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Fatality on Marysville-Buxton Road

A VEHICLE incident occurred on Marysville-Buxton Road on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 15.

The people involved in the vehicle incident were identified the following day. The driver who passed away was a 62 year old from the Benalla area. The passenger was a 23 year old, also from Benalla. The passenger was airlifted to Melbourne following a long extraction effort. The passenger is not believed to have suffered any broken bones or lacerations, but was under observation and needed to be checked for soft-tissue internal injuries.

The truck had been travelling along Marysville-Buxton Road towards Marysville and went off the road to the left on a slight right hand bend and hit a tree. The vehicle is not believed to have jack-knifed, but the trailer came around to the side of the truck during the collision with the tree. The incident occurred just after 1pm.

Both the truck and the 'dog' were full of gravel, so an excavator was needed to remove the rubble. The truck and trailer also needed to be put back on their wheels.

The emergency services would like to thank Marysville District Towing and Buxton Excavations and Gravel Supplies for their assistance, professionalism, and advice.

Local SES, CFA and MICA ambulances attended the scene, along with police from Marysville, Eildon, Alexandra and the Mansfield Highway Patrol. Sgt Martin McLachlan from the Mansfield Police commented on how well the groups worked together.

A section of the road was closed shortly after the collision for emergency services to attend. Unfortunately, the collision was not survivable for the driver, so the immediate focus of the emergency services was on the extraction of the passenger. They were very careful during this process as they didn't want the passenger further injured. The extraction took around two hours.

The road was under management from around 1pm until midnight, a total of around 11 hours.

It was noted that the weather was bad at the time, and as a general warning, people are reminded to drive to the conditions.

The exact cause of the crash will be investigated. The police will prepare a report for the Coroner.

Police have asked that anyone who witnessed the incident, has dash cam footage or any other information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report at crimestoppersvic.com.au



Two of the emergency vehicles at the scene. -S



Some of the heavy haulage brought in to assist in clearing the road following the rescue operation. The truck involved in the incident is not visible in this image. -S

The long term rental crisis

MUCH of Australia is facing a crisis in long term rental availability, with many blaming the boom in short term accommodation. The lack of long term rentals has a significant impact in attracting workers to the area.

Some councils have been taking action to reduce the numbers and maintain some control of the short stay market.

In Mornington Shire, neighbours are telling council of suspected short-stay accommodation locations which are not registered, for \$300 per year, with the shire. The registration includes codes of conduct, and was first introduced in 2018. People found to be flouting the rule are being fined \$1000.

Brisbane City Council are also lifting rates for short-term rental properties by 50 per cent, in an encouragement for properties to be returned to the long term rental market.

Asked whether Murrindindi Shire Council is considering any changes regarding short stay accommodation, council CEO Livia Bonazzi said, "Unlike Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, we do not require owners of self-contained short-stay rental properties, like houses, cabins or apartments, to register their property with council.

"We understand that Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has introduced a Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law in order to ensure property owners are responsible for controlling the conduct of occupants of short stay rental accommodation. We are not aware of any issues in this regard which would warrant such a step within Murrindindi Shire.

"More broadly, there are housing shortages across Victoria. Murrindindi Shire is an area of significant interest for people looking to live and work in the region as well as visit and this is generating pressure to provide appropriate land to enable sustainable residential growth.

"Properties that are known to provide short stay rentals attract a higher commercial rate as they are considered commercial endeavours.

"One of council's important functions is to advocate on behalf of our community. We are actively advocating to the Victorian Government for assistance with strategic planning to create sustainable development opportunities and address the shortage and affordability of housing. We will continue our advocacy efforts on these issues, as it is crucial to the prosperity of our community and our shire."

Assistant Commissioner Road Policing, Glenn Weir said, "We are entering a high-risk period on Victorian roads that saw 18 lives lost last year. Now is not the time to be complacent when getting behind the wheel.

"Slowing down, remaining alert and being extra cautious when roads are wet or visibility is affected are simple, but life-saving measures all motorists can take to protect themselves and other road users.

"Police will remain highly visible and on the lookout for any risky driver behaviour. We are determined to do everything we can to ensure this period does not become synonymous with road trauma."

Police issue warning to motorists

VICTORIA Police have issued a critical road safety alert as the state enters an especially high-risk period for death and serious injury.

Eighteen lives were lost in just two weeks at the same time last year and police are concerned about a repeat, especially as winter weather reduces visibility and creates hazardous driving conditions.

The alert comes as four lives were lost on Victorian roads on June 15 and 16, including a fatal collision in Buxton.

It brings the state's total lives lost to 113, 18 higher than the same time last year.

Distraction and speed were last year cited as the most common underlying factors in

fatal crashes during the period of concern, spanning from June 19 to July 4.

Speed was a contributor in a third of the collisions, with vehicles failing to negotiate the road at speed and collisions with other vehicles at speed the most common.

A quarter of fatalities involved pedestrians, with poor visibility the major contributor.

Collisions between motor vehicles and motorcycles resulted in three fatalities during the period.

Distraction and fatigue were also suspected in several of the fatalities, with some drivers drifting on to the wrong side

of the road and colliding with trees or other vehicles.

Police are determined to avoid a repeat of these concerning road trauma trends and are urging motorists to take extra care.

Their plea follows a statewide road policing operation over the Queen's Birthday long weekend which detected more than 5000 traffic offences.

Police will remain highly visible across the state's roads as the school holiday period kicks off next week.

For more information and tips for staying safe on the roads visit the Road Safety page on the Victoria Police website.

Landcare grants available

LANDCARE Australia and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are partnering for a fifth year for the 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants.

Victorian schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, Scouts, Girl Guides, youth and Junior Landcare groups are invited to

apply for grants that provide up to \$5000 for projects focused on Victoria's biodiversity. The grants provide funding of up to \$450,000.

Delivered through Landcare Australia's Junior Landcare program, the grants provide young people with the opportunity to engage in biodiversity focused outdoor, hands-on projects or learning activities that provide both environmental and educational outcomes, as well as health and social benefits.

The grants also contribute to the targets of *Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037*, the Victorian Government's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment.

"The Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants play a vital role in empowering young people to take

meaningful action for the safe future of their environment," Dr Shane Norrish, Landcare Australia CEO said.

"Through their projects, children are able to develop skills, share knowledge, create experiences and foster connections with place and community."

Project ideas include giving young Victorians the opportunity to get their hands dirty planting an indigenous garden to create habitat for native birds and insects, working in collaboration with a local Landcare group. Biodiversity focused incursions or excursions, and citizen science projects are also eligible.

Since the Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants were first introduced in 2018, 461 projects have received \$1.68 million in funding from the program.

Grant applications close on Tuesday, August 9. For more information or to apply for a grant, visit juniorlandcare.org.au/grant/2022-victorian-junior-landcare-and-biodiversity-grants/

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WEEKLY

Tues Art Group Eildon (Alex Tennis Rooms) 10am-3pm Ph 5773 2306

Tue Seniors Carpet Bowls 1.15pm
Wed Social Bowls 11am Alexandra Bowls Club Ph 5772 1150
Thu Take off weight naturally 5.45pm 5773 2427
Fri Seniors Social Club 1pm
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Sun Alonon Recovery Phone 0402 428 086
Sun Alex & Dist Dog Obedience, training, Ph 5772 1057
Thu 7.30-10pm SES, SES/CFA complex Ph 0418 576 666
Fri Community 10am-12pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

MONTHLY

1st Wed Alexandra Lions dinner meet, Corner Hotel 0427 595 318
1st Sat Alexandra Quilters RSL Hall 10am-4pm Ph 5772 3257
1st Sun Crop/Producer swap 10.30am-noon @ Embassy of Ideas
2nd Tue Alexandra District Garden Society Meeting Ph 5772 2285
2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm
2nd Sat Alexandra Market - at Station Street Ph 0427 509 988
2nd Sat Alex Repair Cafe 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
2nd Sat Murrindindi Men 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
3rd Wed Alex Lions business meeting, near RSL, hall 0427 595 318
3rd Thu Alexandra Ladies Probus Club 10am RSL Ph 5772 2948
3rd Thu Community Potluck dinner 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas
3rd Sun Alexandra RSL, CLOSED due to COVID, Ph 0408 980 913
4th Tue Yarck CWA Meeting, 10.30am Yarck Hall
4th Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm
4th Thu Alexandra Redgate CWA Meeting 1pm, Ph 0402 804 517
Last Fri Carers Group walk 9.45am @ Rotary Park, 0418 402 455

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For a \$5 annual fee for one line, your club or organisation's regular meeting dates will be listed each week. Not only is this a reminder to your regular members but also a good source of what groups are available in the community, when they meet and a contact phone number.

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Letters published are the opinion of the writer and not necessarily the opinion of **Alexandra Newspapers**

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Weekly Weather
June 22, to June 28, 2022

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	4	11	Wednesday	4	12
Thursday	8	12	Thursday	8	13
Friday	7	11	Friday	6	11
Saturday	4	11	Saturday	4	12
Sunday	7	11	Sunday	6	11
Monday	4	11	Monday	4	11
Tuesday	3	11	Tuesday	3	11

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	12.00pm Mon	0.86*	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	12.00pm Mon	0.64	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	12.46pm Mon	0.87	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	10.48am Mon	0.35	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	12.53pm Mon	0.60	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	12.46pm Mon	0.88	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	3.39	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.56*	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	12.00pm Mon	1.05*	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallaroak	11.45am Mon	0.34*	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	1.00pm Mon	1.37	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	12.48pm Mon	0.80	steady	

*ISSUED AT 1.15PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022**

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra*	N/Amm
Buxton	8.5mm
Eildon (AWS)	11mm
Flowerdale	14mm
Kinglake	27mm
Lake Eildon	14mm
Marysville	N/Amm
Straith Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	18mm
Yarck	13mm
Yea	8mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	283.66m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	80.2%
Metres below full supply	5.24m
Daily inflow	6415ML
Release	400ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	59%



THUMBS UP: A big thank you to all the wonderful school council parents at Alexandra Primary School for their continuing support, helping to clean the school, and the students and teachers for helping as well. Having the students help is teaching them to have pride in their school. I can't believe that people out of work are not applying for this cleaner position.

THUMBS UP: Thank you Bev Dick for all the little cartoons you put in the Alexandra Standard. I look forward to seeing what you do each week or when you put them in.

THUMBS UP: As the staff at FoodWorks are always getting a mention for their wonderful customer service, a suggestion for FoodWorks: an Employee of the Month award with a photo at the front of the shop with who it is.

THUMBS DOWN: Why is the Murrindindi Shire making it so hard for people to get permits. They should be helping people to get businesses going. Our town should be going forwards not backwards.

THUMBS UP: Congratulations to Helen Haines in the recent election. I'm hoping she can still have an office in Alexandra where people can see her face to face with ongoing issues.

THUMBS DOWN: To the person or people who chose to dump their garden waste (yukka plants) beside the CFA water tank in Crystal Creek Road. It is not the place for that. Murrindindi Shire offers free green waste disposal at the recycle centre, so take your waste to the appropriate spot and not in the bush.

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Hedger Constructions nominated

HEDGER Constructions have been nominated for the Master Builders Association of Victoria (MBAV) Building Excellence Awards 2022.

The MBAV Building Excellence Awards are held annually and celebrate the exceptional craftsmanship and achievements of Master Builders throughout Victoria.

In the Regional Building Award category, Hedger Constructions are nominated for Best Custom Home \$1m to \$2m and Best Custom Home Over \$2m.

The property nominated for the Best Custom Home Over \$2m Award is known as Cathedral Nest, a modern farmhouse located in Thornton. Utilising a myriad of recycled and sustainable materials, Cathedral Nest has a rustic appeal and showcases sweeping vistas of the Cathedral Ranges.

The expansive five bedroom, five ensuite residence takes full advantage of the views to the surrounding ranges from every angle and utilise recycled materials wherever possible. The clients also desired a timeless home that would embrace both an indoor and outdoor lifestyle, providing ample space for entertaining in style, irrespective of the season.

Hedger Constructions have won over 30 Master Builders Association Awards, including multiple Regional Builder of the Year wins.

Murrindindi records drop in crime rate

THE Crime Statistics Agency (CSA) Victorian crime statistics for the year ended March 31, 2022 show the rate of recorded offences decreasing by 11.9 per cent to 7,048.2 per 100,000 Victorians in the last 12 months.

Murrindindi reflected the trend recording 531 offences and a rate of 3545.5 per 100,000 population members, an overall drop of 19.9 per cent.

Locally in the 12 months to March 31, 2022 the alleged offender incidents decreased to 292 in the last 12 months, as did the rate down to 1949.7 per 100,000.

In Alexandra the criminal incidents for the past 12 months were 86, compared to 131 in the previous year. Yea recorded 49 incidents compared with 66, Eildon 63 (65), Kinglake 47 (54) and Flowerdale 32 (48).

The victimisation rate decreased to 314 and family incidents to 229. All property and deception offence subdivisions decreased in the last 12 months.

CSA Chief Statistician Fiona Dowsley said that changes to COVID-19 responses have resulted in fewer breaches of Chief Health Officer direction offences, driving offences down in the last 12 months.

"Decreases in acquisitive crime such as thefts and deception have also contributed to decreases in key crime measures, following trends seen throughout the pandemic period," Ms Dowsley said.

The CSA data is based on incidents recorded on the Victoria Police database.

Declaration of the poll in Indi

HELEN Haines was officially declared the re-elected Independent Federal Member for Indi by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in Wangaratta on Tuesday, June 14.

It marks the final step in the 2022 federal election in Indi, where Dr Haines was re-elected with a 7.46 per cent swing towards her.

Dr Haines won the final two candidate preferred vote with 58.9 per cent of the vote, while Liberal candidate Ross Lyman finished with 41.1 per cent of the two candidate preferred vote.

Dr Haines received 40.69 per cent of the primary vote,

the highest number of first preferences ever received by an independent candidate in Indi, with more than 41,000 people marking a 'one' next to her name on the ballot paper. She received more first preference votes than any other candidate.

"It is an honour to be re-elected as the Federal Independent Member for Indi, to serve and represent everyone across this beautiful electorate," Dr Haines said.

"I am committed to delivering for each and every one of the people of Indi, no matter who they voted for. We are facing some of the most difficult, complex and challenging situations in Australia and I am

committed to speaking up for what we need and finding real solutions to our problems.

"Work has already started on the issues the people of Indi have told me are vital, integrity in politics, health care in our region, action on climate change and support for affordable housing and with cost-of-living pressures."

Dr Haines acknowledged the other candidates in the election and their teams of volunteers.

"It is a huge thing to put your hand up to represent your electorate, and a lot of work to mount a campaign. Everyone comes with the goal of making life better for those around them and to participate in the

democratic process and that is something to be proud of."

Dr Haines acknowledged the staff of the AEC for their work on the election.

"Thank you to Jenny Essex and her whole team at the AEC here. The work they do is tremendous and important. The AEC makes our democracy possible, and this election posed many new challenges."

Following on from Independent Member for Indi Cathy McGowan, the re-election of Dr Haines is the fourth time the people of Indi have chosen to be represented by an Independent voice in federal parliament.

Former cop looks to officer well being

FORMER Alexandra police officer, Mick Cummins, has featured in a new podcast produced by Police Veterans Victoria (PVV).

The podcast, or *Podcast* as it is known, is a series by Police Veterans Victoria that dives deep into the lives of police veterans and their families and addressing the struggles that eventually come as a result of being in the job.

The podcast takes its name from Mr Plod, the police officer of Toyland, who appeared in *Noddy's Toyland Adventures*. His catchphrase is "Halt [or Stop], in the name of Plod!"

In the latest episode Mr Cummins recalls his career from the time he joined the police force in December 1976 at 19, including his time when he was stationed at Alexandra from 1985 to 2020.

He describes his time in the district as some of the best years in his career having transferred from the city to a more community focussed country life.

"It was a great place for our family and my wife and children became closely involved with life in Alexandra," he said.

His time with Victoria Police took him to all corners of the world, often during periods of long service leave, to Iraq and parts of Europe.

Mr Cummins talked extensively on the cost to the mental wellbeing of many police officers a situation that eventually led him to become one of the founding members of the Victoria Police Retired Peer Support Program.

"What Mick helped create would become the foundation of everything PVV is today, and we couldn't be more thankful for him," a PVV spokesperson said.

To listen to the podcast, visit anchor.fm/police-veterans-vic/episodes



Alexandra Rotary were fortunate to have Councillor Damien Gallagher as their guest speaker on Wednesday, June 15. Damien spoke about his career and aim to serve the community. He then answered questions from the group. Damien generously stayed to discuss issues after the meeting. He is pictured here with Rotarian Lynda Robinson. -S

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Out & About

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Glenburn Rural Fire Brigade Biennial General Meeting and election of office bearers will be held tonight, June 22, at 7.30pm at Glenburn Fire Station. Nominations can be lodged with the secretary by 4pm Monday, June 6, kab3974@gmail.com

A community meeting will be held on June 25, at 10am to discuss incorporating and restarting the Yea Pony Club. Full details are available or to book a seat contact Judith on 0437 800 308 or Chelsea on 0417 177 242.

Marysville Lantern Parade will be held on June 25 from 5.30pm around the lake. All invited. Rug up with a warm coat, hat and gloves. Hot soup will be available, and there will be performers in the park.

Free hula hoop circus skills workshop will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 10.30am at the Alexandra Shire Hall. To register scan the bar code in this edition of the paper or call the council on 5772 0333.

Bill relief for low income Victorians

THE Victorian Government is helping drive down the energy costs of Victorians most in need with the bill busting \$250 Power Saving Bonus.

400,000 vulnerable Victorians have already applied for the \$250 Power Saving Bonus, totalling \$100 million in payments.

Eligible concession card holders have until July 1 to access the current Power Saving Bonus. People will need to visit the Victorian Energy Compare site to find a better deal, before they can apply for the new bonus payment.

User data shows that seven out of 10 users can save money by switching energy offers, with typical annual savings of \$330 in the first year of switching alone. Combined with the two Power Saving Bonuses, Victorian households could be up to \$830 better off.

Victorian households and businesses are also able to reduce their energy bill and usage thanks to the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program, providing both households and businesses with upfront incentives to switch to energy efficient.

Households are eligible for low-cost-to-free VEU products such as energy efficient lighting, door and window sealing, efficient hot water and heating systems, and in-home displays for real-time energy usage data.

In addition, the government's Solar Homes program offers households and businesses discounted solar panels, hot water, batteries and efficient heating and cooling.

Those finding it tough to pay energy bills may also be able to take advantage of the energy concessions program, utility relief grant scheme, Payment Difficulty Framework and Victorian Default Offer.

Victorians who do not have access to a computer or the internet can call the Victorian Energy Compare helpline on 1800 000 832 or receive support from a community outreach partners.

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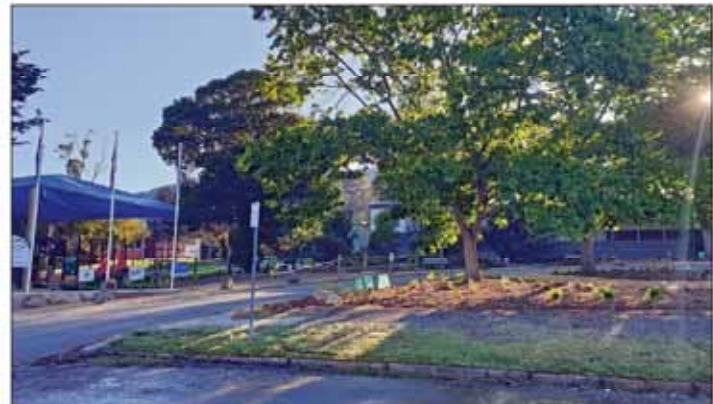
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Calling community-minded gardeners



THE Buxton Progress Association (BPA) is looking for people to help maintain the gardens at the Buxton Memorial Hall and are asking the community to get involved. It is hoped a roster of community minded gardeners can be established to undertake routine upkeep of the garden area, which was recently extended as part of installing the new flagpoles outside the school gate.

The BPA is the committee of management for the hall reserve and relies on volunteers for most of the effort involved in maintaining the grounds. Despite what a lot of people believe, the hall is not a council facility and is not financially supported by council. While

Murrindindi Shire work crews help with mowing around the hall, on an as-needed basis, the gardens have traditionally been looked after by one of the BPA members.

The BPA intends to continue to undertake working bees for larger works but hopes a small hand of people can help with regular upkeep, including watering and weeding, throughout the year. Guidance on required work will be provided by the hall manager.

If you have some time to spare and a passion for gardening, your help is needed. Email buxton.progress@yahoo.com.au

Alexandra Seniors report

by Philip Smith

THE bridge players started the week on Monday as usual and had such a good time they decided to play again on Wednesday. On Tuesday, bowls proceeded at a snail's pace with each end being won by one shot. Unfortunately for Joyce's yellow team they only won one end, going down 6-1 to Roma's blacks.

Friday's social meeting saw the Trading Table with its usual array of goodies; mainly food, that was soon cleaned out. It was lovely to have Jean back on deck and looking great after her tour of some of the local hospitals. It certainly didn't take her long to win at the UNO table.

The only item on the agenda was confirmation of arrangements for the trip to Healesville RSL for the Neil Diamond show on July 12. Jokester David once again weaved his story telling magic with material supplied by Roma, Joan and Jean. Ron spun the wheel and Mary, Stefanie and Phil got lucky.

With all that done, the members moved on to the lunch room for afternoon tea. The usual array of good stuff was soon devoured and the Card Sharks got down to business. Out in the hall with the UNOists the hilarity continued at its normal level. All in all a good day was had by everyone.

If you are at all interested in an intense game of cards or a fun game of carpet bowls or UNO, get in touch with Gai or Phil on 0429 590 076 and they will happily set you in the right direction.

Packed in: In the Amazon Rainforest, 2.5 square kilometres can be home to 3000 species of tree.

Useless information 1: Until the 16th century, carrots were black, green, red and purple. A Dutch horticulturalist then discovered a mutant yellow seed that produced an orange colour.

Useless information 2: Proportionally speaking, the Earth is smoother than a billiard ball.

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Early childhood education overhaul

THE state government will deliver a largescale overhaul of early childhood education and care, with a \$9 billion investment over the next decade to save families money and to support women returning to the workforce.

The typical household is spending up to 20 per cent of their income to cover these ever increasing costs of childcare are just stifling family budgets.

The childcare system is not supporting working families. More dads are staying at home with the kids than ever before, ultimately, it's still mums who do the lion's share of childcare. Having mothers stay home because of the current system is bad for the state as the economy lacks these women's skills and experience. Lack of access to childcare takes almost 26,600 women entirely out of the workforce in Victoria and costs the economy \$1.5 billion per year in lost earnings alone.

When federal childcare subsidies go down as household income goes up, it makes many families conclude that taking on extra work just doesn't add up when you must pay higher childcare fees. Being a stay at home parent is a legitimate choice as a family decides but it should never be based because of the current childcare system.

The Victorian Government announced that it will expand the Best Start, Best Life program with three major new initiatives being making kinder free across the state, delivering a new year of universal pre-prep for four year olds and establishing 50 government operated childcare centres.

From 2023, any family with a three or four year old will pay nothing for kinder which is a saving of up to \$2500 per child every year.

Three year old kinder is already rolling out across the state, expanding universal access to 15 hours of government funded kinder every week and from next year, it will be free.

Four year old kinder will also be free, providing much needed relief for family

budgets and giving more women a choice to return to the workforce.

With 90 per cent of a child's brain developing before the age of five, early education has a profound effect on the way children develop. Over the next decade, four year old kinder will transition to pre-prep which will increase to a universal 30 hour a week program of play-based learning for every four year old child in Victoria. Pre-prep will be delivered through kinder and long day care centres, creating a high quality, universal program to give four year old kids the opportunity to socialise and learn through play.

It's not just childcare costs that are holding back women and their families. Childcare is difficult to access with some families signing up on waitlists as soon as they find out they're pregnant.

The federal government is introducing better childcare subsidies for families that taper off less drastically as household income increases. In conjunction with the proposed changes, and to help address the current shortage of available childcare places, the Victorian Government will establish 50 government owned and affordable integrated childcare centres in areas to deliver childcare, kinder and pre-prep. The first of these centres will open from 2025.

The aim is to have the centres be located along with schools to avoid the double drop off, and alongside hospitals, TAFEs and major employers to create convenient access for working parents.

Not every parent has a Monday to Friday, nine to five jobs. Hospitality and healthcare will have more options now with extended childcare centre hours and weekend availabilities to support these needs. Having these centres will make it easier for families to access childcare and with low fees, they'll also make it more affordable meaning it's easier for women to return to work when and however much they want to.



The June Rotary wood raffle was drawn by Gloria Walter, pictured here with Ian and Helen Gibb. It was won by Linda Carter of Alexandra and given to her daughter. -S



Tibetan-Australian artists, Tenzin Choegyal, performed a concert at MiRa in Marysville on Monday, June 13. He was a fabulous, soulful performer, and he had the small audience of around 30 people engrossed. -S



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Have you seen Scruff?

SCRUFF is lost. Scruff is an 18 year old deaf dog. He has a white coat with mainly black spots. He was last seen wearing a blue tartan jacket and a blue collar with identification. Scruff has also been microchipped.

Scruff's owners, Paula and husband Andy were camping on Paula's brother's land at the intersection of Skyline Road and Maintongoon Road on Friday, June 10.

When they arrived, Andy let the dogs out of the van for a wee as they'd been travelling for three hours.

Scruff, an elderly dog, was put onto the ground while Andy was just reaching for the lead. Instead of staying where he was meant to, he took off. As it was dark, he got lost.

Andy frantically tried to find him and let all the other people know at the camp site. He searched for four hours, but to no avail.

Scruff's owners have done everything they can think of to find him. You might have seen one of the flyers or Facebook posts about Scruff.

The owners needed to head home on Thursday, June 16. They're devastated that they still haven't been able to find Scruff.

Paula said, "It is so cold, wet and windy, vast native bushland, hills and valleys. We have tried hard to find him, and so has everyone else. Unfortunately, we go

home empty handed. No one has come forward. No phone calls. We've heard nothing since Friday night about him. Today is day seven. He has a coat on but as I said, cold, wet and he's not carrying much weight due to his age.

"We have done everything possible to find him, day and night searching the accessible areas, spotlighting, walking, motorbikes etc. The wind, fog and rain make it impossible.

"The glimmer of light (hope) is slowly fading. If

he was young and fit the outcome would be different, but he's old and frail, forgetful, deaf, partially blind, senile. Age is cruel.

"I haven't given up hope totally but think that I'm kidding myself to think he can survive this. Scruff has been our family dog for so many years. He's always been an escape artist. I was going to call him Houdini."

If you see Scruff, please contact Paula or Andy Teigte on 0437 035 558 or 0414 499 904.



Scruff disappeared near the corner of Skyline Road and Maintongoon Road. -S



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School Crossing Supervisors

Council is looking for School Crossing Supervisors in Alexandra, Eildon and Kinglake to ensure the safety of children and pedestrians crossing the road on their way to and from school. If you enjoy the outdoors and interacting with the public, being a School Crossing Supervisor might be for you.

For more information about these roles and to apply, please visit the 'jobs' section of our website or give us a call.

TURNING THE PAGE - THE FUTURE OF OUR LIBRARIES

Council's Murrindindi Library Service would like to thank community members who shared ideas and provided their feedback to help shape our draft Library Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2026. We received 174 responses to our survey and some great ideas from the community.

We are currently reviewing your feedback and we'll share the draft Library Strategy and Action Plan with the community for further feedback in July. For more information about this project, visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/turning-page

ALEXANDRA ROTARY PARK AND VISITOR ACTIVITY PRECINCT

We're pleased to announce that the Alexandra Rotary Park and Visitor Activity Precinct contract has been awarded, with construction set to commence later this month, weather permitting. Works are expected to take around six months to complete and will involve installation of new play equipment and footpaths, construction of a pump track and landscaping works. We'll try to keep noise and disruptions to a minimum, while ensuring we complete the project quickly and safely. During construction, Rotary Park and Hec Ingram Reserve will be closed to the public - we'll let you know ahead of time when that will occur.

This \$1.725 million project is possible due to the support from Sport and Recreation Victoria and Regional Development Victoria, which have contributed \$250,000 and \$800,000 respectively to supplement Council's \$675,000 investment. We're grateful for their vision and commitment to the redevelopment of the Alexandra Rotary Park and Visitor Activity Precinct.



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FREE HULA HOOP CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

Ever wanted to make your own hula hoop? This school holidays children and their parents/carers are invited to come along to make their very own hula hoop (materials supplied) at the Alexandra Shire Hall. Participants can then take part in a skills session, followed by a group performance at Rotary Park.

Date

Saturday 25 June

Times

Hula Hoop Making - 10.30 am to 12.00 pm
Skills Session - 12.00 noon to 12.30 pm
Performance - 12.30 for 12.45 pm start



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It is recommended that participants wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in. Please, no skirts, zips or jewellery! Bring along a water bottle to have during the class. This is a nut free event.

This workshop is supported by funding from the Victorian Government's COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund 2021



COVID-19 rule changes

AS part of Victoria's ongoing management of the coronavirus pandemic, Minister for Health Martin Foley has made some minor changes to pandemic orders.

The Acting Chief Health Officer has provided advice that while some key measures can be safely lifted, others should remain until the end of winter. These changes to the pandemic orders come into effect from 11.59pm on Friday, June 24.

Masks must still be worn on public transport, taxis, ride shares, and planes, but in line with the recent Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC) statement, will no longer be required at airports. Masks are also still required in sensitive settings such as hospitals and care facilities.

Positive cases must still isolate for seven days from the day they took their test but may now leave home to drive a household member directly to or from education or work without leaving their vehicle. They can also leave home to get medical care, a COVID-19 test, or in an emergency, including the risk of harm.

To continue to protect the most vulnerable through winter, workers who interact with a vulnerable person will still require three COVID-19 vaccine doses. This includes residential aged care and disability care, healthcare, and custodial and emergency services, including police.

Government imposed third dose mandates in education, food distribution, meat and seafood processing and quarantine accommodation sectors will be lifted. In line with other jurisdictions around Australia, vaccination policies will be the responsibility of individual workplaces.

As almost 95 per cent of Victorians aged 12 and older have had two COVID-19 doses, rules requiring general workers to work from home, unless they are double-vaccinated are lifted. Employers will still be able to set their own workplace conditions.

Visitor caps to care facilities, including residential aged care and disability are removed, with residents able to see any number of people as long as they test negative on a rapid antigen test that day.

If a test is unavailable, a person can only be present for limited reasons such as end-of-life visits. Centres may introduce their own visitor rules to respond to local risk.

The update to pandemic orders was made after consultation with the Acting Chief Health Officer and consideration of their advice. The Minister's Statement of Reasons and the Acting CHO's advice will be published on the Department of Health's website within seven days of the orders coming into effect.

Nominations open for Senior of the Year Awards

THE Victorian Government is encouraging Victorians to recognise and celebrate the community contributions made by seniors by nominating them for Victorian Senior of the Year.

For more than 20 years, the awards have highlighted the role of seniors who inspire others as mentors, educators, role models, leaders, as well as their impact in supporting diverse causes and communities across the state.

Victorians are this year being encouraged to nominate residents aged 60 and above and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians aged 50 years and above.

Categories for the nominations include: Premier's Award for

Victorian Senior of the Year for outstanding achievement; Promotion of Multiculturalism Award for promoting the benefits of cultural diversity; Healthy and Active Living Award for helping to create active and healthy communities; Veteran Community Award for exceptional contribution to the veteran community, open to all who work with the veteran community (not only veterans themselves); Ageing Well Award for combatting ageism and promoting ageing well initiatives; and Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Awards for significant contribution to local communities and Victoria.

Many award recipients last year were nominated for stepping up to

support the community during the pandemic.

Anne Tudor OAM from Black Hill won the 2021 Victorian Senior of the Year Award for her dedication to increasing dementia awareness and promoting inclusion and empathy in the community.

Nominations for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards close on Friday, July 29.

The ceremony will be held in October to coincide with the annual Victorian Seniors Festival. All nominees will also receive certificates recognising their contributions.

For more information or to make a nomination, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards

Bringing creativity to classrooms

ARTISTS and creative professionals have been called upon to bring inspiring learning experiences to classrooms across the state, with applications for the Creative Learning Partnerships program now open.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the program provides funding to Victorian schools to engage expert theatre makers, musicians, performers, animators and artists to work with students and teachers in a creative residency.

Open to all Victorian schools including government, independent and Catholic schools, the program brings unique learning experiences to students from prep to year 10.

Previous projects have seen artists work with students to create an animated movie about the history of their hometown, large scale puppetry bringing to life ancient ecosystems, projection art displayed on buildings in the local area, and a live game exploring the links and differences between the real and online world.

The program benefits students while upskilling teachers and expanding the knowledge of entire school communities, while providing significant professional opportunities for the participating artists.

Attracting celebrated Australian talent, past participants have included prized author Hazel Edwards, renowned Aboriginal

singer and songwriter Kutcha Edwards, media personality Brian Nankervis and actor Daniela Farinacci.

Creative Learning Partnerships is Creative Victoria's longest running grants program with more than 1500 artists working at 1200 schools, bringing creativity to the forefront of learning for 70,000 students since 1982.

For more information, including eligibility and application requirements, visit creative.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support. Applications close on Thursday, August 4.

Facial recognition discovery for major retailers

CONSUMER advocacy group Choice has discovered major retail groups Bunnings, Kmart and The Good Guys capturing faces of their customers by analysing CCTV footage to create individual profiles without their knowledge or consent.

Choice asked 25 leading Australian retailers whether they used the technology and explored their privacy principles. They found that, "Based on the policies and the responses we received, Kmart, Bunnings and The Good Guys appear to be the only three that are capturing the biometric data of their customers."

Choice surveyed consumers about the use of facial technology in stores and found, "Most survey respondents (83 per cent) say retail stores should be required to inform customers about the use of facial recognition before they enter the store, and 78 per cent expressed concern about the secure storage of faceprint data. Nearly two thirds of respondents (65 per cent) are concerned about stores using the technology to create profiles of customers that could cause them harm."

Bunnings chief operating officer Simon McDowell told Choice, "At selected stores our CCTV systems utilise facial recognition technology, which is used to help identify persons of interest who have previously



been involved in incidents of concern in our stores."

He added that they let people know about the use of the technology through signage, and in their privacy policy which is located on their website. He said that the use of the technology is in the interests of maintaining "a safe and secure environment for our team and customers."

Kate Bower from Choice believes that the Privacy Act considers biometric information such as faceprints sensitive data.

The federal Attorney General is currently undertaking a five year review of the Privacy Act.

Good compliance during duck season

DURING the 2022 duck season, Game Management Authority (GMA) authorised officers undertook over 641 patrols at 216 individual wetlands across Victoria. They checked more than 1200 game licences and 970 hunter bags.

Most hunters they spoke to were complying with the law and enjoying their time on the wetlands. However, some hunters and protestors were in breach of game hunting and public safety laws.

Breaches detected throughout the season included failure to comply with the season arrangements, hunting without a game licence, entering a wetland without authorisation, littering, possession of toxic shot and one hunter was found to have exceeded the daily bag limit.

As a result, the GMA will have issued 22 infringement notices and is currently conducting 18 investigations. A total of 38 breaches were detected throughout the 2022 duck season.

Three hunters are set to have their Game Licences cancelled for being in possession of toxic shot on a wetland during the season. A total of six firearms related offences were also detected and referred to Victoria Police.

GMA Chief Executive Officer Graeme Ford said the GMA has increased its use of intelligence and its visible enforcement presence to regulate duck hunting in Victoria.

"We have more authorised officers on the ground than ever before, engaging with hunters and communities through education,

research and enforcement activities." Mr Ford said

"The GMA has invested in technology upgrades including equipping all authorised officers with body worn cameras and using drones to monitor wetlands,

"While some people breached game hunting and public safety laws, most people we spoke to were compliant. Thank you to everyone who acted safely and responsibly during the 2022 duck season."

The GMA works in partnership with Victoria Police, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), the Department of Jobs Precincts and Regions (DJPR), Victorian Fisheries Authority and Parks Victoria to regulate the duck season.



Welcome support for healthcare workers

ADDITIONAL support for Victoria's healthcare workers announced by the state government last week is has been welcomed by the sector.

A Healthcare Worker Winter Retention and Surge Payment, alongside other practical help like free meals, will soon flow to Victoria's healthcare workers providing much-needed support and helping to attract and retain critically important staff.

The \$353 million package will offer payments of \$3000 to all staff working in public hospitals and ambulance services including nurses, midwives, doctors, allied health professionals, paramedics, ward clerks and patient services assistants.

Thousands of health staff in both clinical and non-clinical roles who have also been working under immense pressure in roles critical to the functioning of the health system will be provided the payment, including those working in cleaning, food services and laundry services.

Over the past few months, health services have experienced challenges in filling night shifts, which is why the package will also include free meals for workers who put their hands up to work overnight from July until the end of the year.

To be eligible for the full package, workers will need to be employed by a public health

service by July 1 and still be employed on September 30. The payments will be made in two rounds, one after August 15 and one after September 30.

Those who start between July 1 and September 30 will be eligible for a pro-rata payment, providing an added incentive to help attract more staff to public hospitals.

More than 440 international healthcare workers have so far joined public hospitals since August last year, while up to 7000 healthcare workers will be trained and hired under the \$12 billion Pandemic Repair Plan.

Minister for Health Martin Foley said that the government is taking pressure off the system through measures such as free flu vaccinations for Victorians throughout June and more funding for treatment at home through the Better at Home program.

"Healthcare workers have done an incredible job throughout the pandemic, and I want to thank them for the extraordinary work they continue to do under unprecedented pressure," Mr Foley said.

"We know the next few months will be tough for our hospitals and paramedics as they continue to battle COVID, the flu and increasing demand. These measures are designed to improve the day-to-day working environment for workers on the frontline," he added.

More from the Alexandra Truck, Ute and Rod Show



Local Jye Savage's truck at the Alexandra Truck, Ute and Rod Show. -S



Gippsland legend Mitch Harry (right) meets trucking legend Yogi from Kendall Trucking, well known for his appearances in the television series Outback Truckers. -S

MARYSVILLE LANTERN PARADE 25TH JUNE 2022

Triangle Arts Group would like to invite you to join us on the evening of Saturday 25th June from 5:30pm for a Community Lantern Parade around the Lake. Artist Carolyn Weeks has been busy working with Marysville and Buxton Primary school students and community members to make gorgeous lanterns in preparation for this event. There will be hot soup available on the night and performers in the park. Rug up with a warm coat, hat and gloves and enjoy this community solstice celebration.



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Nominations open for Australian of the Year

IT'S time to have your say in who will be the next Australian of the Year. Public nominations for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards are open until July 31.

The Australian of the Year Awards rely on nominations from members of the public to find individuals who are contributing to the nation and who make us proud.

It only takes one nomination for someone to be considered for the awards, but a nomination must be submitted for a person to be in the running.

There are four categories in the awards: Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (aged 65 years and over), Young Australian of the Year (aged 16-30 years), and Australia's Local Hero.

National Australia Day Council CEO Ms Karlie Brand said nominating someone for the awards was a powerful way to share their story with the nation.

"Nominating a person for the awards brings their contributions or achievements to national attention. It elevates their personal story and allows others to appreciate what they've done," said Ms Brand.

"The Australian of the Year Awards program is based on people appreciating other people. Every announcement of an Australian of the Year started with someone submitting a nomination for them, so the person you nominate could very well be one of our next award recipients."

"Nominating is a very simple process which can be done online. While you don't

need to know the individual personally, you do need to be able to tell us a little about what they've done and why they would be worthy of recognition."

Nominations must be for a living person (unfortunately posthumous awards cannot be granted), and they must be an Australian citizen.

When submitting your nomination, consider the selection criteria which includes an inspirational role model for the Australian community, demonstrated excellence in their field, and the Local Hero award acknowledges a significant contribution at local community level.

If you have difficulty speaking or understanding English call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 for the cost of a local call. TIS National operates nationally and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for over 160 languages and dialects.

The awards program culminates in the national awards presentation in January when four people are announced as Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

However, the awards program recognises 128 people around the country each year through the state and territory awards process.

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New weather stations to boost fire data and safety



One of the new weather stations, set up in Ballan. S

THE CFA has unveiled 10 new automated weather stations which will improve firefighter and community safety at incidents and planned burns with hyper-localised weather data, fire spread predictions and community warnings.

Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook joined Emergency Services Minister Jaclyn Symes at the Heathcote Fire station to trial the new equipment.

Seven of the weather stations are portable, and three will be located permanently at Ballan, East Trentham and Glenburn.

The Portable Automated Weather Stations (PAWS) are standalone units which measure surrounding weather and transmit the data to CFA and the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

The portable units can be set up in 15 minutes and can record parameters including temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, rain, solar radiation and more.

The data is transmitted remotely using either 4G or satellite iridium technology.

The Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) are permanently installed units which are used extensively in fire management across the US, Canada and many states of Australia.

CFA Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook said the additional weather intelligence will be invaluable to firefighters for not only their safety but also in fire response and preparation.

"Fire is a true force of nature and its behaviour can change in an instant, putting lives and property at risk," A/CO Cook said. "Accurate, localised and up-to-the-minute weather information on a fireground is critical to providing an effective emergency response."

"These portable stations will be used in remote regions where there are no permanent weather stations to provide reliable and accurate weather data."

"The stations will help firefighters understand fire behaviour on the ground during a fire incident, or by measuring the weather conditions of an area in the lead up to and during planned burn events."

"They have a huge potential to improve our planning and responses, thereby improving firefighter and community safety as well."

The weather stations can also transmit data via satellite to the Bureau of Meteorology which is then accessible to CFA, partner agencies and the general public on the Bureau's website under the Victorian Observations Page Portable section.

An investment of \$680,000 for the ten weather stations and their maintenance was funded from a Victorian Government grant in response to the IGEM 2019-20 Phase 1 bushfire inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian Fire season.

Welcome rise in minimum wage

MANY workers are looking forward to a pay rise that for most will become effective from July 1.

On Wednesday, June 15, the Fair Work Commission announced a 5.2 per cent increase to the minimum wage, bringing Australia's minimum wage up to \$21.38 per hour or \$812.60 per week, effectively an increase of \$40 per week.

Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines welcomed the decision by the independent Fair Work Commission to increase the minimum wage, saying that the decision is vital in a time of high-inflation.

"With the cost of housing, fuel, energy bills and food all going up inflation has outpaced wages for some time and this puts a serious crunch on household budgets," Dr Haines said.

"Cost of living will still be a major issue for people across Indi and the Government must now take action to address other issues that are contributing to the budget pressure being felt, like addressing the energy crisis and housing affordability," she added.

According to Fair Work Commission president, Iain Ross, the most significant changes since last year's review decision have been the sharp increase in the cost of living and the strengthening of the labour market.

"At the aggregate level, labour market performance has been particularly strong. The unemployment rate has fallen to 3.9 per cent, compared to 5.5 per cent in April 2021, at

the time of the last review. The improvement in the labour market is forecast to continue in the period ahead. There has also been a sharp rise in the cost of living since last year's review," Mr Ross said.

At the time of last year's decision, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the underlying measure of inflation both stood at 1.1 per cent. Today those figures stand at 5.1 per cent for the CPI and 3.7 per cent for the underlying inflation rate.

However, the increase will be delayed until October 1 for certain industries, including aviation, tourism and hospitality, meaning workers in these sectors will face a three month wait.

Also the 5.2 per cent increase only benefits the minority of the millions of Australians on low wages, while the majority will get the more modest 4.6 per cent boost to modern award minimum rates.

According to the Fair Work Commission, 2,659,400 (23 per cent) of employees had their pay set by awards, while 805,200 award reliant employees were "low paid".

Australian Council of Social Services Acting Chief Executive Officer, Edwina MacDonald welcomed the increase.

"This increase recognises the particular challenges that workers on low incomes are facing with high inflation, with the lowest paid workers receiving an increase on par with increase in the cost of living over the past year," Ms MacDonald said.

The health of the Goulburn River

THE Victorian Government is aiming to protect the long-term health of the lower Goulburn River while supporting irrigators' access to water when they need it.

Minister for Water Lisa Neville has announced new permanent trade and operating rules for the Goulburn to Murray, keeping flows lower over summer and autumn, while not increasing delivery risk for irrigators.

Over recent years, there has been increased pressure on the Murray River and Goulburn River to deliver trade and environmental water, which has led to constant high flows in the Goulburn during summer. These high flows prevent vegetation growth and fish breeding and cause erosion and bank degradation.

Two extreme dry years from 2017 to 2019 saw no trade available from the Murrumbidgee system in New South Wales and no in-flows from the Darling, pushing up demand from the Goulburn River to new levels, causing continuous high flows.

Interim trade rules were put in place for the Goulburn River in 2019 and were extended last year. Over the past 12 months, further testing has been conducted and consultation with scientists, river operators, Traditional Owners, environmental waterway managers, irrigators and the community to settle on rules for the long term.

From July 1, the government will be replacing the interim rules with similar long-term trade and operating rules.

In an average year, new trade opportunity will be around 150 gegalitres, an increase from 130 gegalitres under the interim rule, while still allowing for extended low flows in summer. This is a similar amount of trade to 2020, and more than seen last year.

Water will be delivered in a smarter, more sustainable way that respects the environmental, cultural and community values. Getting the trade rules right for the Goulburn River is part of the important work the Victorian Government has done to protect existing entitlement holders from increasing delivery risks in the Murray River.

This includes working through the Murray Darling Basin Ministerial Council on deliverability issues and limiting any new extractions in the Victorian Lower Murray region.

The permanent rules include an exemption for tagged water use restrictions for the Lower Broken Creek while trade and water use behaviours on the Lower Broken Creek are monitored over the next four years.

Minister for Water Lisa Neville said, "We are making sure the lower Goulburn River is managed to protect its environmental health and its recreational, community and cultural values while protecting irrigators' access to water."

"The new rules will support irrigators by providing sustainable trade opportunities without impacting other water users or damaging the environment."

New laws commence to protect LGBTIQ+ Victorians

NEW laws to better protect LGBTIQ+ Victorians from discrimination at work and in school came into effect on Tuesday, June 14.

The Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Act 2021 was passed by the Government on December 3, 2021 as part of the ongoing work to make Victoria fairer for all.

Now that the laws are in place, religious organisations and schools will no longer be able to sack or refuse to hire people based on protected attributes such as sexuality, gender identity or marital status.

Religious organisations and schools will only be able to make employment decisions based on an employee's religious beliefs where these are inherent to the job such as a religious studies teacher, and the discrimination is reasonable and proportionate in the circumstances.

The bill recognises the rights of religious organisations and schools to continue to practice their faith, provide religious teaching and instill their religious ethos within their organisation. The legislation will not impact how religious bodies can select priests, ministers, religious leaders or their members.

The Victorian Government consulted extensively with LGBTIQ+ groups, education peak bodies, faith leaders and faith-based groups in drafting the legislation to ensure the act meets the needs of communities, respects the independence of religious bodies and strikes a fair balance.

Further provisions of the act will commence in December 2022. These include ensuring that religious organisations that receive government funding to provide services will not be able to refuse to provide them to people based on protected attributes.

Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes said, "These laws have been a long time coming and it's been a painful journey for our LGBTIQ+ community to achieve these changes."

"These reforms respect the independence of religious bodies while reducing critical gaps in protections against discrimination."

Minister for Equality Martin Foley added, "Equality is not negotiable in Victoria. These changes show how important it is to continue backing the rights of the LGBTIQ+ community in all aspects of life."

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Controlling nature's graffiti

WEEDS, according to screenwriter James L. Brooks, are nature's graffiti. They are a problem on both private and public land, and their cost can be measured in lost productivity and their impact on the natural environment.

Because of the threat posed by weeds to the local eco system, we all have a responsibility to manage weeds on our properties.

There are a large number of plants in the Murrindindi Shire being declared as weeds under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 and are seen as a major problem due to their ability to compete with native and crop plants.

Chris Cobern, Landcare Facilitator and Project Officer with the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network, says that now is the time to control pasture weeds, including English broom and cape broom before they flower in late winter and early spring and set seed.

"Weeds like Chilean needle-grass is best treated in spring when you can identify it properly from the native spear grass. Blackberry, briar rose, willows, holly and honeysuckle all need to be actively growing so spring/summer is the best time for treating those weeds," Mr Cobern said.

Mr Cobern added there are three levels of noxious weeds in Murrindindi Shire; each with its own requirements for both public and private landholders.

"While winter means a halt to lawn care for a few months, but there's actually a lot that can be done in the garden. Killing weeds in winter can be the best time for active weed control. Because grass goes dormant in the winter, cool-weather broadleaf weeds can thrive," he said.

One option that many people use is to spot-treat these weeds with a weed killer but for those who prefer a non-chemical approach a good method for winter weed control is to apply a winter weed and feed fertilizer to help prevent a lawn weed infestation next winter.

Another prevention strategy that many of us do not consider is to think about what we plant in our home gardens. Is the latest addition an attractive flower or an invasive plant? Some careful research today will prevent weed problems in the future.

To assist landholders in effective weed management the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority has produced an excellent booklet, *Weeds of the Goulburn Broken: A field guide to the terrestrial and aquatic weeds*. The booklet can be accessed at gbcm.vic.gov.au/downloads

Murrindindi Shire Council has also produced a brochure, *Invasive Plants in your Patch*, to help landholders identify invasive weeds that may be growing in and around their property. A copy can be downloaded from council's website.

Residents can control the spread of weeds by becoming more aware of invasive plants in the garden and maintaining regular weed control techniques such as spraying, slashing, grazing or manual pulling.

For the home gardener there are some simple ways of controlling weeds including stopping them from germinating with cornmeal but take care when you spread it as cornmeal will stop any type of seed from germinating.

Another method is to restrict the room weeds need to grow with the use of weed suppressive ground covers. Also try scalding



Holly. -S



Blackberry. -S

weeds with boiling water or starving them of light and nutrients by spreading mulch.

Then there is the traditional method of pulling them out by hand. While this may take more time and can be tiring, pulling weeds out by hand can help with avoiding the transfer of seeds to elsewhere within the garden. A good pair of gloves and a garden claw or sharp trowel are the ideal pieces of equipment. Get nice and deep into the soil

to retrieve the weed completing by its root to prevent it from growing back.

Under the Catchment and Land Protection Act, councils and organisations like VicRoads are required to manage regionally prohibited and controlled weeds on their respective roadsides. When looking at both left and right hand sides of local roads, Murrindindi Shire Council has over 2000 km of roadside reserves to control.

Bee Friendly Farming grants dig deep to plant 100,000 trees for bees

BEE Friendly Farming's (BFF) popular tree grants are now open, with farmers across the country being supported to join the pledge to plant 100,000 trees for bees.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to farmers and land managers to plant pollinator-friendly trees that are indigenous to their farms, with BFF providing farmers and land managers with \$1 for every tree planted, thanks to grant partners One Tree Planted and Flow Hive.

The program is administered by When Bee Foundation, and CEO Fiona Chambers said, "The tree grants support pollinators while also benefiting farmers. Habitat loss is one of the greatest threats to bees and other pollinators and planting pollinator friendly trees increases food for bees, provides essential habitat for them to breed and creates habitat corridors and reducing the distance they need to travel to forage. This, in turn, helps farmers with healthier, more prolific pollinators and enhanced crop pollination outcomes."

The BFF program works with farmers to help protect, preserve and promote the health of all pollinators. This month, BFF celebrated its first anniversary in Australia. In just 12 months, more than 30,000 hectares of farmland across Australia has been certified BFF. To receive a tree grant, farms must be certified with BFF.

The tree grants, which start at \$1000 more than cover certification costs, making it both good for the environment and a sound business investment.

This is the second year the tree grants have been offered. Last year, 17 agriculture businesses in four states received grants totaling \$48,600 to plant pollinator friendly trees.

"This grant program was extremely successful last year funding the establishment of 80ha of pollinator habitat across four states," Ms Chambers said.

"We are pleased to continue our work with One Tree Planted and we are confident we can reach our new target of 100,000 trees, creating 100 additional hectares of pollinator friendly habitat."

One Tree Planted supports reforestation projects across the globe. Last year, the nonprofit planted 10 million trees and this year the organisation is on track to support the planting of more than 20 million trees. Each project is managed in partnership with local communities for a range of objectives from forest fire recovery to wildlife habitat expansion.

One Tree Planted Asia Pacific Regional Director Beth Dalgleish said, "The organisation was keen to continue this worldfirst partnership with farmers specifically to plant trees to benefit native pollinators."

"One Tree Planted is thrilled to be supporting farmers to plant trees specifically to benefit pollinators. We are excited to follow the first plantings this year as a result of the first round of grants, and we are looking forward to seeing more farmers take part as the program expands."

Successful applicants will receive a contribution of \$1 per tree planted, with grants between \$1000 and \$10,000 available. Larger grant requests will be considered. Applications must be received on or before 5pm on Sunday, July 31.

To be eligible to apply for these tree grants, farms must either be a BFF Certified Farm or have a BFF Certified application submitted and pending approval by the tree grant closing date. Apply for tree grants at beefriendlyfarming.org.au/tree-grants-application.

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The Queen's acorns

ONE of the historic trees at Fernshaw was cut down on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. The tree was 111 years old. This article tells the story of how it came to be planted.

The Age, Thursday, April 10, 1913

HEALESVILLE was en fete today, and observed a general holiday on the occasion of Lady Denman's visit to plant the oaks raised from acorns sent by her Majesty the Queen. Some few years ago her Majesty forwarded to the Governor-General a number of acorns to be planted at Fernshaw, to celebrate her visit there when Duchess of York.

On their arrival these acorns were found to have perished on the way out. Her Majesty subsequently sent out a fresh lot gathered from the royal oaks at Windsor, and these, packed by experts, arrived in good condition.

They were handed to Mr Cronin, curator of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens, for propagation, on December 20, 1911.

The trees grown being now fit for transplantation, Lady Denman was asked to perform the ceremony. She arrived at Healesville by the 2.20pm train, accompanied by two of her children, (and) Mrs Franklyn and Lord Richard Nevill.

From the local railway station, they motored to Fernshaw. On passing through Healesville township, which was decorated with boughs and bunting, the vice-regal party stayed a few minutes at an arch erected across Nicholson Street, where they were formally welcomed by the president, Mr WJ Dawborn, JP, and councillors of the shire.

On each side of the arch was a pedestal, on one of which two fair local children stood, representing Australia now, and on the other two [Indigenous children] from Coranderrk, representing the past.

Her ladyship was here presented with a bouquet by the president's daughter, and the children sang the national anthem, accompanied by the local brass band.

The president (Mr SR Bradshaw) and members of the tourist association, and members of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, in whose reserve Fernshaw is, had already proceeded to the well-known beauty spot, and there, with a number of official, visitors and representatives, of the district, received her Excellency, to whom



The cork oak. -S

a decorated spade inscribed with a short account of the function was presented.

One of the oaks was then planted on the spot on which her Majesty the Queen sat on the historic occasion of her visit, being named the 'Queen Mary Oak', and another close to the new kiosk erected by the Board of Works. Five other oaks had already been planted. These duly received vice-regal recognition and were formally declared planted.

Lady Denman then left for Healesville in the drag Princess, used by her Majesty on her tour, and proceeded to Queen's Park, the public recreation ground, where sports and festivities were being held. Here her Excellency planted two more trees, and was presented with a carved and inscribed boomerang by the [Indigenous people] of Coranderrk. After partaking of refreshments and witnessing boomerang throwing fire lighting by the [Indigenous people], the vice-regal party left for the city by motor.

The weather was delightful and a large number of people from this and the neighbouring shires witnessed the various ceremonies.

Who was Lady Denman?

GERTRUDE Mary Pearson was the daughter of a successful British industrialist who worked in engineering and was later involved in the development of oilfields in Mexico and the production of munitions during World War I, as well as coal mining and newspaper publishing. Her mother was a feminist and an active member of the Women's Liberal Federation. When Gertrude was aged 10, her father was made a baronet.

In 1902, Gertrude met Thomas Denman, 10 years her senior, at a ball in London. Thomas had been wounded when serving as an officer in the South African War. They married in 1903 and she gave birth to her first child two years later.

Gertrude was heavily involved in the women's suffrage movement, as her mother had been, and she joined the executive of the Women's Liberal Federation in 1908.

In 1911, Lord Thomas Denman was appointed Governor General of Australia. In the new country, Gertrude continued her interest in women's issues, as well as developing an interest in bush nursing, theatre, and fundraising for a variety of causes.

In March 1913, Lord and Lady Denman travelled to the site chosen as Australia's new capital. Many names had been put forward for the capital, but the government of the day had kept the chosen name secret. Lady Gertrude

Denman laid the first foundation stone, and said the words, "I name the capital of Australia Canberra."

It was only a month after this event that Lady Denman travelled to Fernshaw to plant the cork oak. The oak was cut down by vandals on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in 2022.

In November 1913, Lord Denman made the decision to resign from his post, with one of the reasons being his allergy to wattle. The Denmans departed Australia in May 1914.

During World War II, Gertrude became a director of the Women's Land Army, and was heavily involved in the charity, Smokes for Wounded Soldiers and Sailors Society.

Other roles she held during her lifetime were first president of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, first chairman of the Family Planning Association, president of the Ladies Golf Union, a member of the executive committee of the Land Settlement Association, a trustee of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, and a director of the Westminster Press.

Gertrude died on June 2, 1954, aged 69. Thomas died 22 days later.

Denman Prospect, a suburb of Canberra, is named after the couple, as is the Denman Glacier in Antarctica, with the name chosen by Sir Douglas Mawson.

Real Estate GUIDE



THE Victorian Government is making it easier for renters to reclaim their bond money with an overhaul of the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority (RTBA) online system.

The \$9 million upgrade for the new system will include an important update to allow renters to pay their bond money directly to the RTBA, giving them peace of mind that their money is held securely.

Currently, renters must submit their bond to their rental provider or real estate agent, meaning the responsibility of lodging the bond sits largely with the rental provider. Giving renters the option to submit their bond directly will simplify the process and cut red tape for renters, rental providers and property managers.

The government has engaged local business 8Squad to work with the Department of Justice and Community safety on the website upgrade.

The online system will also be integrated with Service Victoria identity verification and seamlessly process bond repayments and bond loans.

Verifying users online means they can change their bond details and claim their bonds without the need for paper forms and signatures.

Integration with the systems used by real estate agents will also make the bond process easier for these businesses, allowing for faster lodgements, transfers and claims.

Updating to a more modern system will also result in long-term financial benefits, with savings of \$3.5 million a year in operational costs over five years.

The new website and system will also be easier to access on mobile devices and have more payment options, making the process of lodging, transferring or claiming a bond simpler for everyone.

Reforms introduced in March 2021 mean renters can now apply directly to the RTBA to have all or part of their bond released without needing to wait for the rental provider or agent to lodge their bond claim.

This means renters are able to make a claim for their bond claim without their rental provider's agreement. Once this occurs, the RTBA alerts the rental provider and other co-renters to the renter's claim, giving them 14 days to dispute it.

Nearly 15,000 bond claims have been initiated by a renter since this new law came in, with more than half paid out directly to the renter.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation Melissa Horne said, "We know that dealing with rental bonds can be challenging and inconvenient. We're fixing that to make the process better for everyone involved."

"These important changes are another way we're making renting fairer and easier for all Victorians."



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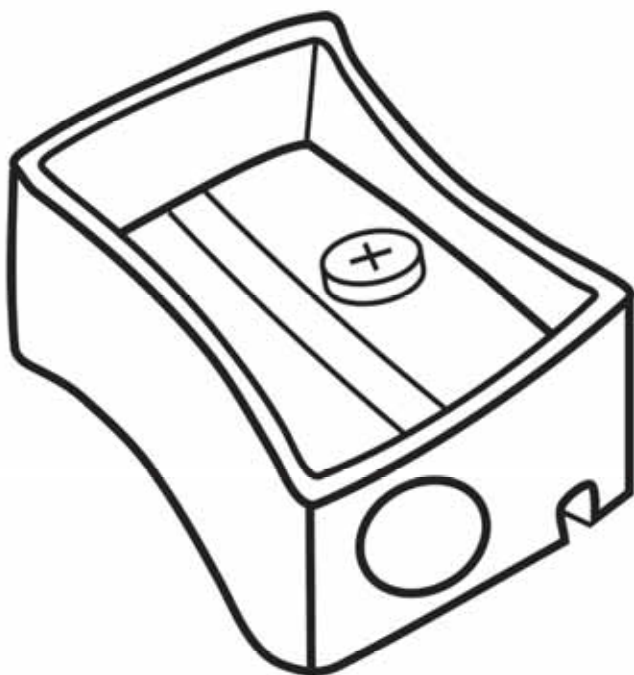
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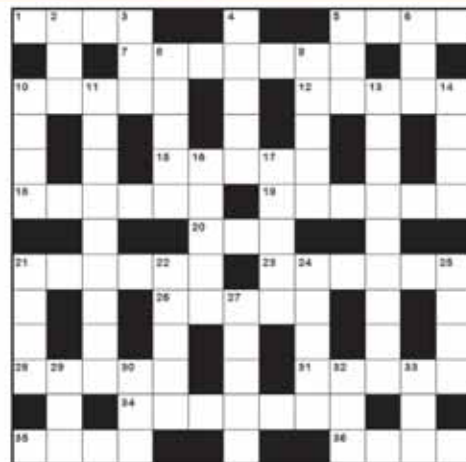
Crossword

ACROSS

- Cook slowly and for a long time in liquid.
- Capable of acting or moving quickly.
- Pacify an enemy by granting concessions.
- Something additional of the same kind.
- Pinkish-brown smooth nut with an oily kernel.
- A sudden substantial increase in power.
- A term of endearment for a small child.
- The food served and eaten at one time.
- Beverage made by steeping leaves in water.
- Mentally slow or emotionally insensitive.
- Left without an occupant or any incumbent.
- Woody plants with branches and leaves.
- Melodic subject of a musical composition.
- Musical compositions for two performers.
- Someone chosen to judge a dispute.
- Most suitable for a particular purpose.
- Information about specific and timely events.

DOWN

- Compulsory payments to the State revenue.
- Waging armed conflict against an enemy.
- A rise in the temperature of the body.
- A fixed charge for professional services.



- A resort with a curative mineral spring.
- Temporarily interrupt an activity for a time.
- An extravagant indulgence of your desires.
- A set of questions that evaluate a skill.
- A corrupt, depraved or degenerate practice.
- Authorisation or permission to come and go.
- The one following after in time or order.
- Express audibly, not necessarily in words.
- A place for the burial of a dead body.
- Prevent from being included or considered.
- Direct one's course in a specified direction.
- Something that departs from the subject.
- Objects made for children to play with.
- A system of moral values and principles.
- A particular shade or gradation of colour.
- A flat pad used to wipe shoes at the door.
- A large vase with a pedestal or feet.
- Pull a broken down car to the mechanic.

Word Search – Intergalactic Planetary

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Word Search – Grains

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Jokes

- Q:** What do you call a belt made of watches?
- Q:** Which knight invented King Arthur's Round Table?



Sudoku

Instructions

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 4. Every row and column and every group of 4 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.

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Brain Teaser

A farmer has 17 sheep and all but nine die. How many are left?



Number Block

Fill in the missing numbers

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 7. The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom. The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

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The ladies had started out from Marysville at 10am on Thursday, with the intention of walking over the summit of Mt Strickland, which had been recently opened up by the Marysville Progress Association. Use had been made of a section of the old Warburton track to the top of Mt Strickland, where the new track leaves the old one on top of the mountain, and the trees had been carefully blazed.

It appears that the ladies missed the blazed turn off, and continued on the old Warburton track, which is completely lost, except to an experienced bushman, about 100 yards beyond the turn off on the new track. When the ladies failed to return, a search party was made up from the boarding house from where they were staying.

Powerful gas lanterns were taken by the searchers, and the lower slopes were searched until midnight, without result. The matter was reported to Mounted-Constable De Larue, of Marysville, first thing on Friday morning. This officer has a thorough knowledge of the bush in the locality, and he, with others, immediately set out on horseback and made a thorough examination of the whole tracks.

Unfortunately, rain had fallen in the night sufficient to obliterate any footprints that might have been made. However, a copy of a newspaper, dated 18th April, was found on the track near Mt Strickland, about six and a half miles from Marysville, together with foot prints, which were apparently those of the ladies.

The party searched for some time, but failed to pick up any further footprints. Failing to find any tracks of the lost ladies, the police officer returned to Marysville to organise a search party. The church bell was rung and an immediate response was made by the whole village. Some 13 experienced bushmen at once set out on horses to the top of Mt Strickland by a different route.

The mounted and foot party met shortly after dusk on the top of the mount, finding no trace of the missing women. A camp was made, and later, with the aid of the lanterns the party moved in groups to the various high peaks on the mount and lit huge fires, which were maintained to the early hours of the morning, as a guide to the bushed women.

As further search was impossible, the party returned to the camp to settle down to await the dawn with that cheerfulness which characterised the Australian in the war.

At daybreak (Saturday) their vigil was rewarded, not, unfortunately, by the discovery of the object of their search, but by breakfast, brought to them by a relief

party which had left Marysville at 4am. The scene must have appealed to anyone with a sense of beauty. At 4300 feet above sea level was the camp.

An immense fire lighted up the tall, woolly-butt trees with a red glare. The faithful bush horses stood around the fire with their tails to the piercing cold wind. Whilst the billy boiled a large steak was grilled in the fire at the end of a 12ft stick, and rounds of toast were prepared by toasting forks cut from the bush. Away in the distance could be seen the electric street lights of Healesville, and the beacon fires on the various peaks.

The sky began to pale and change rapidly from pearl grey to pale blue. A thousand gleaming red eyes blinked through the trees as the first streak of light peeped over Lake Mountain. Suddenly a kookaburra laughed, and the thud-thud of the wallaby resounded as he left his grazing ground for the more secluded gully.

The light grew stronger until the whole wonderful panorama stood out, clearly stretching from the base of the mountain to the farthest hills, some 60 miles away. After breakfast the whole party, now numbering 25 men, were instructed by the police officer the direction they were to take, and they spread over a distance of four miles, the whole section moving off within a reasonable distance of each other, and commencing a thorough beating of the bush, going straight down the mountain sides and working towards the Narbethong-Marysville road.

This survey bore no fruit, and as the position of things looked serious, the police officer at once returned to Marysville and communicated with Superintendent O'Brien, of the Police Depot, Melbourne, requesting that the black trackers be sent immediately to Marysville to assist in the search.

The superintendent of police gave instructions for the black trackers to proceed to Marysville as early as possible, and the local police officer was informed that the trackers would reach Marysville that night. Motor cars were sent out to the surrounding country to call up every available man, and a search party was formed at Narbethong, with instructions to proceed at once up the Acheron Valley and beat the bush on the slopes of Mt Strickland, and to remain out all the night and light fires.

In the afternoon Mr H Oxlee, of Marysville, who originally cut the track over Mt Strickland, found traces of the lost women in the form of pieces of a newspaper dated the 18th April, stuck on the twigs about a mile and a half along the old Warburton track.

Mr Oxlee, being on foot, immediately retraced his steps until he picked up some of the searchers by answering their cooee. A party of 15 horsemen were soon collected together and they immediately took up the trail, and on examination of the pieces of paper they were convinced that the trail had been laid by the lost women.

The party followed the trail, when it ended after a quarter of mile; from there on the track was blocked by fallen trees with a complete net of wattles, dog wood, sassafras and tree ferns, etc. The party forced their way through for some distance, but the horses, which had been ridden from daylight without food, were beginning to fag, and several falls were recorded, and a valuable animal ridden by Mr F J Barton, JP, was staked in the chest.

A halt was called, and after some discussion the party decided to retrace their tracks and return to Marysville, and concentrate the whole of the search party, now numbering 50 men, with 35 horses, on the trail at daylight next morning.

Footprints of the lost women were covered up by the police officer so as to preserve them for the black trackers. Darkness caught the mounted party before many miles were travelled, and the riders could not see six feet ahead, so the horses were given their heads and trusted to luck to keep on the two foot track cut out of the side of the mountain, where one false step would have sent horse and rider down the mountain side.

Not a word was spoken between the horsemen, except for a quiet word of command from the rider to his horse, and the foot of the mountain was reached without accident.

The party from Narbethong, which had moved up the Acheron Valley and was making a systematic search of the mountain gullies, were rewarded in hearing an answer to their cooee. The answering cooee were heard by Messrs. Roche and Lucas, who, being well mounted, quickly broke their way through the dense undergrowth and located the two lost women, who at that time looked little the worse for their experience.

Mr Roche, who is the licensee of the Blacks' Spur Hotel at Narbethong, and Mr Lucas double banked their horses, taking a lady apiece, and conveyed them to the Narbethong hotel, where Miss Fayes, who was suffering from a sprained ankle, collapsed, and had to be carried into the hotel.

Enquiries made by our representative elicited the fact that the ladies are doing well, and are fortunately little the worse for their terrible experience, except for a sprained ankle and many cuts and bruises, and are now safely back at Marysville. Intending walkers of the direct Marysville-Warburton track should be warned not to take this route, as the track is completely obliterated and cannot be followed.

Call to end violence against women

WHITE Ribbon Australia is calling for support for community initiatives to end violence against women by donating to its end of financial year Tax Appeal Campaign before 30 June.

On average a man is responsible for the murder of his current or former female partner every 11 days.

White Ribbon Australia National Director Allan Ball said men's violence against women was an ongoing epidemic in Australia, but working together we really can change this grim statistic.

"Social norms that encourage disrespect, sexual harassment and abuse are drivers of men's violence against women. Being a little bit sexist isn't okay - not in the pub, on the sporting field, or in the family home," Mr Ball said.

"As a society we need to change these norms by supporting whole-of-population

initiatives that address beliefs about rigid gender stereotypes and power.

"Through our Community Engagement Programs, White Ribbon Australia is making real change in communities across Australia, helping locally-led initiatives to get off the ground and to get to work. These initiatives work because the groups understand community issues and the solutions required at a local level," he added.

Community Partner Penny Marangos believes that White Ribbon Australia's primary prevention work in communities is the key to addressing the drivers of violence against women.

"As a victim-survivor of gendered violence myself, being a Community Partner has been incredibly empowering," Ms Marangos said.

"It has enabled me to use the knowledge that I've gained, as well as my personal experience, to go out into my community and start a narrative about the causes of gendered violence and how we can prevent that from happening in future."

End of financial year donations will enable White Ribbon Australia to form and support more Community Action Groups and Community Partners across Australia, allowing primary prevention initiatives to reach new communities.

To find out more, or to make a donation, visit: whiteribbon.org.au/Get-Involved/Tax-Appeal-2022.

Women who are experiencing violence or abuse can call 1800RESPECT for confidential information, counselling and support. Men who are concerned that they may use violence are urged to call the Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491.

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SPORT

The big weekend at Alexandra Speedway with the annual 100 lap derby



Josh Service in car 84. Josh is an Alexandra member from the eastern suburbs. -S

by Dean Thompson

THE annual 100-lap Derby weekend at Alexandra Speedway after a Queens Birthday weekend wash out, is once again upon us with more than 90 competitors and over 1500 campers and spectators set to head into town for the end of season event.

The 100 Lap Derby with a variety of different types of race cars competing all in is the big event as it has been for more than forty years. The line-up once again has a long list of potential winners that have to survive each other, have the right strategy, and always have the right amount of fuel to get to the end first.

As usual the event brings thousands of people to Alexandra and the local businesses and attractions can benefit whilst it is also the end of season for the sport and an opportunity for the competitors to have a good time.

A winner can expect a \$2500 pay day and this makes the event one of the most sought after wins each year.

Seventy plus race drivers, at the time of writing, were set to start the qualifying for the 100 Lap Derby with some of the potential winners including Damien Miller the fastest Sports Sedan racer ever at the track, Darren Nelson, Corey Lincoln, and Lennie Bonnici the defending champion who has won the last four Derby's. With Warrick Taylor,



Damien Miller, an Alexandra member from Pakenham. -S

Steve Kershaw, Dale Smith, Luke Fallon a four time winner also, Josh Service, Lee Beach, Daniel Scott, Tony Moule, Jamie Lock, Shane O'Brien, and David Donegan amongst others expected to be a potential winner.

This will be the first time in 25 months that the event will take place after COVID-19 restrictions contributed to the last two events being cancelled.

Standard Saloon competitors will compete in the Alexandra Cup event with 25 nominations included. Mark Miles has won around seven of these Queen's Birthday weekend Standard Saloon features and he is in the field up against Shane Stewart, Leigh Gooding, Jack Yeoman's, Brodie Ardley, Andrew Miles, Rhys Lansdown, Tracey Ingram, popular Alexandra racer Cory Horter, and Damon and Kacey Ingram.

The Junior Sedan Victorian Short Circuit Championship line-up for up to 1500cc sedans includes Nathan Miles, River and Linken Paterson, Jayden Bryant, Jack Randall and Will Fallon in the field with the winner likely to come from amongst them.

Racing starts from 11am on Saturday and Sunday and finishes early in the afternoon. There will be a Kid's Bike race during the weekend also.

Wednesday golfers not deterred by weather

by Elizabeth Goss

FOR the second week wet weather has frustrated the Alexandra golfers saturating the ground. Hopeful players have turned up but after inspection of the course competitions have been cancelled. Nevertheless, a few have ventured out to have a hit and keep their bodies tuned.

On Wednesday with clear skies a small group set out to play for the Monthly Medal, however after nine holes the skies darkened and all players headed in. Two nine hole competitions were declared. The

front nine winner was Helen Findlay 49 (12) 37 and the back nine winner Deb Richardson 43 (6½) 36½. Names in by 9.30 for 10am hit off.

Just eight players on Saturday played a combined Stableford and 4BBB multiplication round. The Stableford winner was Brendan Smith (7) 34 points and the 4BBB winners were Cory (11) and Dylon (5) Jack with 60 points. Nearest the pin on the seventh was Brendan Smith, on the 12th Greg Millard and on the 18th Corey Jack. Saturday, June 25, is Stroke. Names in by 11.30am for a noon hit off.

No luck for Thornton

Pakenham 18.16-124 defeated TEDFNC 0.1-1

THERE was no report for the Thornton footballers this week.

Wondering how you can further support the club this season?

Come to watch the games, joining the powerhouse team of 2022 volunteers, or by making financial donations or sponsorships, the club can continue to add value to your local sporting community. For further information on any of these options - contact the club at tedfnc@outlook.com, or via their socials.

GMW urges boating safety at storages and waterways

WITH school holidays approaching, Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) is reminding people visiting its lakes dams and reservoirs to be safe on the water.

GMW Water Storage Services general manager Martina Cusack encouraged people to make safety a priority during the holidays.

"Most our storages are at very healthy levels, so we're expecting a lot of visitors in the coming weeks," she said.

"We want everyone to have fun, but most of all we want everyone to return home safely.

"Boat operators should always wear personal flotation devices and maintain a lookout for hazards and other users at all times. Conditions can change quickly, so stay up-to-date with weather reports when heading out."

For boaters, several simple steps can significantly improve their safety. Observe water levels and the potential for submerged hazards. If in doubt, slow to five knots or less. Seek out local knowledge on conditions and hazards. Maintain a good lookout. Ensure the motor kill switch is attached to the driver. Take note of signage at boat ramps. Ensure the vessel is equipped with the required safety equipment and that it is in good working condition and easily accessible. Remember alcohol and water do not mix. Don't drink alcohol on the water. Don't overload the vessel.

Visitors are encouraged to read the recreation guides at g-mwater.com.au/recreation/tourism/recreation-guides and visit the website to find out what activities are permitted so they can plan their trip accordingly.

Further information on boating safety in Victoria go to transport.safety.vic.gov.au

Providing sporting clubs a chance to win big

THE Victorian Government is helping community sporting clubs win with grants for new uniforms and equipment, training, and club development.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced applications are now open for the latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program.

Clubs can apply for grants of up to \$1000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$5000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers, and up to \$5000 to better club operations.

The program is part of the government's work to make community sport accessible and inclusive, stimulate local economies and create opportunities for greater participation.

This round of the program is complemented by the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package that provided \$50 million to more than 7500 clubs, leagues, state associations and other organisations across the sector.

The grants are part of the Government's \$1.2 billion investment in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

For more information and to apply for Sporting Club Grants Program visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding



The Mansfield Clay Target Club competition. -S

Mansfield Clay Target

by Marty McLachlan

COMPETITION kicked off at 10.30am with a field of 34 shooters, making up six squads participating in the annual Highland Shield Teams event, Mansfield versus Euroa versus Alexandra. Conditions were ideal with mild sunny weather and no wind.

The four event card commenced with 10 Target Points Score eye opener followed by 30 Target Point score, 30 Target Double Barrel and finally a 20 Target Handicap. Participating visiting shooters attended from Melbourne, Woods Point, Benalla, Wangaratta, Corowa, Yarrowonga, Colbinabbin, Euroa and Alexandra.

Events three and four were combined over five team members representing each club to compete for the Highland shield. Mansfield fielded two squads Alexandra and Euroa one each.

Event one was an eye opener cash divide with lots of perfect scores of 30/30 shot across all grades, in the money were AA grade; Andrew Cameron (Melbourne Cricket Club) and Bill Forrest (Mansfield). A grade; Laurie Fitzpatrick (Euroa), Geoff McLure (Alexandra), Marty McLachlan (Mansfield), B Grade; Phil Woods (Yarrowonga) and Al Kidd (Mansfield), C Grade; Kim Thompson (Colbinabbin).

This lead straight into the point Score double barrel event, also a cash divide, but this time with only one clear winner per grade. AA Grade; Andrew Fiek (MCC), A Grade; Phillip Desmond (Mansfield), B Grade; Jason Foster (Mansfield), C Grade; Stephen Wilson (Mansfield).

After a quick warming lunch of pastries and hot dogs it was into the 30 Target Double Barrel with some outstanding shooting resulting in a shoot-off between 6 competitors who returned a perfect score. A further 31 targets were shot by Darryl Hunt (Yarrowonga) and Marty McLachlan (Mansfield) to decide a result with

Darryl Victorious. Grade winners were 2nd AA; Andrew Cameron 57/58, A Grade; Marty McLachlan 60/61 and Ken Skinner 36/37, B Grade; Jason Foster 33/34 and John King 37/38, C grade; Stephen Wilson 29/30 and David Luelf 30/33.

A delicious afternoon tea was supplied by Ivy Desmond comprising nut Loaf and scones, a big thanks to you Ivy. (She has been invited back whenever she chooses).

The day was rounded up with the 20 Target Handicap. Meterage for each shooter determined by their handicap mark. Marty McLachlan was lucky enough to be the only shooter across the line with a perfect score and Darryl Hunt the only shooter with 19/20. A further seven competitors hit 18 targets requiring a shoot-off for third, after seven more targets the last man standing was Michael Cecchetto (MCC).

The total score contributing to the outcome of the Highland Shield was tallied from 5 competitors in each squad. The Mansfield team made up of Bill Forrest, Marty McLachlan, Phillip Desmond, David Luelf and Ken Skinner took the shield over the other three squads with a score of 224 out of a possible 250.

It was a fun day blessed with great weather throughout with all attendees refereeing and generally helping out to ensure a successful day.

The competition was generously sponsored by Shane Callahan of Callahan Seed.

Mansfield Clay Target Gun hosts competitions the third Sunday of each month; the next monthly program scheduled for Sunday, July 17, at 10.30am. Spectators and new shooters welcome. Grounds located Pikes Road, Mansfield.

The club is very family focused with lunch provided, junior shoots sponsored by the club with all fees waived for all competitions. If you are interested in attending just turn up or phone 0490 702 083.

Marysville golf update

by Lesley Rundle

ALTHOUGH there are no Dalhousie events and fewer green fee players during the winter months the Saturday and Thursday Marysville golf club competitions continue as written in the syllabus.

The number of players playing in these competitions varies during the winter as the caravanners and interstate travellers go away to find some sun. Thanks to Kellan Fiske and his team of volunteers, the course remains playable during the winter months and members can enjoy the competitions and the social golfers can enjoy the course.

On Saturday both the men and ladies played a par round and the men's round incorporated the first round of the Par Shield. The men's winner was Mark Bambery (23) with plus three. The runner up was Travers Stow (16) with plus one on a countback from Keith Atwell. Kelly Lloyd-Vanni (40) won the ladies event with plus two and Jody Doran (12) with plus one was the runner up.

The nearest pins were won by Yewls Kuan, Steve Berry, Ross Ansell and Duncan Talbot. Next Saturday the competition will be a 4BBB with partners drawn on the day.

While the ladies Dalhousie events are in recess, the Marysville ladies will play social golf at various courses around the state. These courses include Dorset, Yering, Mansfield, Growling Frog and Benalla. Thanks to Heather Jenkins for organising this initiative.

Good numbers for Eildon golf for ambrose

by Puttomatic

ANOTHER cool day saw 17 players at Eildon Golf Club, enduring the conditions in a two person Ambrose competition. All though it started cool the day heated up (a bit) and it turned out to be a very nice day for golf.

Saturday's winning group actually consisted of three players due to the uneven numbers. Congratulations Kevin King, John Rachcoff and Andrew Paice on taking first place honours in front of the pairing of Kerry Power and Grant Walters. The ball runs awarded to Gary Night and Rod Taylor coming in third place.

Nearest the pins went to David Sands (welcome back Dave) on the 11th, while Wayne Kupke took the prize on the 12th and 14th. No one found the fifth green with their drive.

There were no birdie holes for the day due the game format. Ken Collier was the lucky entry draw winner, Colin Long the swindle recipient with Don Reid having a crack at the joker draw. Congratulations to all our winners.

Next week will be the June monthly medal stroke round, it will be 11.30am book in for a noon tee off.

Quiet weekend for senior Rebels

by Roy Steyger

Football

Under 18
Seville 16.13-109 to
Alexandra 2.8-20

THE AFL Outer East League Round 10 split round of the 2022 season saw the majority of club teams that all played last week, have the bye, while the under 18s travelled to Yarra Glen to play Seville. After an

even first quarter, the Rebels continued to work hard but their efforts were not reflected on the scoreboard, at the final siren. Awards: ITEC Earthworks; MJ Hendricks. Fineblade; Luke Wal. Snow Composite; Beau Scott. Haddfield Contracting; Charlie Twichett. Bundalagah Engineering; Will Dunsford.

Thursday's Swenrick Constructions Joker Jackpot resumes this coming Thursday. The Joker Jackpot will be worth \$600 this week so get along to

the clubrooms and buy some tickets at \$1 each but you need to be at the club rooms at 8pm for the draw.

This coming Saturday Alexandra returns to Rebel Park and hosts Powelltown for two games of football and four games of netball while the under 18s host Warburton Millgrove also at Rebel Park. After the games everyone is welcome into our social rooms to enjoy some club hospitality and the I-Pod Shuffle night,

speak to Katherine Quinsee and Caitlan Haggis for more information.

2022 Club memberships are available: \$200 - Patron, \$150 - Family and \$100 - Members. The Patrons Day function is planned for Sunday, 3rd July at the Club rooms so make sure you are paid up to enjoy this event. Thursday night dinners are available after training with main course and sweets - adults \$15 and kids \$10, everyone is welcome.

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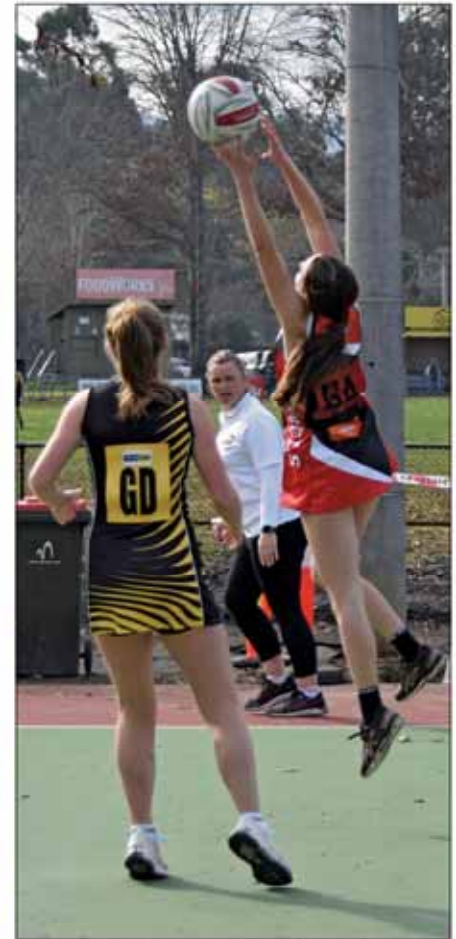
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Some good wins for junior Rebels



Ryder Brady in under 13 football. -S



Caeley Palmer in under 15 netball. -S

by Ray Steyger

THE Alexandra Football Netball Club junior teams travelled to Yea for three games of netball and three games of football on Sunday, the under 15s football travelled to Upwey Tecoma. The under 9s and 11s football had a game but theirs is non-competitive and non-scoring so there is no win loss.

Football

Under 13

Alexandra 9.11-65 defeated Yea 1.2-8

Awards: North Central Construction; Toby Lucas. Essence Coffee Lounge; Matthew Wal. Reddrops FoodWorks; Brock Hanlon, Alexandra Bakery and Café; Noah Jack. Kazza's Diner; Ryan Te Giffel. Coach; Maddie Ware.

Under 15

Alexandra 5.4-34 defeated by Upwey Tecoma 10.11-71

DMK Taxation; Callan Howell. Essence Coffee Lounge; Luke Wal. Reddrops FoodWorks; Ryan Sproles. Alexandra Bakery and Café; Matt Waixel. Kazza's Diner; Drew Collier. Coach; Archie Gibson.

Netball

Under 11

Alexandra 6 defeated by Yea 8

Reddrops FoodWorks; Koa Parker. Alexandra Bakery and Café; Ella Palmer. Essence Coffee Lounge; Samantha Fraser. Kazza's Diner; Eadie Gibson.



Nathan Webb in under 11 football. -S

Under 12

Friday at Mansfield
Alexandra 19 defeated
Mansfield Demons 13

Reddrops FoodWorks; Zoe Mullins. Kazza's Diner; Hannah Weeks.

Under 13

Alexandra 15 defeated Yea 13

Reddrops FoodWorks; Ava Krijt. Alexandra Bakery and Café; Marli Collier. Essence Coffee Lounge; Asher Kaiser. Kazza's Diner; Ashlyn Newman.

Under 15

Alexandra 21 defeated by Yea 34

Reddrops FoodWorks; Darcy Kidd. Alexandra Bakery and Café; Reese Stewart. Essence Coffee Lounge; Tahlia Nash. Kazza's Diner; Rose Hurrey.

A very big thank you to the above award sponsors for their continued support of junior footballers and netballers in 2022. Next Sunday, the Rebels are back at Rebel Park and host St Marys for three games of netball and three games of football with the under 15 football hosting Mt Evelyn, also at Rebel Park. If anyone can assist with the canteen on home games during the season please speak to Melissa Crane and Shona Miljkovic to go on the roster.

ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION
Result Round 07

Raging Bulls	def	Taggerty	6-5
Buxton	def	Arrowsmiths	6-5
Alex. Bowls	def	Jagers	6-5

Team	Points	For	Against	%
Arrowsmiths	24	55	22	250%
Buxton	16	46	31	148%
Alex Bowls Club	16	42	35	120%
Raging Bullseyes	16	42	35	120%
Jagers	12	30	47	64%
Taggerty Pub	0	18	59	31%

Top 5

D. Wilhoos 119,100,100,100
D. Copper 100,120
James 125
R. Bates 110,100
A. Tobias 132,101,100,140
B. Arnott 100
J. Billman 100,130
M. Dunn 120,110,118
P. Dault 100,100,100
J. Weatherall 100,100,100,100
M. Robinson 100,120,125,117,100,140,140,100,121,140,180
K. Ritchie 1100,121,100,100,100,141
R. McCallum 121
R. Perry 117
R. Peterson 100
B. Mayfield 100,100,100
A. Greco 134
S. Kerr 125,100,132,100
G. Hartay 100,140,100
M. Edwards 100,140

HIGHEST PPO OF THE WEEK:
Rodd Petterga - 78

IMO'S FOR THE WEEK:
Robbo & Tasia Hat

Home Team	Away Team	12 Jun 22
Arrowsmiths	Alex. Bowls Club	Alex. Bowls
Taggerty	Buxton	Taggerty 08
Jagers	Raging Bullseyes	Robbo 08