transitioning the economy to net zero emissions.

“Cities are humanity’s greatest invention and cities are right at the front of this infrastructure plan,” Mr Morrison said.

“Despite the disruptions of the pandemic, Australia will remain a highly urbanised nation and the infrastructure needs of our cities – big and small – need to be top of mind for governments.

“The Australian Infrastructure Plan throws down the gauntlet to governments on how to plan infrastructure in our cities.

“The recipe is to use infrastructure as the backbone to creating high amenity, high liveability places across our cities. You don’t create great cities by disconnecting infrastructure planning from urban outcomes and this report recognises this.”

The Property Council also welcomed the plan’s focus on leveraging the built environment to improve resilience and reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions.

“The built environment accounts for a quarter of Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, so it has an important role in the solution to this challenge,” Mr Morrison said.

“The infrastructure plan proposes a range of practical measures to encourage buildings to become more energy efficient and make a big contribution to the challenge of reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

“Infrastructure Australia continues to play a vital role in depoliticising Australia’s infrastructure delivery and putting forward strategic advice to improve decision-making.

“As we head towards a federal election, the Property Council encourages bipartisan commitments that align with the policies and strategies outlined in the new Australian Infrastructure Plan.”

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How many words can you find?

- ADMIT

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Last Week’s Solution

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Crossword

ACROSS

3. Disburse

8. Mouth of a volcano

10. Fish-eating animal

11. Shred

12. Majestic

14. Lace hole

16. Rebuke

19. Positive pole

20. Town in Queensland

21. Long Eastern gown

23. Clocked

25. Vermilion

26. Wooden peg

28. Uncovers

30. Upper part of the windpipe

31. Roman garment

32. Heroic tales

33. Small village

35. Siberian plain

38. Spiny plants

39. Man's name

40. Period of time

41. Incidents

42. Pertaining to sheep

DOWN

1. Shriek

2. Kind of plum

3. Musical composition

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5. Unemployment payment

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13. Aid in doing wrong

15. Pertaining to the side

17. Penitence

18. Old wool weight

22. Piece broken off

24. Inert

27. Cost

28. Large snake

29. Bristle

30. Hearken

31. Part of the hand

34. Reverberation

36. Liquid measure

37. Gentle stroke

LAST WEEK’S SOLUTION

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ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
Avoid a dispute which doesn't really affect you. You may be a little tense at the moment and could easily spoil your good relationship with an important person in your life. **Romance.** Your energy will help to push the right person into your life this week. Make sure you make your move when you get the chance!

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
Your positive attitude may go to waste if you are not careful. A person very close to you is trying hard to hold you back. This friend has the best of intentions but doesn't understand you well enough to give you good advice. **Romance.** A minor let-down later in the week may dampen your spirit for a while. Be careful not to rely on any future promises.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
A difficult aspect to Mars could make you a little tense at times. You will be rearing for action and will be upset if you have to wait for other people to catch up. **Romance.** An admirer whom you have put off a few times is still very interested in meeting you. Don't be afraid to give them a chance to get to know you.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
Don't be too reluctant to accept a request for help from a friend. You haven't seen this person for a while and will enjoy getting to know them a little better. **Romance.** A positive attitude will help you get over a recent difficulty in your relationship. A trip later in the week will be worth looking forward to.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
A positive aspect to Jupiter will help to make this a lucky week for you. This will be an especially good time for starting new projects which include a certain element of risk. **Romance.** A person from overseas will give you the chance to see things in perspective. This new friend has some important advice which you should take seriously.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
You have been working hard recently and must give yourself a chance to rest. Time spent recharging your batteries will give you more energy for the coming weeks. **Romance.** You will shortly be coming into contact with a new friend. This person will influence you a lot and you should take their advice seriously.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A positive aspect to Jupiter will help to make this a lucky period for you. A gamble which hasn't worked in the past might just come through this time. **Romance.** Your confidence will help to draw people to you. One person in particular will be worth a second look – make sure that you make your feelings clear before it is too late!

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
A good attitude will help to make a difficult situation much easier to deal with. Do your best to push through with changes which have been taking a while to materialise. **Romance.** A conversation with a close friend should not be discussed with other people. A private matter must stay private.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
You need to ground your thoughts a little more in reality. A powerful aspect to Saturn will help you to see things in a more practical light. **Romance.** You may not be in a very romantic mood at the moment. Don't be too quick to criticise your partner, however, as they may be under a lot of stress at the moment.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
You might have to be a little firmer about saying “no” to people: don't let them take advantage of your good nature. Make sure that you make your feelings clear about this before it leads to an argument. **Romance.** Your partner will need some time alone this week. You must try not to be too possessive.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
Advice from your parents may not be very welcome. Even if you don't agree with them you should listen to what they have to say, however. **Romance.** Your partner may be a little over-sensitive to criticism at the moment. Do your best to steer round a difficult issue and deal with it properly later.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
Time spent thinking about the past will not help you to deal with the present. You have made mistakes which cannot be rectified but now you should move on to more important things. **Romance.** Your ability to pick up on your partner's feelings will help you to strengthen your relationship.

SUDOKU

No.343

To solve a sudoku puzzle, fill the empty cells with the numbers 1 to 9

Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box.

Level of Difficulty: Hard

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More access to water and nature play at Waikerie

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

FUNDS of \$50,000 raised by the Rotary Club of Waikerie have enabled the installation of an all-access carousel at the water and nature play park on the town’s river front.

The equipment will enable people with disabilities and mothers with their babies in prams to enjoy the experience of the play facility.

Loxton Waikerie council has also contributed \$15,000 towards the project.

Rotary Club of Waikerie past president, Steven Dibben, said combined with previous contributions, the all-access carousel brought the total amount of Rotary contributions to the park to \$90,000.

He said the project had taken three years to come to fruition after Rotary came up with the initial idea.

Covid-19 caused a delay in accessing the equipment and getting it delivered and installed.

“Myself and Maureen Phillips, who is also a past president, were instrumental in the original planning of the carousel,” Mr Dibben said.

“We just saw there was a need for something like that.

“We have the playground over there for smaller kids and once the nature play park started to take shape we identified there was probably just that little bit extra that we could do to help out.”

Mr Dibben said after doing some research, they discovered a New South Wales Rotary club had obtained some all access equipment for a playground from specialist company Moduplay.



Loxton Waikerie councillor Kym Webber, (left) past Waikerie Rotary president Steven Dibben, Loxton Waikerie councillor and Rotarian Peter Walker, Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Loxton Waikerie council director of infrastructure services Greg Perry, Waikerie Rotary Club president Peter Haines and Loxton Waikerie councillor Clive Matthews (centre). PHOTO: Christine Webster

“It was pretty much exactly what we were looking for, so we said why reinvent the wheel?” he said.

Mr Dibben said the New South Wales Rotary club advised them on the process of purchasing the equipment.

Loxton Waikerie councillor Clive Matthews came up with the idea of creating the park with his wife Donna and they applied for funding for the project.

In 2017, the project received \$150,000 from the SA Government’s former Fund My Neighbourhood Grants program and \$15,000 was raised by the Waikerie community in a Go Fund Me Campaign.

In 2018 Cr Matthews donated his skills to help construct and project manage the park and Loxton Waikerie council also provided \$30,000 of in-kind support in labour.

Cr Matthews said it was important to make the Waikerie Water and Nature Play Park acces-

sible to everyone.

He said the new equipment would enable children in wheelchairs to enjoy the park.

“It is just that extra element, where disabled kids can just come along and have as much fun as anyone else,” he said.

He said wheelchair friendly tables were expected to be installed in the park within the next six months.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor, Leon Stasinowsky, said the park was an example of how service clubs and other community organisations can work together with council to make projects happen.

“You can achieve something that is really worthwhile, instead of just bits and pieces,” he said. “This makes it easier to get community grants from government grants and achieve something much bigger than just having one little thing there and then waiting for another five years to do something somewhere else.”

Parcels galore: Australia Post to boost jobs

AUSTRALIA Post is introducing new measures to keep deliveries moving, including a hiring blitz to boost staff numbers and ramp up weekend deliveries, due to parcel volumes “hitting heights” during recent lockdowns.

The company is set to recruit more than 4000 new team members national, with 3500 additional delivery roles – including 350 in regional areas.

Australia Post executive general manager community and consumer, Nicole Sheffield, said despite the challenges presented by Covid-safety requirements, fewer passenger flights reducing air freight capacity and reliance on overseas postal and delivery services, the “vast majority” of parcels were still arriving on time.

“Our posties and drivers have been out there since March last year often delivering on most days like it’s Christmas,” she said.

“We know Australians are relying on us more than ever and will continue to in the coming months, which is why we’re putting some key measures in place to be ready for our biggest Christmas ever.

“We’ll be hiring more than 4000 new team members nationwide, helping our process at our sorting facilities, helping customers online and on the phone, and out delivering for Australians.”

the quarantine quiz

1. What is the English name of the city of Firenze?

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2. In terms of nuclear energy, what might be considered the opposite of fusion?

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3. Who supposedly had a moment of inspiration while sitting under an apple tree?

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4. What does the E stand for in E.T. and ESP?

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5. What was the sequel to the movie “Grumpy Old Men”?

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6. What tiny creatures form the diet of the world's largest creature, the blue whale?

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7. What country does Waterford crystal come from?

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8. A tendon connects a muscle to a bone. What similar tissue connects two bones?

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9. What animal went extinct around 2000 B.C. on Wrangel Island in Siberia?

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10. What country is the largest oil producer in Africa?

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11. What is the most common chemical used in nail polish remover?

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12. Starting from the first to cross, what is the order of the Beatles crossing Abbey Road on the iconic cover of the album?

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13. If something is “Gallic” what country does it come from?

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14. What HBO TV series is the most pirated show of all time?

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15. What type of natural disaster killed 173 people in Victoria, Australia in 2009?

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16. What is the world's most famous outlaw motorcycle club?

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17. What material can be “vulcanized”?

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18. What girl group had eight #1 hits in the UK between 1996 and 1998?

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19. What type of books are eligible to receive a Newbery Medal?

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20. What singer has an alter ego named Sasha Fierce?

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Answers on page 36

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BONUS QUESTION:

How many white five pointed stars are there on the flag of Brazil? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Hot rods give Riverland West a financial rev-up

By
CHRISTINE WEBSTER
Riverland West reporter

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AN informal gathering at Waikerie of 60 hot rod enthusiasts from across South Australia is estimated to have given the Riverland West a \$10,000 to \$15,000 economic boost recently.

It was the second year a fend-for-yourself event had been held in the area and this year 28 cars “cruised” into Waikerie.

Adelaide-based Gavin Poulish, Gary Merson and Ricky Van Staveren came up with the idea of avoiding Covid restrictions last year by encouraging other hot rod lovers to spend the weekend at the BIG4 Waikerie Holiday Park.

This year’s fend-for-yourself event was based on the ‘hot August nights’ theme.

Mr Poulish said some of the travellers made it a four-day stay in the Riverland, spending money at local businesses on accommodation, meals, petrol and refreshments.

“Most of them arrived Friday, some were there Thursday and everybody left on Sunday morning apart from one or two people who stayed Sunday night and left on Monday,” he said.

“The ones that stayed ended up over at Overland Corner. They did a bit of sightseeing and touring.”

Mr Poulish said most of the accommodation at the BIG4 Waikerie Holiday Park was booked out by the hot rod enthusiasts.

Ricky Van Staveren was impressed with the generosity of the Waikerie community after his hot rod broke down on Ian Oliver Drive.

He praised James, from Nugget Engineering, for helping to fix his classic vehicle and Schill Auto Parts for providing the necessary parts to get it running again.



Adelaide hot rod enthusiasts Gavin Poulish, Gary Merson and Ricky Van Staveren came up with the idea of gathering informally at Waikerie after Covid-19 restrictions forced the cancellation of their organised events last year. PHOTO: Christine Webster

“They wouldn’t take money for labour or parts,” Mr Van Staveren said. “They helped out and this makes it worthwhile coming here.”

The hot rods were on display to the public at the BIG4 Waikerie Holiday Park and Caudo Vineyards.

The hot rod enthusiasts were also given the chance to view Joe Caudo’s private collection of classic cars.

His wife and joint-owner of Caudo Vineyards, Christine Caudo, said the visitors were a pleasure to entertain.

“They were a wonderful group of enthusiasts and so passionate about their hobby and their hot rods,” she said.

“We look forward to their next visit.”

Choice awards were also announced on the day. After carefully examining each of the hot rods, my pick for the Murray Pioneer’s choice award was a 1934 Chevrolet sedan owned by Des and Jude Langley, of Ardrossan.

The BIG4 Waikerie Holiday Park’s choice award went to Sonia Obst, of Modbury, for her 1933 Ford Coupe.

Caudo Vineyards’ choice award was won by a 1953 Chevrolet sedan owned by Scott and Loren Dohnt, of Cheltenham.



Sonia Obst, of Modbury, won the BIG4 Waikerie Holiday Park’s choice award for her 1933 Ford Coupe. PHOTOS: supplied



A 1934 Chevrolet sedan owned by Ardrossan couple Jude and Des Langley won the Murray Pioneer’s choice award.



Loren Dohnt, of Cheltenham, who won the Caudo Vineyards’ choice award with her husband Scott for their 1953 Chevrolet sedan.

Hello Baby

Evelyn Claire
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A little sister for
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to share your bundle of joy

AS the weeks go by the redevelopment of the Waikerie precinct and river frontage gets more exciting, continuing the completion of the project. Have you driven down that way recently? With the longer daylight hours coming it will be a popular destination for locals, plus visitors we welcome throughout the year.

We give thanks to the Waikerie Rotary Club members who are always giving hours of volunteering for projects to benefit our community. The extra development with the Rotary cliff-top walk will be an amazing addition to this popular location.

Another local improvement for residents to share is the new community notice board on the Waikerie Institute wall on McCoy Street, near the Cobweb. The Riverland West Chamber of Commerce (RWCC) welcomes local groups to participate and is pleased to present their activities on the notice board. So, if you have a community event coming up, call into the RWCC office at Waikerie Real Estate (6 White Street) on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Have a chat to Sandra; she will help you.

The popular Waikerie Lions Club monthly auction is on this Saturday, September 11, at the Lions Park commencing at 9am. If you have goods for sale and need support call one of the Lions members and they will give you a hand to get it organised. If you can manage, simply get there well before opening time and all will be good. As always, Lions members will be busy cooking breakfasts and snacks

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in their food van. Come on down to the Lions Park; you just might find a bargain or two and meet friends for a chat and a coffee.

Book lovers are looking forward to the opportunity to meet South Australian author Meredith Appleyard when she visits the Waikerie Library on September 23 for a morning tea. She will be at the Loxton library in the afternoon. Numbers are limited so please contact your local library to secure a spot. Meredith spent her childhood years in the Murray Mallee, then worked as a registered nurse and midwife, before going back to practice in the Northern Territory, outback Queensland, rural outback SA, London and Vietnam. Meredith then took time off to pursue her dream of writing, her first novel, The Country Practice, which was published in 2015. Her latest novel All About Ella is her sixth novel.

If it’s time to have a night out, this could be the one you need. The Waikerie Football Club is hosting a stand-up comedy night on Saturday, October 16, featuring Anthony Lamond, Big Al, Kehau Jackson and Steven Copely. This night will be a fundraising event for Jarrod Plugger Reid, who again this

year is entering the Mighty River Run, with all proceeds to Novita Children’s Services. Doors open at 5.30pm. An auction will be held on the night, which will feature 90 minutes of hilarious entertainment. Tickets are limited so phone Jarrod early (0438 706 250).

The Waikerie community extends sincere sympathy to the family of Max Pennyfield upon his recent passing, including his wife Caroline, daughters Robyn and Janine and their loved ones. Sincere sympathy also to the family and friends of Harold Schiller, who passed away recently after short illness. Harold will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Have you enjoyed a film recently at the Chaffey Theatre? It offers a relaxing ambience to relax and enjoy the story being told on the screen, and this week there is a great one to see if you can get there. It is Respect, the story of Aretha Franklin, her love of rhythm and blues. Coffee Flicks is on tomorrow at 10am and then on Friday at 7pm, presented by Country Arts SA.

We are all so proud of our Australian Paralympics who competed in Tokyo. They were so courageous and committed to their sports. Australia will welcome them home in the next few days.

Thought for the week:
“This is not the year to get everything you want. This is the year you appreciate everything you have.”

Waikerie senior cits catch up

WAIKERIE Senior Citizens group members have been meeting when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

“It has been good to catch up with our friends,” a spokesperson said.

“We have been playing cards, pool and Rummikub, as there has not been enough fit people for us to play bowls.

“We have been pleased to welcome Maureen and David from the lifestyle village.

“On August 31 we had a shared lunch and a very interesting afternoon, sitting around in a large circle. Some members brought along some interesting items and spoke about them, while others told about their life, or read from jokes or funny stories before afternoon tea was served.

“A Father’s Day raffle was held...

“We were pleased with the amount raised. Thank you to the young man for his very big donation. It was very much appreciated.”

Prize winners were: 1. Glenys Cook; 2. Kerry Rogers; 3. Gary Welling.

The group meets in its Sichler Street hall, in Waikerie, every Tuesday at 1pm. All are welcome.

Waikerie mourning the loss of community-minded businessman

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE is mourning the loss of Waikerie businessman, Ross Sutton, who established local business Sutton Motors with his wife Betty in 1970.

Mr Sutton, 93, died peacefully at Pioneer Haven at Waikerie on July 24.

The much-loved member of the Waikerie community was born in Kadina on June 16, 1928, the youngest of three children.

His son Ian took over his parents' business, now known as Sutton Ford, with Rodney Smith in July 1990.

Ian said his father taught him to look after his customers and staff and be honest and fair.

"You need to treat people the way you would like to be treated," Ian said.

Ian said he was "extremely proud" of his father.

"I saw him go through the hard times and reap the rewards of hard work," he said.

For the Suttons, hard work is a family tradition.

Ross Sutton grew up during the Great Depression and often recalled how his father, Norman, rode his bicycle 10km from Kadina to the Wallaroo wharf and back in search for work, but mostly found none.

The Sutton family moved to Whyalla, where Norman found plenty of work.

At the age of 14, Mr Sutton left high school and began an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic with Allan Warnes, who owned a motor garage selling Chevrolet and Pontiac cars.

During 1947 at the age of 19 he received his indenture certificate as a motor mechanic, earning 95 per cent of the basic wage of the day with two shillings loading and three shillings war loading per week.

Mr Sutton also worked as a motor mechanic at the Woomera rocket range, which was a different experience to Whyalla, and during his time off went kangaroo shooting with his mates.

In 1951 Ross moved to Broken Hill and worked in the mines as a timber man, tim-



●Ross Sutton. PHOTO: supplied

bering up the shafts.

He met his wife Betty in November, 1953.

In 1959 Mr Sutton moved to Waikerie to take up a post as a first-class mechanic for WH Foster in Waikerie. He worked there for 11 years before – in 1970 – he set up Sutton Motors, which was originally on Peake Terrace.

The premises moved to the corner of the Sturt Highway and McCutcheon Street in 1977.

Mr Sutton was well known for his service to the Waikerie community.

He was a Waikerie Club board member for 25 years, and chairman from 1980 to 1986, and volunteered for many years with the Emergency Fire Service, now known as the CFS.

Mr Sutton was also a Waikerie Lions Club member for five years.

During his eulogy his children remembered him as "an independent, hard-working, generous, ordinary man with an ability to mix and engage with people from all walks of life".

Mr Sutton leaves behind his wife Betty, five children, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Storage levels

DARTMOUTH DAM

Current storage: 73%

This time last month: 71%

This time in 2020: 55%

HUME DAM

Current storage: 95%

This time last month: 85%

This time in 2020: 62%

LAKE VICTORIA

Current storage: 96%

This time last month: 84%

This time in 2020: 95%

MENINDEE LAKES

Current storage: 89%

This time last month: 69%

This time in 2020: 26%

Flows into SA

CURRENT FLOWS

23,800ml per day

THIS TIME LAST MONTH

9400ml per day

THIS TIME IN 2020

9300ml per day

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12th September 2021

at 4.00pm

Loxton Bowling Club,
Bookpurnong Tce, Loxton

Guest Speaker: Jill Bond – Dementia Australia

Light Meal Provided

ALL WELCOME

Apologies to 8584 6954

THE RENMARK HOTEL INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Public Notice is hereby given that the 123rd Annual General Meeting of Members of the Renmark Hotel Incorporated will be held, pursuant to Rule 8, of the Rules of the Renmark Hotel Incorporated, in the Board Room of the Renmark Hotel on ;

Wednesday 15th September 2021

commencing at 7.30pm

The 2020/2021 Annual Financial Statements will be available from the Hotel Reception prior to the meeting.

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Chairman
8th September 2021

Riverland Respite & Recreation Service Inc.

invites community members to attend the

'Fun Fashion for All' Parade

Berri Town Hall,
Sunday 12th May from 1pm

Hot & Cold food and beverages available from Mumma's Kitchen.

Please RSVP to 8582 3110

RRRSI wishes to thank the Berri Barmera Council for donating the use of the Berri Town Hall.

BERRI FOOTBALL CLUB

The Berri Football Club is seeking expressions of interest for the following Coaching positions:

A Grade Reserves Under 18's Women

For further information please contact the Football Director Brett Riddle on 0439 274 393.

Applications can be emailed to the Berri FC Football Director– Coaching Positions berri.fc@sanflcfl.com.au or posted to PO BOX 494, Berri by Wednesday, October 21, 2021

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The position requires someone with extensive knowledge and experience in administration, digital and social media, along with excellent communication skills in both traditional and online platforms. The ability to manage time appropriately and prioritise tasks to meet work demands is essential.

Dependent of skills and experience, the position is classified at Level 3 of the SA Municipal Salaried Officers Award and attracts a wage range of \$70,950 - \$75,845.

A comprehensive Job Description and Application Guide are available on our website at www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/council/about-us/ employment

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Lindy Leml - Manager People & Culture
P: (08) 8580 3000.

Applications close 5pm Monday 13 September 2021 and emailed to
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Senior ICT Officer Riverland Region

- Permanent position
- Fulltime status

Catholic Education in South Australia (CESA) operates within the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie to meet the needs of families wanting an education based on Christian principles in the Catholic tradition.

The Information and Communications Technology (ICT) team provides specialist support to the Catholic Education Office (CEO) and schools across South Australia. This is a new and exciting opportunity to be a part of a team that enables our schools to deliver excellent educational outcomes to students and staff, and be a leader of your own ICT agenda by working in partnership with the local school leaders.

We are seeking an experienced ICT professional with proven experience in the delivery and support of modern ICT systems and providing exemplary customer service. As a stand-alone position based in the Riverland, this role will service and support our Riverland schools on a roster, including the new St Francis of Assisi College in Renmark opening in 2022 and Catholic primary schools in Renmark, Berri, Loxton and Barmera.

Key responsibilities of the role include:

- provide senior level specialist ICT support in a diverse technology environment;
- ensure all assigned support requests are promptly resolved to maintain the secure and reliable operation of ICT services;
- install, configure, upgrade and support services including, but not limited to, operating systems, applications and cloud platforms.

The successful incumbent will have:

- proven experience in providing a high level of ICT support;
- sound practical ICT experience in general systems and software (Microsoft, Apple, Cisco; audio visual, client, server and cloud technologies);
- exceptional interpersonal and communication skills (both verbal and written);
- high level problem-solving and troubleshooting skills; and
- relevant qualifications and/or industry certification.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a commitment to the Catholic ethos and the mission and values of the CEO. Applicants will hold a current driver's licence and a DHS Working with Children Check (WWCC) and be required to pass our screening clearance process.

It is essential that applicants visit our website www.cesa.catholic.edu.au to obtain the Position Information Document (PID) and forms required for this application.

Applications close: Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 5.00pm.

Catholic Education SA is an equal opportunity employer and encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to apply.

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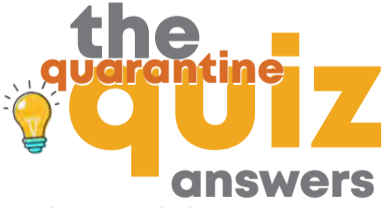
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President LNFC
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Email – loxtonnorthfc@sanflcfl.com.au

Applications close – Friday, 10th September 2021



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11. Acetone
12. John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney, George Harrison
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14. Game of Thrones
15. Bushfires
16. Hell's Angels
17. Rubber
18. Spice Girls
19. Children's books
20. Beyoncé Knowles

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The only father-daughter combination to have a Number One hit on the US Billboard singles chart was Frank & Nancy Sinatra with 'Something Stupid' in 1967.

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The successful applicant will possess excellent customer service and the ability to multitask and to work across a variety of business systems. Experience with Myob will be highly regarded.

There is some flexibility to hours but days required are Monday, Tuesday and Fridays with some additional hours to cover leave.

If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you.

To apply for this position, please send your resume and cover letter to:
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South Australia

2 Branch Coordinators - Renmark & Waikerie Meals on Wheels

The Branch Coordinator role is both hands on and also provides training and supervision to ensure that volunteers produce quality, nutritious and well-presented meals, delivered safely to our customers homes.

We currently have two positions available:

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- 1 x 15 hours a week based in Waikerie.

Working in conjunction with the Branch Support Officers the Branch Coordinator will:

- Assist branches to provide quality, nutritious, balanced and well-presented meals.
- Assist branches to provide services within policy and procedures and cost parameters as set by Meals on Wheels.
- Support maintenance of food safety programs, including adherence to procedures and documentation.
- Train volunteers in the use of kitchen equipment, monitoring adherence to Standard Operating Procedures.
- Assist branches in preparation, cooking, storage and delivery of meals in a timely and efficient manner.
- Provide administrative assistance, especially to Branch Committee members.

We are looking for a Branch Coordinator who can:

- Demonstrate excellent supervisory skills and the ability to coach and develop people.
- Has the ability to maintain positive team relationships with volunteers, staff and other stakeholders.
- Has the ability to make decisions whilst adhering to policy guidelines, organisational practice and resource restraints.
- Has coordination, organisation, time management and logistic skills.

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Loxton Irrigation Centre

Making the scene Green

Irrigation Sales Assistant

Loxton Irrigation Centre is currently seeking a full time Irrigation Sales Assistant for our store at Loxton.

Knowledge and experience in the irrigation industry is highly desirable but not essential.

Key Responsibilities:


- Provide friendly and efficient counter service
- Assist in solving customer technical issues
- Assist with the receiving and distribution of stock
- Assist with administrative duties.

The successful applicant will have a good work ethic and be a team player with a focus on customer service.

To apply please email your resume with contactable references to
bernie@loxtonirrigation.com.au

Application will be accepted until COB, Friday 17th September.

LZ13337



Renmark Paringa Council

Infrastructure Team Members

Civil Services, Open Space and Water Services (full time)

Are you passionate about working outdoors?

Would you like to be involved in maintaining Council's Assets, Open Space and Water Infrastructure? (i.e. includes but not limited to irrigation systems/turf/trees/garden maintenance/general infrastructure maintenance)

Do you align with our core values – accountable, honest, respectful, and unified?

Then we have an opportunity for you!

We're looking for experienced staff with a love for the outdoors to join our infrastructure team. If you have previous experience and knowledge of plant and machinery, general maintenance, are self-motivated, diligent, with the above attributes to making a positive impact on our community, we encourage you to apply.

Dependent on the skills and experience brought to the role, the position will attract a wage in the range of \$57,934 - \$59,271 (Grade 4 of the Local Government Employees Award).

A position description for both roles and an application guide are available on Renmark Paringa Council's website:
<https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/council/about-us/employment>

Applications should include a summary (1-2 pages) addressing the Key Result Areas within the position description.

Queries regarding this exciting opportunity can be directed to Lindy Leml, Manager People and Culture on 08 8580 3000.

Applications close 5pm, Monday 20 September 2021

Applications are to be marked 'Confidential - Infrastructure Team Member Position' and emailed to Lindy Leml:
lleml@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

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RZ10524



JMA ENGINEERING

JMA Engineering is a locally owned and operated business specialising in stainless steel fabrication.

Welder

JMA Engineering are seeking to employ a welder to join our team at our Stainless Steel Workshop.

Requirements:

- Welding experience, specifically in MIG & TIG welding.
- Drivers license and reliable transport.
- Reliable, punctual, honest and hardworking.
- Ability to read and work from engineering drawings.
- Understanding of WHS policies and procedures.
- Attention to detail and take pride in your work.

Qualification in welding is desirable.

Weld test required before commencement.

Please send your applications with resume to: mel@jmaeng.com.au

BZ10454



LOCHERT BROS PTY LTD

GROWER LIAISON OFFICER

Based in the Riverland of South Australia, the Lochert Bros. group is a leader in the Australian Citrus industry.

We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to add further strength to our management team.

Your primary responsibilities will be to liaise daily with growers to communicate Packhouse requirements, harvesting schedules, market requirements, packouts and fruit quality. The applicant will also play a key role in procuring additional growers in the Riverland region.

The successful applicant for this position will have excellent communication skills, prepared to work in a Team environment, be enthusiastic and keen to apply themselves to the position. The applicant should also have a thorough understanding of all aspects of citrus production. Experience with the use of a computer and a Forklift Certificate would also be an advantage.

Salary will be commensurate with the successful applicant's skills and experience and include a vehicle.

Your written application should be marked "Private & Confidential" and addressed to:
"The General Manager"
PO Box 358
Ramco SA 5322

Please apply by Monday the 20th of September.

Enquiries can be made to (08) 85410200 making reference to this position.

Applications can be sent via email to humanresources@locsweet.com.au

WZ10921



Devilee's

AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION

APPRENTICE AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION TECHNICIAN: INSTALLATION DEPARTMENT

An exciting opportunity is currently available with Devilee's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration for an **enthusiastic and reliable** Apprentice Refrigeration Technician

ON OFFER:

- Opportunity to join an industry leading, respected, and successful company
- Gain a qualification in an in-demand trade with excellent career advancement opportunity
- Work within a supportive culture and be part of our happy and cohesive team
- Work across a broad range of residential and commercial and projects
- Be paid to learn new skills and gain a trade qualification

DUTIES:

- Focus on learning the skills involved with the installation of heating and cooling systems on commercial and residential projects
- Learn to service, maintain & repair heating and cooling systems
- Attend Trade School as per Trade School Schedule
- Complete learning modules successfully

Don't miss your chance to take up this opportunity in a rapidly growing industry and to become an employee of a professional and recognized industry leading company.

For a confidential discussion regarding the Apprentice Refrigeration Technician position please call Michael Hentschke 0408 262 518 or please forward your resume and application to fiona.devilee@devilees.com.au

Applications close Wednesday 15th September 2021

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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

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CRASH REPAIRS

PANELBEATER/ SPRAY PAINTER

Riverland Crash Repairs, a leading family owned and operated Crash Repair business situated in Barmera that has been servicing the Riverland and surrounding areas for 33yrs.

Working with all insurance companies and many fleet organisations,as well as private customers.

We are currently seeking the services of an experienced Panelbeater/ Spray painter.

Key requirements to be considered for this role:

- Must be Qualified and able to produce papers.
- Current SA License
- Be able to perform quality work,have eye for detail and work with minimal supervision.
- Must be reliable,punctual and a team player
- Must show Initiative
- Ability to fit w/screens an advantage.

Only persons that can meet these requirements need apply.

Apply by email to rivcrash@hotmail.net.au

Fully equipped and Airconditioned Workshop

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23RD ST.

FULL TIME & CASUAL CHEF

23rd St Distillery, Renmark

Twenty Third Street distillery is expanding and is looking for enthusiastic chefs to join our team.

This venue seeks experienced chefs with excellent creative skills to make the restaurant an amazing hospitality and tourism destination in the Riverland.

Key selection requirements:


- 3+ years as a Cook or similar capacity
- Ability to work in fast paced and pressure situations
- Excellent communication skills, being able to report to Head Chef & Management
- Have impeccable food knowledge & skills
- Passion for creativity and flair
- Excellent staff communication & approachable attitude
- Hands on work ethic
- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery

The successful candidate will assist the Head Chef in ensuring high levels of service at all times.

Positions are available for immediate start. Full time and casual positions available. Must be available weekends.

Please send resumes to jasmine.morgan@23rdstreetdistillery.com.au

BZ10522



St Francis of Assisi College

Finance Manager

- Circa \$100K package
- Permanent Full Time
- Commencing initially part time
- 4 days per week is a possibility

St Francis of Assisi College, the Riverland's first Catholic secondary College, opens for Years 7 and 8 in 2022. The College will deliver an excellent Catholic education in a safe, supportive and contemporary learning environment. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to join our progressive Leadership Team and contribute to forming our College community.

Reporting to the Principal, the Finance Manager will provide leadership and direction in the planning, design and implementation of financial systems, controls and budget processes. The position is stand-alone with both a strategic and operational focus and will also Chair the Finance Committee as part of the College Board.

The position is responsible to provide financial, policy and planning advice including reporting, statistical surveys, regulations and procedures. The role will develop and implement finance and administration systems, workflows, policies and procedures for all finance functions, including future stages of the College building program.


In addition, the role will be the Work Health and Safety Lead with responsibility for implementing and maintaining the College's WH&S policies and systems.

For more information and full Position Information Documents visit Positions Vacant at www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/working-with-us/positions-vacant

Applications close 5.00 pm Monday 20 September 2021

The successful candidate will be expected to undergo our screening process

BZ10494



KROEMER Custom KITCHENS

Cabinetmaker Fulltime

Kroemer Custom Kitchens have been producing high quality joinery for new homes & renovations throughout the Riverland for over 20 years. We are seeking to add an experienced cabinetmaker / tradesperson to our team who can thrive in a versatile role and workplace.

Must have cabinetmaking / trade experience and preferably have experience reading plans and cutting lists.

The position will include the below job responsibilities:

- Maintain safe work environment
- Manufacturing, assembling and installation of all types of joinery
- Quality control
- Adhering to schedules and deadlines
- The use of machinery such as Panel Saw and Edge Bander is also required

The ideal candidate will display the following skills:


- Good communication skills
- Motivated, reliable & punctual
- Willing to use their own initiative, work unsupervised and problem solve
- Excellent attention to detail and quality
- Hold a current drivers license
- Experience working within a workshop & on-site
- Friendly and professional working manner
- Demonstrate passion, a strong worth ethic & a hands-on approach to work

The successful candidate will be remunerated based on their experience and skillset.

For a confidential discussion please call Neil – 0408087252

Please email resume to snkroemer@bigpond.com

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...achieve true work life balance in a country community

I can work in a multi-disciplinary team which helps me to get the best results for my clients. I am part of a supportive and caring team environment, where my colleagues are my best friends. There are many opportunities to diversify my role and continually challenge myself to improve the lives of country people and their families.

Direct Care Worker - Community
Riverland Community Health
Job Ref: 769671

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers

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SA Health

i can


...enjoy diverse work experiences and shape my community for the better

I can be part of a friendly country community health service which means that I am part of the big picture, serving my clients as a nurse or midwife, as well as being an important member of the community myself. I benefit from diverse experiences across multiple disciplines, specialities and geography.

Registered Nurse/ Registered Midwife
Waikerie
Job Ref: 744653

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...learn something new each day of my nursing career

I can be on the front line of a regional community which presents changing conditions and diverse clinical experiences. Understanding that my community is relying on me means I can take on these challenges and that I am ready for anything. This environment helps me to become more advanced and well-rounded in my role as a nurse.

Enrolled Nurse
Waikerie
Job Ref: 741152

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Direct Care Attendant
Waikerie
Job Ref: 750895

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Registered Nurse
Waikerie
Job Ref: 744650

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BIRTH

FIELKE.
Nathan, Erin, William and Saxton are thrilled to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter and sister Evelyn Claire, on August 18, 2021.
A special thanks to the staff at Ashford Hospital.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

50th Anniversary

SMITH – SCHILLER.
Graham and Monica are celebrating 50 years of marriage on September 11, 2021.
With love and best wishes from their family.

DEATHS

ARNOLD, Janette Netherton (nee Spiller).
Passed away peacefully at the Barmera Hospital on September 3, 2021.
Aged 90 years.
Dearly loved wife of John (deceased).
Much-loved mother to Sue and Peter.
Respected mother-in-law of Chris (deceased) and Phillipa.
Grandmother to 5.
Great-grandmother to 8.
Thank you for everything.
A private service has been held.

ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

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Riverland FUNERALS

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DEATHS

DARLING, Terrence John 'Terry'.
Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at the Riverland General Hospital on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.
Aged 78 years.
Loving husband of Mary.
Loved father of Jenny (deceased) and Bill, John and Leonie, Joanne, Richie and Helen, Ros and Bryan.
Cherished Grampy to 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.
Finally at peace.
According to his wishes, Terry was privately cremated at the Riverland Crematorium.
Terry's family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Riverland General Hospital and Calvary St Catherine's Nursing Home for their care and assistance towards the end of his life journey.

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HANCOCK, Michael George.
Passed away at Riverview Lutheran Rest Home, Loxton on August 31, 2021.
Aged 82 years.
Loving husband of Jenny.
Loved father of Linda, Alison, Julie, Richard, Debrah, Fiona, and their partners.
Grandfather of 12.
Great-grandfather of 19.
Rest in peace.
The family would like to thank the staff in the Traeger wing at Riverview for their love and care of Michael over the last 18 months.

DEATHS

KASSULKE, Terry Wayne.
It is with much sadness we announce the passing of Terry on September 2, 2021, aged 70 years, at home by the river surround by his loving family.
Cherished and loving father and father-in-law of Justin and Melaine; Mel and Greg.
Poppy Snitch of Emma, Harry, Max and Lucy.
Son of the late Paul and Barbara Kassulke.
Dear brother of Sue, Ronald and their families.
"The greatest fighter we knew."
A private funeral service will be held.
Please refer to "Funerals" at www.mcglynnhuntfunerals.com.au for streaming details and to leave condolences and tributes.

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@mcglynnhuntfunerals.com.au

KASSULKE, Terry.
What a great journey our families have had together, lobstering, fishing, crabbing, duck shooting and our road trips, but most of all our socialising together.
We have great memories of the best times, mate.
We have lost a great family friend, but also our best mate.
Gone but never forgotten.
Happy fishing, Terry.
Till we meet again mate, cheers!
Our love and sympathies, Sue and Grant, Ronald and Leanne, Justin and Mel, Mel and Greg and their families.
From Bob and Kathy, Ricky, Courtney and Phoenix, Zoe, Corey, Kyran and Blair.

KASSULKE, Terry.
19/8/1951 – 2/9/2021
Aged 70 years.
From Wentworth, formerly of New Residence.
Condolences to his families from the New Residence community.

DEATHS

PALLANT, Richard William.
22/4/1945 – 30/8/2021
Much-loved son of Ron and Joyce.
Loving partner of Cheryl.
Loving father of Susan, Theresa and Ben.
Father-in-law of Greg and Joe.
Grandpa to 7 grandchildren.
As per his wishes he was privately cremated.
Rest in peace.

Riverland FUNERALS

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DEATHS

WURST, Neville Andrew.
Passed away tragically on Saturday, August 21, 2021 in Renmark.
Aged 72 years.
Loved husband of Tina, and Margaret (deceased).
Loved father and father-in-law of Travis and Jodi, Karen and Lui, Luke and Penny.
Cherished pop of Jamie, Nicole, Matthew, Oliver, Amelia, Ezra and Cora.
Loving step-father of Claire, Helen, Angela and families.
Gone fishing.
Rest in peace.

Loved husband and soulmate of Tina.
The precious time we had together will be forever in my heart.
You were the best travelling companion I could ever wish for on our endless quest to reach the four corners of the globe.
Making sure every day was full of fun and meaningful memories.
No photo or trinket will ever replace sitting beside you and being present in the moment.
My heart, my soul, my every thought will be forever yours.
Your loving wife, Tina. x

Dad/Pop
We have lost you too soon!
Your enjoyment for life, love and laughter will be your legacy.
You will forever be in our hearts and minds, and will miss you every day.
Keep fishing!
Love you Travis, Jodi, Oliver and Amelia. xxx

Dad/Pop
We love you dearly.
No words will describe how much we will all miss you.
Love Karen, Lui, Jamie, Nikki and Matthew.

Riverland FUNERALS

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DEATHS

WURST, Neville Andrew.
Passed away suddenly at Renmark.
21/8/2021
Dearly loved son of Wilfred and Hilda (both deceased).
Brother and brother-in-law of Trevor and Nola.
Uncle to Andrew, Shelley and families.
Loved brother of Wayne (deceased) and Dean.
Rest in peace.

ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

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IN MEMORIAM

HEWITT-DOWER, Bill.
It's been 4 years, my darling.
Miss you more than ever.
Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten.
Your T.T.B. (Kathy).

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FUNERALS

HANCOCK, Michael George.
Relatives and friends are advised that Michael's funeral service will be conducted in its entirety at the Loxton Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 11am.
Covid conditions apply.

ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

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RETURN THANKS

SCOTT, Robert.
Annette, Deanne, Abby, Karen and families would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers and sympathies expressed to us on the passing of Robert.
Forever in our hearts.

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ALUMINIUM bow ladders, 2 year guarantee, 3 leg picking ladders, Pinyon Engineering. Phone 85866057.

BARLEY straw, 5x4 round bales of barley straw. Ideal for feed or mulch, \$35 each. Can deliver. Phone 0429095646.

BOAT - Stacer 439 Barra Elite, 60hp Mercury 4-stroke motor, only 27 hours use. 1 owner, as new condition, fully carpeted, side console, 3 pedestal seats (+ 1 extra). Extras: bikini, fish finder, rear ladder, radio, stainless steel prop, boat and motor covers, Stacer trailer and spare tyre. Local river use only, price \$28,000. Contact 0428540784.

CAMPER trailer, \$7500; chainsaw, \$1100; bow arrow, \$500; Phone 0498543982.

CARAVAN Jayco, 17ft with annex, air conditioner, microwave, 4-burner gas stove, fridge, freezer, solar power. Sleeps two, but could sleep four. In great condition, has roll-out shade, no longer needed, so it has to go. \$18,500 great value, 2001 model, is stored in a shed, very clean, must see to appreciate it. Call 0439743798 for inspection.

CARAVAN pop top Spaceline Eclipse, 2001, 17ft, low km, clean and in good condition, single axle, many extras, awning, annexe, new towing mirrors, new air conditioner, 2 single beds with new inner-spring mattresses, TV, DVD, microwave, gas cook top and grill, gas/ electric fridge. \$13,500 ono. Phone 0428674295 or 0408266776.

CUB camper trailer, early model, hard floor, full canvas annex, 240 plus 12 volt, good condition, 12 months rego, VIN R78T050587, 1900 model, \$1800 ono. Lameroo, no voice mail. Phone 0400900082.

DUCKS - very friendly, Muscovy, \$10 each. Phone 0478670975.

FIREWOOD A1 quality redgum blocks, split or round, per bin. 118 Defontenay Road, Barmera. Open 7 days. Phone 85883298, 0401353909 or 0427883298. We will deliver.

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD clean split redgum. Pick-up or deliver. Phone 85823722 or 0407609400.

GRAFTED vines, field grown; Shiraz/Ramsey, Shiraz/Ruggeri, Merlot/Paulsen, Shiraz/Paulsen. Phone Yannakoudis Nursery 85846989.

GRAFTED vines shiraz/ paulsen gordo/ paulsen. Wilksch Nurseries Pty Ltd. Phone 0488403223.

GRAFTED vines - 1 year old dormant vines - cabernet sauvignon/ramsey, merlot/ramsey, shiraz/paulsen, shiraz/dogridge. River Murray Nursery Pty Ltd. Phone 0428819540.

GREAT dane, 18 months old, black, desexed, male, good temperament, loves water and company. \$700. DACO204867. Phone 0484586227.

MISCELLANEOUS orchard equipment: Silvan sprayer, welder, compressor and picking platform. Phone 0417811977.



MOBILITY Tycoon Scooter, compact to easily fit in the car boot, great suspension, can be used as golf cart, Lameroo, \$2000. Phone 0427001320.



RECLINER - leather recliner chair, as new condition, genuine reason for selling, \$500. Phone 0407953315.

ROSES - Brad's Roses. New arrivals of roses are now available. Phone 0417855014.

SHOPRIDER Rocky 6, deluxe mobility scooter. All-terrain model, suitable for golf. Brand new batteries and tyres, sun canopy, large wheels for better clearance (hill climber model), can carry 220kgs, high-back swivel seat, safety accessories. Price reduced, was \$3850, now \$3500. Can deliver. Phone 0412898901.



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STORAGE - we have expanded and now have vacant sites. This means we will give you a good price to fill them. From \$75 per month. Phone 0488050482 Renmark Central Storage.

TURMERIX can help with pain, inflammation and boost your immunity. Savings on 300 capsules and we still have 360g powders. Contact Connie or Mick, turmerix. connie@gmail.com or 0427847567.

VINES - own roots shiraz and cab sav 2 years old, approx. 100 shiraz on ramsey. Nonpariel, wood colony and monterey almond trees. Phone 0419970928.

WALKER wire strainers x 480, \$4 each ono. Phone after 10am 0429944047.

MOTOR VEHICLES

FORD Falcon ute RTV BF Mk II, 2007, reg SQ0001, 145,000km, \$12,000. Phone 0428841331.

FORD FG, 2008, 1 tonner, e-gas, good condition, rego S950AYJ, \$8000 ono, Renmark. Phone 0433244309.

HONDA Shadow K750cc, 2004, black, 22,000kms, saddle bags and wind visor, \$7,000. Phone 0456804385.

ISUZU D-MAX King cab (white), Turbo Diesel High Ride, 2017, reg S070BTN, \$35,200 ono, 25,000kms, currently registered, expiry 15/11/2021. This vehicle has low mileage and is in excellent condition, features 5 x all-terrain tyres, cruise control, radio, bluetooth, CD player, USB play, reversing camera, UHF radio, ARB lockable canopy, tow bar, shovel holder, roof bar, Rhino roof racks, solar panel and second deep-cycle battery to run accessories. To enquire please phone 0438120317.

WANTED TO BUY

CARAVANS any size or poptops, 14-40ft, all sizes/layouts, will pick up anywhere. Pay cash. Phone Ben 0409711807.

INCUBATOR - 100 eggs, in working order. Phone 0484074752 after 6pm.

TRACTORS AND MACHINERY

GRAPE harvester Nairn 780LS, in very good condition, 650 hours, many spare parts, \$45,000 plus GST. Loxton. Phone Kym 0409846504.

PUBLIC NOTICES

AGM - The Berri Community Mens Shed will be holding their inaugural AGM on Sunday, September 26, at 2pm, at the shed, 1025 Old Sturt Highway, Berri. The agenda will include the election of office bearers, accepting the constitution and by-laws, and the setting of membership fees. A \$1 deposit on membership will be taken allowing voting rights. This community-run mens shed needs your support. To discuss your involvement in the mens shed or to obtain copies of the constitution and by-laws please contact Clinton Wardle 0408516578, or Ian Campbell 0418839963. All welcome!

AUCTION - Waikerie Lions Club monthly auction this Saturday, September 11, commencing at 9am. Large range quality household goods including fridge/freezer, wardrobes, cupboards, single/double beds, lounge and range of household goods, plus much more. Food and coffee available from 8.30am. More information contact Alex 0429846940 or David 85413836.

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RENMARK house, centre of town, 3 bedrooms, garage, no animals. Contact 85866737 or 0412515242.

GARAGE SALES

LOVEDAY - 822 Thiele Road, Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th, 8am. Deceased estate, shed contents, assorted kitchen/craft items.

LOXTON - Lutheran Peace Hall, Saturday, September 11, 8am. Monster sale - household goods, furniture. Come and get a bargain. Phone 0455546871.

LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road, open Friday, September 10 to Sunday, September 12, 10am - 3pm. Plant sale. Check out our range of new season flower and vegetable punnets and single pots. Petunias, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, strawberries and more, 3 for \$11. Bales hay \$5 each, gerberas, daisies, potting soil 30L, \$10 each. Phone 85841205.

RENMARK - 3 Thurst Street, 8am - 4pm. Every Saturday and Sunday til December. Lots of everything, all must go.

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Shooter's superb season

RENMARK's shooting star, Lauren Collins (pictured), completed the perfect season on the weekend in just her second season playing netball in the Riverland.

In addition to being part of Renmark's unbeaten Riverland A1 netball premiership side on Friday night, Collins was named best on court in the grand final win over Barmera.

To cap off the year, Collins also took out the A1 best and fairest award.

"I'm so happy with our team, and they obviously helped me get the best and fairest," Collins said after receiving the honour.

"I'm feeling very humble."

Originally from Clare, Collins joined Renmark's team for the 2019 season having previously played for Matrics in Adelaide.

"She's a wonderful player," said Riverland Netball Association official Wendy Gambling.

"Lauren has been an absolute standout this season."

Collins was joined by teammates Sonja Modlinski and Emma Stockman in the Murray Pioneer A1 Players of

the Season.

"All three of them really deserve it – they've all worked their butts off this year," said Renmark A1 coach Denika Thorpe.

"And Lauren, she's just awesome and her passion for the sport is just amazing and that rubs off on all the other girls as well."

Loxton's Brooke Durdin and Elise Foulds, Loxton North's Georgia Brown and Ellie Thomas, Barmera's Ashleigh Haigh and Tahlia Dillon, and Berri's Lana Gregoric rounded out the Players of the Season list.

Barmera defender Paris Lawrie also put the exclamation mark on a brilliant season, winning the 5RM Best First Year A1 Junior award, and being named best on court for the Barmera 17A team in its grand final win over Renmark on Saturday night.

A1
Winner – Lauren Collins (Renmark); runner-up – Georgia Brown (Loxton North).

A2
Winner – Charlotte Baker (Renmark); runner-up – Emily Westley (Barmera).



B1
Winner – Kerry Thompson (Renmark); runner-up – Alisha Wehrmuller (Loxton).

B2
Winner – Vanessa Nobile (Loxton North); runner-up – Carlee Nitschke (Loxton Black).

C1
Winner – Kirsty-Lee Whittingham (Barmera); runner-up – Nicola Bryan (Berri).

C2
Winner – Emily McDonald (Waikerie); runners-up – Ashleigh Byrnes (Renmark) and Kayla Knight (Monash).

17A
Winner – Tahlia Dillon (Barmera); runners-up – Zoe Siviour (Renmark) and Charlie Gates (Berri).

17B
Winner – Sarah Campbell (Waikerie); runner-up – Tahlia Drogemuller (Loxton North).

15A
Winner – Milena Sapinski-Keightley

(Loxton North); runner-up – Kierra Schumann (Renmark).

15B1
Winner – Amity Burns (Waikerie); runner-up – Jessica Ridley (Berri).

15B2
Winners – Lily Meaney (Loxton North) and Alana Young (Renmark Blue); runner-up – Kyeesha Watkins (Renmark).

13A
Winner – Bailey Hahn (Loxton); runner-up – Layla Rothe (Renmark).

13B
Winner – Shaya Whitbourne (Barmera); runner-up – Heidi Brattoli (Barmera Blue).

13C
Winner – Anila Kafexholli (Waikerie White); runner-up – Matilda Coombe (Waikerie Black).

OTHER AWARDS:

Percentage award – Renmark 13B

Wendy Gambling Award: Zoe Siviour and Matilda Rothe (coach's votes in 17A)

Graham Charlton Award, highest polled player: Bailey Hahn (Loxton, 13A)

State 2021 SA Development Squad: Tahlia Dillon (Barmera)

Murray Pioneer Players of the Season (A1): Brooke Durdin, Elise Foulds (Loxton); Sonja Modlinski, Lauren Collins, Emma Stockman (Renmark); Georgia Brown, Ellie Thomas (Loxton North); Ashleigh Haigh, Tahlia Dillon (Barmera); Lana Gregoric (Berri).

5RM Best First Year A1 Junior: Paris Lawrie (Barmera)

How does Collins compare to past Riverland greats?

PAUL MITCHELL

HOW good is Lauren Collins and how does she stack up against some of the best Riverland netball goalies of the past?

Collins dominated the 2021 A1 season, winning everything on offer: the premiership, the grand final best-on-court award, and the competition's best and fairest honour.

The region has been blessed with a string of outstanding goalies over the past 50 years and Riverland Netball Association official Wendy Gambling – who has seen them all since the 1960s – says Collins fits right in near the top of the pile.

"There's something special about her," Mrs Gambling. "She can shoot from anywhere in the circle, on the run..."

"She one of the best we've seen for a long time."

But who else rates among the Riverland's top goalies?

Immediately after the 2021 grand final, The

Murray Pioneer put the question without notice to Mrs Gambling, who came up with the following names, in no particular order:

Lyn Smith (nee McConnell), North Berri: "She was simply phenomenal. She tied with Barmera's Cathy Wundenberg for the 1985 A1 best and fairest award.

Amy Heritage, Renmark: "Amy was very, very good."

Monica Launer (nee Tschirpigg), Barmera: "You can't go past her in the 1960s. She won a number of best and fairest awards in a row."

Janet Jones, North Berri: "Back in the 1970s, Janet was a phenomenal shooter.

Charmaine Seekamp, Renmark: "She was a real dead-eye shooter. She hardly missed."

Kelly Moore, Loxton: "Kelly was a great player in those very strong Loxton teams of the 2000s."

Who was the best? WHO do you think should be added to the list of the Riverland's best ever goalies?

Let us know at: editor@murraypioneer.com.au

BEST AND FAIREST WINNERS: B1 runner-up Alisha Wehrmuller (Loxton) and winner Kerry Thompson (Renmark).



B2 runner-up Carlee Nitschke (Loxton Black)



C1 runner-up Nicola Bryan (Berri).



C2 joint runner-up Kayla Knight (Monash) and winner Emily McDonald (Waikerie)



17A winner Tahlia Dillon with runners-up Zoe Siviour (Renmark) and Charlie Gates (Berri).



17B runner-up Tahlia Drogemuller (Loxton North) and winner Sarah Campbell (Waikerie).



15A runner-up Kierra Schumann (Renmark) and winner Milena Sapinski-Keightley (Loxton North).



15B1 runner-up Jessica Ridley (Berri) and winner Amity Burns (Waikerie).



15B2 joint winners Lily Meaney (Loxton North) and Alana Young (Renmark Blue).



13A winner Bailey Hahn (Loxton) and runner-up Layla Rothe (Renmark).



13B2 winner Shaya Whitbourne (Barmera) and runner-up Heidi Brattoli (Barmera Blue).



13C winner Anila Kafexholli (Waikerie).



Renmark's perfect premiership

JOSH BRINE

RENMARK put the cherry on top of its undefeated season, holding off a young and determined Barmera side to claim the Riverland Netball Association A1 premiership in Loxton on Friday night.

Renmark entered the game as heavy favourites after winning all 13 regular season games and beating Barmera in the semi-final to progress straight to the grand final, but the underdogs came out with plenty of energy looking for the club's first premiership in three decades.

A cagey first quarter saw the two sides go goal-for-goal, with neither team able to build a lead of more than a couple goals.

Renmark's imposing defensive pairing of Emma Stockman and Zoe Siviour started the game strongly, but the side struggled to navigate through Barmera's smothering defence to move the ball up the court cleanly.

Barmera goal attack Ashleigh Haigh roamed two-thirds of the court and combined well with shooter Hannah Boylan, but lethal shooting from Renmark's Lauren Collins kept the game tied heading into the first break.

At the break Renmark coach Denika Thorpe moved Fleur Rowett to wing defence and put Dani Woolford in at centre while Barmera's Shane Phillips brought in Jenna Selve at wing defence, replacing Tilly Albrecht.

Renmark began to turn the game around coming out of the break, showing its class and gaining ascendancy in the mid-court – and the game.

Collins and attacking partner Sonja Modlinski were in sync from the start of the match, keeping Barmera's defenders guessing and helping build a small gap with five straight goals early in the second period.

Haigh and Boylan continued to battle away against Stockman and Siviour, but costly turnovers by Barmera continued to impact the scoreboard, with Renmark's lead growing to seven by half-time.

Renmark managed to keep their momentum heading into the second half, with Collins and Modlinski benefiting from excellent passes courtesy of experienced duo Woolford and Reeni Leuders (wing attack).

Barmera defenders Khaleisha Barnett and Paris Lawrie succeeded in forcing Collins into possessions away from the goal, but the Renmark goal attack continued to drain shots from a range of distances with ease.

Renmark's margin ballooned out to 11, and it looked as though the



Barmera centre Tahlia Dillon tries to catch a lob pass over Renmark's Fleur Rowett in the Riverland A1 netball grand final in Loxton on Friday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

A1 GRAND FINAL				
RENMARK	V	BARMERA		
LOXTON NORTH	15	27	37	49
BARMERA	18	33	40	52

Best on court: Lauren Collins (Renmark).

NETBALL GRAND FINAL RESULTS

A2 Berri 63 d Loxton North 44. Best on court: Georgia Whitehead (B).	BOC: Emily McDonald (W).	15B2 Renmark Blue 42 d Loxton North 33. BOC: Alana Young (RB).
B1 Loxton 47 d Renmark 32. BOC: Amber Hyde (L).	17A Barmera 58 d Renmark 45. BOC: Paris Lawrie (B).	13A Barmera 36 d Loxton 26. BOC: Macy Bourton (B).
B2 Cobdogla 48 d Berri 46. BOC: Kaitlyn Thiele (C).	17B Waikerie 60 d Renmark 30. BOC: Chelsea Helbig (W).	13B Loxton North 27 d Renmark 25. BOC: Jemma Pankhurst (LN).
C1 Renmark 44 d Berri 42. BOC: Nicola Bryan (B).	15A Barmera 50 d Berri 45. BOC: Jemma Kassulke (Barmera).	13C Berri 33 d Waikerie White 32. BOC: Anila Kafexholli (W).
C2 Waikerie 76 d Loxton 44.	15B1 Waikerie 37 d Renmark 24. BOC: Hailey Arnold (W).	

game may get away from Barmera, but Phillips urged his side to ramp up the pressure forcing Renmark into five consecutive turnovers.

However, Barmera suffered from clumsy turnovers of its own, along with close calls by the Adelaide umpires, while strong rebounding by Siviour snuffed out several second-chance opportunities on misses in Barmera's goal circle.

Renmark maintained a solid eight-point lead heading into the final 15 minutes.

Phillips took youngster Tahlia Dillon out after a strong three-quarter performance, with Albrecht moving to centre, while Rowett returned to the court for Renmark, replacing Woolford.

Both teams looked fatigued in the fourth quarter after 45 highly-competitive minutes, with mistakes beginning to crop up.

Barmera wing attack Sue Whitbourne worked hard to get the ball to Haigh, who led the way for Barmera in the second half, helping narrow the gap back down to five points.

For a brief moment, Barmera appeared to have the momentum, with Renmark uncharacteristically making five successive turnovers. However, Barmera was unable to capitalise on the opportunities, and its chance at a massive upset was gone.

Ultimately Renmark's experience and composure won out, hold-

ing on for a 10-point win.

Collins' near-flawless shooting performance, which helped Renmark withstand Barmera's scoring runs, was enough to earn her best-on-court honours.

After the game, Thorpe said she was "incredibly proud" of her team.

"They've put in so much hard work this year after not having a season in 2020, and I just couldn't be happier for them," she said.

"We always say that we love each other and we really do; it's just such a close group and we couldn't have had a better year.

"Barmera always puts up a good fight against us, so we knew we would have a really tough game on our hands. We knew that they can hold on until the end, so we really had to keep pushing all game."

Collins said the grand final was a "really tough game" against Barmera's "fantastic" defence.

"It was really competitive but very clean," she said.

"Barmera definitely brought their all but it was great that we managed to get it over the line."

Phillips paid tribute to Renmark post-game, describing them as "an outstanding team".

In the other Friday night game, Berri came all the way from fourth in the standings to take home the A2 premiership over Loxton North.

North started the game well, but Berri managed to settle into the game and gain the lead, capitalising off turnovers and scoring 20 in the first quarter to head into the break up six.

Berri goal shooter Georgia Whitehead was a star, using move-



Renmark netball coach Denika Thorpe hugs Reeni Leuders after her side's win over Barmera in the A1 netball grand final.

ment and positioning to get to lob passes and combining well with goal attack Charlie Gates.

At half-time Berri led by five following a low-scoring nip-and-tuck second quarter.

North managed to rush Berri early in the second half and drew within two points, but Berri got into gear thanks to the hard running of wing attack Tia Efthimiou and centre Whitney Peters, while defensive duo Kayla Mudge and Dakota Glassey piled on the pressure.

An ankle injury for Glassey in the final quarter wasn't enough to slow Berri's roll, with a dominant display by best-on-court Whitehead enough to secure a 19-point win.

Despite a deflating end to its A1 season, Barmera got its revenge in the junior grades, beating Renmark by 13 to claim the 17A premiership and Berri by five to win the 15A grand final.

For good measure, Barmera completed the junior 'A' treble by taking out the 13A title, beating Loxton by 10.

In the 17A decider, Barmera fielded a star-studded line-up, featuring three A1 regulars, and two A2 players. Paris Lawrie backed up from her Friday night A1 grand final with an outstanding display for Barmera.

One of the bigger upsets of the grand finals came in the 13B decider, when Loxton North downed Renmark, which won the percentage trophy across all grades. North's Jemma Pankhurst was best on court in the surprise win.

Renmark stalwart's farewell honour

RENMARK Netball Club stalwart Brenda Orchard was honoured with Riverland Netball Association (RNA) life membership on the weekend.

RNA official Wendy Gambling said the acknowledgement was much-deserved and particularly timely, given Brenda is moving away from the Riverland later in the year.

"Brenda spent 12 years on the (RNA) executive, seven years as public officer, was on the constitution committee, and was vice president of Riverland netball when Renmark came into office," Mrs Gambling said.

"She's been man-

ager for SA country championship teams seven times and has done a lot for the Renmark Netball Club too.

"It's a very fitting tribute to her. She was there on the bench with the A1 team on Friday night when they won the grand final and I'm sure that was a lovely moment for her."



Brenda Orchard of the Renmark Netball Club was awarded Riverland Netball Association life membership. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Phillips to return in 2022

BARMERA A1 coach Shane Phillips is set to continue his role in 2022.

Speaking after his team's valiant loss in its first A1 grand final appearance in 25 years, Phillips said he was eager to lead the club for a second year, after a successful first season in charge.

Under the former basketball coach's guidance, Barmera made a rapid rise up the ladder in 2021, finishing the minor round in second place and beating Loxton North in the preliminary final, before going down to unbeaten Renmark in the grand final.

Phillips said he expected to lose just one player from the eight who took to the court in the grand final.

- PAUL MITCHELL

2021 RIVERLAND NETBALL PREMIERS

A2 premiers Berri, back (from left) Sharyn Glassey (coach), Apryl Sim (team manager), Dakota Glassey, Georgia Whitehead, Abby Fenwick, Kayla Mudge and Chrissy Eleftheriadis (assistant coach). Front: Abbey Richards, Whitney Peters, Sarah Walter, Kyla Wade, Charlie Gates and Tia Efthimiou. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



B1 premiers Loxton, back (from left) Carly Thiele, Bianca Hopper, Rae Gardy, Sharona Edwards (player-coach), Amber Hyde and Alysha Wehrmuller. Front: Shelby Meredith, Tayla Coombe, Shannon Falting and Millie Smart. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

B2 premiers Cobdogla, back (from left) Kaitlyn Thiele, Kate Hallam, Bron Smith (player-coach), Ann Morrell, Makayla Wellington and Kay Fletcher. Front: Allysa Brauer, Jaylee Millich, Jesse Gregory and Amanda Swanbury. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



C1 premiers Renmark, back (from left) Sally Shorrock, Natasha Thorpe, Sarah Parkyn, Samantha-Jo Formby, Rachel Morrison (coach) and Lauren Dunne. Front: Nicole Rainsford, India Koning, Rachel Files, Chelsea Ekonomopoulos and Melissa Wagnitz. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



C2 premiers Waikerie, back (from left) Kylie Magain, Maddi Leske, Frances Asher, Emily McDonald, Shazz Paschke and Kristy Schutz. Front: Tamara Belsham, Ali Wurst, Amy Lloyd and Rachel Doecke.

17A premiers Barmera, back (from left) Benita Dillon, Tahlia Dillon, Paris Lawrie, Hayley Drogemuller, Clarissa Bagguley and Jane Gartner. Front: Georgia Tsoriotitis, Ashleigh Haigh, Shelley Priest and Connie Doupis.

17B premiers Waikerie, back (from left) Sienna Lehmann, Chelsea Helbig, Taylah Gore, Sarah Campbell, Felicity Arnold and Lerrato Kamau-Wangahu. Front: Kym Gore (coach), Djhaneill Plantado, Haylee Gore, Stella Thomas, Tegan Carter. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



15A premiers Barmera, back (from left) Lyn Wutke (coach), Jemma Kassulke, Adele Hoffman, Lucy Clarke and Madison Ricketts. Front: Taylor Warren, Jessie Priest, Chelsea Wutke and Sophie Nettle. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

15B1 premiers Waikerie, back (from left) Emily McPherson, Chloe McPherson, Isabella Neville, Amity Burns, Sienna Hyde, Poppy Steinert and Novalee Inwood (coach). Front: Chloe Higgins, Madi Fry, Shakira Daley and Hailey Arnold. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

15B2 premiers Renmark, back (from left) Michael Young (coach), Sophie Crook, Jemma Haines, Josselyn Pryor, Emma Smith and Alana Young. Front: Tay-lee Steele, Zahra Eemle, Emily Robertson and Mia De Palma. PHOTO: Brendan Lines



13A premiers Barmera, back (from left) Amity Kassebaum, Ayla Gilgen, Macy Bourton, Mia Nagy and Sophie Sampson. Front: Corrina Smart, Layla Moore, Isabelle Richter, Meg Kassulke and Sue Fox (coach). PHOTO: Brendan Lines

13B premiers Loxton North, back (from left) Vicki Mules (coach), Juliet Haenen, Madeline Andriske, Jemma Pankhurst, Sophie Tullet, Abbey Hughes and Tahlia Drogemuller. Front: Imogen Drogemuller, Layla Hutchinson, Scarlett Hall and Charlie Thomas. PHOTO: Brendan Lines

13C premiers Berri, back (from left) Nicole Pitt (coach), Jaylay Carmen, Grace Clayton-Day, Chelsea Knight, Ayla Lippis, Kelsey Goldspink and Steven Pitt (coach). Front: Mackenzie Pitt, Elysia Cresp, Alessandra Heward, Madison Pitt and Kenzie Sweet. PHOTO: Brendan Lines

Milestone Mick calls time on hockey run

STEPHANIE THOMPSON
and PAUL MITCHELL

AFTER 44 seasons and a whopping 700 club games, Loxton hockey veteran Michael Hopper has hung up his boots for the final time.

The 59-year-old played his last game in Loxton’s semi-final B grade loss to Renmark recently and despite a few false-start retirements in the past, confirmed 2021 would be his last.

“I tried a few times to give away over the past 10 years and found myself back playing,” he said.

“I just couldn’t give it up – I just like it too much.”

Hopper played a few seasons in Whyalla before arriving in Loxton, where he played in six A grade premierships and 11 B grade premierships.

He represented the Riverland in country carnivals for 27 years and won club best and fairest trophies for both A and B grade numerous times.

Hopper said a highlight was playing alongside his son, Joel.

“In about 2018, Joel qualified for both the A and B grade grand final, so we played in the B grade grand final together,” he said.

“We won that one, so that was good.”

Hopper said another highlight was the A grade side winning the grand final for four years in a row in the mid 1990s.



Loxton hockey veteran Michael Hopper retired following his team’s recent Riverland B grade semi-final defeat. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

After 44 seasons, Hopper said he had faced his fair share of tough opponents.

“There was a bloke from Renmark years ago called Tim Craker and numerous others,” he said.

“Then some of the best players I’ve

played with would be Gavin Kelly, who is now deceased, but he was a gun of a player, and James Kelly and Grant Schubert.”

Loxton Hockey Club’s Roger Gow said Hopper was an ideal teammate.

“Hopper has a great sense and understanding of the game,” Gow said.

“This, along with great skills and a great pass and understanding of space and where to move, has made him the great player he is.

“He is also very well regarded by the opposition teams and always took the time to have a beer with them, win, lose or draw.”

Gow said Hopper would leave a legacy that would be hard to match.

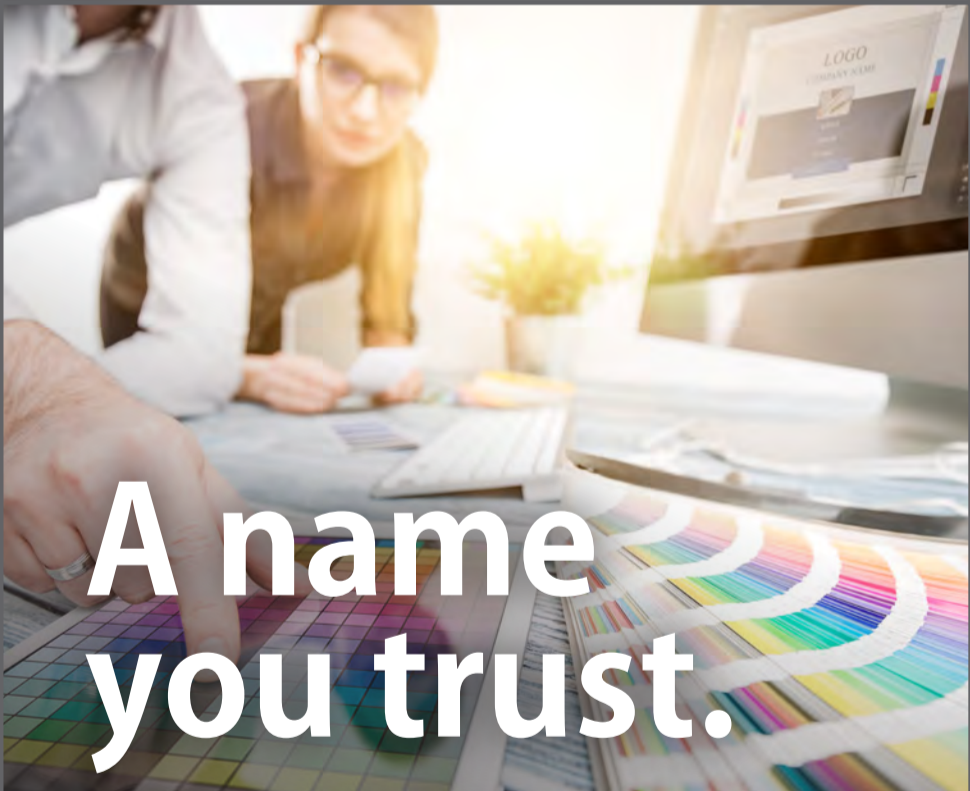
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Crushers through to table tennis grand final, Desperados move

THE first week of the Riverland table tennis finals saw Crushers continue their recent dominance over Top Guns, while Desperados eliminated Double Fish.

In the qualifying final Crushers were far too strong for Top Guns, winning 13-5. Crushers took a big lead into the singles games after winning five of the possible six doubles matches.

They continued the consistent form by winning the singles eight to four and booking a place in the 2021 grand final.

Tops Guns will face Desperados next week to try and earn a second shot at Crushers.

The elimination final saw Desperados win 11-7. They took an early lead in the doubles and proved too strong, with consistent wins in both doubles and singles over all three grades.

Desperados last met Top Guns in round 7 and lost a close one 9-9 (33-37).

RESULTS

Crushers 13 d Top Guns 5

DOUBLES
D. Robinson/P. Haenen d N. Stoeckel/J. Perry 11-7, 11-7, 4-11, 11-9; R. Coppin/J. Crossfield d J. Haenen/B. Heuzenroeder 12-10, 11-2, 13-11; J. Trobbiani/C. Coppin d S. Freeman/J. Kelly 6-11, 9-11, 11-8, 10-12; D. Robinson/R. Coppin d N. Stoeckel/J. Haenen 12-10, 11-6, 7-11, 11-3; P. Haenen/J. Trobbiani d J. Perry/S. Freeman 9-11, 11-9, 13-11, 11-5; J. Crossfield/C. Coppin d B. Heuzenroeder/J.

Kelly 11-8, 4-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-5.

SINGLES

D. Robinson d J. Perry 11-5, 12-10, 7-11, 16-14; P. Haenen lost to N. Stoeckel 7-11, 7-11, 10-12; D. Robinson d N. Stoeckel 9-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-2; P. Haenen lost to J. Perry 4-11, 8-11, 11-8, 4-11; R. Coppin d B. Heuzenroeder 11-2, 7-11, 11-5, 15-13; J. Crossfield d J. Haenen 12-10, 11-4, 8-11, 11-8; R. Coppin d J. Haenen 11-3, 11-6, 11-8; J. Crossfield d B. Heuzenroeder 11-8, 11-7, 11-7; J. Trobbiani d J. Kelly 11-8, 11-8, 6-11, 11-8; C. Coppin lost to S. Freeman 4-11, 9-11, 2-11; J. Trobbiani lost to S. Freeman 11-9, 3-11, 3-11, 3-11; C. Coppin d J. Kelly 12-10, 11-6, 11-9.

Double Fish 7 lost to Desperados 11

DOUBLES

S. Watson/G. Amachi lost to B. Williams/P. Rogers 8-11, 9-11, 14-12, 11-7, 9-11; F. Sullivan/N. Kelly lost to R. Stoeckel/D. McAllister 14-12, 6-11, 12-10, 11-8; J. Schwarz/A. Morris lost to L. Rasheed/C. Letton 4-11, 3-10, 6-11; S. Watson/F. Sullivan d B. Williams/R. Stoeckel 6-11, 11-6, 9-11, 12-10, 11-6; G. Amachi/J. Schwarz lost to P. Rogers/L. Rasheed 13-11, 9-11, 7-11, 11-8, 5-11; N. Kelly/A. Morris lost to D. McAllister/C. Letton 1-11, 11-4, 2-11, 12-10, 9-11.

SINGLES

S. Watson d P. Rogers 11-5, 8-11, 11-4, 17-15; G. Amachi lost to B. Williams 6-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 5-11; S. Watson lost to B. Williams 4-11, 11-9, 9-11, 8-11; G. Amachi lost to P. Rogers 8-11, 8-11, 9-11; F. Sullivan d D. McAllister 11-4, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6; N. Kelly lost to R. Stoeckel 5-11, 11-5, 3-11, 5-11; F. Sullivan defeated R. Stoeckel 9-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 11-6; N. Kelly lost to D. McAllister 11-8, 11-2, 3-11, 7-11, 4-11; J. Schwarz d C. Letton 11-8, 11-4, 11-7; A. Morris lost to L. Rasheed 6-11, 10-12, 5-11; J. Schwarz d L. Rasheed 9-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-6; A. Morris lost to C. Letton 5-11, 7-11, 12-10, 8-11.

Epic hockey finale looms

ANOTHER epic Riverland A grade women’s grand final looms between Renmark and Berri this weekend.

The two sides fought out a classic grand final last year, with Renmark winning via a penalty shoot-out.

Berri qualified for the season decider with a dominant 5-0 preliminary final win over Waikerie last weekend, setting up a rematch from earlier in the finals. In that encounter, Renmark progressed to the grand final after both teams finished locked together at 1-all.

In its preliminary final romp, Berri was dominant in the first quarter, missing two or three quality early opportunities but finally getting on the board at around the 14-minute mark via Amahli Kelly.

Waikerie fought hard in the second quarter and had its share of play, but Berri went into the break 2-0 up.

Two early goals from Berri in the third term saw the coach start resting key players, as grand final plans began early.

Amahli Kelly was a star for Berri, particularly in the first quarter, while Elise Schaefer was the most dominant player on the pitch in the second half. Brooke Kelly was especially influential in the second half.

Waikerie was overpowered across the pitch. Trinity Schmidt showed great fight and determination, but had insufficient support.

In the men’s A grade game, Waikerie was far too strong for an undermanned Berri side, winning 5-1 and earning a spot in the grand final against Loxton.

Berri went into the match underprepared and suffering from some injuries and absences, putting it on the back foot right from the opening whistle.

Waikerie had a full strength side with the inclusion of Kyton Rayner.

Even early on, it looked like a matter of ‘how far Waikerie?’.

Waikerie’s fab four instantly took charge with Rayner, Schmidt, James Smith and Declan Brewer dominating.

Rowan Kleeman was able to stay deep in defence and repel any Berri thrusts.

Waikerie scored two goals in the second quarter although Berri didn’t give up, getting through the second with shots on goal through Dan Shawyer and midfield pressure from Burgess brothers Riley and Jordan. Waikerie led 2-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter a determined Berri battled to get back on track, and the game was looking at getting closer, until Waikerie was able to put its third goal on the board, following some missed opportunities at the other end from Berri.

You could see the elation among the Waikerie team members, who knew they were going to make another grand final – and that Berri had done its dash.

In a dominant display, Waikerie ended up with five for the game, however credit to Berri, which kept persisting and was rewarded with a goal just before the end of the match. Unfortunately for Berri, ‘last goal wins’ doesn’t apply.

Loxton, which had its players watching from the sideline with interest, will start slight favourites to beat Waikerie in the grand final.

WOMEN A GRADE

Berri 5 d Waikerie 0.
Best: Berri – E. Schaefer, B. Kelly, A. Herbert, J. Menzel. Waikerie – T. Dedman, C. Smart, C. Waye.



Renmark and Waikeire's A grade women's hockey team will meet again in the grand final this weekend. The two sides went to a penalty shootout in the 2020 grand final, with Renmark coming out on top. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Goals: Berri – E. Schaefer, B. Kelly 2, A. Kelly.

B GRADE

Renmark 1 d Berri Red 0.
Best: Renmark – K. Barton, L. Hoffmann, B. Well.
Berri Red – A. Kennedy, T. Pongrac, C. Marsden, J. Size, E. Pongrac.

U18 WOMEN

Berri 5 d Loxton 0.
Best: Berri – M. Martin, H. Amos, A. Hibberd. Loxton – A. Hobby, B. Geraghty, R. McDonald.
Goals: Berri – D. O’Callaghan, M. Martin 2, A. Kelly.

U15 GIRLS

Renmark 5 d Waikerie 0.
Best: Renmark – L. Loffler, K. Richardson, J. Shugg.
Waikerie – J. Kroehn, E. Kroehn, A. Edwards.
Goals: Renmark – N. Hocking 3, J. Shugg, E. Pick.

U12 MIXED

Renmark/Loxton 5 d Waikerie 0.
Best: Renmark/Loxton – D. Reimann, L. Murtagh, T. Vowles, A. Murtagh. Waikerie – all played well.
Goals: Renmark/Loxton – J. Everett 3, D. Reimann 2.

MEN

A MEN

Waikerie 5 d Berri 1.
Best: Waikerie – not supplied. Berri – not supplied.
Goals: Waikerie – J. Smith 3, D. Schmidt 2. Berri – K. Stokes.

B MEN

Berri 2 d Renmark 1.
Best: Berri – T. Herbert, D. Heuzenroeder, J. Roberts.
Renmark – L. Matulin, K. Christian, J. Barton, M. Reilly.
Goals: Berri – S. Moldovan, J. Roberts. Renmark – N. Hocking.

U18 MEN

Waikerie 1 d Loxton 0.
Best: Waikerie – E. Johnson, C. Edwards, O. Kroehn.
Loxton – not supplied.
Goals: Waikerie – K. Rayner.

U15 BOYS

Waikerie 3 d Berri 1.
Best: Waikerie – J. Ebert, C. Gogoll, E. Rayner. Berri – all played well.
Goals: Waikerie – C. Gogoll 2, Z. Plantuo. Berri – W. Stokes.

GRAND FINAL DRAW FRIDAY

6.15pm: U18 men – Berri v Waikerie
7.45pm: U18 women – Renmark v Berri
SATURDAY
9am: U12 mixed – Berri v Renmark/Loxton
10.15am: U15 women – Berri v Renmark
11.30am: U15 men – Loxton v Waikerie
12.45pm: B women – Loxton v Renmark
2.30pm: B men – Waikerie v Berri
4.15pm: A women – Renmark v Berri
6pm: A men – Loxton v Waikerie

Hockey’s best and fairest eye flag doubles

THE Riverland Hockey Association held its awards presentation night at the Renmark Hotel on Saturday night.

Loxton’s Sean Herbert’s won

the A grade men’s best and fairest, capping off a stellar season after being named in the SA country men’s team earlier in June.

Renmark Blues’ Kristen Pick

was named A grade women’s best and fairest.

Both Herbert and Pick will line up in their respective teams’ grand finals this Saturday night at

Glassey Park.

Renmark junior star Natalia Hocking pulled off a best and fairest double, winning joint awards in the under 18s and

under 15s

The women’s A grade grand final kicks off at 4.15pm and the men’s at 6pm this Saturday at Glassey Park.



Riverland hockey A grade men's best and fairest Sean Herbert, of Loxton. PHOTOS: supplied



Riverland hockey A grade women's best and fairest Kristen Pick, of Renmark.



B grade best and fairest winner Michael Camilleri, of Waikerie.



B grade women's best and fairest Tarnia Pongrac, of Berri.



Under 18 best and fairest winner Caleb Schaffer, of Berri.



Joint under 18 best and fairest winners Natalia Hocking, of Renmark, and Elise Schaefer, of Berri.



Under 15 best and fairest winner Lachlan Ebert, of Waikerie.



Joint under 15 best and fairest winners Natalia Hocking, of Renmark, and Amahli Kelly, of Berri.



Under 12 mixed best and fairest winner Jayden Everett, of Renmark.

Roosters rule the roost

BRENDAN LINES

RAMCO ended a 15-year premiership drought and won its first-ever RFL Independent flag by beating Sedan-Cambrai by nine points in Saturday's grand final at Paruna Oval.

The Roosters buried the ghosts of the past – including a 2016 grand final loss to Brown's Well – in claiming their first flag since coming across to the Independents in 2009 from the now-defunct Mid-Murray Football League.

The Roosters got the ultimate payback after their second semi-final loss to the Magpies two weeks ago.

Ramco captain Cameron Hawke said it was a tough grind toward the end.

"It was pretty pleasing when that final siren went," he said.

"Sedan just kept coming at us and we knew it was going to be hard.

"But we stuck to our guns and pulled through to get the job done."

A win against Wunkar last week helped calm the Roosters' nerves.

"It was good thing we ended up playing the prelim final," Hawke said.

"Before that we only played two or three games in about six weeks because of Covid."

The grand final was a low-scoring affair, featuring tough stop-page football in woolly conditions. Remarkably, the Roosters were able to hold back a last-quarter surge from the Magpies without scoring after three-quarter time.

Hawke said the Roosters made the most of the tough conditions.

"We don't mind a hard and tough scrappy game," he said.

Sedan Cambrai's bid to defend its 2019 crown got off to a slow start, but the Magpies kept within arm's reach of the Roosters to trail by 13 points at quarter-time.

However, at three-quarter time, Sedan Cambrai had just a single goal on the board and trailed by 30 points.

Goals from forwards Brodie Hutchings, Steven Kain and Nathan Schulz helped the Magpies



Ramco ended its 15-year premiership drought and landed its first RFL Independent flag by beating Sedan-Cambrai in Saturday's grand final. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

INDEPENDENT GRAND FINAL

	RAMCO			SEDAN-CAMBRAI	
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ROOSTERS	2.3	3.5	6.7	6.7	43
MAGPIES	0.2	1.5	1.7	4.10	34

BEST: Ramco - P. Elliott, D. Conley, J. Aldcroft, J. Andrewartha, R. Carter, K. Sumner. Sedan-Cambrai - A. Falkenberg, H. Graetz, J. Schultz, J. Schulz, J. Voigt, B. Walkley.

GOALS: Ramco - B. Whitbourne 2, K. Muir 2, A. Burckett, T. Pursche. Sedan-Cambrai - B. Hutchings 2, S. Kain, J. Schulz.



Adam Falkenberg was awarded the medal as Sedan-Cambrai's best in Saturday's RFL Independent grand final.



Ramco's Jayden Alcroft was awarded the medal as the Roosters' best in Saturday's nine-point grand final win over the Magpies.

pile pressure back on the Roosters. With six scoring shots in the final term, the reigning premiers finished with a wet sail, but fell agonisingly short of dream back-to-back wins.

An outstanding performance from Ramco's Jayden Alcroft was complemented by two-goal bags from teammates Brodie Whitbourne and Kade Muir.

Muir, who finished second in the competition's goal-kicking tally in his first year of Independent football, made his influence felt in the decider, the coach said.

"He's been a bit of an X-factor for us..." Hawke said.

"In the first half of the year no one knew him, but in the last half of the year every team we played stuck to him.

"He kept his head and did a couple of good things on Saturday."

Adam Falkenberg was awarded the medal for Sedan-Cambrai's best in the grand final.



Kade Muir celebrates after kicking a goal in Saturday's grand final.



● Brian Gates

Demons coach steps down

BRIAN Gates has stepped down as coach of RFL A grade club Berri.

Gates made the announcement following Berri's loss to Renmark in the RFL A grade first semi-final.

Gates took over as coach in 2017 amid difficult circumstances, following the mid-season resignation of Terry Eleftheriadis.

The Demons had endured three heavy losses to open the season when Gates stepped up from the under 18 role to become senior coach.

Club president Ron Foulds paid tribute to Gates and his impact over the past four years.

"On behalf of the whole club, I would like to thank Brian for his work ethic and thoroughly

professional approach to the game," Mr Foulds said in a statement.

"Brian took the job on in the 2017 season fully aware that it would be a very challenging assignment. His mandate was to develop a young squad and build a competitive game.

"Brian has been instrumental in changing the playing group into a competitive unit who now have belief and confidence.

"Brian leaves the club in a strong position to move forward into the coming Riverland Football seasons."

Berri finished the minor round in fourth position this year, while its under 15s and under 18s will both play in grand finals this weekend.

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Renmark and Waikerie are set to clash in the RFL grand final this Saturday.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Magpies slight favourites

WAIKERIE will start slight favourites to win Saturday's RFL A grade grand final against reigning premiers Renmark, at Loxton.

The Rovers won the most recent flag, in 2019, and were locked and loaded to go back-to-back last year, before Covid-19 stepped in the way.

This season however, Waikerie has been the standout team and has won all three/both of its matches against Renmark.

Due to Renmark's unlucky slip down the ladder to third, following the suspension of two rounds this season, the two

grand final combatants are yet to meet in the finals.

Renmark is likely to welcome back star midfielder and newly crowned 2021 Whillas Medallist Tim Woolford to the side. Woolford has runs on the board in finals against the Magpies.

Renmark could also welcome back fellow injured player Jaryd Rowe.

Waikerie meanwhile is sweating on the availability of Craig Miller, who was reported during the club's second semi-final romp over Loxton.

If Miller is missing, 2021 mid-season recruit Dustin

Gordon is waiting in the wings to complement the already powerful Magpies' line-up.

Well coached by Shayne Stevens, Waikerie will start favourites, but Renmark has the talent to spring another grand final upset, well led by playing coach Josh Vater.

Meanwhile the B grade title looks Renmark's to lose, after the Rovers romped through the season undefeated and virtually unchallenged. Renmark and Waikerie have engaged in some epic B grade grand finals over the years, but this weekend's result looks more clear cut,

with the talent-packed Rovers too strong.

In the under 18s, the exciting Berri side is favoured to beat Renmark, which has come from third to make the grand final, eliminating minor premiers Loxton North last week.

Barmera-Monash features in both the under 15 and under 13 grand final.

Barmera-Monash is top pick in the under 15s, though Berri will be no pushover.

The under 13s looms as an intriguing contest, with little likely to separate the Roos and the Rovers at the final siren.

Rovers romp into third straight grand final

BRENDAN LINES

REMARK'S relentless run and spread might be a taste of what it brings to this week's RFL grand final, after its crushing 78-point win over Loxton in Saturday's preliminary final at RFL headquarters.

A classy all-weather performance by the Rovers put paid to the Tigers' rags to riches season, helped by a masterclass of wet weather football from playing coach Josh Vater.

Renmark is now one step away from winning successive flags, despite being relegated to third spot on the ladder after the minor round as a luckless victim of the Covid-enforced suspension of two rounds.

Third place was hardly reflective of the Rovers' form, as they entered the 2021 finals series with the best percentage in the competition.

Renmark has since posted commanding wins in both its finals, disposing of Berri and 2021 season surprise packet Loxton.

Vater said the Rovers passed a test in tough conditions.

"It was nice hit-out in the wet

PRELIMINARY FINAL					
REMARK			LOXTON		
ROVERS	5.5	7.5	11.12	15.17	107
TIGERS	0.1	1.3	2.3	4.4	28

BEST: Renmark - J. Vater, N. Zunic, F. Sampson, J. Agostino, R. Garrett, T. Thorpe. Loxton - D. Kassulke, W. Gutsche, L. Pontt, T. Eagle, L. Evans, L. Bradley.

GOALS: Renmark - N. Zunic 4, T. Charlton 3, J. Agostino, J. Howard, J. Vater 2, L. Lellmann, Z. Gartery. Loxton - R. Liddle, L. Pontt, J. Will, B. Hill.

weather and pretty well contested in the first half," he said.

"The boys had to win some hard ball which they did.

"It was some good team footy we hope to carry into this week."

Late in the game, Vater implored his players to keep pushing hard, given a grand final encounter against powerhouse Waikerie beckons.

"Even though at times towards the end of the game on the weekend the result was probably beyond doubt, you're trying to make sure people are in good habits," he said.

"You're going to have to play four quarters of good footy to beat Waikerie.

"If you have lapses of any concentration throughout those quarters that's what costs you.

"And that's what has cost us this

year."

The Rovers will go into this week's decider with a 0-2 win-loss record against Waikerie in 2021.

In the preliminary final, Renmark captain Matt Woolford's choice to kick with a strong wind to the town end paid off as the Rovers kicked away to a 34-point lead at quarter-time.

But that was just the calm before the impending storm. The Tigers tried to rally in the wet conditions, matching the Rovers with seven inside 50 apiece, but the Rovers' polish up forward seemed untarnished by the foul conditions.

Loxton threatened to get back in the game, lifted by captain Luke Pontt's willingness to put himself on the line at the contest, but just one goal from Raph Liddle was



A stunning all-weather performance by playing coach Josh Vater helped guide the Rovers to their third straight RFL A grade grand final in Saturday's preliminary final at RFL headquarters.
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

short change for its efforts as the Tigers stared down the barrel of a 38-point deficit at half-time.

Creative goalsneak Nathan Zunic's impeccably timed return from injury yielded four goals, while consistent efforts from the versatile Lachlan Lellmann at both ends of the ground were impressive.

Vater used Lellmann sparingly, only sending the elusive forward to the attacking end in the last quarter, which paid off with a major.

The Tigers' first finals tilt in three years – including last year's suspended season – appeared to run out of steam. Another three goals after half-time from limited forward entries was unable to turn

the game in their favour.

Vater, in peak form, Zunic, Fraser Sampson, Jack Agostino, Ricky Garrett and veteran Trevor Thorpe – who will be trying to deliver a premiership double to his home, after wife Denika guided Renmark's A1 netballers to a flag last Friday night – were all strong contributors in a solid team effort.

Drew Kassulke, Will Gutsche and Lachlan Evans finished their outstanding seasons with good showings, while Luke Pontt and Talyn Eagle also battled hard against the odds.

Renmark faces Waikerie in the RFL A grade grand final at Loxton Oval this Saturday.



Loxton's Drew Kassulke faces off at contest with Renmark's Josh Howard on Saturday.



Renmark's Nathan Zunic booted four goals in the Rovers' 78-point preliminary final win over Loxton on Saturday.

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Woolford's fast start clinches Whillas



Renmark's Tim Woolford won the 2021 Whillas Medal, polling 18 votes from just 11 games played this season. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Tom Charlton, of Renmark, was named the RFL's leading goalkicker in 2021.



Berri's Hugo Kregar won the Peter Frankcom Best First Year Player award on Monday night.

BRENDAN LINES

REMARK midfielder Tim Woolford was named the 2021 Whillas Medallist at an online presentation from RFL headquarters on Monday night. Woolford polled 18 votes to win the league's top individual honour by four votes over runner-up Will Gutsche, of Loxton, and Waikerie's Jack Grieger in third.

A strong start to the 2021 season enabled the tough on-baller to pull away to a five-vote lead at the halfway point of the count and stay ahead the rest of the way.

Woolford said watching his early run of votes come a surprise.

"I just had it on in the background at home," he said.

"I wasn't really expecting too much, but I was keeping an eye on it.

"It was pretty crazy when I started off pretty well."

Amazingly, Woolford did not poll a vote after round 10. The RFL skipped rounds 11 and 12 due to the lockdown hiatus, while the 26-year-old was sidelined by injury in the final minor rounds.

Woolford polled a maximum three votes on five occasions from his 11 games

played this year.

"I was happy just to keep consistent," Woolford said.

"We lost round one to Loxton which gave us a good wake-up call. We knew we had to put in some hard work.

"Then we came out with a pretty good six weeks and I was happy to contribute."

Woolford said being named vice-captain of Eastern Zone at the country championships, in June, contributed to a memorable season.

"Personally, playing inter-league and zone was a good chance to try and test myself at the higher level," he said.

Woolford is "optimistic" he of returning to the Rovers' line-up for this weekend's RFL grand final against Waikerie and plans to train tomorrow night.

It was a fruitful night for the Rovers with first-year player Tom Charlton crowned RFL leading goalkicker with 34 for the season, ahead of Loxton's Raph Liddle.

Berri and interleague defender Hugo Kregar won the prestigious Peter Frankcom Best Year Player award, while Loxton's Rogan Kennedy impressed in his seven A grade games in 2021 and won the rising star award winner.

Berri's Sarah Campbell won the Riverland Women's Football League best and fairest, adding to her Marks Up MVP win.

AWARD WINNERS

A GRADE

Whillas Medal: Tim Woolford (R).

Runners-up: Will Gutsche (L) and Jack Grieger (W).

Best first year player: Hugo Kregar (B).

Rising star: Rogan Kennedy (L).

Murray Pioneer Writers' Award: Lachlan Evans (L).

Marks Up MVP: Lachlan Evans (L).

Whillas Medal

Tim Woolford (R) 18, William Gutsche (L) 13, Jack Grieger (W) 12, Jack Evans (L) 11, Matthew Spencely, Thomas Finlay 8, Mason Middleton (BM), Peter Safralidis (B), Josh Vater (R), Brendon Moon (W), Ryan Shaw (W) 7.

B grade

Best and fairest: Braden Falting (L). Runners-up: Brody Rover (R), Aaron Thompson (W). Leading goalkicker: Ryan Nickolls (L).

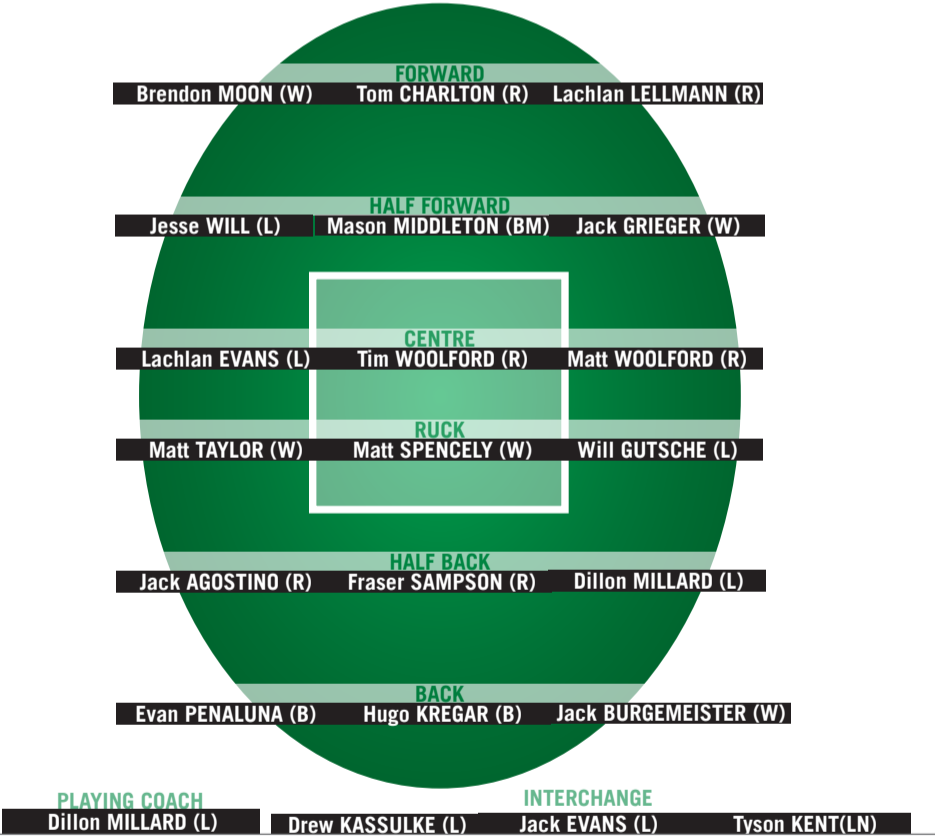
B grade voting

Braden Falting (L) 21; Brody Rover (R) 14; Aaron Thompson (W) 11.

RWFL

Best and fairest: Sarah Campbell (B) 19 votes; runner-up: Kaylah Mudge (BM) 15 votes. Leading goalkicker: Stacey Geyer (B).

MURRAY PIONEER TEAM OF THE YEAR



Big day for 5RM's grand final footy coverage

5RM will bring live commentary of this weekend's 2021 RFL A grade final

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

INSET: 5RM is turning back the clock to its heyday of Riverland football coverage.



5RM's commitment to local football will peak this weekend when programming for Saturday features a significant amount of local football.

To complement existing sport programs, in recent weeks the radio station has resumed live calls of RFL games, something not done for years.

This weekend will see the long-standing Sports Saturday program broadcast live from the RFL grand final, in Loxton,

from 8am to 10am hosted by Lachlan Winnall and Trevor 'Nobby' Norton.

From midday, long-time broadcaster Trevor Scott will take the reins for The Sideline View, a 2021 addition to programming that – every Saturday afternoon – highlights local sport.

Then from 2pm the station will cross live to Loxton for its grand final coverage throughout the entire match and post-game analysis.

5RM's Winnall said

feedback of live calls had been "phenomenal".

"We look forward to one big day this Saturday for the grand final," he said.

"I've seen some old 5RM grand final programming guides from the '70s and '80s and I had a laugh as this Saturday is very similar.

"You might say it's a case of what's old is new again."

All the action can be heard on 91.5FM and 801AM this Saturday.



Hume clinches open treble

LOXTON golf ace Andrew Hume completed a treble of Riverland golf opens with a five-shot win in the Berri Open on the weekend.

Hume notched back-to-back Loxton Open wins the previous weekend, while earlier in the year he won the Barmera Open by one shot.

This time around Hume defended his native turf with rounds of 70 and 72 (142) beating Ben Pearce, of Thaxted Park Golf Club, in Belair, who shot rounds of 76 and 71.

Hume completed his stellar run of form picking up the nearest-to-the-pin award on Sunday.

In trying all-weather conditions over 80 players braved the elements in the hope of snagging the hole-in-one prize of a Mazda 2 car.

In the ladies competition Wendy Hocevar hit an ace on the par-three sixth, but unfortunately her effort was too late for the prize.

RESULTS

BERRI HOTEL OPEN RESULTS

Berri Open: Men's winner – A. Hume (Loxton GC) 70/72 (142), runner up B. Pearce (Thaxted Park GC) 76/71 (147). B grade: Winner – M. Boon, Berri (GC) 172, runner up D. Shawyer (Berri GC) 176.

C Grade: Winner – D. Zelif, (Berri GC) 203, runner-up G. Leyson (Berri GC) 206

Ladies: Winner – D. Christie, (Lameroo GC) rounds of 86 and 81 (167), runner up A. Thiel (Berri GC) 96/96 (192).

Berri Hotel Open handicap: Men's: Winner – P. Lyall, (Thaxted Park GC) 141, runner up R. Bedford, (Barmera GC) 142. B grade: Winner – M. Kelly, Mount (Osmond GC) 142, runner up W. Thiele (Berri GC) 148. C grade: Winner – G. Chisholm (Berri GC) 157, Runner-up G. Tognon, (Berri GC) 163. Ladies: Winner



B grade winner Michael Boon tees off at the Berri Open on the weekend.

Y. Reynolds (Barmera GC) 156 (cb), runner up L. Seddon (Berri GC) 156.

Stableford, Wed, August 25: G. Morrison 39, L. Smith 36 (cb), S. Wade 36, R. Keightley 36, G. Leyson 35, R. Burn 34 (cb), C. Hyde 34, G. Tognon 33 (cb), L. Seddon 33, P. Cummins 32 (cb), D. Zelif 32, L. Campbell 32. Birdies S. Wade 13th, C. Hyde 16th.

Stroke Sat, August 28: D. Dawson 66, P. Jealous 69, S. Wade 72 (cb), I. McHugh 72, D. Gregoric 73, C. Berry 75 (cb), A. Selfe 75. Birdies K. Wyman 1st, A. Selfe 16th, I. McHugh 6th, M. Heuzenroeder 16th.

Stableford, Sun, August 29: B. Rosenthal 43, L. Berry 38, P. Mudge 37 (cb), C. Berry 37, K. Wyman 35, M. Jennings 34 (cb), T. McHugh 34, W. Hocevar 34.



RIGHT: Winners from the Berri Open (from left) Gary Leyson, Pacey Lyall, Michael Kelly, Andrew Hume, Annette Thiel, Ben Pearce, Dallas Zelif, Glenn Chisholm, Wayne Thiele, Michael Boon, Laura Seddon, Gino Tognon, Yvonne Reynolds and Deb Christie.

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Riverland team sews up a perfect season

THE final round of the regular soccer season saw a men’s side complete a perfect 2021 premiership campaign last weekend.

In the Riverland Soccer Association (RSA) men’s B grade, Renmark Olympic – which had won every game so far in 2021 – beat Berri River Rangers 2-1.

Berry Maika and Richard Sam both found the net for Renmark, meaning Callum Cassell’s goal for Berri was little consolation.

Sam was named as Renmark’s best, alongside Bari Sahota, while the efforts of Pawan Johal and Michael Kondoprias were highlighted for Berri.

Also in the B grade, goals from Yu Zhou and Adrian Monaco led Barmera to a 2-1 win over Loxton.

Ulysses Carney found the net for Loxton, which named Ondre Hunyadi and Sebastian Uzzell as best players, while Zhou and Evangelos Doupis were best for Barmera.

In the men’s A grade, new premiers Renmark ended its regular season with a tight 4-3 win over Berri.

Star Vanuatu import Jean Kaltack netted twice for Renmark, along with goals from Kyle Collinson and Simon Crouch.

George Fournaros also scored twice for Berri, plus a goal from Lucus Eleftheriadis, with Macey

Eleftheriadis and Thomas Pipinis named the side’s best.

Kaltack and Collinson earned best player honours for Renmark.

Renmark A grade coach Chris Miller said his side was forced to absorb pressure during the match.

“In breezy conditions early we were pinned back against the wind, (and) we defended a barrage of corners and breaks well early in the match,” Miller said.

“We went into the half-time break up, and with the wind going our way in the second half it was all a matter of good defence to get the job done.”

The other A grade match Barmera United gained momentum for the finals series with a 8-5 victory over Loxton United, highlighted by a five-goal haul for Dimitri Kanakaris.

Marty Barber and Jon Pintile were also on target for the Pelicans, cancelling out a hat-trick from Louie Psarakis, plus goals from Blake Koskinas and Crispin Mitchell at the other end.

Barber and Kanakaris were named as Barmera’s best players, while Spyro Polymiadis and Psarakis were Loxton’s best.

Loxton A grade coach Simon Eleveld expected his team to recover for the finals

“The lads are all over next week when the finals start,” Eleveld said.

“They are ready to step

up when it’s needed (and) we really want to leave a mark on this finals series.”

The final round of the women’s competition saw Barmera record a convincing 8-0 win over Loxton, where Marlee Coombe, Matilda Mitchell and Tessie Mitchell each scored twice.

Sarah Beams and Mikayla Rayner were also on target for the Pelicans, with Tilly Albrecht, Tessie Mitchell and Coombe named as the side’s best.

Loxton highlighted the efforts of Ruby Payne, Makayla Lockwood and Gretel Pumpa.

Berri forfeited the other women’s match to Renmark.

Barmera women’s coach Kev Barber said the chemistry between his players continues to improve.

“This is my third season coaching the team and they are really committed to each other, they are really good together and the older players really look after the young players,” Barber said.

“Matilda Mitchell had probably her best game of the season today, scoring a couple of goals but also playing across the ground.”

In the RSA under 16 competition, Berri defeated Renmark 2-1 and Barmera beat Loxton 6-0.



Barmera United players celebrate a goal in their 8-5 win over Loxton United in men’s A grade last weekend. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

MEN

A GRADE

Renmark 4 d Berri 3

BEST: Renmark – J. Kaltack, K. Collinson. Berri – M. Eleftheriadis, T. Pipinis.
GOALS: Renmark – J. Kaltack 2, K. Collinson, S. Crouch. Berri – G. Fournaros 2, L. Eleftheriadis.
Barmera 8 d Loxton 5
BEST: Barmera – D. Kanakaris, M. Barber. Loxton – S. Polymiadis, L. Psarakis.
GOALS: Barmera – D. Kanakaris 5, M. Barber, J. Pintilie, OG. Loxton – L. Psarakis 3, B. Koskinas, C. Mitchell.

B GRADE

Renmark 2 d Berri 1

BEST: Renmark – R. Sam, B. Sahota. Berri – P. Johal, M. Kondoprias.
GOALS: Renmark – B. Maika, R. Sam. Berri – C. Cassell.
Barmera 2 d Loxton 1
BEST: Barmera – E. Doupis, Y. Zhou. Loxton – O. Hunyadi, S. Uzzell.
GOALS: Barmera – Y. Zhou, A. Monaco. Loxton – U. Carney.
UNDER 16
Berri 2 d Renmark 1

BEST: Berri – A. Cartwright, M. Singh. Renmark – C. Battams, F. Vallelonga.
GOALS: Berri – C. Battams 2. Renmark – H. Dedes.
Barmera 6 d Loxton 0
BEST: Barmera – M. Rayner, K. Beames. Loxton – R. Bertram, Z. Uzzell.
GOALS: Barmera – M. Rayner 3, T. Mitchell 2, K. Kenefick.

WOMEN

Renmark 3 d Berri 0 (forfeit)

Barmera 8 d Loxton 0

BEST: Barmera – T. Albrecht, T. Mitchell, M. Coombe. Loxton – R. Payne, M. Lockwood, G. Pumpa.
GOALS: Barmera – M. Coombe 2, M. Mitchell 2, T. Mitchell 2, S. Beames, M. Rayner.
JUNIORS
UNDER 14
Berri 5 d Renmark 1
BEST: Berri – D. Hronopoulos, J. Krendl. Renmark – J. van Dyk, N. Meimetis.
GOALS: Berri – D. Hronopoulos 2, J. Krendl, R. Sowkath Ali, C. Vallelonga. Renmark – J. van Dyk.
Barmera 2 drew with Loxton 2
BEST: Barmera – M. Munchenberg, G. Patsis. Loxton – C. Vowles, D.

Wracking.
GOALS: Barmera – M. Bourton, J. Dymmott. Loxton – A. Flavel, M-A. Perre.
UNDER 12
Renmark 9 d Berri 1
BEST: Renmark – J. Cartwright, L. Ivanovic. Berri – D. Heuzenroeder, N. Vallelonga.
GOALS: Renmark – L. Ivanovic 3, N. Meimetis 3, J. Cartwright 2, J. Ormsby. Berri – J. Hunter.
Barmera 6 d Loxton 1
BEST: Barmera – K. Ogle, J. Sweet. Loxton – J. Ingerson, S. Setchell.
GOALS: Barmera – J. Sweet 3, M. Bourton, K. Ogle, A. Ielasi. Loxton – L-M. Perre.
UNDER 12 DEV
Renmark 6 d Berri 0
BEST: Renmark – G. Kaur, L. Wracking. Berri – P. Markeas, G. Nagra.
GOALS: Renmark – I. Atsaves 5, G. Wilson.
Barmera 4 d Loxton 0
BEST: Barmera – Z. Cole, E. Vincent. Loxton – C. Dalzell, D. Eleveld.
GOALS: Barmera – Z. Cole 4.



Riverland’s year 7 soccer team played at the state SAPSASA carnival last week. PHOTOS: supplied



Riverland’s year 6 soccer team played at the state SAPSASA carnival last week.

School soccer carnival wraps up

RIVERLAND year 6 and year 7 boys and girls competed in the SAPSASA state soccer carnivals held at West Beach, in Adelaide last week.

Riverland schools sent a contingent of 48 students to compete against 12 regions across the state.

RESULTS

GIRLS

YEAR 7

Game 1

Riverland 3 drew with Southern Fleurieu 3

Riverland best: M. Bourton, L. Perrie, H. Beames.

Game 2

Riverland 3 d Pirie 1

Riverland best: M. Bourton, L. Burnnard, O. Schwartz.

Game 3

Riverland 1 d Gawler 0

Best: H. Beames, S. Setchell, B. Gates.

Game 4

Eyre Peninsula 3 d Riverland 2

Riverland best: M. Mitchell, H. Beames, M. Bourton.

Game 5

Riverland 1 d Lower and Mid SE 0

Riverland best: B. Gates, L. Burnnard, A. Teakle.

Game 6

Fleurieu 2 d Riverland 1

Riverland best: L. Perrie, S. Setchell, B. Gates.

YEAR 6

Game 1

South West 2 d Riverland 1

Best: M. Kussulke, M. Rayner, R. Wishart.

Game 2

Riverland 4 d City South 2

Riverland best: B. Kour, M. Rayner, G. Kour.

Game 3

East Adelaide 5 d Riverland 0

Riverland best: M. Kassulke, H. Jaeschke, B. Kour.

Game 4

South East 3 d Riverland 0

Riverland best: M. Rayner, B. Kour, K. Garbutt.

Game 5

Port 1 d Riverland 0

Riverland best: R. Wishart, M. Kassulke, O. Gartner.
Game 6
Airport 3 d Riverland 0
Riverland best: L. Guidolin, M. Rayner, G. Kour.

BOYS

YEAR 7

Game 1

Riverland 4 drew with Southern Fleurieu 4

Riverland best: W. Marks, J. Perram, C. Vowles.

Game 2

Pirie 4 d Riverland 0

Riverland best: A. Giles, J. Saegenschitter, J. Perram.

Game 3

Riverland 2 d Gawler 0

Riverland best: R. Montgomery, A. Kent, S. Williams.

Game 4

Riverland 0 drew with Barossa and Light 0

Riverland best: S. Marsden, J. Hoffman, A. Kent.

Game 5

Barker 4 d Riverland 0

Riverland best: A. Liddell, D. Brunt, A. Giles.

Game 6

Lower Eyre Peninsula 4 d Riverland 0

Riverland best: Not supplied.

YEAR 6

Game 1

Riverland 6 d York Peninsula 1

Riverland best: J.Norman, L. Scholz, B. Altundag.

Game 2

Riverland 9 d Murray Mallee 0.

Riverland best: Z. Hronopoulos, J. Curtis, N. Vallalonga.

Game 3

Riverland 4 d Southern Fleurieu 0.

Riverland best: R. Kipkosgei, N. Vallalonga, B. Altundag.

Game 4

Gawler 2 d Riverland 1

Riverland best: J. Curtis, L. Scholz, D. Marks.

Game 5

Lower South East 3 d Riverland 2.

Best: A. Preusker, Z. Hronopoulos, C. Blanck.

Game 6

Lower Eyre Peninsula 2 d Riverland 1.

Best: A. Flavel, R. Kipkosgei, J. Hunter.

Wanderers post upset win over Double Jacks

MONASH Wanderers had an unexpected 14-1 win over an undermanned Double Jacks in last Thursday's Riverland darts encounter.

Wanderers jumped Double Jacks with an 8-1 lead after the first round of singles. Wanderers continued to pull away in the remaining matches, posting a much-needed win heading into finals.

Wanderers' Calib Martin continued his good form by scoring a maximum 180.

RC Ones continued on their winning run with a comfortable 11-4 win over Expendables.

RC Ones' Lee Rasheed had a good night with a 20.08 average and scored a maximum 180.

RESULTS

Monash Wanderers 14 (C. Martin 180, 140, 100 x 2, W. Bonham 140, 125, 121, 116, 100, D. Martin 138, 121, 100, K. Hayes 125, 100 x 2, J. Willett 121, 120, 100 x 2, A. Martin 100 x 2) d Double Jacks 1.

RC Ones 11 (L. Rasheed 180, 121 x 2, 100 x 4, C. Dunhill 129, 100, P. Cooper 124, 123, 100, T. Stoneham 123, 100 x 2, N. Flack 100 x 11) d Expendables 4 (D. Higgs 133, D. Roessel 101, G. Norman 100 x 2).



GOLDEN WHISTLE: Riverland Netball Association 2021 Golden Whistle winner Jessie Miller with runner-up Renata Baggley at the Riverland netball grand finals on the weekend. PHOTO: supplied

Higgins wins double barrel championship

THE Barmera Clay Target Club held its 50-target double barrel championship on Sunday, September 5.

Luke Higgins was the overall and AA grade winner.

RESULTS

50-Target Double barrel championship: Overall winner - AA Grade: 1 L. Higgins 50/50;

2 E. Schmaal 41/50. A Grade: 1 T. Shaddock 54/57; 2 R. Maywald 53/57. B Grade: 1st J. Pankhurst 47/50; 2 B. Morris 45/50. C Grade: 1 C. Nunn 40/50; 2 M. Woosnam 40/50.

25-target Wally Germein Memorial Handicap: 1 G. Morgan 25/28, 2 R. Maywald 24/28, 3 J. Pankhurst 21/2

25 Target Skeet: 1 L. Higgins 24/25, 2 H. Nunn 21/25, 3 E. Schmaal 20/25.

Bambrick leads cycling championship series

THE Riverland Cycling Club (RCC) held the first of its three club championship rounds on Sunday.

Clint Bambrick won the road race event after setting a cracking pace on the first lap of the Loxton Tookayerta loop circuit.

Brad Temple was second with Lee Stevens third.

Points were awarded according to finishing positions. The rider with the lowest points at the end of the series will be crowned the RCC club champion.

The RCC club championship series will conclude with time trial and criterium events to be held this Sunday.

RESULTS

1. C. Bambrick, 2. B. Temple, 3 L. Stevens, 4 M. Gray, 5 C. Holtham, L. Rasheed DNF.

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Remarkable



Renmark's A1 netball team pulled off a remarkable undefeated season to win the 2021 Riverland Netball Association A1 grand final at The Precinct on Friday night. Pictured are (back from left) coach Denika Thorpe, Lauren Collins, Emma Stockman, Matilda Rothe, Zoe Siviour, Sonja Modlinski, Brenda Orchard. Front: Fleur Rowett, Reeni Leuders, Shanae Rucioch and Dani Woolford. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

JOSH BRINE

RENMARK put the cherry on top of its undefeated season, holding off a young and determined Barmera side to claim the Riverland Netball Association A1 premiership in Loxton on Friday night.

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Woolford streaks to Whillas Medal

BRENDAN LINES

RENMARK midfielder Tim Woolford was named the 2021 Whillas Medallist at an online presentation from RFL headquarters on Monday night.

Woolford polled 18 votes to win the league's top individual honour by four votes over runner-up Will Gutsche, of Loxton, and Waikerie's Jack Grieger in third.

A strong start to the 2021 season enabled the tough on-baller to pull away to a five-vote lead at the halfway point of the count and stay ahead the rest of the way.

Woolford said watching his early run of votes come a surprise.

"I just had it on in the background at home," he said.

"I wasn't really expecting too much, but I was keeping an eye on it.

"It was pretty crazy when I started off pretty well."

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