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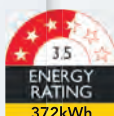
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Plenty to read about in SA Farmer

THE 2023 winter edition of SA Farmer is included free inside today's Murray Pioneer.

Produced by Taylor Group Media, SA Farmer shares the

stories and seasonal updates of primary producers, business owners and industry experts from across the Riverland, Mallee and Lower North.

This edition is jam-packed

with stories, including one detailing the love given to the nursery at Riverland Native Plants in Loxton North, owned by Nicole (pictured) and Tim Field.

PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



Lack of volunteers leaves Loxton SES out of action...

COME TO THE RESCUE

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

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A 43-year-old Somerton Park man lost his life after an accident involving three cars and a truck occurred last week at Paisley. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

Full details of council's draft 2023-24 Annual Business Plan and Budget will be included in next week's edition of The Murray Pioneer.

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RIVERLAND WEATHER													
		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
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Floats wanted for the return of Renmark Christmas Pageant... It's coming back

**HUGH SCHUITMAKER
and DEIRDRE GRAHAM**

LOCAL residents and community organisations have been urged to participate in the first Christmas pageant to be held in Renmark since 2018.

The Renmark Christmas Celebration Committee Incorporated is now seeking floats to be entered for the planned return of the Renmark Christmas Pageant, on December 1.

Former Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson – who established the new group – said he had already been approached by locals seeking to join the pageant.

“We’re looking for clubs, sporting clubs, schools and service groups that want to promote their own organisation and get involved in the pageant,” Mr Martinson said.

“At this stage the pageant will be led by the old fire truck that is currently at Olivewood. They have agreed to allow that truck to come out of hibernation for a little while.

“I have got two or three other floats that people have already rang me about.

“I’m just keen to get as many floats as possible to make it the success that we want it to be.”

Renmark Paringa councillors, at a special meeting held earlier this

month, voted to provide in-principle support for the reinstatement of a Renmark Christmas Pageant, although council will avoid managing the event.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said many community members had expressed a desire for a Renmark pageant to return.

“Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup communities are excited to hear of the resurgence of the pageant in 2023,” Mr Hunter said.

“This joining together is an important part of the (Christmas) celebrations. Please put the date in your calendar and consider how you or your workplace might be able to support Neil Martinson and his team of volunteers, as they develop and present the 2023 event.

“All of us have memories of pageants growing up, from the bands playing, the colour and spectacle (and) the arrival of Father Christmas.

“Let’s make sure we add the past memories and build new 2023 memories for our children.”

Renmark last hosted a Christmas pageant in 2018, with extreme heat and Covid restrictions forcing the event’s cancellation in the years since.

Mr Martinson said ensuring par-



Neil Martinson (left), of the Renmark Christmas Celebration Committee Incorporated group, celebrating the announcement that the Renmark Christmas Pageant will return this year with Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

icipating floats met correct safety standards would be a priority before the pageant.

“I would like to see some sort of response within the next couple of months, at least, for people to say ‘we are interested’,” Mr Martinson said.

“We need to know what type of floats there are, because obviously public liability is a huge issue for us.

“We have managed to get that insurance, but it is important that every float that is put in is totally safe.

“If they are carrying kids and adults, it has to be made sure they are safe as well.”

Renmark Paringa bags flood award

A LOCAL council’s commitment to keeping its community informed during the recent flood has earned a state award.

Renmark Paringa Council was last Friday announced as winner of the Local Government Professionals SA Excellence in Emergency Management Award for its response to the River Murray flood.

Renmark Paringa acting chief executive officer Tim Pfeiffer said protecting the townships, sharing steps of the response effort with the community and remaining “calm, confident, and factual” were priorities for council staff.

“We are honoured to receive this award and to be recognised for our efforts in managing the impacts of the River Murray flood,” Mr Pfeiffer said.

“Our emergency incident management team demonstrated exceptional leadership, communication skills and resilience in responding to the flood.

“The communications strategy that we

developed and implemented during the flood enabled us to connect with the community quickly and effectively to provide them with important information to keep them safe and informed.”

Further information regarding Renmark Paringa’s flood recovery effort can be found by visiting the website (www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/services/flood-recovery-and-support).



Renmark Paringa staff accepting the Local Government Professionals SA Excellence in Emergency Management Award, for council’s response effort to the River Murray flood, in Adelaide last Friday. PHOTO: supplied

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Fix needed for deadly highway

THE Sturt Highway is a vital piece of infrastructure for the economic wellbeing of the Riverland.

It supports the trucking industry that rolls through our towns, the tourism industry that brings money into our local businesses, our agriculture industries that transport innumerable tonnes of produce to the state, nation and the world, plus much more.

Last Thursday’s fatal crash on the Sturt Highway at Paisley, near Blanchetown, marked the third fatal accident, and the fifth death, on the Riverland’s most important road so far in 2023.

The highway has now been the scene for about 50 fatalities since 2018 – that is dozens of family members, friends and loved ones who have been lost on the road we all rely on.

Calls for drivers to pay attention to the ‘fatal five’ and road safety campaigns specifically targeting country drivers are clearly falling short when it comes to curbing major crashes, where the Riverland appears to be seriously overrepresented.

Despite a major investment of more than \$80m by state and federal governments to upgrade the highway from Gawler to the border, including the potential Truro bypass, the extra roundabouts, overtaking lanes and safety barriers scattered along the highway appear to have had little impact so far on reducing fatalities on one of SA’s major freight routes.

With trucks only getting bigger, and the amount of freight hauled in, out and through the region growing, the need for a serious rework of the highway will only grow.

While the Sturt Highway has proven a valuable tool for political point-scoring by both major parties while in opposition, the lack of public planning or consultation on a strategy to save the lives of Riverlanders using our roads has proven frustrating for the local community.

There needs to be recognition by government, at both the state and federal level, that the highway does not end at the Barossa Valley.

All three Riverland mayors, plus Barker MP Tony Pasin, are now united behind the idea that full duplication from the end of the dual carriageway at Nuriootpa to Waikerie is required.

Yes, such an investment would be a major expense both financially and time-wise, plus a major inconvenience for commuters while the works are being undertaken.

It seems unlikely that any major projects along the highway are on the way any time soon, especially given the works covered by the \$87.5m investment are still ongoing – or, in the case of the Truro bypass, are yet to commence – and the large amounts of funding for other recent infrastructure projects around the state, including a \$260m project to duplicate sections of the even more deadly Augusta Highway.

But, if the Sturt Highway is to continue as a key part of Australia’s heavy vehicle network into the future, there must be a serious commitment to planning how to make it safer for our truck drivers and commuters, and it is clear that plan needs to include duplication.

It remains to be seen how many lives are lost before that need becomes clear.



A reminder of yester-year: The former Institute and School at Bugle Hut, east of Loxton, now sits remotely in a paddock in 2023. While other areas of SA were being opened for farming, settlement of the Northern Mallee, east of the River Murray and north of the Pinnaroo railway, was not happening. In the 1850s to 1860s, the pastoralists had begun running sheep. By the early 1890s the State Government surveyed the region for closer settlement and paved the way for farming pioneers, but they took up little land distant from the Murray. The main reason for this and for the lack of First Nations People there was the lack of water. There were no rivers and some underground water, but, if present, it often was salty. An effective form of transport was also needed. With the coming of a railway branching into the region from 1913 onward, transport became possible and enabled many little townships, often just 8km apart, to grow near these lines. One was Bugle Hut. The Institute was built in 1917, but from the 1950s farmers used bigger equipment, road transport improved, the regional population declined, and the little towns disappeared. The remote Bugle Hut Institute tells us this story. PHOTO: Magarey Collection

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dollars flowing interstate?

RISE up for river vouchers were designed to inject millions of dollars into the once-in-a-century flood-affected communities like Berri.

It was calling on South Australians ‘to throw their support – and dollars – to the regions’.

Imagine our dismay to see that this campaign does not apply the same principle to local businesses.

The rooms at the local hotel we stayed in are stocking a Queensland beer and a Victorian cider.

Surely a better idea would be for the hotel to stock a local wine, or local spirit, or some locally produced fruits or juices

This surely would better support local businesses and their workers and help ‘rise up for our river’, rather than throwing money interstate?

ROBERT FITZGERALD
Malvern

Long road to survival

SURVIVAL is hard, and surviving abuse is very hard.

But, for some, trying to survive from domestic abuse can be near impossible.

Imagine being male, twice the size of your abuser and then getting told on more than one occasion that you and your kids are now classed as victims of domestic abuse.

Can you imagine being that person?

I don’t need to, as I am that male survivor.

For me being a survivor is still a very grey area, as I might not be anywhere near my abuser, but I’m not really free.

The damage done to me by others talking about me behind my back is something I will forever endure.

I also still cannot get away from my abuser trying to control me.

It’s probably a good thing I have a small group of what I hope to be true friends that are still there waiting for me to turn

up on their doorstep once again.

If you are reading this and know of, or are a victim of domestic abuse, then please for the sake of yourself and your family, get out and seek help.

You might be surprised by how common abuse really is to both female and male victims.

There is help out there, you just need to say something.

It is a very hard road to survival, but like me you will get there.

Name and address supplied

Houses are more valuable than us

HOUSES are worth more than people in Australia. Here is how it works.

To raise a child to adulthood takes 18 years. It is impossible to rent a single house for 18 years.

Landlords come and go, and take their houses with them. So if you plan to have children, you have to plan around having more than one house to live in.

Changing houses will probably also mean changing schools, and childcare, and that is no easy task.

Childcare takes longer than a lifetime to get into, mainly because nobody wants childcare built in their neighbourhood because it devalues the value of their house.

This is the main reason why Australians are not having children, it’s too much unpaid work.

But that is not the complete life cycle of people and their symbiosis with houses.

People are starting to learn that nursing homes are not as much fun as the ads say they are. They aren’t even fun to work in.

So more and more people want to stay in their house and get care there.

But that is not going to be a happy place either, because we don’t have people who want children.

So now, and more so in the future, labor-intensive jobs such as home carers, and nursing homes, are not going to have enough workers.

How will this problem be solved? Well, letting people die

alone at home has been the tried and true solution, dead people found weeks afterward.

But I guess a trend to approve more and more voluntary euthanasia is another fix. The scary trend might be the move to involuntary euthanasia.

But at least our houses will still cost as much as castles.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

Australian profits from enviro damage

IT may surprise many that Australia is second in the world to Indonesia as the largest exporter of coal.

It is therefore arguable that Australia is a major cause of global human-induced climate change.

It is obvious to me there is now only a matter of time until multiple countries across the globe object and react strongly and appropriately to their needs regarding Australia earning large figures from the export of coal, which is at their unfortunate environmental expense.

BRIAN MEASDAY
Myrtle Bank

Protecting SA consumers

THE State Government welcomes a Commonwealth commitment to regulate ‘buy now pay later’ schemes.

Under moves announced by the Federal Government, providers would need to hold a credit licence, abide by certain advertising restrictions and adhere to minimum standards and hardship requirements.

The moves are aimed at better protecting consumers and follows an extensive consultation program undertaken by the Commonwealth.

Strengthening protections for consumers, through the introduction of new obligations for providers of these credit products, is something I have been calling for since becoming Consumer Affairs Minister.

I raised the issue as a priority

as chair of the Consumer Affairs Ministers meeting in September last year with my Federal and State counterparts, and it is fantastic the Commonwealth is acting on this important issue.

For many South Australians who are struggling, buy now pay later schemes can be an attractive option for managing large purchases.

However, they also come with risks, which is why we support moves to regulate the sector and better protect consumers from bad lending practices.

ANDREA MICHAELS
Enfield MP
Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs

Unanswered budget questions

THE National Irrigators’ Council (NIC) acknowledges the release of the federal budget, noting it leaves open a number of unanswered questions particularly on food security, the cost of living and water management.

The federal budget listed over \$872m of savings from abandoned water infrastructure projects, while pausing an additional \$19.1m earmarked for Wyangala Dam Wall Raising and the Hughenden Irrigation Scheme.

Water infrastructure is vital to ensure we drought-proof our water and food production systems, as best we can, to make sure we can grow produce to feed and clothe Australia and our trading partners, and keep the taps running for drinking water and hygiene.

Water infrastructure also helps store and deliver water for the environment and keep the rivers flowing in dry times.

Cancelling these projects is short-sighted and risks our future food and water security.

The budget notes savings from these projects will be ‘redirected to fund other Government priorities’. It’s reasonable to ask what priorities could be more important that future-proofing our water and food security?

NIC welcomes the \$197m

“If you plan to have children, you have to plan around having more than one house to live in...”

- JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER



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commitment to National Water Grid projects, but is sceptical of the need for \$70.9m to increase resources of the National Water Grid Authority, particularly with its seemingly reduced workload.

That money should instead be funding real projects and delivering real results – not more bureaucrats.

On paper the budget seems to deliver on biosecurity with a \$1bn commitment, but it's farmers who will be slugged with the bill. While importers will pay a little more, it's not enough.

They are the ones creating the risks to our economy and food production, and they should be paying, not farmers.

If buybacks go ahead and farms close, we will be forced to rely on more imports, and who will the Federal Government get to pay then?

Over \$103m has been allocated to the Murray-Darling Basin Review.

NIC welcomes the renewed focus on science and urges the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) to ensure it considers the socio-economic science when evaluating the plan, reviewing its impact and preparing for its future.

NIC also encourages MDBA to allocate sufficient resources to communications and genuine consultation.

A total of \$44.9m has been put aside for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to provide advice and work with the States and Territories and affected communities.

Another disappointing feature of the Budget is the reduction in the Instant Asset Write Off value to \$20,000.

Not many assets for use on farms can be bought for less than \$20,000.

NIC also remains concerned at the inadequate funding allocated to regional roads, especially after the significant flooding events which left our roads in appalling and dangerous conditions.

This concern extends to the 90-day review of the infrastructure pipeline which has paused or risks the completion of regional road and rail projects, which are vital to supporting



regional communities, industry and trade.

NIC welcomes the \$158m for low-emission and sustainable agriculture production transition, \$76m for sustainable agriculture facilitators, \$36m for soil health, \$38m to monitor climate impacts, \$8m for emergency shelter, water and power systems, and \$236m for the flood gauge network.

Ultimately, the budget raises more questions than it answers for regional businesses and our food and fibre producers.

It was a missed opportunity to deliver real outcomes, increase transparency and acknowledge the vital contribution our regions make to our economy, trade and food security.

ISAAC JEFFREY
Chief executive officer
National Irrigators' Council

Statement on the Voice

THE Nationals will not support legislation for the Voice, which

is currently before the Federal Parliament.

The legislation proposes a new section in the Australian Constitution that The Nationals fundamentally disagree with.

We support the right of all 26,000,000 Australians to have their say and vote in this upcoming referendum, which is why The Nationals supported the machinery legislation to set up the referendum.

However, we believe the wrong proposition and question is being put to the Australian people – because this Bill will substantially change our Constitution.

Ultimately, the Voice is another layer of bureaucracy that won't close the gap for Indigenous Australians.

We believe the Voice will do nothing to help practically improve the welfare of Indigenous communities, especially women and children, in regional, rural and remote Australia.

It will create another taxpayer-funded level of bureaucracy in Canberra, at a time when our nation needs a better bureaucracy – not a bigger one.

Essential questions and concerns remain unanswered, which has enormous risks to the way our democratic system functions.

The Voice will undermine our core values. It will divide Australians by conferring extra political rights on a separate and special class of people in our Constitution.

A core component that underpins our free, liberal democratic society in Australia is the fundamental principle that every citizen is equal under the law. A Constitutionally enshrined advisory body to Parliament, based solely on a person's race, does not align with this.

Therefore, The Nationals will be opposing the Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) Bill 2023.

DAVID LITTLEPROUD
National Party leader

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TEXT LINE

I agree with Jakob Gamertsfelder regarding our government standing on cigarettes and alcohol ('What we could learn from Bali', *Pioneer* 17/5/23). Our leaders are hell bent on stopping smoking and pub drinking by implementing enormous taxes, GST and inflation. People are repeatedly treated like sheep and despite constant protesting, they are still moved from paddock to paddock. My answer, if you smoke and drink, and should you require related treatment, you should pay. By the way, I don't smoke and am not a pub patron, but I do believe in human rights. Jacob, you have a great idea of scooter racing in Morgan, but I'm pretty sure that would be stonewalled with occupational health and safety, insurance issues, council approvals and many other provisions against. My guess is that the idea wouldn't

even get to the starting post.

GARY
Waikerie

Jakob from Morgan makes some interesting comments ('What we could learn from Bali', *Pioneer* 17/5/23). "Nothing spoils a good tourist brochure more than wandering tourists", who he quotes as hooligans. Question, who took the photo for this brochure and who approved it? Perhaps these wandering hooligans might be staying in your town, spending money at local accommodation and pubs. He always rants on about how there is nobody in Morgan, and states that the locals in Bali are almost too friendly, by trying to get you into a taxi, into a shop, scooter, or in for a massage. Why on earth would he suggest a downhill, high-mobility scooter to get to the pub? Maybe Jacob would like to get a taxi, a shop, a scooter

and set up a massage parlour in Morgan, or perhaps stay in Bali to live out his dreams.

RED T
Renmark

It's inevitable Loxton Waikerie council are raising rates again. Labor has already flogged us with cost of living expenses and price hikes on everything. This is just another slog on middle-class Australians. We are struggling, and there's no government handouts or rebates for us. We are struggling while working, with no wage rises, only rate rises.

KAY
Waikerie

There's a huge Berri library cost at the expense of ratepayers. Yes, Berri Barmera Council voted last night on whether to approve expenditure of \$1.3m for the new library, at 29 Riverview

Drive, including the payment of \$450,000 already spent to purchase the very old Irvings building, that needs to be refurbished. This is an absolute joke and a total lack of respect for ratepayers. Just watch the cost blow out, it will be anyone and everyone's fault but council.

CHRIS
Berri

What an amazing history display of the Berri district's sporting groups for history month by the Berri Our Town committee. For years, even decades, Berri dominated in cricket, hockey, softball, tennis swimming and baseball. Sport was a way of life. Let's hope young people see the important life skills and long-term benefits fitness and sport can provide them.

REEKSY
Berri

Looking back... 10 years ago May 24, 2013



‘WE DID IT’: In a victory for the Riverland, the Berri Club has been returned to its members and will reopen within a fortnight. The club's doors closed on February 12 when it went into administration, however last month a group of its members announced plans to rally support and take over the watering hole. At a meeting yesterday, the club's creditors unanimously accepted the group's Deed of Association Arrangement, successfully returning the establishment to its members. Member representative Alan Ranford said the club would reopen once a liquor licence transfer was complete.

20 years ago May 23, 2003



WATER ALARM: Water restrictions will be imposed on irrigators and households from July 1. The State Government announced this week that it was seeking a 20 per cent reduction on the use of water from the River Murray in response to the drought gripping the country. It has warned that fines of up to \$5000 could be imposed on domestic water users caught breaching new guidelines, while irrigators using excess water face fines of up to \$10,000.

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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Critical shortage of volunteers leaves...

Loxton SES out of action

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON’S State Emergency Service has reached a crisis point, now unable to respond to incidents due to a critical volunteer shortage.

State Emergency Service (SES) south

region commander Leanne Schmidt confirmed just one active volunteer remained at Loxton, but affirmed the community was safe when incidents occur due to the Metropolitan Fire Service and volunteers in neighbouring towns.

“We’ve got some special arrangements in place at the moment to make sure there is always a response,” she said.

“We are at times able to get a crew together, but that’s generally people from outside the Loxton SES.

“There’s not currently a risk for the community, but it’s not a long-term solution.”

Ms Schmidt said many campaigns to attract volunteers to the Loxton SES had been unsuccessful.

“What we really need is new people,” she said.

“We have a couple of people in the wings who have started their training and are under way.

“While all the other areas in the Riverland could do with some extra members, they’ve been able to recruit people ongoing, but Loxton just hasn’t been able to do that.”

With the Loxton station well equipped,



Loxton SES is down to just one active member, meaning it is unable to respond to incidents. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Ms Schmidt said it was at risk of losing important resources.

“There’s a chance that if we are not able to get the numbers that we need, (Loxton) could lose its boat,” she said.

“It would be relocated somewhere else where there are volunteers.

“People in the country particularly don’t like losing resources because we know it’s very hard to get them back.”

Ms Schmidt encouraged locals to consider becoming part of the SES.

“People join the SES because they want

to support the community, but they stay because of the friendship and camaraderie that they develop over time,” she said.

“It’s not just people who go out on trucks that are needed.

“We do need people behind the scenes as well.

“The community needs volunteers to support and provide safety and response to (emergencies).”

For more information about how to become a SES volunteer, visit the website (ses.sa.gov.au/home/volunteer).

“There’s a chance that if we are not able to get the numbers that we need, (Loxton) could lose its boat...”

– Leanne Schmidt, SES south region commander

Give a wave of thanks for a fatality-free future on SA roads

NEW research has been released, amidst climbing road-death tolls, detailing attitudes and actions of South Australians to help prevent further tragedy on local roads.

The Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) research, released to launch its annual Fatality Free Friday initiative, reported a number of insights, including a rise in road aggression combined with bad behaviour and a decline in common road etiquette.

Fatality Free Friday, held this year on May 26, is one of Australia’s largest community-based road safety campaigns, instilling the belief in road users that going one day without a

death on the road can help create a fatality-free future.

So far this year, 53 lives have been lost on South Australian roads, including two in the Riverland last week, compared to 32 at the same time in 2022.

Out of the 1016 South Australian adults surveyed, more than half (51 per cent) reported increased levels of aggression on the roads over the past year, while 57 per cent admit they take risks when using the road.

ARSF chief executive officer and founder, Russell White, said the new research showed “encouraging statistics” of further education and simple changes.

“When confronted with the road toll numbers, 80 per cent of South Australian residents admitted it made them think or act safer, which means keeping the conversation going can and will make a difference,” Mr White said.

“The vast majority (83 per cent) of South Australians recognise that it’s individual road users who can have the biggest impact, so our job now is to help people understand that it’s not just the big choices that have grave consequences.”

According to the research, all South Australian road users believed the return of the ‘thank you’ wave could contribute to improved road safety, while 51

per cent believed the symbolic gesture was on a decline across the country.

Mr White said the ARSF encouraged all South Australian road users to bring back the wave.

“We want all South Australians to put their hand up for road safety, and in doing so, help combat rising aggression, remind other road users that their decisions impact more than just themselves and inspire safer road choices,” he said.

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Urgent needs for Berri Barmera's recovery after the River Murray flood are a major factor as the council weighs up how to allocate almost \$500,000 in Federal Government funding.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Flood recovery BBC's funding priority

JOSH BRINE

BERRI Barmera Council will deliberate on how to use nearly \$500,000 in Federal Government funding as part of ongoing budget discussions, with urgent post-flood needs to be considered first.

The council has been allocated an additional \$172,905 in part B of the fourth phase of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure

Program (LRCIP), having already been allocated \$299,755 in part A, bringing council's total to \$472,660.

"We are very thankful to the Federal Government for the ongoing assistance council has received in infrastructure funding in programs like the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program," said Ella Winnall, Berri Barmera Mayor.

"It is a proven way to charge

local government with the decision making and delivery responsibility of tending to our priority infrastructure projects."

Ms Winnall said discussions over the allocation of the funding were ongoing.

"The needs of our flood recovery projects are likely to be far in excess of that allocated to us, and council will need to consider the urgent needs first," she said.

Previous LCRIP allocations have funded projects including an upgrade to Berri's Colin Jennings Apex Park and the Barmera Oval multi-sport changeroom and lighting upgrades, which was joint-funded by the State Government.

The nearby Gerard Reserve Council has received \$161,454 total for phase four of the LRCIP – \$102,392 in part A and \$59,062 in part B.



ANZ recently announced it would cut back its opening times to three hours per day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at its Waikerie branch. PHOTO: Christine Webster

State Government's opposition to regional bank service reductions

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

AN SA government decision to provide a submission to the Federal Parliament's inquiry into bank closures in regional Australia follows the reduction in operating hours for a Riverland ANZ branch.

The submission to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee outlines the concerns of many regional communities who have had bank branches significantly reduce services, or close all together.

From May 1, Waikerie's ANZ branch stopped operating on Friday and is now only open for face-to-face customers on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

State Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said it was concerning big banks were putting profits before people,

at the expense of regional communities who often had no alternate or adequate services to offset the loss of local bank branches.

"It is also concerning that neither the State Opposition, nor the SA Greens made submissions to the inquiry about regional banking despite my encouragement to do so," she said.

"Whilst bank closures are commercial decisions taken by private corporations, to make meaningful change, this issue requires a bipartisan approach."

Ms Scriven said the State Government's submission outlined the disproportionate impact closures caused in regional areas, and had on people such as the elderly who relied on face-to-face services.

She said some residents in rural areas also had limited connectivity to the internet.

"I will continue to advocate on behalf of regional

communities," Ms Scriven said.

She said governments and consumers should voice concerns regarding bank decisions that impact regional communities where closures have occurred.

"It can be argued that banks owe a moral responsibility to their customers to have adequate and alternate services in place, and means for people to do their banking," she said.

Ms Scriven said banks should be meeting the needs of the elderly who were often "longstanding and loyal customers".

She said supporting these older people could take many forms, from improved banking services at Australia Post outlets that were tailored to the needs of the community, to improved connection and digital literacy for elderly people.

"First and foremost, pressure needs be placed on big banks to keep branches open," Ms Scriven said.

Guaranteed buybacks a 'lazy' approach, says Tim

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A SENIOR Riverland MP believes the State Government is taking a "lazy" approach to fulfilling the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, as the Deputy Premier confirms water buybacks are now "all but guaranteed".

The State Government last week opened public submissions to the Productivity Commission's Murray-Darling Basin Plan implementation review, which revealed just 4.5GL of the plan's targeted 450GL had been recovered so far.

Minister for Water, and Deputy Premier, Susan Close said voluntary buybacks were "the most efficient and cost-effective way to return environmental water to the river system".

"The recovery of the full 450GL of additional water for the environment is a priority for the State Government, and there is a long way to go to get there," Dr Close said.

"The inaction from upstream states needs to stop and has all but guaranteed voluntary buybacks as the only viable way we will recover the water we need to keep the system alive through the forecasted drier periods.

"So much of our state's wealth, prosperity and environmental sustainability comes from the river and we must return to more sustainable water use for the future of South Australians."

However, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said exploring other methods of improving water efficiencies would benefit both the environment and irrigation communities.

"River communities have found efficiencies and they will continue to find efficiencies," Mr Whetstone said.

"The State Government needs to go out there and lobby the Federal Government to achieve more efficiencies, to find ways that we can put more water back into the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holders' kitty so that we do achieve the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

"We have off-farm efficiency programs

that are not being taken up."

Mr Whetstone said sustaining Riverland irrigation was "critically important to the future of our food production".

"The mixed messages are having a really detrimental effect on those river communities," he said.

"The basin plan... is far from finished, yet we have a government that continue to play the blame game (for why) we are not achieving it.

"I have already said this government is taking the lazy Susan approach. That is, blaming everybody else bar itself."

It is understood meetings will also be held in Murray-Darling Basin communities to enable direct input into the review.

For further information regarding the Murray-Darling Basin Plan implementation review, or to make a submission, visit the website (www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/basin-plan-2023#issues).

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Liam is trading snags for scissors

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL qualified butcher is breaking the employment stereotype, trading in his blue-and-white-striped apron for a hairdresser’s one.

Loxton’s Liam Milton, 21, has just taken on a hairdresser’s apprenticeship at Socoh Salon and is believed to be the first male to do so in recent years in the Riverland.

While only a few weeks into his new apprenticeship, Mr Milton said he is “really enjoying it”.

“I have always been interested in clothing and fashion and stuff, but I never thought I had the opportunity to do hair,” he said.

“It’s always been an interest, but not something I could see myself doing.”



Butcher Liam Milton has just signed up for a hairdressing apprenticeship at Socoh Salon in Loxton and is believed to be one of the first males to do so in recent years.
PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Mr Milton said the perceived stereotypes about hairdressing potentially held him back

from pursuing his interest.

“When I was in school, all my friends were getting trades in building and all that sort of stuff,” he said.

Mr Milton said he enjoyed his butchering apprenticeship, but it was vastly different to the hairdressing industry.

“I did enjoy it, but it just wasn’t for me,” he said.

“I am enjoying talking to customers and just the whole feeling of being able to make someone feel better about themselves.

“It’s a cool feeling.

“I wanted to learn everything and try and get as much knowledge in the industry as I can.”

Socoh Salon director Sophie Butson was looking forward to seeing Liam grow as a hairdresser.

“Liam has settled in amazingly,” she said.

“Since he has already completed another apprenticeship, he has so much initiative, takes instructions well and knows how to work really well in a team.”

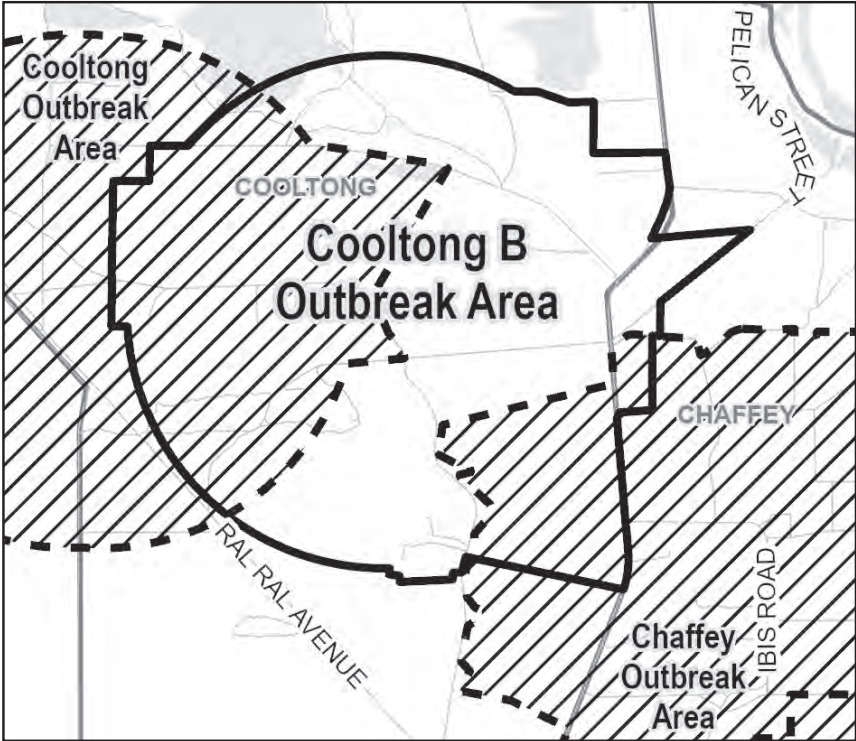
Meanwhile, Surge Hairdressing’s Michael Coombe said he was unaware of any other male hairdressers entering the Riverland industry “for a while”.

“It would be good to see more,” he said.

Mr Milton will complete his apprenticeship with Clip Joint Education, with males making up just 2 per cent of the total number of students enrolled for hairdressing apprenticeships this year.

At TAFE SA, males make up 3 per cent of hairdressing apprenticeship enrolments.

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK COOLTONG B



Queensland fruit fly has been found at Cooltong causing a new outbreak called Cooltong B.

A 1.5 km radius outbreak area has been established for Cooltong B.

If you live in the area, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions in place.

Some fruit and vegetables cannot move from properties in the outbreak area.

An eradication program has begun in the area. PIRSA field staff will be carrying ID and entering properties to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

Discuss special arrangements for moving commercial produce from the Cooltong B outbreak area by calling the industry hotline on **1800 255 556**.

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Eradication efforts ‘continue to work’

RIVERLAND growers and property owners have been urged to continue supporting local fruit fly eradication efforts, as detections of the pest slow down heading towards winter.

PIRSA declared two new outbreaks of fruit fly, known as Renmark West B and Cooltong B, during the past two weeks.

PIRSA incident controller of the fruit fly emergency response, Rob Baker, said fruit fly detections had been “steadily declining” across the region.

“Fruit fly detections in the Riverland decreased by 30 per cent over the past month,” Mr Baker said.

“The cooler weather will reduce fruit fly activity, but less fruit fly detections par-

ticularly in outbreak areas is a positive sign that response controls are continuing to work.

“A reminder to residents, during the cooler months make sure you prune your fruit trees.

“By pruning your trees, it will be easier to pick your fruit in the warmer months as the fruit crop and tree height will be easier to manage.”

The Barmera, Monash A and Renmark West outbreak zones were also extended in the past fortnight.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said it was still crucial for local growers to use bait and traps during cooler conditions.

“Adult fruit flies can

survive winter in the SA Riverland – they will hide away in the cold weather and emerge to feed if the weather warms up,” Mr Size said.

“This presents an opportunity on warmer winter days to kill the fruit flies with bait and traps.

“If you are a grower with and without fruit in season during winter, please support fruit fly eradication by applying bait or deploying traps on your property.”

The current end date for all outbreaks is December 22, 2023, however this may change if further fruit flies are detected.

Further information regarding fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland can be found by visiting the website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au).

Riverland wines on the world stage in Asia

FIVE Riverland wine producers are in Singapore this week to showcase their products in a three-day wine trade fair.

Joining Riverland Wine on the Wine Australia stand at Vinexpo Asia are Mallee Estate, Oxford Landing, Starrs Reach, Ricca Terra and The Wacky Wine Grape Co.

During the expo, ending tomorrow, local producers showcase a range of wines to influential buyers, importers, distributors, producers, media, sommeliers and merchants from across the world.

“I’m thrilled to be in Singapore and am looking forward to showcasing some of

the best wines from the Riverland on our stand, as well as at our Masterclass ‘Wines your dad didn’t drink’,” said Lyndall Rowe, Riverland Wine executive officer.

“This is a brilliant opportunity for us to highlight the regions’ quality, diversity, and commitment to sustainability, and capture the attention of the world. It’s time to think differently about Riverland wines.”

The trip to Vinexpo Asia follows a successful visit to ProWein in Düsseldorf, Germany in March, and is part of the Riverland Uprising program.

Hundreds view Berri Sporting History display

ELYSE ARMANINI

AROUND 400 people attended a sporting history display held in the Berri Town Hall over the weekend, exceeding the expectations of one organiser.

The Berri Sporting History event, held at the Berri Town Hall from Friday to Sunday as part of the SA History Festival, featured displays from various sporting clubs from Berri and surrounding towns.

Berri Barmera library manager Peter Ison said “numbers were really good” over the three-day event, with year 7, 8 and 9 classes from Berri Regional Secondary College (BRSC) visiting on Friday and a life members morning tea

held on the Saturday.

“Those two days were really big, but even on the Sunday we had more than 70 people through,” he said.

“It was better than I expected. Some of the life members hadn’t seen each other for years when they met at the Saturday morning tea, so it was good to listen to some of those conversations.”

BRSC students completed a small assessment task on the day, visiting a wide range of displays on show to learn more about the histories.

“We made sure that a representative from each of the sporting clubs that displayed at the exhibition was there during that time,”



Berri Regional Secondary College students visited the Berri Sporting History display on Friday. Students were given an assessment task to complete during their visit, with multiple stalls to visit and questions to answer.

PHOTOS: supplied

Mr Ison said.

“Students who thought they might be interested in playing a sport, or wanted to ask for more details about the history of a particular sport, could do that. It was also a great opportunity for clubs to engage with a younger group.”

Mr Ison said feedback was “really positive” from visitors to the free event.

“We had lots of comments from people who attended about how great the event was and that it really brought the community together,” he said.

“Personally, it was great just to see the histories that some of these groups had gone through to get to where they are today.

“A member of the community came in on the Friday, looked at the display and said, ‘I was in BMX... You haven’t got BMX here’.

“He went home to get his bikes and brought them back for the display. They were there for the rest of the weekend and people were really intrigued to see that.”

A crew from Six Foot Four Productions shot footage for a

future film looking deeper into how the event came to be and showcasing the people who made it possible.

“It was a great weekend and great display,” Mr Ison said.

“Thanks must go to Berri Barmera Council for supporting it, because without them we wouldn’t have been able to put it on anywhere near as big.

“Also to Our Town Berri for helping out with the display and the ideas, and capturing the community memories and feelings about the event.”



Life members from various sporting clubs throughout Berri and surrounding towns were celebrated with a Saturday morning tea at the sporting history event.



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Woodleigh project one step closer

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON’S childcare capabilities will double in the future after a relocation project was given council support last week.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) agreed to support the Loxton District Children’s Centre ‘Woodleigh’s’ proposal to relocate to the former NRM site on Kokoda Terrace.

Woodleigh director April Watson said she was “super excited” to see the project reach its next stage.

“We look forward to being the service of choice for both families and staff,” she said.

“It will give an additional 70 spaces.

“Our focus is for the community and to make it an inclusive centre.”

Mrs Watson hoped to see the project go to tender at the start of 2024 and be completed by the end of 2025.

Woodleigh chairperson Donna Manuel said the project was “long overdue”.

“We are now in position to rebuild and we weren’t five years ago, even though it was a



At the potential future site of the Loxton District Children’s Centre are director April Watson, daughter Macy, 2, chairperson Donna Manuel and Loxton Waikerie Council Mayor Trevor Norton. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

wish,” she said.

“We now have a lot of room for expansion and there’s future plans for older children as well.”

The land surrounding and adjacent to the former NRM building is crown land, under the care and management of council.

At last week’s meeting, council agreed to support the relocation subject to State Government support and planning approval.

Council also agreed to support the provision of a grant writer to compile the application for funding.

In addition, council will also consider a loan through the Local Government Finance Authority with Woodleigh responsible for the repayments if required.

If successful in its funding application to build a new centre, council will also offer the former NRM Building for use as after-hours care.

DCLW Mayor Trevor Norton said the proposed development was an “exciting opportunity” for Loxton and the surrounding district.

“It will greatly increase their capacity to continue to provide excellent childcare and early education,” he said.

“It will have positive impacts on the local economy during the build and for the community ongoing.”

The current Woodleigh site on Tobruk Terrace has specifications of 1657sq m and parking area 1799sq m, while the NRM site

on the corner of Kokoda Terrace and Coral Street is potentially 10,000 to 15,000sq m.

“The proposed greenfield site meets required expansion now, with plenty of room for future growth,” Mr Norton said.

“Off-street access on a quiet street rather than a main road will solve many current safety concerns for parents, carers, and staff.”

Meanwhile, DCLW CEO David Beaton said the move from the busy Tobruk Terrace, which joins onto the Brown’s Well Highway, was a major advantage.

“They can plan the flow of the traffic and put the building in the best possible place to allow for the flow of traffic,” he added.

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Open your garden for festival this October

THE 2023 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival may be five months away, but now is the time to get your garden listed in the program.

The Riverland Rose and Garden Festival Committee is looking for locals to participate in this year’s festival, which runs from October 20 to 29, by opening their garden to the public.

“You don’t have to commit to opening for the whole festival,” said open gardens co-ordinator Michelle Dominic.

“If you only want to open for one weekend, or a couple days during the week, we would be more than thrilled to have you participate.”

Mrs Dominic said participants can decide their level of commitment.

“It’s really up to the individual,” she said.

“The committee is here to help support gardeners in the logistics of opening their gardens to the public. We supply the open gardens roadside signs, we have your garden

listing in the official festival program, and we are here to answer any questions you may have.”

Mrs Dominic said the festival would be unable to function without the support of local gardeners “from Renmark to Waikerie, Loxton to Morgan and everywhere in between”.

“We have been so fortunate that since our humble start in 1994 as Renmark Rose Festival, we have had tremendous support, and we want that to continue,” she said.

“People who have opened their gardens in the past have said what a wonderful experience it was. They have met fantastic people through the process and have made friends with many by going to visit the other gardens.”

The committee is looking for gardens of different types and sizes.

“We are looking for anyone who has a garden they love, of any size, to open it up and share it with likeminded people who



Locals can now nominate their open gardens for the 2023 Riverland Rose and Garden Festival. PHOTO: Chad Vigar

enjoy gardening,” Mrs Dominic said.

“No garden is too large or too small.”

Each listed garden will go into a draw to win \$1000 as the committee understands and appreciates the time and dedication that goes into preparing gardens for the festival.

Anyone interested in showing their garden during the festival is urged to contact Michelle Dominic by phone (0419 421 594) or email (michelle@dominicwines.com).

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Our Lady of the River School students, staff and family members on Friday morning ahead of their trek to school for National Walk Safely to School Day. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Students brave the cold for a safe walk to school

ELYSE ARMANINI

PRIMARY students across the Riverland braved a chilly start to the morning last Friday for National Walk Safely to School Day.

Hosted by the Pedestrian Council of Australia, the annual day – now in its 24th year – encourages students to walk to

school and raise awareness of the health and environmental benefits of regular walking, plus improved road safety.

Our Lady of the River (OLOR) School students, staff and family members, accompanied by local police officer Michael Cartwright, set off from Riverland Central and walked approximately 1.5km to the school on Verran Terrace, Berri.

“Nowadays we probably get less and less kids who walk or ride to school,” said Michael Slagter, OLOR principal.

“They generally get dropped off, or we have a bus that picks kids up, so days like these remind us that physical activity is important.

“It also encourages them to, if they can, walk a certain distance without becoming too tired, plus

it’s a good opportunity to get a bit of community happening as well. We had families come along with us, which is great.”

Students were buzzing with excitement waiting to leave and Mr Slagter said the school community was “really looking forward to the day” leading up to the morning walk.

“We had Walk Safely to School

Day tattoos and a warm Milo back at the school for them, to make a bit of an event of the morning,” he said.

“They enjoy a bit of the novelty of it, but also just the excitement of doing something a bit different.”

The school continued the festivities into the morning with Grandparents Day activities, followed by a special morning tea.



Winners of the Rotary Club of Loxton’s Pride of Workmanship Awards for small business were (back, from left) Mick Sparnon (Nutrien Ag Solutions), Charmaine Hicks (East Terrace Trading), Jaden Walding and Ash Monty (Ash Monty Electrical), Adam and Tony Barich (Whistling Kite Wines), Leslie ‘Chub’ Wall (Country Bakehouse). Front: Andrea Sparnon (Nutrien Ag Solutions), Trish Gillard (East Terrace Trading), Catarina Santini (CS Accounting), Sophie Butson (Socoh Salon), Kerri Blaser (Toyrific Toys), Annica McDonald-Stuart and Cara Porter (Loxton Cleaning Service/Loxton Laundromat) and Stephen Schulz (Schulz Repairs and Sales). Absent: Greg and Donna Coombs (Rusty Spoon Cafe). PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



Rotary Club of Loxton’s Pride of Workmanship Awards for individuals were (back, from left) Mikayla Hammerstein, John Rowe, Chris Sheahan, Nuntya ‘Duan’ Williams, Greg Kent, Peter Scotford and Eliza Thiel. Front: Briony Rudiger, Jan Cass, Thomas Pilgrim, Dianne Smith, Kerry Hopper, Lisa Schlein, Nicolle Briers and Lesley McDonald. Absent: Skye Beauchamp and Jake Will.

Top nod for Loxton small businesses and employees

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

SOME of Loxton’s top employees and small businesses were acknowledged at a special dinner on Saturday night.

The Rotary Club of Loxton held its annual Pride of Workmanship Awards at the Loxton Club with over 200 people in attendance.

Rotary Club of Loxton’s Paula Nitschke said 28 Loxton locals were acknowledged for their workmanship.

“It was lovely that the Loxton community as a whole got behind the individuals and the small businesses and made an effort to nominate,” she said.

“What was really interesting to me also

was that a lot of those small businesses had never been nominated before.

“So there was quite a few new people to the Pride of Workmanship, and that was lovely.”

Mrs Nitschke hoped the enthusiasm from Saturday night continues into future Pride of Workmanship Awards in coming years.

Keynote speaker, and Nine Network reporter, Ben Avery congratulated employees and business owners on their success and spoke about his eventful career.

Due to raffle ticket sales and a contribution from Rotary, \$1000 was raised for the Red Tree Foundation (SIDS and Kids SA), which was Mr Avery’s chosen charity.

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RPC’s ‘urgent’ approach to riverfront flood recovery

A RIVERLAND council was forced to act with “urgency” in order to successfully conduct flood recovery works on a local riverfront.

Documents last week taken out of confidence by Renmark Paringa Council revealed councillors, at a special meeting held on February 28, passed a motion to allocate \$82,000 toward recovery of the Taylor Riverfront Precinct from effects of the River Murray flood.

Councillors also endorsed the waiving of some requirements identified within council’s procurement policy, and to engage Adelaide-based LCS Landscapes to undertake the project.

While council’s regular procurement policy requires a tender to be issued for works valued above \$50,000, LCS Landscapes – the principal contractor for the initial redesign of the riverfront – was the only supplier approached as other landscaping contractors were unavailable, and the company’s ability to complete the works “in a reasonable timeframe and to the high standard expected”.

Then Renmark Paringa acting director infrastructure and environmental services Tarik Wolf said rehabilitation of the space

had been a priority for council.

“The response to the flood event is currently not budgeted for within the current Annual Business Plan, therefore staff are presenting this report for council’s endorsement to allocate these funds and proceed with the remediation,” Mr Wolf said in a council report.

“There is an urgency to secure LCS to undertake these works before they allocate their resources for other customers and are unable to assist us for a greater period of time.”

Works undertaken by LCS Landscapes at the site included:

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- ❑ Replacement of destroyed plants
- ❑ Removal of damaged turf and replacement with roll-out turf
- ❑ Replacement of damaged irrigation
- ❑ Reinstating soil and mulch lost within gardens
- ❑ Reinforcing the large rocking underneath the river deck with concrete



Reports taken out of confidence by Renmark Paringa Council last week revealed \$82,000 was spent to clean the Renmark riverfront from damage sustained during the flood.
PHOTOS: supplied

“There is an urgency to secure LCS to undertake these works before they allocate their resources for other customers and are unable to assist us for a greater period of time...”

– Tarik Wolf, then Renmark Paringa acting infrastructure and environmental services director

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Praise for Murray crayfish release

ELYSE ARMANINI

A LOCAL fishing enthusiast and volunteer native fish researcher has commended the ongoing work of those involved in the reintroduction of hundreds of Murray crayfish back into the River Murray.

Renmark man Peter Teakle was present for the release – led by North-West Aquaculture, Nature Glenelg Trust and Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board – last week and said it was “great to be part and contribute to the process”.

“(The team) worked on it for quite a few years and it’s finally come to fruition, which is great, and rather fitting that the release took place following the recent interesting yabby and Murray cray community information evening at Renmark,” he said.

“It was interesting to see these creatures in the flesh (shell) as I’ve only seen pictures before.

“We’ve got experts on-hand now, and these scientists know what they’re talking



Local fisherman Peter Teakle has applauded the efforts of everyone involved in the release of Murray crayfish back into the South Australian system of the River Murray.
PHOTO: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board

about. Through years of much tedious and strategic hard work, they managed to get all the essential permits and approvals through various government departments for the project to go ahead. It’s a credit to them.

“Scientific research basin-wide is ongoing with all native fish species. We have good scientists and I’ve always said that research

and science never sleep.”

Through the project, supported by the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation’s (RMMAC) River Ranger team, a number of Murray crayfish will be monitored using tracking devices.

Mr Teakle said he was looking forward to keeping up with the reintroduction progress.

“We’re not going to see an instant result for quite some time as they are slow growing and take a long time to breed up,” he said.

“Where we’ve put them, the location will be regularly monitored to see how they survive and hopefully repopulate to a number where in the future we can catch one.

“So, local cray fishers will still have to utilise interstate open seasons and bag limits for their catch for some time yet.”

He said historical records showed Murray crayfish were “quite common in the Riverland through to Murray Bridge”.

“Overtime, the river itself has changed and there may be lack of flow, pollution and other impacts that has led to their demise,” he said.

“The main thing with all of our native fish species is flow – we must have that flow and maintain good oxygen levels throughout the system as all native fish species need the right habitat and conditions to survive.

“As a long shot, I would like to see the similar research for the virtually extinct species of trout cod for reintroduction in the lower Murray.”

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Teish wins new top horticulture award

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE horticulturalist Teish Lochert's dedication to the field has earned her the inaugural Premier's Women in Horticulture Award for 2023.

Ms Lochert was presented with her award at a gala dinner at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide last week.

She said winning the award was a "great honour".

"Being nominated by my peers in the industry makes me feel honoured I was worthy of their (recognition)," Ms Lochert said.

Ms Lochert is presently the general manager of Solan, a Waikerie-based company that cultivates early-generation potato seeds from tissue culture through to mini tubers, which are kept in cold storage before being distributed to certified seed growers.

Ms Lochert has worked at the company since 2013 and prior to the role, propagated olive trees at Waikerie for the international Agromillora Group.

She met husband James when they were both studying horticulture at the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy campus, formerly known as Roseworthy Agriculture College.

The pair were married and Ms Lochert joined him on the property they run together.

"I was picking and packing fruits and vegetables for the first few years, and doing the backside of the business and the counting while the kids came along," she said.

Ms Lochert said running a property could be challenging at times with four boys aged five and under.

"It was interesting taking them out to pick persimmons, zucchinis or stone fruit and taking them to the packing shed to pack it, and then to the market," Ms Lochert said.

The couple also had an ornamental plant nursery and worked with a family member to supply plants to Adelaide.

Ms Lochert grew up on a fruit property at Merbein, north of Mildura, in north-west Victoria, while her Uncle and Aunt had a grain growing property near Robinvale.

She said it was difficult to identify a career direction during her secondary school years at St Joseph's College, in Mildura, but her family background influenced her.

"I knew I loved being outdoors and growing things," Ms Lochert said.

"I was always doing this with mum."

Ms Lochert said the Premier's Women in Horticulture Award recognised the role women play in the industry.



The Premier's inaugural Women in Horticulture Award winner for 2023, Teish Lochert (left), and Minister for Primary Industries and Regions Clare Scriven at the inaugural Premier's Horticultural Awards dinner last week. PHOTO: Heidi Wolff

ognised the role women play in the industry.

"I think women have always played a significant role in horticulture," she said.

"They have always been there working alongside their husbands, and often with children.

"That has happened for millennia."

Ms Lochert said career opportu-

nities were diverse in horticulture and included finance, counselling, science, and technology.

Premier Peter Malinauskas gave the keynote address at the awards presentation dinner.

"South Australia's horticultural production is truly world class, delivering more than \$3bn to the state's economy each year," he said.

Winners of the Inaugural Premier's Horticulture Awards for Excellence
Grower of the Year: Shane Eldridge, Eldridge Fresh Organics
Young Grower of the Year: Mark Russo, Adelaide Hydrofresh
Industry Impact Award: Peter Petsios, SA Tomato Co Nursery
Researcher of the Year: Ben Hill-Ling, AgXtra,
Women in Horticulture Award: Liteisha Lochert, Solan Pty Ltd
Biosecurity Award: Trevor Ranford, Summerfruit Australia

Local midwives recognised for their excellent support

JOSH BRINE

AN initiative to help secure the future of midwifery services in the Riverland and provide better care for expectant mothers has been recognised with a statewide award this month.

The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) Midwifery Model of Care Team – a co-designed rural midwifery-led model of care at Berri's Riverland General Hospital and Murray Bridge, and soon at the Loxton Hospital – won the award for Excellence in Practice – Team at the 2023 SA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards on Friday, May 12, in Adelaide.

The Midwifery Group Practice model of care was launched in late 2021, with a midwife allocated to a maternity patient, and available to the expectant mother throughout the pregnancy and up to six weeks postpartum.

The model allows for continuity of care, instead of women seeing a different midwife depending on rostering.

RMCLHN advanced midwifery manager Vanessa Drummond said the award was a "wonderful recognition of the hard work, commitment, heart and soul" that had gone into supporting local mothers-to-be.

"The dedication of the team has been so inspiring and we're so surprised and delighted that it has been recognised with this excellence award," she said.

"It was a strong group of finalists who would have been all worthy to take the honour.

"We had 16 of us from the project team and midwives who were present on the night. There were some members of the team who couldn't make it as they were caring for mums and babies across the region.

"We're looking forward to coming together and celebrating the win very soon."

State Health Minister Chris Picton said he was "pleased to be able to celebrate" with the winners and finalists.

"Nurses and midwives go above and beyond in their dedication to caring for patients, their families and their communities, delivering outstanding care to all South Australians," he said.

Department for Health and Wellbeing chief executive Dr Robyn Lawrence said all finalists and winners should be "proud of their achievements" and for making "a significant difference in the lives of patients every day".

"Nurses and midwives are an integral part of our health system, providing the essential care and support people require through the different stages of their life."



Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network advanced midwifery manager Vanessa Drummond (right) with members of the Midwifery Model of Care Team at the 2023 SA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards in Adelaide. PHOTO: supplied

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Expanding eligibility for mosquito virus jab

MORE Riverlanders now have access to the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) vaccine, with the State Government expanding eligibility criteria.

The expansion removed the requirement to be outdoors for four hours or more on most days for people living or engaging in flood recovery efforts in River Murray communities.

The expansion brings South Australia's eligibility criteria in line with Victoria and New South Wales.

"There is a limited supply of the JEV vaccine nationally and this expansion is targeting those who are most at risk," said Chris Picton, SA Health Minister.



● Chris Picton

"I encourage South Australians who are looking to receive the vaccine to book in their appointment now."

Since the vaccination program began in October last year, almost 23,800 JEV vaccines have been administered across the state.

An extra 9000 vaccines are also available to SA Health.

Chief Public Health Officer Professor, Nicola Spurrier, encouraged eligible people to get vaccinated against JEV.

"The JEV vaccination produces lasting protection in most people, so it's important for eligible people to take up the vaccine now whilst available in order to protect themselves against the virus in the warmer months when mosquito activity increases," she said.

Nine people in South Australia acquired JEV last year, with all cases hospitalised and two deaths.

There have been no cases reported so far in 2023.

For more information on the JEV vaccine and eligibility visit the website, (<https://bit.ly/45gKEx2>).



Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey says flood recovery is the biggest challenge her council is facing. She is pictured inspecting the then rising river levels at Morgan last December (left) with Mid Murray CEO Ben Scales, SA Premier Peter Malinauskas and Morgan Riverside Caravan Park owner Leigh Cock. PHOTO: Christine Webster

10 per cent increase to hit Mid Murray?

MID Murray Council is proposing a 10.2 per cent average rate increase in its draft annual business plan and budget for 2023/24.

The increase is part of council's focus on rebuilding following the major River Murray flood event.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said flood recovery was the biggest short-term challenge facing council, with a \$2m provision included in the draft plan for ongoing works.

"This has combined with the substantial costs already incurred by council for preparation and recovery during 2022/23," she said.

Ms Bailey said due to the floods, council had experienced escalating cost pressures

across its operations and soaring inflation costs.

"The flood disaster and the huge damage bill it has left behind has exacerbated this and made financial planning for both the immediate future and the longer-term incredibly difficult," she said.

"As a council, we cover a large geographic area, however, our population and, therefore, our rate base, is quite small.

"The floods inundated over 2300 properties, or 35 per cent of homes in our area, which accounts for 36 per cent of our rateable income."

Council is expecting a deficit of \$2.19m, and capital expenditure of \$10.07m

Its proposed borrowings will increase by \$4.097m, to \$19.1m, by the end of 2024.

Council is proposing to increase its general rates on average by 10.2 per cent with an additional 0.5 per cent in growth, equating to an estimated increase of \$137 on average per rateable property.

It is understood the exact amount would vary between individual ratepayers, depending on individual property valuations.

Council's key projects outlined in the draft 2023/24 annual business plan and budget include a review of the strategic plan, the

development of a financial sustainability plan, implementation of a Reconciliation Action Plan and development of a council growth strategy.

Mid Murray Council is also working on an Astro Tourism strategy for the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve, a Blanchetown water re-use and playground project, upgrades of Len White Reserve in Swan Reach, and a Morgan stormwater project.

The proposed budget also allocates funding for stage three of the construction of the Murray Coorong Trail, and the completion of the PS Canally restoration project in Morgan.

Ms Bailey said the draft budget sought to balance significant cost pressures with council's responsibilities to provide essential and efficient services, infrastructure, and projects to the community.

She said following a natural disaster, the council was facing limited resources and economic vulnerability.

Public consultation on the proposed business plan and budget opened last Thursday and ends on Thursday, June 8, at 12pm.

Community input over this period is also being sought on the council's draft long term financial plan for 2023/24 to 2032/33.



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The Mad Hatters Tea Party at the Moorook Community Hall on Sunday saw attendees dress up for the occasion, with the event Alice in Wonderland themed. PHOTOS: supplied



In costume for the Mad Hatters Tea Party were Joy Munn, as the white rabbit, and Shellbee Pearce, as Alice.



Guest speakers at the Mad Hatters Tea Party fundraiser for the cancer council, which was hosted by the Moorook Community Hall, were (from left) Nancy Murdock, Mick Kelly, Glenis and Allan Dand.

Tea party fit for the white rabbit and Alice

A SPECIAL morning tea was held in Moorook on Sunday, raising \$2000 for the Cancer Council.

The Moorook Community Hall hosted the Mad Hatters

Tea Party, with 90 people attending.

Attendees heard from three guest speakers and took part in raffles, lucky card and tea trivia, while

games and craft activities kept children busy.

An event spokesperson thanked sponsors and volunteers for supporting the event.



Smiffy's Bed and Breakfast and Holiday Home Accommodation has ceased trading after 23 years in Loxton. Owner Christine Smith is pictured at the sale of one of the homes last week. PHOTO: supplied

End of an era for Loxton accommodation provider

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

AFTER 23 years of trading, the owners of a well-known Loxton bed and breakfast have called it a day.

Christine and Phil Smith, of Smiffy's Bed and Breakfast and Holiday Home Accommodation, recently sold the last of their homes.

Mrs Smith said while she is "relieved" the homes have now all sold, she would miss the business.

"We would meet people from all over the world," she said.

"We are so fortunate.

"We've had some lovely people behind us and supporting us."

Smiffy's had six homes that visitors would stay in, including their own home.

"We housed a lot of workers that came to town," Mrs Smith said.

"Christmas time was a really busy time."

Mrs Smith said their holiday

homes were pet friendly and one was disability friendly, appealing to a wide range of guests.

Mrs Smith was proud of the support the business had provided the community, such as a Loxton High School tourism award, and to the Loxton Mardi Gras through floats and ambassadors.

The couple are currently building a house in Goolwa and will relocate around Christmas time.

Remembering the Renmark Show

I PLANT my left foot into the stirrup, eagerly hoist myself up into the saddle and wait until all horses have riders.

The music starts and we gather speed and height. Pulling on the reins, I feel like my horse and I are flying freely among the night sky.

Darryl Braithwaite's iconic song Horses wasn't yet released, but its lyrics describe those exhilarating times:

That's the way it's gonna be, little darlin'
We'll be riding on the horses, yeah
Way up in the sky, little darlin'
And if you fall, I'll pick you up, pick you up.

I look down to check whether waiting friends are impressed by my vigorous riding, but they're chatting, uninterested in my heroic imaginings.

As we circle again, all the show's activities are spread out below – the razzamatuzz of coloured lights, crowds of people, music, and the sweet carnival smells wafting across the night air.

The real horses are jumping elegantly on No. 1 oval, and the sideshows and rides are pulsating on No. 2.

Like Christmas, The Renmark Show takes ages to come around, but finally here it is.

We had arrived early for the afternoon Grand Parade on the main oval, led by Miss Renmark Showgirls, Senior and Junior, waving with long, white gloves.

Marching girl troupes, bands, new cars and tractors, plus the blue-ribboned animals



judged as Grand Champions, followed on.

Next to the KM Tucker Hall for a quick look at the dressmaking, baking, embroidery, flower arranging and cake-making displays – and to check whether our school books had been chosen for display.

Judges had made choices about all sorts – wool fleeces, dried fruit exhibits, jams and so on. Those talented kids who won first prize for their scones or plated floral arrangements earned 20c to put toward more rides.

Even rushing back to the carnival, we are awed by the gigantic citrus display on the back wall. Somebody spent loads of time on that.

Roaming with friends gave precious autonomy from parents. Lads smoking cigarettes found a place out the back in the secrecy of darkness, but the real action was on the Bucking Horses, Octopus and Dodge-em Cars, or at the Shooting Gallery where ducks fell and kewpie dolls were won.

Head-turning clowns had ping-pong balls inserted into mouths, guaranteeing everyone



The Renmark Show ran for 100 years, with the final edition held in October 2010. FILE PHOTO

a prize that was usually an easily-forgotten small toy.

Apricot season is weeks away so our spend is measured. Dippy dogs and cinnamon donuts are the show's jewels. The ring of donut batter plopping into the hot oil, then sliding into the sugared cinnamon is transfixing while we wait.

Toffee apples always promise more than they delivered – just a flowery, uninteresting apple remaining after the toffee disappearance.

School friends, bumping into each other, excitedly share their best thrills and show recommendations.

For its brutal power and dangerous possibilities, woodchopping on the main oval mesmerised the crowds, while the dog-obedience competitions beckoned the audience

to stay a while.

Craving to experience everything, we roamed to No. 2 Oval's far reaches to see goats, sheep, bantams, pigeons, and cattle. They'd come from across our region, but the odour soon drove us away.

The night quickly cools, and we sense the crowds are thinning, so we dash back to the rides to eke everything out of this precious event.

It is immeasurable now to know the planning invested in the show. Suffice to acknowledge one woman, Maureen Brauer, a community-minded force of nature, who presided over the show committee for 22 years - until she was 77.

Thank you, Maureen, and all others for offering generations of kids such exhilarating times.



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Technology the key to bees and pollination

THE use of technology to improve understanding of bee health is key to the ongoing pollination of food crops, such as Riverland almonds, according to a university professor.

The research comes as Riverland almond growers face the ongoing challenges of poor pollination and reduced production following a shortage of available interstate beehives.

In celebrating World Bee Day last Saturday, May 20, Monash University associate professor and NativeBee+Tech Facility director, Alan Dorin said it was “vital we study and protect bee biodiversity to protect the wellbeing of these vital insects that are an essential requirement to sustain our terrestrial ecosystems”.

“It’s important to remember that the social honey bees and bumblebees we are so familiar with, and

so dependent on for our crop pollination, are a drop in the ocean of around 20,000 species of bee, the majority of which we know relatively little about,” he said.

“If used cleverly, and carefully, technology can help to reveal the intricacies of native bees’ interactions with ecosystems, without damaging them.

“It’s essential for technology developers and researchers to remember that development should not be our goal. Instead, our goal is to better understand, support, and improve our custodianship of natural biodiversity.

“Technology can play a role in this, but it must never be allowed to replace or diminish our responsibilities to organisms and ecosystems.

“Future farming using advanced AI (artificial intelligence) and tech-



Research into bee biodiversity and the need for technological development are key to the future of the pollination of food crops. FILE PHOTO

nology to monitor bee population and movement for precise pollination and tracking hive health, among other things, can improve management of crops and other natural resources.

“Technology can assist us to support and sustain the wild and native bee populations upon which our food security and ecosystem sustainability depend.

“To achieve this goal, we must

consider not only the local impacts of technology’s application, but also the upstream and downstream costs and cascading impacts of technology development, manufacture, application and disposal.”

Tough laws for unsafe protests

NEW state legislation is aimed at discouraging protest events that impact the safety of Riverlanders.

The State Government last week introduced the Summary Offences (Obstruction of Public Places) Amendment Bill 2023.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the new measures aimed to decrease protest events that “put the safety of protesters and the public at risk”.

“Peacefully protesting is a fundamental part of our democracy, but some of what we’ve witnessed... is not acceptable,” Mr Malinauskas said.

“Protesters do not have

the right to cause huge disruptions to others, damage businesses and put the safety of the public and emergency services at risk.

“That’s why we’re taking swift action to provide a genuine disincentive to those who seek to repeatedly engage in this sort of reckless conduct.”

Four people were arrested in the Adelaide CBD last Thursday after staging a protest at a Flinders Street business.

Under the new bill, a person who “wilfully obstructs the free passage of a public place” faces a maximum fine of \$50,000, or three-months imprisonment.

However, Attorney-General Kyam Maher said offenders would also be required to pay “reasonable costs and expenses” for emergency services needed at the protests.

“This bill sends a strong message to those who seek to make their point by causing harm, disruption and risk to others,” Mr Maher said.

“These penalties have not changed since the 1990s and, to be frank, are not in keeping with public expectations.

“This bill will give the courts the options they need to ensure that appropriate penalties are applied.”

Protesters do not have the right to cause huge disruptions to others, damage businesses and put the safety of the public and emergency services at risk...

— Peter Malinauskas, SA Premier

Vinehealth seeks new board members

MEMBERS of the Riverland wine sector have been invited to apply to join the board of a state industry organisation.

Independent South Australian wine industry body Vinehealth Australia is currently seeking new board members.

A Vinehealth Australia spokesperson said protecting Riverland vineyards from pest incursions, such as phylloxera, and ensuring “grape and wine industries are profitable and productive into the future” were the organisation’s targets.

“This is an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the ongoing success of the grape and wine industries in South Australia,” the spokesperson said.

It is understood several board positions are available, with members required to attend between four and six Adelaide-based meetings per year.

Interested Riverlanders are encouraged to apply by sending a short cover letter and CV by email to (board@vinehealth.com.au) before 5pm on Friday, June 2.

Regional rental affordability highlighted in new report

REGIONAL South Australia has the greatest share of rentals listed for below \$400 per week in the country, according to a new report.

The PropTrack Market Insight Report found regional SA had an affordable rentals share of 71.5 per cent in April, down from 84.2 per cent last year.

The share of houses for rent in regional SA for \$400 per week or less has con-

stricted more than units, falling to 66.1 per cent from 80.9 per cent a year earlier. The report found 91.3 per cent of units are available at the same price point.

“Although the increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance is the largest in more than 30 years, rent assistance payments have long fallen behind soaring rental prices,” said Eleanor Creah, PropTrack senior economist.

“The nation’s rental market is in dire straits, with little sign of meaningful reprieve on the horizon. Advertised rents are recording strong price increases and vacancies are at historic lows amid a shortage of rental supply.

“The share of affordable rentals is plummeting, meaning conditions remain challenging for low-income Australians.”

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MASTER AND APPRENTICE: Angove Family Winemakers chief winemaker Tony Ingle (right) at the Renmark Wine Club's May meeting, held at the Hotel Renmark, with Italian winemaker Leo Rocca, from Milan, who had been training in the Riverland recently. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



Long-time wine club members Tom Martin (left), Jim Broomell, David Rosenthal, and Stuart Auld, all of Renmark, at the wine club's May event.



TIM ON TOUR: Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone was shown around the Paulett Wines vineyard, in Clare Valley, earlier this month by recent SA AgriFutures Rural Women's Award 2023 winner Ali Paulett (left) and Frome MP Penny Pratt. PHOTO: supplied



CFS FUN DAY: The SA Country Fire Services' regional training officer Brett Williamson (left), region 3 commander Shane Clinch, CFS mascot Smokey the Koala, regional operations manager Kirstie McGarrity attended a recent fun day at Waikerie to recognise Mid Murray Group CFS volunteers. PHOTO: supplied

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

Guided tours of **The Pines Historic House** are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903).

WEEKLY

U3A Riverland yoga in the CWA rooms, Loxton. Every Wednesday from 9.30am.

WEEKLY

Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506).

WEEKLY

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.

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

Line dancing at the **Monash Club** every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.

WEEKLY

Renmark Bowling Club on Cowra Street would like to welcome you to bingo. Every Thursday night from 7pm.

WEEKLY

Loxcare Community Hub free mobile phone/tablet/computer questions and answers on the third Friday of each month from 10am. Enjoy a cuppa and learn about your devices as part of the Be Connected Network.

WEEKLY

Social badminton at the **Barmera Recreation Centre** Thursday evenings,

6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings, 9am to 10.30am. Racquets available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).

WEEKLY

Ukulele every Thursday during school terms, from 5.15pm to 6.45pm at the **Monash Hall** supper room. Inquiries to Margot (0407 796 508). Beginners welcome.

WEEKLY

Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising.

WEEKLY

The **Barmera Community Men's Shed** is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are welcome. Not open on public holidays.

WEEKLY

Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.

WEEKLY

The **SACWA Loxton District Branch** meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft.

WEEKLY

Riverland Woodworkers at the old Renmark High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun (0400 253 572).

WEEKLY

Meet, Greet & Eat at **Loxcare Community Hub**, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584 6954.

WEEKLY

Rock 'n' roll and partner dancing at **Monash Community Hall** Mondays from 7pm to 10pm with the River Rock Dance Club. \$5 entry, visitors welcome to come along and enjoy great music, dancing and a friendly atmosphere.

WEEKLY

The **Renmark Senior Citizen's Club** meet every Tuesday at their clubroom, 75 Ral Ral Avenue. New members welcome. Please call Marina (8586 3331).

WEEKLY

Loxton Historical Village open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, and public holidays. Pet friendly. Phone 8584 7194 or visit the website (www.thevillageloxton.com.au).

WEEKLY

The **Loxton Legacy Widow Group** meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall.

WEEKLY

The **Berri Community Men's Shed** is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114.

WEEKLY

Loxton Senior Citizens Club meet every Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm at RVCC, corner of Bookpurnong Road and View Street. New members welcome. Please phone Jean (8584 7313).

WEEKLY

Riverland Concert Brass Band. Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians welcome.

WEEKLY

Zonta Club of the Riverland meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Berri Hotel from 6.30pm. New members welcome. Phone Dianna (0419 834 804) or Merylyn (0457 460 799).

WEEKLY

Riverland Youth Theatre have a range of classes for kids and adults throughout term 2, including games days, weekly Dungeons and Dragons, and more. Visit the website (ryt.org.au) for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group Biggest Morning Tea, 10am to 11.30am at Waikerie Bowling Club. \$15 per person. Register names to Virginia Hillier or Colleen Andrew, or Anita at the Warrawee office.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for the Safe Pets Safe Families. Seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm, so don't be late to join in the fun.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Renmark Garden Club and **Chaffey Rose Club** Biggest Morning Tea from 10am to 12 noon at the Hotel Renmark function room. Guest speaker will be breast care nurse Rebecca Semmens. Tickets \$10. RSVP to Jill (0415 387 943) by end of Thursday, May 18.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

South Australian Powerlifting State Championships at the **Cobdogla Club**. Competition starts at 12 noon, spectators welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Renmark Lions Club Fundraising Bazaar, 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No2 Oval W E Wood Hall. Many bargains, EFTPOS available, barbecue and hot doughnuts. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Barmera Library creative kids club recycling challenge. Free event, bookings can be made by calling 8588 2872.

That's not a rat, it's a rakali

MEMBERS of a guided nature walk in Berri last week had the rare experience of watching a rakali feasting on a number of small carp.

Berri Barmera Landcare have been conducting a series of guided nature walks at Martin's Bend over the past few months, highlighting the environmental benefits of the recent flood.

As a part of the guided nature walks, Berri Barmera Landcare general manager Sharon Schrapel and environmentalist Andrew Walladge explain while a rakali is a native water rat, it looks and behaves more like an otter than a rat.

It is a protected species and cannot be caught, relocated or killed. It is a semi-aquatic mammal found in heavily vegetated areas that have a permanent water source.

Rakali numbers locally have declined due to long periods of drought, however the flood ignited their num-

bers and they can now be seen in creeks and along the banks of the main river.

Rakali have a black-to-brown fur coat and an orange-to-white belly, can grow up to 40cm and weigh up to 1kg.

They have partially webbed hind feet, long whiskers, small eyes and ears, and a long white tip on the end of their tail.

Importantly, rakali eat carp and are a key part of the biodiversity on floodplains. During drought their numbers reduce dramatically, however at a time like after a flood their numbers increase and help to control the invasive fish species.

As a part of South Australia's History Festival, during May, the Berri Visitor Information Centre has a rakali on display on loan from the SA Museum.

The guided nature walks and the display are initiatives of the Berri Barmera Council.



A rakali, on loan from the SA Museum, at the Berri Visitor Information Centre this month as a part of a display for South Australia's History Festival. PHOTOS: supplied



Berri Barmera Landcare general manager Sharon Schrapel (centre) conducting a guided nature walk at Martin's Bend in Berri.



Fishcare volunteers Kelvin Keatley (left) and Brian Smith at the Callington Show. PHOTO: supplied

Thumbs up for our Fishcare volunteers

THE dedication of local volunteers towards an initiative protecting Riverland fish species has been celebrated.

Efforts of South Australian Fishcare Volunteer Program participants were recently highlighted as part of National Volunteers Week.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said the program's volunteers patrolled local river areas, and delivered educational programs to young recreational fishers.

"It is through the volunteers' tireless efforts that we are getting the message out about how vital it is to protect our fish stocks," Ms Scriven said.

"It is essential we contin-

ue to raise awareness of the fishing community's need to protect and preserve fisheries' resources and their habitats for future generations.

"Our Fishcare volunteers provide a vital link between PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and the fishing community, helping promote a positive relationship between recreational fishers and government."

A total of 56 current volunteers, aged between 18 and 87, are involved with Fishcare.

For further details regarding the Fishcare program, or to apply, visit the website (www.pir.sa.gov.au/recreational_fishing/community_engagement/fishcare_volunteers).

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Drought resilience focus for upcoming ag forum

RIVERLAND primary producers have been invited to participate in a national agricultural conference focused on improving drought resilience.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) will next month hold the annual Future Drought Fund's Science to Practice Forum, from June 6 to June 8.

DAFF deputy secretary of agriculture, food policy and research, Rosemary Deininger, said the three-day event – taking place online – would highlight "innovative" tools and practices being used to build drought resilience and sustainable primary production.

"The Science to Practice Forum is an opportunity to collaborate and network with like-minded people committed to growing a sustainable agricultural sector," Ms Deininger said.

"It also demonstrates how integral the implementation of the Future Drought Fund, and its \$100m-a-year investment, is performing right across the country.

"Hearing the stories of how Australian farmers and communities are using innovative tools and practices to build drought resilience can influence the decision-making of both farmers and policy makers."

Day one of the event will focus on research and development, with day two examining farmers and agricultural advisors, and day three discussing community and policy.

Registration for the free online forum, and a full itinerary, are available by visiting the website (www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/science-to-practice-forum-program.pdf).

Online course examines farming, climate

RIVERLAND agriculturalists are encouraged to register for a series of free information sessions focused on climate change science and carbon farming.

Farmers for Climate Action, in collaboration with Australian National University, will next week hold an online Climate Essentials for Farmers Workshop.

Co-ordinator Ellen Litchfield said the half-day course was aimed at increasing resilience

to climate change and understanding of agri-politics.

"We know farmers are keen to learn more about climate adaptation and carbon farming," Ms Litchfield said.

"Surveys... last year found that just 10 per cent of farmers are growing and selling carbon and 70 per cent say they don't understand the carbon market."

The process of carbon farming involves the changing of agricultural

practices to increase the amount of carbon stored in the soil and vegetation, or reducing greenhouse gas emissions from livestock, soil or vegetation.

The online Climate Essentials for Farmers Workshop will take place next Wednesday, May 31, from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Riverland primary producers can register by visiting the website (www.farmersforclimateaction.org.au/portfolio/climate-essentials/).



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The Waikerie Men's Shed president Geoff Ringwood (left) and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton have signed off on a \$4000 council grant for the organisation. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

Council recognises local Men's Shed commitment

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie Men's Shed will receive a \$4000 grant through a new memorandum of understanding it has developed with Loxton Waikerie council.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and Waikerie Men's Shed president Geoff Ringwood signed the agreement last week to coincide with National Volunteer Week.

Mr Norton said all elected members unanimously supported providing the funds, contained in council's draft annual business plan for the next financial year, to the local organisation.

He said the latest grant extended an existing agreement council had with the Waikerie Men's Shed.

"It ensures that we sup-

port this strong group of volunteers who do a wonderful job in our community," Mr Norton said.

Following his tour of the Men's Shed last week, Mr Norton said the visit gave him valuable insight into the role over 90 members played in the community.

"I now understand how many skills this group has," he said.

"The shed is a really interesting place and I guarantee anyone that has a good look around might find a place for themselves there."

Mr Ringwood said the agreement with Loxton Waikerie council had been ongoing for about six years.

He said the money helped cover costs of operating and maintaining machinery, wood work tools, and the purchasing of safety

equipment for events they volunteered at, including True Grit at Cadell and the Riverland Field Days at Barmera.

"Whatever council asks us to do we jump in and do," Mr Ringwood said.

The Waikerie group also has a van to help community members with tasks including moving house, accessing and repairing furniture and repairing bicycles for people's children.

Mr Ringwood said his volunteers also helped maintain tourist areas around Waikerie for the council.

"We do garden work around the silos and maintain the seating in the main street by oiling and painting it," he said.

"We also maintain the barbecues along the riverfront and pick up rubbish along walking trails."

Final days to enter South Australian art prize

LOCAL artists are being encouraged to enter in a South Australian competition, exploring the link between art and healing, before entries close next week.

The Hospital Research Foundation Group – Creative Health 2023 Art Prize encourages artists to submit two or three-dimensional works that reflect healing as it relates to people's physical or mental health.

Offering \$51,000 in prize money, this is the second year of the art competition and prizes will be awarded over four categories:

- Main: \$40,000
- Emerging Artist: \$5000
- Veteran and Emergency First Responder: \$5000
- People's Choice: \$1000

The Hospital Research Foundation Group creative health program director, Victoria Bowes, said the prize is "an amazing opportunity for South Australian artists, and there is still time to enter".

"We are so pleased to be able to offer the prize again as we know it supports important conversations about health and wellbe-

ing, while being a career-impacting opportunity for artists," Ms Bowes said.

Entry fees contribute to the continued delivery of creative health programs and the improved health and wellbeing of patients, visitors and staff in hospitals and healthcare facilities in South Australia.

Inaugural winner Jasmine Crisp said the art prize helped continue her artistic ventures.

"There's a really special motivating energy that comes from being recognised for making a work," she said.

"Being a South Australian-only prize is really special. It really demonstrates the volume of incredible work we have right here."







Entries close at 5pm on Monday, May 29, with an exhibition featuring the work of selected finalists held at Light Square Gallery from August 28, to September 22.

Winners will be announced at the exhibition's opening event on Friday, September 1.

To enter, or for more information, visit: <https://creativehealth.org.au/whats-on/art-prize/>

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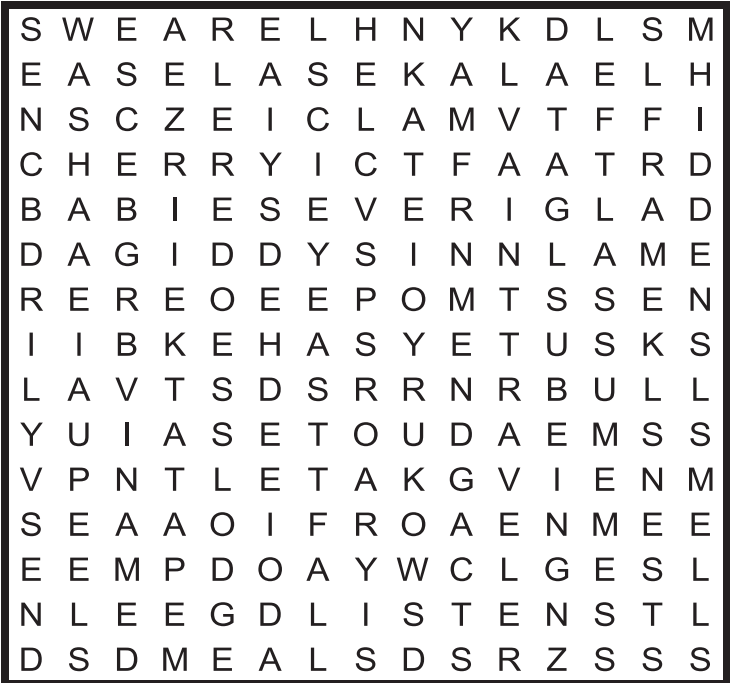
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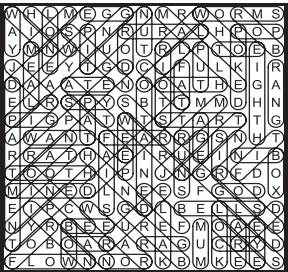
Word search

How many words can you find?

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ROAR



Last Week's Solution



Crossword

ACROSS
1. Starry
5. Minstrels
8. Live coal
10. Animal
12. Less difficult
13. Coming into view
14. Sphere
15. Gripping implement
17. Harden
20. Nostrils
22. Region
24. Arch
26. Lie in wait
27. Slowly (mus.)
29. Belief in God without accepting divine revelation
30. Incites
32. Away
34. Having no smell
36. Lifting machines
37. Peruse print
38. Ascended
39. Water holes
40. Drive away

DOWN
2. Direct a course
3. Uncommon
4. Account books
5. Warning light
6. Armouries
7. Kitchen sideboard
9. Crooked
11. Surrounding
14. Gem
16. Clotted
18. Public
19. Antiquity
21. Card game
23. Keep for future use
25. Longed for
28. Commands
31. Passable
33. Custom
35. Goddess of discord

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Adelle Vallelonga - 28/5/11

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May 2023 Horoscopes: week 4

- ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)**
A small problem will escalate if you are not careful. Make sure you think carefully before following advice from a person who doesn't really understand the situation. **Romance.** A disagreement with your partner early in the week will have repercussions a few days later. Deal with this when you are both in a better mood.
- TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)**
Don't put energy into a project which may not come off. It might be more sensible to spread your risk by trying more than one option. **Romance.** A positive aspect to Mars will put you in quite a wild mood this week. Make sure that your energy doesn't spill over into an argument with your partner. A romantic get-together will help to calm you down.
- GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)**
You will make the same mistake again and again. Try to find a new way of looking at the situation. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Venus around the middle of the week will help to put your love life back on track. Don't be shy about accepting an offer from an admirer. You will have a clearer idea how you feel about this person later in the week.
- CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)**
You may not know the full details of recent events. You will need to delve a little deeper beneath the surface: don't be afraid to ask some difficult questions. **Romance.** You will be surprised how quickly your relationship with an old friend warms up. This person is interested in many of the same things that you are interested in.
- LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)**
A positive aspect to Uranus could bring an unusual person into your life. Be careful not to judge this new friend too quickly: there is more depth here than you realise. **Romance.** Your partner's erratic moods should not be a cause for concern. Be careful to avoid getting into a discussion about something which you know could lead to an argument between you.
- VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)**
A get-together with a friend from work may last much longer than you expect. This person may have a surprise in store for you! **Romance.** If your partner doesn't take you seriously there could be trouble today. Don't let your feelings become too intense, but do your best to make your feelings clear. A meeting around the middle of the week will help to ease tensions between you.
- LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)**
A long conversation with a friend could leave you exhausted. While you may want to hear how they are getting on, you will not have enough patience to listen to all the details. **Romance.** A new romance may start to liven up a bit. You will still need to be very patient, however. This person may still have emotional ties to somebody else.
- SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)**
Don't get involved in a situation which could be difficult to get out of. A meeting later in the week will help you to understand things from the other person's point of view. **Romance.** A person whom you met recently may have a stronger hold on you than you think. Don't ignore a chance remark which could give you a deeper insight into this person's feelings towards you.
- SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)**
A strange dream will tell you everything that you need to know about a new friend. Your feelings towards this person may be ambiguous: if you go through your dream carefully you will be able to piece everything together. **Romance.** Don't let a personal remark upset you. Take this person's comments in context and move on.
- CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)**
Effort spent helping a friend will bring you both closer together. You understand this person well, but there is something about them which you are not aware of. When you find this out you will be better able to give the right advice. **Romance.** You will have a very pleasant surprise early in the month.
- AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)**
You could be feeling a little pent-up: someone else's negativity is holding you back from achieving as much as you could. Do your best to ignore criticism which you know is unfair. **Romance.** A person whom you have just met will seem very much in tune with the way you think. A second meeting will help to bring out the best in you.
- PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)**
A boost to your energy later in the week should be put to good use. Don't be surprised if you are a little more enthusiastic than some of your colleagues. **Romance.** Misunderstandings with friends could cause a few problems. Don't forget that people understand what they hear, not what you meant to say!

SUDOKU

No.429

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: Medium

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FLOOD EVENT

Submit your river photography for an online exhibit

RIVERLAND photographers and community members are being asked to express interest to participate in a local council’s upcoming online exhibition.

The Loxton Waikerie council is seeking photographs of the River Murray’s scenery and wildlife before, during and after the 2022/23 flood event within the Loxton Waikerie district.

Selected photographs showcasing “the resilience of the Murray River and its surrounding communities during times of significant weather events, and showcasing the natural beauty of the area” will be shown in an online exhibition available to the general public.

- Submission requirements include:
- Photographs must be of high quality and resolution
 - Each file must be labelled with the photographer’s name plus the location and date of the image
 - Permission is given to council to use the photographs and promote them online.
- Submissions can be made via an online file share (<https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/lwdc>) until 5pm on Friday, June 30.
- For questions, or more information, contact arts and cultural facilitator Karen Tate by phone (0491 094 553) or email (karen.tate@countryarts.org.au).



Young environmentalists visit local reserve

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE Primary School (WPS) participants in the Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) program visited the Wilabalangaloo Nature Reserve at Berri recently.

The 10 year 5 and year 6 students participated in a regional forum – supported by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board – featuring other YEL from across the Riverland.

WPS specialist science and environmental studies teacher Jeany Winter said the students explored parts of the Wilabalangaloo walking trail and learned about the preservation of local natural landscapes.

Mobile environmental education service Animals Anonymous also took part in the forum and brought a range of animals to learn about.

Ms Winter said the students shared information about their experiences at the nature reserve

at a press conference organised by classmates who were unable to attend the event.

The YEL also wrote about their experiences during the forum.

Year 6 WPS student, Allira, and other students met a Murray-Darling carpet python called Bill and learned about the species’ breeding habits and diet.

“They can lay up to 50 eggs,” Allira wrote.

“They like to live in long grass and in trees and they are non-venomous.

“They are aggressive but easy to handle and their diet is rats, small birds and possums, and sometimes they don’t need to eat for 5 to 6 months.”

Year 5 WPS student Taj wrote about the presentation by Animals Anonymous.

“They came and showed us lots of animals,” he said.

“Three of them were native to the Riverland.

“The Tawny frogmouth is



Animals Anonymous showed Young Environmental Leaders across the region including Waikerie a variety of animals during their visit to the Wilabalangaloo Nature Reserve at Berri. PHOTO: supplied

nocturnal. People think a Tawny frogmouth and an owl are the same thing, but they aren’t.”

Ms Winter said the YEL program had been running at the

school for 18 years.

She said it was important for students to learn about the environment and how to protect it for their future.

New surfaces a solution to South Australia’s crashes?

A NATIONAL road safety company is encouraging the adoption of high-friction surface technology to decrease the number of serious car accidents occurring in the Riverland.

Victorian-based OmniGrip Direct has developed a new road surface, blending recycled glass and other materials, aimed at reducing crashes on roads.

OmniGrip Direct technical advisor Dave Jones said high-friction surfaces were effective at reducing crashes in both dry and wet weather conditions.

“High-friction surface treatments have been proven as a real and ready solution to road crashes at high-risk locations such as intersections, pedestrian and school crossings, bends and ramps – anywhere where drivers and riders may approach too fast and brake too late,” Mr Jones said.

“The special surface has high skid-resistance properties, enabling vehicles to stop faster.

“Tyres stick to it better on tight bends, reducing the likelihood that drivers and riders will lose control.

“This would also save hundreds of millions of dollars in the health system, insurance industry and ultimately, our pockets.”

OmniGrip Direct developed the surface, in co-operation with the Australian Road Research Board, to skid-resistance and texture levels exceeding requirements from the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning, and Queensland’s Department of Transport and Main Roads.

A total of 53 lives have been lost on South Australian roads so far in 2023, compared to 30 at the same time last year.

the quiz

1. What country was ruled by the Khmer Rouge?

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2. What 5 letter word starts with T and means “lukewarm”?

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3. Fill in the blank: “There’s no I in ____”

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4. In which trivia board game do players try to collect 6 wedges?

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5. What is the official language of Namibia?

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6. What is a post on Twitter called?

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7. What is the largest city in Latvia?

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8. What type of pizza is topped with ham and pineapple?

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9. In the movie “Wedding Crashers”, what does Will Ferrell’s character crash?

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10. Who is also known as “The Caped Crusader”?

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11. In what country was Pope John Paul II born?

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12. What country’s largest city is Lagos?

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13. What band recorded “Paint It, Black” in 1966?

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14. Fill in the blank: “You want the ____? You can’t handle the ____”

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15. What is the job title of somebody who makes coffee and espresso drinks?

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16. Who starred in “Cast Away” and “Big”?

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17. What curved instrument is used to ease one’s heel into a shoe?

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18. Who composed the “1812 Overture”?

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19. What trilogy’s second movie starred Robert De Niro and Al Pacino?

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20. In which city would you find the districts of Roppongi and Asakusa?

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BONUS QUESTION:

In what year did the Indian Pacific train commence service?
Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 31

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RWCC businesses networking at Waikerie event

APPROXIMATELY 30 people took part in the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce networking event at the Waikerie Hotel Motel recently.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and deputy mayor Clive Matthews were among the elected members from the Loxton Waikerie and Mid Murray councils who attended.

Local business representatives were also present, with the event including a session of Business Bingo.

Soul Essence-Therapy & Life Coaching owner and manager Jo-anne Cain (left), and Riverland West Chamber of Commerce chairperson Angela Lukacs play Business Bingo at the networking event.



Loxton Waikerie deputy mayor Clive Matthews (left) and Mayor Trevor Norton at the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce networking event, held at the Waikerie Hotel Motel. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick



The Riverland West Chamber of Commerce's networking event attracted local business owners and elected members from the Loxton Waikerie and Mid Murray councils.

Cost of living, availability leaves locals with 'sub-standard' rentals

RECENT research from a state university has revealed poor conditions in a "large proportion" of Riverland rental properties put the health of residents at risk.

UniSA enterprise fellow and associate professor in architecture Lynan Daniel said existing South Australian housing stock

remained among the least energy efficient in the country.

"People who are renting a home have a right to expect that their housing is fit for living," Dr Daniel said.

"But when we are continually seeing reports of mould, disrepair, and other awful conditions, we know that something

is wrong.

"The evidence shows that formalised standards reduce sub-standard housing conditions.

"Australia has no such legislation. This leaves many people with no option but to endure poor living conditions."

Dr Daniel said numerous factors limited the rental properties

Riverlanders could choose from.

"Cost of living pressures, record low vacancy rates and a housing stock largely unregulated in terms of quality and condition mean that many households have no choice but to put up with conditions that may be harming their family's health," she said.

Strengthening protections for Aboriginal heritage sites

THE State Government last week introduced stronger penalties for people who disturb or destroy Riverland Aboriginal heritage sites.

The changes will raise the maximum penalty for damaging, disturbing or interfering with Aboriginal heritage from \$50,000 to \$2m for body corporates, and from \$10,000 or six-months imprisonment to \$250,000 and/or two-years imprisonment for individuals.

It is understood the courts will be empowered to order offenders to pay for and take actions to repair damage.

An additional lower-level offence will also be created where a defendant would need to prove they were unaware of impacting Aboriginal heritage, or that the expectation to have known would be unreasonable.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Kym Maher said a new obligation to consult with traditional owners would improve the management of new heritage discoveries.



● Kym Maher

"SA's current Aboriginal heritage protection laws are failing to deliver the protections that our ancient cultural heritage deserves. These proposed reforms will change that," Mr Maher said.

"By legislating a 10-fold increase in penalties for some offences, we are sending a clear message that Aboriginal heritage is to be both protected and respected.

"We have also taken steps to make it clear exactly when and how Aboriginal heritage discoveries must be reported, including where there is an authorisation to impact heritage under the Aboriginal Heritage Act."



At the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser at the Waikerie Bowling Club last year were Pauline Kalms (left), Sue Wilksch, event co-ordinator Maureen Howell, Sue Short and Jan Gaeta.

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Waikerie community backs Biggest Morning Tea

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie community has joined forces to raise money for Cancer Council SA's Biggest Morning Tea, during an event being held today at the local bowling club.

The Biggest Morning Tea is being organised by the Rotary Club of Waikerie and the Waikerie Cancer Support Group.

Event organiser Colleen Andrew, who is a member of both organisations, said local Riverland West businesses had provided "generous" sponsorship for the event.

Ms Andrew said about 120 people were expected to

take part and the fundraiser would also include a raffle.

Last year, three separate morning tea fundraisers for Cancer Council SA were held at Waikerie by the Rotary Club, Waikerie Cancer Support Group and by local breast cancer survivor Maureen Howell.

Mrs Andrew said organisers decided it would be a good idea to hold a combined event at the Waikerie Bowling Club.

Waikerie rock and roll dancing enthusiasts, yoga groups from Blanchetown and Waikerie and a card playing group are supporting the morning tea.

Mrs Andrew said the

Biggest Morning Tea initiative was an opportunity to reflect about people's experiences with cancer.

"It touches everybody," she said.

"Waikerie is such a wonderful supportive community of people that are unwell, that are going through treatment or that have had treatment, or have lost family members," she said.

"The morning tea will be a day of recollection."

The event runs from 10am to 11.30am.

For more information, or to make a donation, contact Colleen Andrew on 0428 412 867, or Virginia Hillier on 0417 515 210.

“Waikerie is such a wonderful supportive community of people that are unwell...

- Colleen Andrew
Waikerie Biggest Morning Tea organiser

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Cobby festival gets underway in a fortnight

THE Cobby Riverland Music Festival is to run from Thursday, June 8, to Monday, June 13, with venues including Lyrup, Barmera and Cobdogla.

Having received no direct info, I have worked this out for you last week from the website that came up when I typed the name of the festival.

Hopefully this will give you some idea of what is going on.

Thursday, June 8
10am-4pm: Lyrup Club: **The Hirds, Graham Butterworth, Ray Murtagh, Cheryl Lethlean, Sherrie Newcombe, Robyn Norton** (barbecue lunch will be available).

7.30pm-10pm: Barmera Bowling Club - **Chooka Williams** (\$20 admission includes meal).

Cobby Club: Impersonation Night with **Ray Murtagh, Robyn Norton, Cherie Newcombe, Graham Butterworth, Cheryl Lethlean, The Hirds, The Little Blue Bees**, and the **Festival Band**. (\$5 entry)

Friday, June 9
Cobby Club: Biggest Morning Tea (gold coin entry) **Robyn Norton, Ray Murtagh, David Lee, Linda King**.

1pm-4pm: Cobby Club: Mens & Ladies Day Out (\$5 entry) with walk-up artists and the **Sweet Tartlets Band**.

7pm-11pm: Cobby Club Rock & Roll Night (\$5 entry) with **Stepping Back & The Hoffmans**.

7pm-11pm: Barmera Bowling Club (\$5 entry). An alternative for those who don't like rock and roll. Selected artists, **Winning Hand Band, Robyn Norton, Ray Murtagh, Graham Butterworth, Cheryl Lethlean**.

Saturday, June 10
10.15am-11pm: Cobby Club Bonanza Day (\$25 entry) – in order of appearance are **Heartland, Hirds, Dancers, Winning Hand** (lunch break 12-1pm), **Robyn Norton, Ray Murtagh, David Lee, Hoffmans, Sandi Dodd, Linda King, Winning Hand, Neale Marshall**, Walk-up Winner, raffles followed by break for dinner (5.15-6.30pm), **Ray Murtagh, Neale Marshall, Robyn Norton, Linda King, Sandi Dolly Show, David Lee, The Hirds, Hoffmans**, raffle, **Heartland**.

Sunday, June 11
10am-2pm: Lyrup Club – **The Hirds, Graham Butterworth, Ray Murtagh, Cheryl Lethlean, Sherrie Newcombe, Robyn Norton**.

10am-12noon: Barmera Bowling Club (gold coin entry) – Gospel show featuring selected walk-ups, **David Lee, Linda King, Robyn Norton, Cheryl Lethlean, Hoffmans** (lunch available 12noon -1pm).

1pm-4pm: Barmera Bowling Club (\$5 entry) – **The Hoffmans, Linda King, David Lee, The Hirds, Robyn Norton, Ray Murtagh, Graham Butterworth, Cheryl Lethlean, Sherrie Newcombe**,



By ROBYN MCINTOSH
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Winning Hand.
7-11pm: Cobby Club – **Heartland. Monday, June 13**
11am-3pm: Cobdogla Station Caravan Park Wind Down Day – **Cross Town Connection, Company Of Two**, walk-ups welcome.

You may want to check The Cobby Riverland Music Festival website closer to the date, as changes can happen, especially with Covid and the flu around.

Enjoy the festival, or at least get to one of the events if you are in the Riverland on the June long weekend.

My feelings regarding **The French Family Band** were correct, as they have already received an invitation to return to the Grand Ole Opry to perform next month, on Friday, June 23.

Well done to **Stuie, Camille, and Sonny French**, and with the way they have been accepted over there. I do wonder if they will ever come back here to live.

Amber Lawrence isn't coming to the Riverland in July, but as she has quite a few fans here, I'm letting you know where she will be appearing in our state on her 2023 Your Town Tour.

On Friday, July 21, she will be at the Willaston Country Music Club venue, at the Willaston Football Club Rooms, from 3.30pm-7.30pm.

On Saturday, July 22, Greg Cooley Wines, 12 Main North Road, Clare, is the venue and the show goes from 6pm-10pm. Table seating is limited with this one as there are only 90 seats available. You may need to phone 0419 683 303 to purchase your tickets.

Sunday July 23 is the date for the third show, being held at Murray Delta Joint, 4 Dowdodd Crescent, Goolwa, from 2pm-5pm

I know these venues aren't very close to us here, but avid fans travel long distances to see the six-time Golden Guitar winner, with her most recent release earning the 2023 Female Artist of the Year award, with the bonus of being the highest-selling female artist.

Her special guest will be **Luke Dickens**, who a lot of us discovered when he came into our rooms via Australian Idol in 2008, with that tasteful gravelly voice, and was runner up that year.

He then went on to win Toyota Star Maker in 2011, and those two accolades set his path on a music career.

To purchase tickets for any of these shows, which are selling fast, go to Amber's site: amberlawrence.com.au

Community input sought to generate economic growth

MID Murray council is seeking nominations for four appropriately experienced and interested community members to sit on its Strategic Growth and Economic Activation Committee.

The term of these appointments will be for two years commencing in July and expiring in July 2025.

The council said the committee's key objective will be to foster and promote investment, attraction and the sustainable growth of the district.

The criteria includes, but is not limited to, extensive knowledge or interest in strategic council projects, activation of council assets, strategic planning, land use, open space planning, and disability access and inclusion.

Nominations in writing, addressing the criteria and outlining reasons for applying need to be addressed to the council's development and community services director Jake McVicar at PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238 or emailed to postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Nominations close on June 2 at 5pm.

For more information, contact Melissa Marschall on 8569 0100.

Better road safety education prioritised

A COLLABORATIVE meeting between road safety ministers from across the country last week focused on practical steps to reduce fatalities on the road.

Held in Perth last Friday as part of the National Road Safety Action Plan, the Road Safety Ministers Meeting came as the road toll in South Australia reached 53, with two lives lost within 30 minutes in fatal crashes at Renmark and Blanchetown last week.

The meeting considered current data, trends and cross-jurisdictional education campaigns on road safety to work towards the Federal Government's Vision Zero aim of no deaths on Australian roads by 2050.

SA Minister for Police Joe Szakacs asked other state and territory ministers to consider better collaboration to reduce road trauma.

"Better driver behaviour is a priority that doesn't recognise state borders," he said.

"Key dialogue between state and territory Ministers is critical as we pursue zero road deaths by 2050."

In South Australia, police campaigns focus on the 'fatal five' – speeding, drink and drug driving, distraction, seatbelts and dangerous road users.

Current SAPOL campaigns target key road safety markets such as regional drivers, older road users and cyclists.

Through the Federal Budget released earlier this month, road safety funding was increased to continue delivering road safety improvements with more than \$976 million available for new infrastructure projects across 2023-24 and 2024-25.

A further \$43.6m has been committed to the new National Road Safety Action Grants Program over four years to provide non-infrastructure grants with a focus on First Nations road safety, vulnerable road users, community education and awareness, technology, innovation, research and data.

"The Australian Government is committed to working with state and territory governments to curb deaths and serious injuries on our roads, in line with Vision Zero," said Carol Brown, Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, who chaired the meeting.

"Any life lost is one too many and I am confident that united, we can work towards road safety solutions for the benefit of all Australians."



Leanne Ohlmeyer and two of her sons were guest speaker's at the Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club's April meeting. PHOTO: supplied

Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club news

LEANNE Ohlmeyer and two of her sons were special guests at the Waikerie Ladies Probus club meeting in April.

Leanne gave an impressive talk on her transition from the life of a city girl and trained child care worker to farmer's wife, campsite hostess and goat milk product producer.

Their merino sheep property is located between Waikerie and Blanchetown.

At first, Leanne did not enjoy the isolation of farm life, but that soon changed. She home-schooled their seven boys, though they have participated in formal school top-ups as needed over the years.

She preserves fruit and vegetables from her garden, bakes bread and delicious cakes, and learned to make soap, moisturising balms and creams for herself and the family from the surplus of goat milk she had available.

The benefits of those products were so great that an interest developed into a hobby, and then a business.

The family's latest venture was setting up Stockyard Plains campsites, where guests can take part in farm life and explore nature through biking, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife and bird watching, plus star gazing.

Members were impressed with Leanne's energy and versatility, and showed great interest in her and her sons' products at the end of the meeting, as there was a good range available for purchase.

Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, usually at the Waikerie Bowling Club, and enjoy guest speakers, morning teas and the chance to socialise.

Visitors are welcome. Anyone curious is welcome to ring Chris on 0428 412 495, or Maxine on 0402 008 752, for more information.

The group's next lunch meeting will be on June 27, with Natasha Waanders as guest speaker (flowers, floral arrangements and life story).

Venue: Waikerie Club at 10am.

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Riverland students take part in state teams' championship in Adelaide...



St Francis of Assisi students Louis Brown (year 7), Hamish Pitman (year 8), Harry Pfeiffer (year 8) and Jensen Sheene (year 7) placed 20th out of 82 teams in the year 7 and 8 boys race.

PHOTO: Elyse Armanini.

LOCAL students from two high schools recently travelled to a school-based mountain bike teams' championship to compete against schools from across the state.

Competing for the first time, year 7, 8 and 9 students from St Francis of Assisi College and Loxton High School headed down to Sturt Gorge Recreational Park in Flagstaff Hill on Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12.

In the year 7 and 8 boys event, the St Francis team placed 20th and Loxton High School placed 26th, out of 82 teams.

St Francis of Assisi College co-ordinator for the event, Luke Prokopec, said the school entered the competition with a philosophy of "there is a sport for everyone".

"If they're active, they're healthier and happier, and they're more willing to extend themselves," he said.

"We want to ultimately give kids as good a range



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of sports to choose from as possible, just to give them the chance to dip their toes in everywhere."

Following the flood event, Mr Prokopec said the school looked at several options for mountain biking around the school ahead of the race, including along Ral Ral Creek. However, flood damage to the area and safety concerns forced them to look elsewhere.

"So many kids were keen to race, but giving them a place to race was pretty tough," he said.

"Alvanos Earthmoving were preparing the land for the new year 10 to 12 classrooms. They said, 'We'll bulldoze you a track, you just have to plan where you want it'.

"We got out there with a GPS and marked it out with Anthony Pickering from the

Riverland Mountain Bike Club.

"Without help from the Alvanos crew, we wouldn't have had the track to race on and we probably wouldn't have gone down to Adelaide."

Sixteen St Francis students were selected to go to Adelaide following a school race, in which students completed as many laps as they could in 30 minutes.

"These kids went out (at Sturt Gorge) and they absolutely smashed out times, keeping up with kids who ride those tracks probably every weekend," Mr Prokopec said.

"Out of our group of 16 we only had two who had raced before. One student, until about 15 minutes before the race, didn't really know how to change gears properly.

"At the end of the day, some of the comments coming out from the kids on the way home showed how pumped they were about their efforts.

"Some of them were coming back from stacks, all grazed up, but smiling from ear to ear about how much fun it was.

"One kid we had there tries everything, but he hadn't found anything that he was really good at. He was part of the mixed team who came second... He won the medal and the entire way home he said, 'Mr Prok, I'm never taking this off. I'm so proud of this medal and I've finally found a sport I'm really good at'.

"It was totally worth it, and we're looking forward to next year. There's a bit of talk about how we can improve and kids wanting to start up a riding group to ride at lunch.

"Every single one of the kids that went down over the two days had to push themselves past physical boundaries. They realised if they get around a competitive atmosphere you're in a position where you might not necessarily win but you'll be challenged by other people."



St Francis of Assisi students Noah Warner, Sebastian Coote, Blossom Kimberly and Max Cozens with their SA School Sport medals for mountain biking. PHOTO: supplied



Loxton High School students Levi, Tyler and Jarred completed nine laps to come 26th in the year 7 and 8 boys event. PHOTO: Facebook

Top trio triumph in Riverland darts

THE top three teams in Riverland darts emerged victorious in last week's round of competition, with Monash Wanderers, Cobby Eagles and RC Ones all on the winners' list.

RC Ones continued its hot form following a win against Cobby Eagles the week prior by comfortably defeating Lyrup Lion Cubs 15-0 at the Lyrup Club.

Cobby Eagles also secured a 15-0 victory, while Monash Wanderers ran out 14-1 winners over Lyrup Lionhearts.

The region is set to send teams south as the Gawler Challenge takes place on Sunday, May 28 at the Smithfield Sport Centre.

GAWLER CHALLENGE SQUADS:

MEN

Darcy Crane, Calib Martin, Jason Willett, Lee Rasheed, Ray Stemp, Wayne Bonham, Les Platten, Allen Hargreaves, Noel Peatey, Dave Martin, Dieter Roessel, Graham Norman, Kelvin Bray and Steve Lockwood.

WOMEN

Kendall Hayes, Akira Barnes, Darlene Strother, Danielle Heinicke, Michelle Hayes and Chloe Fletcher.

RESULTS

Monash Wanderers 14 (T. Kolus 140, 134, 100 x 2, W. Bonham 140, 100, A. Martin 121, 120, 100 x 2, C. Martin 121, 100 x 6, J. Willett 100 x 3, K. Hayes 100 x 2, D. Martin 100) d Lyrup Lionhearts 1 (M. Recchia 116, 112, 100 x 4, M. Verrall 111, J. Francis 100 x 3, R. Burgess 100 x 3, C. Gibbs 100, T. Josephs 100).

Cobby Eagles 15 (J. Broekers 140 x 2, 125, 123, 121, 100 x 3, N. Peatey 140, 132, 100 x 5, D. Parfitt 140, 121, 120, 100 x 2, R. Stemp 125, 121, 100 x 2, A. Hargreaves 125, 100 x 4, D. Coombe 100 x 6) d Expendables nil (G. Norman 138, 100, A. Barnes 100).

RC Ones 15 defeated Lyrup Lion Cubs 0 (BJ Strother 137, 100).



THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO: Riverland youngsters Hallie Hodgson (Barmera, left), Layla Moore (Barmera), Maddie Groth (Loxton North) and Jess Inglis (Loxton) have been selected in the Adelaide Thunderbirds Talent Academy. PHOTO: Facebook

Scoring streak continues for Olympic star

CHRIS Miller continued his hot run of form for Renmark Olympic, with his five-goal performance against Berri taking his tally for the last fortnight to 11 goals in two matches.

The travelling side was dominant against the River Rangers, who struggled to contain the tall striker, with Daniel Clark also adding a goal as Renmark ran out 6-2 victors.

Thomas Pipinis and Francesco Vallelonga found the back of the net for the home side, while youngster Aaron Nobile was named in the best players alongside Vallelonga.

Callum Leckie-Hefford was named in Renmark’s best along with Miller, who will be looking to add to his tally this weekend against Barmera.

The Pelicans broke the shackles on Sunday with a 10-goal victory against Loxton, with Jacob Trudgian and Jesse Tsonis both



Berri’s Pawan Johal slides in to challenge Renmark star Chris Miller.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

bagging hat-tricks. Riley Haigh was named best for the victors, while Jasper Hoffmann bagged Loxton’s only goal in the contest.

Meanwhile, Barmera and Renmark also claimed victories in the women’s division.

Olympic cruised to a 5-0 win over Berri, thanks largely to doubles from Maggie Lock and

Angela Pavlomanolakis. The Lakesiders were tested by a gallant Loxton outfit, but Sarah Beames’ hat-trick was enough to separate the two sides.

Berri turned the tables on Renmark in the under 16s and under 14 girls, while Barmera claimed victories in all grades, with the result of the under 14 girls contest still pending.

RESULTS MEN

Renmark 6 d Berri 2.
Best: Renmark – C. Miller, C. Leckie-Hefford. Berri – F. Vallelonga, A. Nobile.
Goals: Renmark – C. Miller 5, D. Clark. Berri – T. Pipinis, F. Vallelonga.
Barmera 11 d Loxton 1.
Best: Barmera – J. Tsonis, R. Haigh. Loxton – J. Hoffmann, S. Di Cicco.
Goals: Barmera – J. Trudgian, J. Tsonis 3, M. Barber, R. Haigh, T. Mitchell, R. Verrall, K. Zois. Loxton – J. Hoffmann.

WOMEN

Renmark 5 d Berri 0.
Best: Renmark – S. Stevens, K. Whiting. Berri – R. Kenefick, L. Ebert.
Goals: Renmark – M. Lock, A. Pavlomanolakis 2, J. Kahlon.
Barmera 4 d Loxton 2.
Best: Barmera – S. Beames, M. Mitchell. Loxton – E. Tsakarellos, L. Perre.
Goals: Barmera – S. Beames 3, A. Perry. Loxton – L. Perre.

UNDER 16

Berri 4 d Renmark 0.
Best: Berri – D. Hronopoulos, J. Krendl. Renmark – A. Cartwright, R. Searle.
Goals: Berri – J. Krendl 3, D. Hronopoulos.
Barmera 2 d Loxton 1.
Best: Barmera – K. Kenefick, J. Tsonis. Loxton – details not provided.

Goals: Barmera – J. Tsonis, own goal. Loxton – S. Uzzell.

UNDER 14

Renmark 3 d Berri 2.
Best: Renmark – details not provided. Berri – K. Krendl, A. Peltz.
Goals: Renmark – J. Cartwright 2, J. Curtis. Berri – K. Krendl 2.
Barmera 1 drew with Loxton 1.
Best: Barmera – J. Garoufalis, Z. Cole. Loxton – details not provided.
Goals: Barmera – J. Sweet. Loxton – L. Perre.

UNDER 14 GIRLS

Berri 4 d Renmark 0.
Best: Berri – G. Kaur, E. Issacs. Renmark – M. Lock, S. Heywood.
Goals: Berri – E. Issacs 2, G. Kaur, B. Kimberley.

Barmera vs Loxton – details not provided.

UNDER 12

Barmera 4 d Loxton 1.
Best: Barmera – Z. Cole, J. Lewin. Loxton – H. Lynch, B. Perram.
Goals: Barmera – N. Drewett, J. Lewin 2. Loxton – S. Williams.
Berri 7 d Renmark 1.
Best: Berri – C. Kregar, L. Sanders. Renmark – R. Schepel, L. Clark.
Goals: Berri – E. Exarheas, C. Kregar, L. Sanders 2, I. Martin. Renmark – L. Clark.



BEST OF THE BIKES: Riverland Junior Motorcycle Club hosted round two of the SA Motocross Championship on the weekend, with around 250 competitors taking to the track in Renmark.
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RFL CUP WEEKEND



RFL ready for 'great occasion'

BEN LENNON

A BUMPER weekend of RFL footy awaits with silverware on offer for the first time this season for four of the region's proudest clubs.

Table-topping Waikerie is set to do battle with reigning premier Renmark in the latest edition of the Gill-Lehmann Cup.

The Magpies won well against Barmera-Monash last weekend and will go into the clash full of confidence, as will Renmark, with the Rovers knocking off the highly touted Panthers at home.

It looms as an intriguing mid-season clash, with new Waikerie coach Mick Kilsby keen to experience the Cup fixture for the first time.

"It would be great to get one over on Renmark, they've had it over us for the

last couple of years," Kilsby said.

"They're a bit of a sleeping giant. They'll have their backs up with the points situation and they just gave Loxton North a touch up, so we're not going to be under any allusions as to what they're going to bring.

"It's all a mental game, really.

"We have to go into the game switched on. It's a big occasion with the Gill-Lehmann Cup but we need to stay focused on getting points on the board.

"It'll be huge for the club and it's going to be a big night if we can get the points and the silverware."

The two will do battle at Renmark Oval in front of a packed crowd, while Berri will continue its search for win number one in season 2023 in the Fisher Cup contest

against Barmera-Monash.

The Demons have struggled to fill the gaps left by a number of departing senior players from last season, but have shown glimpses of promise as Clint Ridgway continues to usher in the new era at Berri Oval.

Their opponents, Barmera-Monash, have endured a topsy turvy start to the year, compiling two wins and three losses so far, but will no doubt be keen to bring the Fisher Cup back to Lakeside this weekend.

Loxton North took the Proud Cup home earlier in the season, with Loxton getting its chance at redemption in a regular fixture on Saturday.

RFL chair Henry Crawford is looking forward to the weekend and labelled the cup competitions "great occasions" for

the local game.

"Obviously each club has a great history and it's good to celebrate these families," Mr Crawford said.

"Having these town rivalries is a big part of country football and the Riverland is no different there.

"There's a bit extra in these matches."

Action starts in the morning with the under 13s and rolls right through until the A grade cup matches kick off at 2.40pm.

Renmark and Waikerie will go head-to-head for the Gill-Lehmann Cup this weekend, while Berri takes on Barmera-Monash for the Fisher Cup at Berri. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Good luck to all of our Riverland clubs in the RFL cup weekend.

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RIVERLAND A GRADE

	LOXTON		BERRI		
					
TIGERS	4.3	8.5	9.8	12.12	84
DEMONS	3.2	3.2	6.4	7.5	47

BEST: Loxton - J. Fisher, C. Lange, C. Knapp, L. Evans, L. Bradley, D. Kassulke. Berri - B. Thompson, J. Marr, W. Frankel, R. Correll, S. Hawkins, K. Harkins.
GOALS: Loxton - C. Knapp 4, J. Bates, L. Harder 2, H. Campbell, T. Eagle, J. Evans, R. Romeo. Berri - R. Moroney, S. Hawkins, O. Hunyadi, A. Langford, M. McRae, J. Milburn.

	RENMARK		LOXTON NORTH		
					
ROVERS	3.4	6.7	7.12	11.14	80
PANTHERS	1.0	4.0	5.1	7.3	45

BEST: Renmark - N. Zunic, D. Woolford, J. Anspach, J. Vater, T. Woolford, B. Rover. Loxton North - M. Eckermann, Z. Wooldridge, M. Schinckel, J. Nelson, C. Voumard, J. Worsfold.
GOALS: Renmark - N. Zunic 6, D. Austin, D. Johnson, J. Rowe, D. Woolford, T. Woolford. Loxton North - C. Koehne 2, M. Eckermann, J. Koehne, R. Proud, M. Schinckel, W. Schultz.



	WAIKERIE		BARMERA-MONASH		
					
MAGPIES	1.0	2.6	5.8	7.11	53
ROOS	3.0	3.1	4.4	4.4	28

BEST: Waikerie - N. Hyde, S. Chambers, T. Hocking, J. Colbert, T. Geehman, K. Dixon. Barmera-Monash - A. Hodgson, J. Smith, S. Butterworth, F. Sampson, A. Lyon, D. Millard.
GOALS: Waikerie - J. Burgemeister, R. Turner 2, M. Hahn, N. Hyde, L. Nitschke. Barmera-Monash - D. Campbell, D. Klingbiel, J. Smith, D. Westley.



MURRAY VALLEY

	SEDAN-CAMBRAI		MURRAYVILLE		
					
MAGPIES	4.4	11.8	15.13	21.16	142
BLUES	1.2	1.3	1.5	4.5	29

BEST: Sedan-Cambrai - J. Schultz, J. Hood, J. Le Couteur, C. Thompson, S. Klose, B. Burgemeister. Murrayville - G. Franks, C. Sporn, R. Lewis, K. Henderson, A. Beer, J. Llewellyn.
GOALS: Sedan-Cambrai - C. Thompson 6, J. Le Couteur 5, J. Roesler 3, J. Grace 2, J. Atze, J. Grieger, D. Harding, C. Rodriguez-Jamez, J. Schultz. Murrayville - B. Edwards, J. Glazbrook, R. Lewis, B. Watson.

	WUNKAR		PARINGA		
					
BULLDOGS	2.3	4.4	8.6	10.8	68
SWANS	2.3	2.4	4.8	6.8	44

BEST: Wunkar - T. Schulz, N. Brown, Z. Lawrence, T. Renshaw, H. Kelly, K. Hewitt. Paringa - F. Peters, J. Watson, C. Lambert, B. Smith, I. Frahn, S. Menz.
GOALS: Wunkar - J. Jeffery, H. Kelly, S. Schulz, R. Stasinowsky 2, N. Brown, K. Hewitt. Paringa - C. Gardner 3, S. Frahn, D. Hill, C. Lambert.

	BSR		RAMCO		
					
REDBACKS	2.2	4.5	4.9	7.10	52
ROOSTERS	1.4	5.6	5.9	5.12	42

BEST: BSR - A. Sparks, D. Gribble, S. McKenzie, J. Mapstone, T. Cowland, J. Orr. Ramco - N. Hart, C. White, Z. Knox, J. Moxham, L. Ransley, M. Channon.
GOALS: BSR - C. Giles, S. McKenzie 2, J. Coleman, T. Cowland, R. Hartley. Ramco - A. Burckett 2, N. Hart, J. O'Callaghan, J. Parfitt.

RWFL RESULTS

Barmera-Monash 3.4 (22) d Waikerie 3.3 (21).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - E. Carmichael, R. Sullivan, T. Clarke, H. Taylor, J. Benson-Richards, E. Doughty-Casey. Waikerie - S. Campbell, E. Hogg, J. Oakley, L. Pickett, C. Helbig, S. Vowles.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - R. Sullivan 3. Waikerie - S. Campbell 2, J. Oakley.



OTHER GRADES

B GRADE

Loxton 11.23 (89) d Berri 1.1 (7).
BEST: Loxton - M. Thiele, private player, J. Hoffmann, L. Pontt, B. Falting, J. Norman. Berri - M. Barbaro, N. Panagoulas, N. Schultz, M. Toogood, M. Walton, A. Akawee.
GOALS: Loxton - details not provided. Berri - N. Panagoulas.

Waikerie 5.10 (40) d Barmera-Monash 2.9 (21).
BEST: Waikerie - L. Exton, S. Meredith, B. Johnston, M. White, D. Hahn, A. Thompson. Barmera-Monash - J. Bonney, Z. Hamood, A. Karpany, J. Albrecht, J. Ricketts, B. Williams.
GOALS: Waikerie - S. Meredith, M. White 2, B. Venning. Barmera-Monash - J. Stemberger, J. Trudgian.

Loxton North 8.11 (59) d Renmark 4.1 (25).
BEST: Loxton North - S. Steer, J. Obst, J. Proud, K. Wilksch, M. Jealous, A. Shapley. Renmark - R. Perry, B. Henderson, J. Bonner, M. Edwards, S. Kahlon, O. Taylor.
GOALS: Loxton North - J. Proud 3, B. Martin, S. Steer 2, J. Obst. Renmark - C. Munn, R. Perry, L. Roberts, M. Smith.



UNDER 18

Loxton 9.8 (62) d Berri 3.2 (20).
BEST: Loxton - D. Zdanowicz, Z. Huddleston, K. Beames, C. Rudd, F. Pauer. Berri - L. Watson, C. Lloyd, A. Peltz, N. Rothe, C. Robertson, J. Krendl.
GOALS: Loxton - K. Evans 2, J. Evans, J. Hewitt, Z. Hewitt, R. Rothe, M. Sexton, H. Westbrook, L. Zdanowicz. Berri - C. Lloyd, C. Robertson, L. Watson.

Barmera-Monash 8.2 (50) d Waikerie 4.12 (36).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - R. Moore, L. Marks, B. Bagguley, S. Johns, J. Dymmott, C. Marks. Waikerie - B. Burgemeister, K. Hilton, S. Trandafil, F. Andrew, C. Daniels, H. Glacken.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - J. Dymmott 2, L. Alder, B. Bagguley, C. Battams, H. Johns, L. Marks, A. Scordo. Waikerie - K. Hilton 2, S. Trandafill, R. Turner.

Renmark 11.8 (74) d Loxton North 7.4 (46).
BEST: Renmark - R. Curtis, L. White, H. Papageorgios, I. Morgan, J. Sweetman, J. Kroemer. Loxton North - C. Ebert, N. Paull, K. Fielke, C. Petch, J. Wooldridge.
GOALS: Renmark - L. White 4, R. Curtis 3, A. Herrador, I. Morgan, A. Otero, A. Singh. Loxton North - C. Petch 2, C. Ebert, C. Godden, J. Lehmann, T. Mitchell, S. Uzzell.



*ALL RESULTS MUST BE POSTED ONLINE BY MONDAY MORNING TO BE INCLUDED

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RFL A GRADE

	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
WAIKERIE	4	1	0	329	258	8	56.0
LOXTON NORTH	3	2	0	358	273	6	56.7
LOXTON	3	2	0	354	333	6	51.5
BARMERA-MONASH	2	3	0	250	233	4	51.7
RENMARK	3	2	0	389	267	2	59.3
BERRI	0	5	0	149	465	0	24.3
MVFNL	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
SEDAN-CAMBRAI	3	0	0	466	80	12	85.3
MURRAYVILLE	2	1	0	180	266	8	40.4
BROWN'S WELL	1	1	0	216	90	4	70.6
WUNKAR	1	2	0	173	177	4	49.2
RAMCO	1	2	0	118	256	4	31.5
BSR	1	1	0	74	193	4	27.7
PARINGA	0	2	0	69	234	0	22.8



UNDER 15

Berri 4.6 (30) d Loxton 3.3 (21).
BEST: Berri - B. Reid-Fletcher, E. Rossack, D. Pollard, R. Critchley, T. Ferreira, S. Marsden. Loxton - details not provided.
GOALS: Berri - M. Andary, S. Marsden, J. Pfitzner, B. Reid-Fletcher. Loxton - A. Edwards, J. Perram, G. Thornton.

Barmera-Monash 21.13 (139) d Waikerie 1.2 (8).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - H. Banks, J. Norman, B. Scordo, S. Westcott, R. Scordo, K. Nixon. Waikerie - A. Kuchel, T. Edwards-O'Cass, B. Loffler, P. singh Sandhu, A. Rankin, J. Coombe.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - H. Ness 5, T. Drogemuller 4, D. Marks, W. Marks 3, T. Alder 2, H. Banks, J. Fridd, M. Johnson, R. Scordo. Waikerie - R. Macey.

Renmark 9.7 (61) d Loxton North 6.2 (38).
BEST: Renmark - A. Schumann, E. Evans, A. Pitman, T. Harrison, L. Keynes, S. Files. Loxton North - H. Crane, J. Petch, J. Wooldridge, R. Wooldridge, T. Meaney, J. Francis.
GOALS: Renmark - A. Pitman 3, E. Evans, L. Keynes 2, M. DiCerbo, R. Harding. Loxton North - H. Crane, J. Wooldridge, R. Wooldridge 2.



B GRADE	W	L	F	A	P	%
LOXTON NORTH	4	1	297	214	8	58.1
WAIKERIE	4	1	266	202	8	56.8
LOXTON	3	2	298	174	6	63.1
BARMERA-MONASH	2	3	217	238	4	47.7
RENMARK	2	3	211	254	4	45.3
BERRI	0	5	151	358	0	29.6

UNDER 18	W	L	F	A	P	%
RENMARK	5	0	364	140	10	72.2
BARMERA-MONASH	4	1	409	130	8	75.9
WAIKERIE*	2	2	305	193	5	61.2
LOXTON NORTH*	2	2	253	278	5	47.6
LOXTON	1	4	135	386	2	25.9
BERRI	0	5	75	414	0	15.3

UNDER 15	W	L	F	A	P	%
RENMARK	5	0	451	62	10	87.9
BARMERA-MONASH	4	1	503	112	8	81.8
LOXTON NORTH	3	2	385	153	6	71.6
BERRI	2	3	64	405	4	13.6
LOXTON	1	4	65	429	2	13.5
WAIKERIE	0	5	73	380	0	16.1

UNDER 13	W	L	F	A	P
BARMERA-MONASH	5	0	485	38	10
RENMARK	4	1	350	71	8
LOXTON NORTH	3	2	179	228	6
LOXTON	2	3	132	180	4
BERRI	1	4	67	336	2
WAIKERIE	0	5	50	410	0



MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
Z. Wooldridge	LN	2	14
C. Knapp	L	4	11
J. Vater	R	4	10
J. Fisher	L	5	9
N. Zunic	R	5	9
S. Butterworth	BM	3	8

LEADING GOALKICKERS

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
N. Zunic	R	6	14
R. Proud	LN	1	13
Z. Wooldridge	LN	0	12
C. Knapp	L	4	9
M. Hahn	W	1	9
D. Austin	R	1	8

REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICES

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WAIKERIE SA
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LOT 68 IH TIN SIGN, PREMIUM WOODEN GARAGE SIGN, MCCORMICK HARROWS POSTER
LOT 69 COPPERS CREEK COLLECTABLES
LOT 70 FARMALL COLLECTABLES
LOT 71 FARMALL COLLECTABLES
LOT 72 FARMALL COLLECTABLES
LOT 73 CASE & INTER COLLECTABLES
LOT 74 INTER COLLECTOR SIGN
LOT 75 BOX OF MCCORMICK INTER MANUALS
LOT 76 BOX OF MCCORMICK INTER MANUALS
LOT 77 BOX OF MCCORMICK INTER MANUALS

LOT 78 BUNDLE OF SHEARS
LOT 79 TYRE PLIER
LOT 122 BELT PULLEY & INTER FEL OLD MOTOR
LOT 123 ASSORTED SIGNS & PICTURES
LOT 124 1939 FARMALL M TRACTOR, RUNS & IN GREAT CONDITION
LOT 125 QUANTITY OF CASE & INTER PAMPHLETS
LOT 126 QUANTITY OF INTER OWNERS MANUALS & PARTS CATALOGUES
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Change of date

**ONLINE
CLEARING SALE****2nd JUNE****Entries Invited****Contact:**

Jason Berger 0488 584 889

Renmark Christmas PageantA public meeting will be held in the
Renmark Paringa Council Chambers
on **Wednesday, 31 May, 2023**
at **7.30pm**to seek support for the
2023 Renmark Christmas Pageant.

Several people have offered to go on the Renmark Christmas Celebrations Committee Inc however we are also looking for volunteers to assist with the event leading up to and on pageant night.

The pageant will be held on
Friday, 1 December, 2023**Please contact****Neil Martinson on 0428 093 636**
If you are willing to help.

RZ12236

Berri Barmera COUNCIL**PUBLIC CONSULTATION
DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS
PLAN AND BUDGET 2023/2024
DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL
PLAN 2023-2033**

Council is inviting feedback from the community on the following documents:

- Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2023/2024 and
- Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033

Copies of the Draft Plans are available by contacting Council's principal office on 8582 1922 or accessing via Council's website www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au.**Council values your feedback and there are a number of ways to provide your feedback throughout the public consultation period. Councillors and staff will be available to receive submissions or to answer questions in relation to the draft documents by contacting Council offices and making an appointment.**

Submissions may be made in writing to the Council and must be received before 5:00pm, Wednesday 14 June 2023 by post, online or in person.

Attention:

"Submission – Draft ABP and Draft LTFP"
 Mr Dylan Strong
 Chief Executive Officer
 Berri Barmera Council
 PO Box 229 or 5 Riverview Drive
BERRI SA 5345

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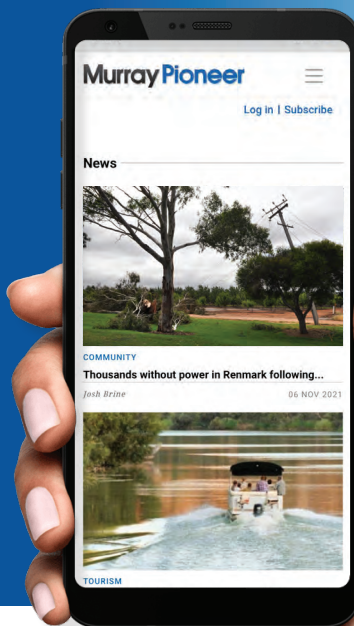
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answers**

1.Cambodia 2.Tepid 3.Team 4.Trivial Pursuit 5.English 6.Tweet 7.Riga
 8.Hawaiian pizza 9.Funerals 10.Batman
 11.Poland 12.Nigeria 13.The Rolling Stones
 14.Truth 15.Barista 16.Tom Hanks 17.Shoe horn
 18. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky 19.The Godfather 20.Tokyo

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The Beatles album that consisted only of Lennon & McCartney compositions was A Hard Day's Night.

RIVERLAND
SUPERDOGS
PICS



Riverland Superdogs took on Woodville South as part of an AFL masters double-header at Lyrup on Sunday.
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



WOOLENOOK FRUITS

FULL TIME ORCHARD HAND

Position Description

We currently have a position available for a reliable and motivated team member. Key tasks include machinery operation such as driving tractors, slashing, spraying and operating almond harvesting equipment. The position will also have a focus on irrigation operation, maintenance and fertigation. Opportunity for progression is available for the right candidate.

This position will suit:

An energetic individual who enjoys variety in their day, likes a team environment and delivering a high quality result. Suitable applicants will be well presented, have pride in their work and be keen to develop their knowledge. Car licence is required. Chemical Users Certificate desirable but not essential.

For Further information please contact Ashley Sleep on 0428 817 302. Please forward applications and a CV to : Ashley@woolenook.com.au

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN

RIVERLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Almondco Australia Ltd is located in Renmark, and is one of the largest almond processing and packing facilities in Australia. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our team!

The business is in an exciting period of growth and have recently built a new blanched facility with state-of-the-art food processing and automation equipment. We are currently seeking to appoint an Industrial Electrician to join our tight-knit maintenance team.

This is a **full-time** and **permanent** position.

As an Industrial Electrician, you will be responsible for:

- Maintenance of electrical systems,
- Electrical and electronic troubleshooting, fault finding and breakdowns,
- Industrial electrical installations,
- PLC fault finding and program changes,
- Electrical automation,
- Undertaking small projects.

The successful applicant will have:

- A Class electrical qualification,
- Industrial electrical experience,
- Excellent fault finding and diagnostic skills,
- High volume manufacturing environment experience (preferred but not essential),
- PLC knowledge (preferred but not essential).

As Almondco continues to grow, so will the maintenance workshop with plans in place to double the footprint, workspace and amenities for the maintenance team.

Applications close Monday, 5 June 2023.

To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to: jobs@almondco.com.au.

For all enquiries, please contact the People & Culture Manager on 08 8586 8819.

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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Murray Pioneer

ADVERTISING SALES CONSULTANT

Permanent Part Time Position

The Murray Pioneer newspaper currently has a position open for an enthusiastic, results-oriented sales person to be part of our advertising sales team.

You will be a part of a motivated advertising sales team, selling into a number of newspaper titles and specialised publications as well as digital sales, covering various locations in the Riverland. We have offices in Renmark, Loxton and Waikerie.

You will be responsible for the sale of advertising space to casual and contract clients. Excellent organisational and communication skills are vital to developing and maintaining good client relationships. Flexibility with work hours would be considered for the right applicant, approx 30-35 hours per week. Sales experience preferred.

A current driver's licence is essential.

If you pride yourself on exceptional customer service and enjoy working in a fast-paced and supportive environment, then I would like to hear from you.

Written applications will be treated in the strictest confidence and should be addressed to:

Advertising Manager
PO Box 832, Renmark SA 5341

Or email: glenda.malinovski@murraypioneer.com.au

Murray Pioneer

RECEIVALS LEADING HAND & DESPATCH LEADING HAND

Riverland, South Australia

Almondco Australia Ltd is located in Renmark, South Australia and is one of the largest almond processing and packing facilities in Australia. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our team!

The business is in an exciting period of growth and due to internal promotion, we are seeking to appoint a new Receivals Leading Hand and a new Despatch Leading Hand.

In these roles you will be responsible for:

- Organisation of daily work duties for employees on and off site,
- Liaising with relevant Hulling & Shelling facilities, Sales and transport companies,
- Coordinate and control the pickup, transport, delivery and despatch of export containers,
- Ensuring appropriate inventory, transport and pallet records are always maintained,
- Provide backup to forklift operators when required.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- Certificate IV in Leadership and Management (preferred but not essential),
- Valid forklift license,
- Experience working in a food processing and team environment,
- Good oral and written communication skills,
- Fumigation experience.

Job environment:

- Predominately dayshift but must be available to work overtime when required,
- Some weekend work when required during peak periods.

To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to: jobs@almondco.com.au

Applications close Sunday, 28 May 2023.

For all enquiries, please contact Jayde Harrington on 08 8586 8875.



RIVERGUM
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Our faith is in Christ

TEACHER

1.0 FTE Permanent Commencing June 2023

We're looking for a Christian teacher who is eager to engage with students, mentor their creativity, celebrate their strengths and scaffold their learning from a Christian worldview.

For a position description and to learn more about our College, visit rivergum.sa.edu.au/employment

Submissions should include an application form (found on the website), cover letter, CV and TRB SA certificate.

Application close 9am Monday 5 June

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At Camp Kedron
Queen Elizabeth Drive Barmera SA
Full time 38h Per Week

‘Looking for a treechange? Camp Kedron is located on the banks of the beautiful Lake Bonney in South Australia. We are seeking an experienced on-site caretaker to manage our campgrounds and bookings.’

The role is a 2 year’s employment contract with opportunity for ongoing employment.

Housing available

More information benoschober@gmail.com or call 0423 451 316

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CLEANER WANTED
LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL
WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL

Cleaner required for work between two sites at Loxton and Waikerie during school terms

Monday to Friday 3:30pm start as a fill in with min 4hrs per day.

Current DHS Working with Children's clearance required to apply

Please send resume to anna@servicingsa.com.au

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CLEANER

Cleaner required during school terms

5 days a week

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4hrs per day.

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- Honest, accountable & able to work within a diverse team
- Proven experience in managing business phone systems
- Familiar in stock control, database & spreadsheet use
- South Australian Drivers Licence & good driving history

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Familiar with social media & or digital marketing platform(s)
- Experience with bookkeeping or accounting software
- Experience with customer relation management software
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Applications close 26.05.2023

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ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- South Australian Drivers Licence & excellent driving history
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- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances
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- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances
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- Honest, accountable & able to work in a diverse team
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Remuneration is hourly paid in accordance with the relevant award, commencing at level one, \$28.73 plus any award entitlements, casually engaged. The role encompasses varied services i.e., point to point transport, school bus & minibus transport, guided & non-guided tours, corporate transfers, airport & airfield transfer, as well as professional passenger transport for special events. Chauffeur plated, Limousine, specialty vehicle & bus classes of vehicle will be driven.

Email your expression of interest and resume to admin@expressx.com.au or contact us via phone on (08) 8213 6600 during business hours. **Applications close 26.05.2023**

LZ14907



St Joseph's School, Barmera, is seeking applicants for the following Semester Two positions:

Primary Teacher

(Full time / Part time options)

Please direct inquires or request an application package to:
Mrs Nanda de Winter, Principal.
nandad@stjobarmera.catholic.edu.au

Applications close
Friday, June 2 at 4pm

Relationships, Learning and Community – A place where children find their way

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JOB ADVERTISEMENT/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School
presents an exciting opportunity



Expressions of Interest are being sought to join our vibrant team in the position of:

Music/Art Teacher

Starting from Term 3 2023, this 0.2/0.4 FTE teaching position at an International Baccalaureate PYP school with negotiable terms is an excellent opportunity for ongoing permanency, professional development and additional teaching.

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School is a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia offering the Primary Years Program of the International Baccalaureate to students in Foundation- Year 6.

Teachers report to and are accountable to the Principal and work in consultation with the Leadership Team and other staff in the best interests of The Learner, The Learning and Teaching, and The Wider Community.

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School:

- Regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance and as such is committed to ensuring compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations and maintaining a child safe culture.
- Values diversity and adheres to Equal Opportunity legislation.

Call Tania Fragnito on 08 8541 2344 to discuss your desire to be part of learning community that is inspiring each other to learn and grow.

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Mitech
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Automotive Technician

Mitech Automotive is an Automotive Service and Repair centre based in Berri & Renmark, South Australia.

Due to fantastic support from the Riverland community we now have a vacancy for another fully qualified Automotive Technician at our Renmark site.

To apply for this position, candidates must have a current drivers licence and be a fully qualified Automotive Technician or Automotive Electrician with a minimum of 5 years experience in the automotive industry with proficiency in tyre fitting and wheel alignments.

Applicants will need to communicate their understanding of exceptional customer service, time management, attention to detail and their ability to work under pressure.

The successful applicant will be required to work closely with the senior technician to ensure complete customer satisfaction.

This position is permanent full time at 38 hours per week and will be subject to a 3 month trial period.


Remuneration will be negotiated based on proven experience and ability.

To apply, please e-mail cover letter and resume with contactable referees to mark@mitechauto.com.au or post to **Automotive Technician, Po Box 520, Berri South Australia 5343.**

Applications close on Friday 2nd June 2023

For more information phone 08) 7552 5100

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Maintenance Supervisor
Permanent Full Time

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DEATHS



BIGGINS, Roger.

Loxton Agricultural and Horticultural Society extends its sincere condolences to the family of Roger Biggins on his passing.

Roger was a life member and past president of the Loxton A&H Society. Roger also had a long-term involvement in the horse in action section.

COOK, Beryl Isabel.

Passed peacefully at Barmera on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Aged 89 years.

Cherished wife of Stuart (deceased).

Loved and loving mum of Gayle, Rex and Nicole.

Precious nanna and great-nanna of 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The tears in our eyes, We can wipe away. But the ache in our hearts, Will always stay.

ELLARD, Doris.

Left us peacefully, in her hundred and first year at Calvary St Catherine's, Berri on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Cherished wife of Len (deceased).

Loving mother of Kay and Des, Donna and Robert (deceased), Mangalika (deceased).

Loved by all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Loved by the many that she accepted as her family.

KIRWIN, Allen Daniel 'Danny'.

Passed away suddenly in the Royal Adelaide Hospital on May 9, 2023.

Aged 64 years.

Loved husband of Lorraine.

Sadly missed. Never forgotten.

Danny will be privately cremated.



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DEATHS

MASTERS, Rita Irene (nee Eberhard).

Passed away peacefully in the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home on May 19, 2023.

Aged 98 years.

Loving mother of Bob and Jenny.

Loved grandmother of Ashleigh.

Resting peacefully in God's loving care.

PETERSEN, Brian Walter.

Passed away peacefully in hospital on May 8, 2023.

Aged 88 years.

Loving husband of Joan (deceased).

Remembered by his families.

Special thanks to the staff at the Barmera district hospital.

PFENNIG, Paul Phillip.

Passed away at the Riverland General Hospital on May 15, 2023.

Aged 73 years.

Dearly loved husband of Roswitha 'Rosie'.

Father to Karen, Phillip, Julie, Cale and Sarah.

Father-in-law to Paul, Kelly, Andrew and Willie.

Adored grandfather to Rachelle, Courtney, Isabella, Reece, Bradley, Jayden, Isaac, Caicee, Zoe, Alyssa, Oliver and Zoey.

Great-grandfather to Amiyah.

Much-loved big brother to Colin (deceased), Christopher, Susan, Rosemary and Jillian.

He will be sadly missed.

Enjoying the infinite glass of red.

PFENNIG, Paul Phillip 'Fezza'.

Passed away in the Riverland General Hospital on May 15, 2023.

Much-loved big brother and brother-in-law to Chris and Vicki.

Fond uncle to Jane and Sally, and their families.

Forever in our hearts.

Will have another red when we meet again.

Rest in peace.

DEATHS

PFENNIG, Paul Phillip.

Goodbyes are hard to say but we have to, so goodbye my big brother.

Love you and miss you.

We will keep you in our hearts forever.

Little sister, Sue and brother-in-law Darrel.

Uncle to Kendall and Philip, Toni, Michelle and great-uncle to Ruth.

SONNTAG, Raymond Frank.

Passed away peacefully at Riverview Lutheran Rest Home on May 17, 2023.

Aged 96 years.

Loved husband of Dulcie (deceased).

Adored father and father-in-law of Julienne and Mark, John and Trudy.

Loving Budda of four.

Loved Great-Budda of five.

Home at last.

TRUSCOTT, Raymond 'Ray' Stanley 'Trussy'.

16/7/1934 - 17/5/2023

Passed away peacefully at Pioneer Haven, Waikerie, surrounded by his children, Tanya, Kerry and Chris.

Loved father-in-law of Giuseppe and Paul.

Adored poppa to Luca, Gioele and Raffaella, Maddison, Brooklyn, Caitlin, Sarah and Elise.

Reunited with his brothers.

Now at peace.

Ray's family and friends are respectfully invited to attend his memorial service commencing at 1pm on Friday, May 26, 2023 in the S A Kleemann Chapel, 10 Cates Avenue, Waikerie.

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DEATH

WARNOCK, Peter Thomas 'Archie'.

Passed away peacefully on May 16, 2023 at the Gawler district hospital after a long illness.

Much-loved husband of Grace for 58 years.

Loved and loving father of his daughters Angela, Kellie and Melainie (deceased).

Respected father-in-law to Serge and Brander.

Adored poppa to Alannah, Peter, Nicola, Haley, Shannon and Ashlee.

Great-poppa to Hamish, Zoe and Lachlan.

Loved brother of Bernard, Teresa, Tony and Bernadette.

Rest in peace.

FUNERALS

COOK.

The relatives and friends of the late Mrs Beryl Cook are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Barmera Uniting Church, 80 Nookamka Terrace, Barmera on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Cancer Council SA in Beryl's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

At the conclusion of the service, the cortege will proceed to the Barmera Cemetery for the committal.



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ELLARD.

Family and friends of Doris Ellard are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the graveside in the Berri Lawn Cemetery on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 2pm.



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FUNERALS

PFENNIG, Paul Phillip.

Family and friends are advised that Paul's funeral service will be conducted at the Retirement Village Community Centre, Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 11am.

The wake will be directly after the service, followed by a private committal.



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SONNTAG, Raymond Frank.

Family and friends are advised that Ray's funeral service will be conducted at the Concordia Lutheran Church, Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton on Saturday, May 27 at 11am.

After the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home would be appreciated.

Envelopes will be available at the service.



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WARNOCK, Peter Thomas 'Archie'.

Relatives and friends are advised that Peter's funeral service will be conducted at the Taylor & Forgie Chapel, 15 Cowan Street, Gawler on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 12:30pm.

The burial will take place in a private ceremony in Barmera on Saturday.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

MASTERS, Rita Irene (nee Eberhard).

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rita's memorial interment service at the Loxton Cemetery on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 11am.



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IN MEMORIAM



SPARKES, Peter.
26/5/1973—26/5/2013

Peter, I can't believe it's 10 years since I lost you.

You would be so proud of me in the way I've bought up our girls.

There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you, especially when the girls are naughty.

I will come and see you with the girls to celebrate your birthday on Friday.

Love from Tracey.

T O P P E R W I E N , Andrew.

May 23, 2020.

It is hard to believe that three years have gone by since you left us.

There is not a day that you are not in our thoughts.

Love always Cathy, Katrina, and the grandies.

JAEGER, Chris.

In loving memory of my dear husband.

Passed away May 22, 2022.

In life I loved you dearly, In death I love you still.

In my heart you hold a special place, That no one could ever fill.

You are missed so very much every day.

Nothing in this world breaks my heart more than losing you.

I will love you forever and always.



Val.

NATTRASS, Sharron.
22/5/2018

Loved and missed, Neville.

Josh, Ben, Kylie, Todd, Sahira and Taylah.

Forever in our hearts.

PARKES, William 'Bill'.
31/1/1935 – 23/5/2017

The world changes from year to year, Our lives from day to day.

But the love and memory of you, Shall never pass away.

We miss you so much.

Love always Laurel, Sharon, Sean and your little squirt, Caitlin.

Miss you always and forever.

IN MEMORIAM

SPARKES, Peter.
26/5/1973—26/5/2013

Happy 50th birthday.

Letters to my son in Heaven.

They say there is a reason, They say time will heal. Neither time or reason, Will change the way I feel.

Gone are the days we used to share, But in my heart, you are always there.

The gates of memories will never close, I miss you more than anybody knows.

Love and miss you every day.

Til we meet again.

Always and forever, Love Mum and Dad.



SPARKES, Peter.
26/5/1973—26/5/2013

Happy 50th birthday.

I wish my arms were so much longer, I'd reach out to you with the sweetest presents.

And if you'd come closer, stretching out your hands, I'd suddenly pull you down and give you the biggest hug, ever.

Because I love you so much.

Love Sally, Jason, Jessie and Zoe.

SPARKES, Peter.
26/5/1973—26/5/2013

Happy 50th birthday, Daddy.

We can't believe it is 10 years since you passed away.

Daddy, you would be so proud of us. We have grown so fast in the lifetime since you've seen us.

On Friday, we will celebrate your birthday with you at the cemetery.

Daddy, we love you and miss you every day.

You will always be in our hearts.

Love from your beautiful daughters, Charli and Jade.

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9am - Loxton
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Renmark 9am
Morgan 9am
Barmera 11am
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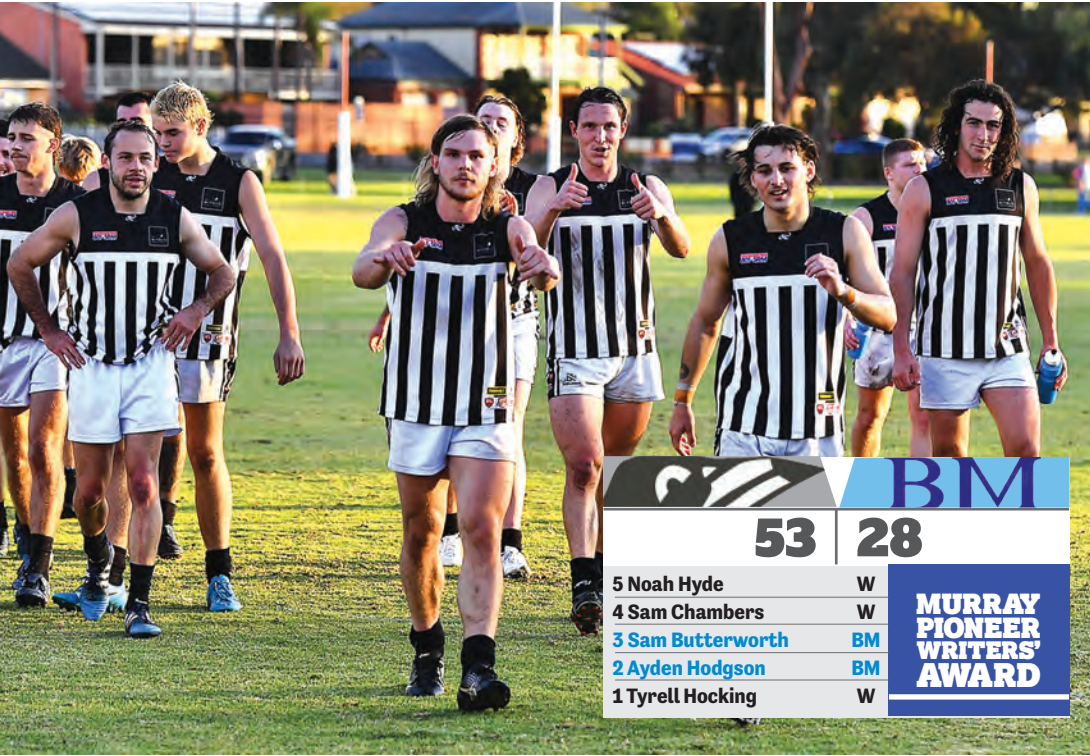
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Loxton Show Society

Conveners needed for the 2023 LOXTON show to be trained for this year's Show in October for the following sections: Vegetables, Floral Art, Amateur Winemaking & Brewing and Scarecrows. Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.





It is all smiles for Waikerie, as the Magpies returned to the top of the RFL A grade ladder with a win over Barmera-Monash on Saturday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Magpies ‘pumped’ after bounce-back win away

WAIKERIE returned to the RFL winners’ list on Saturday afternoon, with an impressive victory over Barmera-Monash at Barmera Oval.

The victory helped Mick Kilsby’s side return to the top of the ladder after slipping down the week prior following a loss to Loxton North.

The first-year Magpie coach said the loss against the Panthers “hurt”, but was pleased the Magpies were able to bounce back quickly.

“We play a similar game style to Loxton North, but Barmera-Monash are more of an inside team, so it was good to get back to our style of football and get the win,” he said.

“When you’ve got two similar brands of footy going up against each other, something’s got to give.

“Everyone says that if we had kicked straight we would’ve won, but we didn’t kick straight because of their pressure.

“Barmera on the other hand play that inside style of footy with repeat stoppages, which was frustrating for us because we like to get it on the outside,” he said.

“They would’ve had a game-plan to stop that, and they did for a while, but then we managed to get on top.”

Kilsby lauded his side’s ability to produce a four-quarter

By **BEN LENNON**
sports@murraypioneer.com.au

effort, citing fitness as a large part of the Magpies’ fourth victory of the campaign.

“I saw them stretching calves in the third quarter and the message to the boys at three-quarter time was that we need to just keep playing our way and we’ll overrun them,” he said.

“Our fitness got us over the line.”

The home side managed to get the jump on the visitors, shooting out to a two-goal lead at quarter time, before the Magpies reeled the Roos in, keeping Fraser Sampson’s team to just one goal for the remainder of the match.

Skipper Sam Butterworth starred without co-captain Michael Mock, while club legend Dillon Millard made his first A grade appearance for the Roos since returning from a coaching stint at Loxton.

Youngster Ayden Hodgson kept his strong season going with another impressive performance, but the Roos failed to match it with a hyped-up Waikerie outfit.

Wingman Noah Hyde was named best for the visitors, gathering plenty of outside ball and disposing of the footy effective-

ly, while recruit Sam Chambers continued his stellar campaign.

“He can play tall or small, but his weapon is the way he reads the footy,” Kilsby said of Chambers.

“He’s a smart footballer and that’s one of the reasons why I wanted to get him up here to this league.

“If you’re young and fit with football IQ, you’ll be able to play some decent footy in the country.

“We’ve had the same back six pretty much all year. ‘Brauny’ (Steven Braun) was out this week which hurt a bit but ‘Smythy’ (Shaun Smyth) came back from the mines and stepped into the role.

“That back six has been setting us up. We want to open up these big grounds and the back-line has been doing it perfectly.”

Jack Burgemeister booted two goals in the win, as did young forward Ryan Turner, while Barmera-Monash had four individual goalscorers including veteran Jake Smith, who was named second best for the Roos.

Sampson’s side will get the chance to bounce back this week as Barmera-Monash travels to Berri to contest the Fisher Cup.

Meanwhile, Waikerie also hits the road to take on reigning premier Renmark, with Josh Vater’s side seemingly back in top form after a rocky start to the season.



Waikerie young gun Ryan Turner takes a strong mark ahead of Barmera-Monash’s Dylan Klingbiel during last Saturday’s encounter.



BITTERSWEET HOMECOMING: Former Whillas Medallist and club legend Dillon Millard returned to the Barmera-Monash A grade side on Saturday in the team’s loss to Waikerie, lining up for the Roos for the first time since his two-year stint as coach of Loxton. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Magpie season continues as Sedan-Cambrai swoops on Blues

A COMPETITION powerhouse continued its hot start to the season, while a reigning premier secured its maiden win in 2023 as the Murray Valley Football Netball League completed its third round.

BSR, the last ever premiers of the Riverland Independents competition in 2022, stormed home in the final term to take down Ramco at Ramco Oval.

It was the Redbacks’ first

win in the new league, having been on the receiving end of a rampant Sedan-Cambrai victory in round one.

Allen Sparks, who spent two season at Ramco in the late 2010s, was best for the Redbacks, while Chris Giles and Scott McKenzie booted two goals each in the win.

Nathan Hart kicked one goal and was best for the Roosters at home, but just three points scored in

the final term meant Jamie O’Callaghan’s side would come up short.

Meanwhile, newcomer Murrayville suffered its first defeat of the campaign, suffering a 113-point loss during its six-hour return trip to play Sedan-Cambrai at Cambrai Oval.

The Magpies were ruthless in front of goal, booting 21.16 to Murrayville’s 4.5, with reigning Duthie Medallist Cam Thompson

the chief destroyer.

He finished with six majors and was named in the best for his side, while Geordie Franks was Murrayville’s strongest competitor on a difficult day for the Blues.

A star recruit helped Wunkar to a four-goal win over Paringa at Paringa, kickstarting the campaign for the Bulldogs.

Former Northern Territory Football League player

Nathan Brown was a revelation in his first game for Tom Wood’s side.

He kicked a goal and was named in the best alongside Tarquin Schulz, as the Bulldogs won the arm wrestle away from home.

Paringa remains the only side without a win, but welcomed a number of fresh players to the line-up last weekend, including former Renmark B grade captain Matt O’Loughlin.

The Swans face the competition’s sternest test this weekend, travelling down the Sturt Highway to face the all-conquering Magpies, while Wunkar hosts Brown’s Well as the Bombers return from a week off.

Ramco players will enjoy a rest this weekend after a tough opening three matches, with Murrayville set for its longest road trip as it travels to Swan Reach to take on the Redbacks.

Rovers on a roll

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RENMARK capitalised on a positive shift in momentum to run out 35-point victors over the previously table-topping Loxton North at Renmark Oval on Saturday afternoon.

Josh Vater's side was buoyed by a comfortable win the week prior against Berri, which saw the Rovers return to the style of play that has seen them lift the RFL trophy in the past three seasons.

The three-time premier-ship coach was pleased with his side's effort, as the Rovers became just the second team to defeat the Panthers this season.

"It brings some confidence for our playing group, beating a good opponent that has been playing good footy," he said.

"It's a sign of the competition and that it's really level.

"There's still areas to work on for us, but the growth in our group already this year, to be able to change some of the areas that were poor in the first couple of weeks has been really good."

Renmark started well in front of its home crowd, booting the opening goal of the game, but the match quickly became an arm wrestle, with most of the play situated between the two 50s.

The home side established an early lead, going into the first break with a 16-point advantage, but North refused

to lay down. The travelling Panthers were without star duo Scott Lewis and Alex Kent, with Lewis still a few weeks away due to a shoulder issue and Kent pulling up sore from last week's.

Still, Terry Eleftheriadis' side matched it with the reigning premier and kept the margin to just 19 points at the halfway point of the contest.

The Panthers mounted a comeback early in the final term, but Nathan Zunic was able to stand up for the home side, hitting the scoreboard to help ease the pressure.

The versatile forward has been a revelation in recent weeks, booting five goals against Berri before finishing with six against North on Saturday afternoon.

"The thing that really impresses me about 'Zooma' (Zunic) is his speed," Vater said.

"His turn of speed and agility are both really elite for country footy, but at the same time he can play quite tall and mark above his head.

"He's a player that I wouldn't like to play on personally. I feel like he'd have me covered in a couple of areas.

"He's quite dynamic and no doubt if he continues the form he's in, he's going to get a fair bit of treatment from opposition, but that just brings opportunities for other players."

Zunic was named best for the Rovers as they ran out the game well despite some injury concerns, including

two-time Whillas Medallist Tim Woolford.

"Tim has hurt his hamstring. It's only minor but he will miss a couple and we'll be extra cautious," Vater said.

"Lachie Lellmann pulled up sore and didn't play the rest of the game on Saturday.

"Looking into a crystal ball I'd say he will miss one or two, but we've only got two until the bye anyway, and you never know, he might pull up fine."

Defender Tate Milne is also waiting on the results from a scan on his injured knee, but the Rovers will have some injury relief, with tall forward and second-string ruckman Alex Haynes set to return this weekend.

North will welcome back Kent to the line-up against Loxton in an important clash at Panther Park.

Zac Wooldridge enjoyed some extended midfield minutes in the vice-captain's absence, while wingman Maison Eckermann was named best for the visitors.

Caleb Koehne was the side's only multiple goalscorer on the afternoon, with gun full forward Ryan Proud kept to just one major.

Dan Woolford was influential for the Rovers as one of the cleanest distributors on the ground, while Jake Anspach was rewarded for his defensive effort with a spot in the best players for the Rovers.

Vater himself was named fourth-best and admitted that while it has been unintentional, his playing role has



Renmark star Nathan Zunic produced some magic in the final quarter to help see the Rovers over the line against Loxton North.



Renmark on-baller Jaryd Rowe breaks away from the chasing pack in the middle of Renmark Oval. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

increased this year.

"It probably has changed a fraction through necessity, with injuries and players unavailable," he said.

"In the past couple of years I've probably been able to change my role and promote some other people a

little bit, but in reality I just fit myself into the role the team needs each week.

"When we've got a full list it might be slightly different with being able to come off and coach from the bench a bit more.

"This year I haven't

made it to the bench a whole heap, so I rely on a couple of people I have on the bench that help me."

The Rovers welcome Waikerie to Renmark for the Gill-Lehmann Cup this week as the competition continues to charge towards the bye.

Tigers' momentum continues as Berri's Demons remain

LOXTON'S recovery from a disappointing start to 2023 continued on the weekend, with the Tigers running out 37-point victors over Berri at The Precinct.

Luke Harder's team has pieced together three straight wins since beginning the season 0-2, with the latest coming against a spirited Berri side.

The first quarter was evenly matched, with Loxton narrowly edging ahead to hold a slender seven-point lead at the first break.

Harder's side went into the contest without captain Jesse Will, with Che Lange filling his shoes on Saturday afternoon.

Lange began to have a strong influence on the contest after quarter time, playing a key role in Loxton's back six.

He took a number of intercept marks for the Tigers, as Loxton began to tighten the screws, kicking away in the second term to lead by 33 points at the main break.

Berri mounted a comeback in the third quarter, outscoring the Tigers 3.2 to 1.3 as Brody Thompson began to make his mark.

The ruckman excelled against Craig Fisher and Chris Knapp, but Knapp was beginning to have an influence up forward.

The big-bodied utility finished the match with four goals to his name, his biggest haul since joining the Tigers from Eastern Park at the start of the year.



Loxton's John Fisher starred in his side's win over Berri, picking up five votes in the Murray Pioneer Writers' Award race. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Berri vice-captain Shay Hawkins registered his 50th senior footy appearance in his side's clash with Loxton.

Loxton ran out the game strongly, restricting Berri to just one major in the final quarter.

John Fisher was named best for the home side, amassing plenty of the footy and helping link up the play between Loxton's midfield and forward 50.

He moves into fourth on the Murray Pioneer Writers' Award

table, two votes behind Knapp in second.

Thompson was named best for Berri, while debutant Ondre Hunyadi joined the first kick first goal club, much to the delight of his teammates.

Rory Moroney kicked two for the Demons, while vice-captain Shay Hawkins booted one in his

50th game of senior footy.

Jonte Bates managed two for Loxton, while Harder celebrated his 300th game of football with two goals and a win.

Loxton now sits third on the RFL ladder, equal on points with local rivals Loxton North, with the two set to square off this Saturday at Panther Park.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

JUST three teams remain undefeated in 2023, with each team now having played each other once in the Riverland Football League season.

Renmark's all-conquering under 18s side remains the team to beat after defeating Loxton North by 28 points at The Kennel.

Athletic youngster Reece Curtis was instrumental in the win, as was West Adelaide junior Lucas White who finished the day with four goals and plenty of disposals.

Renmark's under 15s also remain undefeated after seeing off a gallant Loxton North side by 23 points on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Barmera-Monash's under 13s have extended their undefeated 2022 campaign into this year, winning the first five matches, including a massive 129-point win against Waikerie on Saturday morning.

Shepherd Humphries and Kane Ogle booted eight goals between

them to help the Roos over the line.

Loxton North and Waikerie remain the teams to beat in the B grade, with both picking up wins last Saturday against Renmark and Barmera-Monash respectively.

Berri remains winless in the reserves after a defeat to Loxton at Loxton, with the Demons' only win against the Tigers coming in the under 15s.

Barmera-Monash moved into top spot on

the RWFL table after the Roos picked up their second consecutive win over Waikerie on Saturday evening.

The home side emerged victorious by just one point, with three goals from Reagan Sullivan helping the Roos to victory in a nailbiter against the Magpies.

Emily Carmichael was named best in the win, while West Adelaide player Sarah Campbell was the top contributor from the visitors.



Brandon Martin booted two goals as Loxton North cruised past Renmark in Saturday afternoon's B grade clash.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Round 11

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Con Dimas.....(6)65
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Katelyn Lynch.....(7)64
Ross Campbell.....(6)64
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South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas (right) eagerly awaits a handball from Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, following the pair's discussion surrounding the Riverland's Gather Round bid last week. PHOTO: supplied

Riverland's chance to Gather Round

CHAFFEY MP Tim Whetstone has officially launched the Riverland's bid to host a Gather Round fixture in 2024 following a meeting with South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas on Thursday afternoon.

The inaugural edition of the AFL's Gather Round was a roaring success, with footy fans flocking to the Adelaide city centre, plus Mount Barker and Norwood Oval.

Mr Whetstone met with the Premier for the sole purpose of discussing the Riverland's chances, and while he acknowledges "it will be a tough road ahead", he remains hopeful the region can host an AFL match next season.

"He (the Premier) tells me that the AFL have put quite rigid stipulations on what you can and can't do," Mr Whetstone said.

"We have a lot more time to negotiate when, where and how. They're looking for something that's close by and convenient, or airport driven.

"I'm saying if it has to be a big plane it can land at Mildura, and we have a lot of Victorians and football lovers that drive right through the region.

"That's what hurdles are for. You have to negotiate hurdles to get a favourable outcome."

Mr Whetstone previously wrote to the Premier earlier in the month

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to put forward the Riverland's case.

The Chaffey MP has urged the Riverland Football League, local councils and the region's football lovers to do the same, stressing the importance of presenting a united front.

Among the region's greatest drawcards, Mr Whetstone believes, is its rich football history.

"We've got a proud history of AFL stock out of the Riverland," Mr Whetstone said.

"Ebert, Modra and Ricciuto are names synonymous with footy, but we've got a significant next tier of players.

"Whether it's the Lindners, Fielkes, Schammers or Francis', there are many.

"We've been through the pandemic with everyone and we're fighting an economic battle at the moment due to the flood.

"The wine industry is going through a flat time at the moment as well, so I think we need to have every opportunity to look at ways that we can build confidence and put a spring in peoples' step.

"As proud Riverlanders, it's time to be a part of this. As part of the flood recovery, it's a really nice fit."

Loxton looms as the strongest potential candidate as host, having supplied the venue for two SANFL matches in the past 18 months as part of the Russell Ebert tribute match.

Mr Whetstone remained "reluctant to say that it has to be Loxton", but acknowledged that The Precinct would be "the best fit".

"I think Loxton is probably the preferred site, with the new facilities there, but we as a region need to reach out," Mr Whetstone said.

"We can't reach out as independent towns.

"I'm hoping the Riverland community as a whole will support the bid so we have a united voice and a united front."

Mr Whetstone will also be lobbying current AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan, as the Chaffey MP looks to strengthen the region's bid, with the AFL to make the final fixture decision.

"Ultimately, the AFL will make the decision as to where future fixtures take place," a state government spokesperson said.

"Securing the event for the next three years means we can now look at making this event bigger and better with certainty.

"It's pleasing to see communities around the state recognise the value of this opportunity."



Loxton Oval has successfully hosted two SANFL games in recent times and looms as the likely destination, should the Riverland's Gather Round bid be successful. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Mr Whetstone has the support of RFL chairperson Henry Crawford, who believes the local game will prosper significantly should the region be granted a match.

"Mr Whetstone has been in touch with the RFL and we've written to the Premier about potentially getting a Gather Round game up here," Mr Crawford said.

"The Riverland has a great footballing community and it would be fantastic to get the chance to showcase that on a national stage, with a match broadcasted to the whole country."

A long process remains, but Mr Whetstone is adamant he would continue to advocate for the region

as the AFL considers its options.

"I think it's very real that it can play into our hands and if we don't put our pitch in, and I don't put a bit of pressure on the Premier, it's just wishing," Mr Whetstone said.

"The AFL will have the final say and it's up to me working with the Premier, keeping the pressure on the government and making sure ministers are fully briefed and on the same page.

"We need to make sure the region is pitching with one voice.

"If Riverlanders are serious about putting the Riverland on the map and supporting the local economy, we have to go out there in force."

Local students tackling SAPSASA footy carnival

A PAIR of Riverland teams will conclude their SAPSASA football tournaments today, with both a boys and girls side in action.

The Riverland youngsters will have played nine games across the three-day competition at West Beach.

Peter Safralidis has taken the reins of the boys team, competing in division one, while Megan Petersen is coach-

ing the girls, with assistance from SANFLW star Molly Petersen.

The girls kicked off the campaign with three wins, while the boys picked up two losses before securing a draw in game three on Monday.

Full results and a recap of the carnival will be printed in next week's Murray Pioneer.

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Kregar (vc), Jax Uren, Madden Hardwick, Darcy Philp, Oliver Jabs, Ben Liebich, Blake Walkley, Hayden Gogoll, Harry Vrakking, Ollie Portolesi, Beau Kuchel, Archer Humphries, Will Staehr, Noah Roissetter, William Guihenneuc, Chance Morgan and Ashton Kruger.

GIRLS

Maicey Hughes, Ellie Hughes, Charlize Pearce, Indy Venning, Sylvie Gill, Allegra Morelli, Paige Zarmbalas, Sienna Uren, Ellie Williams, Mollie Thiele, Millah Schwarz-da Silva, Marlia Serafin, Lily McConchie, Lily Marsden, Stella O'Bryan and Chelsea Gardner.



Local students are in the midst of the 2023 SAPSASA football carnival at West Beach, with two Riverland teams in action to start the week. PHOTO: Facebook

Waikerie’s winning ways

THE fourth round of the Riverland hockey season saw teams travel to Waikerie, with the home side coming out on top in both the men’s and women’s A grade contests.

The Knights excelled on their home turf, dishing out a 5-0 defeat to visitors Loxton in the men’s division.

Skipper Dan Schmidt was the chief destroyer for the home side, finding the back of the Loxton net on three occasions in a best-on-ground performance.

Goalkeeper Kobi Villis performed admirably for Loxton, but Waikerie’s constant pressure was too much to handle for the Loxton defenders.

Meanwhile, Waikerie’s women’s team also managed to score five goals in its clash with Renmark.

Trinity Schmidt netted twice, with Renmark unable to trouble the scorers, despite the best efforts of Kaela Smart and Kristen Pick.

Renmark also struggled a week earlier in round three, conceding five goals to Berri in another defeat.

The men’s side also suffered a loss at the hands of Loxton, but the club did manage wins in the under 18s and under 14s in the third round of the campaign.

RESULTS ROUND THREE WOMEN A GRADE

Berri 5 d Renmark 1.
Best: Berri – no details provided. Renmark – A. Schubert, K. Richardson, A. Cordy, E. Pick.
Goals: Berri – H. Crowhurst, M. Watkins, R. Hronopoulos, C. Smart.

B GRADE
Renmark 1 d Waikerie 0.
Best: Renmark – A. Cordy, P. Richardson, K. Radloff, A. Atienza. Waikerie – A. Kroehn, P. Kroehn, K. Saigson, E. Kratopoulos.
Goals: Renmark – K. Barton.

UNDER 18
Waikerie 7 d Renmark 1.
Best: Waikerie – E. Kratopoulos, A. Edwards, M. Merrett. Renmark – A. Schubert, M. Gillet, J. Richardson.
Goals: Waikerie – J. Kroehn, Z. Schiller, E. Kratopoulos 2, A. Edwards. Renmark – K. Richardson.

**MEN
A GRADE**
Loxton 4 d Renmark 0.
Best: Loxton – R. Schaefer, S. Carr, K. Villis, C. Hennig. Renmark – B. Casey, D. Beer, T. Berends, T. Herrmann.
Goals: Loxton – S. Carr 2, J. Lange, L. Richardson.

B GRADE
Berri 6 d Renmark 0.
Best: Berri – M. O’Callaghan, G. Swaich, H. Eske, S. Moldovan. Renmark – M. Shugg, K. Christian, B. Harding, D. Trezise.
Goals: Berri – M. O’Callaghan 2, J. Burgess, J. Passmore, G. Swaich, L. Hayer.
Waikerie 1 d Loxton 0.
Best: Waikerie – B. Kroehn, C. Theile, L. Hocking, R. Edwards.
Loxton – D. Schubert, R. James, K. Burgemeister, F. Hayes.
Goals: Waikerie – C. Willoughby.

UNDER 18
Loxton/Renmark 6 d Waikerie 0.
Best: Loxton/Renmark – J. Botten, F. Hayes, A. Preusker, J. Everett. Waikerie – O. Kroehn, C. Theile, Z. Plantado.
Goals: Loxton/Renmark – J. Botten 2, C. Hennig, F. Hayes, M. Copper, H. Copper.

**MIXED
UNDER 14**
Renmark 5 d Waikerie 1.
Best: Renmark – J. Everett, A. Preusker, B. Livingstone-Bornhome. Waikerie – Z. Plantado, T. Vowles, E. Kratopoulos, J. Gogoll.
Goals: Renmark – J. Everett 3, B. Livingstone-Bornhome, H. Kempthorne. Waikerie – E. Kratopoulos.

UNDER 12
Berri Blue 12 d Loxton 0.
Best: Berri Blue – H. Martin, C. Camilleri, B. Walkley, L. Bascomb.

Loxton – E. Waters, R. Geraghty, S. Lambert, K. Sweet.
Goals: Berri Blue – C. Camilleri 6, H. Martin 3, O. Vallelonga 2, L. Bascomb.

ROUND FOUR WOMEN A GRADE

Waikerie 5 d Renmark 0.
Best: Waikerie – Z. Schiller, C. Ridley, O. Ebert. Renmark – K. Smart, K. Pick, K. Richardson, A. Schubert.
Goals: Waikerie – T. Schmidt 2, J. Ebert, O. Ebert, Z. Schiller.

B GRADE
Waikerie 2 d Loxton 0.
Best: Waikerie – A. Kroehn, C. Kroehn, S. Kroehn. Loxton – E. Barnes, R. McDonald, B. Geraghty.
Goals: Waikerie – V. Schmidt, A. Nitschke.

UNDER 18
Waikerie 4 d Berri 3.
Best: Waikerie – A. Edwards, S. Kroehn, E. Kratopoulos.
Berri – E. Rothe, C. Camilleri, D. O’Callaghan.
Goals: Waikerie – A Edwards 3, C. Loffler. Berri – D. O’Callaghan 3.

**MEN
A GRADE**
Waikerie 5 d Loxton 0.
Best: Waikerie – D. Schmidt, J. Smith, A. Hocking, N. Schmidt.
Loxton – K. Villis, C. Morgan, J. Botten.
Goals: Waikerie – D. Schmidt 3, S. Lawson, R. Hope.

B GRADE
Waikerie 6 d Renmark 1.
Best: Waikerie – C. Theile, T. Frid, A. Nitschke. Renmark – D. Grenfell, M. Shugg, T. Berends, K. Selga.
Goals: Waikerie – R. Edwards, C. Theile 2, C. Willoughby, B. Kroehn. Renmark – M. Shugg.

UNDER 18
Waikerie 9 d Berri 3.
Best: Waikerie – Z. Plantado, E. Rayner, J. Ebert. Berri – D. Schmidt, S. Martin, L. Gray, L. Bowers.
Goals: Waikerie – C. Theile 4, L. Ebert 3, Z. Plantado 2. Berri – L. Bowers 2, S. Martin.

**MIXED
UNDER 14**
Berri 4 d Waikerie 0.
Best: Berri – L. Gray, E. Rothe, A. Dale. Waikerie – S. Kroehn, J. Ebert, Z. Plantado, J. Gogoll.
Goals: Berri – L. Bowers 3, W. Stokes.



Waikerie hockey star Dan Schmidt helped his side to victory last weekend, scoring three goals in a win over Loxton
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Olivia Ebert scored once and was named third best, as Waikerie defeated Renmark 5-0 in the women’s A grade hockey competition.

UNDER 12
Renmark 4 d Loxton 1.
Best: Renmark – L. Everett, O. Albanese, J. Richardson.
Loxton – E. Waters, F. Waters, T.

Burgemeister, R. Geraghty.
Goals: Renmark – L. Everett 3, L. Cook. Loxton – R. Schulz.
Berri Red 5 d Waikerie 0.
Best: Berri Red – H. Coote, S.

Coote, N. Harrington, K. Sweet.
Waikerie – J. Cronin, I. Spokes, P. Fitzgerald.
Goals: Berri Red – S. Coote 3, K. Sweet, H. Coote.

Waikerie awaits pennant finalists

LOXTON finished the Riverland pennant golf regular season in style, trouncing Berri 5-0 to claim the minor premiership.

The side finished the regular season with a combined winning margin of 75, having won 20 games and lost just 10.

Despite a final round loss to Waikerie, Barmera finished the campaign in second place and will take on Loxton in the division one grand final this weekend at Waikerie.

Berri and Loxton finished equal on points in division two and will go head-to-head this weekend, while ladder leaders Barmera will take on Loxton in division three’s big dance.

Meanwhile, Barmera finished the regular season on top of the overall teams leaderboard by the

narrowest of margins.

The Lakesiders won just one more game than Loxton across all three divisions, with Barmera’s final total of 55 wins enough to take make it the most successful club of the 2023 regular season.

**RESULTS
DIVISION ONE**
Loxton 5 d Berri 0.
A. Hume d G. Morrison 5/4, C. Wooldridge d S. Wade 8/6, K. Rivett d P. Martin 3/2, A. Lodge d M. Boon 1up, D. Forbes d R. Day 5/3.
Waikerie 4 d Barmera 1.
C. Davis d D. Johns 2up, W. Collins d P. Johns 20th, D. Hein d T. Swanbury 2up, D. Fechner lost to M. Lewan 19th, J. Hancock d A. Parkyn 2up.
Points: Loxton 10, Barmera 6, Berri 6, Waikerie 2.

DIVISION TWO
Berri 3 d Loxton 2.
B. Eckermann d A. Pfeiler 4/3, D.

Shawyer lost to K. Martin 3/1, S. Hawkins lost to B. Chapman 1up, W. Thiele d C. Bonney 5/3, C. Munn d R. Nickolls 3/2.
Waikerie 3 d Barmera 2.
P. Kroehn d C. Nelson 2/1, M. Coleman d T. Graetz 1up, S. Zeigler lost to T. Wood 2up, M. McDonald lost to H. Banks 22nd, T. Hancock d G. Blytham 3/2.
Points: Berri 8, Loxton 8, Barmera 6, Waikerie 2.

DIVISION THREE
Loxton 5 d Berri 0.
G. MacInnes d J. Wood 7/6, H. Kara-Ali d E. Wade 2/1, S. Patching d D. Jury 2up, P. Hopper d D. Gregoric 2/1, D. Peberdy d G. Tognon 2/1.
Barmera 4 d Waikerie 1.
S. Stavrou d A. Hamman 4/2, S. Knight lost to M. Kroehn 2/1, B. Finn d P. Valentine 3/2, A. Kariuki d D. Dearman 6/5, P. Jericho d C. Horstmann 4/3.
Points: Barmera 10, Loxton 6, Berri 4, Waikerie 4.
Team totals: Barmera 55, Loxton 54, Berri 41, Waikerie 30.



SAPSASA STARS: Loxton Lutheran School (above) took out the 2023 Riverland SAPSASA Netball pool A crown, while Renmark Primary School finished on top of pool B at Loxton earlier this month.
PHOTOS: Facebook

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

LOXTON
Wednesday, May 17
Men: M. Lewan (Barmera) 39, G. MacInnes 36, A. Hucks 36, H. Kara-Ali 36.
Women: Par – C. Arndt -4, M. Thomson -3, Y. Tatt -3, D. Harman -3, J. Sawade -2.

Saturday, May 20
Men: A grade – B. Whitelaw 37, M. Maczkowiack 35, H. Kara-Ali 34, P. Steele 33, P. Morris 33. B grade – A. Hucks 38, G. Polymiadis 36, O. Walkley 35, B. Frahn (Berri) 35.
Women: M. Thomson 36,

M. Tyler 34, J. Bullock 33, S. Grien 31, J. Cooney 29.

BERRI
Wednesday, May 17
Stableford: A. Rogers 37 (cb) S. Wade 37, K. Traeger 36, W. Adams 35, J. Skinner 31.

Saturday, May 20
Stableford: S. Wade 38, G. Tognon 36, B. Eckermann 35 (cb), L. Berry 35, C. Hyde 35, G. Leyson 34, R. Keightley 33, G. Branson 33.
Sunday, May 21
Stableford: M. Kosturjak 33, M. Kubank 27.

No fault in Berri’s tournament

BEN LENNON

A LOCAL tennis tournament celebrated its 35th birthday last weekend, with competitors from all over the country gracing Riverland courts from Saturday to Monday.

The Berri seniors tennis carnival began nearly four decades ago, hosted solely at the Berri Tennis Club, before outgrowing its surrounds and spreading across the Riverland.

Riverland Tennis seniors committee chair Caren Martin reflected on her experiences with the tournament down the years, after helping host the 35th edition in 2023.

“It grew to include all the other grounds because it got so popular,” Ms Martin said.

“It’s always existed since I became aware of it, so I’ve watched it grow and I’ve been a participant for many years.

“Since Covid and with other people retiring, that’s when I’ve come into this role, to hopefully see it through to the next 35 years I suppose.”

Upwards of 80 teams took to the court across the weekend, with many travelling in groups to visit the region.

Ms Martin believes the tournament has the “perfect mix” between competitive and social enjoyment.

“I’m pretty proud of the

competition and I think the balance is right,” Ms Martin said.

“It has its social, tongue-in-cheek fun, with teams like Kiss My Ace entering, but we all play competitive tennis, so when you get on the court and start hitting up, it’s serious.

“Nobody’s mucking around. Maybe on Monday afternoon you might a little bit, but on Saturday it’s on.”

The competition recently lowered its minimum age from 35 to 30 years old, with a focus on maximising participation for future tournaments.

Ms Martin said the 35th edition was an “absolute success”, with plenty of room still to grow, pending court availability.

“What we noticed was that we’re pretty much at court capacity,” Ms Martin said.

“There’s potential to grow the competition but we are restricted by courts. If it’s a grass court in the region, it’s engaged on that weekend.

“It was freezing, but once you get running it doesn’t matter.

“People had a lot of positive things to say and we’re looking forward to doing it all again next year.

“It’s a lot for the volunteers across the Berri Tennis Club as well as the senior committee, and you need a year to recover really.”



Berri Tennis Club hosted its 35th annual senior teams tournament last weekend, with over 80 teams in attendance. PHOTOS: supplied

Renmark Table Tennis Club serves up return

TUCKER Hall is back in action, with the opening two rounds of the Renmark Table Tennis Association winter season taking place across the last fortnight.

The competition is made up of five teams this year, with Desperados leading the way following wins in its opening two matches.

Barry Williams’ side took down Bit Edgy, led by Frank Sullivan, in round one, before emerging victorious over The A Team in round two last week.

‘Table Tennis Dennis’ Robinson led The Crushers to victory in round one against The A Team, with the latter missing up-and-coming captain Rylan Coppin.

Bit Edgy bounced back from its round one defeat to claim victory over The Shooters in round two, making for a tight start to the season across the competition.

All results from this season will be put into the national database, so local players will have the chance to build their rankings throughout the campaign.

RESULTS ROUND ONE Crushers 10 d The A Team 8. Doubles

D. Robinson & P. Haenen d B. Heuzenroeder & G. Haby; D. Badger & P. Farr lost to R. Stoeckel & P. Reid; Al. Ward & C. Georg d J. Schwarz & N. Dyer; D. Robinson & D. Badger d B. Heuzenroeder & R. Stoeckel; P. Haenen & Al. Ward lost to G. Haby & J. Schwarz; P. Farr & C. Georg d P. Reid & N. Dyer.

Singles

D. Robinson d G. Haby; P. Haenen d B. Heuzenroeder; D. Robinson d B. Heuzenroeder; P. Haenen lost to G. Haby; D. Badger d P. Reid; P. Farr lost to R. Stoeckel; D. Badger d R. Stoeckel; P. Farr lost to P. Reid; A. Ward d N. Dyer; C. Georg lost to J. Schwarz; A. Ward lost to J. Schwarz; C. Georg d N. Dyer.

Desperados 11 d Bit Edgy 7.

Doubles

B. Williams & S. Watson d F. Sullivan & G. Amachi; G. Dyer & D. Shaw d D. McAllister & M. Campbell; C. Ward & A. Harris d L. Harris & P. Bee; B. Williams & G. Dyer d F. Sullivan & D. McAllister; S. Watson & C. Ward d G. Amachi & L. Harris; D. Shaw & A. Harris lost to M. Campbell & P. Bee.

Singles

B. Williams lost to G. Amachi; S. Watson lost to F. Sullivan; B. Williams lost to F. Sullivan; S. Watson d G. Amachi; G. Dyer d M. Campbell; D. Shaw lost to D. McAllister; G. Dyer d D. McAllister; D. Shaw d M. Campbell; C. Ward d P. Bee; A. Harris lost to L. Harris; C. Ward d L. Harris; A. Harris lost to P. Bee.

ROUND TWO Desperados 10 d The A Team 8.

Doubles

B. Williams & S. Watson lost to R. Coppin & G. Haby; G. Dyer & D. Shaw d R. Stoeckel & P. Reid; C. Ward & M. Chapple lost to S. Dixon & N. Dyer; B. Williams & G. Dyer lost to R. Coppin & R. Stoeckel; S. Watson & C. Ward d G. Haby & S. Dixon; D. Shaw & M. Chapple d P. Reid & N. Dyer.

Singles

S. Watson lost to R. Coppin; B. Williams d G. Haby; B. Williams lost to R. Coppin; S. Watson lost to G. Haby; D. Shaw lost to R. Stoeckel; G. Dyer lost to P. Reid; G. Dyer d R. Stoeckel; D. Shaw lost to P. Reid; M. Chapple d S. Dixon; C. Ward d N. Dyer; C. Ward d S. Dixon; M. Chapple d N. Dyer.

Bit Edgy 11 d The Shooters 7.

Doubles

F. Sullivan & P. Haenen d D. Robinson & D. Badger; D. McAllister & A. Hughes d B. Heuzenroeder & M. Rose; C. Letton & C. Georg d A. Lau & L. Harris; F. Sullivan & D. McAllister lost to D. Robinson & B. Heuzenroeder; P. Haenen & C. Letton d D. Badger & A. Lau; A. Hughes & C. Georg d M. Rose & L. Harris.

Singles

F. Sullivan defeated D. Badger; P. Haenen lost to D. Robinson; F. Sullivan lost to D. Robinson; P. Haenen defeated D. Badger; D. McAllister defeated M. Rose; A. Hughes defeated B. Heuzenroeder; D. McAllister lost to B. Heuzenroeder; A. Hughes lost to M. Rose; C. Letton defeated L. Harris; C. Georg lost to A. Lau; C. Letton lost to A. Lau; C. Georg defeated L. Harris.

Renmark’s Topperwien to bowl at Cole Cup

A LOCAL tenpin bowler has landed a spot in a representative team as she continues to go from strength to strength.

Renmark star Katrina Topperwien initially missed out on a spot in the SA open team for the upcoming Disability National

Championships, however she was invited to join the Cole Cup side instead.

The Cole Cup takes into account

each bowler’s handicap, while the open team is a scratch event at the championships.

Topperwien will bowl from July 7

to July 17 at the Noarlunga Bowling Centre and is bowling in a fortnightly Sunraysia competition in preparation.

She managed a

triple play on May 11, bowling 50 pins over average, a 200-plus game and a 500 series and will enter the nationals in strong form.

Three-way tie for the top as Riverland eightball heats up

ROCK Out with Your Chalk Out continued its stellar start to the Riverland Eightball Association season last week, notching up a narrow win against Loxton RSL BC.

The side remains on top of the division one table, tied

with Loxton Allsorts on 11 points overall, after the Allsorts scored a strong win against Monash Club last time out.

Lyrup Odd Bunch sits third, also on 11 points, with veteran Tracy Altschwager starring for the side across the first seven rounds, leading all

comers in the player points stakes.

**RESULTS
ROUND 7
DIVISION ONE**

Shut up and Shoot 14 d Cobber 2; Lyrup Odd Bunch 9 d Paringa Pub Bushes 7; Lyrup Club Krazy 8s 9 d Jocar Hill 7; Mundic Yabbies 10 d Loxton RSL 6; Rock Out with your Chalk Out 9 d Loxton RSL BC 7; Loxton

Allsorts 11 d Monash Club 5.

Points: Rock Out with your Chalk Out 11; Loxton Allsorts 11; Lyrup Odd Bunch 11; Shut up and Shoot 10; Monash Club 8; Loxton RSL BC 8; Lyrup Club Krazy 8s 6; Loxton RSL 5; Cobbers 5; Paringa Pub Bushes 4; Mundic Yabbies 3; Jocar Hill 2.

Top players leaderboard: T. Altschwager 18; K. Haritos 18; B. Knight 16;

G. Carter 16; T. Rover 12; A. Hill 12.

DIVISION TWO

Loxton Black 11 d Bonnie Pelicans 5; Lyrup Club Lions 15 d Lyrup Club 1; Titko Radlyanko 10 d Loxton RSL Stingers 6; Grumpy Old Bastards 9 d Bourbon Legends 7.

Points: Lyrup Club Lions 12; Titko Radlyanko 8; Grumpy Old Bastards 6; Loxton Black 4; Bonnie Pelican 4; Lyrup Club 4;

Loxton RSL Stingers 3.

DIVISION THREE

Pocket Rockets 11 d Lyrup Club Blues 5; Monash Rascals 9 d Scorpions 7; Cobby Roos 9 d Cobby Club 7; Renmark Aces 11 d Lyrup Lost and Found 5.

Points: Cobby Roos 11; Renmark Aces 7; Pocket Rockets 7; Scorpions 6; Lyrup Club Blues 5; Cobby Club 4; Monash Rascals 4; Lyrup Lost and Found 2.



WATCH THE WOMEN: RWFL season 2023 continued on Saturday night, with Waikerie securing a one-point win over Barmera-Monash. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Elise Foulds was instrumental as Loxton won its fifth-straight A1 netball contest, running out 25-goal victors over Berri last Friday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Magpies swoop to stun Barmera

WAIKERIE has ended a seven-plus-year A1 netball losing streak and in doing so, relegated a recent competition juggernaut to the bottom of the ladder.

The Magpies travelled to Barmera for the clash with the Lakesiders and hit the front early, capitalising on turnovers created by Zali Schutz in the Waikerie mid-court.

Barmera worked its way into the contest and was able to put together a late run, outscoring the visitors 11-5 in the final quarter, but the damage was already done.

Waikerie goalie Shae Glacken was on song, making 27 of her 29 shots, with Taylah Gore supporting her well in the circle with 15 goals of her own.

Glacken was named in Waikerie’s best players alongside Schutz, while Hallie Hodgson and Katri Stavrou battled well for Barmera, with the home side missing star goalie Ashleigh Haigh.

At the other end of the table, Loxton continued its unbeaten start to the season with a 25-goal win over mid-table Berri in what coach Meegan Frost described as “arguably Loxton’s hardest challenge so far”.

The travelling Berri side broke even with Loxton in the second quarter, heading into the main break seven goals down, before the Tigers turned the screws in the second half.

Berri brought plenty of energy and noise to the contest, but Elise Foulds stood tall at centre for Loxton, as she has done all season.

Foulds was able to find Loxton goalies with ease in the final quarter, despite the best efforts of youngster Amelia Morgan, who was named best for the visitors.

Morgan played a key role as an interceptor before Berri made a number of changes in the final stanza, with Giorgia Whitehead lining up on Loxton goalie Mackella Hogan, making for an enthralling matchup.

Hogan finished the match with 44 goals, continuing her strong start to the year, while Bullock was named second best for the home side after a stellar performance at wing attack.

Meanwhile, Renmark kept the pressure on the ladder leaders, picking up a 15-goal win over Loxton North in a rematch of last season’s grand final.



Mackella Hogan was in fine form for Loxton, scoring 44 goals in her side’s win over Berri.

North ran out victors in 2022, but Renmark turned the tables in round five, with Ash James and Emma Stockman particularly impressive.

Experienced duo Reeni Blackley and Sonja Modlinski combined for 46 goals in the front third for the home side, while North was kept to just 31 goals for the contest.

Paris Lawrie stood tall in defence for North, but the reigning premier fell well short of Renmark, missing the chance to leapfrog last year’s runner-up in the overall standings.

North will get a chance to atone for the loss against Loxton at The Precinct on Friday, while Renmark hosts Waikerie and Barmera travels to Berri.



Ivy Beckmann (left) and Tori Cubillo in action as Murrayville cruised to victory in the A and B grade MVFNL netball competitions. PHOTOS: Lesley Wisneske

RNA A1 RESULTS				
WAIKERIE		V	BARMERA	
WAIKERIE	11		24	37
BARMERA	9		18	29
BEST: Waikerie - Z. Schutz, S. Glacken. Barmera - H. Hodgson, K. Stavrou.				
LOXTON		V	BERRI	
LOXTON	16		26	44
BERRI	9		19	24
BEST: Loxton - E. Foulds, H. Bullock. Berri - A. Morgan, L. Fenwick.				
RENMARK		V	LOXTON NORTH	
RENMARK	13		26	36
LOXTON NORTH	6		14	24
BEST: Renmark - A. James, E. Stockman. Loxton North - P. Lawrie, L. Sandland.				
A2			15C	
Barmera 46 d Waikerie 44.			Waikerie 47 d Cobdogla 36.	
BEST: Barmera - A. Koumbarakos, L. Hill. Waikerie - S. Campbell, C. Boylan.			BEST: Waikerie - S. Salt, M. Lloyd. Cobdogla - M. Obst, T. Douglass.	
Loxton North 35 d Renmark 31.			Renmark 33 d Loxton North 28.	
BEST: Loxton North - M. Pfeiler, A. Biggins. Renmark - J. Crook, M. Haynes.			BEST: Renmark - G. Andrew, G. Wegner. Loxton North - M. Wyatt, A. Semmler.	
Berri 38 d Loxton 33.			Berri 34 d Loxton 24.	
BEST: Berri - E. Reid, A. Fenwick. Loxton - S. Walding, A. Viney.			BEST: Berri - L. Elliot, H. Ritchie. Loxton - O. Taylor, Z. Reichstein.	
B1			13A	
Barmera 46 d Waikerie 36.			Loxton North 49 d Renmark 10.	
BEST: Barmera - S. Walter, A. Panagis. Waikerie - L. Bevan, N. Liebich.			BEST: Loxton North - M. Lloyd, A. Simes. Renmark - J. Ormsby, R. Malinovski.	
Renmark 40 d Loxton North 32.			Berri 40 d Loxton 21.	
BEST: Renmark - E. Hancock, G. Kennedy. Loxton North - J. Whitelaw, E. Clayton.			BEST: Berri - A. Heward, M. Pitt. Loxton - O. Johnson, N. Uren.	
Berri 35 d Cobdogla 30.			13B	
BEST: Berri - M. Murphy. Cobdogla - K. Hallam, K. Fletcher.			Renmark 26 d Loxton North 17.	
B2			BEST: Renmark - A. Roberts, E. Lang. Loxton North - I. Freer, P. Bates.	
Barmera vs Waikerie			Loxton 39 d Berri 24.	
details not provided.			BEST: Loxton - M. Cozens, R. Lister-White. Berri - K. Harrington, C. Muller.	
Renmark 33 d Loxton North 25.			13C	
BEST: Renmark - L. Dunne, A. Hibberson. Loxton North - E. Kinnaird, I. Braddock.			Barmera 23 d Renmark 6.	
Loxton 41 d Berri 39.			BEST: Barmera - M. Hughes, E. Piltz. Renmark - R. Stuetzel, E. McGorman.	
BEST: Loxton - L. Quinn, D. Gibbs. Berri - J. Guihenneuc, R. Szalbot.			Cobdogla 23 d Loxton 20.	
C1			BEST: Cobdogla - M. Cooper, L. McKinnon. Loxton - E. Kaesler, L. Williams.	
Renmark Blue 52 d Loxton North 18.			11A	
BEST: Renmark Blue - D. Williams, R. Stoeckel. Loxton North - L. Johnson.			Waikerie 45 d Barmera 3.	
Renmark White 67 d Monash 36.			BEST: Waikerie - I. Venning, S. Golding. Barmera - I. Davies, A. Chabrel.	
BEST: Renmark White - T. Le Cornu, E. Cheers. Monash - M. Greer, K. Knight.			Renmark 31 d Loxton North 4.	
17A			BEST: Renmark - T. Holmes, J. Webb. Loxton North - I. Williams, E. Semmler.	
Renmark 50 d Loxton North 19.			Loxton 45 d Berri 19.	
BEST: Renmark - K. Schumann, K. Watkins. Loxton North - L. Meaney, S. Eleftheriadis.			BEST: Loxton - M. Schwarz-da Silva, M. Thiele. A. Sweet, S. Heward.	
Berri 66 d Loxton 36.			11B	
BEST: Berri - A. Fenwick, A. Morgan. Loxton - J. Inglis, Z. Duthie.			Cobdogla 26 d Waikerie 4.	
17B			BEST: Cobdogla - C. Ogle, S. Vallenga. Waikerie - N. Hartwig, A. Traeger.	
Renmark White 44 d Renmark Blue 31.			Loxton 24 d Berri 3.	
BEST: Renmark White - S. Phan, S. Tippet. Renmark Blue - E. Singleton, C. Stoneham.			BEST: Loxton - C. Andriske, S. Santini. Berri O E. Seekamp, L. Milburn.	
Barmera 54 d Loxton North 7.			11C	
BEST: Barmera - M. Ricketts, L. Clarke. Loxton North - R. Inglis, C. Woodlridge.			Loxton Gold 8 d Barmera 2.	
15A			BEST: Loxton Gold - T. Stanley, M. Schultz. Barmera - G. Stapleton, A. Whitehead-Villis.	
Loxton North 38 d Renmark 23.			Renmark 9 drew with Loxton North 9.	
BEST: Loxton North - K. Harman, L. Ferber. Renmark - M. Lock, L. Webb.			BEST: Renmark - H. Nagel, J. Livingston-Bornholm. Loxton North - S. Noack, C. Lynch.	
Berri 52 d Loxton 33.			Loxton Black 21 d Berri 5.	
BEST: Berri - S. Glen, A. Kassebaum. Loxton - A. Panell, B. Taylor.			BEST: Loxton Black - A. Hansen, M. Rattray. Berri - K. Guihenneuc, P. Milburn.	
15B			MURRAY VALLEY NETBALL LEAGUE	
Waikerie 29 d Barmera 16.			A Grade	
BEST: Waikerie - M. Coombe, A. Kafexholli. Barmera - H. Brattoli, A. Lawrie.			BSR 73 d Ramco 41.	
Renmark Blue 31 d Loxton North 21.			Wunkar 62 d Paringa 29.	
BEST: Renmark Blue - C. Hodgson, M. Matulick. Loxton North - J. Pankhurst, L. Perre.			Murrayville 42 d Sedan-Cambrai 36.	
B Grade			Ramco 28 d BSR 22.	
Wunkar 72 d Paringa 19.			Murrayville 46 d Sedan-Cambrai 26.	

Waikerie returns to winning ways

BEN LENNON

WAIKERIE’S leap of faith back into the Riverland A1 netball fold in 2022 has finally paid dividends, with the club securing its first win since returning to the competition, defeating Barmera on Friday night.

Club stalwarts and officials are still trying to determine when the Magpies last won an A1 contest, including drought-breaking A1 coach Ashleigh Leuders, who has been involved at the club for over a decade.

“We don’t know for sure how long it’s been, but it’s going back at least seven years,” she said.

Leuders’ side burst out of the blocks and withstood a late comeback from the Lakesiders to secure the

points, with Leuders and her players elated as the final buzzer went.

Waikerie’s combined losing margin heading into the clash across the first four rounds was out to 162 goals, but the side was rewarded for its resilience with the two-goal victory on Friday.

“It was amazing,” she said.

“It was really good to get the win and it was such a good confidence booster for the girls,” she said.

“Going out and getting flogged by 30 to 50 goals each week can be really hard.

“The week prior we played Loxton North and the girls just didn’t want to be there.

“They had come off a couple of really big losses, so to come out on Friday

night and put together what they did and be able to win that game was amazing, not just for the squad but for the club in general.”

Many involved at the club were sceptical when the decision was made to return to A1 competition last year following a lengthy hiatus.

“It was hard to convince a lot of people around the club that it was the right thing to do,” Leuders said.

“We had people saying we were going to lose players, but for me, being in Riverland sport for a long time, I’ve seen other clubs go through what we’ve been through.

“There are girls here with really good potential and it was a bit of ‘if we don’t take this step now, when will we take it?’.



Waikerie’s drought-breaking A1 netball team: Jamie-Lee Kuchel (left), Brooke Wilksch, Shae Glacken, Sienna Hyde, Ashleigh Leuders, Kirsty Glacken, Zali Schutz and Taylah Gore, with Callie Leuders front and centre. PHOTO: supplied

“We had about 20 girls last year including the under 17s that wanted to play A grade and, in our opinion, if you have girls wanting to play, why wouldn’t you enter a team?”

“We explained to them that it was going to be tough and that they’re probably going to get flogged sometimes, but you need to take it in your stride.

“We were hoping to push forward and have that win eventually, but I didn’t think it would come this soon.”

The win helped lift

Waikerie off the bottom of the A1 table, with Barmera still yet to register a win in 2023.

But, Leuders is confident her players, while enjoying the win, will continue to stick to the task and “take it game by game”.

“We don’t want to look too much into the win and will pop it on the backburner a little bit,” she said.

“We won and that’s awesome, but our next game is against Renmark and after that we play Loxton, so we have the two top teams in

the competition.

“It’s probably going to be tough in those games, but it’s going to be a matter of getting the girls to understand that it’s okay.

“It might be one step forwards and two steps back, but that’s what happens when you’re trying to rebuild.

“It’s hard but we just try and set short, small achievable goals for the girls.

“It’s not necessarily about winning the game but about going out there and seeing the improvement.”

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Riverland's bid to Gather Round

BEN LENNON

CHAFFEY MP Tim Whetstone met with SA Premier Peter Malinauskas last Thursday, to discuss the Riverland's bid for Gather Round 2024.

While Mr Whetstone acknowledges "it will be a tough road ahead", he remains hopeful the region can host an AFL match next season.

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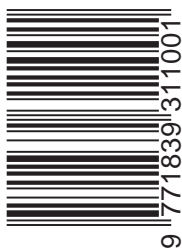
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