



PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Jayden's future building blocks

ELYSE ARMANINI

FOUR months of research and building a custom Australian Light Armoured Vehicle (ASLAV) model with Lego paid off for Paringa's Jayden Everett.

Jayden, 13, placed second in the under 16s award at the third annual Brixpo Lego exhibition in Adelaide over the weekend of July 9-10.

Brixpo is the largest Lego event in SA, with people from all over Australia, and even New Zealand, participating in the sold-out event.

"It took me about three months to build it..." said Jayden, a big fan of the hit TV show, Lego Masters.

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RIVERLAND HOUSING MARKET: 30% PRICE INCREASES, HOMES SOLD WITHIN 24 HOURS

UN-REAL ESTATE SURGE ↑

PAUL MITCHELL

RIVERLAND houses are being sold within 24 to 48 hours of hitting the market – often above the asking price – amid a continuing boom in local home values that has seen increases of 30-plus per cent over the past year.

According to a new quarterly home value report, Loxton recorded a whopping 53.43 per cent house price increase over the past 12 months, bringing its median value to \$333,000.

Increases at the other four major Riverland towns were well above the regional SA average of 20.39 per cent, with Renmark (35.35 per cent), Berri (33.01 per cent) and Waikerie (31.33 per cent) all topping the 30 per cent mark, and Barmera just below (28.71 per cent).

	MEDIAN VALUE JUNE 2022	YEAR ON YEAR % CHANGE
BARMERA	\$286,134	28.71%
BERRI	\$284,378	33.01%
LOXTON	\$332,906	53.43%
RENMARK	\$312,830	35.35%
WAIKERIE	\$306,971	31.33%

12 months ago and am (now) re-selling those homes for \$70,000 more.

"We're selling stuff within 24 or 48 hours. We're getting multiple offers and getting offers well and truly over the asking price.

"I've been in (real estate) for 16 years and I've never seen it like this."

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A superload carrying a large electrical transformer, being transported to Adelaide's Torrens Island Power Station, travelled through the Riverland yesterday. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull



90m long and fully loaded

RIVERLAND motorists travelling to Adelaide in the coming days are expected to experience delays due to the transportation of a 90m-long, 390-tonne piece of energy infrastructure equipment.

A superload carrying an electrical transformer travelled through the region yesterday on the way to its destination at the Torrens Island Power Station.

A Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) spokesperson said the superload travelled from Pinnaroo, through Paruna and Alawoona, and spent last night at Overland Corner.

"The large superload travelling to South Australia from Victoria is transporting an electrical transformer to Torrens Island," the

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spokesperson said.

"Due to the superload's large size of approximately 90 metres long and 390 tonnes in weight, it will be escorted by SAPOL and traffic management staff to ensure the safety of all road users as it finishes its final journey across South Australia.

"From Bordertown, the superload is taking the Ngarkat Highway to Pinnaroo, Brown's Well Highway to Paruna, Cameron Highway to Alawoona, Karoonda Highway to Kingston Road,

Kingston Road to Kingston-On-Murray, Sturt Highway to just west of Monash, Goyder Highway to Morgan, Murraylands Road to Blanchetown and Sturt Highway to the Northern Expressway turn-off.

"The superload left Bordertown on Monday morning and safely reached Pinnaroo on Monday afternoon.

"It is due to travel from Pinnaroo to Overland Corner, between Monash and Morgan... and expected to reach its final destination of Torrens Island on either Thursday or Friday, with timing dependent on travel conditions."

The superload left Glen Waverley, in Victoria, on Wednesday, July 13, and arrived in Bordertown last Sunday.

It is understood a blown tyre and engine issues delayed its early progress through the Riverland.

A National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) spokesperson said the superload's route was planned to have the least possible impact on Riverland drivers.

"The NHVR works with the state police authorities, state road managers, local government road managers and heavy vehicle operators to plan routes for large indivisible and critical loads such as the recent electrical transformer," the spokesperson said.

"The route is planned to ensure the safety of all road users and infrastructure.

"The quickest route with the least impact to road users is taken

into consideration.

"Road users should take care and reduce their speed when driving around oversized loads as delays may be unavoidable."

The DIT spokesperson advised Riverlanders travelling behind the superload to "keep your distance and be patient".

"There will be opportunities to pass the superload, however some motorists may experience short delays," the spokesperson said.

"Follow the directions of SAPOL and traffic management staff who will be helping the vehicle to manoeuvre safely."

"The department thanks motorists for their patience while the superload is travelling through the state."

There will be opportunities to pass the superload, however some motorists may experience short delays...

- DIT spokesperson

RIVERLAND WEATHER

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
RENMARK	14 ° 4 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	17 ° 5 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	17 ° 6 ° CLOUD INCREASING	19 ° 9 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	20 ° 7 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	20 ° 9 ° CLEARING SHOWER
WINDSPEED	9am SE15 3pm ESE19	9am ESE16 3pm ENE19	9am ENE18 3pm NE20	9am NE14 3pm NNE15	9am NE12 3pm NE18	9am N10 3pm WNW16
LOXTON	14 ° 3 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	17 ° 4 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	17 ° 6 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	19 ° 9 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	21 ° 7 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	17 ° 8 ° SHOWERS EASING
WALKERIE	14 ° 3 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	17 ° 4 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	17 ° 6 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	19 ° 9 ° MOSTLY CLOUDY	21 ° 7 ° MOSTLY SUNNY	17 ° 8 ° SHOWERS EASING
WATER REPORT	TEMPORARY ALLOCATION: \$105 PER MEGLALITRE					FLOW INTO SA
LEVELS (METRES)	LOCK 6 19.29	LOCK 5 16.43	LOCK 4 13.31	LOCK 3 9.87	LOCK 2 6.21	LOCK 1 3.26
SALINITY (EC UNITS)	LOCK 6 169	LOCK 5 174	LOCK 4 176	LOCK 3 187	LOCK 2 191	LOCK 1 195
						43803 MEGALITRES PER DAY



Ambulance Employees Association state councillor and Waikerie-based paramedic Russell McQuade says a large recruiting drive has helped reduce Riverland ambulance services' reliance on overtime and solo responses to emergencies. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Recruiting drive releases pressure on local ambos

JOSH BRINE

A MAJOR increase in paramedic recruiting has helped solve dangerous staff-shortage issues that plagued the Riverland's ambulance service earlier this year.

Earlier this year, The Murray Pioneer reported that Riverland paramedics had contributed over 1050 hours of overtime in February, including 34 uncovered shifts, with the local service 13 staff members short late last year.

However, Ambulance Employees Association state councillor and Waikerie-based paramedic Russell McQuade said the service was now up to 44 staff, excluding staff on WorkCover, maternity or long-service leave.

"It gives us the spare capacity for when people have sick days and reduces the reliance on overtime," he said.

"Overtime hours in June were down just over 20 per cent compared to where they were in February, which is huge because we had this massive reliance on overtime."

Mr McQuade said solo responses had also reduced by more than 25 per cent since February.

"All the areas of the Riverland have adequate coverage for the day and you are going to get a response in an appropriate timeframe," he said.

"People also have back-up around the corner, which improves safety for us but also means the public get someone in the right amount of time."

"I speak to people across the region a fair bit and there is that sense of relief and a weight lifting off their shoulders."

Mr McQuade said the logistics of covering the entire Riverland were still a "chal-

lenge", but had become "easier to manage".

"There are always going to be logistical issues in the Riverland and it will still happen from time to time where we still need to get a crew from one town to cover another, particularly in that large Riverland West area," he said.

"Usually they just pull a Berri or a Barmera crew down but, because we have both Berri and Barmera (crews) on shift, we now have the resourcing to cover the region."

"The logistical challenge of the tyranny of distance we have in the Riverland has become a bit easier to manage."

"We've had this great release of pressure going from working in a short-staffed environment to working in a well-staffed environment pretty quickly."

"We certainly did see people leave because of the state they saw the service in."

"It's disheartening to see the service like that, but there is now that sense of light at the end of the tunnel."

Mr McQuade said large-scale recruiting for the South Australian Ambulance Service had helped ease the shortage, with paramedics being recruited through a number of pathways including the Graduate Paramedic Pathway.

"That's where we train up our ambulance officers – which are the emergency support services, patient transport services and volunteer sector – to give them an opportunity to become paramedics..." he said.

"They can learn on the job and this year we are currently recruiting from members of the public – people who have never worked on an ambulance a day in their life – to allow them the chance to learn on the road and help the community."

'Painting seller' Berri man arrested

A BERRI man is set to face court after numerous reports from the public of intimidating behaviour led to his arrest.

Berri Police arrested a 46-year-old local male and charged him with multiple counts of disorderly and threatening behaviour around 1pm on Wednesday, July 13.

It will be alleged the man has approached people in car parks and at homes in Berri attempting to sell paintings.

During these exchanges – which began on July 1 – he has allegedly been aggressive and intimidating in order to obtain payment.

It is understood the arrested man was bailed and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on August 30.



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Un-real estate surge brings 30% price increases, sales within 24 hours

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Loxton's quarter-by-quarter house value increase of 24.42 per cent was the second highest in SA, behind only Booleroo Centre (24.65). Over the past year, Loxton's home value increase was the fifth highest in SA suburbs and towns, behind only Cowell, Lucindale, Point Turton and Streaky Bay.

Recent interest rate increases and cost-of-living pressures have seen the Sydney and Melbourne real estate markets soften, however Adelaide has marched on and Mr Radloff said the Riverland is trending likewise.

"There are still plenty of people out there looking," he said.

"People are just buying, they're not being scared off yet."

"Until we get a lot of properties on our books, I can't see it slowing down just yet."

"I've got about six listings coming up in three weeks' time, so that'll be the tell-tale, I suppose."

"What usually happens is Sydney slows first, then in four or six months' time Adelaide slows, then if we slow it's generally another four or five months after that."

"I can see it still being quite strong, unless we get lots of interest rate rises; that may have a slowdown effect."

The PropTrack Home Price Index uses sales data from various sources, but chiefly the Valuer General, upon which councils calculate their rates notices.



The Chowilla floodplain, upstream from Renmark, before (left) and after environmental watering last year. PHOTOS: supplied

Floodplain watering to begin

CURRENT high flows in the River Murray will support the application of environmental water at local floodplain sites.

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) this month commenced environmental watering at the Chowilla and Pike floodplains.

DEW river and floodplains program leader Jan Whittle said the weir pools at Lock 4, 5 and 6 would also be raised to assist the environmental watering process.

"Water levels at the locks will be increased at a rate of approximately two centimetres per day

during the raising phase," Ms Whittle said.

"Once the locks and the floodplain environmental regulators reach the targeted watering height it will remain at that level for a period of time before returning back to normal level."

"River conditions and all environmental watering activities will be closely monitored, with management adapted as flow conditions change."

"We expect the watering events to continue during spring and into early summer."

It is understood environmen-

tal watering will also potentially take place at the Katarapko floodplain.

Ms Whittle said the watering supported the growth of new floodplain vegetation, and provided feeding and breeding areas for local bird and frog species.

"The environmental watering will improve soil moisture conditions along creek banks and across wetlands and floodplains, improving tree condition and regeneration of floodplain trees and understorey vegetation over several thousand hectares," she said.

"Raising of water levels gener-

ates soil and groundwater freshening along the river banks, supporting growth of trees and other vegetation and improving habitat for a range of wildlife.

"Good flow conditions are continuing in the River Murray, providing fantastic benefits for the environment."

Further information regarding River Murray operations, weir pool manipulation and environmental watering can be found by visiting the website (www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/rivermanagement-information/flow-reports).

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Green light for highway slip lane fix

WORK on fixing a troublesome, safety-hindering slip-lane just outside Waikerie will finally begin this week.

News of funding approval for the Holder Top Road-Sturt Highway intersection has been confirmed by Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, who has been advocating for the upgrades for around two years.

Initial works were completed in 2019, with right-turning lanes installed, but locals lamented the lack of left-turning slip lanes.

"I think it's a great outcome and common sense has seen this happen," Mr Whetstone said.

"The first upgrade had shortcomings and so hopefully this slip lane upgrade and more lighting will benefit particularly the people of Holder, but anyone using the Sturt Highway.

"They'll have a safer pass as they exit the Waikerie 80km/h zone."

Money for the latest upgrade comes via the federal government's Roads of Strategic Importance program, and specifically from an \$87.5m bucket of money set aside for the Renmark to Gawler stretch.

The Murray Pioneer understands Mr Whetstone had been lobbying the Department for Infrastructure and Transport during the former SA Liberal government's term in office, and since Labor's March election victory, for the Holder Top Road intersection to be funded.

"If you've got the bit between your teeth you've got to keep running with it," he said.

"They (workers) have been doing the



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone on site at the Holder Top Road-Sturt Highway intersection, near Waikerie. Mr Whetstone is pleased that funding to rectify a slip lane oversight has finally been approved. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

preliminaries there (on site), locating power etc.

"They'll start work on it this week."

Two major roundabouts are currently being constructed in the Riverland at Sturt

Highway-Old Sturt Highway intersections, and Mr Whetstone said more safety upgrades would follow.

"Next on the list are four overtaking lanes from Barmera to Truro," he said.

"Then we'll see some extra parking bays installed."

"And to finish it off we'll see more tactile line marking and more signage."

- PAUL MITCHELL



AROUND THE CLOCK: Construction work is continuing on the new roundabout at the intersection of the Old Sturt Highway and Sturt Highway, near Barmera (above) and near Berri. Pavement work has started on the former's new road surface. PHOTO: supplied

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THE YEARS GO BY

No change in climate views

MEDIA outlets across the nation – including The Murray Pioneer – were yesterday inundated with a torrent of media releases sparked by the 2021 State of the Environment Report.

The releases came from all corners and from any group that figured it could leverage any sort of positive media by associating itself with the report, which was damning in its assessment of Australia's treatment of its own environment.

They ranged from measured to downright hyperbolic, with the latter category led – unsurprisingly – by Greens Senator Sarah Hanson-Young's offering, headlined 'Greens push to halt extinction and for climate trigger'.

The opinions bandied around yesterday could scarcely be more different to the views of long-time Liberal Party member Stuart Andrew, who features in today's Murray Pioneer.

Last week's Pioneer carried a story about Mr Andrew stepping down from his role as the party's Barker branch president after nine years in the role. While grammatically correct, the story's headline, 'After hitting headlines, local Lib steps down', could have been misleading, unintentionally linking a recent Advertiser story with his leadership decision.

Today's story hopefully clears that up, with Mr Andrew explaining that he finally has someone to take his place, that he was unanimously elected vice-president, and that he in fact nominated the new president.

He was also at pains to declare that the Barker branch presidency was "no glittering prize".

The Advertiser's story labelled an email Mr Andrew sent to Barker branch members as a "rant" and tenuously described a dead-bat comment from local MP Tony Pasin as the member distancing himself from Mr Andrew's remarks.

That The Advertiser considered Mr Andrew's email controversial speaks volumes about how far the needle has shifted in mainstream media, even allowing for the fact that the Adelaide paper was relatively recently identified as the most left of all Australia's Murdoch publications.

Because Mr Andrew's political views haven't changed, including his climate change scepticism, espoused and explained in the email.

Immediately after the federal election loss, a far-left Advertiser journalist/columnist advised the Liberals to step further to the left if they wanted to have any chance of winning back power. This opinion seemingly ignored the fact the so-called Teals – campaigning largely on environmental issues – won all their seats from moderate Coalition MPs who championed tougher climate change measures, including the emissions targets Mr Andrew speaks about in his email to members.

Some commentators have suggested that moving even further to the left, as SA Liberal powerbroker Christopher Pyne also advised immediately after the election loss, would lead the party further into oblivion.

The coming few years will tell the tale either way, but regardless, some conservatives will retain their views and principles, including climate change scepticism, which disputes that most unscientific cliché of modern discourse, that 'the science is settled'.

Look only to the still-evolving – and still debated – advice on Covid 19 infections, vaccines and responses over the past two years as evidence 'the science' is often changing and updating, as more information is uncovered.



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BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Paul Albers, Loxton Lutheran pastor: Born in Illinois, USA, Paul was involved in street ministry and attended Bible College in Chicago. Attending university in Iowa, he met and later married Erna Fick. The two became a happy working team. After ministering in Illinois, the couple answered a call on their life and migrated to serve in Angaston, then in Walla Walla, NSW, and Townsville, Queensland, before becoming Australian citizens and further serving in Toowoomba, Queensland, Carlsruhe near Eudunda, and finishing fulltime ministry in Mannum. The Albers came to Loxton, called as retirees, in 1991. Here they continued their generous service to others, Paul volunteering as Riverview Rest Home chaplain. Daily he would wake at 4am to pray for each member of his congregation. Kind, humble, highly respected members of Loxton's Concordia congregation, the Albers were blessed when the congregation sponsored a flight to attend family celebrations in USA. From April 11 to 15, 2001, in near-freezing night-conditions at the Loxton Rotunda, Pastor Albers joined with other Christians in a 'round-the-clock' public reading of every word in the Bible; from Genesis to Revelation. The Albers finally retired in 2004. Erna died in 2008 and Paul in 2020, aged 95. PHOTO: Concordia Lutheran Archives

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Growers, producers both 'under siege'

I REFER to your front page headline 'Growers under siege' (Murray Pioneer, 13/7/22).

Our wine industry's growers and winemakers have for a long time sought to be united in our successes, opportunities and challenges.

Your headline does not reflect the true nature of this long-standing unity and it could be interpreted that growers are the only victims of the dire situation that is upon us.

You have correctly identified the confluence of many external factors including the loss of the China market, a record 2021 vintage and unprecedented deep sea shipping availability and cost increases that are contributing.

These challenges are affecting our growers and winemakers equally.

Now is a time for unity not division.

BILL MOULARADELLIS
Chair
Australian Commercial Wine
Producers

Time for a post office bank, Albo

BACK in 1999, Anthony Albanese as a backbencher participated in a parliamentary inquiry into regional bank closures.

The report, called Money Too Far Away, highlighted submissions from the Local Government Shires Association and the National Farmers' Federation, which insisted that banks had an obligation comparable to electricity and water utilities, as people cannot function in modern society without access to the banking system.

That report recommended banks that closed branches "will be expected to leave behind some form of over-the-counter service that allows access to cash deposit and withdrawal facilities for personal and small business customers". However, the Howard government added the words "if viable", which the Australian Banking Association seized on to effectively ignore

the report.

This failure to address the problem led to a follow-up inquiry in 2004, with current senior government minister Senator Penny Wong deputy chair of the committee.

In that report, called Money Matters in the Bush, the committee declared that "access to basic banking services is an essential service".

Senator Wong added further comments by the ALP members of the committee, concluding "the ALP has signalled its preparedness to re-regulate the banks if they do not agree to meet appropriate voluntary community service obligations".

Now Prime Minister Albanese and Foreign Minister Wong are in positions to influence change and are seen earnestly engaged in building better foreign relationships. It is hoped they will also remember their engagement in those earlier inquiries in Australia and support the 575 regional towns where banks have closed.

Legislation for a commonwealth postal savings bank Bill is ready to be tabled in federal parliament to establish an Australia Post Bank to service SMEs and help sustain the network and fund infrastructure, thus utilising the network of Australia Post offices.

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3. Financial viability for Australia Post and licensed post offices
4. Ensure cash availability and cash payments
5. Lend to local small businesses and invest in local areas
6. Invest surplus deposits in national economic development
7. Lift banking conduct standards

There is a plan to table this bill as soon as federal parliament resumes.

A grassroots campaign is needed to push the public post office bank onto the parliamentary agenda. Citizens need to write to their federal and state MPs and senators and tell them

to support a public post office bank.

This is a fresh opportunity for parliament to address pressing banking issues, so write your letter today.

JEANETTE STAERH
Barmera

Lovely Barmera walk, except for...

I ENJOYED a pleasant 6am walk along the Barmera waterfront recently.

In the chilly air and semi-darkness I listened to waves on the shoreline while admiring changes, including the well-designed walking path, the mini obelisk showing the 1956 water level and the beautiful 100-year Anzac memorial.

I recalled times at the lakefront during the late 1960s when swarms of people arrived on hot summer nights, groups chatting while hoons drove to waves and cheers.

We sat under large poplar trees that hold nothing to the current majestic river red and Coolabah gums that seem to be saying, "we remember those days and much more".

It was a lovely walk except for the garish light show of the jetty, where reflective moments were destroyed by the onslaught of changing lights.

It was a testament to over-stimulation of the senses of the modern world, prompting me to think we should take care or the ghosts of the past may never rest in peace.

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Elwood, Victoria

Honouring our great mate, Russ

FOR more than 40 years, Russell Ebert OAM supported Novita and people living with disability with compassion and dedication.

He co-founded the Mighty River Run, was a committed participant every year since its inception and his support and fundraising activities have enabled countless Novita clients to achieve their life goals.

It was our privilege to know Russell as a hero for people liv-

ing with disability.

Two days before last year's event we lost our great mate 'Russ' and to honour his legacy, #MRR2022 will be renamed the Novita Mighty River Run – Honouring Russell Ebert, which is a fitting tribute to our great friend.

We are stoked that we get to honour Russ, who gave so much to the Novita community, as well as his beloved Riverland this way.

How can you donate and help make a difference? Please make a donation to support Novita and those living with a disability through the crew (Jack of all Trades) and I by using the following link: <https://mightyriver-run.novita.org.au/ryan-johnson>.

You can also follow 'what's going on – my story' via the same donation link. Thank you so much for your support, it means a lot.

RYAN JOHNSON
Crew member
Jack of all Trades
(Novita Mighty River Run)
RENMARK

Averting disaster on the farm

THIS week is National Farm Safety Week.

Themed 'Recipe for averting disaster', the week aims to highlight intangible farming risks and hazards such as fatigue, complacency, the blurred line between the home and work environment, labour shortages and the ageing workforce, wellbeing and many other issues that combine to make Australian farms amongst the most dangerous work environments.

There is no doubt that farm life can offer a wonderful upbringing for children who love to be involved in the everyday work on a family farm, and the opportunities this brings, but with opportunity comes risk.

Unnervingly, the 2021 Safer Farms Report showed that 13.8 per cent of on-farm fatalities that occurred in 2020 were children under the age of 15. As adults, it is imperative that we ensure a safe work environment through active supervision and age-appropriate activities.

"Your headline does not reflect the true nature of this long-standing unity and it could be interpreted that growers are the only victims of the dire situation that is upon us..."

- BILL MOULARADELLIS



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Aussie farmers aged over 50 account for half of all farming fatalities. These are farmers with generations of experience, experience which can lead to complacency a particularly dangerous state of mind.

The 2022 Safer Farms Report released during this Farm Safety Week will give a snapshot of on-farm accidents that occurred throughout 2021 and discuss methods to avoid future accidents.

I encourage everyone involved in farm enterprises to take the time to read the Safer Farms Report and use this week as an opportunity to review the safety practices on farm.

This week and every week let's embrace family farming at all ages but let's make an effort to increase safety and instil a safe culture for future generations.

TONY PASIN
Member for Barker

Centrelink bad for your mental health

IN my small town area of Morgan, which is the nicest place to live, I know of people who are unemployed, but do not register for Centrelink payments because they say Centrelink is bad for their mental health.

Obviously their lives are a financial struggle.

I also know of others that live in sheds, which are classed as non-habitable buildings.

Therefore living in them is not possible – except it is, because people have to.

I wonder how we can help improve this situation.

Perhaps by being less unkind to people wanting unemployment payments?

Perhaps by building more low-cost housing?

I don't know. The answer is a mystery to me, and apparently many others.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

Let's talk dams amid plentiful water

WE have water everywhere. Floods in New South Wales (again), and heavy rains all along the Queensland coastline as dams overflowed, causing further destruction in some areas.

As Dorothea Mackellar told us, this is a land "of droughts and flooding rains".

So, if a young Miss Mackellar

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The table and chairs have been taken away from the Loxton laundromat. Where do I sit while I'm waiting for the clothes to dry? I'm old and very disappointed.

LYN
Loxton

Isn't attraction strange? When in high school, my friend Felicity was in my class, but totally not my type. Then she went to America with family and returned with that yummy Yank accent. She became special to me, but although I didn't marry her, I was attracted to her. I eventually courted a Pom and



was able to identify this land of "drought and flooding rains" more than a century ago, why do we struggle so much with the concept in the 21st century?

Has the intelligence of our civilization deteriorated to such an extent that we are no longer capable to understanding our country's variable climates and, in a more technological age, adapting to them?

Right now we have water in abundance; in fact, for many people there is far too much.

This is in stark contrast to the early years of the 21st century when we suffered the Millennium Drought, and then again just a few short years ago when many parts of the continent were again in drought.

During the Millennium Drought we saw a knee-jerk reaction from our politicians, as is their custom, amid doomsday fears that the days of flooding rains were in the past and our dams would never fill again.

In South Australia, a smart government saw an opportunity to capitalise on these fears and seek massive flows of water from Hume and Dartmouth dams, sending them all the way to the mouth of the Murray River. Along the way, Adelaide and numerous other communi-

ties in SA were able to shore up their water supplies in the name of 'environmental flows'.

The federal government even committed significant funds to a desalination plant, designed to further assist SA and ensure it had water in abundance.

Fast forward to 2022 and let's see what is now happening.

Firstly, SA won't use its desalination plant, because getting water from the upstream dams is a cheaper option.

Next, large quantities of fresh water are being poured the length of the Murray River with a number of consequences, including large (unnecessary) transmission losses, and when we return to drier times this will be further waste of our precious resource.

Large quantities pour out to sea, which is also a disgraceful waste.

Additionally, the constant high flows – supposedly for 'environmental' purposes – are damaging the very river they were supposed to protect. Erosion and riverbank slumping are becoming major issues in parts of the iconic Murray.

At some point, we have to get smarter with our water storage and management in this "land of droughts and flooding rains".

We have to accept that at times, like now, there will be water in abundance.

This water needs to be stored and effectively managed, rather than being wasted which is occurring under our present management regime. If this means construction of dams and enlarging the capacity of present dams to improve our management for environmental and agricultural purposes, let's accept this, instead of following the 'greenies' like sheep for no other reason than their political influence.

Right now our dams are full, so there is no water emergency. That will not last.

So can we please use the current supply cycle to think more carefully about how we manage our water when the next inevitable dry cycle is upon us.

Let's stop politicising water, and stop using it as a means to obtain scientific funds.

Instead, as a supposedly intelligent 21st century nation, let's work together and manage our water supplies with the priority of ensuring we get maximum use out of every drop, for the benefit of all Australians.

ANDREW HATELEY
Finley, NSW

TEXT LINE

married her. Oops, is that three-letter word okay?

GARY
Waikerie

I thought Bunnings allowed various groups to supply the snags, cook them and sell them, with all funds raised going to those groups? How does it work? I'm happy to pay extra, providing the extra cost goes to these groups.

RED T
Renmark

If the rumours were true, Centrelink would be moving into

the Riverland Central Plaza's old vaccination clinic, directly opposite the soon-to-be Liquorland. Would it be 'goodbye business' for the surrounding shops?

T
Berri

Well done to *The Murray Pioneer* on a brilliant 130-souvenir addition. A good read for all.

RC
Winkie

Good job with the special edition last week. We're lucky to still have a paper, because a lot of regional

places across Australia don't have a local newspaper anymore.

SUE
Renmark

I picked up last week's *Pioneer*, after not reading it since Covid started. I think I'll start buying it again now.

CHRIS
Renmark

Any growers willing to speak up about grape prices (*Murray Pioneer*, 13/7/22)? No?

BOB
Barmera

Looking back...

10 years ago July 20, 2012



NEW FLU WARNING: A local doctor has warned that more Riverlanders will get influenza than usual this season. Over 5000 cases of influenza were recorded nationally last month – almost double the number at this time last year – with 1700 of those cases detected in South Australia. Dr Ian Gartley, of the Riverland Division of General Practice, said the Riverland was usually two or three weeks behind Adelaide, meaning the flu season would hit the region any day now.

20 years ago July 19, 2002



TEACHER CASH LURE: Teachers will be offered extra money to work in the Riverland from next year. The cash incentives form part of the new country incentives agreed to by the state government in the latest enterprise agreement brokered with the education union. The majority of Riverland schools and pre-schools have been classified as zone two schools, which entitles teachers to an additional \$700 in the first year rising to \$1600 in the fifth year.

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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2022 increase for councillors, mayors

COUNCILLORS and mayors elected this November can expect an increase to their allowances.

Each elected member at Berri Barmera and Loxton Waikerie councils will receive a minimum of \$15,381 per year, while their Renmark Paringa colleagues will each receive \$10,955.

In South Australia, mayors receive four times the annual allowance of councillors, meaning the newly elected Berri Barmera and Loxton Waikerie mayors will each collect a cool \$61,524.

Renmark Paringa's mayor will receive \$43,820.

Berri Barmera and Loxton Waikerie are both categorised as 'Group 3' councils, while Renmark Paringa is categorised as a 'Group 4' council.

Heading into the 2018 election, elected members for Group 3 councils were to be paid \$13,900 per annum, while Group 4 councillors were in line for \$9900 each.

The allowances for 2022 onward represent a 10 per cent increase on the 2018 numbers.

By comparison, Onkaparinga councillors will receive a minimum of \$25,838 per annum, while the mayor will collect \$103,352.

At the other end of the scale, councillors at the Riverland's neighbouring District Council of Karoonda East Murray will each be paid \$7192 and the mayor will receive \$28,768.

Additional allowances in the form of sitting fees are payable to any councillor – under certain conditions – who "is the

presiding member of a committee that is not a prescribed committee..."

For Group 3 councils, that allowance is \$188 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$1129 per annum. For Group 4 councils the figures are \$123 per meeting and \$731 per annum.

'Travel time' allowances are also paid to elected members who live more than 30km from their council's principal office.

These sliding-scale payments start at a maximum of \$454 per annum and max out at \$1649 per annum.

All allowances are determined by the Remuneration Tribunal under section 76 of the Local Government Act 1999. Individual councils have no direct say over the allowances.

- PAUL MITCHELL

COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCE PA

Berri Barmera/Loxton Waikerie	
2018.....	\$13,900
2022 (after elections)	\$15,381

Renmark Paringa

2018.....	\$9900
2022 (after elections)	\$10,955

MAYOR ALLOWANCE PA

Berri Barmera/Loxton Waikerie	
2018.....	\$55,600
2022 (after elections)	\$61,524

Renmark Paringa

2018.....	\$39,600
2022 (after elections)	\$43,820

Jayden's building blocks for the future

FOUR months of research and building a custom Australian Light Armoured Vehicle (ASLAV) model with Lego paid off for Paringa's Jayden Everett.

Jayden, 13, placed second in the under 16s section at the third annual Brixpo Lego exhibition in Adelaide over the weekend of July 9-10.

Brixpo – held by the Southern Bricks Lego User Group – is the largest Lego event in South Australia, with people from all over Australia, and even New Zealand, participating in the sold-out event.

"I chose the ASLAV because I've always been fascinated with military vehicles and I had the right parts. I've always wanted to do that, so (Brixpo) was the perfect opportunity to," Jayden said.

"It took me about three months to build it, but four months researching all the functions and getting to know the ASLAV a bit more so I could recreate it with Lego."

Jayden built the ASLAV with an eight-speed sequential gearbox driven by locking rear differentials and a gearbox linked to a Lego V6 turbo two-stroke diesel engine.

All eight wheels on the ASLAV model have independent suspension and the turret on top is operational by a medium Lego-power functions motor.

Jayden has been interested in Lego since getting his first set when he was four, then progressing

By
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to Lego Technic sets – with gears and motors – at age seven.

Jayden said he and his family enjoy watching the popular Lego Masters TV show and "don't like to miss an episode".

"I love watching the builds that the contestants come up with – they show so much creativity and imagination," he said.

"It's amazing what they come up with in the short time that they have."

This was the second year Jayden participated in Brixpo and last year he took first prize.

"I built something that was a little similar (last year), but with this one I can completely control the vehicle by remote control," he said.

Jayden received a lot of positive feedback after placing second at Brixpo, with other exhibitors congratulating him.

"Some of the people who had other Technic builds were happy that it finally placed (because) Technic never really wins any prizes," he said.

"They liked how realistic it looked. Some people there, who worked for the military, thought it was really realistic and others thought it was actually better than the real thing."



Jayden Everett, of Paringa, with his working Lego model of an Australian Light Armoured Vehicle. Jayden placed second in the under 16s section at the third annual Lego exhibition, Brixpo, in Adelaide recently.

PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

"(That feedback) is really encouraging and it's great to know that I actually got it right, did it justice and it lived up to its reputation."

Jayden's mother, Kathryn Everett, said she was "really impressed" with Jayden's effort and drive.

"I loved watching how his hard

work and persistence paid off," she said.

"Being able to see a project from his imagination through to completion and then to place was wonderful."

"But just to be part of a community like that was really cool to witness, and to hear the feedback that he got."

"There were quite a few suggestions that he should follow mechanical engineering – which is his goal. We were really proud (of him)."

Jayden is already planning his next build for Brixpo 2023 and the family hopes to visit Edinburgh later in the year to see a real ASLAV.



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OPTIMISM AND CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE

The beginning of the new financial year has seen BVMS Chartered Accountants welcome long term team member Tim Bevan as an additional partner to the firm from 1 July, joining Ben Venning, Markos Stavrou, Paul Hall and Anna Kroehn.

Speaking on behalf of the business, Ben said that the knowledge and experience that Tim has developed over the past 8 years, and when coupled with the successful completion of a Bachelor of Commerce and a Graduate Diploma of Chartered Accounting during his tenure, Tim's promotion to partner was an easy decision for BVMS. "When we started the business, we set a goal to provide a supportive work environment that provided our

team with the opportunity to pursue a professional career without having to leave the Riverland. Tim is the first team member to successfully undertake and achieve this within our firm and we're very proud, not only of his achievements, but that we've been able to support him as his employer during this time".

With three office locations across the Riverland (Waikerie, Berri and Loxton) and with regular visits to other regional areas of SA and Adelaide, the team at BVMS Chartered Accountants have all your accounting needs covered with a highly experienced local team of professionals. Paul said "maintaining our focus on top quality client service and advice remains our priority. Communication with our clients is a critical part of our service

delivery, and our team continues to embrace new technology to enable us to do this safely and securely. We've invested in new technology such as having implemented digital signatures and other electronic communication services to improve our clients experience.

With recent rainfall across the region, there is considerable optimism that 2022/2023 could be a successful year for dryland farmers, which is great for the region with many different businesses benefitting from their success. With their "Locals counting on Locals" focus, BVMS Chartered Accountants are committed to utilising local suppliers within the business. "We firmly believe that we need to support the businesses that support us, and endeavour to use

our clients or other local businesses wherever possible" commented Markos.

The team of Chartered Accountants and Certified Public Accountants within BVMS Chartered Accountants has a combined 70 years of accounting experience and are highly knowledgeable in all aspects of Taxation, Accounting, Financial Reporting, Management Consultancy, Self Managed Super Funds, Audit, and Bookkeeping Services. "We have a great team of people within the firm and aim to exceed our client's expectations" said Ben "and with our network of colleagues we also provide solutions in other areas such as, Legal Matters, Finance, Investments and Financial Planning".

Hon. Tim Whetstone MP
Member for Chaffey

Chaffey Community Column

Local Lions Club

It was a pleasure to attend the Waikerie Lion's Hand over dinner and 50th-anniversary celebrations recently. The Lions epitomise the very best parts of life and community in regional Australia, and it is always a pleasure to speak about the achievements of Lions and the contribution they make to our communities. Over the 50 years, the club has raised and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and assisted many, many people in our community.



Ag Town of the Year- Vote Now

Four Riverland and Mallee towns are nominated in the South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year Awards. I'm encouraging locals to vote for Waikerie, Loxton, Karoonda or Renmark to help one of our towns have the opportunity to be crowned the 2022 Ag Town of the Year. We have much to be proud of in our region and these awards are a great opportunity to showcase the Riverland to the rest of the state. To cast your vote for your Riverland town, visit www.solsticemedia.com.au/south-australian-agricultural-town-of-the-year-award

Free Mental Health Event

Ski for Life, StandBy Support After Suicide and the Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network are partnering to support a free public event called Speaking of Mental Health with Nic Newling. Nic is an advocate for mental health suicide and sharing personal stories. With lived experience of suffering a mood disorder throughout high school and losing his brother to suicide, Nic is dedicated to changing the way mental illness is addressed in schools, workplaces and communities. The event is to be held on Thursday, July 28th from 6.30 pm. To register via text to 0437 503 520 or via the Ski for Life Facebook page event.

Digital Donation Program

Applications for the Digital Donation Program are now open. The program allows for community-based, not-for-profit organisations to apply for surplus government computers and laptops. I am encouraging locals to share this with not-for-profit organisations in the Riverland that may meet the eligibility requirements. Applications close Friday 12 August 2022. For more information or to apply visit www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/community-organisations/information-and-resources/digital-donation-program

Nominate for SA Community Achievement Awards

Nominations for this year's South Australian Community Achievement Awards are now open. The Awards encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities, and businesses are making in our community. Nominations will close on Thursday 25 August 2022. To submit a nomination or for more information visit www.awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/sa

Varroa mite 'huge threat' to almonds

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

CURRENT interstate varroa mite outbreaks are a "huge risk" to Riverland almond growers, however a state government minister is optimistic of eradicating the pest.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven earlier this month discussed the current varroa mite outbreak in New South Wales during a Q&A session held by Rural Media and Communicators SA/NT.

Ms Scriven said any incursion of varroa mite – detected last month in NSW bees

– into South Australia would threaten Riverland almond production.

"My department has been liaising with all of the stakeholders in regards to the different impacts and effects varroa mite would have," she said.

"Almonds are a huge priority, but then there's all the other (crops) that come



• Clare Scriven

through shortly afterwards.

"I know the number of hives we need was in the many tens of thousands, and that we often do rely on those hives coming from interstate."

"It's a huge threat and a huge risk."

However, Ms Scriven was confident the pest could be prevented from spreading into South Australia.

"There was an outbreak a few years ago, and it was eradicated, so I'm hopeful we'll continue to be able to keep it out of South Australia, and get it out of Australia all together," she said.

I know the number of hives we need was in the many tens of thousands, and that we often do rely on those hives coming from interstate...

- Clare Scriven

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development



Waikerie's traditional Christmas Pageant was last held in 2019, but is scheduled to return this year. PHOTO: Erin Williams

Waikerie urged to support its pageant

By **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**
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COMMUNITY support is being sought to enable Waikerie's traditional Christmas Pageant to go ahead.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event was cancelled in 2020 and was replaced by a fair last year.

Waikerie Lions Club president Pam Stendara said to enable the event to be held this year, help was being sought from the Riverland West community organisations and service clubs.

"Because our members are ageing and we haven't got a lot of members we would like support from community groups to mainly help us on the day," she said.

Mrs Stendara said marshals were especially needed to assist with the running of the pageant, scheduled for Friday, November 25.

She said the pageant would be

especially for the children of Waikerie.

She said hopefully the latest strain of Covid-19 would be under control by then.

"We have to try and get back to normal life," Mrs Stendara said.

"The children will have something to look forward to hopefully."

"It is usually a big night for them, with Santa's Cave opening, the lighting of the Christmas tree and the opening of the Christmas tree trail."

Expressions of interest are also being sought from community organisations and businesses who wish to participate in the pageant.

Ms Stendara said it was important to seek participants early to ensure the event was a success.

She said taking part was an

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- Pam Stendara
Waikerie Lions Club president

Waikerie power blackout

ABOUT 2000 Riverland West residents lost power over the weekend for up to five and a half hours.

SA Power Networks' head of corporate affairs Paul Roberts said a problem with equipment at the Waikerie power substation was believed to have caused the power blackout, which occurred from 9.30pm on Saturday.

He said residents in Waikerie, Golden Heights, Ramco and Hart Lagoon were among residents in the area affected.

Mr Roberts said staff from SA Power Networks' Barmera office travelled to Waikerie to fix the problem.

"Power was restored to all but 400 customers at 12.45am on Sunday morning," Mr Roberts said. "The final restoration was 3am."

Mr Roberts said staff were still investigating the cause of the outage.

He apologised for any inconvenience caused to residents in the area.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Student solutions

STUDENTS from a Waikerie school are learning how to work together to solve community problems.

PAGE 21 STORY



Catherine Conway with two of her border collies, Holly (left) and Jess at the Waikerie Aerodrome. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Dogs 'safe on aerodromes'

ALEXANDRA BULL

DOGS are at the centre of what one Waikerie Aerodrome user says is "a private dispute turned public".

The presence of dogs at the Loxton and Waikerie Aerodromes has been a Loxton Waikerie council issue since April this year, when a complaint from a fellow aerodrome user was lodged, and the animals were banned from both aerodromes.

The ban was overturned in May and the matter sent to public consultation instead.

Catherine Conway, who is a trained pilot and works in aircraft maintenance at the Waikerie Aerodrome, believes the dispute is more about shared use of an aerodrome hanger than potential safety issues created by the presence of dogs.

"There have been dogs at

Dog days as council's aerodrome ban revisited

ALEXANDRA BULL

A RECENT council ruling that saw dogs banned from Loxton and Waikerie aerodromes has been the focus of public consultation to potentially reverse the decision.

After a complaint was received in April about dogs at the Waikerie aerodrome, Loxton and Waikerie council recently declared a public consultation - that Loxton and Waikerie aerodromes would be dog prohibited areas.

The decision has received

backlash from several parties, prompting a formal public consultation.

At last Friday's Loxton Waikerie council meeting, a number of councilors admitted they should have undertaken further consultation with a wider group of people.

"However, I was working on a hunch that if I did anything else, it would have been taken as a bad idea," she said.

She acknowledged she should have spoken to more people before making the proposal.

"I think it's important to have a few more discussions about it with a wider group of people and have them represented in the consultation," she said.

Councillor Trevor Norton

agreed with Cr Thiele, saying he was apologetic about not considering more consultation.

"However, I was working on a hunch that if I did anything else, it would have been taken as a bad idea," he said.

He said with the extra information and a consultation, it might still be a good idea to have a few more discussions about it with a wider group of people and have them represented in the consultation," he said.

Councillor Trevor Norton

• Murray Pioneer, 25/5/22

the Waikerie Aerodrome for its entire history, and there has never been an incident with a dog," she said.

"I have personally had dogs at the airfield for more than 20 years, which is the time I have been a member here."

"I have border collies who are very well trained. We are members of the Riverland Kennel and Obedience Club and the dogs have been assessed and compete in agility and obedience."

"This whole business about dogs being banned has absolutely nothing to do with dogs. I just think the whole

thing is really unfair."

Ms Conway has provided multiple documents to council to support her case, including a letter from the Waikerie Gliding Club president Bill Mudge, who said the club is "comfortable with the presence of the dogs", and they are "purebred dogs, professionally trained, well behaved and obedient to commands".

Ms Conway also said she has approved dog yards at her hangar to further control her dogs.

"I think subsequently it is what they had to do (public consultation), having had

that can of worms opened in the first place," Ms Conway said.

"I have had to do quite a lot of work to fight it and I am really quite frustrated... we still have to go through this whole ordeal just to return to the status quo as it were."

"There are a lot of commercial airport working people who take their dogs around with them and they are all controlled."

"We are not idiots, we do not want to lose our dogs, and they are well trained."

Ms Conway said Waikerie and Loxton would be the only aerodromes in Australia with such bans in place, should they be introduced.

"I put my dogs on my aeroplane to fly them around to family members, events and shows. If I can't even get them on the aerodrome, how do I get them on my plane?" she said.

"I think the community deserves to know that dogs are safe on aerodromes."

Public consultation on the issue ends today, Wednesday, July 20, at 5pm.



This map of the Waikerie aerodrome shows where dogs are prohibited due to a recent council decision. PHOTO: supplied

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Speaking of mental health

ALEXANDRA BULL

A RENOWNED Australian mental health advocate will be in Berri next week to talk about mental health, suicide prevention, and share personal stories.



young people.

"I am really excited because I have been looking for an opportunity to get him to South Australia and to be able to do this with Ski for Life is great."

Mrs Wanganeen added that it is important to get mental health talks to the Riverland.

"Regional communities often miss out on the good stuff, and we often have things happening in the city where we have conferences and great speakers but they don't always make it out to the other regions," she said.

"Nic is always really keen to get out and talk. He is an amazing speaker."

Speaking of Mental Health will be held at the Berri Town Hall next Thursday, July 28, at 6.30pm.

Free event registrations are essential via text to Tracey Wanganeen on 0437 503 520 or via the Ski for Life Facebook page event.

If you or anyone you know needs help contact LifeLine on 13 11 14 or Standby Support After Suicide on 1300 727 247.

"I have heard him speak in schools before. The kids flock to him like he is a rock star," she said.

"His own experience as a teenager with an undiagnosed illness and where he is now, and how he has managed to get through difficult times is such an important message for our

The Renmark Rowing Club last Wednesday



Representatives of the Renmark Rowing Club, with St Francis of Assisi College, accepted the donation of boats and rowing equipment from Adelaide's St Peter's College last week. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

Local rowing club's oar-some new gift

A DONATION of numerous boats and equipment has cemented an "important partnership" between a Riverland rowing club and an Adelaide school.

The Renmark Rowing Club president Tony Townsend said local rowers – including students from Renmark's St Francis of Assisi College – would also have the opportunity to utilise the experience of three-time Olympian, and St Peter's College 1st VIII coach, James McRae.

"The donation of equipment will be of huge benefit to us but the opportunity to draw on the coaching knowledge of someone like James McRae is particularly exciting," Mr Townsend said.

"As a regional club that is committed to growing the sport of rowing in our community, we're looking forward to seeing the benefits from this important partnership with St Peter's College, as well as sharing the joys of

this sport with even more up and coming athletes."

St Peter's College director of sport & HPE, Barnaby Eaton, said students had been visiting the region for rowing events since 2017.

"St Peter's College Boat Club has visited the Riverland every year for the 2nd Grade State Championships," Mr Eaton said.

"In doing so, we've established many great relationships in the region. More than 300 members of our school community visit and stay over each regatta weekend, so it has certainly become a highlight on our calendar."

"It was with this in mind that we started looking for ways to establish even stronger connections with the local Riverland rowing community, and the donation of equipment and knowledge sharing are two ways we're able to contribute."

"It's made even more exciting by the fact that the

new St Francis of Assisi College will have a rowing program and these students will also use the Renmark Rowing Club facilities.

"This means there will be opportunities for students from both schools to benefit from a relationship through racing weekends or similar."

Rowing SA chief executive officer Andrew Swift said the partnership would benefit both schools and the rowing club.

"The relationship being built between St Peter's College and Renmark Rowing Club demonstrates the great outcomes we can achieve as a sporting community," Mr Swift said.

"Students from both St Peter's College and St Francis of Assisi College will benefit from shared experience and competition time, while the Renmark Rowing Club itself will also continue to go from strength-to-strength."

"It's definitely a win for all involved."

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Ageing population impacting Riverland's long-term health

JOSH BRINE

LONG-term health conditions including diabetes, arthritis and cancer are more prevalent in the Riverland than in the rest of the state and the country, census data has shown.

All three Riverland council areas have a higher percentage of the population suffering from arthritis, cancer, dementia, diabetes, heart disease and lung conditions than South Australian and Australian averages, coinciding with an above-average median age for the three councils.

Loxton general practitioner Dr Peter Hamilton said many of the long-term conditions found to be prevalent in the region occurred more frequently in older people.

"Things like prostate cancer for example become much more common with age and (are) relatively rare in young people," he said.

"We also know that there is less money spent per person in rural areas on health than in the cities, so rural people... (have) issues getting access to services and have less money spent on their health than city-dwellers."

"That may have impacts... like how early things are diagnosed and on accessing preventative medicine."

"With diabetes and hypertension for example, often early diagnosis and management prevents complications."

Dr Hamilton said the



Loxton's Dr Peter Hamilton says increased prevalence of long-term health conditions in the Riverland may be due to the region's ageing population.

higher rates of arthritis and cancer in the Riverland may be due to specific occupational and lifestyle factors in the region.

"There are a lot of manual labourers, particularly block workers and farmers in our region, and they certainly are prone to wear-and-tear and degenerative changes to joints like arthritis," he said.

"I suspect we probably have a higher rate of skin cancer than other areas as well because of our exposure."

"It's pretty hot in the summer and especially in the older generation people didn't know as much about covering up and sunscreen, so we see a lot of skin damage in older people."

"On the other hand getting vitamin D and enough sunshine is also important and

finding that balance can be a bit tricky."

Dr Hamilton said regular check-ups and exercise, along with a healthy diet, could help prevent long-term health conditions.

"Preventative care is really important. See your doctor and have a check-up to make sure that you're not missing something that could be managed," he said.

"For example cholesterol and blood pressure management might help reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease."

"Also self-care, like diet, exercise and keeping ourselves active, is really important."

"Going outside and getting some sunshine and fresh air, and keeping our weight under control are vital to maintaining good health."

LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS IN THE RIVERLAND

	BBC	RPC	DCLW	SA	AUS
Median age	46	44	48	41	38
Arthritis	13.6%	11.3%	12.7%	10.1%	8.5%
Cancer	3.7%	3.4%	3.9%	3.2%	2.9%
Dementia	1.1%	1.1%	1.4%	1.0%	0.7%
Diabetes	7.7%	6.7%	6.4%	5.7%	4.7%
Heart disease	5.6%	5.4%	5.1%	4.6%	3.9%
Lung conditions	3.4%	2.5%	2.2%	2.0%	1.7%
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The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network has started offering Covid-19 vaccines in the region through mobile clinics, after the closure of the Riverland Central Plaza clinic in Berri (pictured).

Mobile vaccine clinics for Riverland towns

THE state government has moved to delivering Covid-19 vaccines to major Riverland towns via a rotating mobile clinic, following the closure of the region's permanent vaccination sites.

The clinic is being rotated between Berri, Renmark, Loxton and Waikerie, with upcoming mobile clinics advertised on SA Health's website – including a clinic at the Loxton Community Health Service today from 10am to 1pm.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network acting CEO Brad Birleson told the ABC last week the network had intended to maintain the

permanent clinic at the Riverland Central Plaza in Berri, but was unable to reach a new lease agreement.

"We weren't able to extend the lease there, so that was largely taken out of our hands unfortunately," he said.

"It was fantastic while it lasted and the people at the plaza were excellent partners for us, but it has necessitated that we do pivot to a different approach now."

"(However), we feel the mobile clinics extend our reach throughout the region significantly."

Mr Birleson encouraged people over 50 years old to get a fourth dose of a

Covid-19 vaccine, and for those aged 30 to 49 to discuss the potential risks and benefits with their doctor.

"It's particularly important at the moment as we head into winter and are many months away from their third dose now... so the effectiveness of that is not proving to be sustainable, particularly against the newer strains we have at the moment," he said.

Vaccinations are also still available at local pharmacies and general practices.

To find a vaccine clinic and book, visit the federal government's online Covid-19 vaccine clinic finder (covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/).

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Termites cause craft shop's temporary closure

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

STRUCTURAL damage caused by termites to a wall of the Morgan Craft Shop has forced its temporary closure.

Morgan Community Development and Tourist Association member Diana Angel said due to health and safety concerns the volunteer-run shop was closed suddenly earlier this month.

The shop is in the town's former railway ticket office, which is owned by the Mid Murray Council.

Mrs Angel said items from the shop have been transferred to the Morgan Visitor Information Centre.

She said termites were discovered in the building and other historic sites near the former railway station earlier this year.

Mrs Angel said the discovery of the pests meant volunteers – earlier this year – were forced to move part of the community sensory garden away from the craft shop wall.

She said protocols involved in treating the building for termites caused some delays in assessing the damage.

"There was a bit of hesitation because it had to all be checked and double checked and financed," she said.

"I believe there are other areas in other



Popular craft items and produce have been relocated to the Morgan Visitor Information Centre due to termites forcing the temporary closure of the craft shop. PHOTO: Christine Webster

buildings around there with termites.

"I think it had to be prioritised to find out what was needed, but the termites were treated straight way."

Mid Murray Council tourism manager

Andy Glen said a "good selection" of items from the craft shop had been relocated to the visitor information centre following the building's temporary closure.

He said a recent building assessment of

the shop identified more termite damage to a wall than initially anticipated.

"We have just taken a precaution and closed it to the public," Mr Glen said, "until we can get a repair job done."



Mid Murray Council tourism manager Andy Glen says restoration of Morgan's historic railway carriages has begun. PHOTO: supplied

Restoration work begins at Morgan

THE refurbishment of several heritage and maritime assets at the Port of Morgan has begun.

Mid Murray Council tourism manager Andy Glen said work had started on painting the inside of Pendles Tea Rooms and replacing floors of the building.

He said flaking lead paint was being removed from Morgan's historic railway carriages, with repainting expected to begin in spring.

"Using enamel paint at this time of the year, could be a bit problematic," Mr Glen said.

"We will probably have it done when it is not too cold or hot."

LED lights have also been installed inside the PS Canally and railway sheds to improve visibility for volunteers.

"These projects have been needed for a long time and it is fantastic council has been able to escalate their importance," Mr Glen said.

He also welcomed progress in the restoration by volunteers of the PS Canally.

Mr Glen said council was confident the ship would be operational during this financial year and become "the pride of Morgan".

Morgan Community Development and Tourist Association member Diana Angel said projects the community had been waiting on for some time were finally under way.

She said Mr Glen, council's recently appointed tourism manager, has been eager to communicate with the community about their needs.

"He has got ideas and we have had lots of chats about things," Mrs Angel said.

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Living with a disability? Come for morning tea

RIVERLANDERS living with a disability are invited to attend a morning tea in Berri tomorrow.

Hosted by Independent Advocacy, the morning tea will be held at the Berri Senior Citizens Club, 9/12 Crawford Terrace, Berri, from 10am to 1pm.

The morning tea is an opportunity for people living

with disability to tell their story.

Independent Advocacy can help tell your story to the Disability Royal Commission to highlight what is happening to people living with a disability.

Service providers are welcome to attend the morning tea from 12 noon onwards.

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Local Bashers hit the road

FIVE Riverlanders will join an iconic annual charity event as official volunteers next month.

The 2022 SA Variety Bash will hit the road from August 13 to 20 and locals James Chappel, John Menz, Leon Menz, Gregory Spriggs and John Kniter – from Renmark and Berri – will all be part of the mobile workshop team, helping with any car issues entrants may face.

The Bash – now in its 34th year – will see more than 250 crazily costumed entrants, 72 vehicles and 84 official volunteers travel 2469km around South Australia.

"As our flagship event, the Variety SA Bash again leads the way as our major fundraiser to meet the expanding demands of our grants program for children in need in our state," said Variety SA



Five Riverlanders will volunteer as part of the mobile workshop team for the 2022 SA Variety Bash.

CEO Mark McGill.

"At its heart, the Variety Bash is simply based on having fun however all involved, particularly our

\$47m for South Australian kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability, including those in the Riverland.

Riverland Special School was recently granted a Sunshine Coach – a 22-seater bus, valued at \$140k – by Variety SA to support student access to the community.

Over the years, the SA Bash has raised more than

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More options on show for school leavers

RIVERLAND senior secondary students will have the opportunity to consider a better range of options for further education and training, with TAFE SA courses listed alongside university courses in the SATAC Guide for the first time.

More than 30,000 copies of the SATAC Guide are due to be distributed to schools and students this month, as high school students across the state begin career counselling sessions for 2023.

The inclusion of TAFE SA courses in the SATAC Guide will allow students to see a wide range of education and training programs offered in diverse fields such as cyber security, software development, hospitality, nursing and engineering.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer, said vocational education "equips students with practical skills making them job ready".

"Growing industries such as IT and defence are recognising that capability in our graduates," Mr Boyer said.

"As a dual-sector VET/Higher Education provider, TAFE SA also delivers a range of associate-degree and degree qualifications. It does this independently and in partnership with South Australia's universities which is why it's important it is included in the SATAC Guide."

TAFE SA chief executive David Colman said South Australian employers and industry are worked with to ensure courses align with their needs now.

"Our lecturers are well connected to their respective industries and bring real world experience to the classroom," he said.

"TAFE SA has strong partnerships with universities so we can provide pathways for students who want to combine the applied learning focus of a VET qualification with the academic focus of a university delivered qualification."

Students and career counsellors will now also be able to find TAFE SA courses online in the search function on the SATAC website.



Mrs Anstey accepting the first prize award from judge John Ford OAM at the Campbelltown Art Show. PHOTO: Enzo Piperone

Fine art lands Loxton local first prize

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOCAL artist won first prize at the Campbelltown Art Show in Adelaide recently.

Lyn Anstey, of Loxton, was awarded the first prize (acquisitive) for her oil portrait piece titled 'Growing Up'.

"The portrait is of one of my much-loved granddaughters," Mrs Anstey said. "She was the inspiration and model for the painting."

Mrs Anstey said she was "thrilled" to receive first prize at such a prestigious show.

"It is a real confidence boost and confirms all my hard work and dedication is leading me in the right direction," she said.

Mrs Anstey, who is an associate member of the Royal South Australian Society of Arts, currently has her work on display at the Woolshed Brewery at Murtho.

She will also be conducting 'Come Paint with Me' workshops during August to coincide with the SALA festival.

For more information phone Mrs Anstey on 0412 283 233.

Invitation to the Riverland's rural women

RIVERLAND rural women have been invited to join a local group in attending an upcoming two-day state conference.

The annual SA Women in Agriculture and Business (WAB) conference will be held in Mannum on August 6-7, with local WAB members already confirmed as attendees.

The conference will feature a welcome by Mid Murray Council deputy mayor Simone Bailey, before group general manager of Thomas Foods, Morna

Young, gives a speech.

Another guest speaker will talk about the history of the river and its involvement with Mannum, while a Monarto Zoo representative will talk on the zoo's work, Aboriginal history of the area and bush foods.

The annual general meeting will be held during the day, before dinner at the Palmer Hotel.

Attendees will then travel to the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve. Sunday's program will feature a tour of the

river on the paddle wheeler Mayflower, before a trip to the Mannum Museum.

"WAB members from all over the state will enjoy catching up and exchanging news and conditions of their farming pursuits," a spokesperson said.

"Women in Agriculture extends an invitation to all Rural Women who are interested in joining them..." Those interested should contact WAB state president Narelle Brooksby (wabinsa@gmail.com or phone 0458 031 633).



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CO2 target to squeeze irrigators, local Lib warns

CONTINUING to pursue “impossible” emissions targets and shun coal-fired energy will ultimately have disastrous impacts on Riverland irrigators, a locally based Liberal Party figure has warned.

After a nine-year stint, Stuart Andrew stepped down as president of the party’s Barker branch recently, nominating Barossa’s Sophie Wilksch as his replacement, and being unanimously endorsed as vice-president.

In his final president’s report to members at the branch’s AGM, Mr Andrew, of Winkie, said consequences of emissions pledges from Australian governments were becoming apparent through power shortages and power price rises.

Mr Andrew also told The Murray Pioneer that Riverland growers would feel the pinch if power prices continue to climb, as predicted.

“If you can’t operate your electric pumps because there’s no affordable electricity, that will be a perilous situation for irrigators,” he said.

“I think that’s a pretty fundamental thing that’s being ignored at the moment.”

In his report, Mr Andrew cited concerns expressed by “serious players” in the business world about Australia’s emissions promises, including Brickworks CEO Scott Partridge and HSBC Bank’s Stuart Kirk.

“Barker probably has more agricultural small businesses than any other electorate,” he said.

“Farmers are especially vulnerable to what we face, both in respect

of the demonisation of CO2 and Chinese trade aggression.

“There are hundreds of thousands of diesel tractors and other equipment in Barker. Their future is uncertain... and that threat has a crippling effect on decision making and has mental health implications for farmers that most MPs blithely ignore.”

“If you can’t operate your electric pumps because there’s no affordable electricity, that will be a perilous situation for irrigators...” - Stuart Andrew

“Let us hope that this parliament realises that its first duty is to the Australian electors, not the UN (United Nations), the WEF (World Economic Forum), nor any other international club – almost all of which are controlled by elites and carpet baggers.”

Mr Andrew – who said he was happy to finally step down as branch president “because someone half my age was prepared to stand” – also told members of a “growing awareness” that reaching net zero emissions by 2050 was impossible, for engineering and financial reasons.

“The present (energy) crisis has



Winkie citrus grower and former solicitor Stuart Andrew, who stepped down as Liberal Party Barker branch president recently, says Australia’s emissions policies will ultimately hurt irrigators and growers. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

occurred with our 2030 target at 26 per cent,” he said.

“How can we manage 43 per cent in seven years without catastrophe?”

Mr Andrew said many scientists reject the theory that carbon dioxide has the influence on temperature that is claimed.

“The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) concedes that the temperature rise over the period of industrialisation – the last 120 years – could be as low as 0.8 degrees centigrade,” he said.

“That’s consistent with normal

temperature change given that the earth is coming out of the little ice age. Even if you accept the theory, the danger and folly of the impending man-made crisis in energy is now obvious.

“If CO2, an essential trace gas, is as lethal as is asserted, then the greenies and the Left – of Labor and the Coalition – would, logically, be baying for the only other non-fossil fuel base power source, nuclear.

“And what do they propose to do about water vapour, easily the largest greenhouse gas? (It is) 75 per

cent compared to .04 per cent of the atmosphere.

“Thirty years and \$60bn of RET subsidies later and wind and solar are still supplying less than 20 per cent of our power needs. We know that anything we do can’t affect earth’s temperature. This is a fact.”

Mr Andrew opened his report by congratulating re-elected Barker MP Tony Pasin for winning a fourth term as the local member and for securing another strong majority, largely bucking a nationwide downturn for the Coalition.

“Shortly after the last federal election, I wrote to Barker Liberals confirming the extent of Tony’s victory and noting the contribution that he – and all of you as his supporters – had made,” he said.

“Barker is now the state’s safest Liberal seat. Tony has been appointed Assistant Minister for Infrastructure. (It is) a great appointment. He will be a significant contributor to the (shadow) cabinet and to Bridgette McKenzie.”

In signing off to members, Mr Andrew congratulated SA Liberal Kerrynne Liddle on her election to the senate, along with Jenna Price in Northern Territory.

“Together with Jacinta Price, (Ms Liddle) brings a background of enterprise and endeavour to the senate and I know that they will give the Turnbull apologists a wide berth,” he said.

“Both of them need to constantly remind themselves of Andre Gide’s injunction: ‘Trust those who are seeking after the truth. Doubt those who have found it.’”

Scriven’s foot and mouth alert

THE recent foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Indonesia has local authorities and the livestock industry on high alert.

FMD is a highly contagious viral disease of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer, buffalo and camels.

An outbreak in Australia would devastate the livestock industry, with an estimated cost of \$80bn to \$100bn.

The state government and PRISA are working closely with the federal government to ensure South Australia stays free from FMD following the international detection.

Minister for Primary

Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven, said it was imperative people who have been in contact with animals in affected areas in Indonesia do not visit farms or handle livestock for at least a week after returning to Australia.

“Travellers, farmers, governments and the general public alike have a shared responsibility in preventing harmful pests and diseases from entering Australia,” she said.

“FMD can live on clothing, shoes and equipment. It’s important travellers clean these items thoroughly, especially if they have been in

any contact with animals that could possibly be infected.”

Preparedness activities and planning are in place to ensure Australia remains FMD free, with enhanced surveillance for a rapid and effective response.

“Livestock producers must be alert for signs of disease in their animals,” Ms Scriven said.

“If animals show signs of illness that are consistent with FMD, this needs to be reported as a matter of urgency to the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline (24 hours) on 1800 675 888 or to your local veterinarian.”

Planning a Bali holiday? Proceed with caution



RDAA president Dr Megan Belot is warning Bali holiday-makers to be cautious of foot and mouth disease.

state and health, and would have a huge impact on their local rural economy and community,” said RDAA president Dr Megan Belot.

RIVERLANDERS planning a visit to Indonesia should be “extremely cautious” due to the devastating foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak, according to a national doctors association.

The Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) is calling on people who have visited Indonesia, or are planning to visit, to exercise caution when returning to rural communities.

Infected livestock – showing signs such as mouth blisters, drooling or limping – are euthanised and their carcasses burned.

“This is clearly devastating to the owners, extremely damaging to their mental

“If you are a farmer, be hyper-vigilant with people who come into contact with your livestock and make sure they haven’t been in Bali or anywhere else in Indonesia for at least a week.”

“Anyone returning to Australia after visiting a farm or interacting with livestock abroad should declare this upon their return, so steps can be taken to remove the risk of transmission through contaminated clothing or dirty shoes.”

“If you’ve just been to Bali, don’t bring any animal products back, throw your thongs away, and stay off the farm until your clothes have been washed and shoes disinfected.”

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Riverland legend Kerley to be farewelled next Monday

RIVERLAND sporting legend Neil Kerley will be honoured with a state funeral at Adelaide Oval on Monday, July 25.

Hosted by the state government, the funeral will commemorate Kerley's life, career and contribution to South Australia as an Aussie rules player, coach, selector and commentator.

Born in Barmera Hospital and raised in Loveday, Kerley left an indelible mark on the game, which began with a successful association with Barmera.

"It could not be more fitting that the life of a true giant of the game and our state is celebrated with a state funeral," said Acting Premier, Susan Close.

"I extend my sympathy to Neil's family and friends, to whom he was far more than a cherished legend of the game and thank them for the opportunity to pay respect to his legacy in this way."

Debuting in 1957 for West Adelaide, Kerley left his indelible mark at five SANFL clubs over five decades, winning two premierships (1961 West Adelaide; 1964 South Adelaide) as captain-coach, and two as coach (1973 Glenelg; 1983 West Adelaide).

Across a 276-game playing career and a three-decade long coaching career, Kerley's extensive list of achievements included 32 games for South Australia (six as captain), coaching South Australia and State of Origin teams, winning five best-and-fairest awards and becoming All-Australian vice-captain (1961). He was inducted into the Australian, South Australian and West Adelaide halls of fame, and is an official Riverland Legend of Sport.

Kerley was also instrumental in developing the Adelaide Football Club, serving as the Crows' first football manager in 1990 and 1991, as well as being a selector for the All Australian team.

In 2007, Kerley was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to Australian football in South Australia as a player and coach, and to the community as a supporter of several charitable organisations.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the state funeral, which will also be livestreamed.

Attendees can register online (dpc.sa.gov.au/NeilKerley).



Riverland football legend Neil Kerley will be farewelled at a state funeral next Monday.

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Patty Allan, who has been nursing for 50 years received the Valued Superstar Award at the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network 2022 awards at Murray Bridge earlier this month. PHOTO: supplied

Superstar nurse honoured at awards

ALEXANDRA BULL

A RIVERLAND nurse was recently awarded for her service to the health care sector.

Patty Allan, who has been a nurse for 50 years, and a nurse in the Riverland for 40 years, was awarded the Valued Superstar Award at the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network 2022 awards at Murray Bridge.

Mrs Allan, who was originally based in Barmera, but now works at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri, said she was "pretty chuffed" to win the award.

The award recognised all she does beyond her nursing employment, including organising a wedding for a patient who was dying, decorating the hospital during Christmas, and baking cakes for patients when it is their birthday.

"I don't do it for the awards, I do it for my patients' pleasure," she said.

"It's just about making people's stay in hospital a little bit easier."

One of the highlights of the night for Mrs Allan was getting to chat with chief public health officer at SA Health, Professor Nicola Spurrier.

"She is an amazing lady, she really is an inspiration for what she has done over the last few years. That was pretty special," she said.

"The night was for people who just do a little bit extra for everyone."

Mrs Allan added she was lucky to have a job she loves and that allows her to go above and beyond.

"I get a lot of pleasure out of doing the extra little things, like cutting people's fingernails and being with these people when they aren't well," she said.

"It is just nice to be able to do these things and make people feel a bit more normal and nice when they are in hospital."

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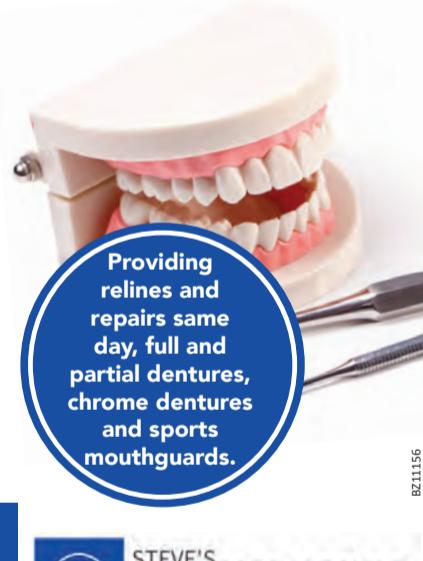
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Orchid show set to return to Barmera

AFTER a Covid-enforced break, a winter orchid show is returning to Barmera later this month.

The Riverland Orchid Society's event will be held at Barmera Primary School and feature a range of orchids grown across the Riverland and presented for both judging by Australian Orchid Council judges and public viewing.

Society president Trevor Mayfield said members were "excited" to return to

Barmera. He said the event would be an opportunity to learn about orchids and would feature potting demonstrations, plus trading tables of plants and pots.

"We're looking forward to showing the public what orchids are growing and flowering in the Riverland," he said.

Mr Mayfield will be among a number of members on hand to answer questions about orchids and the society. He said joining the

group – which was founded in 1977 – offered "many advantages".

"Members can learn from guest speakers, have access to plants not sold in stores, and have the use of books and magazines in the club library," he said.

"The club can make bulk purchases on supplies and pass the savings on to the members."

"Each month we get together, bring in our flowering plants, discuss orchids,



Riverland Orchid Society president Trevor Mayfield says the group is pleased to return to staging a show in Barmera, after a Covid-enforced break over the past few years. PHOTO: supplied

have a trading table, a continuous raffle, share afternoon tea, and generally have a lot of fun."

The winter show is at Barmera Primary School on Saturday, July 30 (9.30am to 4pm) and Sunday, July 31 (9.30am to 3pm), with all welcome.

Inquiries to the secretary (0439 688 483).



Federal government funding will allow the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board to help protect the endangered black-eared miner from extinction.

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Funds to focus on endangered miners

A FEDERAL government grant of more than \$125,000 to protect the endangered black-eared miner – Australia's 10th most imperilled bird species – from extinction has been gifted to the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board.

The board's ecology team leader, Wendy Stubbs, said the 13-month collaboration project would deliver practical on-ground conservation action within black-eared miner habitats across South Australia and Victoria.

"The project will strengthen the genetic integrity of the black-eared miner and improve critical populations of the species with a focus on managing the threat posed by habitat loss and breeding with other species (hybridisation)," Dr Stubbs said.

"Historic clearing of the Mallee habitat for agriculture and artificial watering points for stock has created a more open and fragmented habitat.

"This led to the yellow-

throated miner's range expansion, increasing contact and hybridisation between the two species.

"This has weakened the black-eared miner's biological and genetic diversity.

"By strategically removing key yellow-throated miners from critical black-eared miner habitat, we will improve the endangered bird's outcome."

The conservation work will take place at Gluepot Reserve, Taylorville Station, Calperum Station, Murray-Sunset National Park, Annuello Flora and Fauna Reserve, and the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park.

Meanwhile Dr Katherine Harrisson, a conservation geneticist at La Trobe University, will lead a program to analyse genetic samples from black-eared miners, yellow-throated miners and hybrids (interbred birds).

The genetic information will provide current hybridisation rates, deliver estimates of population size, distribution, levels

of inbreeding and clarify links between species.

The researchers say the information will address knowledge gaps that were previously barriers to black-eared miner recovery efforts, support efficient and effective hybridisation control and improve evidence-based decision making for conservation management.

The management to restore the black-eared miner habitat and lessen the impact of hybridisation is being assisted by other work under way in the region, including:

- Removing ex-pastoral artificial watering points
- Restoring surrounding habitat
- Controlling total grazing pressure across the landscape

Dr Stubbs said the yellow-throated miners' removal was a practical action to protect and enhance the genetic integrity of black-eared miner colonies, and provide a safeguard for genetic recovery while longer-term habitat restoration continues.

Oval lighting, boat ramp carried forward

DELAYS in development assessment processes have forced a Riverland council to carry forward two current projects.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last month's general meeting to carry the Renmark No.1 Oval Lighting Upgrade, and the Lock 6 Boat Ramp project, into the 2022-23 financial year.

A council report on the matter stated the two projects required "development approval which has extended over a longer period of time either due to the location of the work and triggered referrals to state government bodies, or the scope of works involved with the project required external engineering assessors".

It is understood council is still awaiting development approval for the boat ramp, however construction of the No.1 Oval lighting towers began on July 11 and is set to take six weeks.

A total of \$500,984 had been budgeted for the No.1 Oval Lighting Upgrade, while the Lock 6 Boat Ramp project has a budget of \$240,432.

The council report said a contractor had been engaged for the boat ramp's construction, which is also expected to last six weeks.

- HUGH SCHUIEMAKER

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Riverland wine tourism's time to shine

RIVERLAND wineries, cellar doors and wine tourism-related businesses have the chance to shine, with applications for the 2023 South Australian Best of Wine Tourism Awards now open.

The awards – as part of South Australia's membership in the Great Wine Capitals Global Network – celebrate innovation, sustainability and excellence in wine tourism in each of the wine capitals.

The 2023 awards showcase seven categories: Accommodation, Architecture, Art and Culture, Innovative Wine Tourism Services, Sustainable

Wine Tourism Practices, Wine Tourism Restaurant, and Wine Tourism Services.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven, said South Australia is "without a doubt" the wine state of Australia.

"In 2020-21, our wine industry generated \$2.8 billion in revenue for the state," Ms Scriven said.

"South Australia has more than 3250 vineyard owners, 700 wineries, and more than 340 cellar doors.

"Among them are innovative, exciting tourism experienc-

es with the best food and wine direct from the source.

"We have much to be proud of, and these awards celebrate the best of the best in our own back yard."

Tourism Minister Zoe Bettison said the awards "give visitors more reasons to explore and experience" the state's wine regions.

"Consumer research shows our state has long held the lead as the nation's best for incredible wineries and wine regions, and we are recognised globally as a great wine capital of the world alongside the likes of Bordeaux and Napa Valley," she said.

Applications close on Monday, August 22 at 12 noon.

South Australian winners will be announced at CheeseFest Gather and Graze on Friday, October 14.

Winners will go on to the international jury to be judged for the 2023 Global Best of Wine Tourism Awards, with winners announced at the Great Wine Capitals Annual General Meeting and Conference in Mendoza, Argentina on Thursday, November 3.

For more information, or to apply, visit www.adelaidegreatwinecapital.com.au/awards.

Beat the winter chills with hot takeaway meals

FACING the cold winter days and nights the Riverland has endured recently can be made easier with a nice, warm, hearty meal.

But for many of us, weekly meal preparation and cooking lunches and dinners can feel like such a hassle.

Thankfully, local businesses have our backs, providing delicious meals available for takeaway every day of the week.

The Paringa Hotel has takeaway available Monday to Sunday, with lunch specials from 12 noon to 2pm and dinner from 6pm to 8pm daily.

Choose from their menu range – available on the website or Facebook page – with options including (but not limited to): pasta and roast of the day, salt and pepper squid, fish and chips, schnitzels, and steaks, plus lighter meals and entrees.

Looking for a hearty meal at the end of a long working week? Riverland Country Style Kitchen has you covered with its famous Friday lunch specials.

Past Friday specials have included delectable delights such as lamb chops with hot vegetables, chicken Kiev and vegetables, slow-cooked lamb shanks, oven-roasted pork belly and more.

But the kitchen isn't just open on Fridays.

Home-cooked, hearty meals are available Monday to Friday for takeaway lunch and dinner with a selection of curries, soups, quiches, award-winning pies, and much more to choose from.

Waikerie students' community solutions

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE Lutheran Primary School (WLPS) students are learning how to work together to solve community problems.

During term two, year 3/4 students used recycled boxes, containers, and other materials to invent technological solutions for imaginary communities they created.

The challenges included crossing water to enter their town, transporting water from the river to different places, and keeping people warm.

WLPS year 3/4 teacher Amy Lloyd said the class project was part of the students' design and technology studies.

"Getting them thinking creatively about problem solving was a really big part of it," she said.

"A future need in our world is for students to grow up to be people who solve problems and work their way through them."

Year 3/4 teacher Emily McDonald was also involved in classes related to the project.

Ms Lloyd said the students learned about old forms of technology.

"We had the context where the community had no electricity, and were in a cold place with snow," she said.

Ms Lloyd said a group of students came up with the idea of using mirrors to reflect the sun onto the snow to provide their community with water.

She said this water was transported through pipes to their town.

"We really encouraged the students to think creatively," Ms Lloyd said.

She said the students were also encouraged to be environmentally sustainable.

"We talked about not using too many materials, saving some for later, and reusing materials," Ms Lloyd said.

She said one group that decided to use fires for heating, established a tree farm to ensure wood would be available in the future.

Ms Lloyd said the students developed valuable social skills by working in pairs on



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School year 4 students Isla (left) Sophia, Caleb and Eli worked on finding a solution to enable their imaginary community to cross a waterway.

PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School year 3/4 teacher Amy Lloyd (left) with her students, Savannah, Lyra, Harrison, Alex, Bryan, Will and Connie, who helped invent ways to transport water from a river to an imaginary community.

their projects.

"It was really great to see the collaboration happening during this time," she said.

"Each week that they did it, they were

able to improve and learn.

"They would also work with a different partner and see how they had to change the way they worked in order to get things done."

No qualifications needed to simply ask R U OK?

R U OK? has launched a new campaign called 'Ask R U OK? No qualifications needed', reminding Australians they already have what it takes to support their family, friends and colleagues.

'Ask R U OK? No qualifications needed' comes in response to new research by R U OK? which found four in 10 Australians feel asking someone "are you okay?" is a conversation better had with an expert.

R U OK CEO, Katherine Newton, said everyone experiences life's ups and downs and in recent times there has been a lot to cope with.

"Natural disasters, the pandemic, world conflicts and cost-of-living increases have added additional pressure and emotional strain for many, and that's not confined to one day of the year," she said.

"We want to reassure Australians that you don't need to be an expert to have an R U OK? conversation with someone in your world who might be struggling."

"Listening and giving someone your time might just be what they need to help them through a difficult period."

This is confirmed by the research which found that when



No qualifications needed

authentic, genuine R U OK? conversations happen, more than 80 per cent of people say they are making a positive difference.

"The work of health profes-

sionals is vital, and their value cannot be underestimated, however by having regular meaningful conversations, we can help the people we care about feel supported before they are in crisis and if that conversation does get too big for us, we can guide them to seek help professional help," Ms Newton said.

The call comes eight weeks out from R U OK? Day, held on Thursday, September 8, which is a national day of action and a reminder that every day is a day to check in with your friends, family and colleagues.

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90TH BIRTHDAY: Juliette Griffiths, of Loxton, enjoyed a week of celebrating her 90th birthday, including with her friends at the Riverland Bridge Club. PHOTO: supplied



IT'S A THREE-PETE: At the Loxton Rotary Club's recent changeover dinner at the Loxton Club were club president Peter Kennedy, Berri Rotary president Peter Jarvis and Waikerie Rotary president Peter Haines. PHOTOS: supplied



CHANGEOVER DINNER: Evelyn Dunne (left), Peter Dunne, Noel Walker and Wendy Walker.



Bert Haslam (left) and David Ingerson.



Deirdre Fogden (left), Craig Dowling and Kiki Dowling.



Judy Ingerson (left), Sally Shannon and Lorraine Sinoch.

Images from the 2022 Tamworth Country Music Festival:



By ROBYN MCINTOSH
MY KIND OF COUNTRY



ABOVE: Lyn Bowtell explains how, as a young girl visiting the Tamworth Country Music Festival, she used to sit her hand in the handprints of her idols, and dream of how she would love to be in there one day.

TOP LEFT: Australian country music industry personalities Max Ellis and Nick Erby. PHOTOS: Robyn McIntosh
TOP RIGHT: John Elliott at his induction into the Australian Country Music Hands of Fame in April.
MIDDLE LEFT: Tamworth entertainers Rodney Walker and wife Lynette Guest proudly posed with the Brian Young Bust after its unveiling.
ABOVE: Freddy Bowen and Andrew Clermont, who both took part in Brian Young tours.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

Every Sunday at 2pm – guided tours of The Pines Historic House, 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen 0421 601 903.

WEEKLY

Every Thursday and Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery on Barwell Avenue is open for sales. 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

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

WEEKLY

The Berri Community Men's Shed is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 12 noon. Men welcome.

WEEKLY

Berri Seniors meet every Tuesday from 1pm–4pm at the club rooms at 4 Draper Road, Berri. Pool, cards, games, computer or just socialise. Everyone welcome.

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

Tea nights at Barmera RSL, Sturt Street, Barmera. Every Friday night, served from 6pm. \$12 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter on 0408 813 882.

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

Tennis doubles at the Berri Tennis Club. Every Saturday afternoon at 1.30pm and also Thursday mornings at 9.30am during

school terms 2 and 3. All welcome.

WEEKLY

Social badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy 8588 8000.

WEEKLY

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. Inquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people, good times.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Barmera Netball Club dinner, celebrating 75 years at the Barmera Club. Tickets are on sale now. For inquiries, email barmera75@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page: Barmera Netball Club Celebrating 75 Years.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Loxton RSL Bowling Club. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and raffles available.

MONDAY, JULY 25

Riverland Stamp Club. 10am at the Berri Library.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar, 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

SATURDAY, JULY 30 and SUNDAY, JULY 31

Riverland Orchid Society Winter Show at Barmera Primary School, Saturday, 9.30am to 4pm and Sunday, 9.30am to 3pm. Orchids displayed, potting demonstrations, plant sales, raffle, fully catered. \$3 entry. Inquiries to the secretary on 0439 688 483.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Traditional roast lunch with dessert, served at 1pm at the Barmera RSL, Sturt Street, Barmera. Everyone welcome. Bookings essential. Contact Peter on 0408 813 882.

A sizeable birthday cake was part of the Lyrup Club's 50th anniversary celebrations earlier this month. The cake was cut by representatives of the club's foundation committee. Pictured are Barb Auricht (nee Howe), representing her uncle Syd Howe, Tracey Akarana (nee Lloyd) representing her grandfather Les Lloyd, Marg Tschirpig (nee Romeo) representing her father Bruno, and John Rothe representing his father Wally. PHOTOS: supplied



INSET, LEFT: Renmark Paringa Mayor and former Lyrup Club manager Neil Martinson makes a funding announcement as part of the 50th anniversary toast. INSET, RIGHT: A special batch of souvenir tawny was officially released on the night.

Lyrup club's roller-coaster ride to 50 year-milestone

THE Lyrup Club's roller-coaster 50-year history, started in the most humble of fashions, was celebrated in fine style recently.

A full house of over 200 patrons enjoyed the nostalgia-filled night, which fittingly ended with a significant chunk of attendees staying until closing time.

A group of enthusiastic locals helped start the club in late 1971 by obtaining all fixtures from the South Australian Hotel on North Terrace. The hotel was being demolished, so the visiting Lyrup contingent grabbed all they could: coolroom, fridges, bar, plates, glasses, cutlery and even tea towels.

Planning for the club had taken seven years, with a building permit finally obtained in 1971. The club commenced operation on December 14, 1971, but was forced to buy alcohol from the Berri and Barmera hotels until a full licence was granted on January 12, 1972, allowing purchases from wholesale suppliers.

The 50-year milestone was celebrated earlier this month with a meal and entertainment by



The 50th anniversary celebrations attracted a sell-out crowd.

"surprise guest artists".

"There were three separate musical acts comprised of locals, some of whom hadn't performed for years, but who provided great entertainment that had many patrons taking to the dance floor," said spokesperson Marg Tschirpig.

"We had a photo and memorabilia display, as well as a Powerpoint presentation of photos and videos of past events held at the club."

"There were many photos of the people and characters that made and make the Lyrup Club such a special place."

"There was a lot of reminiscing during the night and a very amusing recollection of her time as manager of the club by Noelene Smith. She

and her husband Doug managed the club from 1982 to 1986."

Other features of the evening included a giant birthday cake, made by Rhonda Centofanti and cut by representatives of the club's foundation committee, and the release of a special souvenir tawny, produced by Salena Estate Wines.

"We were grateful to receive sponsorship from the Renmark Paringa Council that assisted us in putting together the memorabilia displays, honour boards etc. for the night," Ms Tschirpig said.

"(Local) Mayor Neil Martinson was in attendance as a former manager of the club and made the funding announcement as part of his toast

to the club.

"The event would not have come to fruition if not for the many volunteers that helped me in the lead-up and on the day to ensure a successful event."

"Our history shows that volunteers were instrumental in the establishment of the Lyrup Club and they continue to be a very necessary part of our club today."

An interesting aspect of the club's history was that for two years in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Margaret Lemmey and women involved in the Lyrup Bowling Club worked the kitchen as volunteers to raise money for the club.

The \$30,000 they raised was put towards

the first synthetic green.

The Lyrup Club, which has had over 20 managers during its 50 years, was once a sporting hub, with football, netball, basketball, cricket, tennis, softball, baseball, darts and lawn bowls all associated with the establishment.

"It is sad to note that of all the sports that came out of our little town, only lawns bowls and eightball are still going," Ms Tschirpig said.

In the club's heyday, the '70s, '80s and '90s, Friday night was "drinking and dining" night, and bookings were essential. Ms Tschirpig said while that trend had returned lately, the club has endured its challenges over the years, and at times seemed headed towards closure.

"In the early 2000s and then again toward the end of 2018 our current manager, Neville Tschirpig, has stepped up and ensured that the club would not close its doors," Ms Tschirpig said.

"We, the Lyrup Club community, owe him our thanks and gratitude for the many volunteer hours he has given."

Dogs rule in SA pet ownership statistics

RIVERLAND dog and cat owners receiving their registration renewal notices in the coming weeks have until Wednesday, August 31, to check their details are up to date and pay any applicable fees.

The Dog and Cat Management Board said people are starting to understand they must register their cats by their microchip number on Dogs and Cats Online.

Dogs and Cats Online is South Australia's online dog and cat microchip and council registration system.

There are now 86,792 cats registered in the state dog and cat register, compared to 70,354 in 2021, 52,600 in 2020 and 23,527 in 2019.

In contrast, 315,551 dogs are registered in South Australia, with these figures staying relatively consistent as 302,475 dogs were registered last year, 295,448 in 2020 and 291,450 in 2019.

Chair of Dog and Cat Management Board, David Parkin, said around 97 per cent of cats in shelters cannot be returned because their owners have not registered its microchip.

"That's a concern because councils can return registered dogs and cats much more quickly, bypassing the pound which can be a traumatic place for pets," he said.

"Registration is easy and, in most cases, free for cats."

In South Australia, cats must be desexed, microchipped and registered on Dogs and Cats Online, the statewide register for dogs, cats, breeders, microchip and desexing information.

"As well as councils, the RSPCA, Animal Welfare League and vets also use Dogs and Cats Online to identify lost pets and reunite them with their owners," Mr Parkin said.

Councils can also register pets for people without internet access.

"Information and easy guides for using Dogs and Cats Online are available on the Dog and Cat Management Board website, but if you need support or information about fees, you should contact your local council," Mr Parkin said.

The Dog and Cat Board also released a list of the top 10 dog breeds, and the top 10 dog and cat names in South Australia with the Australian kelpie, border collie and labrador retriever the three most popular dog breeds in SA.

For more information visit the Dog and Cat Management website at (<https://dogandcatboard.com.au/>).

TOP 10 DOG NAMES IN SA

- Bella
- Charlie
- Molly
- Max
- Ruby
- Buddy
- Lucy
- Daisy
- Coco
- Jack

TOP 10 CAT NAMES IN SA

- Luna
- Bella
- Charlie
- Leo
- Coco
- Missy
- Milo
- Simba
- Shadow
- Willow



The Lyrup Club shortly shortly after construction, back in 1972.

THE RIVERLAND MUSICAL SOCIETY'S 2022 production of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA opened its two-weekend run at Renmark's Chaffey Theatre last Friday. The following review has been provided by HAYLEY RAMSAY...

Bravo, bravo! Phantom celebrates our local talent

THE baby was in bed, a quick round of make-up applied. House slippers replaced with heeled boots, and champagne pencilled in for interval.

Program purchased, I take to my seat, the lights go down.

Anticipation, excitement and soon after, just as I had hoped, all the hairs on my arms stand to attention, as *that chord* plays.

Whether it be in London's West End, or Renmark's Chaffey Theatre, my body reacts, just as viscerally, to the famous overture of The Phantom of the Opera.

The chandelier ascends, as if by magic, and the wonder of the evening unfolds.

Based on the novel by Gaston Leroux, the story is set in 1881 Paris, where the mysterious Opera Ghost has taken up residence at the Paris Opéra House.

The Phantom has been tutoring the young and beautiful chorus girl, Christine, and he goes to great lengths to ensure her rise as the star soprano goes uninterrupted.

Even those who have never seen the show may be familiar with songs such as Masquerade, Think of Me, Music of the Night and of course, The Phantom of the Opera, which has been in my head for days.

Co-directors Sally Goode and Alan Johns certainly did take a big bite in putting on this magnanimous show,



Cast members perform at the Chaffey Theatre over the weekend. PHOTO: supplied

which has benefited from two experienced theatre makers at the helm. There are a number of 'how will they do that?' moments in preparation for the show, including an underground lair complete with moving boat, and the aforementioned ascending chandelier, and many challenges were handled with apparent ease.

I cannot help but wonder if the historic Bonney Theatre would have enhanced the magic and mystery of the production, however, the professional atmosphere (and comfy seats) of the Chaffey set the tone for the Riverland Musical Society, known for its well-above 'amateur' productions in years gone by.

The use of projection to create depth and interest in

select scenes was ingenious, and although there were a few opening night teething challenges, all in all the production is technically clever.

The program reveals that Andrew Talbot has in fact relocated to Adelaide, but the lure of playing the role of a lifetime, the Phantom himself, is worth the petrol. Talbot leans into the twisted darkness of the titular character, balancing his manic madness with soaring high notes.

Belinda Binney is expertly cast, playing the beautiful ingénue Christine Daaé. Binney's soprano is clear as glass and her acting choices are thoughtful and anchored, a testament to her skill and experience as a performer.

Seventeen-year-old Joey

Haenen's star continues to rise as he embodies the dashing Raoul, Vicomte de Chagny, proving his days as being cast as a romantic lead are far from over. Haenen's performance is lovely and grounded, and the rooftop duet between Raoul and Christine, All I Ask of You, is a particular highlight for both Haenen and Binney.

I had forgotten just how funny the show is, and leaning in to the comedy are several duos, Estelle Revill and Mark Skewes as the opera divas Carlotta Giudicelli and Ubaldo Piangi (yes, the term diva is traditionally reserved for women but Skewes really embraces the definition!), and Mac Grummet and Dan Cook as theatre owners, Messieurs Firmin and André.

Revill and Skewes' back and forth is a joy to watch, with their singing matching their comic timing in delightful execution. Grummet and Cook play into the 'stressed-out manager' trope with enthusiasm, humour and vigour, perhaps resonating a little too well with plenty of stressed-out managers in the audience, swapping masked employees for a masked theatre ghost for the evening.

Jacob Sivour, Garry Halupka, Thomas Strauss and Cassandra Fowler also provide the audience with plenty of laughs, in their small but memorable roles.

Miriam Van Der Woude is both elegant and mysterious as the poised ballet mistress Madame Giry, and Peta

Nicholson is charming as daughter Meg.

Perhaps the Angel of Music has shared a little of his magical powers with musical director Karyn Skewes, as she once again brings an orchestra to life with her keys.

This production she is accompanied by percussion, which adds robustness, along with, most hauntingly, Catherine Heuzenroeder on violin. The choir, which I can only imagine is also being held captive under stage by the Phantom, is a welcome addition, amplifying the choral numbers such as Masquerade and the finale, bringing the show to its conclusion.

Keisha Barber's choreography is elegant, showcasing the talent of the ballet ensemble, and Sam Harkins has expertly sourced, stolen or sewn an array of refined Parisian regalia. Narelle James has her work cut out for her, co-ordinating the complex dance of stage management, and her and her team showcase their mastery.

It is a delight to add Phantom of the Opera to the almost 70 years of Riverland Musical Society Shows, and with a news feed full of madness, what we all really need is more nights out at the theatre, celebrating our brilliant local talent. Lucky for you, there are still some tickets available for this coming weekend, just please leave Box #5 empty...trust me.

Oranges unpeeled my Riverland connection

SOMETIMES memories sneak out of my eyes and roll down my cheeks.

This came from Charlie Brown's reminiscing of simpler times with his mate Snoopy.

The following story is similar.

In Mum's latter years, she and I had cherished opportunities to travel together, and as Mum had never been to Sydney, we headed there for a week staying in a lovely apartment on the harbour.

Some months later, when queried about our next destination, there was one and only one. The Riverland. No more dense cities for her.

Following a long drought, the Murray was in flood and Mum was yearning to go home to see those precious flows.

Sitting silently beside the river at our favourite caravan park, we took in that gushing expanse, not just with our eyes, but with every available sense, sort of like hydrating a parched thirst.

Then one afternoon we made our way out to our old house and fruit block on the Sixty Foot, as we did on every trip to Renmark.

At this point, I'm embarrassed to admit to a certain behaviour. We stopped on the roadside and 'borrowed' two oranges from a flourishing crop belonging to a blockie I'd known since primary school days.



As some poor excuse, I'd like to think it would've been okay if I'd asked him.

For the first time in 40 years, I peeled oranges with my fingers and then, standing on the roadside, Mum and I shared in those sweet memories, the juice of the oranges running down my forearms.

Having relished the sumptuous tastes of home, we then drove towards the old house. Nothing much looks the same anymore. Of course.

The block has been replanted with vines, the orange trees have disappeared, and the huge front lawn has been planted with natives. It's difficult to see the house from the road and the scale of things seems much smaller.

By now, my hands are orange-juice sticky, and I am delighted to see the under-vine sprinklers on.

Stepping out of the car, I make my way over to the sprinkler, bend down and reach for the water, relieving the stickiness from my hands.

There, squatting on that soil, and feeling the water on my skin, surrounded by thriving crops in the spring sunshine, spontaneous tears welled up in my eyes and ran down my cheeks.

I had no premonition of that. I observed my surprise, not understanding the depth of what had just happened.

I wandered back to the car having wiped away the tears, temporarily dismissing those previous few moments. I regret not sharing that experience with Mum because I'm sure she would have understood.

But it wouldn't be the last time. In recent years, I would go for walks even amongst low-lying spinifex scrub, something deeply familiar to us all, and would discover the welling up of tears again.

One thing I knew for certain; they weren't tears of sadness, but instead I suspect the stirring of a deep and imperishable connection with the land, water, big spaces, plants and trees, and the river.

It is not my intention to disrespect our profoundly important First Nation's People, but now I can understand, even in a relatively small way, their 'connection with country'.

Naturally, our indigenous sisters and brothers understood country in a much deeper sense because it was their source of shelter, food, water, seasons and an immense spiritual life.

I've heard many indigenous people say that they inevitably develop a yearning to go back to country once they've dwelt in cities for a while.

Now I understand.

Info sessions and boot sale for Plastic Free July

A LOCAL council is taking part in an initiative to increase awareness of the importance of recycling in the community.

Berri Barmera Council will hold composting information sessions in Berri and Barmera this month as part of its Plastic Free July campaign.

The sessions will be held at the Alfrescos building on Vaughan Terrace, Berri, this Friday, July 22, and the Barmera Library on Thursday, July 28, with both sessions running from 10am to 2pm.

Free composting bins will be available at the information sessions.

A recycling market and free car boot sale will also be held on Vaughan Terrace this Saturday, July 23, from 9am to 12noon, with a creative recycling display made by local students and the community to be displayed.

To book a spot to sell items at the car boot sale, call council on 8582 1922.

Self-collection a game changer for Riverland women

RIVERLAND women aged 25-74 due for a cervical screening test can now choose between self-collection or having a sample collected by their healthcare provider.

Research shows Australia is on track to eliminate cervical cancer by 2035 through a combination of the HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening – however to reach that target, eligible women need to take part in regular, five-yearly cervical cancer screening tests.

South Australia's cervical cancer screening rate is currently the highest in the country at 59.7 per cent, however the Murray and Mallee region is at just 53.0 per cent.

The data also showed that the incidence of cervical cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women is double that of non-indigenous women, with mortality rates three times higher.

Cancer Council SA prevention and advocacy manager Diem Tran said self-collection has the potential to increase cervical cancer screening rates in underscreened communities and get Australia closer to eliminating cervical cancer as a public health issue.

"There are some groups that are less likely to screen, including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, people who identify as LGBTIQ+, people

with disabilities, people who have experienced sexual violence, post-menopausal women and people who have had previous negative cervical screening experiences," she said.

"Data also indicates that cervical cancer screening is lower in some regional and remote South Australian communities, where access to a GP or health professional may be limited."

"From Friday, July 1, eligible people can access self-collection anywhere that they would normally have cervical cancer screening test, such as a GP practice or health clinic."

Mrs Tran said self-collected cervical cancer screening tests are equally as safe and effective as the clinician-collected tests and encouraged all eligible people to have a conversation with their health professional about self-collection.

"Our hope is that through self-collection, we can increase cervical cancer screening participation, ultimately helping to prevent or catch cervical cancer early and getting us closer to a future free from cervical cancer," she said.

For more information on self-collection visit the Cancer Council SA website here (www.cancersa.org.au/prevention/finding-cancer-early/self-collection-for-cervical-screening/).

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7:30 Anh's Brush With Fame
8:00 Art Works
8:30 Last Night Of The Proms
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12:45 The Games - Horse And Dream Team
1:15 Diary Of An Uber Driver

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6:00 Nine News Sunday
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11:40 Unspeakable Crime
12:35 Targa Tasmania
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Take Two
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Turning Point With David Jeremiah; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Joel Osteen; 8:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:30 The Living Room Encore; 9:30 Studio 10; Sunday; 12:00 To Be Advised; 2:30 Luxury Escapes; 3:00 Australia By Design; 3:30 Destination Dessert; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 5:00 10 News First
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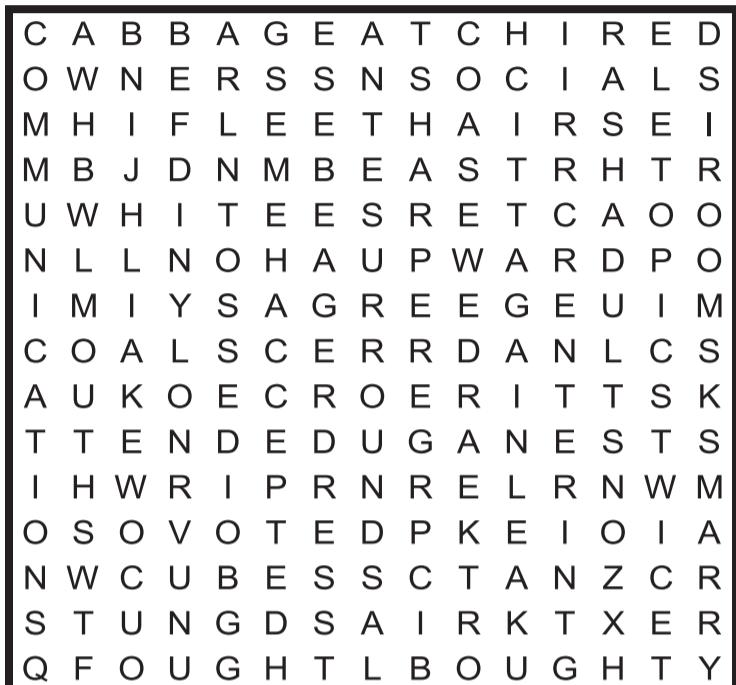
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11:55 LIVE Tour De France 2022
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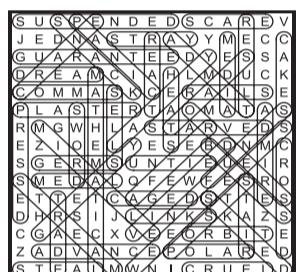
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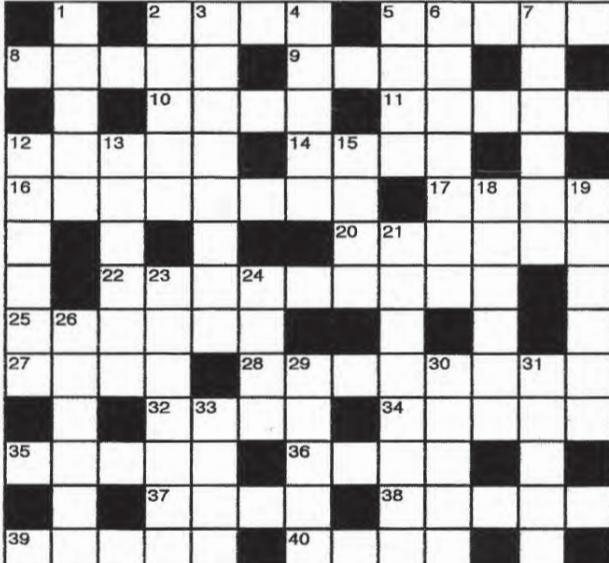


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Last Week's Solution



- CROSSWORD**
- Mineral springs
 - Stage of development
 - Packing box
 - Concept
 - Vexes
 - Jeer
 - Cricket grounds
 - In a frenzied manner
 - Sevenfold
 - Variety of cornelian
 - Slow (mus.)
 - Type of quilt
 - Eludes
 - Long ago
 - Splash
 - Affirm
 - Inclination
 - Squander
 - Operatic air
 - Ancient celtic name of Ireland
 - Not concealed
 - Brewing ingredient
 - Cows



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

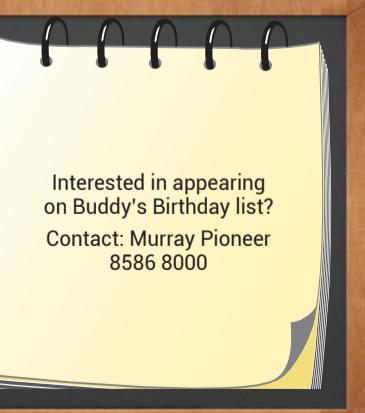


- CROSSWORD**
- Courageous
 - Wading bird
 - Coax
 - Rope fibre
 - Mexican dollar
 - Cutting tool
 - Hunting expedition
 - Fish hawk
 - Become visible
 - Honey drink
 - Related paternally
 - Foolish person
 - Gift
 - Imagines
 - Actual existence
 - Journey
 - Mischiefous trick
 - Crossbeam
 - Way in
 - Right to cut green trees

BUDDY BUNYIP BIRTHDAY LIST



Don't forget that if your name appears on my birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Popcorn Chicken & Orange Juice, compliments of KFC in Renmark!



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July 2022 Horoscopes: week 4

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Don't let a colleague tell you what to do. This person's advice may not be as accurate as they believe. **Romance**. Your emotional needs will be very strong at the moment. An unexpected meeting later in the week will help you to fulfil them.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

You may need to change tack and try a different approach. An idea which has worked well up to now will soon stop working. **Romance**. Your partner may have emotional needs which are not being met. A favourable aspect to Mercury at the beginning of the week will help you to communicate better.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

Be careful to avoid getting into areas which are likely to lead to an argument: you may win the argument but lose a friend. **Romance**. Don't hesitate to deal head on with a potential misunderstanding. If you make your feelings clear from the start you will avoid problems later.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Everything will go well this week so long as you give yourself a chance to relax. You may be quite impatient with people whom you feel are wasting your time. **Romance**. Your love-life will pick up a recent difficult period. Don't be afraid to make a bold move, even if you are uncertain about the outcome.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A passive approach will not help. You need to head off problems before they occur: don't be afraid to take the initiative. **Romance**. Be careful not to let a money problem come between you and your partner. If you change your spending habits a little your financial situation will soon be in better balance.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A favourable aspect to Mercury around the middle of the week will help you to communicate clearly and honestly with the people around you. One person whom you know well has not been behaving very honestly. **Romance**. You may be jealous when you find that your friend has been receiving more attention than you have.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

There are some important decisions to be made: you must weigh up your options very carefully. **Romance**. A friend whom you have forgotten to write to would like to hear from you. This person thinks much more highly of you than you realise.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A challenging aspect to Mars could make you a little argumentative at times. Don't push things too far: if you are not careful you will get more back than you bargained for. **Romance**. A person whom you have had your eye on for ages has suddenly noticed you. Don't be shy about making your feelings known.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

You could get a little over-excited at times this week. Avoid making any important decisions until you have a chance to think things through carefully. **Romance**. A chance meeting will give you an opportunity to put your social life back on track. Accept an offer, even if you are busy.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

Make careful to thank those people who contributed to your recent success. You have achieved a great deal recently but you could not have done everything by yourself. **Romance**. An admirer who is very strongly attracted to you will give your confidence a major boost.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

An acquaintance who thinks very positively will help to give your confidence a boost. You have had a number of let-downs recently and need something to go right for a change. **Romance**. A favourable aspect to Venus later in the week will help to breath life into an old relationship.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

You might do better without the advice of people who are negative. You have a good idea which you need to develop. You won't make progress if you are surrounded by people who refuse to give you the benefit of the doubt. **Romance**. An off-the-cuff remark by your partner may cause you to go off the handle.

SUDOKU

No.386

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

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Solution No. 385

LOOKING BACK AT 130 YEARS

1997 Berri Bridge



July 25, 1997

It's here - the wait is over!

The days of queuing to board a ferry for the River Murray crossing at Berri are over. On Sunday, July 27, the Berri Bridge will be officially opened by Premier John Olsen and Minister for Transport Diana Laidlaw.

LEFT: Transport Minister Diana Laidlaw, Berri Mayor Margaret Evans, Loxton Mayor Jan Cass and Built a Environs representative survey the site for the Berri Bridge.

BELOW: Before the locks were built in the 1920s it was possible to cross the river at Berri in a horse and buggy during the summer.



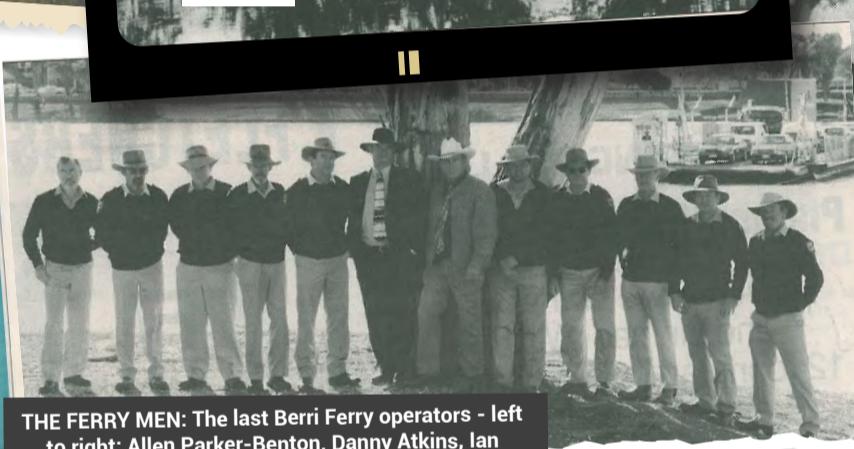
1920's



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Crossing the river

The Berri ferry in 1942

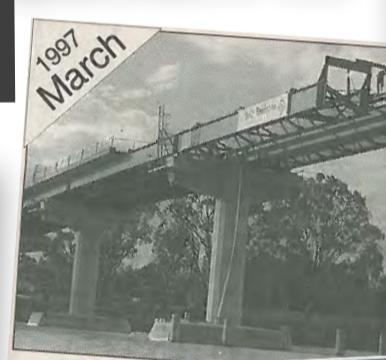


THE FERRY MEN: The last Berri Ferry operators - left to right: Allen Parker-Benton, Danny Atkins, Ian Rothe, Tony Wedding, Brenton Delaine, ferry operations co-ordinators Trevor Graetz and Wayne Jolly, Craig Lloyd, Brian Packer, Phil Greenland, Joe Cresp and Peter McKee.

Locals involved in bridge construction

“Local contractors were used wherever possible in the bridge’s construction. The concrete, earth works and embankment materials were supplied by local firms...”

Don Boffa
Project manager for the Department of Transport



Building a bridge:



1997



Berri Barmera Mayor Margaret Evans said she thought there would never be a bridge in Berri when the Bannon Labor Government shelved plans in 1983 for a bridge to be built as part of Australia's Bicentennial works...

“We felt it was the finish. I remember Peter Arnold (former Member for Chaffey) saying that was the end of it, that we would never get a bridge,” she said.

Sunday, July 27, 1997, will be a day of immense satisfaction for those people who were involved in more than 20 years of intense lobbying.

Mrs Evans said the process had been under way since the construction of the Kingston Bridge, and



The mayor’s 18-year dream

The long wait is finally over

that heavy lobbying was taking place by the time she was elected mayor.

“Keith Johnke, the Highways Department commissioner, and Michael Wilson, the Transport Minister in those days, were the main focus of our attention,” she said.

The Tonkin Liberal Government, while approving the bridge for 1988, left the decision too late.

Soon after it went to the polls and lost to Labor, which subsequently shelved the project.

IS it only me or are you, the readers, finding the days and weeks simply flying by faster than ever?

The residents of Warrawee were pleased to have an interesting and informative presentation recently at their hub from Angela Lucas about ALERT First Aid & Training. We have several automated external defibrillators in our CBD and it is an advantage to have the basic knowledge and training should that need arise where you can help someone.

The Cancer Care Group at Waikerie advises that the next cuppa and chat will be at the Waikerie RSL clubrooms (10 Thompson Street) on Friday, July 29, from 10.30am until 12 noon (please note change of time for this meeting). Guest speaker will be Helen Exarheas, from the Riverland Lymphoedema Clinic. This group provides a supportive, caring environment for people with cancer, their families and friends.

Saturday evening Waikerie welcomed The Sulli-Vans, with thanks to Peter and Susan Santella from Music on the Deck – and what a great success it was. Many readers may have seen them during The Voice, and there is a special story leading to the success of this special family of Kevin Sullivan, his wife Belinda and their beautiful and talented children KJ, 12, Cha Cha, 10, and six-year-old Jet. After 27 years in the police force, this talented singer/songwriter turned to writing songs and music, and with his loving family is sharing that throughout Australia. The Sulli-Vans will return to our region in October when they will headline the Cordola Rocks The River event on Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22. For further information contact Music on the Deck, Kevin Sullivan Music, or Cordola Camping and Recreation. For booking details contact Di Hausler on 0427 716 560. As with many events you can express to others how good it was, however for the full experience you had to be there and feel it with The Sulli-Vans.

Thanks to the Waikerie Bowling Club members for great venue on Saturday evening. The dinner meal was excellent and it was booked out to capacity. During the final

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH **GWEN WEBBER**

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applause to acknowledge the artists it happened – we were suddenly in darkness as Waikerie and beyond lost power. Most were more concerned whether the doors would stay locked? Would we spend all night there? No. They opened and everyone went home in darkness, helped by lights on our mobile phones while walking. I felt sorry for bowling club members. They would have been there on Sunday to do the clean-up, and The Sulli-Vans and Santellas had all their equipment to move. I was pleased at about 12.38 am on Sunday morning when the electric blanket warmed up the bed, and the radio came back on.

Thanks to Jan Pearson for organising a coach trip to the Chaffey Theatre, enabling an enthusiastic group from Waikerie to attend the Sunday afternoon session of the Riverland Musical Society's production of Phantom of the Opera. Special thanks to our coach driver Wayne Pearson. Congratulations and thank you to all concerned with the production. It was excellent in every aspect: such talented cast members, the music, the technical team, costumes and colour. Yes, it was all top class. Contact the Chaffey Theatre for your booking now.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs Connie Burgemeister upon her recent passing. She was a much-loved mother, nanna and friend to many.

Thought for the week:
We must take the time to treat each person we meet as an individual – not just part of the blurred mass we rush past every day.
- Sarah Henderson

the quiz

1. What is a corsage made of?
.....
2. What is the Arabic word for God?
.....
3. Who was discovered by the Pharaoh's daughter, floating in a basket in the Nile River?
.....
4. In terms of animal populations, what is worse than "vulnerable" but better than "extinct"?
.....
5. What percussion instrument has a name starting and ending in g?
.....
6. What country of just 360,000 people has won the "World's Strongest Man" competition nine times?
.....
7. What is the nearest star to Earth?
.....

8. What layer of the atmosphere was discovered to have a hole in it in 1982?
.....
9. What is typically the most-used club in a round of golf?
.....
10. What does N stand for in this sequence: OTTFFSSEN?
.....
11. What city chose Ken Livingstone as its first elected mayor in the year 2000?
.....
12. What is the largest type of seal, so-named because of its large size and giant proboscis?
.....
13. Where is Davy Jones's locker?
.....
14. What breed of dog are whippets descended from?
.....

15. Of all the names that appear in the Bible, which one comes first alphabetically?
.....
16. Who was the former Japanese Prime Minister that was assassinated recently?
.....
17. What does the German greeting "Guten Morgen" mean in English?
.....
18. What is the governing body of world football (soccer)?
.....
19. In education, what comes next after primary and secondary?
.....
20. On what fictional continent does "The Lord of the Rings" take place?
.....

BONUS QUESTION: What is Postman Pat's surname? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 38



Dani Formby, Riley Tree and Hudson Formby from the Loxton Scouts group with Marilyn Tonkin and Dawn Fielke from the Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival with their donation that is going towards the upgrade of Scouts' bathroom. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Xmas Tree Festival giving back

ALEXANDRA BULL

TWO Riverland groups are the latest recipients of donations from the Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival.

The Zonta Club of The Riverland and Loxton Scouts both received donations to go towards the projects of their choice.

Loxton Scouts Group will use its donation to support upgrades of its bathroom, and the Zonta Club of The Riverland will use the donation to send birthing kits to expecting mothers in Africa.

Secretary of the Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival, Marilyn Tonkin, said the festival is always looking to support the Loxton community.

"They (Scouts and Zonta) support us by putting a tree in the display each year.

Zonta has put in a tree almost every year we have been doing the display," she said.

"It is nice to encourage the youth in the town too."

Co-ordinator of the Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival, Dawn Fielke, said the group gives half of its proceeds back to the Loxton Lights Festival, then donates some to the community.

"So, we give some of these groups a donation and that can be to their cause, which has worked quite well," she said.

"We like to be able to support these groups in Loxton."

The theme for this year's Loxton Community Christmas Tree Festival is 'A Favourite Story Book', with the display running from Saturday, November 26 to Sunday, December 18.



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TOM TRIFONOFF

Pointy end of netball approaches

AS August approaches, just four rounds remain in the Riverland netball regular season.

Renmark looks set to take home the A1 minor premiership, despite tasting defeat for the first time in nearly three years last time out against Loxton.

The Emily Beaton-led Loxton side was able to curtail Renmark's attacks, and with Lauren Collins set to miss a few weeks of action, it might not be the only loss Renmark picks up this season.

The ladder leaders should get some relief when play resumes this week, as Renmark takes on bottom-placed Waikarie.

Waikarie's first season back in the A1 competition has been a testing one, with the side yet to register a win in 2022.

Hannah Lehmann has been a standout, while the youth continues to show promise, but the red, white and black side is yet to put in a four-quarter performance.

Barmera remains in second place but is slipping closer to the middle of the pack, with the side unable to register a win since losing Tahlia Dillon to injury during the country championships last month.

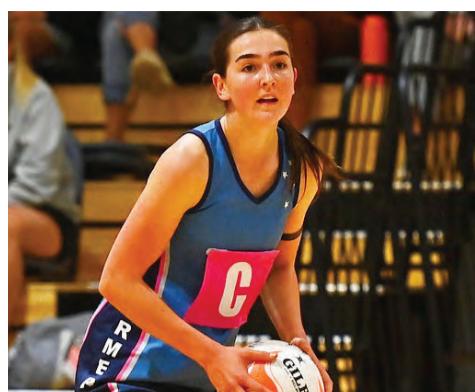
It has struggled to find the right balance, with Dillon leaving a large hole in the middle of the court.

This Friday, Barmera takes on Berri, a side that is running out of time to rescue its season.

Berri sits above Waikarie in fifth place on the table, but three wins back from Loxton North in fourth spot.

With only the top four progressing to the finals, this week's clash is a must-win for Berri, but Barmera will be looking to regain form and push on into the back end of the campaign.

In the A2s, Berri and Renmark have been



Barmera will be hoping for Tahlia Dillon to return from an ankle injury sooner rather than later, as the Riverland netball finals approach.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

the teams to beat across the opening 11 matches, both losing just once for the duration of the season.

The pair are only separated by percentage, with Berri narrowly ahead, and the gap between second and third is a large one.

Loxton North occupies that spot, eight points behind Renmark, while Barmera rounds out the finals positions, though Loxton is hot on the heels of the fourth-placed side.

Loxton and Loxton North have dominated proceedings in the B1 competition, with Cobdogla in third place and Waikarie in fourth without a win.

Berri has bested all challengers in the under 17 A grade, with the top side's win streak extending to 11 games after last fortnight's forfeit victory over Waikarie.

The side is four wins clear of Renmark and Barmera in second and third, with Loxton occupying the fourth finals spot at this stage.



Sonja Modlinski will have to carry the load in Renmark's goal circle over the next few weeks, with star goal attack Lauren Collins out of action.



Waikarie has struggled with life back in the Riverland A1 competition in 2022, but has seen strong performances from youngsters Sarah Campbell (pictured) and Chelsea Helbig prior to her injury.

Riverland netball standings

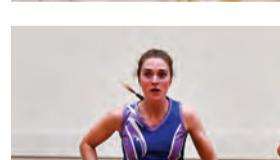
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RENMARK	10	1	0	20	698	520
BARMERA	7	4	0	14	605	527
LOXTON	6	4	1	13	629	532
LOXTON NORTH	6	5	0	12	590	480
BERRI	3	7	1	7	595	554
WAIKERIE	0	11	0	0	309	813



B1	W	L	D	P	F	A
LOXTON	9	2	0	18	577	447
LOXTON NORTH	8	3	0	16	500	407
COBDOGLA	5	6	0	10	453	483
WAIKERIE	0	11	0	0	376	569



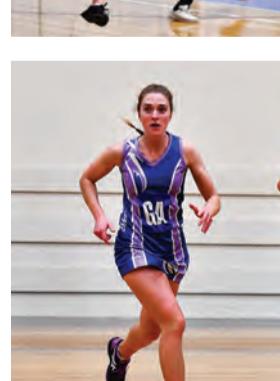
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BERRI	10	1	0	20	565	369
BARMERA	9	2	0	18	459	371
LOXTON	6	4	1	13	443	421
LOXTON NORTH	3	7	1	7	361	437
RENMARK WHITE	3	8	0	6	318	406
RENMARK BLUE	1	10	0	2	312	454



A2	W	L	D	P	F	A
BERRI	10	1	0	20	535	348
RENMARK	10	1	0	20	532	369
LOXTON NORTH	6	5	0	12	455	440
BARMERA	3	8	0	6	428	511
LOXTON	3	8	0	6	371	450
WAIKERIE	1	10	0	0	324	527

B2	W	L	D	P	F	A
LOXTON	9	0	0	18	494	288
LOXTON NORTH	8	1	0	16	431	343
BERRI	6	4	0	12	427	327
WAIKERIE	5	4	0	12	369	459
RENMARK BLUE	2	7	1	5	381	407
BARMERA	2	6	1	5	298	411
RENMARK WHITE	0	9	0	0	314	499

C2	W	L	D	P	F	A
BERRI	10	0	0	20	475	260
RENMARK	8	2	0	16	384	283
BARMERA	7	3	0	14	402	286
MONASH	4	5	0	8	319	308
LOXTON NORTH	3	6	0	6	320	307
WAIKERIE	1	7	0	2	186	404
COBDOGLA	0	9	0	0	193	431



JUNIORS

Under 17A

Points: Berri 22, Barmera 14, Renmark 14, Loxton 8, Loxton North 4, Waikarie 4.

Under 17B

Points: Berri 14, Renmark Blue 14, Renmark White 12, Loxton North 4, Waikarie 0.

Under 15A

Points: Loxton 14, Barmera 10, Loxton North 7, Berri 6, Renmark 4, Waikarie 1.

Under 15B

Points: Renmark White 14, Renmark Blue 9, Renmark Purple 8, Loxton North 6, Barmera 5, Cobdogla 0.

Under 13A

Points: Barmera 16, Loxton North 14, Loxton 8,

Renmark 6, Waikarie 0.

Under 13B

Points: Berri 22, Loxton North 12, Renmark 10, Cobdogla 0.

Under 13C

Points: Renmark Blue 18, Loxton 12, Berri 11, Loxton North 11, Waikarie 6, Barmera 5, Renmark White 3.

Under 11A

Points: Berri 22, Loxton 18, Barmera 10, Renmark 9, Loxton North 4, Waikarie 3.

Under 11B

Points: Loxton Black 22, Renmark White 17, Loxton Gold 15, Waikarie 15, Renmark Blue 11.

Under 11C

Points: Berri 14, Barmera 10, Cobdogla 8, Loxton North 4, Loxton Tigers 2.



Jesse (left) and Brady Bannister took on the 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race over the Queen's Birthday long weekend, with the duo performing well in tough conditions in front of family and friends. PHOTOS: supplied



Barmera duo a family affair in Finke

BEN LENNON

A PAIR of motorsport-loving brothers took on arguably the country's most gruelling off-road event recently when Jesse and Brady Bannister competed in the 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

The race takes place annually across the June long weekend and sees riders and drivers take on the 460km challenge, racing all the way from Alice Springs down to Finke on what many believe to be one of the toughest courses in the world.

Thousands of spectators flock to watch over 600 competitors in action, with the Bannister boys securing an impressive finish inside the top 60 in 2022.

The race is split up over a number of days, with a prologue determining the position in the early stages before the competitors set out on race day.

Jesse is a veteran of off-road racing and competed in Finke the year prior, with great improvement shown in this year's result.

"Last year was the first time I'd had a go at it and had a tough run in the prologue that saw me end up 499th, but I ended up getting that down to about 140th or something like that," he said.

"So, I set sail to do it again this year and went a bit better."

"I was a bit unlucky in the prologue again, having to stop for a fallen rider, but on race day and the second day we got down to 54th which isn't too bad out of something like 500-600 riders."

Brady was part of the fold in 2021, but not as a competitor, opting instead to help Jesse with the mechanical side of things.

This year, the duo tackled the race together, something that made his brother "proud".

"He sort of fell in love with it last year and told me he was going to do it in 2022 which was great," Jesse said.

"It was awesome. He doubted himself big time initially as well."

"Come race day though he really set his mind to it and achieved it which was really cool and inspiring."

Brady echoed the sentiment of his brother, saying that taking part with him was a "special" occasion.

"He's the one that really pushed me to actually do it," Brady said.

"I've always wanted to do it since I was a kid and he really helped me out and pushed me."

"I'm pretty proud of myself for doing it and glad that he's happy as well."

The boys had plenty of support, with a number of family members in tow throughout the journey.



The Bannister clan was out in full support of Jesse and Brady at Finke last month. Pictured are Corey (left), Ryder, Hudson, Ivy, Tahnee, Ruby, Sharon, Zoe and Mark. PHOTO: supplied

One of those friendly faces was their mother Sharon, who was "proud" of the way they went about the whole event.

"It's very nerve racking," she said.

"The first year Jesse did it I was a bit of a mess, but I actually went a lot better this year because I knew what was going on."

"They both rode so well this year and to actually do the whole thing and get back in

one piece is wonderful."

The duo is unwilling to pull the pin on their Finke career yet, with preparation already beginning for the 2023 edition of the race.

"The plan was that if I cracked the top 40 or 50 I would call it there," Jesse said.

"But, getting 54th, I'll definitely be going again."



FUNDRAISER: Bowlers Ron Slater, Robin Correll, Jack Centofanti and Ronald Drewett at the recent fundraiser for Kelly Symons, which saw over \$1500 raised to help fight cancer.

PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Bowls community keeps giving

BEN LENNON

IN a strong display of generosity, the Bowls Riverland community has again shown its support for a good cause, raising over \$1500 in a fight against cancer.

Kelly Symons, granddaughter of Renmark bowler Ben QuatreBorne and niece of Glenview Poultry owners Darren and Sharon Letton, was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer some time ago.

To show support, members of the Riverland bowling community took part in a charity day in Berri to raise money for Kelly.

Berri bowler Jim Cresp was the driving force behind the event, which saw 74

people taking part in social bowls.

"We decided to throw a social bowls day and there was a large range of prizes donated from Riverland businesses," Mr Cresp said.

"I was hoping we'd get to \$1000, so to raise over \$1500 was great and everyone had a good time."

"We did random rinks for the day, so it was away from the normal team thing and we had an afternoon of bowls before coming in for the raffles."

"It was a great day and just the social aspect as well, everyone was having a ball."

The bowls community is no stranger to dipping its hand in its pocket for a good cause, with Renmark

Bowling Club raising over \$2000 at its annual charity day last month.

Combined, the two events raised over \$3800, with Mr Cresp heralding the generosity of the Riverland bowls cohort.

"It really shows the bowling community can support each other," Mr Cresp said.

"Kelly has two young kids, and we got a message back from her after the day."

"She said she hadn't had a great day, but she had both a smile on her face and tears in her eyes, and she was just overwhelmed."

"That's the reward that we get, knowing we've been able to help someone in that kind of situation in some small way."

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Murray Pioneer PRE-PRESS/ GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Permanent Part-Time

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Pre-press is an integral department in the operation of our newspaper group. This position involves advertisement design, page building and general traffic control of every page/publication sent through to print. Along with the weekly newspapers we produce, there are several other advertising supplements and tourism publications that require your creative skills.

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RZ11419

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - The Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project (VMFRP)

Jacobs has been engaged by the Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project (VMFRP) [the proponent], to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the Lindsay Island portion of the VMFRP project. An ACHAR will be required to assess the impacts of the construction, for the portion of the Lindsay Island VMFRP project that is located in NSW, of water infrastructure to identified Aboriginal objects.

The contact details for the proponent:

Scott Barnes (Project Manager, VMFRP)
0458 979 355
scott.barnes@vmfrp.vic.gov.au

To assist in the preparation of the ACHAR, the proponent wishes to consult with all Aboriginal persons and organisations who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects or places that may be located within the Wentworth Shire Local Government Area. The results of community consultation may be used to support an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP). If you hold cultural knowledge of the project area, please send a registration of interest by **4 August 2022** to:

Kerryn Armstrong
Jacobs
Level 4/12 Stewart Ave
Newcastle West NSW 2302
kerryn.armstrong@jacobs.com

Registrations should include a nominated contact, address, and phone number. Please note that the consultation guidelines require the proponent to provide details of registered Aboriginal parties to Heritage NSW and the Local Aboriginal Land Council, unless you specify that you do not wish your contact details to be released. In your response could you please advise if you would like your details to not be provided.


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Department for Correctional Services

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Essential

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- Working knowledge and experience in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, internet explorer, and email programs
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- Previous customer service and phone answering experience

A copy of the Job and Person Specification, can be found on our website under About us, Employment Opportunities

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As the Capital and Maintenance Supervisor you will be responsible for the supervision of Maintenance services to the Winery and the direct supervision of Maintenance Trades staff.

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Key responsibilities include:

- Deliver the annual maintenance program according to a weekly work schedule of which you will provide technical input to support the work management process.
- Manage staff and equipment rosters to meet routine plant maintenance, repair work, and capital project targets.
- Provide assistance to ensure improvements in the efficiency of departmental processes and procedures that enhance speed, quality and output.
- Ensure consumable stocks and spare parts are maintained within budgetary requirements to best meet production needs.

Our preferred candidate will ideally possess:

- 10 years previous experience in Maintenance operations.
- Engineering Tradespersons Certificate or equivalent is essential.
- Frontline Management and Workplace training qualifications is desirable.
- Experience in the planning and execution of maintenance and capital works program that delivers maximum operational efficiency.
- A comprehensive understanding of Legislation and Regulations covering WHS, EPA and Quality Management systems.

Benefits:

- Competitive salary and mobile phone
- Vehicle, uniform and wine allowances
- Great team environment

Successful candidates will share the values of our Company, Accountability, Teamwork, Continuous Improvement, Integrity and Respect.

To apply for either position please email your resume and covering letter quoting the specific role title you seek to apply for and detailing your interest in the position by addressing the key criteria to hr@kewines.com.au or apply via our website (click on the 'Careers' tab) by 5th August 2022.

For all enquiries contact the Human Resources Advisor, Sean Leesue on 08 8583 0568.

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DEATHS

BURGEMEISTER,
Constance Muriel
(nee Paddon).

Formerly of
Deannill, WA.
Born
February 17, 1931.

Connie passed
away peacefully
in Waikerie,
July 12, 2022.

Aged 91 years.

Beloved wife of
Mervyn (deceased).

Precious and
much-loved mother
of Diane, Kathy,
Alison and Peter.

Treasured
mother-in-law of
Guy, Tom and Fran.

Adored nanny of
Aidan and Liam.

Cherished friend of
honorary daughter
Gail and family.

We will remember
the love, wisdom,
grace and kindness
you showered on us,
the funny stories
you shared and
your generous and
accepting nature.

You will be sadly
missed by your
family and friends.

Forever in
our thoughts
and hearts.



Connie's funeral
service was
conducted on
Monday, July 18, in
the S A Kleemann
Funeral Chapel,
Waikerie. This
service was
followed by a
private cremation.

Donations in
memory of Connie
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DEATHS

DOUPIS, Vassilios 'Bill'.

Passed away on
July 13, 2022.
Aged 87 years.
Husband to Nitsa
(deceased), married 62
years. Beloved father
of Con and Teena.
Pappou to Connie,
Vassili and Jesse.

May his legacy
live on in his son,
daughter-in-law and
grandchildren.
Funeral to be at the
St Dimitrios church,
date to be advised.

FIELKE, Helen Mary
(nee Starr).

Passed away at
Loxton hospital on
Friday, July 15, 2022.
Aged 60 years.

Dearly loved
wife of Barry.

Devoted mother and
mother-in-law to
Nathan and Erin.

Loved nanny to
William, Saxon
and Evelyn.

Your struggles
are now over.

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Forever loved
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FIELKE, Helen.

Sister-in-law to
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Aunty to Brodie and
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close to our hearts.

PANNELL, Brian
Ridgway.

23/8/1953 –
10/7/2022

Died unexpectedly,
after a long illness, at
Riverview Lutheran
Rest Home.

Loving husband
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Loved father of Briony,
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WEAVER, Bob.

Passed away
peacefully at
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Aged 81 years.

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brother-in-law and
uncle of Raelene,
Leon, Ashley, Misty,
Shania, Melody,
Darren, Tara,
Olivia, and Mitchell.
Always loved.

FUNERALS

PANNELL.

Family and friends
of Brian Pannell are
respectfully invited to
attend his funeral
service to be conducted
entirely at the St,
Augustine's Anglican
Church, James Avenue,
Renmark on Friday,
July 22, 2022 at 11am,
followed by a private
cremation at the Riverland
Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if
desired, a donation to
the Royal Flying Doctor
Service in Brian's
memory would be
appreciated. Donations
may be made at the
service.

PICKERING, David
Joel (known as Joel).

Relatives and friends
are advised that Joel's
funeral service will
be conducted at the
Loxton Anglican Church
of the Resurrection, 11
Edward Street, Loxton,
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Robert.

2/11/1932 –
18/7/2021

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Maybe for a moment,
The pain would
go away.
We'd put our arms
around you,
And whisper
words so true.
That living life
without you,
Is the hardest
thing to do.

No matter how we'd
spend our days,
No matter what we do.
No morning dawns
or evening falls,
When we don't
think of you.

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HEARNE, David
William.

1956 – 1987

Thirty-five years
without you, David.
We miss you so much.

Forever loved
and missed,
Mum 'Pat' and family.

HILL, Desmond
Richard.

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a thought away,
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every day.

Marilyn, Roseanne,
Tanya and Terry.

SUTTON, Ross.

16/6/1928 –
24/7/2021

To hear your voice,
To see you smile.
To sit and talk,
With you a while.
Would be our
greatest wish today,
To be together in
the same old way.
Love Betty, John, Ian,
Kathy, and families.

IN MEMORIAM

BRADKE, Leon
Robert.

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Annual General Meeting

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 10th August, 2022
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Renmark Paringa Council Chambers

Business of Meeting
Financial Report

Election of Committee Members

Enquirers contact Helena Whitman 0407 772 299

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Community Land Management Plan

Notice is hereby given that Mid Murray Council has prepared a Management Plan for its land located at Lot 23, 3814 Murraylands Road, Blanchetown (portion).

The proposed Community Land Management Plan is available for inspection on Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Written submissions may be sent to the Chief Executive Officer no later than 5:00pm 10 August 2022. Council will consider all submissions received. Persons making a submission should indicate whether they wish to address Council by way of a deputation.

For more information, contact Strategy, Innovation & Governance Officer, Vicki Bell-Booth on 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

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Loxton golf results

Wednesday, July 13.

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Stableford: M. Rumball 41, D. Tyler 39, P. Hamilton 36.

Women

Stroke: J. Patching 76, J. Sawade 80, M. Thomson 81.

Saturday, July 16

Men

Stableford: A grade - B. Paige 41, P. Morris 37, A. Pfeiler 35. B grade - E. O'Callaghan 37, P. Richardson 36, B. Albrecht 34.

Women

Stableford: J. Bullock 36, J. Ling 35.

Annual foursome results

Men: Winners - D. Tyler and C. Wooldridge.

Runners-up - M. Maczkowiack and B. Proud.

Handicap winners - P. Rohrlach and J. Goldsworthy.

Women: Winners - M. Tyler and S. Pendle.

Handicap winners - S. Grein and S. Pannell.

Berri golf results

Wednesday, July 13

K. Wyman 33.

Sunday, July 17

Stableford: K. Wyman 35, R. Dale 34 (cb), P.

Efthimiou 34, J. Parker 34,

F. Gray 34, M. Gray 33 (cb),

C. Hyde 33, B. Eckermann 32.

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Round 19

Entries close Friday, July 22 at 4pm

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ROUND 18 RESULTS

Noah Warner	(6)110	Barry Seagrim	(7)106
Frank Drougas	(5)110	Chloe Brown	(6)106
Mark Kilmartin	(7)109	Duani Vowles	(6)106
Paul Reid	(7)108	Tony Milgate	(5)106
Trevor Flint	(6)108	Sam Koskinas	(5)106
Baker Boys	(5)108	Thiel Boys	(6)105
Clive Fisher	(7)107	Rosie Harrington	(6)105
Marlene Schultz	(7)107	Brandon Martin	(6)105
Cohen Battams	(6)107	Chris Schutz	(6)104
Ross Campbell	(6)107	Deb Griffiths	(4)104

Eagles soar over depleted RC Ones

ROUND 11 of the Riverland darts competition saw a decimated RC Ones side fall to Cobby Eagles 13-2.

Ones fought hard in the match but entered the contest without three of their regular players, while Eagles continued their strong form in the win.

Darren Parfitt showed his class for Cobby, with a high-peg of 106

and a maximum 180 to cap off a good night for Cobby Eagles.

Elsewhere, Monash Wanderers stormed to victory over Expendables, running out 14-1 winners, though the one-sided scoreline failed to reflect how close many of the games were between the two.

RESULTS
Monash Wanderers 14 (C. Martin 140,

125, 100 x 2, A. Martin 125, 105, 100 x 2, W. Bonham 125, 101, 100 x 3, D. Hayes 109, K. Hayes 1070) d Expendables 1 (S. Lockwood 106, 100, K. Bray 115, G. Norman 100 x 3, A. Barnes 100 x 2, T. Daelmann 100). Cobby Eagles 13 (D. Parfitt 180, 135, 125 x 2, 116, 103, 106 peg out, J. Broekers 140, 121, 100 x 6, A. Hargreaves 140 x 2, 100 x 3, R. Stemp 140, 125, 121 x 2, 100 x 4, D. Coombe 140, 121, G. Dyer 131, 124) d R C Ones 2 (no details provided).

Lacey, Ward big winners in latest rifle club shoot

THE final round of the Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club trophy was held last Thursday, with Bob Ward emerging victorious overall for the month.

He finished third in last week's

shoot, with Mark Cresp winning the off-rifle event and Brenton Lacey taking out the handicap victory, with Cresp close behind.

Lacey and Cresp both finished with an aggregate score of 200.

RESULTS

Thursday, July 14
50-metre shoot: B. Lacey 99.6, 100.8 (1) 200; M. Cresp 100.1, 100.1 (0) 200; R. Ward 99.8, 99.6 (0) 198; N. Lloyd 99.5, 97.4 (0) 196.

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Three's company, but four?

Berri star Paris Tieste (left) and Barmera-Monash captain Jessica Linsell will go head to head this Saturday night in the RWFL grand final at Berri Oval. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

BEN LENNON

BERRI has a chance to complete a phenomenal four-peat when it takes on Barmera-Monash in the RWFL grand final this Saturday night.

The Demons have won every RWFL grand final since the competition began in 2018 and currently have a 9-0 record in 2022.

Club captain Missy Blanck has been there every step of the way and is looking forward to the opportunity this weekend's clash brings with it.

"We're pumped and excited, particularly for a couple of girls because it will be their first grand final and there's three of us that have been a part of the other three," she said.

"We've got a really good team environment; a really good team feel and yeah we're very excited and we're ready for it."

The Demons have the edge in experience over the Roos, with the Lakeside outfit not featuring in a grand final since the inaugural

2018 season.

Blanck believes that experience is valuable, but said each grand final has been different so far, meaning her side will need to be prepared for anything.

"It helps but to be honest I don't think anything can prepare you for a grand final," she said.

"Even when it comes to the difference between finals and a grand final, it's a whole different kettle of fish."

"It's a different experience every single time and both sides want it just as much as each other."

"Like I said, I've been a part of the four but they're always different."

"I like to think having that bit of experience helps with the nerves more than anything."

Barmera-Monash has had to do it the hard way in 2022, with the side often battling for players due to Covid-19 and other availability issues.

The Roos got off to a strong start with a thumping win over newcomers Loxton North in round one,

before a topsy-turvy back end of the season saw them narrowly edge out Renmark for third spot.

They were able to knock off the fancied Waikerie in the semi-final, defeating the Magpies by 11 points in a tough encounter.

Captain and zone representative Jessica Linsell starred in the win and cited the victory as a reason why her side can emerge as premiers come Saturday evening.

"It definitely gave us heaps of momentum and over the whole season our girls and the club have really bonded," she said.

"Last week's win was great and it really gave us that sense that we're starting to come together as a team and it's nice to be part of that."

"We've got a great club culture at Barmera and over the season it's helped the girls grow and develop together."

"Hopefully we can take all of that into the grand final this weekend and give it our best."

The task at hand is a tough one for Barmera-Monash, with Berri's



Berri's senior women's football team will be looking to clinch its fourth consecutive RWFL premiership. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

strength in depth and numbers a key part of its success throughout the season.

Linsell believes heading into the clash as underdogs takes some of the pressure of her side, but it has not dampeden their belief as the club attempts to become the first to knock off Berri on the biggest stage.

"There's definitely less pressure

on us, but the will is well and truly there," she said.

"Obviously Berri is a really strong side and has demonstrated that through its consistency and amount of wins."

"But ultimately I think the girls are really excited to be in the final, and they're ready to bring their best game."

Club culture key for inaugural North team

BEN LENNON

ONE of the RFL's A grade clubs enjoyed its inaugural foray into women's football in 2022, with Loxton North putting in a standalone women's team for the first time.

A number of the players had featured before under the moniker 'The Catters', which saw members of the Loxton community play as a team, but not as a club.

This year was different, with the group affiliating with Loxton North for the first time, and next year looks likely to be another historic season, as the group intends to move from North to The Precinct.

Adrian Hogg coached the Loxton North side in 2022 and said playing under the banner of a recognised football club gave the girls a "massive lift" during the season.

"The girls felt more united because of it, because they're supporting a club not just a generic guernsey and a generic club," Hogg said.

"It was so important for those Loxton North girls to be a part of a Loxton North football side."

"We'd love to have two teams going but at the moment it's not looking like we will have enough numbers, so next year we'll be playing for Loxton rather than North."

Having a set of players float between two clubs is a unique situation, but one that Hogg believes is necessary until the game grows further in the town.

Both Loxton and Loxton North initially entered teams in the under 15 girls competition earlier this year, but had to withdraw at the last minute due to lack of numbers.

Hogg hopes that 2023 will present a different scenario, with juniors "the key" to the growth of the senior competition.

"We want to try and get more involved around the high schools and we'd love to see the 15s teams get up," he said.

"It's the only way the seniors will survive, so getting that 15s involvement going forward is heavily important."

The 2022 RWFL season is due to conclude this Saturday when Berri takes on Barmera-Monash in the



Loxton North's inaugural women's side enjoyed its first season in the RWFL. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

grand final.

Despite not picking up a win in 2022, Hogg says his group improved greatly over the course of the season.

"We've had girls come who have never played any team sport before, and getting them involved and watching their progression to the point

where they understand positions and gameplay has been fantastic," he said.

"That's something that we've worked a lot on, gameplay and game structure, rather than Auskick-style footy where you throw a red ball at them and tell them to kick it through the white sticks."

BDT merger to leave MFL with five sides

THE neighbouring Mallee Football League will be reduced to just five teams in 2023.

Powerhouse club BDT (Border Downs Tintinara) has confirmed it will merge with River Murray Football League club Meningie for the 2023 season.

BDT has won 12 flags since joining the Mallee Football League in 2001 and currently sits in second spot on the A grade ladder.

The club hopes the merger will bolster its junior numbers.

CUP WEEKEND

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Top two clash in Gill-Lehmann Cup

BEN LENNON

NAMED after two of the Riverland's most famous sporting families, the Gill-Lehmann Cup is played between two powerhouses of the modern RFL, with Waikerie and Renmark to tangle again this weekend.

The two sides have played off in countless memorable clashes in the past few years, with Renmark emerging on top in the 2019 grand final and again in 2021.

The Rovers currently sit on top of the RFL ladder and are set to finish the season as minor premiers, but for coach Josh Vater and his troops, there is still plenty to play for in Waikerie this weekend.

"In a sense, every game against Waikerie is a big deal because they've been the measuring stick for about 20 years or something stupid," Vater said.

"It's been a long time, so we always look forward to playing them."

"It should be interesting over

"For us every game is important and we're always looking to improve. This Waikerie team will be pretty different to the one we faced a month ago and playing in Waikerie is always tough.

"Our boys will be really looking forward to it and it's another chance for us to be tested against good opposition..."

That outing in round seven saw the Rovers emerge 63-point victors, but Waikerie's form has improved drastically since then.

Waikerie coach Shayne Stevens is confident his side will put in a better showing this time out, with a spot in the top two up for grabs in the coming weeks.

"Our clashes with them are always pretty tight other than the last time when we got beaten by about 10 goals," Stevens said.

"We'll have a far better side in this weekend compared to then in regards to experience, so we're expecting to put our best foot forward."

"It should be interesting over

the next few weeks to see what happens and I reckon it'll probably come down to the last game to see who finishes in the top two.

"For us it's just about building towards finals now and making sure we get our best team on the park, which we haven't been able to do all year."

Both teams should head into the match refreshed after the SA Country Championships allowed for the majority of players to have a week off heading into the final stage of the home and away season.

For Waikerie, the Spencely brothers will be a key, with both veterans of the big occasion and having the competitive edge required in such tight contests.

Renmark has had a number of solid contributors so far this season, with Tim Woolford entering the clash in hot form, having been named on the ball in the Team of the Championships following the action in Whyalla last weekend.



The RFL A grade's top two sides will do battle this weekend as Waikerie and Renmark clash for the Gill-Lehmann Cup. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



It will be Renmark star Dan Woolford's first taste of cup action for the Rovers after joining his brothers Tim and Matt in 2022.

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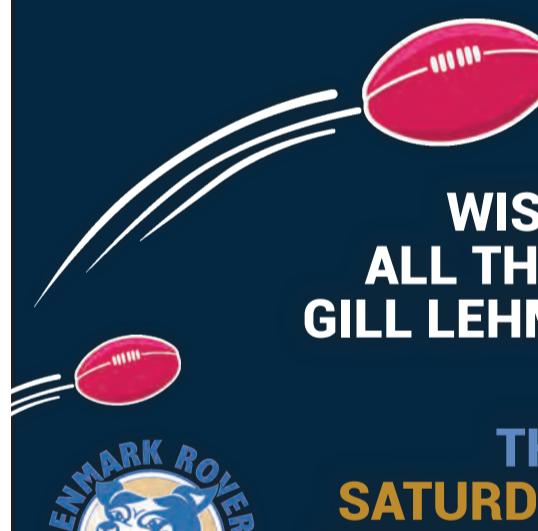
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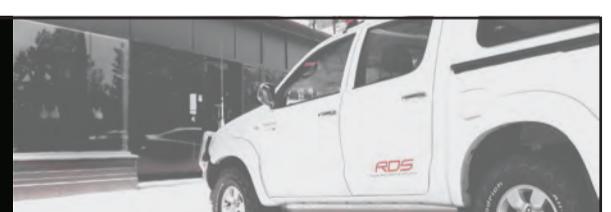
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Matt Wutke of Barmera-Monash (left) and Berri champion Luke Teasdale will play vital roles in deciding the winner of this weekend's Fisher Cup. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Berri coach Clint Ridgway identified the clash as a big one for the Berri youngsters, including last year's under 18s medal winner Archie Holtham (pictured).

Berri locked and loaded for Fisher Cup



Combative midfielder Matt Hodge will make his Fisher Cup debut this weekend.

A PAIR of clubs with their seasons on the line are set to do battle in the latest instalment of one of the RFL's fiercest rivalries, as Barmera-Monash and Berri clash for the Fisher Cup this weekend.

The sides are separated by just one spot on the ladder, but both currently have different ambitions, as the Roos look to cling on to a finals spot and the Demons aim for the top two.

A veteran of the occasion

as a player, Berri coach Clint Ridgway said the cup represents a lot for both sides.

"It's really important, obviously with the Fisher family being a big part of both clubs," he said.

"It's one of those games where everybody lifts a bit extra and there's a bit more meaning to it with the cup and the presentations and everything afterwards."

The rivalry is born out of proximity, with just a 15-minute

drive separating the two teams, and Ridgway believes that plays a big part in the hype behind the contest, particularly with the younger players.

"If you look at the Renmark and Waikerie rivalry compared to the Berri and Barmera one, and Loxton versus Loxton North is probably pretty similar, but the kids all go to school together," he said.

"The young fellas can be best mates but to come up against

each other in a Fisher Cup or a Proud Cup, it gives that little bit of extra mayo on it that the kids love and get up for.

"It's big as well because we get a lot of the old timers come in and have a look, which reminds everyone how important these games are."

"It's good for us. We've beaten them twice this year but now there's probably a bit more pressure on us to come up with the goods."

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Barmera-Monash utility Tomas Eleftheriadis (right) lays a crunching tackle on Berri's Rory Correll during their round seven clash in Berri. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Loxton welcomes Loxton North to The Precinct this Saturday, when the two sides do battle for the Proud Cup. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Cross-town rivals to

BEN LENNON

THE aptly-named Proud Cup takes centre stage in Loxton this weekend as Loxton North and Loxton clash at The Precinct.

One of the biggest names in the Loxton area, the Proud family is widely renowned as among the most important football families in Riverland memory.

Loxton North had the wood over Loxton across the past decade, before this weekend's host finally regained the cup after five years of trying in a nail-biting win last season.

That victory has lived long in the memory of Loxton skipper Jesse Will, who spoke about his side's ambitions of retaining the trophy in 2022.

"Last year was a good one to get out of the way, because we haven't won heaps in recent years," he said.

"It's one of those games that has a lot of meaning behind it and in terms of this year, we're looking to win it back again."

"In the context of our season it's a big game as well, with three teams there fighting for second spot at the moment."

"We want to make sure our last few games get us ready for finals."

Loxton North heads into the clash having not won an A grade match since 2019 when it bowed out in the first semi-final.

The Panthers are languishing in last place but for Will and the Tigers, they know the importance of never underestimating their local rivals.

Roos raring to go in do-or-die clash

BEN LENNON

WHILE Berri heads in as favourite, the pressure is far from off the Roos, with the Lakeside team having endured a difficult 2022 that sees them outside of the top four.

Barmera-Monash's only wins have come against Loxton North, something that skipper Sam Butterworth is hoping to change when his side welcomes Berri this weekend.

"It's massive for us really and if we can get this win it might give us a chance to sneak back in there," he said.

"It's really the last effort we've got to be able to make finals, so we'll be giving every little bit that we can to get the win."

Butterworth is approaching 130 games for the Roos and has plenty of experience on the big stage, playing for West Adelaide and various zone and representative sides throughout his career.

He knows from experience how important the match is to the community and

spoke about the extra importance the players place on it each year.

"We come up to this game every year and you think you need to give it that bit extra to get everything you can out of everyone to get across the line," he said.

"It's the same both ways as well. They do the same and there's always that little bit extra in the contest, so for sure everyone is going to do everything they can to get the win."

If Barmera-Monash is to stand a chance at winning, Butterworth is sure to be at the heart of its chances, with the classy utility a key part of the side's ball movement abilities.

Alongside him will be Mason Middleton and Jake Smith, after the pair recently returned to the Barmera-Monash line-up.

Berri has similarly welcomed back some key cogs in its machine, with Peter Safralidis and Brody Thompson back to full fitness following stints out with injury prior to the bye.



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The two sides sit at opposite ends of the RFL A grade table, but neither camp is willing to rule out an upset on such a big stage.

play for pride and points at The Precinct

"Even though we were favourites coming into last year's game, North showed that in a game like that it's about having that next level of energy, so it's always a close game," he said.

"One of our big things is we always respect our opponents regardless of ladder positions, and in the RFL it doesn't take much to give the other side a bit of a sniff."

"We know that if we play our best type of footy though, we're definitely tough to beat."

North coach Brett Tschirpig echoed Will's sentiment, detailing his side's readiness to take on the



Loxton supporters will be hoping star utility Luke Harder is fit and firing for this weekend's clash.

Tigers this weekend.

"With the Proud Cup, there's always a bit more on the line," he said.

"As a playing group, it definitely gets people a bit more fired up."

"Loxton and Loxton North games can vary a fair bit. It doesn't really matter who's where on the ladder and hopefully we can prove that this year."

Despite a lack of wins on the field in the A grade, Tschirpig remains adamant that things are going in the right direction at Loxton North.

"We were really good against Berri and then probably a bit

sloppy against Barmera in the one we thought we should win," he said.

"But the vibe around the club is great. We've got good numbers and our functions are going really well, so we've just got to stick at it as a group."

With the Panthers no longer in finals contention, Tschirpig believes the Proud Cup represents a chance for his side to taste success in 2022.

"It's obviously a bigger game with a bit more on it," he said, "so we would like to win that bit of silverware and put it back in our cabinet, for sure."



Panthers backman Jack Obst has been in stellar form this season and will need to be at his best if his side is able to overcome the odds.

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ZONE QUARTET:
The Riverland quartet of Shay Hawkins (left), Sam Butterworth, Tim and Dan Woolford represented the Eastern zone side at last weekend's country championships in Whyalla.
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Riverlanders star at country champs

BEN LENNON

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Players from Berri, Barmera-Monash and Renmark helped the Eastern zone men's team to a fourth-placed finish, winning its first match of the carnival in years against South East on Saturday.

The Eastern men's side was made up predominantly of Hills players, but four Riverlanders featured, namely Berri's Shay Hawkins, Renmark brothers Tim and Dan Woolford, and Barmera-Monash skipper Sam Butterworth.

Tim Woolford captained the side and was selected at rover in the Team of the Championships after performing well across the weekend.

Butterworth heralded the performance of Tim and his fellow Riverlanders in what was a grueling weekend of footy.

"We all definitely did our part and Tim played some great footy, which showed in his selection there," he said.

"For the four of us, we did pretty well."

"It's a really good experience and it's a good thing to do through your footy career."

"To play with people of that sort of experience, it's pretty amazing."

"It's good to get to know a few of these guys and when you make these kinds of connections in footy, it could go anywhere."

Named alongside Tim in the Team of the Championships was former Renmark Rover Jed Woolford, who is of no relation to the current Rover Woolford boys.

After its seven-point win over the South East side, East lost a close one against Central that kept it out of top-two contention.

The following day brought with it a playoff match against Eyre Peninsula and the Riverland boys took centre stage.

Tim Woolford and Hawkins were named in the best players, but Eyre Peninsula proved too strong, running out 56-point victors.

South East went on to win the tournament, while Southern emerged victorious in the women's competition.

Meanwhile, two Riverlanders represented the zone in the women's competition, with Amy Shapley and Jessica Linsell selected in the Eastern team that finished fifth overall.

Day one brought two losses for the women, but the side was able to claim victory in the final round against Eyre Peninsula, ending the carnival on a positive note.

Shapley was able to jag a goal in the second match of the tournament against Central, with her expertise on show from the pocket as she slotted home a highlight-reel major.



Renmark brothers Tim (left) and Dan Woolford shone for the Eastern zone side at last weekend's country championships in Whyalla, with Tim selected in the team of the tournament. PHOTOS: Robert Woodland



Berri star Shay Hawkins (left) also featured prominently, excelling in his role on the wing for the Eastern zone team.

Juniors taste interleague action

BEN LENNON

INTERLEAGUE action hit the Riverland last Saturday when the cream of the Riverland junior football crop took on the Barossa Light and Gawler sides at Berri Oval.

The RFL fielded three teams, one each in the under 13, under 15 and under 18 age groups, with the latter picking up the region's only win for the day.

Coach of the winning Riverland side, Chris Marks, had plenty of talent at his disposal, with the under 18s littered with some of the best players from the weekly junior competition.

Among them was Berri star Rory Moroney, who has featured prominently for Berri's A grade in 2022 under coach Clint Ridgway.

He was named in the best players on the weekend, alongside Loxton North junior and captain of the side Ethan Wagner.

Renmark's Nicholas Stockman helped himself to four goals in a dominant display, while Jonty Koehne of Loxton North also booted two majors.

RFL junior co-ordinator Nigel Dillon

deemed the day a "success" and highlighted the efforts of the under 18s.

"It means that our junior program is in really good hands at the moment," he said.

"It's the second year in a row we've managed to win the 18s game, so even though we didn't get the results in the 13s and 15s, it shows that the work we're putting in is paying off."

The under 13s were bested comfortably on the scoreboard, but coach Brandon Williss said the result "failed to reflect the team's performance".

Renmark junior and team vice-captain Noah Martinson was named best in the clash, while skipper Thomas Meaney of Loxton North was also prominent in the loss.

The under 15s fared better on the scoreboard, with the side going down by just under six goals to the strong BLG outfit.

The Riverland goals were shared between Koen Serafin (Loxton North), Lucas White (Renmark) and Hunta Westcott (Barmera-Monash), with the latter two named among the best players on the day.

Renmark's Charlie Goodman captained the side, while vice-captain Liam Watson of Berri was named best for the Riverland on



The victorious Riverland under 18s side. Standing (from left): Matt Meaney (team manager), Tim Jackson (assistant coach), Peter Jarvis (trainer), Rory Moore, Cohen Harris, Luke Zdanowicz, Campbell Marks, Liam Harrington, Tyler Hobby, Alex Curtis, Jonty Koehne, Naish Andrews, Corey Daniels, Kade Hilton, Ethan Wagner (captain), Mitchell Foulds, Reece Curtis, Jack Meaney, Darcy Orr, Chris Marks (coach) and Dave Whitbourne (runner). Kneeling: Dylan Petch, Deegan Rothe, Rory Moroney, Ayden Scordo, Dan Westley and Nick Stockman. PHOTO: Facebook

his home deck.

RESULTS

Under 13

Riverland 0.1 (1) lost to Barossa Light and Gawler 8.3 (51)

Riverland best - N. Martinson, D. Marks, C. Kruger, T. Meaney, J. Norman, H. Radolovic-Tripodi.

Under 15

Riverland 3.7 (25) lost to Barossa Light and Gawler 9.4 (58)

Riverland best - L. Watson, K. Evans, C. Goodman, F. Dillon, H. Westcott, I. Morgan.

Riverland goals - L. White, H. Westcott, K. Serafin.

Under 18

Riverland 9.10 (64) d Barossa Light and Gawler 8.7 (55)

Riverland best - E. Wagner, N. Stockman, C. Marks, R. Moroney, D. Westley, A. Curtis.

Riverland goals - N. Stockman 4, J. Koehne 2, R. Moroney, C. Marks, K. Hilton.

Charlton's SA country honour

BEN LENNON

THE six Riverland footballers selected to represent the Eastern zone side at last weekend's country championships were not the only locals in action in Whyalla.

Veteran umpire Todd Charlton was also in the thick of things and managed to pick up an impressive accolade along the way, selected to officiate in the 2022 country championships grand final.

The umpires for the concluding match of the tournament are chosen by a host of experienced state-level umpires, and Charlton's inclusion was something of a surprise to the 53-year old.

"There were 18 umpires there and I was fortunate enough to get selected for the grand final with a couple of younger Barossa umpires," he said.

"At my age, to get that opportunity, it was really appreciated but probably a bit unexpected as well..."

Games were split into two 25-minute halves, meaning two



Local umpire Todd Charlton at last weekend's titles.

country championships matches roughly equated to one full-length RFL A grade fixture.

This, coupled with an enhanced fitness regime in the past few years, meant that despite umpiring multiple games across the two days, Charlton was still feeling good by the end of the weekend.

"The body came up really good actually," he said.

"It's been a bit of a goal of mine to umpire at the championships again so I've worked hard

to get my fitness up to that level."

Charlton said that one of the biggest reasons behind his desire to umpire at the championship was the chance to be able to umpire in unfamiliar territory.

"The quickness of the ball is a big difference and having only two 25-minute halves, they were going pretty hard so the quality of football was excellent," he said.

"It was actually a lot easier to umpire because, unfortunately, when people know who you are it makes it a bit harder because of some of the abuse."

"It's definitely hard to go and umpire with umpires you've never umpired with before, because everyone does things a little differently."

"But, I really enjoyed being able to go away and pick a few things up that I can bring back to our group here in the Riverland."

Now home in the Riverland, Charlton has turned his attention to the pointy end of the RFL season, as competition resumes this Saturday.

Morrell heads Barmera qualifiers

EARLY-morning golfer Matthew Morrell has made a dawn raid on the Barmera Golf Club championships by qualifying top for the matchplay play-offs.

Morrell carded rounds of 75 and 78 to finish eight shots ahead of the reigning champion Greg Shields.

Three players who were classified as B grade players – Steve Stavrou, Tim Wood and Stephen Knight – have all qualified for the play-offs.

Stavrou upstaged some of the big guns by posting scores of 76 and 85 to qualify third ahead of Tyson Swanbury, and the Johns brothers, Doug and Peter.

Kevin Martin has qualified top in B grade, which was for players with handicaps 9-17.

Brian Finn has also made the cut after returning from a knee replacement. In a photo finish Trevor Hansen took the last spot in the final eight on a countback from his arch rival Terry Fisher.

Fisher has raised concerns about Hansen's putting and is considering a protest. Hansen has had his troubles on the green over the years and has long used a broom stick putter similar to Adam Scott.

Fisher is questioning reports that Hansen has allegedly one-putted sev-

eral holes during his 87 off the stick.

"That just can't be right, can it?" Fisher asked. "We need to verify that."

In C grade 16-year-old Andy Kariuki qualified top with 183, two ahead of the in-form Mohinder Ubhey.

Local football legend and lung transplant survivor Glenn Millard squeaked into the play-offs with 190. Millard was a noted finals performer in his footballing days and will take on another former local football star in Nev Hamood, who has taken up golf late in life and continues to improve.

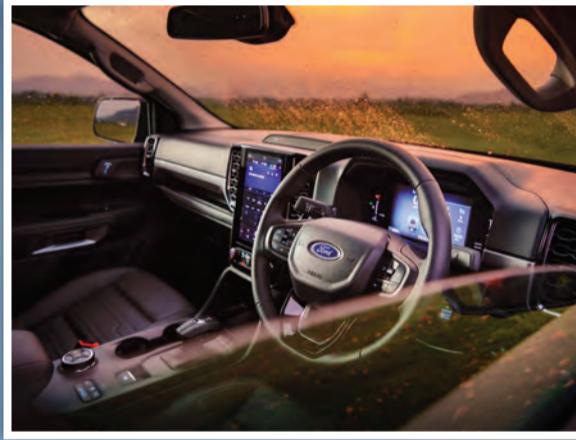
In the re-introduced handicap D grade championship, Andy's father John Kanyi qualified along with Gus White, Peter Thompson and local thespian John Dawes.

A grade qualifiers: M. Morrell 75-78, G. Shield 79-82, S. Stavrou 76-85, T. Swanbury 82-80, T. Wood 80-82, D. Johns 75-87, P. Johns 85-79, S. Knight 83-84.

B grade: K. Martin 83-86, T. Graetz 83-87, G. Blythman 86-85, P. Ashton 90-82, B. Finn 84-91, P. Keane 90-85, N. McPherson 87-88, T. Hansen 87-92.

C grade: A. Kariuki 92-91, M. Ubhey 91-94, N. Hamood 89-97, N. Jones 100-90, B. Mudge 96-94, G. Millard 94-96, Neville Kelton 93-98, Ian Girdler 96-98.

D grade: G. White 76-80, J. Kanyi 82-76, P. Thompson 82-78, J. Dawes 81-81.



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ROOS AIM TO END BERRI'S BIG RUN

UNDEFEATED Berri is aiming for its fourth consecutive RWFL premiership this weekend, when it takes on challenger Barmera-Monash in the 2022 grand final.

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Berri's Paris Tieste (left) and Barmera-Monash skipper Jessica Linsell are set to play vital roles in this weekend's RWFL decider.
PHOTO: Deirdre Graham.



Barmera-Monash star Sam Butterworth was one of six Riverland footballers representing the Eastern zone at last weekend's SA country championships. PHOTO: Robert Woodland

Locals on the big stage

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