

50 years since the end of the Vietnam War



The memorial outside the Alexandra RSL. -AR

COMMEMORATIONS occurred across Australia on Friday, August 18 to mark 50 years since Australian troops were withdrawn from the Vietnam War.

Over 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam. 523 Australians lost their lives and around 3000 were wounded. Many of the combat personnel were conscripted to fight.

Australia's participation in the Vietnam War was the subject of much debate at home, and there was a vocal anti-war movement. Returning troops were often shunned by the public, and often faced poor treatment by veterans of previous wars.

Australia's participation in the war was formally declared at an end when the Governor-General issued a proclamation on January 11, 1973. The only combat troops remaining in Vietnam were a platoon guarding the Australian embassy in Saigon. This was withdrawn in June 1973.

Prime Minister Albanese said at the commemoration on Friday, "This year, as we mark the 50th anniversary since the role of Australian troops in the hostilities in Vietnam came to a close, we acknowledge the service and sacrifice made by our veterans."

"Their experiences during and after the war are a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who have served our country and the debt of gratitude we owe each and every one of our veterans."

"Many of our troops returned to face new battles at home and not every one of those battles was won. It is important as Australians we know the stories of service in Vietnam and what our veterans faced when returned home."

"We honour you, we thank you and we are so sorry it took us so long as a nation to do so."

Lest we forget.



Marianne Raymond (WRAAC), Henry Andrews, Neil Robinson, Graham Cunningham and Bob Benghamy. -AR

Government hoses down firefighting aircraft concerns

On Friday, August 18, *The Age* reported that Victoria's water bombing capabilities have been reduced by almost a third, and there are concerns that Victoria may not be prepared for the hot, dry summer ahead.

A leaked document from Emergency Management Victoria combined with data from the National Aerial Firefighting Centre shows that Victoria's aerial firefighting capability will be about 40,000 litres below last summer's level. The capacity is now about 105,000 litres. It was suggested that this may have a significant impact on surge capacity.

The Royal Commission into the Black Summer bushfires called on governments to expand aerial firefighting fleets.

According to *The Age*, in 2020-21, there were 19 water bombing helicopters and 21 water bombing planes. In 2023-23, there are expected to be 15 water bombing helicopters and 17 water bombing planes. The article also said that the Chinook firefighting helicopter is not expected to be available in Victoria, unlike the last two years, due to a contract dispute. It was also said that the night aerial firefighting program had stalled, with just two low-capacity helicopters running in the trial.

Contacted about the issues raised in the article, an Emergency Management Victoria spokesperson responded, "Victoria remains well prepared for the high-risk period for fires. Victoria's aerial firefighting fleet

comes online progressively across the state, according to risk."

"Reports on Friday, August 18 about Victoria's aerial firefighting capacity are incorrect and outdated. Data obtained from the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC) doesn't reflect the outcome of the current procurement processes and is therefore not reflective of Victoria's aerial firefighting capability."

"There is no reduction in the number of fire-bombing aircraft in Victoria this year compared to last year, and no reduction in water-bombing capacity. Procurement for the final aircraft for the fleet is almost complete and will be finalised shortly."

"Our aircraft will continue to play a vital role in supporting emergency services on the ground, to protect Victorians before, during and after emergencies."

It was added that Victoria also has a surge capacity of up to 100 aircraft that can supplement the Victorian core fleet and can be called on when needed. This includes thousands of dedicated emergency services workers from across all agencies. It was also said that conditions will be monitored to identify key risk areas leading into summer. The sector regularly undertakes preparedness activities including auditing, briefings, planning, training, and exercising, with a whole of sector approach to assist the management of evolving risks and incidents.

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Letters to the Editor

Is Australia a nation of NIMBYs?

IT’S amazing the gross hypocrisy of Australia’s ‘Not in My Backyard Yard’ (NIMBY) attitude which is now clearly exposed for all to see.

For example, the 200 year old native forest timber harvesting that we are currently looking to shutdown. It’s already happened in Victoria, sadly the most sustainable harvesting potentially in the world. We



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were on our third rotation in 150 years of harvesting in Victoria. The health of our forests was proof of its sustainability. Now, with the increasing world population, we will see exponential pressure on other countries to provide a much needed resource, one of the only truly renewable resources we have, so look out for increased fires here, and the destruction of Brazilian rainforests, as well as decimating Indonesian orangutans, just to highlight a few of the environmental disasters that be will a direct result of ceasing sustainable timber harvesting here.

Also laughable are the so-called coal and gas reductions. While we are phasing out coal fired power stations and gas usage here, at the same time we are selling our coal and gas to other countries, ie. China, etcetera, so effectively this is a net loss to the environment, as they are burning just as much, but just not here, plus the added cost to produce coal and gas as well as the additional costs to transport it. So we can blissfully claim our net zero at the cost of other countries. Is this how we want to be seen, as NIMBYs?

So in reality we have actually increased our so called carbon emissions, by using dodgy accounting, as in the view of the experts we are reducing our footprint, when in fact we are merely moving it to other countries.

Don't get me started on the wind, solar and EV fantasy. I'll just wait another 10 years, for the truth to unfold as the gross strain on resources, the extensive mining, the massive waste, the disposal of defunct equipment and replacement costs, etcetera, etcetera, all of which will slowly become evident in the fullness of time. Just look at Germany as an example of a country that is struggling as they are further down the so called renewables rabbit hole.

Dale Young, Alexandra

Tertiary education

I WOULD like to affirm the initiative and

vision that is being taken by Murrindindi Shire Council in providing opportunity for the reshaping of tertiary education in the Murrindindi.

The provision of such services would benefit those currently engaged in courses as well as future students of all ages. Such a facility would mean less time spent on travel to city centres as well as relevant support provided in an environment of care and encouragement. Learning is a lifelong process when curiosity and the desire to discover are nurtured in a community of learning. Retirees in the shire continue to learn through the many courses offered by U3A and other community centres.

The conversation and the idea of reshaping tertiary education in Murrindindi has begun. Let's encourage this initiative and hopefully see it to its fruition.

Deirdre Penhale, Alexandra

Fire danger

WE'RE in for one hot summer this season. Our logging has stopped, fuel building up, forests off limits. Changes to volunteer firefighters and restructuring of firefighters union have suggested the efficiency has been compromised. Okay, today I was informed the aerial water bombing fleet has been halved for this fire season. No doubt there are fires out there reading this. Hopefully they'll write in and say 'No, that's wrong' or 'Yes, that is correct'. When so much effort is going into climate change why are western governments creating the perfect conditions for apocalyptic catastrophes?

Murrindindi is an area that knows the horrors of bushfires better than most. I hope I'm wrong but if you see hot weather, aerial spraying of boron, dams being emptied to keep introduced fish species alive in tidal estuaries and an underwhelming response by authorities to the event, the question must be asked, why?

Tom Collins, Alexandra

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Weekly Weather

August 23-August 29, 2023

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Alexandra

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DAY	LOW	HIGH		DAY	LOW	HIGH	
Wednesday	3	14		Wednesday	2	14	
Thursday	4	15		Thursday	4	15	
Friday	4	17		Friday	4	17	
Saturday	4	14		Saturday	5	14	
Sunday	3	16		Sunday	4	16	
Monday	3	17		Monday	3	17	
Tuesday	5	17		Tuesday	4	17	

RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	1.25	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	`10.00am Mon	0.72	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	10.00am Mon	1.07	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	7.57am Mon	0.29	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	7.18am Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	9.54am Mon	1.22	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	3.89	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.58	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	0.35	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.88	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	8.31am Mon	1.26	steady	
ISSUED AT 10.16AM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023				

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	N/Amm
Buxton.....	26mm
Eildon (AWS).....	14mm
Flowerdale.....	11mm
Jamieson.....	14mm
Kinglake.....	14mm
Lake Eildon.....	21mm
Mansfield.....	11mm
Taggerty.....	18mm
Yarck.....	6mm
Yea.....	5mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	287.95m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	96.2%
Metres below full supply.....	95cm
Daily inflow.....	3000ML
Release.....	1600ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	66%

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Lawyers engaged over Marysville footpath incident

ANDREW Goodlace is the son of Ken and Maree Goodlace. Ken, aged 80, fell over on August 3 while moving from his vehicle to the footpath on Murchison Street in Marysville and broke his hip.

Andrew said, "We've engaged lawyers and are collecting a range of supporting evidence, as directed by the lawyers. There will be a couple of interviews that they'll conduct with Ken to determine the sequence of events and what actually occurred... The lawyers will then run it to its natural conclusion."

It's understood that some photographs of the location were taken shortly after the event. In the days following the event, council planted grassy plants as seen in the photo, and added extra tan-bark. It also appears that cracks on the path were resealed, and three to four plants were added. The trip hazard however was not removed.

"From my perspective, someone needs to explore the duty of care application here, as a suitable response," Andrew said. "The evidence is plain to see that a natural track has been created. It's not just in that location. It's all the way up and both sides

of the street. It was only a matter of time, I would have thought."

The incident occurred towards the middle of the day, and the weather was warm and dry, so there were no meteorological conditions impacting the area.

"It's not just the incident itself and the injuries sustained by Ken, it's also that Ken is my mother's full time carer, and she's pretty much incapacitated. Therefore what's that done to their ongoing quality of life and care has been impacted," he said.

He added that the rest of the family live interstate or in metropolitan Melbourne and have full time jobs. A range of impacts, inconvenience and costs are involved.

"There is definitely a need for some corrective action to be undertaken by council," he said.

He said that Marie and Ken have only been contacted by council once, a phone call on the day of the incident.

Ken has since had a hip replacement and he was found to be allergic to the morphine and anaesthetics administered to him. Sometimes these reactions can then cause the onset of other issues.

Ken has returned home from hospital and rehabilitation. Ken was involved in the UK emergency services for many years, and he ran a company on workplace health and safety. Andrew noted that when something like this occurs, from Ken's perspective, if people have known that it's an issue and have known it's a hazard, then why wasn't anything done?

It's also possible that this is not the first time that an injury has occurred at the same site. The Alexandra Standard has put in a Freedom of Information request to Murrindindi Shire Council to find out whether any other injuries have occurred at the site in the last seven years.

Asked about the community support shown to Ken and Marie, Andrew said, "Oh, to be that popular. The local community has been incredible. There are about six people who drop around at various stages of the day to take the dog out or other things. Down at the shop, they put the order together for the groceries... I don't think you'd get that in the big cities."

It's been a challenging time for Andrew as well. He came down to Marysville from Canberra to support his parents, and then on Monday, his daughter was involved in a car accident and there was an attempted break in at the family home. Fortunately, his daughter wasn't badly injured.

Ken is mobile and can now walk for short periods of time, but is restricted to the walking frame. His family have made some adjustments around the house to make life easier for the couple.

A helper, Gloria, is being provided through the My Aged Care system for Marie, but Ken wasn't in need of My Aged Care at the time of the incident. He will now need to apply.

Eildon release delayed

GOULBURN Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) Environmental Water and Wetlands Manager Simon Casanelia has advised that, "The GBCMA had originally considered a flow from Lake Eildon on September 1, however after undertaking a consultation process with stakeholders, it was agreed that the flow could be delayed so it would not disrupt the Goulburn Fishing Festival."

"GBCMA engages with stakeholders when planning an environmental flow and where possible accommodates other river users. The GBCMA appreciates the importance of events such as the Goulburn Fishing Festival and how beneficial they are to a community both socially and economically."

"The future flow aims to improve the health of the Goulburn River including providing habitat and food for native fish."

Acheron Cutting lookout to be inspected for possible repair

One of the views from the Acheron Cutting lookout. -AR

SOUTH of Alexandra on the Maroonah Highway, the Acheron Cutting lookout is popular with locals as well as visitors, with most stopping to take a look.

The lookout is dirt and is relatively steep to reach the viewing point. The dirt has eroded over time, creating large ruts, as well as a deep gutter area which runs parallel to the highway. Due to the deep gutter, vehicles with low clearance get scratched if they enter the lookout from the Alexandra end, unless they travel halfway along the lookout area before pulling in. Tourists would not know this.

The Department of Transport were asked whether improvement works could be done at the lookout.

Department of Transport and Planning Acting Regional Director (Hume) Emma Bamford responded, "Our crews are out every day inspecting, assessing and maintaining our road network to ensure it is safe for all road users. This inspection program includes high-traffic tourist areas such as our impressive lookouts."

"We will inspect the accessibility of the entry and exit points at the Acheron

Cutting lookout and determine a course of action for any repairs that need to be delivered."

It is expected that crews will undertake a routine inspection of Acheron Lookout within the coming weeks, and prioritise any necessary repairs accordingly.

The Department of Transport and Planning encourages the community to report hazards and any concerns about the condition of the road network by calling 131 170.

Volunteer Grants program is now open

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations to support the efforts of their volunteers by promoting volunteer inclusion and participation.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to submit an expression of interest to be assessed by a community panel. Expressions of interest must be received by 5pm Friday 1st September.

Guidelines and how to apply can be found on my website: helenhaines.org/resources/grants

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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.

Speedway is back. Three hour enduro, crash and bash Mick Corbett Memorial racing starts at 1pm.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

The Murrindindi Health Network invites you to a meeting with Dr Niki Vincent, Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner to hear her journey. 1-2pm at Yea Town Hall. Ligh catering will be supplied. For enquires contact 5736 0400 or email yeahospital@ydmh.org.au

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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

The Alexandra Op Shop will hold their AGM at 10am at the op shop.

Council seeks community input on Murrindindi Planning Scheme Review

AS part of the Murrindindi Planning Scheme Review, Murrindindi Shire Council is inviting feedback from the community on how the planning scheme is working, as well as suggestions or ideas that will help guide future land use planning work.

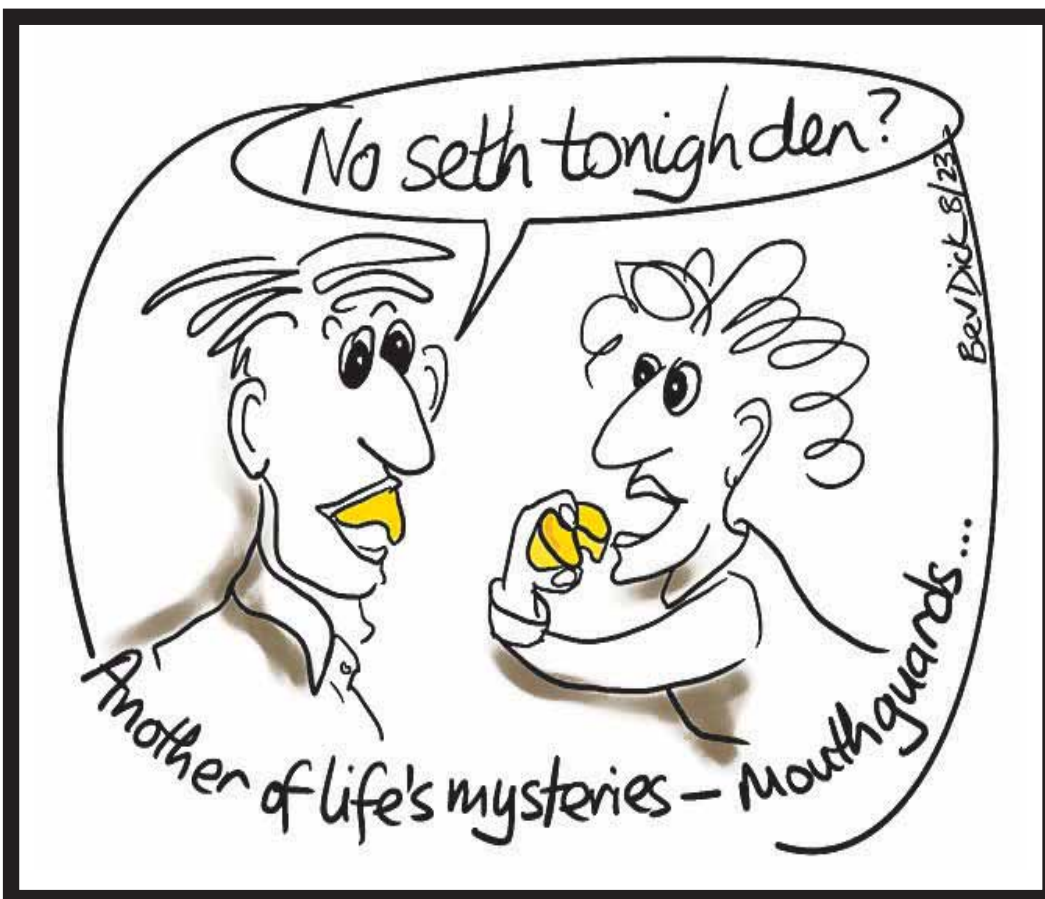
The Murrindindi Planning Scheme is a statutory document which sets out objectives, policies and provisions relating to the use, development, protection, and conservation of land and waters in Murrindindi Shire. In line with the Planning and Environment Act 1987, council is required to review its planning scheme every four years to ensure it meets the needs of the community and both the state and local planning policy.

Council is particularly interested in hearing from community members, groups and organisations who have experience with the planning scheme through the permit application process. Insights and input is encouraged on what's working, what's not, what can be improved and what council should focus on in improving how the planning scheme works for all.

Community members can get involved by completing a survey on council's online community engagement platform, The Loop, by Saturday, September 30.

Appointments can also be made to chat with Council's Principal Strategic Planner, Emma, during upcoming 'Talk to a Planner' sessions which will be held in Alexandra, Yea and Kinglake. Online appointments are also available.

Council's Mayor John Walsh said, "The Murrindindi Planning Scheme guides how we use and develop our land. It reflects our vision, values and goals for our community and environment. Every four years we have the opportunity to update and improve our planning scheme. This is your chance to share your ideas and feedback on how we can make our planning scheme better. Your input will help us address the current and future challenges and opportunities for Murrindindi Shire."



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2023 GOULBURN FISHING FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT
EILDON

Saturday, 2 September, 10am - 4pm

New location: Lions Park, Riverside Drive, Eildon

- Live music & market stalls
- Spinning wheel prizes
- Snobs Creek Hatchery tours
- 2000 'stonker' rainbow trout to be released at 11 sites
- Vic Fish Kids Clinics Eildon Pondage (bookings essential)
- Meet VFA Ambassador Bachar Houli www.vfa.vic.gov.au/goulburnfishfest

Fireworks 7pm



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Op shop makes donation to Alexandra Secondary College



The Alexandra Opportunity Shop have donated \$5000 to Alexandra Secondary College to assist with the costs of creating an amphitheatre for the students to use. -MP



Darrell Hedger from Alexandra Secondary College (ASC), Chris Siciliano and Pam Delmodes from the Alexandra Opportunity Shop, and Emma Kidd from ASC standing together in the new amphitheatre. -MP

ADDOC Repawt

by Julee Hosking on behalf of Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club Inc

WELL, here we are mid August and this is our first repawt for the year. Not sure where the time has gone.

I have had a few phone calls lately from people saying that they want to 'socialise' their dogs, but not sure how to go about it.

On behalf of Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club, I have decided to put forward a couple of suggestions.

The first thing I can suggest is that you do not let your puppy or older dog greet new dogs while on a lead. This will only lead to overly excited greetings from new people or dogs, which will create over stimulation in your puppy and this, in turn, will encourage jumping, barking or pulling on the lead. Distract your puppy with something else with items such as treats, until the other dog has passed, or you could cross the road.

Don't be embarrassed to say, no, I would rather my dog not meet yours.

Socialisation is not just about meeting other dogs or people. It is about preparing your puppy to be able to cope with most day to day things that it might encounter and being able to focus on you. This might include different surfaces under its feet, other animals, big trucks, motorbikes,

wheelchairs, big hats and even sunglasses, the list just goes on.

There is nothing wrong with taking your new puppy into town and letting them sit on your lap while the world goes by.

Keep the sessions short and, wherever possible, let your puppy explore the world at its own pace. Don't think that everyone should come up and pat the puppy. One or two people yes, but not everyone who is walking through the shopping centre. Once again, don't be too scared to say no.

You are limited only by your imagination. Be patient with the puppy, everything, absolutely everything, is new to them. It's a big wide world and they need to be confident to be able to go out and meet it face to face.

When we work with our dogs, we want them to focus on us, not on what is happening around them. They should, ultimately, be able to work with their owner even though there is another 'distraction' right beside them. To achieve this result, we need to have good socialisation from when they are young.

Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club has one more intake before our year ends. If you would like to join us, or get more information, please contact Julee on 0408 578 676 or Jeanne on 0456 583 611. Responsible dog ownership starts here.



Lola, one of the attendees at the Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club Inc. -S

Alexandra Seniors Club report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

THE bridge players opened the week on Monday followed by the carpet bowlers playing on Tuesday afternoon. The club room was quiet on Wednesday with the bridge players having an afternoon off.

Ukulele tuition was held on Thursday. It was decided that with a number putting in apologies for the next session that we would meet up, ukulele in hand on alternate Thursdays so the next session will be on Thursday, August 31 and again on Thursday, September 14.

Friday's meeting was well attended and members were reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Friday, August 25 at 1 pm.

With the success on the recent trip to Healesville RSL for Morning Melodies it was suggested we go to the Cliff Richard Tribute there again early in October. A list for people to show their interest will be available at the next meeting.

If you would like information about any of the club's activities please call 0456 456 263. Meanwhile, stay safe and keep smiling.

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Gender Equality Commissioner comes to town

MURRINDINDI Health Network are hosting a meeting with Gender Equality Commissioner, Dr Niki Vincent, at the Yea Town Hall on Thursday, August 31.

It's an opportunity to hear her story, understand more about Gender Equality and to network with your community health providers.

Open to all, the Network is particularly keen for local businesses, services providers and community groups to attend, as it's a chance to learn more about how they can be supporting gender equality in their workplaces and across the community.

Kicking off at 1pm, there will also be a presentation from Alexandra Secondary College students about the work they are doing within their school and community educating around gender diversity awareness and supporting LGBTIQ people.

Dr Vincent is Victoria's first Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner. She began her role in 2020, and oversees the implementation of the Gender Equality Act (2020). Dr Vincent also plays a key role in promoting gender equality in the Victorian

community and workplaces.

Previously she was CEO of the Leaders Institute of South Australia and was a member of the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia, established two successful not-for-profit organisations, and has led major programs of academic research.

Dr Vincent also holds an appointment as an

Adjunct Associate Professor in UniSA's Business School and sits on the boards of InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence and the Brave Foundation, which supports teenage parents, having been a teenage parent herself.

For more information, call the Yea Hospital on 5736 0400 or email them at yeahospital@ydmh.org.au



Gender Equality Commissioner Dr Niki Vincent is headlining the Murrindindi Health Network's community meeting at the Yea Town Hall on August 31. -S

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THE MURRINDINDI HEALTH NETWORK (a joint venture between Yea & District Memorial Hospital, Alexandra District Health, Menzies Support Services, Kellock Lodge, Darlingford Nursing Home and Murrindindi Shire Council) invite you to a meeting with Dr Niki Vincent, Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner to hear about her journey.

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DR NIKI VINCENT was appointed as Victoria's first Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner in September 2020. She is responsible for overseeing implementation of the Gender Equality Act 2020 and plays a key leadership role in promoting gender equality in the Victorian community and workplaces.



Eildon Shared Trail complete

MURRINDINDI Shire Council has announced that the new shared trail is officially open in Eildon, connecting the BIG4 Breeze Holiday Park, the Eildon Pondage and the Eildon town centre.

The 2.8km walking and cycling trail provides safe, off-road access for day and over-night visitors along the Back Eildon Road and Goulburn River and encourages greater use of Eildon's parks, playgrounds and facilities.

Community members and visitors can experience the shared trail by starting at either end, parking in the Eildon township or in the large purpose-built parking area in front of the Breeze Holiday Park.

The trail provides a direct link from the Breeze Holiday Park to Eildon's local shops, businesses, and tourism operators. It will provide a range of economic benefits to the Eildon community and local businesses.

This project was delivered by Council with funding support from the Victorian

Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund Stimulus Round, which is underpinned by the Visitor Economy Recovery and Reform Plan.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor John Walsh said, "The trail has the potential to increase 'year-round' tourism for Eildon, as well as tourist expenditure and length of stay, which supports local businesses and tourism operators in Eildon. I hope both the Eildon community and visitors to our shire make great use of the trail. Eildon has so much to offer and council will continue to focus on ways to improve the economic performance around Lake Eildon, including the priority projects outlined in the Activating Lake Eildon Masterplan."

Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing added, "Eildon is a spectacular part of Victoria. This new trail showcases its natural beauty and will enable more people to discover what makes this part of the state so special."



Part of the 2.8km walking and cycling trail. -S



The new trail connects the BIG4 Breeze Holiday Park, the Eildon Pondage and the Eildon town centre. -S

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Opening of new facilities at St Mary's Primary School

SENATOR for Victoria Linda White opened the newly refurbished administration and staff facilities at St Mary's School on Monday, August 14. The new facilities are expected to improve student educational outcomes.

Senator White said work on the development project was delivered with support of Australian Government funding through the Capital Grants Program.

"A lot of work has gone into this project which has delivered the reconfiguration of corridors, student and staff amenities and an extension to administration and associated

spaces, to improve access through the school," Senator White said.

"These new facilities will provide school staff, teachers, and students at St Mary's School with better, more modern spaces in which to work, teach and learn."

Senator White said the new facilities would benefit the students currently at St Mary's School, as well as the many students who will follow in future years. The teachers, staff and students at St Mary's School have built a strong and positive school community and these new facilities will further enhance our local educational opportunities."

Australian Government Capital Grants Program for non-government Schools provides capital grant funding to non government schools under the Australian Education Act 2013. The Capital Grants Program (CGP) provides funding for non-government school communities to assist primary and secondary schools to improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient capital resources. The objectives of the Capital Grants Program are to provide and improve school capital infrastructure, particularly for the most educationally disadvantaged students, ensure attention to refurbishment and upgrading of capital

infrastructure for existing students, while making provision for needs arising from new demographic and enrolment trends, pursue the Commonwealth's other priorities and objectives for schooling. Funding can be used for a wide range of infrastructure projects from the planning to the fit out stage. Typically, projects funded include school master planning, classroom and other facility construction or refurbishment and the upgrading of IT or electrical services.

More information about the Capital Grants Program can be found at [education.gov.au/payments-and-grants-schools/capital-grants-non-government-schools](https://www.education.gov.au/payments-and-grants-schools/capital-grants-non-government-schools).



Smoking ceremony by Elder Uncle Shane. -S



Elder Uncle Shane Monk, Father Jose, Caolan O'Connor, Kathryn Stuart and Senator Linda White, and at the front are school captains Sienna Heard and Chase Hilder. -S

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Huntah has focused on his reading and is making great progress. Keep up the good work Huntah.

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Levy banks being created in Acheron

THE Goulburn River bank stabilisation works are currently underway near the Breakaway Bridge in Acheron. The works were started on Monday, August 14, and by Thursday, around 900 tonnes of rock (rip rap) had been put in place.

Darren Bell from Buxton Excavations and Gravel Supplies estimated that a further 600 to 700 tonnes would be needed to complete the works. If the rock is available, he believes that they could finish the works by the end of this week, bringing some security to local landholders who were badly impacted during the October 2022 flood.

The rocks are being sourced from Mansfield as they are able to supply the very hard rocks required for the works.

When creating the levy banks, large rocks are added first and then smaller rocks are added to fill the gaps. The result will be both very safe and very stable.

They also have to fill a large area beneath the water, as the floods carved very deeply into the new river bed. In places, the river bed is two or three metres below the water level at the bank.

As yet, no decisions have been made regarding the replacement of the Acheron Bridge.

Council advised that on Wednesday, August 9, Goulburn Murray Water reduced water releases from Lake Eildon to 1000 megalitres per day. This dropped the river level sufficiently to allow the contractor safe access to start doing work around Breakaway Bridge.

Council has engaged specialist bridge engineers to undertake hydraulic modelling, which will provide a definitive answer on the lateral stability of the bridge piers.

Sonar testing of the riverbed adjacent to the bridge is required for this modelling to be completed. Information gathered from this work will help determine the future of the bridge.

Council has also appointed JCA land surveyors to reestablish property boundaries along Breakaway Road in preparation for future works at the bridge. Surveyors should be in the area, sometime in the next few weeks.



Darren Bell showing the bank stabilisation works in Acheron. -AR



Filling the left side embankment. -AR



Barney Bell standing in front of the 30 metre span between the bank and the remains of the bridge. -AR



Barney Bell dropping a large rock into the water. -AR

Successful outcome in Lake Eildon search

ON Sunday, August 13, a search commenced in the Lake Eildon area for missing 28 year old Queenslander, Ziggy. The man's vehicle was located north west of Gough's Bay, in mountainous country.

Police and SES from Mansfield searched the area late Sunday night and scaled up the search at first light Monday.

The search in the following days was undertaken by Victoria Police, along with the CFA, and SES crews from Mansfield, Marysville, Seymour and Melbourne.

While many of the searchers were in 4WDs and on foot, the Police helicopter was also involved in the search, and the SES Rescue Boat from Alexandra and CFA Fire Boat from Eildon.

The search was expected to continue into Wednesday, however on Tuesday at 2pm, Ziggy was found safe and well on the shore of Lake Eildon.

One of Ziggy's family members later wrote on Facebook, "On behalf of the Ryan family we would sincerely like to extend our heartfelt thank you to all involved in locating our Ziggy. Thank you doesn't seem enough for your kindness and tireless efforts. We are very grateful."



Searching the banks of Lake Eildon from the SES Alexandra Rescue Boat. -S



Navigating Lake Eildon. -S



Ziggy was eventually found on the shore of Lake Eildon. -S

Expiry of COVID-19 vaccination information regulations

FOLLOWING the revocation of the Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (COVID-19 Vaccination Information) Regulations, employers who recorded or held COVID-19 vaccination information specifically under these regulations should have destroyed that information by Friday, August 11.

The regulations were introduced in mid-2022 following the removal of certain vaccination requirements under the Pandemic Orders and supported employers to collect, record, hold and use COVID-19 vaccination information from specified persons attending a workplace under their management or control in order to determine and to implement reasonably practicable measures to control COVID-19 risks.

A specified person includes employees, independent contractors and their employees, volunteers and students on placement permitted to attend the workplace.

The destruction of information requirement does not apply to employers that are permitted or required under other laws to collect, use, record, or hold vaccination information.

Employers are reminded that a person's COVID-19 vaccination status is health information protected by other legislation such as the Health Records Act.

For further information contact WorkSafe's advisory service on 1800 136 089.

Murrindindi Food and Wine Inc needs feedback from small businesses

MURRINDINDI Food and Wine Inc, in conjunction with Murrindindi Shire Council, is seeking feedback from small businesses in the Murrindindi region. The survey is open to all businesses, both producers of food and wine and any other businesses that operate in the shire.

The survey is designed to help Murrindindi Food and Wine Inc better understand the challenges and issues facing small businesses in the region. The information gathered will be used to develop programs and initiatives to support small businesses and help them thrive.

Some of the challenges that small businesses in the Murrindindi region are facing include staff shortages, affordable housing for staff, the rising cost of living expenses, and the impacts of the cessation of native timber harvesting.

President Rob Mitchell is pleased about this opportunity to seek out what businesses want, "It's been a challenging time with bushfires, covid, and recent flooding. Our group wants to know what businesses want then we can seek funding to create support that provides opportunities for all our businesses in the shire."

Rob encourages every business owner to take 10 minutes and fill in the online survey. "It's important that we get opportunities like this to have our say. We thank Murrindindi Shire Council for this support for our region's businesses."

The survey is available online at www.murrindindifoodandwine.org.au/survey. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

The survey runs from the August 23 to September 17.

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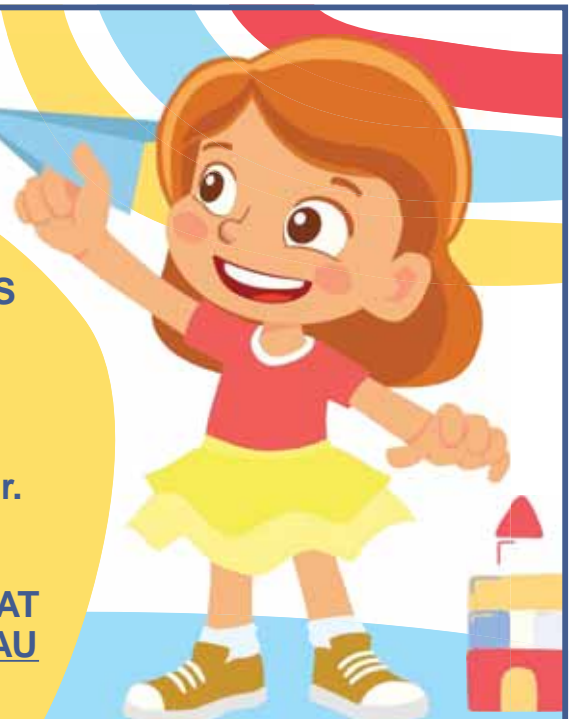
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Pollie, between the two teachers, and some of the other students participating in the JMSS Regional Exchange Program. -S



JMSS Regional Exchange students out together on an excursion to the MCG during their time at the school. -S



Jackson was eager to help with the cleaning and volunteered for the job. -S

Local students participate in prestigious science program

SCIENCE aficionados from Alexandra Secondary College, Pollie Fletcher and Jackson Burns, have returned from their stay at the John Monash Science School.

John Monash has a Regional Science Exchange program, where small groups of Year 10 students from rural and regional Victoria are invited to attend the school for three weeks to experience teaching and learning at Victoria's first specialist secondary school with a specific focus on science, mathematics and associated technologies.

Students who participate in the exchange are billeted with families in Melbourne while they participate in the regular Year 10 classes at the JMSS. This is done to minimise disruption to the students' other studies, so they continue their work in core subjects while they participate in the exchange.

While at JMSS, which has the unique benefit of being co-located and working

in partnership with Monash University, Jackson and Pollie were able to work with a large group of other keen scientifically-minded students and to participate in field trips, emerging science electives and a host of extra-curricular activities.

Pollie really enjoyed her time at JMSS and got a lot out of it, despite a slightly rocky start.

"At the beginning of the program it was a bit tense because everyone was just getting to know each other and we didn't really know our way around yet, but once I had gotten to know everyone and gotten used to being in a new place it was really great," she said.

Jackson also appreciated developing friendships with his peers.

"A favourite time I had would have definitely been spending time with my new friends that I had made. One weekend, the entire cohort of exchange students watched Melbourne vs Adelaide at the MCG which was incredibly fun. Saying goodbye to my best friend I had made and hugging him goodbye was really tough to walk away from on the last day without tearing up," Jackson said.

The Regional Science Exchange also gives students an introduction to the Monash University campus and facilities, helping them to prepare for the transition to tertiary studies and campus life.

"My favourite part of the experience was touring the Monash University campus and speaking with all kinds of researchers and scientists there about their careers and getting an insight into what it's like to work in such an environment," Pollie said.

Pollie particularly enjoyed the benefits of being on a tertiary campus.

"I found the program to be such an interesting experience as I first had an interest in science, but being able to use the complex equipment and techniques provided by the school I was really able to broaden my horizons and it made me really consider science with my future," she said.

Jackson really appreciated the chance to do some advanced electives that are only available at the specialist school, as well as access to a variety of advanced work areas including biology, geological and physics labs, but he most particularly enjoyed the attitude of his classmates.

"My favourite part of the experience would have been seeing the completely different attitude of JMSS students towards school compared to ASC. While ASC is focused on trades and apprenticeships and students pay much less attention to academic subjects," Jackson said.

"With the school we had what was called a 'Monash Immersion' every Wednesday, during which we would venture onto a different lab present on the university campus and study a different subject every week, such as Biology, Geology and Physics" he said.

Being billeted with a family from the school also had added bonuses for Jackson and Pollie, who coincidentally were both hosted by families with an Indian heritage.

"My host family were really wonderful people. While I stayed with them I got to

experience a new culture as they were Indian and they introduced me to so many traditional things like their food and religion which was so interesting. I think having that difference in culture really added to the experience because it allowed me to see a new perspective of what living in different cultures is like," Pollie said.

Jackson said that among the many benefits of staying with his host family, was being fed delicious Indian food while he was there, and getting to attend a birthday party with them.

"Living with my host family was great as well, they were Hindu Indians so I got to try many different foods and customs that I hadn't seen before," Jackson said.

Their time at JMSS has had a profound effect on both of the ASC participants, and for Pollie it may even have made a difference to her plans for her future.

"I think the experience has definitely helped me refine my choices of studies because before the experience I was not really sure what I wanted to do, but now that I have the information that I do, I think I would really enjoy and thrive in a career in that environment," Pollie said.

For Jackson, it was a confirmation of what he had already intended.

"The experience hasn't changed my VCE subject choices but rather reinforced the subjects I was planning to take. Despite my friends taking up different subjects, I chose Mathematical Methods, Physics and Chemistry after experiencing similar subjects at JMSS. These subjects are needed for my future career in which I want to be an Air force pilot in the RAAF," Jackson said.

ASC Principal Nigel Lyttle is a big proponent of the program.

"The JMSS Regional Exchange is a great opportunity for students to meet and collaborate with new like-minded people in a professional space. Taking part involves living away from home for three weeks in a homestay environment, which takes a degree of bravery and is also great for personal development."

"The college is incredibly proud of Pollie and Jackson for taking on this opportunity, they're both impressive students in their own right and we are looking forward to them sharing their experiences with us both informally and formally," he said.

Both Jackson and Pollie would recommend the Regional Exchange Program to like-minded students.

"I would definitely recommend and encourage other students with an interest in science to participate in the program as it really digs deep into the sciences and what is out there, and it was just so eye opening for me so I think others with similar interests would feel the same," Pollie said.

Jackson said "Overall the whole experience was really worth it in showing me a different attitude to school and like-minded students like me, I hope to see where everyone ends up in a few years."

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Increasing numbers of deer harvested

THE Game Management Authority has released the 2022 *Deer Harvest in Victoria* report.

Results show an estimated 123,376 deer were harvested in 2022. This is a four per cent increase on the estimated 118,874 deer harvested in 2021 and a 49 per cent increase on the long-term average of 82,802.

Sambar deer was the most harvested species with an estimated harvest of 76,178 deer, of which 53 per cent were female. Fallow deer was the second most harvested species, with an estimated harvest of 41,180 deer, of which 62 per cent were female.

The number of licenced recreational deer hunters in 2022 was 50,478. This is the largest number of licenced recreational deer hunters recorded to date, a slight increase of one per cent increase on the previous highest number recorded in 2021 (49,857).

Of the 50,478 licensed deer hunters, 50 per cent actively hunted in 2023. On average, active deer hunters harvested an estimated 4.9 deer over 8.6 days.

The most popular hunting areas were around the towns of Mansfield, Licola, Bairnsdale, Dargo and Eildon. The highest



A Sambar deer. -Rexness

number of deer harvested were around the towns of Mansfield, Eildon, Omeo, Whitfield and Bairnsdale.

In the Gouburn Broken Catchment Management Authority area, which includes Murrindindi, an estimated 30,000 to 45,000 deer were harvested. 3000 to 5000 of these were harvested using hounds.

GMA Research Principal, Dr Jason Flesch, said the research was based on information gathered from randomly selected licenced deer hunters who voluntarily participated in the phone surveys.

The number of Game Licence holders endorsed to hunt deer increased by over 10,000 during 2022,

to over 50,000 by the end of 2022.

"Throughout 2022, approximately 2400 licenced deer hunters were surveyed to collect information about their hunting activity including how many deer were harvested, where hunting occurred, hunting methods used, and the species of deer harvested," Dr Flesch said.

The report is produced annually by the GMA in collaboration with the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research.

For a full copy of the Estimates of the 2022 deer harvest report, visit gma.vic.gov.au

Deer in the headlights

IT'S not only the potholes we have to avoid on our roads but the recent resurgence of deer species venturing out onto our roads is just another concern while we are travelling. Yes, wildlife is going to be apparent on country roads, but the growing number of accidents can't be ignored.

A fortnight ago a large deer was hit on a foggy winters morning on the Acheron Cutting. A few weeks before that another accident causing significant damage took place north of Narbethong on Maroondah highway, this is just to name a few.

Insurance Australia Group Limited provided statistics within the Murrindindi Shire since January 1, 2021 of animal collision motor data involving deer for all Insurance Australia Group brands from January 2021 to August 2023. There's been a total of 41 deer collisions in the Murrindindi Shire, with Narbethong being the most dangerous for deer collisions.

The tally was as followed, Narbethong 8, Buxton 6, Eildon 5, Marysville 4, Flowerdale 4, Alexandra 2, Taggerty 2, Yea 2, Strath Creek 2, Kinglake 2, Kinglake Central 2, Taylor Bay 1 and Thornton 1. These numbers do not include accidents without insurance claims and near misses with deer.

The annual cost of feral deer in Australia (2023) report has calculated a whopping 91.3 million to Australian agriculture and the wider population in the 2021 calendar year.

Losses to agriculture amounted to 69.1 million, government funded management and research came to 17.8 million. Costs to motor vehicles came to 3.3 million and train incidents involving deer came to 1.2 million.

According to the report, in recent years the deer population has increased quite rapidly and with analysis from DEECA (previously DELWP) suggested that "numbers could be between several hundred thousand up to one million wild animals or more."

The report also suggests that with analysis these feral deer numbers could grow between 1.7 million to 4.6 million by 2050.

Invasive Species Council Deer Project Officer Peter Jacobs said in Victoria these numbers are covering nearly 40 per cent of the state. Until recently there has been no control in place to limit population or managing their impact.

The Invasive Species Council calls on the Victorian government to take the opportunity in the current review of the Wildlife Act to remove the protected status of deer and declare them a pest animal which they have clearly become.

The Victorian Government announced in the 2020-21 State Budget an \$18.25 million investment over four years and \$4.4 million per year ongoing on deer control. Wild deer control is a shared responsibility between all levels of government, traditional owners, conservation and community groups, the farming sector, Landcare, water and catchment management authorities, the commercial deer industry, hunting organisations and hunters, and community members.

Part of this plan is the east and west deer control plan. This will divide the state into regions in the hope of assisting with monitoring and tracking results and allows greater collaboration with traditional owners, community and key delivery partners. This ongoing management will hopefully, over time, reduce the risks on the roads and decrease the number of accidents we are seeing on our roads.

In the meantime, always take care on the roads, especially in foggy conditions. Slow down and keep an eye out for deer darting across the road. Timing is everything. Deer are most active at dusk and dawn, and this is when your vision is most compromised. If you see an animal near the road, slow down, and prepare to brake if needed. Always use your headlights and use your high beam lights for better sight, and watch out for reflective eyes. Take note of any wildlife signage where you are travelling.





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Crossword

- ACROSS
1. A sweet innocent baby.

5. Feeling of heat.

8. Having a common axis.

9. Walk in shallow water.

10. Slow easy running.

11. Mark with small spots.

15. Closely crowded together.

17. Advanced slowly.

19. Pungent bulb.

20. Free from clean.

23. Fine and good.

26. An acrobatic athlete.

29. Cover with concrete.

30. Religious song of praise.

31. Provide with nourishment.

32. A temporary military unit.

33. Exchanges goods.

- DOWN
2. Respectful deference.

3. A small hollow.

4. Two items of the same kind.

5. Whip to a froth.

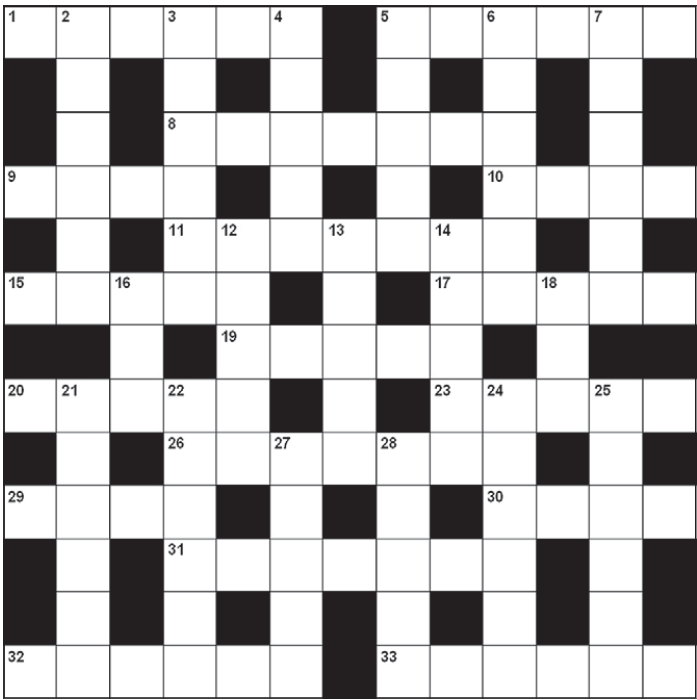
6. Turned over and over.

7. Three times as many

12. Ranunculaceous flower.

13. Small rough-haired terrier.

14. Gives temporarily.



16. Born.

18. Pump operated by a windmill.

21. An association of clubs.

22. Item to be attended to.
24. Greek goddess.

25. Reduce in rank.

27. Edible mushroom.

28. Fully grown.

Word Search - Gems

Agate	Y	B	T	U	J	O	E	R	I	H	P	P	A	S	I
Amethyst	E	B	E	I	H	M	E	T	I	N	A	G	R	O	M
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Unscramble the words

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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.

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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.

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Time for Regional Victorians to be cancer aware

EXPERTS are calling for regional Victorians to act on cancer symptoms, following data which finds they are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer. They are particularly urging people to act on unexplained symptoms and get up to date with cancer screening following Victorian Cancer Registry data which estimate over 1000 Victorians living in regional and rural areas could be living with an undiagnosed form of cancer.

Cancer Council Victoria’s Victorian Cancer Registry (VCR) estimated there was 1024 fewer cancer diagnoses than expected over 2020 and 2021 in regional Victoria. This means they are unknowingly living with cancer. Combined with the fact that regional Victorians are 10 per cent more likely to die from cancer, compared to those who reside in major cities, health experts are concerned if these missing cancers aren’t found even more people’s lives are at risk.

Cancer Council Victoria’s Head of Screening, Early Detection and Immunisation, Kate Broun said to address higher cancer rates in regional Victoria we need to increase participation in Australia’s three cancer screening programs for bowel, breast and cervical cancer and people

need to act when they notice unexplained symptoms.

“We know the earlier cancer is found, the better our chances of treating it. It’s so important we regularly check our bodies for signs of cancer and see a doctor immediately if we notice any unexplained changes that last more than a few weeks,” Ms Broun said.

Dr Nora Lee FRACP/FRCPA is a clinical and laboratory haematologist at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and works in regional Victoria at Bendigo Health.

“Some cancer symptoms arising from blood cancers can be hard to recognise at first and range from feeling tired for weeks on end, losing weight unexpectedly, or even bruising. My recommendation is to take note of symptoms which are ‘different’ from how you usually feel,” Dr Lee said.

Cancer Council Victoria’s Early Detection Saves Lives campaign is supporting Victorians to get up to date with cancer screening and provides information on what to do if you notice unexplained symptoms.

“Health professionals are here to support you and want to see if you notice unexplained symptoms no matter how small they may seem,” Ms Broun said.

For more information visit earlydetection.org.au

How are the pothole repairs going?

THE Department of Transport was asked to provide an update on the works which have been done in the Murrindindi Shire area across the past two months.

Department of Transport and Planning Acting Regional Director (Hume) Emma Bamford responded, “Since the start of June 2023, we’ve repaired more than 200 potholes across the Murrindindi Shire area as part of our efforts to recover from last year’s floods, which caused unprecedented damage to our roads, including areas in the north-east.

“Our focus has to be on repairing that damage, and that’s exactly what we’re doing, with \$770 million set to be spent on maintaining our road assets during 2023/24.”

The high rainfall has caused significant damage to roads, with new potholes opening up months after the peak of the floods due to the amount of water left sitting under the road surface.

\$770 million is set to be spent on maintaining road assets during 2023/24, and experts are now finalising a program of works that will rebuild, resurface and patch roads in every corner of the state,

keeping drivers and freight on the move across Victoria.

In order to carry out these vital repairs, the Department of Transport needs to wait for drier, warmer conditions. Delivering this type of work when conditions are cold and wet means that there is a risk the repairs will not be delivering a long-term solution.

The Department of Transport said that their crews continue to regularly monitor and assess reported hazards, along with all roads across the North East region, in line with their responsibilities under the Road Management Act.

They added that they are continuing to deliver long-term, large scale repairs to the most badly flood damaged roads, along with key freight and travel routes, as part of a \$165 million emergency road repair blitz.

The Victorian Government is investing an additional \$2.8 billion over 10 years into road maintenance and renewal works, including flood recovery. This will see a total of at least \$6.6 billion invested in maintaining road assets over the next decade.

Pothole or sinkhole? What’s the difference?

WITH Victorian roads in such a terrible state its not just the average potholes to dodge, you also have to watch out for the strange phenomenon of sinkholes appearing on roads.

A significant size sinkhole was reported on Highlands Road in Highlands recently. On Dropmore Road in Molesworth, another large sinkhole had to be repaired before becoming larger.

So what is the difference between a pothole and a sinkhole? Technically, a pothole is a depression formed by concentrated scouring at the ground surface, whereas a sinkhole is when a collapse feature is caused by the underground removal of rock or soil either by dissolution or erosion.

Sinkholes are often formed when the surface is limestone, which is easily eroded or worn away by the movement of water. Sinkholes are often funnel shaped, with the wide end open at the surface and the narrow end at the bottom of the pool.

According to *National Geographic*, sinkholes vary from shallow holes about one metre deep, to pits more than 50 metres deep. Water can drain through a sinkhole

into an underground channel or a cave. When mud or debris plugs one of these underground caves, it can fill with water to become a lake or a pond. Sinkholes occur naturally, especially where there is abundant rainfall, and the rock beneath the surface soil is limestone.

There are three main situations that cause sinkholes. If the rocks below the surface are made of materials that dissolve in water, such as limestone or gypsum; if the rock under the surface doesn’t dissolve in water, but instead is made of grains that are small enough to be carried away by underground water currents; or they can be triggered by water movements above ground. The latter types are triggered by intense rainstorms or floods, or burst or long term leakage from sewer or storm water pipes. In all these cases, the water can’t go where it used to, so it finds a new path.

People can create sinkholes when building roads, aquifers, or other types of construction, through altering land in ways that can weaken the underlying rock and make it more susceptible to sinkholes. Sinkholes can open up unexpectedly, especially during heavy rainfall.

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Farmer demand for biosecurity signs increases

THE Victorian Farmers Federation's (VFF) Stock Sense project has distributed more than 200 free biosecurity signs to Victorian farms over the past three months in the wake of increased demand from farmers.

VFF Livestock President Scott Young said the rise in demand could be a result of recent biosecurity matters being highlighted in the news and the ongoing work of projects like Stock Sense to bring awareness to farmers.

"Over the past 12 months issues such as Foot and Mouth and Lumpy Skin disease have been front of mind for many farmers.

"More and more farmers are now aware of the importance of having biosecurity signs on their property and their role in helping to safeguard the health and well-being of livestock, farmers, and the broader agricultural community.

"The response from farmers has been incredible, but we need to do more and I would encourage every single farmer to make sure they have a biosecurity sign on their farm.

"Signs are available from our Stock Sense team and you can get one by attending an upcoming workshop," Mr Young said.

Mr Young added that biosecurity signs are an important tool to protect the agriculture industry and on-the-spot fines can't be issued to trespassers without a biosecurity management plan.

"Biosecurity is of paramount concern in the agriculture sector. With the ever-present threat of diseases and infections affecting livestock, proactive measures are imperative to mitigate risks and protect the livelihoods of farmers and the integrity of the industry.

"Stock Sense's biosecurity signs serve as a crucial tool to raise awareness and promote best practices among farmers and visitors on farms. Alongside a biosecurity management plan, farmers will have another level of protection to reduce the risk of disease transmission and its potentially devastating consequences," Mr Young said.

The Stock Sense team encourages anyone who owns livestock to get involved with their events or to get in touch with them at stocksense@vff.org.au

Tickling predators' tummies

INTRODUCED foxes, dogs, cats, rats, and other predators kill millions of native animals every year, but what if they were conditioned to associate this prey with food that made them ill?

A team of international researchers have shown the potential to do just that, burying baits containing capsules of levamisole, a chemical that induces nausea and vomiting when consumed by predators.

In a world-first experiment conducted in south-eastern Australia, where introduced red foxes are responsible for countless wildlife deaths, the Australian National University (ANU) and University of South Australia (UniSA) scientists laid baits of fried de-boned chicken, with some containing encapsulated levamisole to hide the taste and smell of the chemical that makes animals nauseous or sick.

Over three sequential periods, untreated baits were laid, followed by levamisole-containing baits and untreated baits again. During the final period baits taken fell by 30 per cent, indicating that foxes had consumed the levamisole-containing baits, fallen ill, and were reluctant to go back for seconds, despite the later absence of levamisole.

Researchers say this evidence shows it is possible to condition foxes to avoid food sources based on their unique odour, and ultimately this strategy may be applicable to protecting vulnerable wildlife living in that habitat.

The non-lethal tactic for keeping predators at bay could be potentially more effective than shooting, trapping and poison baiting in certain contexts, according to ANU PhD student Tim Andrewartha.

"Based on our findings, this potential is something we hope to explore in the future," Mr Andrewartha said.

UniSA researcher Associate Professor Anton Blencowe says invasive predators are responsible for almost 60 per cent of all bird, mammal, and reptile extinctions globally, so it's critical to find ways to mitigate their impacts on native wildlife.

"Existing lethal control methods, shooting, trapping, and poisoning can be counterproductive in some situations, with predators capable of adapting their behaviour and becoming harder to control," he said.

The tactic employed in this experiment, known as conditioned taste aversion (CTA), shows promise as a tool to reduce the predation of vulnerable wildlife, the researchers outline in a paper published this month in *Conservation Science and Practice*.

A range of encapsulated nausea-inducing agents can be injected into food sources, such as eggs or animal carcasses, so the predator associates the symptoms with the food odour and not the chemical.

Microencapsulation, where the agent particles are minimised, can also be used to hide textures and prevent the capsule

from being accidentally broken open during consumption.

Scientists say more research is needed to determine the best chemical and dosage used, whether live prey rather than a carcass is more effective at conditioning aversion in the red fox, and the time between consumption and onset of symptoms.



An experiment is underway to deter predators from certain foods. -Alpsdake



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BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES

by Margo Galloway

INGREDIENTS

5 large Lebanese cucumbers, thinly sliced
1 medium brown onion, thinly sliced
3 tbsp cooking salt
1 and a half cups apple cider vinegar
1 cup sugar
2 tsp yellow mustard seeds
2 bay leaves
Half tsp coriander seeds
Quarter tsp turmeric
1 tsp black peppercorns

METHOD

Place the sliced cucumbers, onions & salt in a bowl stirring the salt through to coat.

Cover and refrigerate for 2-3 hours. Rinse and pat dry.

Place vinegar, sugar, mustard seeds, bay leaves, coriander seeds, turmeric and peppercorns in a large pot over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved, about 3 minutes.

Add the cucumber and onion mixture and bring to a simmer.

Remove the bay leaves. Transfer to hot sterilised jars and seal.

TIP: I use a mandolin slicer on the thinnest setting to slice the cucumber and onion.

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Wildlife rescuers concerned about wombat numbers

WILDLIFE rescuers hold grave fears for the future of wombats in the wild, given the carnage they’ve noticed recently on Murrindindi roads.

“We’ve seen a tripling, maybe even a quadrupling of the number of dead wombats on the side of roads,” Shelley Stafford said.

Shelley runs Narbeview Wildlife Shelter in Buxton. She has been caring for injured native animals for nearly 15 years and has nursed around 200 wombats back to life, a feat that can take up to two years, from the time she takes the injured animal into care until the time they are strong enough to release.

Currently she has more than a dozen wombats in her charge, as well as other wildlife, and often has to turn injured animals away because she simply has no more capacity.

Shelley and other wildlife rescuers this masthead has been in contact with believe recent weather events have had significant negative impacts on native fauna. In their estimation, increased rainfall and flooding have been major contributors to the increase in wombat fatalities on Victorian roads.

They say the recent floods and heavy rains in the region have resulted in a loss of burrows and other wombat habitat, pushing stressed animals into the fiercely held territory of other wombats and increasing competition for diminishing resources.

Shelley fears that the damage has been so significant, it won’t be too long before wombats are no longer seen in their natural habitat.

“I think we’ve got maybe five to 10 years of wombats in the wild, then the only place they’ll be seen is in zoos,” Shelley said.

Healesville Sanctuary Veterinarian Dr Peter Holz says the Australian Wildlife Health Centre treats around 2000 wildlife patients each year, and many of those cases are road-trauma related.

“We all know that large marsupials are more active at dawn and dusk,” Dr Holz said.

“It is important to remember that we share the environment with many animals and staying alert behind the wheel can help to keep everyone safe,” said Dr Holz.

Wildlife Victoria, which has been responding to wildlife emergencies for 35 years and answers more than 100,000 calls a year, urges drivers to take particular care while driving.

“The Bare-nosed wombat is the top species reported to Wildlife Victoria’s Emergency Response Service in the Murrindindi shire, with the most common reason for the call related to wombats that have been hit by vehicles. Wombat joeys stay in their mother’s pouch for approximately six to 10 months and can survive even after the mother has died. It is vitally important that deceased wombats are checked for pouch young who can be placed with a licensed

carer and released into the wild once ready,” said Wildlife Victoria’s CEO Lisa Palma.

To avoid a collision, Wildlife Victoria recommends that people stay alert and drive carefully through wildlife habitats, be aware that wildlife may be grazing on the roadside, reduce speed so that you can increase your

reaction time and be particularly careful between dusk and dawn when many native animals are out searching for food.

If you do have a wildlife collision, pull over to a safe spot, put your hazard lights on and check that everyone in your vehicle is safe. Then take note of the address or nearby

landmarks so that emergency support workers will be able to find the location. If anyone is injured call 000. Then call Wildlife Victoria’s Emergency Response Service, even if the animal appears to be unharmed and/or has moved away, as it will be injured. They can be reached on 8400 7300.



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New grants to assist wildlife rescue volunteers

VICTORIAN wildlife rescue volunteers are eligible for new grants announced by the Victorian government.

People who rescue and nurse sick, injured and orphaned wildlife are able to apply for up to \$3000 to assist them with the costs of providing that care.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt has announced that applications for the 2023 *Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants* are now open for wildlife shelter operators and foster carers.

The grants are for volunteer wildlife rehabilitators so they can continue to care for the thousands of native animals, including kangaroos, koalas, possums, birds, reptiles and wombats that fall sick or are injured every year.

More than 100 wildlife carers and shelters across Victoria received the grants last year, which helped to fund

wildlife enclosures, medication, feed, rescue equipment and veterinary fees.

The state government has also released the Victorian Wildlife Rehabilitation Guidelines, a resource to enhance the welfare of Victoria’s sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, to further support and guide the work of wildlife rescue volunteers.

The guidelines were developed in consultation with Zoos Victoria, specialist veterinarians and the wildlife rehabilitation community.

Since 2015, the state government has invested \$5.2 million to support the work of foster carers, authorised wildlife shelter operators and key wildlife organisations.

The funding of our wildlife volunteers is underpinned by the government’s *Biodiversity 2037* strategy, a record investment of \$582 million since 2014.

To learn more about the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants and to submit an application, visit wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants

Applications close at 3.30pm on September 15.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt said, “Victoria’s wildlife shelters and foster carers do such important work to help rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife, so that our state’s animals can be released back into the wild.

“These grants are about helping the many dedicated volunteers who house, feed and care for our precious wildlife when they need it most.

“The new rehabilitation guidelines will support the invaluable work of wildlife rescue volunteers and enhance the welfare of our sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.”



New grants are available for our wildlife carers. -Patrick Kavanagh



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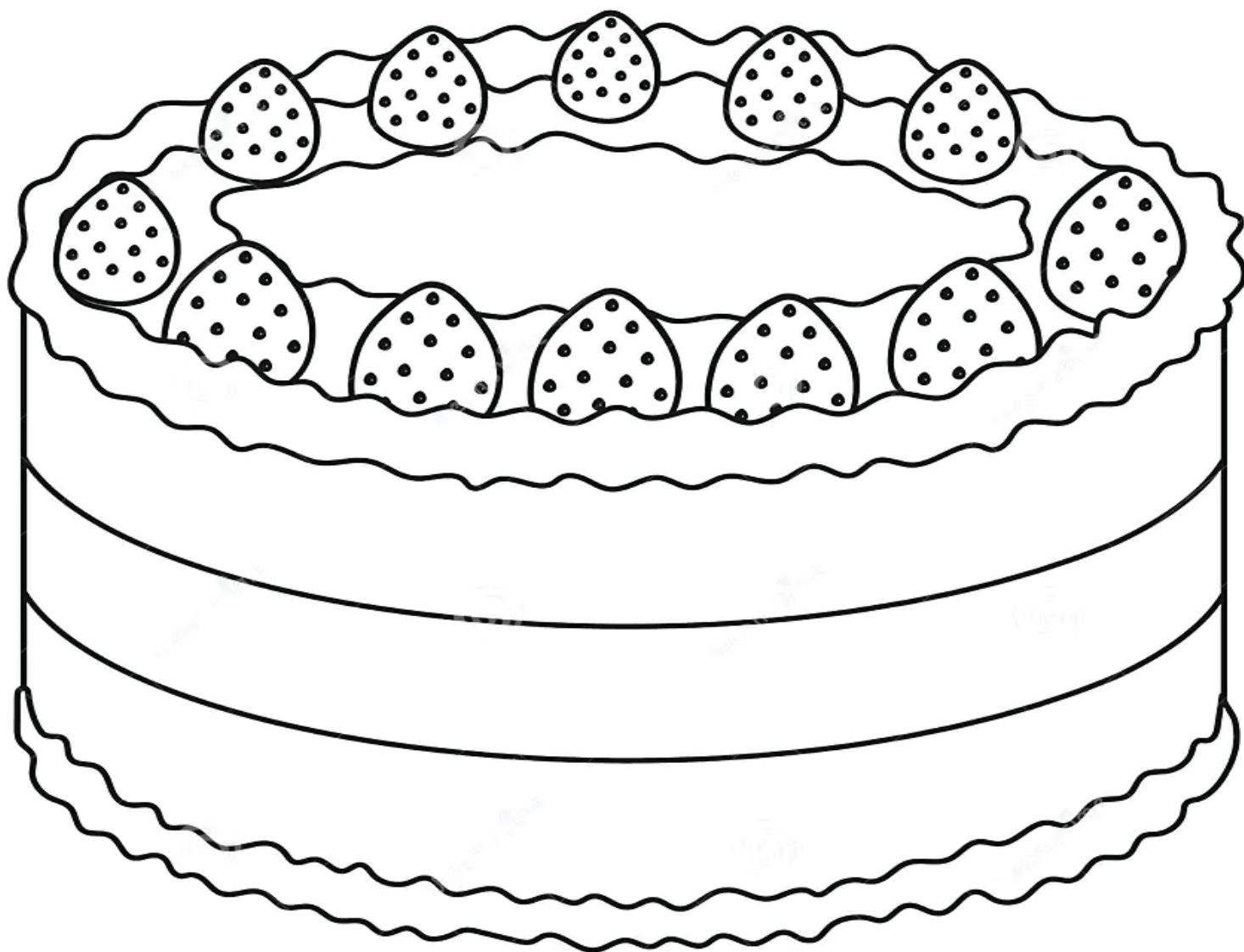
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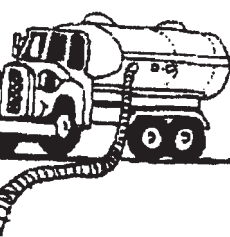
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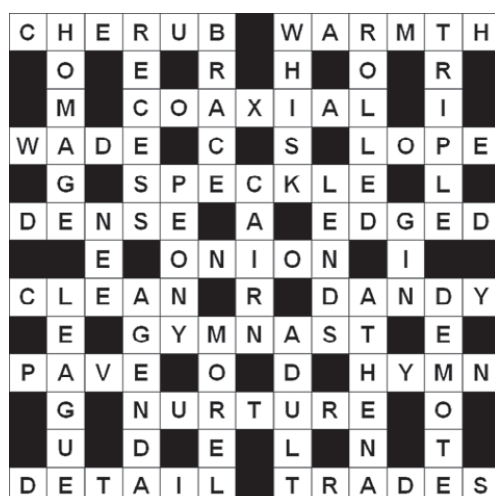
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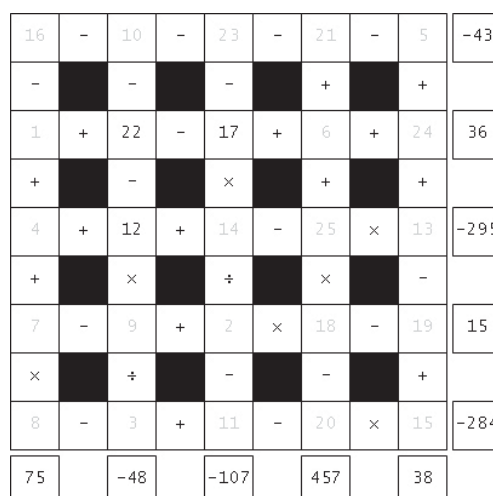
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Applicants will have to explain, how the grant will benefit the local community.

Applications

Must be in by Monday, August 31, 2023.
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Successful applicants will be notified.

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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT MOUNT DOROTHY

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located on a 25m steel fake tree structure at 171 Nashs Road, Murrindindi, Victoria 3717 (Lot 9 on PS611051) www.rfnsa.com.au/3717006

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of NR850 (5G) technology in the Murrindindi locality and surrounds.
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3. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* based on the above description.
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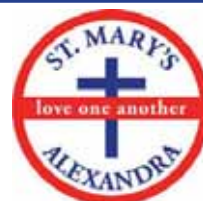
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GEOGRAPHIC NAMING PROPOSAL - SNOBS / BANYARMBITE FALLS

- 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
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The successful applicant must demonstrate;

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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

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The position reports to the Director of Clinical Services and works collaboratively with other YDMH staff members across the organisation, providing timely reporting of all service activity to management and committees as required.

The NUM has a responsibility to ensure the safety and quality care to all patients, residents, staff, visitors, contractors, students and volunteers.

Please visit yeahospital.org.au for a copy of the position description.

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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

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TUOHY, Edith Gillian Leslie (Gill)
The funeral service to celebrate the life of Gill will be held at the Murrindindi Chapel, 21 Johnston Street, Alexandra on Friday, August 25, 2023 commencing at 11am.

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Be aware of the electrical fire risk in your home. -S

Minimise the electrical fire risk in your home

VICTORIA'S fire services are calling on households to keep the safety and maintenance of their electrical equipment and appliances in the front of your mind following a recent clothes dryer fire which destroyed a home.

Once a house fire starts, it can spread rapidly and engulf your home in a matter of minutes. By adopting fire safe habits and reducing potential hazards there is a lot you can do to protect yourself and the people you live with.

In an average year, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) and Country Fire Authority (CFA) respond to more than 3000 residential fire incidents across the state, too many of which are preventable.

Fire Rescue Victoria Commissioner Gavin Freeman, AFSM said Victorians should be wary of overloaded power boards, phone and laptop chargers and electric blankets.

"Electrical hazards in the home are a common cause for house fires these days, but you can greatly reduce your risk by taking some simple safety measures," Commissioner Freeman said.

"Make sure you're not overloading power boards. Don't leave your phone charging overnight. And never put electrical appliances like hair straighteners and laptops on soft surfaces.

"Take the time to service your ducted heating and clean your range hood and oven regularly. Prevention is the best policy when it comes to fire safety."

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the dryer fire is a relatable reminder to residents to check their appliances are in good working order with good air flow around them.

"Using damaged or faulty electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire, so please, play it safe and only use certified electrical tradespeople to repair faulty appliances," CO Heffernan said.

"No one thinks a house fire is going to happen to them, but CFA attended 137 electrical fires last year and we've already responded to 84 this year.

"To prevent a fire from igniting, take the time to check your home office is set up safely, with no loose

cables, overloaded power boards or double adaptors and switch off any appliances at the wall when they're not being used."

For as little as \$20, households can help safeguard their homes and loved ones by purchasing and installing affordable smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways and living areas.

Remember, for electrical appliances, using damaged electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire. Only use appliances in good working order.

Don't use double adaptors and only use power boards according to manufacturers instructions, never overload or have loose cables, and check regularly for damage.

Ensure monitors, laptops, televisions and other equipment have good air flow around them and are not in confined spaces or covered. Finally if you are going away on holiday, make sure to turn off power to electrical appliances and let a neighbour know you are away.

Students to share in Anzac Spirit

SECONDARY school students in northern Victoria will be given an opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the Anzac legacy and Australia's connection to Türkiye with the 2023 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize competition.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes has announced the opening of the prize, an annual award program for Victorian students in Years 9 to 12. Supported by the Victorian Government, this year's prize is a celebration of Türkiye's Centenary of Independence and the significant ties between Australia and Türkiye.

Ten students will be selected to embark on an unforgettable journey to battlefields and commemorative sites in Türkiye, retracing the experience of Australian men and women at war on the Gallipoli Peninsula and surrounds and learning about the making of the Anzac legend.

The Spirit of Anzac Prize also offers students the opportunity to participate in a unique educational program that fosters understanding and appreciation for our nation's Anzac spirit.

By entering the competition, students can convey their interpretation of the Anzac spirit via written, creative, or digital formats.

Students from northern Victoria are encouraged to seize this opportunity to explore the Anzac legacy and strengthen their connections to Australia's veteran community.

To apply or find out more about the prize, visit vic.gov.au/SOAP

More support for amazing carers

THE Victorian Government is investing \$900,000 in a grants program to increase local support for the more than 700,000 unpaid carers across the state who selflessly look after loved ones.

The Connecting Carers in the Community grants program provides grants of up to \$40,000 each to reduce the isolation experienced by many carers.

Victoria's carers provide essential and unpaid support to loved ones with care needs. Many carers provide care around the clock, making it difficult for them to access the support they need to look after themselves or connect with others in their community.

The grants program will be administered by Carers Victoria and focus on prioritising support for carers in regional and rural areas.

Carers Victoria is the peak body for Victoria's unpaid carers. It provides advocacy, advice and information to help carers access support services by working closely with the community and the carer support sector.

Applications for the grant program are encouraged from carer support groups, community groups and grassroots organisations that connect with unpaid carers in regional communities, including First Nations, multicultural, LGBTIQ+ and other diverse Victorian carers.

The grant program is part of the state government's efforts to support unpaid carers and aligns with the objectives of the Victorian Carer Strategy.

Applications close on Friday, September 15. For more information visit carersvictoria.org.au

Time to get onto rabbit control

A COUPLE of months ago the Buxton Progress Association held a community meeting focusing on the future of Buxton. A hot topic was rabbits and the devastation they are causing at properties in the area.

The Cathedral Landcare Group have decided to use a group approach to tackle the issue. Member Alan Tonkin explained some of the possible control methods.

“There are three main ways that we plan to approach the issue,” he said. “There is warren ripping. This is where a group of trained people go out to the site together with the owner of the property and look at the warren and they rip it by digging a trench to see the depth and the network of the warren and then they use a digger with an attachment that rips the ground up and that way they destroy the warren. Once this is done, they push the soil back so its level ground again and then the owner can plant whatever they choose in the area.

The second option depends on the topography. If it’s a steep hill where they can’t do the ripping, fumigation devices can be dropped into the rabbit warren holes and these collapse the rabbit warren network. I must specify these are trained individuals that come in to do this. The implosions blow the soil up around 4 or 5 feet ‘round the area where it’s been blown up. You do need to be qualified to do this method, and finally the last method is baiting. Sometimes it’s a combination of these methods.

Allan explained, “What we are trying to do is address all local areas, not just Buxton. It also involves Taggerty, Acheron and other areas that the Cathedral Landcare Network covers. This concern has been raised by quite a few individuals.

“Our Vice President Phil Challen has done quite a few courses controlling rabbits through the Victorian Rabbit Action Network and he is coordinating this effort

in trying to reduce the number of rabbits and the damage they are doing to the landscape and vegetation.

“We are really trying to make a group effort. For example, it’s really no point doing my place but not the neighbours. If this happened, I might find they will be back in a few months and then the problem starts again.

“I have no ill will or nastiness towards rabbits, but they are a real problem and because they are an introduced species, I feel we need to control them.”

Cathedral Landcare Group, in conjunction with Victorian Rabbit Action Network, is offering assistance with the management of the pests. You can join their very own subsidised program. You need to sign up Sunday, August 27 as the program rolls out in September.

For more information and to check if your property might be suitable, email Vice President, Phil Challen at phil@littleriverwines.com.au

\$9.4 million disaster betterment program

RURAL Councils Victoria has welcomed a state and federal government announcement of \$9.4 million *Council Priority Betterment Program* to improve the resilience of essential public assets such as roads, bridges and footpaths damaged as a direct result of the 2022 flood event.

“The announcement has important significance,” Rural Councils Victoria Chair Cr Mary-Ann Brown said. “It is the first time that state and federal governments have embraced the concept of betterment in Victoria, which means building back assets to a higher standard to withstand possible future natural disasters.

“In all our meetings with federal and state Ministers we have underlined the need to ensure that assets are restored to a more resilient standard so that they are not damaged or destroyed again in the next flood or bushfire.”

The impacted councils eligible to apply are Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Loddon, Moira, Murrindindi, Benalla, Bendigo, Hepburn, Mildura, Pyrenees, Shepparton and Strathbogie.

The program is jointly-funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Cr Brown welcomed the fact that key assets that help communities stay connected and reduce hardship during and after disasters, such as culverts and roads, will be prioritised.

“Those assets were a key priority in RCV advocacy to state and federal governments and we are pleased to see them prioritised,” Cr Brown said.

“We see the program announcement as an important first step in building back damaged or destroyed assets to a more resilient standard.

“Betterment should be part of all disaster recovery packages into the future.”

“RCV notes that seven councils (Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Loddon, Moira, and Murrindindi) will be eligible to apply for up to \$1 million each, while another seven impacted councils

(Benalla, Bendigo, Hepburn, Mildura, Pyrenees, Greater Shepparton and Strathbogie) will be eligible to apply for up to \$343,000 each.

“We note that applicants are required to provide a minimum co-contribution of five per cent to the project and that a co-contribution is considered an ‘in-kind or monetary contribution from the council’. This is essential for small rural councils which have small rated bases and are struggling financially.

“The program is a good start, and we look forward to being in a position to welcome further resources for impacted communities into the future,” Cr Brown said.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Murray Watt said the upgrades will be significant in helping communities prepare for future emergencies.

“Betterment works mean infrastructure can be built back using more resilient methods or materials, so they’re less likely to be impacted again by future natural disasters,” Minister Watt said.

“This is the first betterment program of its kind in Victoria, so I’m very pleased the Albanese Government is co-funding it.

“In addition to reducing the risk of disruptions to communities from disasters, we know that betterment programs like this one, delivered in other states, have demonstrated savings and avoided costs for all levels of government.”

Victorian Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes said the program was one step towards easing the burden on towns affected by natural disasters.

“This package is about building back better, so communities aren’t hit as hard by more frequent and severe weather events,” Minister Symes said.

“We welcome the Federal Government’s co-investment in this. We’ll continue backing communities and advocating for what they need to stay prepared and recover quicker from natural disasters.”

Senator Watt’s office said the councils receiving betterment funding allocations will be shortly notified of the allocations.

Act now for a dementia-friendly future this Dementia Action Week

LOCAL councils, businesses and community organisations will be asked to consider the steps they can take to be more dementia-friendly during this year’s Dementia Action Week, held from September 18 to 24.

The Dementia Action Week theme is ‘Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly

Future’, because communities that take action to become dementia-friendly have less fear and a greater understanding of dementia.

It also results in less stigma and discrimination, as well as more support for people living with dementia to live well in their communities for longer.

During Dementia Action Week, which includes World Alzheimer’s Day on Thursday, September 21, Dementia Australia is encouraging communities to think about and ask people living with dementia, their families and carers what they need to help them live well.

While two-thirds of people with dementia live in the community, Dementia Australia research shows 81 per cent of people with a loved one living with dementia felt people in shops, cafes and restaurants treated people with dementia differently.

Dementia Australia CEO Maree McCabe AM said it was important

for communities to be dementia-friendly, so people living with dementia could access the services, activities and spaces to which we are all entitled.

“So, ahead of Dementia Action Week, start thinking about the small steps you can take to include people living with dementia and create a better experience for all in your community,” Ms McCabe said.

Dementia Action Week is a major leadership, awareness and advocacy campaign led by Dementia Australia as the peak body for people living with dementia, their families and carers. In the coming weeks, businesses and local councils will have access to a digital toolkit full of resources with information on how they can act now to make their organisation more dementia-friendly.

For more information, visit dementia.org.au/DementiaActionWeek

Painters and Potters exhibition opening soon

THREE local Murrindindi based women are joining forces to create an art exhibition running for two months in Yea.

Zeedee Douglas, Dawn French and Janine Arendsen have worked feverishly during 2023 to create a body of work including paintings, ceramics and macramé.

The gala opening night on September 1, sees the exhibition at Marmalades of Yea continuing until November 5.

Marmalades owners Jane and Byron are excited to be filling their spaces with local art. “We love the idea of supporting local creatives and were thrilled to be approached by the Painters & Potters. Our team will get a kick out of seeing the bright works on the walls and in the windows, and customers will love it too.”

Zeedee Douglas, a Yea based artist had the idea for the Painters & Potters exhibition. Her experience of being mentored by creative women, who ultimately challenged her belief that she couldn’t create art, led directly to the idea of this exhibition, which in turn drove a flood of creativity.

“I don’t remember a time when I didn’t create,” Zeedee said.

“Sewing, threadwork, knitting, crocheting and gardening, I could turn my hand to most creative things.”

Much of Zeedee’s working life was dedicated to working on international aircraft. Living out of a suitcase was her daily reality, leaving no time for creative pursuits unless they were portable. Then the pandemic arrived, grounding Zeedee suddenly and irrevocably changing her life.

“I was determined to look at what I had, not what I’d lost. I rediscovered the precious commodity of time. Now I had time to dream, imagine and visualise all I wanted to create. I thought this was the end of my story, however I find that I’m at the beginning of my next chapter.”

As a migrant to Australia, Dawn French sees the natural beauty of the country with fresh eyes. Now a Yea resident, her muse is the world she walks through every day.

“All my creative thoughts develop while I’m out doing everyday tasks. They may arise from the natural beauty of the flora and fauna I see, or from the shape and form of buildings and structures I observe while walking,” Dawn says. “Then suddenly, while I’m working visual elements present themselves from my recollections, guiding my hands as I shape my materials.”

Since arriving in Australia, Dawn has lived in such diverse and far flung places as to be the envy of many Australians. She believes she’s been tremendously fortunate that during her travels she has met people who were willing to share and show her the skills she needed to create her art objects.

Potters in Western Australia contributed to her growth as an artist, as did the First Nations Elders in Katherine who taught her how to strip Pandanus leaves. That sparked Dawn’s interest in weaving.

“I was taught weaving techniques locally by Cassie Leatham, a Taungurung DjaDja Wurrung woman, and was inspired by a sculptor to use items that would have otherwise ended up in landfill. My experience with all these teachers has encouraged me to continually seek new ideas. A large percentage of my work is experimental and unfortunately a lot ends up in the bin or being de constructed.”

The pieces that survive are always one of a kind as she prefers not to produce multiples of the same thing. “My pieces tend to be unique and organic in form, with a muted colour palette. I look forward to people’s reactions to my work at the exhibition.”

One day in 2019 Janine Arendsen felt the urge to paint a watercolour butterfly. The act of painting was so meditative and calming that she announced that she would paint one work every day for the next 365 consecutive days. Remarkably, she did. She created a large body of work, attracted commissions and even enjoyed exhibiting her work in a few local galleries and cafés in Murrindindi prior to the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown.

Janine had always had an interest in art, completing a major in visual arts in the 1980s, and during her 20s she completed a two year photographic course which she says definitely gave her a good eye for composition.

Since completing that full year of painting watercolours, Janine has expanded to other mediums, including acrylic and mixed media. “I want to discover my own distinctive style, to produce works that have recognisable continuity so that people can say, ‘Oh, that’s a Janine Arendsen painting.’”

Moving to her new home in 2022 she has established a dedicated art space, which allows her to spread out, make mess and truly immerse into her art practice. More recently Janine has expanded her work to include art created entirely in the digital realm.

“The software that is available today is simply mind blowing. You can take your knowledge of paint, mediums, brushes and even paper and apply it within these programs.

It’s a lot less messy but equally as absorbing.” Some of these pieces will appear in the show in the form of digitally printed canvases, mugs and cards.

Janine says that “art is about stepping outside self imposed limitations, there are no laws about what’s valid. I consider my abstract acrylics and my digital creations are all part of my body of work.”

Everyone is welcome at the opening night, on Friday September 1. Featuring a Welcome to Country by Cassie Leatham (Taungurung DjaDja Wurrung woman), canapés and live music, the \$10 entry fee will benefit pLATform Youth Theatre and Yea River Catchment Landcare.

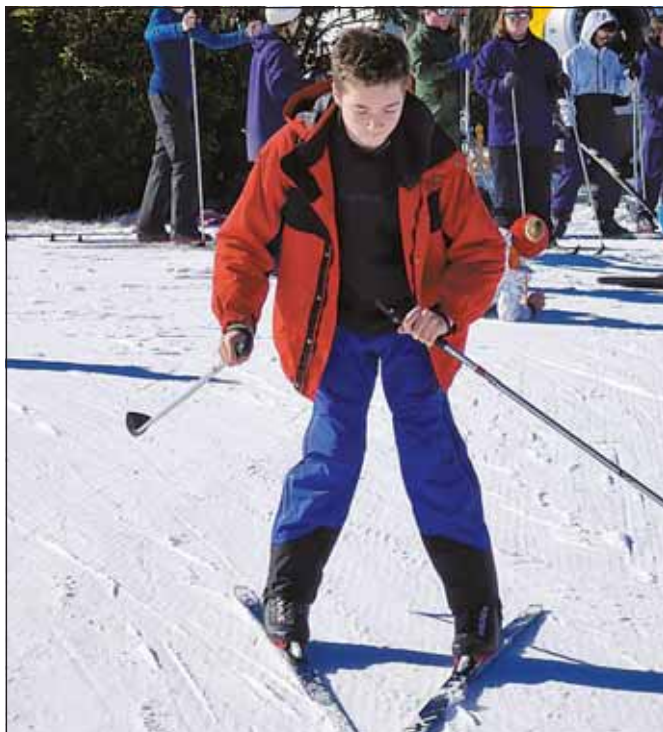
Drinks will also be available at bar prices. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at TryBooking.com/CIROT. After the opening, the exhibition can be viewed by all Marmalades patrons, and will run until November 5.



THERE have recently been two thefts from motor vehicles in Hall Street, Alexandra. Police are investigating.

Police would like to remind people to lock their vehicles, and not to leave valuable items in the vehicle, or on the back of utes.

Lock up and be safe.



Eildon Primary students having fun at Lake Mountain

EILDON Primary School extended its annual skiing program, adding three extra days for senior students.

All grade four to six students recently attended the new four-day skiing program, which was run free of cost to families.

The first of the four days was a whole of school and kindergarten day with snow play, tobogganing, snowboarding and skiing. The rest of the program focussed on developing cross-country skiing skills for senior students.

The skiing skills of the students improved significantly over the three days. Unfortunately, due to extreme weather, the fourth day was cancelled.

It was great for the students to be out and about again, exploring all that our amazing part of the world has to offer.



SPORT

Rain keeps numbers low

NINE players on Tuesday with Brad Newton back on top with (13) 34 points and Leo Dynes the runner up with (23) 32 points. Nearest the pin on the seventh went to Graham Croizaro and on the seventeenth to Paul Martin. The ladies are still only playing nine holes. Hit off at 11.30am next Wednesday August 30 scheduled as a Flag Day Stableford.

It was raining on Saturday so only a small group of determined players. No results available. Next Saturday August 26 is scheduled as a Stableford round.



Some very wet golfers. -S



L to R Aiden Campbell, Charlie Frances, Hamish Wilson and Riley Galloway are their way to the state finals. - S

Alexandra Secondary College students into state championships

AFTER winning at the Hume Region Level, Alexandra Secondary College Year 7 Boys Badminton Team comprising Aiden Campbell, Charlie Frances, Hamish Wilson and Riley Galloway have successfully made it through to state championships. State Badminton will be held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Centre on September 12.

Glorious sunshine for winter tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

FOUR matches were played in glorious sunshine last Monday when eight teams fielded four players thanks to last minute substitutions found from leadership forums.

Euroa hosted Mansfield Black, Seven Creeks took on Moglonemby, Terip hosted Mansfield Red, and Mansfield Blue welcomed Benalla.

Euroa's Lyndall Bigland and Sue Vaughan took a 3-0 lead in their opener against Mansfield Black's Jenny Bell and Rhonda Carpenter, but the visitors warmed up to equalize at four all. Games went on serve after that with lengthy hard-hitting rallies as teammates watched on.

Eventually the Euroa veterans claimed the set 8-6. Ros Doxey and Mary Kelly won theirs 8-4 against returning player Di Ellis and first timer Agnes Kay.

Black's Carpenter combined well with newcomer Kay, and after starting 3-0 down, surprised themselves winning 8-5. Euroa won all the other sets in prolonged battles 5/45 to 1/26.

Moglonemby and Seven Creeks spent even longer on the Euroa courts in a match that could've gone either way. Seven Creeks' Rowena Ellis and Rosie Cameron took theirs 8-5 while Moglonemby's Marlene Hanrahan and Robyn Johnson won 8-1.

The next two sets were decided by tiebreakers both going Moglonemby's way.

A determined Deb Seach and Judy Sands played their best tennis edging out Seven Creeks by five games, four sets to two in a tough tight contest.

Terip were far too strong for Mansfield Red on their home soil at Terip winning 6/48 to 0/13 while Benalla edged out Mansfield Blue by merely three games after sharing the sets three all. Benalla 3/40 to Blue 3/37.

Two rounds remain, with the semi-finals played in Mansfield on September 4. Mansfield Tennis Association will hold its AGM in the clubhouse at 7pm that night. The club website now has new season membership fees and historical photos accessible to all. Check it out at play.tennis.com.au/mansfieldtennisassociation



Rhonda, Agnes, Di and Jenny in Euroa. -S



Euroa vs Mansfield Black. -S

Cream rises to the top

by Kristelle Leary

SPAGHETTI had a bye this week.

Lasagne v Ravioli

Charlie v Aiden: A good game. Aiden won the second game, but Charlie has quickly developed the ability to read the game, taking three games and the match. 75 to 41.

Mick v Jared (fill in): Jared was simply too good for Mick. Giving him the run around and taking each game. Jared took the victory. 71 to 35.

Justin v Simon: Justin could not keep the ball away from Simon who was on fire. A volcanic force of nature, Simon had Justin running. Keeping a large lead Simon was triumphant. 82 to 40.

Daniel W v Michael M: Some cracking shots and terrific reflex shots. Michael's placement made the difference, keeping him in the lead. 61 to 44.

Jim v Andrew: The first two games saw a close contest. Jim took it up a notch in game three, creating a larger lead for himself. Andrew managed to claw his way back and take the fourth game, but Jim had already won. 68 to 46.

Bolognese v Carbonara

Blake v James: Blake started strong, winning the first two games. James came in hard to dominate game three and four, winning the match with a comeback. 68 to 53.

Kristelle v Charlie (fill in): Charlie lifted his game, filling in a level above. Kristelle was a bit casual, making a number of unforced errors, but still playing well enough to win by three. 63 to 60.

Jodie v Kelly: A tight match all the way to game three. Game four saw Jodie take a large lead as her stamina held up. Jodie for the win. 58 to 48.

Ben v Daniel W (fill in): These two are chaos on the court together, a tornado of arms and racquets. It was a close and entertaining match in which Ben emerged victorious. 57 to 54.

Michael H v James W: Being the more experienced player, Michael took an early lead. James stole a game but lost the battle to Michael. 71 to 56.



Blake prepares a shot from deep in the court against James G. -S

Great results for Junior Rebels

by Ray Steyger

LAST Sunday was the first round of finals in the Goulburn Murray Junior League, played at Kings Park in Seymour hosted by St Marys. The under 16s played Seymour in Mooropna.

Football

Under 12

Wandong 2.5 - 17 defeated by Alexandra 3.1 - 19

North Central Construction - Eli Van Lierop. Essence Coffee Lounge - Josh Northmore. FoodWorks - Jaidyn Dimech. Alexandra Bakery and Café - Max Kaiser. Coach - Tybar Reid, Mav Burchall and Levi Campbell.

Under 14

Seymour 4.4 - 28 defeated by Alexandra 7.7 - 49

North Central Construction - Jamie Nash. Essence Coffee Lounge - Aiden Campbell. FoodWorks - Cameron Clark. Alexandra Bakery and Café - Toby Lucas. Coach - Kayden Armstrong.

Under 16

Seymour 12.15 - 87 defeated Alexandra 8.4 - 52

DMK Taxation - Callan Howell. Essence Coffee Lounge - Casey Collett. FoodWorks - Luke Wal. Alexandra Bakery and Café - Coen Miljkovic. Coach - Will Granter.

Netball

Under 11

St Marys 17 defeated Alexandra Black 7

The team will now proceed to the Preliminary Final this week at Alexandra.

Under 11

Tabilk 10 defeated by Alexandra Red 20

The team will now proceed to the Preliminary Final this week at Alexandra.

Under 13

St Marys 14 defeated by Alexandra Black 29

The team will now proceed to the Preliminary Final this week at Alexandra.

Under 15

Yea 42 defeated by Alexandra Black 12

The team's season comes to an end. Well done to coach Kelly Golland and all the players and support staff on a great season.

Under 15

Broadford 33 defeated Alexandra Red 21

The team will now proceed to the Preliminary Final this week at Alexandra.

A very big thank you to the award sponsors for their continued support of our junior footballers and netballers in 2023. This coming Sunday we will be hosting Preliminary Finals at Rebel Park and on Sunday, September 3, Grand Finals will be played at Kings Park hosted by Seymour.

Times for all netball and football games for this coming Sunday finals at Rebel Park will be released by the League during the week. Likewise, details of finals for the under 16s football who play Shepparton United will also be released by the League during the week.

As mentioned, Alexandra will host Junior Preliminary Finals of football and netball at Rebel Park on Sunday, August 27, so if you can assist with the canteen, please speak to Melissa Crane and Shona Miljkovic to go on the roster. We need additional volunteers for other tasks on the day including scoreboard and umpire escort so if you can assist, please contact Ray Steyger.

Thank you to all the families that have paid their season 2023 junior football and netball player memberships and any families that have not done so yet, it would be appreciated if you could attend to this as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact Club President Ray Steyger on 5772 2627.

Congratulations to the under 12 and under 14 football teams that have progressed to the Grand Final, with a number of junior football and netball teams working to join them in this week's Preliminary Finals. We invite everyone to get behind the Rebels and show their support with red, white and black in shop windows and house windows around town.



Ashlee Frankcombe and Tyler Richards in under 17 netball. -S



Bella Lamaro in under 11 netball. -S



Ruby Birmingham in under 11 netball. -S



Caeley Palmer, Emily Van Lierop and Ruby Russell in under 17 netball. -S



Charli Newlands in under 13 netball. -S



Holly Williams in under 13 netball. -S



Toby Lucas in under 14 football. -S



Cam Clark in under 14 football. -S



Eli Van Lierop in under 12 football. -S



Mia and Sienna Heard in under 12 football. -S

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Senior footballers set for first grand final in 15 years

by Ray Steyger

THE Outer East League 2023 season finals series got under way with the Rebels represented by under 17 netball together with the reserves and seniors football teams.

Football

Reserves

Broadford 9.5 - 59 defeated Alexandra 5.14 - 44

The Reserves, in a first semi-final with only 20 players and several of them carrying injuries, travelled to Yarra Junction to play Broadford. In a tight and nervous first quarter, both teams had two scoring shots with the Roos scoring the only goal. The second quarter opening up with the Roos adding another three goals straight whilst the Rebels kicked two goals from seven scoring shots. The Rebels controlled the third quarter, adding three goals from eight scoring shots, while the Roos added two points. But the inaccuracy was to prove costly as the Roos ran away in the last quarter with five unanswered goals. The Rebels finishing with five more scoring shots in the game but without the win, to finish their season. Well done to coach Scott Ferrier on a great season and thank you to over 50 players that have played in the reserves this year.

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

Seniors

Warburton Millgrove 5.9 - 39 defeated by Alexandra 9.16 - 70

The Seniors, facing the same opponent from last week, played Warburton Millgrove in a second semi final at Woori Yallock, the winner to proceed direct to the grand final and the loser to get another chance in the preliminary final next week at Broadford. The Burras managed three goals to two in a tough first quarter, the Rebels adding two goals from eight scoring shots in the second quarter to lead by three points at the main

break. The Rebels had the better of the third quarter with three goals to one before opening up the game in the last quarter with two goals from seven scoring shots to take the win. Congratulations to coach Nick Wal and all the players and support staff as the Rebels progress to their first Grand Final since 2008 whilst the Burras play Powelltown in the preliminary final next Saturday.

Awards: Incentives - Ryan Lucas, Lucas O'Sullivan and Mitch Parker. Buxton Hotel - Taylor Kleinschmidt. Yarck Hotel / Endeavour Petroleum volunteer award - Kath and Tanya Anderson.

Netball

Under 17 lost 8 - 16 to Warburton Millgrove. The girls now play Powelltown in the Preliminary Final at Broadford next Saturday.

Awards: Incentive - Tyler Richards. Corner Hotel / Grant St Grocer - Ruby Russell.

Thursday's Rebel Raffles, 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. Raffles were suspended last week due to our guest speaker presentations, but will continue this week with the Swenrick Constructions Joker Jackpot worth \$400 on Thursday, so come along for your chance to win a prize. Junior meals will be available after training and senior meals will be available after their training this week.

This coming Saturday the Division Two preliminary finals will be played at

Broadford, the Rebels represented by the under 17 netball looking to join the senior football in the Grand Finals at Yarra Glen on Saturday, September 2. Everyone is invited to the Club rooms after the Grand Final to celebrate all the teams' efforts during the season. We invite everyone to get behind the Rebels and show their support with red white and black in shop windows and house windows around town. Be proud, be loud.

Wednesday, September 6 the Cool Heads Program will be on at the Club rooms from 7pm, 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 on Sunday October 8 at the Club rooms.



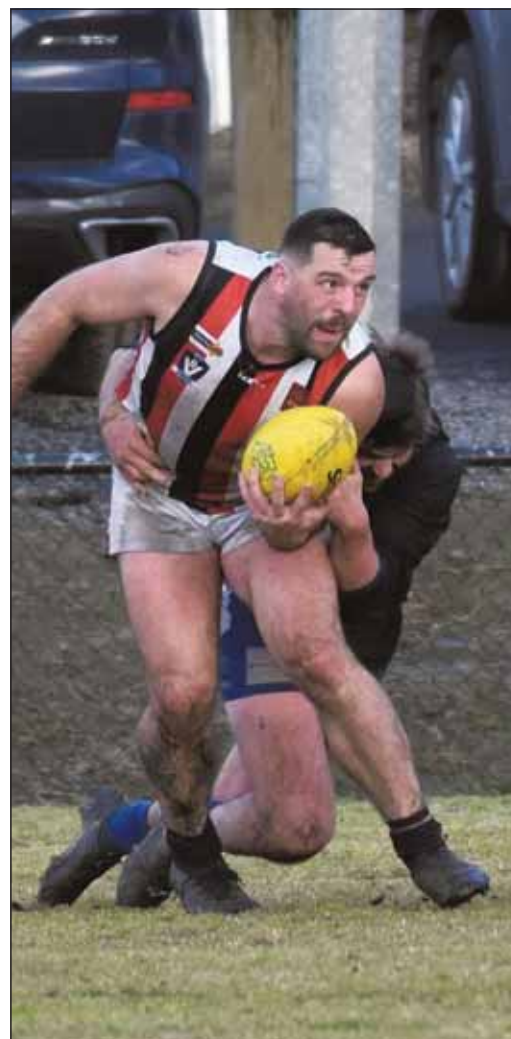
Bailey Goschnick in the reserves. -S



Dylan Jack in the reserves. -S



Ben Jack in the reserves. -S



Steve Steiner in the seniors. -S



Ted Watkin in the seniors. -S