

Copper chopper drama in Yarck

ON Thursday, August 10, Alexandra Police intercepted a stolen vehicle in Yarck. Two people were arrested from the vehicle and a third person fled on foot, actively evading police.

The following morning at 9am, members of the public reported a male acting suspiciously in the farmland area behind Yarck.

Local police, with the assistance of Air Wing, were searching the Yarck area when the man was located.

Police wish to thank the community for their assistance. It is understood that there were a number of sighting reports from Yarck residents, and the man was located as a result of these sightings.

A 34 year old Alexandra man is currently assisting police with their enquiries. He is expected to be charged with theft of a motor vehicle and associated thefts. The vehicle had been stolen from metropolitan Melbourne.

The other two occupants in the vehicle are from the metropolitan Melbourne area. Charges are pending.

Re-shaping tertiary education in Murrindindi

MURRINDINDI Shire Council are looking closely at how a university and TAFE education hub can be put in place in the shire to support young people, people keen to re-train, and to support business needs.

Mayor John Walsh explained, "The overall idea came out of an ongoing issue with the fact that we've got no post-secondary training facilities within the shire. We've tried several times to get some kind of TAFE established."

Some people may recall that many years ago, Cr Walsh was involved with the Murrindindi Training Institute, initially focused on developing instructors for outdoor education. He said that with changes in TAFE funding at the time that "fell through the floor, but for me, post-secondary didn't go away at all."

He said that at present, there are a lot of people who leave secondary school and they have to go to Melbourne or other larger centres out of the area to undertake post-secondary education. With local public transport posing an issue, it often means that the students are gone for quite some time.

If the people are living out of area, they are much less likely to return, particularly if the connections, such as through local sporting clubs, are lost. Their social network becomes located in the place where they are studying.

In April or May this year, council began thinking about what options might be available. They heard that the Bass Coast Shire had developed what they call a Country University Centre (CUC). CUC runs 26 regional university campuses around Australia, providing access into a whole range of different universities.

Continued Page 10



The Alexandra Poultry Club held their annual show on Sunday, August 13. More images and the results on page 17. -AR

Councils challenged by cost shifting

GIVEN the inflation rate, it seems that many local councils are struggling financially, compounded by the rates being capped at 3.5 per cent. There also appear to be issues around state government grants for the provision of services being inadequate to cover costs in the current financial environment.

Shire CEO Livia Bonazzi said in response to a question on state government 'cost-shifting' at the July council meeting, "There are a range of areas where cost-shifting by the state government is impacting on the financial capacity of council. For example, grant payments to local government have either reduced over several years in real terms, or are not sufficient to cover a fair share of the cost to council, even though councils are required to maintain the same levels of service... In addition, certain policies of the state create constraints on

the availability of 'own-generated' funds that council can use to provide services. Examples of these include the 'Fair Go Rating System' which sets a cap on annual rate rises, that over several years has been set below the annual consumer price index and cost escalations experienced by councils."

She also made mention of the State Landfill Levy with no commensurate re-investment of funds back into local resource recovery, kerbside collection reforms which need to be recovered through higher charges to local communities, statutory planning fees being set by the state at levels below the actual cost of servicing planning applicants and processing applications, and state legislative reforms incrementally create additional administrative and compliance costs for council. For example, the revised Local Government Act 2020 now

requires councils to utilise more resource-intensive engagement practices, creating committees like the CEO Performance and Remuneration Committee involving an independent advisor, and the need to address climate change impacts when making decisions.

She said, "While council recognises their beneficial outcomes, they do require additional resources. All of these contribute to shifting additional costs onto council, and thereby incrementally diminishing council's financial capacity.

Contacted about the issues, a government spokesperson said, "We are a strong supporter of local government and talk regularly with councils about common interests. The Fair Go Rates System limits uncontrolled rate hikes and has consistently

reduced cost-of-living pressures for Victorians."

Any council that has a genuine need to increase its rates above the cap may make an application to the Essential Services Commission (ESC) to do so. No councils made such an application this year. Not all councils raised their rates the full 3.5 per cent.

On May 30, the ESC released its biennial report on the impacts of rate capping. The ESC found that because of rate capping Victorians are paying less rates than they would be if there wasn't a rate cap mechanism. The ESC also found that in general the financial health of the local government sector was good.

Continued Page 4

THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN

THUMBS DOWN: To the disarray of the Australian flag at the Eildon Police Station. It's in tatters. It's disrespectful.

THUMBS UP: To the Alexandra Opportunity Shop, who put on a lovely afternoon tea for past and present volunteers. It was enjoyed by all.

THUMBS DOWN: Alexandra was without mobile phone or internet service for over a week and counting. One hundred kilometres from Melbourne and we have the same service as some third world countries. Add the potholes and lack of doctors, we're now on par with regional Congo.

THUMBS UP: Thank you to Alexandra Opportunity Shop for organising a delightful afternoon tea at the bowls club.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down is a reader's contribution section of Alexandra Newspapers. Send your Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down to editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au

Contributions will be edited and/or published at the Editor's discretion. We request that this section not be used as a slander attack on persons, businesses or property

ELECTRICIAN

Grimshaw Electrics
For all your electrical
and communication requirements


Peter Donald

TM0066

0429 808 596

REC 16666 A/H 03 5773 2457

RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	1.11	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.69	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	10.00am Mon	0.94	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	8.17am Mon	0.30	steady	below minor
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	7.18am Mon	0.64	steady	
Yea R at Yea	8.24am Mon	1.13	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	3.72	steady	below minor
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.65	steady	
Goulburn R at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.33	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	0.35	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.66	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.36am Mon	1.29	steady	
ISSUED AT 10.16AM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023				



Letters to the Editor

Medical service

I WANT to say thank you to the Alexandra Medical Centre in Downey Street. My long experience attending the clinic has shown the staff to be very helpful indeed. The receptionists, practice manager, nurse and doctors are helpful, flexible and kind.

The doctors take the time for a holistic approach. They are open to alternative therapies tailored to the patient's particular needs and wishes. It's great to be heard, you know.

One comes away from this centre with hope and a plan. Just like our wonderful library. Kindness with perception makes life better.

Mary Doherty, Enochs Point

The Voice

REGARDING the letter from Raymond Donkin published on August 9. It's clear Ray that you vote 'No' to a Voice for Indigenous Australians in the constitution by your public notices.

It's also clear you think the same people are a separate race (you say, 'Unite Australia, not divide by race', in the same public notices).

However, we've long known that not only have there been no separate species since the demise of the Denisovans, Neanderthals and the Flores Hobbits, but that for some Out of Africa exponents, they are the longest link to our forebears making them the most connected to original Homo Sapiens. I'll bite though and ask: What is it you think the voice to parliament gives people who are just like us, that you don't want them to have? Why would you not want them to

have the same voice you have enshrined in our constitution and why would you demean them so by voting no?

Let's face it, our governments pushed them off their lands, acceded to the stolen generations, let them be shot, murdered, and riddled with diseases to decimate their populations. They were asked to fight our wars, but not given the vote until 1962 and not required to vote, as we are, until 1983. We owe them some semblance of redress for the ills that have been done and a Voice to Parliament ratified in our constitution is the very least we can say yes to.

Your letter to the editor asking local politicians to say how they're going to vote seems a funny way to start a conversation about this, so I'm looking forward to your clarification as to your position on these questions.

Valerie Pallaoro, Alexandra

Politician viewpoints

IN response to a letter to the editor in last week's edition, noting that "Haines and McLeish have been silent on the upcoming Voice referendum, a yes or a no vote," I'd like to challenge that statement as Dr Helen Haines MP has been clearly supporting the Yes campaign for some months, including hosting pro-Yes forums and attending Yes events. The Hon. Cindy McLeish MP belongs to a party that supports Treaty processes in Victoria.

But ultimately, the yes or no vote belongs to us, as people listening in good faith, to the requests of First Nations peoples as expressed in the Uluru statement.

Steve Joblin, Flowerdale

GOULBURN CATCHMENT

HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
1.11	steady	below minor
0.69	steady	
0.94	steady	below minor
0.30	steady	
0.64	steady	below minor
1.13	steady	
3.72	steady	
0.65	steady	below minor
1.33	steady	below minor
0.35	steady	below minor
1.66	steady	below minor
1.29	steady	

ONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**


DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra.....	N/Amm
Buxton.....	N/Amm
Eildon (AWS).....	15mm
Flowerdale.....	14mm
Kinglake.....	14mm
Lake Eildon.....	13mm
Jamieson.....	15mm
Taggerty	13mm
Yarck	9mm
Yea.....	11mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week.....	287.84m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	95.8%
Metres below full supply.....	1.06m
Daily inflow	2500ML
Release.....	1000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	61.4%






LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

can now be submitted via email to editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au or mail to PO Box 5 Alexandra 3714. or drop them into the Alexandra office.

Letters must be 300 words or less.

We will not publish defamatory letters, or content which is offensive, threatening or containing personal attacks. Submitted letters may be edited before going to print. All letters must contain writers name, address and contact number. (not necessarily for publication). Letters without these details supplied cannot not be published. Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 9am Monday.



DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday noon
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
Early General News	Thursday 5pm
Classifieds	Monday noon
Editorial	Monday 9am
Sports Editorial	Monday 10am
Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
Thumbsup/down	Monday 10am

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the office on

5772 1002 or
reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

We thank you for your continued support



Driver and vehicle checks being conducted in Yarck. -S

Driver and vehicle checks in Yarck

VICTORIA Police Heavy Vehicle Unit, state and local highway patrol, supported by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, battled the cold weather conditions, a chilly -1.5 degrees, to conduct vehicle and driver inspections at the Yarck Weighbridge on the Maroonah Highway over the weekend of August 5 and 6.

Acting Senior Sergeant Hillier said, "We are committed to making your travel as safe possible by removing dangerous drivers and vehicles from our roads. This is a shared responsibility for all road users. Obtaining a driving licence or permit is a privilege and should not be taken for granted."

Council to receive funding for local roads

THE Victorian Government has selected the first eleven local governments to receive funding to develop, design and plan road safety improvements along council-managed roads, intersections and precincts, and Murrindindi Shire Council is among them.

Minister for Roads and Roads Safety Melissa Horne announced the local governments which will take part in the first stage of the state government's \$210 million Safe Local Roads and Streets Program.

The selected councils will work closely with the Department of Transport and Planning and Transport Accident Commission over four years to identify, plan, develop and deliver more road safety upgrades on local roads across Victoria.

The \$210 million package will design and deliver safety upgrades for communities including raised crossings, intersection upgrades, speed cushions, kerbing upgrades,

pedestrian islands, safer speeds, roundabouts and other vital safety improvements.

Around 132,000km of Victoria's road network is made up of local roads, making up 87 per cent. Of the 179 fatalities this year, 90 have occurred on local roads.

A Safer Local Roads and Streets reference group will also be established to support the development of the planning framework, investment guidelines, tools and resources that will support local governments.

All Victorian local governments will be progressively introduced to the program from late-2023, based on information from the initial expressions of interest process and councils' willingness to participate in the program.

The government's Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 aims to halve road deaths and reduce serious injuries by 2030 and eliminate road deaths by 2050.

Cool Heads encouraging road safety

COOL Heads is a thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers, presented by Victoria Police and local agencies.

The program offers advice to young drivers on a range of topics. It will be a thought provoking, confronting and informative evening about road safety.

The Alexandra event takes place at 7pm on Wednesday, September 6 at the Alexandra Football and Netball Club, 53 William Street in Alexandra. The event will conclude at about 9pm.

Entry is free but due to limited spaces, people will need to register their attendance via Eventbrite at eventbrite.com.au/e/coolheads-young-driver-program-alexandratickets-663346616587

Redgate Alexandra CWA Report

THE next monthly meeting of the Redgate CWA will be on Thursday, August 24 at 1pm in the club rooms Perkins Street, Alexandra. The hostesses will be Holly and Gail with the competitions being flower of the month and a favourite piece of crystal or cut glass. The discussion topics are to organise a trading table at the Hume Goulburn Half Yearly Conference on Saturday, August 26 at Yarck Hall at 10am and the branch visit to Allowyn Gardens at Yarra Glen in September.

Redgate Alexandra CWA will be holding a cake stall and trading table at the Alexandra Market, Station Street,

Alexandra on Saturday, September 9 from 9am. They would like to invite the community to come and say hello and see what goodies have been baked.

Every Tuesday and Friday, the craft ladies are enjoying a social outing and producing amazing pieces of all different styles of craft from embroidery, knitting, tatting, dream catchers, colouring in and patchwork.

If you would like any information about the Country Women's Association of Victoria or craft please call President Sue Wynn on 0412 435 946 or Holly Wal on 0429 123 846.



The newly upgraded machinery shed display at the museum. -Jane Laws

Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum

ALEXANDRA Timber Tramway and Museum held their Annual General Meeting on August 5. The committee for 2023-24 are president Stefan Rebgetz, vice president Robert Eames, secretary Gerry Laws, treasurer Jane Laws and committee member Gail Bransden. They also welcome Peter Aumann who will be an extremely valuable member with his extensive knowledge.

The committee wished former president Bryan Slader a speedy recovery back to health and thanked him for his years of dedication. Bryan is always willing to share his experiences with everyone and the team are looking forward to him returning to the foot plate of the John Fowler steam train very soon.

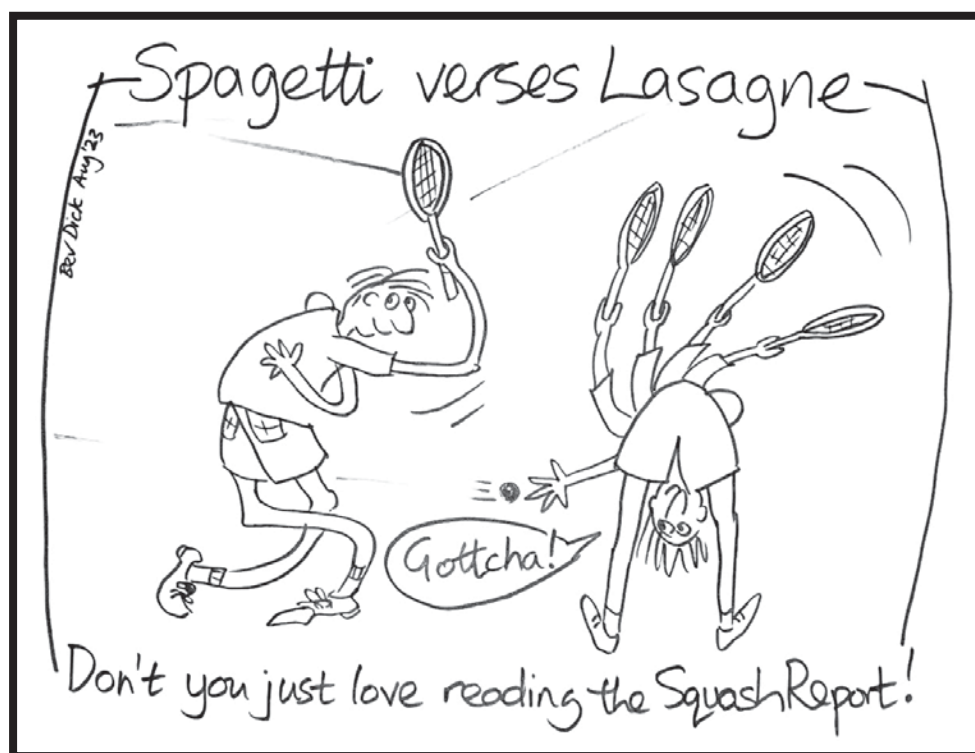
The next event on this year's calendar is the Alexandra Market on Saturday, September 9 at the Station Street grounds. If you would like to have a stall please contact Jane on 0427 509 988 or email

market@alexandratramway.org.au for more information and booking. The Alexandra Market is always a friendly and welcoming place to visit.

The next open day at the Alexandra Museum will be on Sunday, September 10 for train rides, museum room displays, self guided tours and a volunteer historian is available to answer all your questions. The machinery displays have been upgraded and will add to the visitor experience.

Alexandra Museum will proudly present the Alexandra Heritage Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8. Watch out for flyers around the town and on Facebook. If you would like any information please contact Peter on 0479 066 221 or email alexandra.rally@yahoo.com

Check for any updates on the museum webpage alexandratramway.org.au or on Facebook.



McCORMACK FUNERALS
Inc. BAMFORDS Murrindindi
21 Johnston Street, Alexandra
1800 080 909
Andrew, Robyn and Brooke
Murrindindi Chapel and Funeral Home
Caring & Professional 24 hour service, all areas
Obligation free appointments
Pre-paid, pre-arranged,
personalised funeral and memorial services
www.mccormackfunerals.com.au

BAILEY'S FUNERAL SERVICES PT
ALL HOURS
• Alexandra • Yea
• Eildon • Marysville
and districts
Offering a caring and professional service
throughout the the Murrindindi Shire
A LOCAL, WHO KNOWS LOCAL NEEDS
Garnet Bailey 0417 346 214
Chris Walsh 0407 194 037

COUNTRYWIDE BUILDING
Garden Furniture
Picnic tables
Arbours
Gates
Garden seats
Available at
8 Peterkin Place and
GV Nurseries 35 Grant Street Alexandra
Also General Carpentry
Verandahs, decks, handrails and steps
Carports and timber frame sheds
Custom design homes and consultation
45 years experience
No obligation quotes
Registered building practitioner
CB-U3368
DP-AD15736
countrywidebuildingproducts@gmail.com
countrywidebuildingproducts.com.au
Ring Glenn 0477 991 411

Shell THORNTON
1294 GOULBURN VALLEY HIGHWAY
0420 522 693
FIREWOOD - BBQ GAS FILL and SWAP
ATM - COFFEE - HOT FOOD - PAPERS
GROCERIES - ICE - BAIT - TOILETS
AUTO PARTS and ACCESSORIES
6.30am to 7.30pm 7 DAYS A WEEK

Market @ Yarck
CWA morning tea and cake stall
SATURDAY FROM 9AM
AUGUST 19, 2023
Sharon Fox 0407 879 612



Available from these retail outlets

- Alexandra FoodWorks
- Alexandra Newsagency
- Alexandra Newspapers
- Bucks Country Bakehouse Yarck
- Choppers Buxton
- Eildon Newsagency
- Alexandra Endeavour
- Hazeldene Store
- Igloo Buxton
- Marysville FoodWorks
- Mansfield Newsagency
- Merton General Store
- Metro Narby
- Seymour Newsagency
- Simpsons Caltex
- Taggerty Store
- Thornton Store
- Yarck Meat and Produce
- Yea FoodWorks
- Yea Newsagency



Audited Media Association of Australia



This week's Church Services

ANGLICAN St Johns Alexandra
9am Eucharist each Sunday
Children welcome
Rev Mario Hendricks - Rectory 0435 953 777

CATHOLIC
Immaculate Conception Parish
Parish Administrator, Father Jose Mathew
Presbytery 0468 810 871
St Matthews Eildon, Saturday 5pm
Alexandra, Sunday 8.45am
Sacred Heart Yea, Sunday 10.45am

UNITING CHURCH In Australia
St. Andrews, Downey Street, Alexandra
Worshipping, Welcoming
Sharing the transforming love of Jesus
Services 10am each Sunday
contact 5772 2362

OASIS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Loving God, Loving People, Loving Life
118 Grant Street, Alexandra
Contact: Ps Steven Turner
Ph: 0413 127 283
Meeting every Sunday @ 10am

MOUNT CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
37 Grant Street, Alexandra
Pastor Daniel Kriss
Services 10am every Sunday
Phone 0400 282 536
www.mccbc.com.au

THE VINE
A Christian community of the Baptist Union of Victoria
Sunday 4.30pm service
Kids program during school term
St Andrew's, 37 Downey Street, Alexandra
Pastor - Geoffrey Johnstone Ph: 0481 472 152

Out&About

THE items in *Out and About* are sourced from our advertising and news stories. *Out and About* is not a free community listing diary. Not all items can be included and are placed at the discretion of *Alexandra Newspapers*.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

2030Yea Community Energy is hosting two more presentations in the Renewable Future for Yea series. Doors open at 6pm for 6.30 start. Yea Wetlands. Bookings can be made at events.humanitix.com/2030yea-presentations. Further details on page seven of *The Yea Chronicle*.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Market @ Yarck. CWA morning tea and cake stall. From 9am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

The next general meeting for the Alexandra RSL will be held at noon, followed by a light luncheon.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

UGFM will hold their AGM via Zoom at 7.30pm. For a meeting link or to nominate for committee contact info@ugfm.org or phone 5772 2722.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

High Country Extreme Cowboys will hold their AGM at 6.30pm at Delatite Hotel, Mansfield. All welcome. For enquiries contact Tamara Fox 0407 043 866.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Goulburn Fishing Festival 2023. Free event at Eildon. 10am-4pm. Lions Park, Riverside Drive. Live music, market stalls, Snobs Creek Hatchery tours, Vic Fish Kids clinics and more. Fireworks at 7pm. vfa.vid.gov.au/goulburnfishfest

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

You are invited to a workshop to help increase healthy eating and activity in children. 4-7pm Yea Shire Hall. RSVP by September 4. Contact Hailey Docking on 5736 0468 for more information.

Kellock Lodge update

IAN Gibb, chair of Kellock Lodge provided an update on the facility, in light of the recent assessment by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

"It was a good result," he said. "There were initially eight unmet criteria. We dealt with five of them pretty quickly and the others are well underway. We've now got our accreditation until 2025, which is a very good result for Kellock."

He added, "The staff put an enormous amount of work into improving systems and general guidance training. It's a challenging time.

"We recognise the fact that there have been issues with aged care standards [around Australia] and we really see the whole assessment and approval system as a check up to make sure that things are being done properly. In the old days, just delivering a high quality service was good enough but now, a very big part of the service is being able to record and demonstrate that you've complied and you've kept records of everything that happens."

He commented that the paperwork has "close to doubled the workload because of the amount of time that goes into reporting and setting up systems."

While five or 10 years, it would have been possible to have a CEO who was also Director of Nursing, it has now become a rarity because the administrative task is just so big.

Kellock Lodge had been suffering from staff shortages, partly as a result of COVID-19 issues. Ian explained, "We were between a rock and a hard place in that the numbers of occupied beds dropped from 50, which is full capacity, down to 40 during the COVID-19 outbreak. We also had staff affected by COVID-19. We weren't able to

replace the residents in those last 10 beds and we also didn't have the professional staff there to look after them. That's changed. We've recruited a Director of Nursing (DON), which we're very pleased about, and several more professional nurses and more carers. We're gradually rebuilding. Our aim is to be back to 100 per cent capacity before Christmas."

The new DON is Amy Webb. She's the daughter of someone who's been involved with Kellock previously, so she has a family connection. Ian added that family connections are a strong theme throughout their professional workforce. "If we can recruit people that have a local connection or a family connection, there's a much higher probability that we can retain them and that they will help us in recruiting other professionals," Ian said.

Kellock Lodge are currently recruiting for a new CEO. They have advertised and were last week interviewing three candidates. Ian said that the sub committee which conducted the interviews have made a decision, but were not yet in a position to make an announcement.

"We've really turned the corner I think, in terms of staffing and finance and the general tone," Ian said.

Kellock Lodge also has a new board member, Sally Meggitt, who has a lot of corporate experience and is expected to add to the strength of the board. Melinda Burgess, a long-serving board member, has resigned due to taking on some personal responsibilities elsewhere.

They are looking to recruit one or two other board members, and are particularly interested in finding people with clinical experience or legal skills. If people are keen, Ian said that he would be happy to chat.

Alexandra Senior Citizens report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

THE carpet bowlers had a break this week as members attended the Healesville RSL Morning Melodies ABBA tribute followed by lunch and some shopping.

The bridge players got together on Wednesday, and the ukulele class was on Thursday. The week was rounded off with a well attended social meeting where members not only got to sing the club song but also a few favourite melodies at the end of the meeting directed by Ian Weeks and accompanied by me on ukulele.

Members were reminded that the AGM will be held on Friday, August 25 at 1pm in the Bayley Street clubroom.

After the formalities, the members retired to the tea room for a cuppa and cake before the customary 500 and UNO sessions. After the success of last week's Morning Melodies we will be looking for expressions of interest in the October Cliff Richard tribute.

If you are interested in any of our activities or want any information please call 0456 456 263. Thankfully the Telstra work has been completed so we will have phone and internet services again. Meanwhile stay safe and keep smiling.

Councils challenged by cost shifting

Continued from Page 1

Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) president Cr David Clark said, "Cost shifting by the state government onto local government is a major concern for councils across the state.

"Many services and programs delivered by councils are subject to shared funding arrangements with the state government, but state funding has not kept pace with increasing costs, leaving councils to fund the gap.

"This has caused particular stress on vital maternal and child health services, where despite a 50/50 funding agreement between the two levels of government being in place, the funding split currently sits closer to 70/30.

"Libraries and emergency management have also both seen reductions in state government funding over time and again

received no CPI increase in the 2023 state budget.

"Local government revenues in Victoria are currently flatlining or going backwards in real terms due to rate capping. By contrast state government revenues will rise by 25 percent in the next four years.

"In the current climate, financial sustainability is a serious concern for councils. The MAV continues to advocate for the state government to address cost shifting and, alongside the Australian Local Government Association, call for financial assistance grants to be increased to one per cent of federal taxation revenue."

Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish commented, "Smaller councils like Murrindindi, who have a small rate base and few opportunities to raise revenue, rely heavily on funding support from the state government.

"As the state government has an enormous debt, projected to climb to \$171.4 billion by

2026-27, funding to assist regional Victoria has diminished and will continue to do so.

"At the same time, governments have increasingly relied on cost shifting including for libraries and kindergartens, putting more pressure on councils, leaving them unable to meet service and project demands due to insufficient funding.

"State government funding has been slashed in key areas including roads maintenance, agriculture, and regional development. That means there is less money to go around, less funding towards councils and less funding for our community," she said.

She added that the state Liberals and Nationals "key policies at the last election included a comprehensive Country Roads and Bridges Program as well as a Regional Infrastructure Guarantee which would have seen capital spending in regional Victoria increase from 13 per cent to 25 per cent."



Wind farm opposition meeting

THE Strathbogies Responsible Renewables Community group (SRRRC) conducted a public meeting about FERA's Seymour wind farm proposal at the Molesworth Hall on Saturday, August 12.

During the presentation, chair Greg Pritchard expressed their opposition to the proposal as inappropriate to the environment. He took the audience through the history of the wind farm, as well as the opposition to the proposal.

He also spoke about FERA's claim that 80 per cent of landholders were supportive of the proposal. This contrasted with the 90 per cent in opposition in the survey run by the SRRRC recently.

He stressed that the group are not opposed to renewable energy, but said that the environmental damage caused by this wind farm will do more harm than good.

Ruffy resident Darryl Otzen took the audience through a Powerpoint presentation, outlining the changes to the proposal as it has developed. The current preferred location for the transmission lines is to link it to the grid, south of Alexandra. It is likely that the lines will travel through the Whanregarwen area. The turbines are proposed for the Highlands, Ruffy and Terip Terip, stretching back to near Seymour.

Mr Otzen said that the current proposal is that the turbine height be 100 to 150 metres with 86 metre rotor blades, making the total maximum height 236m. The small Cherry Tree wind farm near the Trawool area has a total maximum height of 159m.

He also commented that 60 metre easements are required for the transmission lines, with further space needed if a transformer is required.

The area is known to have some of the most expensive agricultural land in Victoria, and he stressed that he does not believe it to be a suitable location for a wind farm. There are also bed and breakfast businesses which may be impacted, and a fragile ecology to protect. It was also suggested that it would have a big impact on property values in the area.

They will be looking to object through the planning scheme, and will continue to gather community views and explore overlays.

The location is not in a Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). If it were, then the government



Attendees at the meeting in Molesworth Hall. -AR



Black swans near Whanregarwen Road, the proposed location for the transmission lines. -AR

would pay for the powerlines to be built. As it stands, FERA will need to pay for their own powerlines. He said that there are much better locations where a wind farm could be built.

While Murrindindi has sightline overlays, it was noted that turbines will dominate the landscape, with the total height of the towers being almost triple the height of the MCG light towers. While one turbine per 500 acres has been touted, it was pointed out that this is only an average. Groupings will be needed.

While wind towers cannot be mandated in a particular location by government, there was less certainty around powerlines.

Two further meetings will be held on August 26, at the Ruffy Town Hall at 10am and at the Upton Hill CFA at 2pm.



Rod Jamieson, Andrew Holloway, Darryl Otzen and Guy Manson from the Strathbogies Responsible Renewables Community Group. -AR

How will firefighting be impacted by the lack of timber workers?

WITH the shutdown of the native timber harvesting industry at the end of this year, many Murrindindi Shire residents are becoming concerned over what will happen in the event of a major bushfire.

Traditionally, timber harvesters have played a large part in firefighting efforts, with heavy machinery enabling firefighter access to fires in the forest, and supporting the clean-up afterwards. It has been locally estimated that 80 per cent of the contractors and equipment will no longer be in the shire by the start of this fire season.

The government was asked to provide information on what plans are in place for firefighting this year, given that a large proportion of the heavy machinery will no longer be readily accessible in the forest should fires occur.

FFMVIC Acting Chief Fire Officer Sam Quigley responded, "We acknowledge the hard-working and specialised contribution of timber industry contractors to bushfire management works in Victoria. They are an integral part of the work FFMVIC does to minimise bushfire risk and keep communities safe.

"Forest contractors will be engaged for DEECA land and fire management works,

using their valuable skills and equipment as we continue to manage our forests and prepare for and respond to fires.

"Victoria is one of the most bushfire prone regions in the world. We work every day to reduce bushfire risk and are well prepared for the season ahead."

The Victorian Government has said that retaining the specialised and valuable skills and machinery of Victoria's timber harvest and haulage contractors to carry out critical fire and land management activities is a priority.

Forest contractors will be offered DEECA land and fire management work through the government's Forestry Transition Package. This will enable them to continue to work in the forests they know so well and contribute to bushfire risk reduction.

Forest contractors are already engaged across DEECA's land and fire management programs to carry out numerous specialised tasks including to remove hazardous trees, maintain the strategic road network, expand the strategic fuel breaks network and treat hazardous storm debris, as well as playing a key role in bushfire suppression and recovery.

Native timber support available now

Native timber harvesting is ending this year. This will affect local timber businesses and their workers. Assistance can help you and your family adjust to changing circumstances.

Dedicated teams can help workers, including those in supply chain businesses, and their families:

- access to payments
- connect to job opportunities
- have skills recognised
- access funded training
- get health and wellbeing support.

Make sure you are getting the help you need by contacting **ForestWorks on 1800 177 001.**

Visit vic.gov.au/forestry for more information on the support available to workers, businesses and communities.



Proudly supporting Student of the week

Community Bank · Yea & District and Alexandra

 **Bendigo Bank**


ALEXANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ricki Birch – 34A

Ricki consistently shows the school values. She is a kind and caring student and a great friend. Ricki always does her best to achieve her learning goals. We are proud to have you in our community, Ricki. You are a star.

EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Alexis and Lillian displayed the school value of cooperation during this week's classes.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Anna, Eve, Liam, Fletcher, Darcy, Tilly, Oakley and River.



BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ella has stepped up her focus in class and is achieving great results. Way to go Ella.

Student of the Week

Proudly supported by
Kinglake branch

 **Bendigo Bank**

Local business impacts and options after timber industry shutdown

GORDON Simpson from Simpson's Fuel expressed his concerns about the imminent closure of the native timber harvesting industry and the potential financial fallout in the area. His is one of the many local businesses which will be indirectly impacted by the closure, set for January 1, 2024.

For the past four years, Gordon has been trying to change his business around, knowing that the planned shutdown in 2030 would have an impact on the business. He has been supplying fuel to much of the local timber industry.

He commented that his would not be the only business impacted, mentioning tyres, spare parts, mechanics, schools and coffee shops. "It affects the whole town," he said.

"It's one of our oldest industries," Gordon said. "We've had logging here for years and years. We've had harvesting and we've had haulers. A lot of people have been employed by the mills over the years, but that's not so much lately. It's a loss to the community."

He was concerned about the lack of detail at the time of the announcement, and in the following months.

Contacted about the issues raised, a Victorian Government spokesperson said, "Forestry workers, their families and communities are our priority. We do not take the decision around an early transition out of native timber harvesting lightly, but the uncertainty from ongoing litigation and severe bushfires cannot continue.

"Our support package will ensure workers can find jobs across land management and critical forest bushfire response, while others retrain in growing regional industries, like renewable energy and construction.

"We are working with unions, industry and communities on the details of the

support package to ensure that it's meeting the needs of workers and their families."

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action engaged directly with harvest and haulage businesses with a VicForests contract in the Murrindindi area. This has been done through regular one-to-one business support and the Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program to determine the current number of impacted workers in each Local Government Area. The on-ground data (approximately 25 full time employees) was last collected in May 2023. This has then been cross-checked with local employment modelling on REMPLAN and is consistent with the seasonal variation in the workforce.

It was noted that Australian Bureau of Statistics data from the 2021 Census stating that there were 35 FTE in Murrindindi Shire working in logging and forestry (non-government) may be outdated as the industry has changed since 2021. It does not disaggregate between native and plantation forestry workforce, thus the accurate workforce info has been provided by the department. REMPLAN provides detailed regionally specific economic data.

Forestry Worker Support Program

All workers from native timber businesses and supply-chain businesses that directly support them are currently able to access the Forestry Worker Support Program.

The program support payments include a redundancy payment of four weeks of pay for every year of service, including statutory entitlements, and up to 152 hours of unused sick leave.

There are also relocation support payments if alternative employment has been secured and involves moving more than 100kms

from the person's current address. Eligible costs include utility connection and exit costs, relocation-associated legal costs, temporary accommodation, associated medical costs, school uniforms, school enrolment fees, first groceries to set up house, reasonable breaking lease costs, vehicle registration transfer fees if moving interstate, licence transfer fees, rental bond, rent at new location for up to two months, and reimbursement of stamp duty if selling a property. Receipts must be provided.

Additional elements in the package include recognition of prior learning, case management, training support, employment support and assistance, referral to other government services, and mental health and wellbeing support.

Forestry Transition Fund

In background provided by the government, it was said that eligible secondary and tertiary businesses are expected to be able to access the \$36 million Forestry Transition Fund. The fund will be "to grow businesses that will create or retain jobs in towns and communities affected by the transition."

The fund has not yet opened. It is expected to be open in the near future.

It is not known how this might directly help small business in the shire which will face financial impacts, such as takeaway stores, hairdressers, supermarkets, or even sports clubs.

Further information on both programs can be found at djsir.vic.gov.au/forestry/forestry-plan

Community Development Fund

A local development strategy project is currently under way in Murrindindi, which is supported by the \$22 million Community

Development Fund to implement projects to diversify and support the area's economy. Secondary businesses and community organisations have the opportunity to contribute to this project.

Timber Supply Chain Resilience Package

The Timber Supply Chain Resilience Package supports downstream timber product manufacturers that rely on native Victorian hardwood to manufacture products (such as flooring, stairs, furniture, doors, windows, architectural features and pallets) to access grants, professional advice and planning services to support business transition and to plan for the future.

Future work for timber workers

Planning is underway for forest contractors to be engaged to deliver Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) land management works with the intention they be offered alternative forest and land management works into the future. This detail is still being worked through by the various agencies to ensure contractors can continue to work in the forests and contribute to bushfire risk reduction.

Eligible seed collectors and harvest and haulage sub-contractors can currently access the Victorian Timber Innovation Fund.

VicForests

The government is currently considering the future of VicForests and how to best deliver the range of activities that will be required for forest management following the end of native timber harvesting including DEECA land management works, seed collection and coupe regeneration. It was confirmed that no decision has been made on the organisation or its staff at this point in time.

An afternoon tea for our fabulous op shop volunteers

THE Alexandra golf clubhouse was the perfect venue for the annual afternoon tea for the Alexandra Opportunity Shop volunteers. There were 32 both past and present volunteers in attendance.

Secretary Lorraine Murdoch began proceedings with congratulations and thanks to Wendy Lewis who is retiring from the op shop. Wendy has been a volunteer for 45 years and will be greatly missed.

Maurie Pawsey OAM, chair of the opportunity shop board, gave a brief history of the shop and explained the important financial support provided to the many organisations in the Murrindindi area. The major focus of the shop is provision

of funds to aged care organisations, particularly Kellock Lodge.

He expressed how grateful Kellock and the wider community are for the financial support. Maurie congratulated and thanked every opportunity shop volunteer, past and present, for their commitment to the community.

Ian Gibb, chairman of Kellock Lodge, echoed these thanks. He explained how important the Alexandra Opportunity Shop's financial support was for the ongoing provision of care to the community's aged.

He explained the challenges that Kellock had faced during COVID-19, including staffing but had now overcome. On

behalf of the Kellock board he acknowledged the hard work of every Alexandra Opportunity Shop volunteer.

Treasurer Marie Evans provided a breakdown of just how much the community has benefited for the opportunity shop. Kellock has received more than \$1.5 million. Since 2008, donations to organisations such as Darlingford Nursing Home, SES, Dame Pattie Menzies Centre, Alexandra Hospital, Alexandra Secondary College, Alexandra Primary School and many local fire brigades, have totalled over \$440,000.

The success of the shop is made possible through the community donations and the tireless work of its many volunteers.



Vicky and Jean. -S



Margaret and Louise. -S



Joy and Heather. -S



Marie, Rose and Charina. -S



The lovely Wendy, retiring after 45 years. -S



The organisers Pam, Chris and Lorraine. -S



Longtime workers at the shop, Lois and Lorraine. -S



John Sharwood representing Kellock Lodge on the op shop committee, Kellock chair Ian Gibb, and op shop president Maurie Pawsey. -S



Mary and Jenny. -S



The long-serving and now retired Dot and Elvie. -S



Tina and Sue. -S

Alexandra & District Kindergarten 2024

EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST NOW
OPEN

OUR SERVICES

PRE-KINDER PROGRAM 3-4YR OLDS
YEAR BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM 4-5YR OLDS

Please note to be eligible for either the
Pre Kinder or YBS Program Children must
turn three years old/four years old by
April 30th in the year of attendance at kinder.

PHONE: 5772 1387
LODGE YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AT
WWW.ALEXANDRAKINDERGARTEN.COM.AU
Closing date September 8th

FUN FOR THE KIDS

Win a \$10 Gift Card



Country Tech
89 - 91 Grant Street
Alexandra
Victoria 3714
5772 3165

Simply color the picture on the right, fill in your details and drop it off at Alexandra Newspapers 43 Grant Street Alexandra Vic or post it to P O Box 5 Alexandra Vic 3714.

Entries close and need to be received by 11am Monday prior to our next edition.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

D.O.B. _____

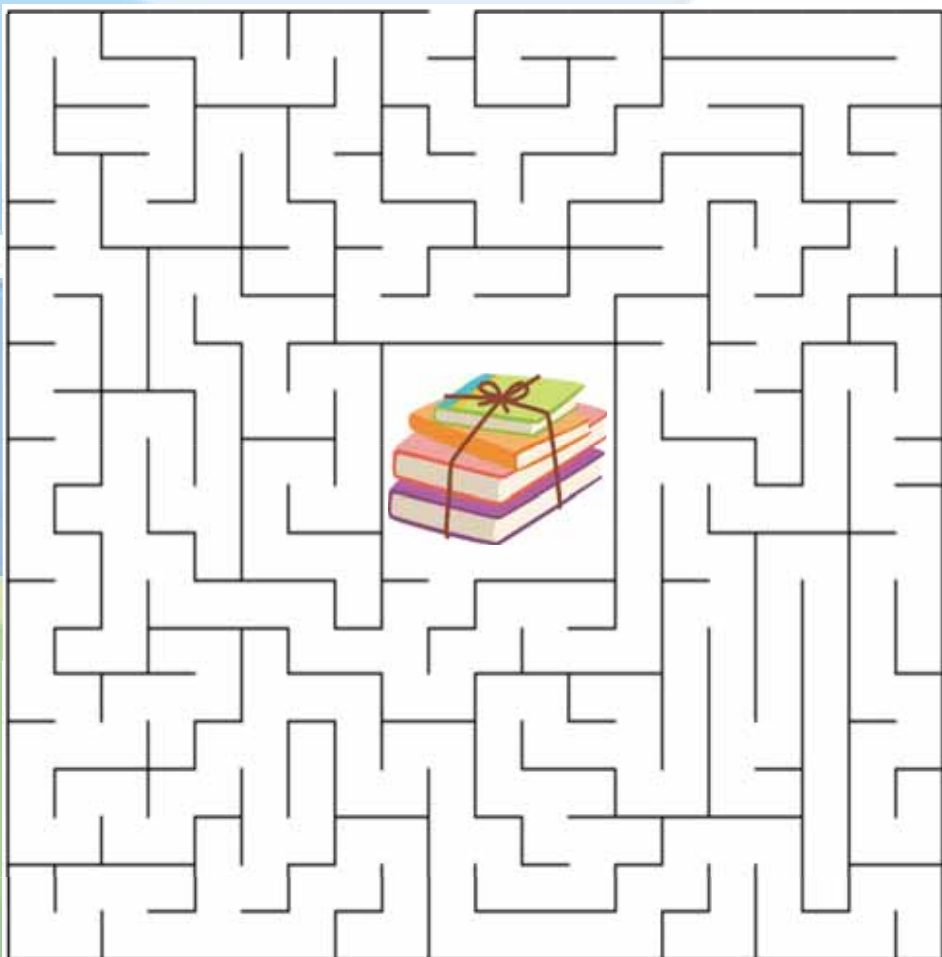


BOOK WEEK - August 19 to 25

A - M A Z E - I N G



Help return the library books back to the library.



JUST JOKES

What do planets like to read?

Comet books!

What does a librarian take fishing?

Bookworms

What king of medieval England was famous because he spent so many nights at his Round Table writing books?

King Author!

What kind of books do rabbits like to read?

Stories with hoppy endings.

WORD SEARCH

Find the words in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

E	R	U	T	C	I	P	B	W	I	O
L	Z	I	M	C	D	S	T	O	R	Y
T	E	L	B	A	F	A	K	R	O	A
I	N	S	P	I	R	E	E	G	E	K
T	Z	E	G	A	P	W	O	R	D	S

READ
WORDS

GROW
STORY

BOOK
FABLE

TITLE
PAGE

INSPIRE
PICTURE

ON THE LAND

Landcare hosts bike ride and tree planting adventure

UPPER Goulburn Intrepid Landcare (UGIL) celebrated Landcare Week on Sunday, August 13 by hosting a bike ride and tree planting outing.

National Landcare Week is celebrated by landcare and environmental groups across the nation and recognises Australians who are actively restoring, enhancing and protecting natural environments in their communities.

UGIL itself combines Landcare activities with social events to engage young people with the environment while connecting them with other like-minded people.

Their mission on Sunday was to help revegetate a particular area of the Great Victorian Rail Trail and assist in the creation of essential habitat for native wildlife.

"This event isn't just about planting trees; it's about nurturing a sense of stewardship for our environment. By coming together in a fun and friendly context, and being able to

see tangible outcomes, we hope to inspire a culture of young environmental caretakers" said Annette Cavanagh, co-founder of UGIL.

The bike ride departed from Yea Rail park at 9am and traversed the Great Victorian Rail Trail to Homewood, arriving at the planting site an hour later.

There the bikers, as well as those who chose to get there by other means, gathered to plant native trees and shrubs to revegetate the area.

"These new plants will not only add to the visual appeal of the rail trail, but will provide further habitat for native wildlife, creating connecting corridors of vegetation along one of our region's great assets," Annette said.

All told, the UGIL members planted 100 trees and shrubs and had a great time doing it.



Upper Goulburn Intrepid Landcare members at their Landcare week planting session at Homewood. -S

Protect your stock from enterotoxaemia

DR Jeff Cave, Agriculture Victoria's Senior Veterinary Officer has asked farmers to keep a calendar of key farm management dates, and to include the key entry, 'vaccinate stock' in late July or early August.

This is important as it's an annual vaccinator. Firstly, with spring growth losses due to enterotoxaemia, also known as pulpy kidney, becoming a distinct possibility and secondly, a feature of the enterotoxaemia vaccine is the duration of immunity that it provides may be quite short. It may only give three or four months of protection. Therefore, a booster dose should be given before a high risk period, for example, before the beginning of spring.

Young stock in good condition up to two years of age are most affected by enterotoxaemia, however deaths in older stock may occur.

Enterotoxaemia is caused by a toxin produced by Clostridium bacteria, which is found in the bowel of normal, healthy cattle and sheep.

Enterotoxaemia occurs when a large amount of readily fermentable feed is present in the bowel leading to rapid multiplication of the bacteria and a lethal

level of toxin production. Due to the rapid progression of the disease, an animal affected by enterotoxaemia will typically be found dead in the paddock. On post mortem rapid decomposition of the carcass is seen.

Little can be done to treat an animal affected by enterotoxaemia, therefore the emphasis should be on prevention.

The key to prevention is to ensure all livestock are adequately protected through vaccination.

As with any vaccination program, adult cows and ewes should be vaccinated approximately one month prior to giving birth to give their calves and lambs maternal or passive immunity through colostrum.

Passive immunity lasts approximately six weeks after which calves and lambs need to be vaccinated to gain an active immunity. This is achieved by giving two injections at least four weeks apart. Hopefully all producers will benefit by the upcoming spring conditions without being troubled by the problems that they may bring.

For further advice please contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria veterinary.

Would you like to advertise your business or products here?



Contact us on 5772 1002.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Remember to submit your photo competition entry to win a \$50 gift voucher from Embling Rural in Alexandra. This month's theme is 'winter'. See our July 26 edition for details.

Sponsored by

Image by vectorportal.com

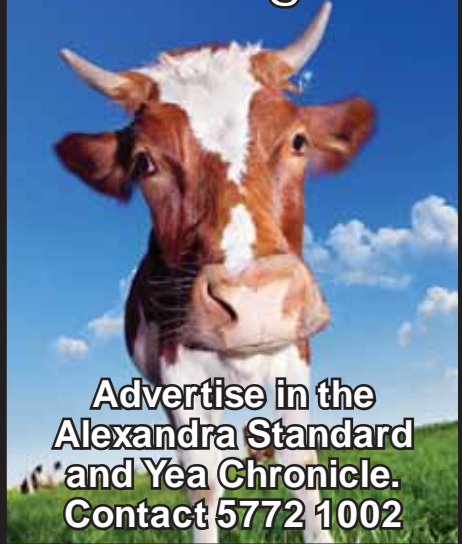


Your Locally Owned Rural Store

(03) 5772 3110

54 Grant Street Alexandra
DRIVE THROUGH AVAILABLE
emblingrural.com.au

Get your business moooving.....



Recipe kindly submitted by Christine Stonehouse of the Kinglake Branch of the CWA

INSTANT PUDDING BISCUITS

from the CWA biscuits Galore book

INGREDIENTS

185gms butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 and a half cups plain flour
3 tbsp cornflour
1 packet instant pudding (Vanilla)
Glaze cherries

METHOD

Cream butter and sugar, add egg, instant pudding and dry ingredients. Roll into small balls and place on a greased tray and flatten with a fork. Place half a cherry on each biscuit. Bake at 180 C for 10 minutes or until golden.

Variations; in different batches; add half a cup of silvered almonds, half a cup of choc bits, half a cup of raisins, or chocolate pudding and choc bits, or strawberry pudding and chopped cherries.



Kinglake CWA meet on the first tuesday of each month at the Kinglake Neighbourhood house In McMahons Road Kinglake. Contact Christine on 0407 056 346.

SAVE THE DATE

August 21 - Greta Resilient breeders workshop for sheep producers - Workshop 1 Farm Systems - AgVic
August 30 - Violet Town Resilient breeders workshop for sheep producers - Workshop 2 Genetic selection - AgVic
September 5 - Ararat Perennial Pasture Systems Annual Conference - AgVic

UPCOMING CATTLE SALES DATES

Sept 1 Combined agents store sale
Oct 6 Combined agents store sale
Nov 3 Combined agents store sale
Nov 24 Weaner Sale
Dec 1 Combined agents store sale



Yea Saleyards

1 Flat Lead Road Yea Vic 3717

0419 722 570

yeasaleyards.com.au

The Rabbit Trap

By Jed Dunstan



Proudly sponsored by

The Alexandra Grain Store is your one-stop shop for plumbing, irrigation and farm supplies, as well as stockfeed and pet supplies.

Because we are an independent, family-owned business we work with a range of suppliers and can have special orders delivered weekly, whether its horse supplements, specialty dog food, poly pipe or brass fittings.



46 - 48 William Street, Alexandra

(03) 5772 2110

alexgrainstore@gmail.com

WORK LOCAL

save fuel, time and make money

Re-shaping tertiary education in Murrindindi

Continued from Page 1

The shire's Director of Community and Development, Andrew Paxton, said, "In looking at their model, something like 77 per cent of the people there agreed they wouldn't have gone to university or done further studies if it wasn't convenient. Courses that a lot of the people attending there are in health care, aged care and children's services, the key gaps which we're hearing quite regularly from our community, whether struggling for childcare operators, struggling for people at aged care facilities, and things like that.

"It started really gaining momentum. It's gone from an idea and a known gap to a possible way forward," he said, adding that there is also a known gap with apprentices. They want to be able to offer both a university and TAFE hub.

Discussions had begun by the time the mayor and CEO attended the Australian Local Government Association National Conference in Canberra. Through Helen Haines MP, they were able to arrange a meeting with Minister Murray Watt as he looks after TAFEs. He suggested that they speak to Minister Jason Clare who looks after such centralised 'remote university centres'.

Cr Walsh found that under the previous government, a study had been conducted by Deloitte looking at where a remote university centre would be most beneficial. It listed the Yea district (including Yea, Flowerdale, Killingworth and Kerrisdale) as 10th out of the list of 30 locations. He said that it appears to have been a desktop study and that council weren't aware of it. It looked at things like demographics, availability of public transport and the number of people who participate in tertiary education.

Council has written to the Minister for Education, Jason Clare. As yet, they have not received a response, but from Minister Watt, they were advised to work with the state government for a recommendation to establish a facility before approaching the federal government. The state government advised that the project needed community support.

Mr Paxton explained that council has reached out to form a steering group for the project, seeking a mixture of ages, genders, locations, backgrounds, education and culture. They have found eight to 10 people willing to participate, from different businesses, health and other sectors in different parts of the shire. The aim is for the steering group to explore what the model would look like in Murrindindi and to form a prospectus. After further engagement, they will begin an advocacy campaign

with state and federal ministers for possible funding next year.

In speaking to the Eildon houseboat builders, their apprentices go to Melbourne for the theory component of their courses. This theory component may be able to be done from a hub. It was noted that some apprentices now do the theory from home via computer, with an assessor for the practical components coming out on site.

Mr Paxton said, "Is there a way they can go and be a part of a learning environment, which is a slightly new model coming up."

He also pointed out that in this cohort, many of the young people went through their later school years during COVID-19 lockdowns, so a more social environment may be welcomed.

FARM LABOURER

Noonan Agricultural Contractors are looking for up to two people to join their team.

Experience in fencing and driving tractors is preferred but not essential.

Must be willing to work outdoors all year round, in the Yea district, and work longer hours during the hay season from October to December.

Some weekend work from October to December may be available.

Wages depending on experience under the Pastoral Award.

Please contact Matt for more details on 0427 090 378.



Personal Care Workers (qualified) Community-based Aged Care

We are seeking applications from support workers qualified to provide personal care services.

Certificate III in Individual Support required (or higher relevant qualification, eg. Certificate IV in Ageing Support).

Community Support Workers provide assistance in client's own homes in Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville and surrounding areas.

Flexible hours available. Positions available for immediate start.

To request a position description or learn about the benefits of working with us call us for a chat. **Phone 5772 1888**

Applications to: careers@menziessupport.org.au



LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER

Applications are invited for the position of a Learning Support Officer at St Mary's. This is a fixed term position commencing as soon as possible for the remaining 2023 school year. The position is three days a week, working from 8.30am to 3.20pm. This contract has the possibility to be extended for the 2024 school year.

We are seeking enthusiastic applicants who are able to demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, support the vision and mission of St Mary's Catholic Primary School and our Catholic values. Applicants must display professional behaviours when engaging in child-connected work, have an ongoing interest in children and be willing to participate in a range of school related activities.

If you would like to join us in being part of a team that works to ensure growth and success in our students, please send details as outlined below. St Mary's is a child safe school and as such, successful applicants should hold or be willing to acquire a Working with Children Check and a National Police Record Check.

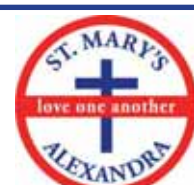
How to apply: A detailed position description and application are available by contacting the principal at principal@smalexandra.catholic.edu.au

Please include your recent employer details and two (2) referees.

Please express your interest by **Thursday, August 24, 2023**

This school community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

St Mary's is a child safe school.



CLASSROOM TEACHING POSITION

**FTE 0.4 Fixed Term (2 days)
Term 4 2023**

Parental Leave replacement

Applications are invited for the position of a classroom teacher commencing on October 2, 2023 and concluding January 28, 2024. This is a Fixed Term position under the Catholic Education Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2022. Graduate teachers are encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children.

The successful applicant must demonstrate:

- An understanding of current Child Safety policies and procedures within education.
- A willingness to work collaboratively to achieve set goals.
- Be appropriately qualified, demonstrate enthusiasm and ability to deliver the appropriate curriculum to a range of educational abilities, and be able to provide care and support for students whilst supporting and respecting the ethos of the school and its environment.

The successful applicant will hold Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration.

How to apply: A detailed position description and application requirements are available by accessing the school website at smalexandra.catholic.edu.au or by contacting the principal via email - principal@smalexandra.catholic.edu.au

Please include three referees, one being your most recent employer.

Applications close Thursday, August 31, 2023

This school community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

St Mary's is a child safe school.

WE ARE HIRING

BUS DRIVER / DETAILER FULL-TIME. ALEXANDRA.

The Role:

Full time (Mon-Fri): includes a School bus run in the morning/afternoon, with bus cleaning throughout the day.

You Need:

Medium rigid license, Drivers certificate, Working with children's check.

Don't have? We can help.

☎ 03 5722 9255

✉ admin@fallons.com.au



THE GENERAL STRATH CREEK • 3658

Chef

The General at Strath Creek is looking for a chef to drive the food experience at the newly established general store and 40 seat café. You will be working in an idyllic regional setting as part of a dynamic 'start-up'.

What you will bring:

- Experience and an understanding of rural café style cooking.
- Proven experience two plus years in food service ordering, operation in a commercial kitchen and combi oven trained.

Applicants must be flexible, adaptable and be available to work across a minimum five days per week, hours include weekends and public holidays with weekday flexibility.

Above award wages considered for the right candidate.

To request a full job description and/or apply for this position, send your full resume to Prue Brown at hello@thegeneralstrathcreek.com.au

WORK LOCAL

save fuel, time and make money

Re-shaping tertiary education in Murrindindi

Continued from Page 10

"We don't know the answers to some of the questions, but we're open minded in terms of 'what is the best outcome for us,'" Mr Paxton said.

He said that under the country university model, they are a sub-campus of about 20 different universities. If someone wanted to study nursing at LaTrobe online for example, and someone else wanted to study accounting through the University of Queensland, the campus would provide a quiet, heated space away from distractions at home, with staff there to help with referencing or sourcing documents and to support you in the space. It would be a support for the remote aspects of the course, but practical classes would still need to be conducted elsewhere.

Mr Walsh said that models have shown that pass rate and completion rate both increase under the country university model. Working in a cohort of like-minded people, regardless of whether they are all doing different courses, has a positive effect.

The location for the campus is still up in the air, with Mr Paxton saying that the steering group will help to make a decision in that regard, as well as the operating model and structure.

The report talks about potentially the Yea area, but there may be a core centre there with other libraries or infrastructure servicing it.

Is it expected that the costs of the centre would be provided by the federal government and programs, and therefore there would be no charge to the students in using the facility, beyond their course costs.

"It's an exciting opportunity," Andrew said. "Talking to people recently, a number of groups are already saying 'we know people who are retired professors in this. They'd love to come down and help tutor people.' There could be other avenues that make our proposal even more robust, not relying on a small pool of staff to deliver it. We might be able to weave in a community-

backed proposal with mentoring and tutoring from retired or semi-retired people, or people who just love education and want to support that space."

They'll be talking to a wide variety of stakeholder groups, and will be looking at life-long learning in terms of community houses, U3A and other hubs.

Cr Walsh pointed out that while the focus is initially on young people leaving high school, they also recognise that there will be a lot of people who will be looking for a change in career and sourcing different qualifications. He also noted that there are some significant gaps in some areas in the shire, such as childcare and early childhood education.

"How do we pull all that together? People who would like to do it but can't get away from home for a long period of time to go

off down to Melbourne or elsewhere," Cr Walsh said.

People will be able to do any course they want, however there are some gaps in the shire's workforce which would be great to fill. People could also choose to work part time while they study, getting some experience in the field.

They certainly want to make sure that they get business and industry on board. The aim is to retain young people in the shire, and to do that they need to be offering the right courses so that local businesses can employ these people.

"We need to all work together on it," Cr Walsh said.

"It's such an exciting opportunity to re-shape education in Murrindindi for keeping people in the area, and also supporting those businesses to grow," Mr Paxton said.

APPLY FOR A SEASONAL ROLE AT COUNCIL'S SWIMMING POOLS

Are you a water-loving individual with a passion for sun, fun and safety? We have the perfect job for you!

Join our team this summer at one of our seasonal pools in Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville or Yea.

Council is seeking some amazing people for the following roles:

- Assistant Aquatic Operations and Facility Supervisor
- Aquatics Senior Duty Manager
- Aquatics Duty Manager
- Lifeguard (various positions)

If this sounds like you or someone you know, visit our website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs for more information and to apply.

Applications close this Sunday 20 August 2023, so get in quick!



SPEECH PATHOLOGIST GRADE 1 or 2

0.74 EFT (28 hours per week negotiable).

An exciting opportunity exists for one or more passionate Speech Pathologists to join our Primary Health team, servicing a mixed caseload, or working as a specialist paediatric or specialist adult Speech Pathologist, depending on your experience and area of interest.

The role of the Speech Pathologist at ADH is well varied and always rewarding. It includes assessment, treatment and management of a broad range of clients in the community and inpatient setting, including children and adults with communication or swallowing disorders, and those with difficulties in speech, language, voice, fluency and literacy. You will have the opportunity to collaborate with families, aged care facilities, people living with disabilities, day care centres, local schools and other organisations to deliver Speech Pathology services, staff education and promote the importance of early intervention.

The successful candidate will be well supported within a close-knit team of allied health professionals, as well as via clinical supervision and education opportunities. You will be client focused, demonstrate effective interpersonal and written communication skills, be able to work autonomously and manage a busy workload and have the ability to function as an effective member of a multidisciplinary team.

For queries regarding this position please contact Chris Wasley, Primary Health Manager on 5772 0900 or Christine.Wasley@adh.org.au.

To access a position description or to apply visit adh.org.au/careers/current-vacancies.

Applications must address the Key Selection Criteria.

Applications close August 25, 2023, close of business.

FINANCE COORDINATOR PERMANENT PART TIME

24 hours per week.

As a key member of the Finance Team, the Finance Coordinator provides support and assistance to the Finance Manager and (as required) assists to co-ordinate and support the Finance team.

The Finance Coordinator will work with the Finance Manager to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the ADH finance function and support the successful co-ordination of the month end / year end finance / accounting processes to ensure all reporting deadlines are met.

This role will also be fundamental in supporting the finance manager with the preparation and provision of relevant financial information, analysis and advice that will assist the executive, leadership team and other internal and external finance stakeholders.

To be successful in this role you will:

- Have completed or be working towards the completion of a tertiary qualification, preferably in a business and/or finance related discipline.
- Have a minimum of 1-2 years' experience working in a relevant role which aligns with the position's key responsibilities.
- Demonstrate excellent Microsoft Office skills (in particular, use of excel, word and outlook).
- Have a working knowledge of finance / accounting-based software programs.

You will work in a supportive team located onsite in Alexandra. Flexible work arrangements are supported at Alexandra District Health, flexible hours will be considered.

For queries regarding this position please contact Juliana McCashney, Manager People and Culture 5772 0997 or Recruitment@adh.org.au.

To access a position description or to apply visit: adh.org.au/careers/current-vacancies/.

Applications close August 18, 2023, close of business.

We want you!

That's right, Dindi cleaning co are looking for yet another staff member to join our team.

The must haves:

- Attention to detail
- Mode of transport/license
- Can do attitude
- Must be available a minimum 2 days a week.
- Be willing to Travel within 45 minutes.

What we do for you:

- Above award wages
- Flexible hours

Contact us: Dindicleaning@outlook.com

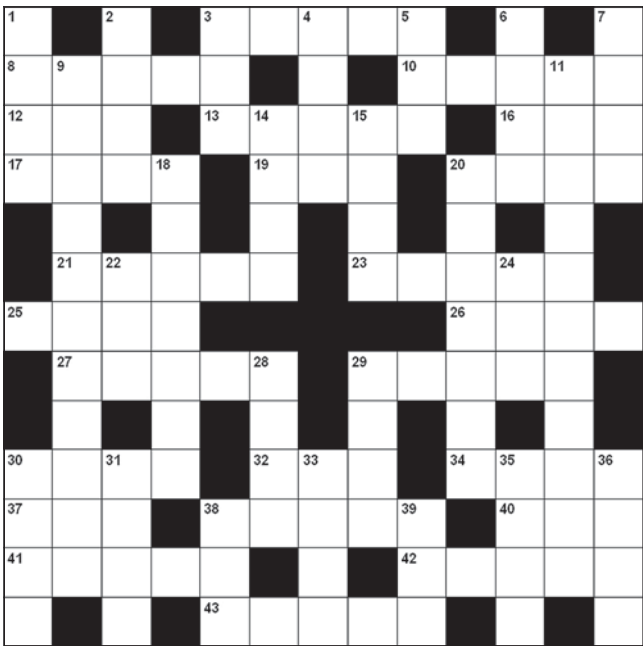
PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS
Page 14

Crossword

ACROSS

3. Joined together into a whole.
8. A yellow-green colour.
10. Red cosmetic powder.
12. Down in the dumps.
13. Bowler hat.
16. The ocean.
17. Mixture of smoke and fog.
19. Polite address for a man.
20. Take on lease.
21. Very loud.
23. At no time.
25. Immediately.
26. Lively intelligent breed of horse.
27. Small room at the top of a house.
29. Fathered children.
30. Layers one atop another.
32. Not healthy.
34. Fruit of the blackthorn.
37. Take illegally.
38. Rested on the knees.
40. The finish.
41. Positive pole.
42. Lower in esteem.
43. Culpability for a crime.



DOWN

1. Throw carelessly.
2. Leisure center with swimming pool.
3. Gave food to.
4. Hindu woman's garment.
5. Fluid deprivation.
6. A deceptive manoeuvre.
7. Notable achievement.
9. A cry of sorrow.
11. Family lines.
14. Catch sight of.
15. Husks of cereal grain.
18. Sparkle and shine.
20. Wrecks destruction.
22. Erect annual grass.
24. A period in time.
28. Metal piece of money.
29. A lavish formal dance.
30. Light two-wheel carriage.
31. Very dark black.
33. Third son of Jacob.
35. Direct the way.
36. Place of complete delight.
38. Small cask.
39. Make lace.

Maths Squares

Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 16.
Each number is only used once.
Each row is a math equation.
Each column is a math equation.
Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

	-		+	6	+		6
÷		-		+		+	
	-		+		+	5	2
+		-		-		×	
	+		+		+		46
÷		-		÷		-	
	-		÷		-		-5
6		-28		10		61	

Number Block

Fill in the missing numbers

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 6.
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.

	4						15
						1	21
							20
							14
							13
							16
							26
13	25	15	22	17	18		25

Sudoku

Difficulty: Hard

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9
Every row and column and every group of 9 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number and letter only once.

6		7	4	8				9
		8	9					
					1		4	2
	6			5			7	8
5	7			9				3
4	5		3					
					9	5		
9				1	6	4		7



The plants and additional mulch were added following the incident. The designated pathway is to the left of the parking spots. -AR

Injury suffered by Marysville pedestrian

IN early August, a Marysville man broke his hip after falling over outside the real estate agency and takeaway shop in Marysville. He was moving from a parking spot across the garden and creek/gutter area when he fell.
He was assisted by people who had been nearby, and was taken to hospital in an ambulance. It is understood that he is not the only person to have fallen in that location.
Council was asked to advise regarding what actions council is undertaking regarding the issue.
Vito Albicini, Director Assets and Environment at Murrindindi Shire Council said, "Our primary concern is for the wellbeing of the elderly gentleman who experienced a fall and his wife, for whom he is the sole caregiver. We wish him a swift recovery and offer our support as they navigate through this difficult situation. In response to this incident, our Community Services team has extended an offer of support to the couple to ensure they receive the assistance they need during this challenging time and into the future."
"From our understanding, the gentleman chose a path that was not a designated and safe route. He attempted to cross from the roadside through the garden bed and a dry riverbed swale onto the footpath. Unfortunately, he tripped and fell on the

concrete edge of the footpath, which serves as a drop-off from the garden bed area. It's important to clarify that this area was not intended as a designated pathway.
"The carpark has an asphalt path that safely leads to the footpath to provide safe access.
"We appreciate the insights provided by those who witnessed the incident. Their suggestions are valuable inputs as we work toward improving safety conditions. To enhance safety and prevent similar incidents, we are taking steps which include the installation of additional plants to clearly demarcate the intended path and discourage any shortcutting across the garden bed.
"Additionally, we are exploring various options to deter people from taking routes that are not designed for safe passage. Council will be installing more plants to make it clear that it is not a pathway as well as investigate other options to discourage any further shortcutting by residents who are crossing the garden bed to access the footpath, even though there is a designated path that everyone should use.
"We will continue to collaborate with local stakeholders, consider expert advice, and implement necessary measures to ensure that our community can move about safely."

Get your building plans printed with us

A2 Black & White	\$2 per copy
A2 Colour	\$5 per copy
A1 Black & White	\$5 per copy
A1 Colour	\$8 per copy

Alexandra Newspapers
P.O. Box 5, Alexandra, 3714
43 Grant Street, Alexandra
Ph 5772 1002 Fax 5772 1603
Email: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

GET YOUR POSTERS PRINTED WITH US

A2 Colour \$30 per copy (594mmx420mm)
A1 Colour \$40 per copy (594mmx841mm)
235gsm gloss photo paper

PLEASE NOTE: files must be supplied in high resolution eg: '300dpi'

Alexandra Newspapers
P.O. Box 5, Alexandra, 3714
43 Grant Street, Alexandra
Phone 5772 1002 | Fax 5772 1603
reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY

TO BOOK AN AD PLEASE PHONE 5772 1002

AIR CONDITIONING



Commercial and Domestic
Airconditioning and Refrigeration
Service and Installation

Your one and only local trusted



Scott Phelps 0431 331 085

www.air2aircon.com.au

Licence: 49182
RTA: AU32342



ANIMAL SERVICES



**Taggerty
Vet Clinic**

Dr Rebecca Parth

BVSc

0403 012 996

All Animals
Large & Small

Consultations strictly
by appointment

ANTENNAS



Christopher Edwards

0405 554 915

info@chris-tv.com.au

Sec Reg: 997-462-605

Chris's TV
The Television Reception Specialist

- TV & FM radio antennas
- Extra TV wall points
- Surround sound systems
- Data points & mesh WIFI
- Starlink, VAST & Foxtel installs
- TV brackets & wall mount TVs
- Home theatre
- CCTV security systems

Fully Registered

Fully Insured

BIN HIRE

RUBBISH REMOVAL

• DOMESTIC • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

- Builders Waste
- Household Waste
- 6m Walk In Bins
- 3m Bins

**Alexandra
SKIP BINS**

22 BON ST, ALEXANDRA

CALL SIMON GOODMAN

0409 997 632

BLINDS & CURTAINS



PH 57722 152

1 Hall Street ALEXANDRA e: chookies@virtual.net.au



FREE Measure & Quote
SHUTTERS BLINDS AWNINGS CURTAINS

BRICKLAYING

Benny's Bricklaying

◆ Brickwork ◆ Concreting ◆ Tiling ◆ Paving

Ph. D. Appelman

0417 588 549 5772 1602 A/H

BRICKLAYING

**BRICK
and
BLOCK LAYING**

New homes
Renovations
Extensions

KIRK
0409 336 327

BUILDERS & CARPENTERS



SCOTT HILL

Registered Builder

0439 730 824

- NEW HOMES • EXTENSIONS
- RENOVATIONS • DECKS
- SWIMMING POOLS

info@hbiconstructions.com.au

hbiconstructions.com.au



RBP - DBU 47736 HIA 1169777

CANVAS SERVICES

F&C LAMPET/A

**Custom
Canvas**

55A Downey Street Alexandra
manufacturers of
Sun Blinds and Indoor Blind Specialty
• Clear Plastic Blinds
• Caravan Annexes
• General Canvas Work

Phone 5772 2760 Mob 0409 515 204

CHIMNEY SWEEPING



**ALEXANDRA
CHIMNEY SWEEP**

Solar Panel Cleaning
Annual cleaning
recommended

Phone David 0475 396 772 or
Robyn 0413 299 154

CONCRETING

Fleetwood Concreting

If it's concrete you need, phone Mac!

Any style - any size

- Driveways • Paths • Slabs • Foundations
- Steps • Crossovers
- Plain • Coloured • Stencil • Slate
- or • Exposed Aggregate

All excavations and concrete cutting

Phone 0418 534 973

**Alexandra
BRICKLAYING
CONCRETE & PAVING**

No job too big or too small

Free quotes

Call Jarrod, James and Corey

0409 190 502

CONVEYANCING

CONVEYANCING & PROPERTY
TRANSFER SPECIALISTS

Debra Loveday

5772 2500

71 Grant Street, Alexandra

debra@sargeantsm.com.au

Conveyancing throughout Victoria

ELECTRICIANS

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS



Electrical Technology

- Eco Smart Electrician • Domestic / Commercial
- Undergrounds • Electrical Design
- Cable Locations • Trenching
- Solar Installations
- Grid Connect / Off Grid / Batteries

Ph 5751 0000

info@e-tec.net.au

www.eteelectrical.com.au

EMC0060

Rec N° 12906



- COMMERCIAL
- SPLIT SYSTEMS
- NEW INSTALLATIONS
- MAINTENANCE
- INDUSTRIAL
- UNDERGROUNDS
- NEW HOMES
- BREAKDOWNS

0439 842 030

Sunnyboy Electrical Services

EILDON

Domestic, Commercial and Solar

Electrical Installations

New Houses and Renovations

0498 196 986

EMC0022



TRY THE NEW SERVICE IN TOWN

0455 317 553
24 HOUR CALL OUTS • REDGATEELECTRICAL.COM.AU

EXCAVATION & EARTHMOVING

KEATH'S EXCAVATIONS P/L, YARCK

EARTH MOVING

- Excavators ~ Dozers ~ Graders
- Scrapers ~ Loaders ~ Rollers
- Backhoe ~ Water Carts
- Low Loader ~ Tipper
- Trucks & Trailers

All equipment operated by qualified operators

PERSONAL SUPERVISION - 42 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Phone 5773 4242 Mobile 0428 577 951

keathsexc@bigpond.com

EMC0082

GLAZIERS

**ALEXANDRA
WINDSCREENS
& GLASS**

Servicing the Murrindindi Shire
for 35 years

★ on site 24 hour service ★

- ★ Automotive glass ★
- ★ Household needs ★
- ★ Shower screens ★
- ★ Shop fronts ★

Ph Steve Heard

YOUR LOCAL GLAZIER

0427 577 839

KITCHENS



Custom built kitchens, 3D kitchen design,
Granite and Reconstituted stone, laundries,
Creative design and quality,
vanities, wardrobes

0409 146 465

38 Johnston St, Alexandra

sales@murrindindikitchens.com

LEGAL SERVICES

**Bell
Legal & Planning**

Lawyers and Town Planning Consultants

Angelina Bell – Principal Solicitor

0448 793 795

admin@belllegalplanning.com.au

**Louise Brennan
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR**

'Riverview'

1560 Goulburn Valley Highway, Alexandra

Phone 5773 2298 Fax 5773 2294

MECHANICAL REPAIRS



For All Car and 4WD

- General servicing and repairs
- Log book servicing
- Roadworthy Certificates
- Courtesy car now available

VACC
You're in good hands

vicroads
Licenced Vehicle Tester

PH: (03) 5772 2133

6 Webster St, Alexandra

Owners Mark & Serina Coghill

LWC1117



Like us on facebook

facebook.com/alexandranewspapers

Alexandra Newspapers | 43 Grant St, Alexandra VIC 3714 | P: (03) 5772 1002

ALEXANDRA
NEWSPAPERS

Standard

BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY

MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Boz Miljkovic
Mechanic

Alexandra Automotive
VACC

61 Downey Street, Alexandra
Ph (03) 5772 3232

- General Car Servicing
- Repairs & Tuning
- Batteries
- Road Worthy Certificates
- Disc & Drum Machining
- Front Ends & Suspension

Alexandra Motorcycles

HONDA

- RWC licenced tester
- Tyre fitting service
- Road, Enduro, Quad repairs
- Servicing for popular brands • Honda spare parts

VACC MEMBER
65 Downey Street (near secondary college)
PH 5772 1045

PANEL BEATERS

ALEXANDRA PANELS & TOWING
UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP
Bianca and Giles Wright
5772 1904
alexandrapanels@gmail.com
3 BUNDERBOWEIK STREET

AFTER HOURS
0483 051 192

PLUMBERS

ARMSTRONG PLUMBING PTY LTD

NEW AND RENOVATION WORK
ROOFING, GUTTER AND SPOUTING
SEPTIC AND DRAINS

LICENSED BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTER
MAINTENANCE AND BLOCKED DRAINS
JET CLEANER AND DRAIN CAMERA

85 Betts Road, Yea 3717
0417 356 428 | 0408 973 278
Master Plumber member 35 years - License No. 17255
info@armstrongplumbing.com.au

TRAVIS CAPP Lic. No. 37388
PLUMBER & GASFITTER
Your plumbing specialists

- New Homes • Roof & Gutters • Sewer & Septics • High Pressure Sewer Jetter
- Drain Camera • Pipe & Cable Locator
- Water Tanks • Solar HWS • Wood Heaters

Excavators, post hole, rock breaker, trencher & tip truck hire
0419 553 803
Email: tcplumbing@bigpond.com

A & C Wood PLUMBING Lic. No. 108688

ANDREW WOOD
0488 559 091

DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL, GAS FITTING, HOT WATER SERVICES, SEWER, SEPTIC, HEATING & EMERGENCY SERVICE

SEPTIC TANK CLEANING

SEPTIC TANK & GREASE TRAP CLEANING
EPALICENCED
~ ALL HOURS ~

5962 4841 EFTPOS & Credit Cards Accepted
0419 131 958

SERVICE STATIONS

SimpsonS FUEL 70 YEARS

Fuelling North East Victoria since 1953 with quality products and great service.

Supplying bulk fuels to your farm or business.
Lubricant specialists, catering for all your needs with Mobil and Prolube lubricants, greases and solvents.

Ampol Alexandra
Ampol Eildon
Mansfield Diesel Stop

24 HRS

0357721205 | www.simpsonsfuel.com.au

TREE REMOVAL

IT'S TREES

- Insured
- Experienced
- Reliable
- Competitive
- Qualified

TREE & STUMP REMOVALS
Servicing Murrindindi and Mansfield Shires
5778 9603 JASON 0413 671 066

TREE SERVICES

NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL

- Commercial and residential block clearing
- Deadwood and weight reduction
- 24-hour emergency call outs
- Tree and stump removal
- Pruning and shaping
- 3.6 Tonne excavator
- Insurance works
- Storm damage

EASTERN TREE MANAGEMENT

FULLY INSURED

Andrew Bates: 0488 990 393
Kate Hill: 0407 555 440

Advanced TREE CARE
Servicing N.E. Victoria

- ✓ Tree Removal ✓ Chipping ✓ Qualified Climbers & Arborists ✓ Fully Insured
- ✓ Felling ✓ Mulching ✓ Stump Removal
- ✓ Tower Hire ✓ Free Quotes

Please call Michael on 0449 810 683 (03) 5778 7479

WATER BORING

No water, no charge after free site inspection
Ph Des Murray
0428 518 159

New grants to support Veterans

THE Victorian Government is opening a new round of grants to develop new ways to honour, commemorate and remember Victorian Veterans. These grants are the Anzac Day Proceeds Fund and the Victorian Remembers grant.

Both programs provide an exciting opportunity for Victorians to contribute and find new ways to support our veterans.

The Anzac Day Proceeds Fund helps ex service organisations deliver activities that boost the wellbeing of Victoria's veteran community.

Victoria Remembers supports projects that honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans or educates Victorians about their contributions.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman said, "We're providing Victoria's veteran community with practical support to build a fulfilling life beyond their service. These grants are about supporting veteran welfare and giving ex-service organisations the opportunity to design and deliver the programs.

"We want to make sure the service and sacrifice of veterans is always remembered and we're always looking for new and innovative ways to honour that service."

To apply or find out more about the grants visit vic.gov.au/grants-support-and-commemorate-veterans

Hot water system stolen from Marysville Saddle Tramps

IT was a sad day for the Marysville Saddle Tramps on Monday, August 8, to discover their instantaneous gas hot water system and the gas regulator had been stolen from cages on the wall at the Marysville Saddle Tramps Club Rooms.

John phoned the president to report water gushing from the club room's wall. John Kasch went to investigate, saw the unit was missing and managed to stem the water flow. The club would like to thank John Kasch and John, the community member, who took the time to ring Jo.

The club has reported the matter to the police. If anyone has any information or saw anything suspicious at the club rooms, could they please contact the police.

Annual fishing festival marks the opening of trout season

LOCAL and visiting recreational fishers across the Goulburn region will mark the opening of trout season at the free Goulburn Fishing Festival on Saturday, September 2 in Eildon.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Sonya Kilkenny announced the annual free festival will celebrate all that fishing in the Goulburn region has to offer, with free festival activities offering something for every angler no matter their experience level.

The festival is part of the Victorian Government's \$96 million investment to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture over the next four years.

1500 giant rainbow trout have also been stocked across 10 sites between Eildon and Molesworth, with an extra 500 fish stocked at the Eildon Pondage.

Located at Lions Park on Riverside Drive, the festival features free activities for the whole family. A free fishing clinic will teach the next generation of anglers how to cast, bait up and net a fish, with free bait and tackle provided and experienced instructors on hand.

Fly casting lessons will also be on offer from the Australian Trout Foundation, giving more experienced fishers the opportunity to take their skills to the next level. There will also be face painting, plaster arts painting, market stalls, prizes and raffles, with fireworks over the pondage at 7pm.

Fisheries Officers and Better Boating staff will also be on deck to answer questions from anglers no matter their experience level.

Tours of the VFA's popular Snobs Creek hatchery will be on offer for the community to see first hand how millions of trout and native fish are grown annually for the statewide stocking program. Youngsters will also be able to help with trout releases into the Eildon Pondage on the day.

Victorian rivers and streams officially open to trout fishing on Saturday, September 2. All lakes, including Lake Eildon and Eildon Pondage, are open to trout fishing year round.

For more information visit vfa.vic.gov.au/goulburnfishfest

PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

T	L	F	U	S	E	D	R	F
O	L	I	V	E	A	R	O	U
S	A	D	D	E	R	B	Y	S
S	M	O	G	S	I	R	E	N
E	L	P	A	A	E			
N	O	I	S	Y	N	E	V	E
S	T	A	T			A	R	A
A	T	T	I	C	B	E	G	A
T	E	O	A	E	I			
T	I	E	R	I	L	L	S	L
R	O	B	K	N	E	L	T	E
A	N	O	D	E	V	A	B	A
P	N	G	U	I	L	T	D	N

MATH SQUARES

8	-	15	+	6	+	7	6
÷		-		+		+	
4	-	16	+	9	+	5	2
+		-		-		x	
12	+	13	+	10	+	11	46
÷		-		÷		-	
3	-	14	÷	2	-	1	-5
6		-28		10		61	

NUMBER BLOCK

6	4	0	2	6	3	15
1	6	1	6	5	1	21
1	2	6	3	1	1	20
0	6	0	2	0	5	14
4	3	2	4	0	3	13
1	4	6	5	5	5	16
13	25	15	22	17	18	26
						25

SUDOKU

6	2	7	4	8	5	3	1	9
1	4	8	9	3	2	7	6	5
3	9	5	7	6	1	8	4	2
2	6	4	1	5	3	9	7	8
8	3	9	6	2	7	1	5	4
5	7	1	8	9	4	2	3	6
4	5	2	3	7	8	6	9	1
7	1	6	2	4	9	5	8	3
9	8	3	5	1	6	4	2	7

Classifieds

Call 5772 1002 now
to book your ad today!
Fax 5772 1603 or Email
reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au



Classified information

Office hours

Alexandra

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5pm
Ph 5772 1002

E: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

Deadline - Noon Monday

Proofs

Line ads – proofs not supplied

Display – will only be supplied if requested

Payment

Payment is required when placing the advertisement. Cash, cheque or credit card facilities available. Master Card or Visa (no AMEX). Non-payment prior to deadline may result in advertisement not appearing.

Death notices

Cannot be published without confirmation or authority from a direct family member or funeral director.

Vehicles/Deals on Wheels

Registration or VIN number must be included in advertisement. Deals on Wheels will run for 8 weeks unless cancelled when sold.

Bargains under \$100

Either one item to the value of \$100 or several items not totalling more than \$100.

Animals

It is an offence to advertise the sale of a dog or cat or to give away free unless the microchip identification number and a source number of the animal generated by the Pet Exchange Register is included in the advertisement.

Refunds or credits

Check your advertisement on its first appearance. Although every care is taken to ensure your advertisement is correct errors can occur. Notify us immediately if there are errors in your advertisement. Refunds or credits will not be issued if your advertisement has appeared numerous times and you have not notified us. Credits or refunds will not be given if advertisements appear out of order.

Conditions of advertising

Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd has the right to refuse any advertisement. Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd gives no guarantee for positioning of advertisements.

Copy right

Material published in this edition is subject to copyright provisions and cannot be used without the company's permission. Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd accepts no responsibility for the unauthorised republication of such material.

Print Post Approved - PP 100000292.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Energy,
Environment
and Climate Action

GEOGRAPHIC NAMING PROPOSAL - SNOBS / BANYARMBITE FALLS

- Taungurung Land and Waters Council, together with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, is proposing to dual name Snobs Falls to Snobs / Banyarmbite Falls.
- Snobs Falls are located on Snobs Creek Road, 11.2km from Eildon.
- The falls are located on the lands of Traditional Owners, the Taungurung people.
- This naming recognises the Taungurung people and their strong and ongoing connection to this area.
- The Taungurung name for Snobs Falls, Banyarmbite, has been passed down through the generations of Taungurung people to the present day, and is supported by extensive literature and cartographic research. Banyarmbite is recorded as meaning 'against water' or 'twilight water'. It is intended for the name to transition solely to the Taungurung name over a period of time in accordance with the Naming rules.
- Further information about the naming proposal is available at www.taungurung.com.au
- Members of the public can provide feedback on the name by post to Taungurung Land & Waters Council, PO Box 505, Broadford, 3658 or by email to clm@tlawc.com.au
- Submissions must comply with *Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities – 2022* which can be found at www.land.vic.gov.au
- All submissions must be received by Friday 22nd September 2023.

F4/0076

PUBLIC NOTICES



Lions Club of Eildon Inc 2022-2023 Disbursements

Not for profit organisations, not individuals, are welcome to apply for a share in our 2022-23 disbursement period. Applicants will have to explain, how the grant will benefit the local community.

Applications

Must be in by Monday, August 31, 2023.
Late returns will not be considered.
Please add email address with information.
Successful applicants will be notified.

Send to

Eildon Lions Club Disbursements
PO Box 36, Eildon. 3713
or
Email: sunnyhm@bigpond.com

Expressions of Interest invited – Yea Cemetery Trust

The Yea Cemetery Trust is exploring ways for the local Yea community to be involved in the management and running of the Yea Lawn and Old Cemeteries, and is seeking expressions of interest from community members who would like to assist the trust.

The Trust consists of Councillors of Murrindindi Shire Council, who meet independently of Council to oversee the management of the cemeteries.

If you have previous experience and/or an interest in cemetery management and a passion for volunteering, the Trust would like to hear from you.

You'll need to submit your expression of interest, addressing the Yea Cemetery Trust in writing:

- by email to msc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au; or
- by post to PO Box 138 Alexandra, VIC 3714

Expressions of interest must be received by August 25, 2023.

For further enquiries, please contact Michael Chesworth on 5772 0333

DEATH NOTICES

MCGREGOR,
Karen Ann

February 17, 1959 – August 9, 2023
A much loved sister to Judith and Denise, sister-in-law to David, aunty to Freddy and Pippa, aunt-in-law to Sarah, great-aunt to Louis and Oliver, and Yea community member. A keen gardener taken too soon, her sense of humour and contagious laugh will be missed. Now reunited with mum Betty and dad Jack.
Rest in Peace.



SITUATION VACANT



Turf Farm Hand

HG Turf Group is a family owned business located in Alexandra, North East Victoria and specialises in producing premium turf for the Melbourne and regional Victorian markets.

We are seeking to employ people at our turf farm.

Applicants should be fit and energetic with good communication skills. The roles would require you to assist with general harvest and production needs including mowing, spraying and forklift/tractor operation.

Machinery experience and forklift license preferred but not essential.

You will be an important part of our dedicated team and will work in a positive and supportive environment. We will provide you with a competitive hourly wage rate together with numerous training and development opportunities in a team orientated, friendly environment. The positions are casual with the potential to lead to full time employment.

Interested? Please email your resume to info@hgturfgroup.com.au.

DEATH NOTICES

Taylor, Janet Fay
23/05/1951 -
05/08/2023
Loved wife of Larry
Dearly loved mother
of Adam, Shannon,
Roxanne and Eden.
Grandmother to
Chaydon, Alice, Ava
and Draco.
Forever in our hearts.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

GARLICK Howard

(Sel) –
August 20, 2023
A memorial will be held at 1pm at the family property over the Province bridge on the right, Yea. Refreshments following at Yea Bowls Club.

FOR HIRE

FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Rental and Sales
Alexandra

Treadmills, X- trainers,
exercise bikes, rowers
and more.
PH:0407 231 377

PUBLIC NOTICES

HIGH COUNTRY EXTREME COWBOYS INC.

Notice of Annual General Meeting. Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 6.30pm. Delatite Hotel, Mansfield. All welcome. Enquiries to Secretary - Tamara Fox 0407 043 866 highcountryexca@yahoo.com

Classifieds

Call 5772 1002 now
to book your ad today!

Fax 5772 1603 or
Email reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

FUNERAL NOTICES

TAYLOR

The funeral service to celebrate the life of Jan will be held at 11.30am on Friday, August 18 at the Highlands Community Hall, 1603 Ghin Ghin Road, Highlands.



MEETINGS



The next general meeting for the Alexandra RSL will be held on Sunday, August 20, at noon, followed by a light luncheon.

PETS & LIVESTOCK

ISA BROWN LAYERS -
POL, \$27 each. Phone
5798 1868. Pick-up in
Alexandra or Yea.
beckysfreerange@gmail.com

SITUATIONS VACANT

**TRUCK AND DOG
DRIVER** to cart
products into garden
supplies in Templestowe/
Eltham area. Based in
Healesville. Willing to
train or take on a young
driver. Ph Colin Young
Transport 0407 307 432.

FOR SALE

BARGAINS UNDER \$100

Advertise for **FREE*** in the
classifieds in Alexandra Standard
and Yea Chronicle

Maximum 28 words

Fill in the coupon, one word per box and drop into Alexandra Newspapers - 43 Grant Street, Alexandra or, 92 High Street Yea or email reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au NO LATER THAN NOON MONDAY.

Name:..... Ph:.....

Address:.....

*Conditions apply



Flood recovery support for local committees of management

THE Australian and Victorian Governments are supporting Victorian communities to restore recreation areas and facilities damaged by the floods in October and November 2022.

Under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, the federal and state governments have provided more than \$11.8 million to 125 voluntary committees of management.

With this funding, the committees are restoring significant community gathering places and tourist destinations including halls, caravan parks, camping areas and multi-use recreation reserves for use by residents and visitors. The projects will also consider upgrades to improve their resilience against future disasters.

The flood recovery projects range from replacement and upgrade of drainage and power, road repairs, and replacement of fencing, to more complex rebuilding projects.

Locally, the Molesworth Recreation Reserve will be using the funds to repair and reinstate landscaping, fencing, roads, signage and bollards, along with tree safety works; the Toolangi Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc will use the funds to repair and reinstate roading and the car park; and the Yea Racecourse and Recreation Reserve will use the funds to repair and reinstate the surface run-off areas including the car park and drains.

A full list of successful grant recipients is available at deeca.vic.gov.au/grants/voluntary-committees-of-management-flood-recovery

To learn more about the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements visit disasterassist.gov.au and vic.gov.au/2022-flood-recovery

Commonwealth Minister for Emergency Management Senator the Hon Murray Watt said, "The October 2022 floods were one of the worst Victorian flood disasters on record and caused significant damage across 64 of Victoria's 79 local government areas, affecting multiple community spaces and assets.

"This support will fund repairs to halls, caravan parks, camping areas, multi-use recreation reserves and other important community facilities on public land, ensuring community assets in regional Victoria are back up and running for residents and visitors alike.

"This program forms part of the \$105.5 million Environmental Support Package announced in June, with over \$1.17 billion now committed in joint funding for affected Victorian communities since the floods."

Victorian Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt added, "This important funding will ensure the hardest hit communities from last year's floods are able to recover as quickly as possible."

Women in Small Business Webinar Series

PARTNERS in Wellbeing are presenting *Women in Small Business: Balancing Work and Home Life*, an evidence-based webinar series aimed at small business owners who want to connect and share experiences with other like-minded women who juggle family and work.

Join Wellbeing Coaches Jane Lazzari and Julie Fletcher as they facilitate interactive group discussions with women in small business around the topics listed below which have been informed by previous webinar participants.

Webinars will be held every Wednesday from August 16 to September 13 and are free, but you have to register to attend.

The topics include: Self-doubt, health, self-care, managing mental health, and keeping your eye on the prize.

Register at eventbrite.com.au/e/partners-in-wellbeing-presents-webinar-series-for-women-in-small-business-tickets-684564600147

Alexandra Secondary College students raise funds for mental health

ALEXANDRA Secondary College Year 11 Student Leadership Program participants organised a free dress day and bake sale, with a theme of 'a touch of green', to raise money for mental health last week.

Their chosen charity, Headspace, is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. Headspace began operating in 2006, providing early intervention mental health services to 12 to 25 year olds.

Every year they help thousands of young people, their families and their friends, access support through their services in over 154 communities across Australia, as well as online and phone counselling services, vocational services, and their programs in schools.

Headspace supports young people with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drug services, as well as work and study support. They focus on early intervention, working with young people at a crucial time in their lives – to help get them back on track and strengthen their ability to manage their mental health in the future.

The Year 11 Student Leaders efforts were hugely successful, raising just shy of \$900 for a really vital service for young people.

If you or someone you know needs support, you can contact Headspace at headspace.org.au



Green themed free dress and bake sale by the ASC Year 11 Leadership group, raising money for youth mental health service Headspace. -S

Report and claim for pesky pothole damage

DODGING potholes has become a sport these days. According to RACV almost 43,000 potholes and counting have been repaired following the 2022 Victorian Floods and many more are still awaiting a fix.

A pothole develops when water seeps into cracks in the road's surface, causing the surface to weaken and split. This process is exacerbated by the pressure of vehicles travelling over the road, eventually leading to chunks of asphalt coming away entirely, resulting in the potholes we are experiencing on our roads.

Vehicles driving over the potholes causes them to grow in width and depth, making it more hazardous for road users and potentially damaging vehicles. It also increases the risk of catastrophic accidents due to the potholes or through attempted pothole avoidance.

There is not one single entity which is responsible for repairing potholes on the state's roads. It depends on the road itself. In Victoria, VicRoads is responsible for potholes on arterial roads and freeways and local councils are responsible for the non-arterial roads within their municipalities. This is usually within the 60km range in towns but is not always the case so it's always best to confirm with the local council. For the non-arterial state roads, these fall under Parks Victoria and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

Some compensation may be available, which is of particular relevance to people who have only third party insurance on their vehicle.

VicRoads

If you see a pothole that needs attention, reporting it to the relevant authorities will be the quickest way to rectify the situation. On Vic Roads managed roads you can

report it to vicroads.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue and fill out the online form or you can call on 131 170.

If you have damaged your car by hitting a pothole on an arterial road or freeway, you can fill out a VicRoads notice of incident and claim. VicRoads have a threshold amount of \$1580 for 2023/24. This amount is indexed annually with the consumer price index, and they are not liable for damage under this amount. The liability of VicRoads must be established in order for them to pay.

The Notice of Incident and Claim form must be used by a person who proposes to commence court proceedings in relation to an incident arising out of the condition of a freeway or arterial road. If you are considering taking such proceedings, you should complete and return the form to a VicRoads regional office within 30 days of the incident occurring.

If you suffer personal injury or property damage due to the condition of a road or road infrastructure, you may be entitled to compensation from the responsible road authority.

VicRoads is not liable for loss or damage arising out of all incidents on roads. VicRoads is unlikely to be liable to pay compensation if the incident did not occur on an arterial road or freeway.

Within 14 days of receiving a Notice of Incident and Claim form, the road authority may inspect the road or infrastructure where the reported incident occurred and may prepare a condition report. If it does so, a copy of the condition report will be sent to the person who reported the incident. A copy of the report is admissible as evidence of the matters specified in the report in any legal proceedings in relation to the incident.

Murrindindi Shire Council

In relation to non arterial roads, Murrindindi Shire Council were asked what assistance they provide when it comes to vehicle damage due to potholes.

Michael Chesworth, Director People and Corporate Performance replied, "A person who has incurred vehicle damage over \$1580 due to the condition of a council-managed road may be entitled to compensation, in line with Victoria's *Road Management Act 2004*.

"Claims can be submitted to council and they will be assessed in line with the Act and council's Road Management Plan. Submitting a claim does not guarantee you will receive compensation.

"While council invests a considerable amount of funding to the adequate maintenance of council-managed roads, it remains a significant challenge for us to inspect, maintain and repair approximately 1200km of road network within the shire with the resources we have available and with limited support from the state government. Victoria's *Road Management Act 2004* recognises these challenges and considers the fact that council cannot be aware or responsible for everything that arises on our roads.

"The Act states that road authorities are not liable for the first \$1580 of damage caused by the conditions of roads or road infrastructure, which includes, but is not limited to, pothole damage.

"We are currently preparing a page on our website to provide more information about claims and the claims process. In the meantime, claims can be lodged by emailing customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or calling 5772 0333."

To report a road issue, you can call council on 5772 0333, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Contact-Us/Customer-Request, email per above, or use Snap Send Solve.



-AR



389 entries at Alexandra Poultry Club's annual show

THE Alexandra Poultry Club Annual show was held on Sunday, August 13, with a wide array of fine fowl on display.

The Champion Bird in Show was won by Rob Maloney with his magnificent Australorp bantam.

The Reserve Champion was an Indian Runner drake owned by Kath Macklin of Fowl Antics.

The feature of 40 Australorp fowl was won by Oliver Jones with the Reserve champion a bantam cockerel owned by Happy Hens.

The Champion Australian Call Duck was also owned by Happy Hens with Fowl Antics exhibiting the Reserve Champion.

The Champion waterfowl was won by Fowl Antics with Anne Beatty's normal mallard as the Reserve winner.

Local resident John Hunt had a great day winning Champion and Reserve Muscovy, Champion and Reserve Goose or Gander, Best bantam Leghorn and Champion Softfeather Bantam.

The Junior section had 75 exhibits and was won by Darcy Mackay who also took the Reserve Champion Junior Exhibit.

The Egg competition was won by Tony Milton of Badgers Creek. The show was a great success with 389 entries.

Steward Anne Beatty, waterfowl judge Michael Jones, and steward Christine Chafer. -AR



The prize-winning Australorp bantam. -Photos by AR



Ian Booth. -AR

SPORT



Katherine Quinsee in A grade. -S



Caitlan Haggis in A grade. -S

Rebels netballers in Warburton Millgrove

Results on page 20.



Jaz Collett and Lucy Grage-Perry in A grade. -S



Ashlee Frankcombe in B grade. -S

Reluctant wet weather golfers at Marysville

by Lesley Rundle

IT was another wet start to a Saturday in Marysville and a few reluctant golfers arrived at the club undecided if they would face the elements and play 18 holes. Fortunately, peer pressure took over and all those who were reluctant to play were persuaded to don their wet weather gear and play. The weather did improve, conditions were quite calm, and players enjoyed the game. The second round of the mixed matchplay was played and those who were no longer in the mixed matchplay played Stableford. In the match play, Ritchie Clark won 6-4 against Peter Lilley, Jody Doran won 5-4

against Steve Coker and Brian Worcester beat Yewls Kuan 6-5. Paul Martin and Mark Bambery will play their match at a later date. In the mixed Stableford game Margaret Blair (34) was the winner with 34 points and Keith Atwell (18) was the runner up with 33 points. The nearest the pins were won by Colin Davies, Peter Lilley, Richie Clark and Yewls Kuan who also won the Golden Shot. Next Saturday the men will play the third round of the Par Shield and the ladies will play a Stableford game.

Members are reminded that the club AGM will be held on Saturday, September 2 at 9.00am in the clubhouse.

Last of the sunny days at Alexandra Golf Club

by Elizabeth Goss

OUR Tuesday players enjoyed the last of the sunny days for a while with Frank Devries the winner (24) 32 pts and Dave Silverman the runner up with (11) 30pts. Nearest the pin on the seventh went to Paul Martin.

Once again, only nine holes were played on Wednesday with no competition. Start time has changed for the rest of August with hit off at 11.30am. Next Wednesday, August 23 is scheduled as Stroke.

There were only 11 players on a dull overcast Saturday for a Stableford round. The winner was Luke Heard with 35 pts and the runner up was Matt Jager with 34 pts. Nearest the pin on the second went to Luke Heard and on the fifth and on the seventh to Hames Kidd. Ball Run Down: Jared Sloane, Brendan Smith, Simon Rouget and James Betts. Raffle Winner: Luke Heard. Next Saturday, August 19 is scheduled as a 4BBB Stableford round.

Hot on court winter tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

MANSFIELD Red hosted Mansfield Black in warm sunny weather last Monday. Encouraged by teammates supporting from the sidelines, Red team began strongly. Red's Karyn Fraser and Carolyn Murray won their opener 8-4 while Jo O'Brien and Deb McCormack took theirs 8-5.

The contest tightened up in the remaining sets as Black's Liza Karras, Rhonda Carpenter, Jenny Smith and Di Bergelin worked hard to counter Red's clever courtcraft. Two tiebreakers were played, and Red took the other two sets 8-6.

After players noticed and resolved a scoring miscalculation, Liza and Di were surprised and delighted to take the final tiebreak set. With much excitement Red won 5/47 to 1/36 after a lengthy battle for their first win of the season.

Benalla hosted Terip in an equally close encounter. Benalla's Bev Gill, Claire Sharp, and Maureen Jewell were joined by Euroa's Julie Harrington. Terip's Cindy Hayes and Frances Lawrence won their opener 8-6 while Phoebe McDermid and Jenny Martin fell 4-8 to the home side.

Sets were again split in lengthy battles of excellent tennis. The result was determined by the final sets and Benalla won both to claim the match 4/44 to 2/33.

The exhausted players truly deserved their cuppa and lunch. For the other two matches, Euroa won on forfeit against Seven Creeks, and Moglonemby won on forfeit against Mansfield Blue.

Ladder: Terip 83, Euroa 76, Moglonemby 75, Benalla 56, Mansfield Black 54, Seven Creeks 38, Mansfield Red 32, Mansfield Blue 26.

MTA committee members met on Monday night to discuss recent changes and prepare for the upcoming season.

New grants for regional sports

As community winter sports players look towards the finals season, the state government is supporting home-grown football and netball teams with grants to upgrade local facilities across Victoria.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence has officially announced that the 2023-24 Country Football and Netball Program is now open for applications.

Grants of up to \$250,000 are available to make more sport infrastructure developments possible including court and oval lighting upgrades, changeroom developments and new pavilions for local clubs and communities.

This funding is for clubs to make upgrades to facilities to ensure more players, coaches, umpires and supporters of all abilities can participate in local sport. Local football and netball clubs in eligible areas are encouraged to consult with their local councils to apply for program funding.

Previous successful projects include \$250,000 for a new netball court and lighting upgrades at the home of the Campbells Creek Magpies Football Netball Club in Mt Alexander Shire, and \$230,000 towards the Les Cheesley Oval lighting upgrade, home of the Wodonga Bulldogs Junior Football Club.

The Victorian Budget 2023/24 is providing \$213 million for new and improved community sporting infrastructure and to support initiatives that increase participation and inclusion in local sporting clubs and organisations.

The program is a partnership with the AFL, AFL Victoria, and Netball Victoria. Since 2005, \$37.5 million has been invested in over 560 projects across Victoria.

Applications close on October 9, 2023. For more information on the program and to apply, visit sport.vic.gov.au

SPORT

Alexandra's junior footballers kicking goals



The under 9 footballers. -S



Max Kaiser in the under 12s. -S



The under 9 footballers. -S



Jack Kidd in the under 10s. -S



Hudson Brooks in the under 10s. -S



Billy Baker in the under 12. -S



Toby Lucas in the under 14s. -S



Matthew Wal in the under 14s. -S

THE ALEXANDRA · EILDON · MARYSVILLE

Standard

Sport

SPORTS EDITORIAL - sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au

ISSN 2200-6478



Rebels travel to Warbuton Millgrove

by Ray Steyger

THE Outer East League 2023 season round 15, final round of home and away games, saw the Rebels travel to Warburton Millgrove for two games of football and four games of netball. In the break between the two football games, players and officials lined up for the official activities of the Indigenous Round.

Football

Reserves

Warburton Millgrove 14.14 - 98
defeated Alexandra 6.6 - 42

The Reserves, facing the undefeated Burras, were quickly under pressure as the Burras kicked four goals in each of the first two quarters while the Rebels managed just the one major for the half. The second half was an even contest with the Burras adding six goals to the Rebels' five in a good team effort.

Awards: Shepparton Volkswagen - Mitchell Coutts. Ampol fuel card - Michael Coombs. Alex Sportspower - Ben Jack. Buxton Hotel - Morgan Eastwood.

Seniors

Warburton Millgrove 6.5 - 41
defeated by Alexandra 12.12 - 84

The Seniors, needing a win to finish top two, faced the top of the table Burras and started well with four goals to two before adding another three goals to one in the second quarter, to hold a handy lead at half time. The Rebels maintained the pressure and added three unanswered goals in the third quarter before an even last quarter saw the Rebels record a good win on the road.

Awards: Incentives - Steve Steiner, Charlie Millar and Brent McDonal. Buxton Hotel - Will Johnson. Yarck Hotel / Endeavour Petroleum volunteer award - Katherine Quinsee. Best on ground award for the Indigenous Round was presented to Steve Steiner.

Netball

A grade lost 34 - 66: Incentive - Ellie Hedger. Corner Hotel / Grant St Grocer - Mia Rouget.

B grade lost 12 - 76: Incentive - Ashlee Frankcombe. Corner Hotel / Grant St Grocer - Rose Hurrey.

C grade lost 15 - 49: Incentive - Tamika Poustie. Corner Hotel / Grant St Grocer - Emily Irwin.

Under 17 lost 9 - 21: Incentive - Emily Van Lierop. Corner Hotel / Grant St Grocer - Maddy Northmore.

Thursday's Rebel Raffles continued last Thursday and we thank our sponsors Swenrick Constructions, Yarck Hotel, Reddrops FoodWorks / Houseboat Sales Lake Eildon, Eildon Bakery / Yarck Meat and Produce, Alexandra Quality Meats / AFNC canteen, Yea Chinese Restaurant / Bailey Funerals with the winners Nick Wal, Ben Jack, Ben Cooper, Tim Polson, Dan Crane and Scott Ferrier. The Swenrick Constructions Joker Jackpot was not won last week and will be worth \$400 on Thursday, so come along for your chance to win a prize.

This coming Thursday, August 17, the club will have retired Australian soldier Dave Farrell visit to address the under 15 netballers and under 16 footballers after their training, with meals available. Dave then getting together with the senior netball and football after their training. Entry is free



Lachlan Nankervis in the Seniors match. -S



Steve Steiner in Seniors. -S



Nick Meehan in the Seniors. -S

and everyone is welcome. Meals available as usual.

This coming Saturday will see the start of the Division two Finals Series with the Semi Finals to be played at Woori Yallock and Yarra Junction. Details of time and games to be advised by the League during the week. Preliminary Finals are at Broadford and the Grand Finals are at Yarra Glen on Saturday, September 2.

Wednesday, September 6 the Cool Heads Program will be on at the club rooms from 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome but you need to book a seat online. Entry is free. Patrons Day is at the club rooms on Sunday, September 10. Senior presentation is at Marysville Peppers on Saturday, October 7 and the junior presentation function is still to be confirmed.



The Reserves match. -S



The Reserves match. -S