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K-pop star Lily Morrow visited her old school with the globally successful girl group NMIXX. -S

Local K-pop star comes back home

THERE was a real buzz at Marysville Primary School recently as former student and international K-pop star Lily Morrow made a special visit back to where her journey began.

Now a member of the globally successful girl group NMIXX, Lily spent her early years in Marysville and attended the local primary school until grade five. Shortly after, she auditioned for SBS *K-pop Star* season four, where she placed an impressive fourth, launching a music career that has taken her to stages around the world.

Despite her success, Lily has remained closely connected to her roots.

Her visit was a proud and joyful moment for the school community. Accompanied by her fellow NMIXX band members, Lily took the time to explore local landmarks before arriving at the school, where students and staff welcomed her with open arms.

One of the highlights of the day was a performance by the students, who sang and signed *We Are Australian*, a gesture that clearly moved Lily and her group. In a heartfelt response, the members of NMIXX delighted everyone by singing for the students in return, creating a truly memorable exchange of culture, music and gratitude.

Lily also spent time speaking with students, answering questions, signing autographs, and taking photos, making it a day the school community will never forget.

Principal Sandra Bishop reflected on the visit, saying, "It was an incredibly special day, not just for our students, but for our entire community. Lily's journey is a shining example of what's possible when talent is nurtured and dreams are supported. At Marysville, we believe in every child, and seeing one of our own achieve so much reminds us why we do what we do. We couldn't be prouder of Lily."

Lily's story is a powerful example of what can grow from a small, supportive school and a tight-knit community. While Marysville Primary may be small in size, it's a place where students are known, encouraged, and given the confidence to follow their dreams, wherever they may lead.

From the classrooms of Marysville to the global stage, Lily Morrow continues to inspire and her home school couldn't be prouder.

After her whirlwind visit, Lily was back on the touring bus and headed straight to Melbourne for NMIXX's sold-out show, leaving behind a community filled with pride, joy, and lasting inspiration.

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1st Wed Alexandra Lions dinner meet, Corner Hotel 0427 595 318

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1st Sun Crop/Produce swap 10.30am-noon @ Embassy of Ideas

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2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.

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3rd Thu Alexandra Ladies Probus 10am RSL Ph 0428 976 252

3rd Thu Community Potluck dinner 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas

3rd Sun Alexandra RSL Ph 0409 950 913

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For a \$10 annual fee for one line, your club or organisation's regular meeting dates will be listed each week. Not only is this a reminder to your regular members but also a good source of what groups are available in the community, when they meet and a contact phone number.

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Letters to the Editor

Planter Boxes

WHAT a truly disgraceful act by council removing the planter boxes. Here we are, a town of families, businesses, retirees, rate

THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN

THUMBS DOWN:

To Murrindindi Shire Council for not allowing Pam to see the planter boxes.

THUMBS DOWN:

To a shire that thinks planters are a hazard, but does nothing about footpath that definitely is.

THUMBS UP:

To Yarck servo for great fuel prices and no rise for the truck show.

THUMBS DOWN:

To Murrindindi Shire Council for removing planter boxes in Alexandra and two parks in the middle of Eildon and filling them with dongas. Shame, shame, shame.

THUMBS UP:

Congratulations to organisers of the Yarck Historical Photographic Exhibition. Well done committee and we look forward to the next one.

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

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payers, people who have been willing to put in the time and effort to help brighten an otherwise dismal main street. What is it that council doesn't get?

The men's shed workers who spent hours working on and installing the planter boxes have been treated with the utmost disrespect. May I just point out that many in this town supported *Just a Farmer* where mental health is its main focus. Why do you think men attend these 'sheds' or are you so blind as to think just farmers suffer from mental health issues. Whoever instigated the removal of the boxes should feel ashamed.

I am very disappointed of the actions by our council. Lack of communication is so disrespectful to the community who endeavour to instigate changes for the better.

A concerned rate payer, name and address supplied but withheld by request

Utah Place

NOTHING happening in the centre of our town, a sad and forlorn space making a very depressing visual picture. Occasionally a leaf blows. Definitely no planter boxes here.

A loss of 20 car parks and potentially a further 10 with the planned, but not implemented, angle parking.

Summer and heat will come, visitors to the splash park, influx of tourists visiting and using the lake, who misses out with less parking? The traders, who have to maximise their businesses during the Christmas holiday season to help through the rest of the year.

In the meantime, not looking forward to the next number of months of nothingness. We're probably not even half way through yet.

Name and address supplied but withheld by request

Resource recovery

AT the weekend, I drove to my nearest Resource Recovery Centre to do my fortnightly drop. It was a round trip of 2.6km. All my rubbish had been sorted into recyclables including cardboard packaging separated and placed in the appropriate bin. There was one bag of general waste weighing 1.2 kg and measuring 0.015 of a cubic metre. Not bad for a bin that will be collected fortnightly. That one bag might be a bit lonely at the bottom of a 240 litre bin.

But council says I must reduce landfill, 'recycle better' and be charged to do so.

Council's justification is that this is new state government law (from 2027) and they are required to implement it. With all due respect to the state government and council, I don't need to be told to 'recycle better'.

The justification that I am to be a part of it is that the truck is going past your residence and it is practical to collect. During the Vietnam War, conscription was a lottery based on birthdate. This council service has become a lottery based upon your residence. Should my residence have been past the Yea RRC, I wouldn't have been on the route and would have not been a part of the scheme. I am now required to pay a penalty based on residence.

It puts a mockery on some claims by council that 'the service won't cost you any more'. False. There are numerous ratepayers who haven't been a part of the scheme, have overseen their own recycling policy and are now told they have to be a part of.

If the time has come to arbitrarily be forced to be a part of the scheme, maybe it's time for a little Ghandi style civil disobedience. It is possible to create more landfill, not less, defeat the intent of the policy and force a council rethink of who's in and who's out.

David Anderson, Yea

Weekly Weather

July 2 - July 8, 2025

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra

Yea

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon (TW)	11.00am Mon	1.48	steady	Below Flood Level
Rubicon River at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.48	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	11.00am Mon	0.54	steady	Below Flood Level
Home Creek at Yarck	11.22am Mon	0.16	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	11.00am Mon	0.45	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	09.00am Mon	0.28	steady	
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	11.00am Mon	0.59	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	3.57	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.36	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	1.16	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	-0.08	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.50	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	11.00am Mon	0.79	steady	

**ISSUED AT 11:56 AM AEST MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra	62mm
Buxton.....	71mm
Eildon (AWS).....	23mm
Flowerdale.....	34mm
Jamieson.....	62mm
Kinglake.....	37mm
Lake Eildon.....	41mm
Mansfield.....	31mm
Taggerty	68mm
Yarck	60mm
Yea.....	36mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	276.44m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	57.8%
Metres below full supply.....	12.46m
Daily inflow	900ML
Release.....	2000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	75%

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We thank you for your continued support

Be seen when the paramedics need to find you

NOW winter has set in across Victoria, Ambulance Victoria is urging the community to take simple steps to make their homes easier for paramedics to find and access in an emergency.

Shorter days, poor weather and limited visibility during evening call-outs can delay crews when minutes matter most. A clearly marked home with easy access can make a critical difference when someone's life is on the line.

Here's how you can help paramedics find their way. Clearly display your street number by ensuring it's large, easy to read, and visible from the road day and night. Turn on your outdoor lights especially if you've called Triple Zero (000) or know paramedics are on the way. Keep access clear and move any obstructions from driveways and paths, and unlock gates where possible. It's important to secure your pets and contain them to ensure crews can reach you quickly and safely. Provide access details by letting the call taker know of any key lock boxes and any gate codes or access information that crews might need and let them know if your

property is hard to find as this information can be passed to paramedics on route.

Narelle Capp, Acting Executive Director Regional Operations at Ambulance Victoria, said these small steps can help save precious time.

"In winter, it's often dark and wet when paramedics are called out, and some homes are really difficult to spot or access," Narelle said.

"Having lights on, visible house numbers, pets safely secured, and key or gate information available can help us reach patients faster and deliver care without delay."

While GPS and digital maps are useful, they don't replace clear visual cues or physical access to the property. Taking a few moments now to prepare your home could make all the difference during an emergency.

Ambulance Victoria encourages everyone to step outside after dark and check how visible and accessible their property really is, and to spread the word to family, friends, and neighbours.

Grants for local government to promote road safety

THE state government is calling on councils to apply for grants to improve road safety in their local government areas.

This years' 2025 Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Local Government Grant Program has opened for projects that prevent crashes, particularly those involving pedestrians and cyclists.

The program invites all local government authorities to apply for projects that are aligned with the Victorian Road Safety Strategy (2021-2030) and adopt Safe System principles.

The Safe System is a holistic approach to road safety that recognises different elements of the road system must work together to keep everyone safe. These

elements include roads and roadsides, vehicles, travel speeds and road users.

The funding available includes: Infrastructure grants of up to \$100,000 with a conditional one-to-one contribution from the LGA to implement cost-effective infrastructure designed to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists; analysis grants of up to \$30,000 to investigate pedestrian and cyclist road safety issues and develop concepts related to speed management and infrastructure treatments; grants of up to \$50,000 to develop a Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, and grants of up to \$30,000 to purchase variable message signs.

For more information visit tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants

Change to road rules

PLEASE remember that from Tuesday, July 1, Victorian motorists will be required to slow down to 40 kilometres per hour when passing incident response vehicles that display flashing lights of any colour.

Since 2017, Victorian motorists have been required to slow down to 40 kilometres per hour when passing stationary emergency services vehicles displaying red or blue flashing lights.

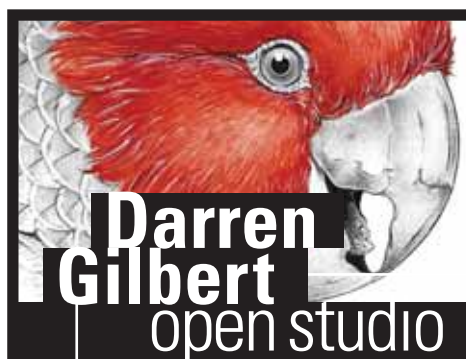
This rule has now been expanded to include accident towing vehicles, breakdown towing services, roadside assistance operators, Peninsula Link Incident Response vehicles, and EastLink and Transurban Incident Response vehicles

Non-compliance with the updated 79A rule may result in a maximum fine of \$961.

Earthquake noted at Woods Point

ON Wednesday, June 25 a magnitude 2.8 earthquake at a one kilometre depth was recorded at 5.22am with an epicentre near Woods Point.

For more information on earthquakes, visit Geoscience Australia at earthquakes.ga.gov.au



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The 1975 Cadillac Coup. -S



The vehicle was stolen from Whanregarwen Road. -S

Cadillac stolen

ALEXANDRA detectives are seeking assistance to locate a stolen 1975 Cadillac Coup, red in colour displaying Victorian registration SSE154.

The vehicle was stolen from a business location on Whanregarwen Road in

Whanregarwen sometime between 10.40pm on June 24 and 5.20pm on June 26.

The vehicle was stored inside a shed on the property.

Please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 with any information about the whereabouts of the stolen vehicle or burglary.

Alexandra and District Senior Citizens report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

A GOOD turnout for Bridge on Wednesday started our week, followed by a lively social meeting on Friday. A reminder that the AGM is only two weeks away and the club needs some new committee members.

Treasurer Dave had us smiling with Comedy Corner and Ron spun the wheel for the chocolate raffle. Jan, Marion and Ian had smiles on their faces when their numbers came up. Some of the jokes in Comedy Corner laughed at marital bliss and looking around the room I realised that

only three members present had partners.

If you are sitting at home with no one to talk to you are welcome to come and join for a chat, a cuppa and a game of cards any Friday afternoon at the Bayley Street Clubroom. According to the weather, Mackay's forecast to get 13 to 25 degrees and for a moment I think what am I doing here but then I walked down the street and meet people I know and even those I don't smile and say hello and I realise Alexandra is a great little town. Meanwhile stay safe, warm and keep smiling.



Oasis Community Church
is a small church located
at 118 Grant Street, just up
from the medical centre.

We are a group of people who have been meeting together for many years with our services being led by different pastors.

Currently we are without a pastor, so our Sunday services are being led by a team of people who are passionate about serving a loving God.

Our service starts at 10am with worship, followed by a preaching message and communion.

We welcome visitors and would love to get to know you.

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Out & About



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FRIDAY, JULY 4

Free health checks for the farming community. Mental Health support and healthy eating. Yea Saleyards, drop in for a chat and a cuppa.

Darren Gilbert Open Studio 10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday. Other days by arrangement. 5 Giffard Street, Yea. 0421 378 451.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Volunteer Expo. 1-5pm. Alexandra Football Netball Club. Enjoy light refreshments, connect with local groups and hear from experienced volunteers. For more information

contact council's Community Capacity Building officer on 5772 0333.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Livestock handling workshop at Yea Saleyards at 9.30am to 2.30pm. Guest speakers will be Mark Bennett, Jack Briscoe, and Dominic Thurbon.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

Yea Garden Club invites you to a seminar and luncheon at Yea Country Club Function room for 11am start. Guest speaker Craig Castree. Cost \$35 per head, contact Elaine White on 0431 752 367 for bookings.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Join Murrindindi Shire Council for a special event with Ron Litjens, 2025 Volunteer of the Yea to find out how you can get trees and

plants to attract native birds and pollinators to your garden. Event and webinar details are: 6.30 to 8.30pm (online session from 6.50pm) Attend in person at Alexandra Council

MONDAY, JULY 21

Murrindindi U3A AGM will be held at the Alexandra Bowling Club at 11am followed by a light lunch. All welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Quiz for a Cause Trivia – Help Foundation Murrindindi raise funds to support Food Relief Programs across the shire. Alexandra Shire Hall. Doors open 5.30. 6.30pm quiz start. BYO table nibbles, drinks at bar prices \$35 per person. Scan the bar code in this edition for tickets.

A heinous, abhorrent, disgusting crime

ALEXANDRA Crime Investigation Unit detectives are appealing for public assistance as they continue to investigate a home invasion in Yea last week, where a man was seriously injured and his house was destroyed by fire.

Three unknown offenders knocked on the door of a rural farm property on Melba Highway about 1.15am on Monday, June 23.

It is understood two of them were armed with firearms and one had a machete, as they confronted a 68 year old man and entered the house.

Police are treating the incident as a targeted attack and believe the offenders may have got the wrong address.

The offenders demanded cash and a firearm from the victim. When he was unable to comply with the demands, the offenders blindfolded him before assaulting him. Detectives were told they dragged him out of the house and forced him into the boot of his own vehicle. One of the offenders then drove the car along the victim's driveway, where he was forcibly removed from the car and taken to a nearby paddock. Police were told they continued to assault him in the paddock and poured petrol onto him. One of the offenders then held the man at gunpoint in the paddock while the other two set the victim's house on fire.

No one else was inside the property at the time and it was completely destroyed in the fire. The offenders fled the scene in another vehicle.

The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries during the incident. He drove to another property to call Triple Zero (000). Three firearms, used for farming, were stolen from the property and remain outstanding.

The three offenders are perceived to be Middle Eastern in appearance and are believed to have spoken in Arabic during the incident.

Via an anonymous report to Crime Stoppers, police were provided with some details and are urging this particular caller to make further contact and provide additional information.

At a police press conference about the incident, held on the morning of Monday, June 30, Detective Sergeant Flynn Loughlin from the Alexandra Crime Investigation

Unit said, the man has resided in the local area for several decades.

"We are keeping an open mind that he was not the intended victim," he said. "It is likely and possible" that the man and his property were not the intended target.

The victim provided police with information about the demands, but these were not shared at the press conference.

The victim provided descriptions of the offenders, who at times spoke in a language he believes to be Arabic.

Detective Sergeant Loughlin said, "It was an extremely violent attack on an innocent man within the sanctity of his home. Quite frankly it's disgusting behaviour. I can assure members of the public in the local community that Victoria police and members of the Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit, we do not tolerate this behaviour. We are throwing every available resource at this. That's regional detectives as well as metropolitan detectives and our counterparts here in Melbourne who are providing us with assistance as we navigate through multiple areas of investigation.

"What I'm particularly appealing for here today is a person who has contacted Crime Stoppers [in an online report] during the course of this past week. They have provided us with particular detail. I'm hoping that they can re-contact Crime Stoppers by phone or on the website. I'm looking for that person, if they are in a position to, to expand on that information that they have provided to us." The person can also contact Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit directly.

Detective Sergeant Loughlin said the information provided demonstrated that someone has awareness of aspects of the investigation that only police are aware of, as well as the person who contact Crime Stoppers.

Detective Sergeant Loughlin said that the victim is "a tough country rural farmer. He's a salt of the earth-type man. He's lived in the area for decades. He is reasonably well known in the local community. He will recover from his injuries. He's sustained some significant lacerations to the back of his head. We believe he was pistol whipped. He suffered a broken finger and some decent injuries to the tops of his hands. He will recover physically. I don't know how anyone recovers quickly from an attack on you in the sanctity of your own

home. I don't know how you ever recover from that, emotionally, mentally. We're offering him everything we can, within the realms of Victoria Police and our external agency counterparts."

He added, "It's an abhorrent crime. They've not only assaulted him but they've burnt his home down. All of his belongings are gone, and I can only say, in the 20 years I've been doing this, it is a disgusting act. We are throwing everything at it to bring these offenders to justice."

He said, "I would say heinous. I would say violent. Abhorrent. Disgusting. These are insipid people that think that they can do this to a person in their own home. We do not tolerate it. We will be doing everything we can to bring them before the courts."

He said that Yea is a close-knit community and people are standing alongside him to support him. "He has a close circle of family around him," he said.

The intended victim is an avenue of enquiry that police are still exploring.

"Sometimes we don't deal with criminal masterminds in Victoria Police, hence they end up in jail. This might be the case here. There are lots of avenues of enquiry. There is lots of evidence we are sifting through."

He said that he had nothing to prove or disprove any links with outlaw motorbike gangs but is keeping an open mind.

He admitted that there is a possibility someone is still at risk, but that police are doing everything in their power to bring these people to justice.

"This is a crime that's quite foreign to this part of north east Victoria. This is Melbourne encroaching on rural Victoria. This is the kind of crime that we are seeing, unfortunately, all too often, and now we're seeing this type of crime in northern Victoria."

"The specific demands could not be met by this gentleman."

The firearms were standard farm firearms, used for farming purposes. They were not elaborate firearms. The firearms are yet to be recovered.

No arrests have been made at this stage and the investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has CCTV/dashcam footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au

New Dindi Cooks program to promote healthy eating habits in the shire

DINDI Cooks is a fun, interactive and play-based cooking program for children that aims to promote healthy eating habits. Evidence shows that setting up healthy habits in the early years and throughout a child's developmental years means they are more likely to grow into healthy adults.

Dindi Cooks will be delivered by a Dietitian and Health Promotion Officer in Murrindindi Shire kindergartens during terms three and four this year. Children will learn about different foods, have the opportunity to discover new foods with sensory activities and food-based games, and cook a pizza together.

The emphasis is not placed on eating the foods, and children can participate in all of the games and activities even if they choose not to eat the foods. This way, the emphasis is on curiosity and discovery, to reduce the anxiety and pressure some children may experience around mealtime and exposure to new foods.

In past nutritional sessions delivered to young children it was found that lowering the pressure around eating and exposure to new foods can encourage children to be curious and voluntarily try different and new foods, especially when all their friends around them are trying too. Peer pressure can be a positive influence in the right environment.

Dindi Cooks is a Grow Well Dindi initiative co-managed by Alexandra District Health (ADH) and Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH), and supported by their organisational partners Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit, Nexus Primary Health, Seymour Health and Murrindindi Shire Council. Grow Well Dindi is a localised, community-focused approach to improving the health and wellbeing of children in Murrindindi Shire.

Grow Well Dindi is thankful to the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) *Strengthening Rural Communities Small and Vital* grant for supporting Dindi Cooks and their joint investment in the health and wellbeing of the children in Murrindindi Shire.

If anyone would like to chat more about Grow Well Dindi, or the Dindi Cooks program, please contact Melissa Storey at Alexandra District Health on melissa.storey@adh.org.au or 5772 0900.



Make sure you go along to this years Foundation Murrindindi's quiz for a cause. -S

Quiz for a Cause: Trivia Night supporting food relief across Murrindindi Shire

GET your thinking caps on and your food share donations ready. Foundation Murrindindi is excited to host Quiz for a Cause, a fun-filled trivia night fundraiser on Saturday, July 26 at Alexandra Shire Hall, with all proceeds supporting food relief initiatives across the Murrindindi Shire.

It's a night of laughter, competition, and giving back, all in support of local families and individuals doing it tough. And again this year, there's a twist: donate non-perishable food or personal care items on the night and earn extra points for your trivia team. Each item equals one point, so the more you bring, the better your shot at trivia glory.

"Quiz for a Cause brings people together to have a great time while making a real impact," said Robyn Hill, Executive Officer of Foundation Murrindindi.

"And with our bonus points for donations, you don't have to be a trivia expert to help your team win, just bring a generous heart."

So go along to Quiz for a Cause Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, July 26

at the Alexandra Shire Hall, 36 Grant Street, Alexandra. Doors open at 5.30pm with the trivia kicking off at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$35 per person with eight to 10 per table. Bring your own nibbles and drinks at bar prices.

To make a booking, visit events.humanitix.com/quiz-for-a-cause-trivia-night-2025 or contact 0488 007 688.

Donations of in-date, non-perishable food (e.g., canned goods, pasta, rice) and personal care items (e.g., soap, toothpaste, sanitary products) will go directly to support local food relief programs coordinated by Murrindindi Community Food Share and other community partners.

Whether you're a trivia buff or just love a good night out for a good cause, bring your friends, form a team, and help make a difference in the Murrindindi Shire.

For more information or to donate, please contact Robyn Hill at robyn@foundationmurrindindi.org.au or 0488 007 688.

Beware of scam real estate posts

IN today's digital age, platforms like Facebook have become convenient hubs for buying, selling, and renting property. While the convenience is undeniable, so is the risk. Fake real estate listings are becoming an increasingly common scam on Facebook, costing unsuspecting users time, money, and peace of mind.

If you're looking for a new home or apartment online, it's crucial to stay alert. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself from scam real estate posts on Facebook.

Scammers post listings for homes or apartments that either don't exist, aren't actually for rent, or are already occupied. These listings often feature attractive photos, below-market rental prices, and vague but enticing descriptions. The scammer may pose as a landlord, agent, or owner and quickly push you to send a deposit to 'secure the property' before you've even seen it in person.

Once they receive your money, often via untraceable methods like Venmo, Cash App, Zelle, or cryptocurrency, they vanish. No keys, no lease, and no way to get your money back.

What to look out for

A stunning home at a shockingly low price? Be skeptical. Scammers use low prices to lure victims fast.

If the 'owner' refuses to let you view the property or gives excuses like being out of town, it's likely a scam.

Be very cautious if someone demands a security deposit, first month's rent, or application fee before you've seen the property or signed a legitimate lease.

Scammers often create a sense of urgency. 'Many people are interested,' they'll say, to push you into making a hasty decision.

Fake listings often copy photos from real sites. If the description is generic, the address is missing, or replies from the poster seem off-topic, trust your gut.

Many scammers use recently created accounts, often with few friends or photos. A lack of interaction or a profile that doesn't align with someone who owns property should raise concerns.

You can also try a reverse image search, using a site such as TinEye. One of the images in a recent post on local Facebook groups appears on a German tiny house website, making it unlikely to be genuine.

If you are suspicious, report the post via Facebook or contact the administrators of the page. If you have lost money in the scam, contact the police.

Drought conditions change native animal behaviours

DESPITE a recent deluge, drought conditions continue across Victoria, potentially changing the habits and behaviours of native animals.

With an absence of adequate food and water, wildlife are forced to search further from home to obtain their necessary sustenance. While they might have previously turned to farm dams for their water, many dams are on the verge of being dry.

Travelling further and to potentially unknown territory can increase their chances of being killed, with the most common hazard being run over while crossing roads.

Grass on the side of the road is one of the few places that has not been grazed by livestock, making it ideal food for native animals who are unrestricted by fences. Deer and kangaroo are particularly prone to munching on roadside grass.

Shelley from Narbeview Wildlife Shelter in Buxton commented on the increased amount of road traumas they are seeing and why it is happening.

"Since the floods in 2022 we've had not much rain. The health of the wildlife is definitely diminished, and because we are in a drought at the moment, and we've had no rain, there are more road traumas because they're out looking for green grass. It's nice and green on the side of the road," Shelley said.

"It's horrific. We're seeing at least four or five a day that have been hit by a car."

An increased radius in their search for food can also mean more contact between humans and native animals. If a kangaroo is searching around your backyard for food or water, there could be problems if your dog spots them and decides to pick a fight.

To avoid scenarios like that, store rubbish, pet food, and livestock feed inside where possible, whether that be inside your house or within a shed.

Keep an eye on your swimming pool, as the drier Victoria gets, the harder water will be for native animals to find. They may turn to swimming pools to quench their thirst, and if they fall in, may be unable to get themselves out.

Wildlife Victoria CEO Lisa Palma commented further on the increased activities of native wildlife in drought conditions.

"Drought doesn't just impact farmers or rural communities, it devastates entire ecosystems, including the wildlife that call them home," Ms Palma said.

"At Wildlife Victoria, we're seeing firsthand how this prolonged dry period is pushing native animals to the brink. Our Emergency Response Service has seen a significant increase in reports of wildlife in distress, as animals venture further into urban areas in desperate search of food and water.

"Whether we live in the city or the country, our shared environment is suffering and our native wildlife is paying the price. It's

important to acknowledge that our native species play a vital role in ensuring health of our ecosystem including soil health, healthy waterways and propagation and health of forests which all of us rely on."

To report sick, injured or orphaned native animals call Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service on 8400 7300.

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Beau

Beau has shown an impressive turnaround in behavior, social interactions, and his acceptance of boundaries. He is dedicated to his learning, actively working through challenges and consistently striving to improve. His politeness and respect for his peers are evident in every interaction, and he is always eager to offer support when needed. It's been a truly rewarding year so far, and Beau's growth continues to be a highlight. Congratulations Beau.

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Alexandra Primary students showcase their skills

ON Friday, June 20, nine students from Alexandra Primary School travelled to Wangaratta to present at the Maker's Empire Kids in Space Victorian Showcase. Over the past two terms, students have been involved in learning about the Australian Space Industry, space technology, 3D printing design and using a 3D printer.

The teams were given the task of designing a solution to a problem on Earth or in space using space technology. Two teams presented their learning at the showcase among 10 schools from across northern Victoria. The students explained their work to other students and listened to presentations from the other schools.

Oli said, "We learnt lots from other students. There were lots of ideas we hadn't even thought of."

Ryan said, "It was interesting. We learnt a lot about space technology."

Zoe said, "We didn't win, but we had a good experience."

The program was supported by the Victorian Department of Education, Maker's Empire, and the Andy Thomas Space Foundation.



Nine students from Alexandra Primary School presenting their learning about space in Wangaratta. -S



Students were given the opportunity to present their work. -S



Students were able to share their work with students from other schools. -S

Council paves the way with new Road Management Plan

MURRINDINDI Shire Council has approved the *Road Management Plan 2025-2029*, following its presentation at the scheduled council meeting on Wednesday, June 18. The plan is the result of an extensive engagement process with the community, including council's Road Advisory Group (CRAG) and broader public consultation.

Council is responsible for a network of over 1150 kilometres of roads, footpaths and related infrastructure. The *Road Management Plan* sets the standard by which the network is maintained and managed. Council commenced community engagement in July 2023, including surveys, drop-in sessions and information sharing, to better understand

local priorities and experiences with the road network.

As part of its commitment to deeper engagement, council established CRAG to support more detailed, sustained dialogue with community members about road-related issues.

Over the past 15 months, this group of residents from across the municipality has provided input on service standards, financial challenges and policy opportunities. Their insights helped shape a plan that reflects both resource limitations and road user expectations.

The plan outlines how council will inspect assets, assess defects and respond to identified works on roads and related infrastructure listed in the Municipal Road Register. It ensures services are delivered in a consistent, risk-based and resource-aware manner, and supports the delivery of a safe and accessible local road network. The *Road Management Plan 2025-2029* will come into effect from July 1, 2025.

In addition to helping shape the plan, CRAG also sought to improve public understanding of how roads are managed. This has resulted in the development of a series of videos to help explain how roads are managed in Murrindindi Shire. The series covers how

council maintains, funds, advocates for and responds to needs for road improvements.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Cr Damien Gallagher said the updated plan reflects both current best practice and community expectations.

"This plan provides a clear and consistent approach to maintaining our road network while remaining flexible enough to respond to emergencies and changing community needs," Cr Gallagher said.

"We're grateful for the contributions of residents and council's Road Advisory Group, which have helped shape a practical and forward-looking plan that reflects both our values and our resources."

To view the *Road Management Plan 2025-2029*, Municipal Road Register, road management videos or learn more about road management in Murrindindi Shire, visit council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/roads or one of council's Library and Customer Service Centres.



Grading on South Cathedral Lane in Taggerty. -S

Snobs Creek road repairs underway

MURRINDINDI Shire Council have commenced important repair works on Snobs Creek Road to address damage caused by a landslide. The existing retaining wall has been impacted, and repairs are needed to keep the road safe and secure.

The damaged wall to be replaced is 40 metres and once this is done rock reinforcement and road repairs will follow.

The roads will remain open with weight restrictions during the works, and completion of these works is expected mid September.

The project is funded through the Department of Transport and Planning's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. For more information visit council's website.

New Mental Health Service supporting communities across Mitchell and Murrindindi

A new locally delivered mental health program is now available to residents of the Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires. The Lower Hume Primary Mental Health Service is a collaborative initiative led by Yea and District Memorial Hospital in partnership with Alexandra District Health, Seymour Health, Northern Health and Goulburn Valley health. The service is funded by the Murray Primary Health Network.

Mental health clinicians are now based in Yea, Alexandra, Seymour, and Kilmore offering free non-urgent mental health consultations and brief intervention support for people experiencing symptoms of mental ill health or mild to moderate emotional distress.

"This service is designed to be accessible and responsive to the needs of our rural communities," said Elizabeth Sinclair, CEO Yea and District Memorial Hospital. "Our clinicians work with individuals to understand their concerns, explore how these are affecting their daily lives, and develop achievable goals for wellbeing."

The service provides initial consultations with experienced mental health nurses, where individuals can talk through the challenges they are facing. Follow-up sessions focus on practical strategies and support to build resilience and improve mental health outcomes.

Community members can access the service via referral from their GP, or they may self-refer. An intake worker is available to guide individuals through the referral process and provide a referral form for GPs if needed.

For more information on how to make a referral or self-refer, contact the intake worker on 5736 0418, Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm or Medicare Mental Health on 1800 595 212

Urgent support can be accessed via;

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- Lifeline – for 24-hour crisis counselling. Call 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue – for 24/7 brief counselling support. Call 1300 224 636
- Suicide Call Back Service – for 24/7 support if you or someone you know is feeling suicidal. Call 1300 659 467



The incoming Alexandra Rotary board members, including incoming president John Allcock. Pictured are Helen Gibb, Jenny Paul, John Cannon, Sharen Robinson, John Allcock, Debbie Skinner, Geoff Proctor and Ian Gibb. Absent: Tom Farrell. -S

Additional community grants from Australia Post

AUSTRALIA Post's Community Grants program supports projects that connect people to improve mental wellbeing in local communities.

Local community groups play an important role in creating positive change in people's lives. To help them deliver for their communities, AusPost award Community Grants of up to \$10,000 each year to fund community-led, local projects.

This year, they are proud to offer additional grants totaling up to \$250,000 to support disaster-impacted communities across Australia. These funds will be dedicated to projects that enhance mental wellbeing by fostering connection and building resilience

within communities recovering from a natural disaster or a major storm event.

To be eligible for an Australia Post Community Grant, projects must: Improve mental health and mental wellbeing outcomes of a community; help people meaningfully connect; be locally-led and locally-delivered.

Applications for the additional ring-fenced disaster recovery funding must also: Support a disaster-impacted community for improved connection, wellbeing and/or resilience.

Applications close on July 7. To find out more, visit auspost.com.au/about-us/supporting-communities/grants/community-grants-program

A successful art show for Alexandra Primary School

ON Thursday, June 26 the Alexandra Primary School community came together for their annual Art Show. Led by art teacher Deb Cox and the parents group, visitors were treated to canapes and a selection of vibrant artworks.

The highlight of the night was the 'dark room' with an underwater theme and blacklights making the artwork come to light. The event is a major fundraiser for the school, with proceeds going to support the art program.



Alexandra Primary's Art teacher Deb Cox, Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish and students at the art show. -S



There was so much to see at the Annual Alexandra Primary School Art Show. -S



A space category on display. -S



Colourful displays were around each corner. -S



Children were proud to showcase their work. -S



Art teacher Deb Cox with Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish. -S



The underwater theme was particularly popular. -S



There was something to catch everyone's eye at the art show. -S





Let's eat, it's our treat

Peppers to celebrate Christmas in July



Andiamo Restaurant and Bar. -S

FOR the very first time, Peppers in Marysville will be hosting Christmas in July.

There will be a magnificent Christmas themed buffet on July 25 and 26 at Andiamo Restaurant and Bar, with festive decorations, including a beautifully adorned Christmas tree, helping to create a wonderful and cosy holiday atmosphere.

Christmas themed treats will be available throughout July, including mulled wine, colouring-in for the kids, and other surprises.

Visitors can spend the day at Lake Mountain and then warm up by the fire with a drink and toasted marshmallows in the evening.

Locals are reminded that they receive a 15 per cent discount from Andiamo Restaurant and Bar, and a 10 per cent discount off a stay.

Locals are always welcome to come in for a drink or bite to eat, and to warm up by the fire with toasted marshmallows. Woodfired pizzas are also available, and they're fabulous.

For the whole of July, Murchison Street in Marysville will be decorated for Christmas.

Head along and experience a European-style cold Christmas.

For more information, visit peppersmarysville.com.au/events/christmas-in-july-at-peppers-marysville/

Let's Eat June winner

THE winner of the June 'Let's Eat' \$50 voucher was Carol Sullivan from Taggerty. Carol will be having a \$50 feed on us at Pavilion in Marysville.

Be sure to get your entry form from this edition for your chance to win a \$50 meal at the venue advertised in this edition of *Let's Eat; It's our treat*.



Peppers will be celebrating Christmas in July. -S



A sample of the magnificent food available. -S



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T&C: **Only venues listed above in this edition are eligible to be chosen this month.** Voucher is not redeemable for cash. To be used for one purchase only. Multiple vouchers cannot be saved and used together. Staff or family members of Alexandra Newspapers are ineligible to enter. Original form must be returned.

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The Farmer's Ag News

Farmers leading the charge: Renewables driving down costs and pollution in agriculture

WITH droughts, floods and other extreme weather impacting farm profitability across the country, cutting input costs becomes even more critical to building a resilient future for Australian agriculture. On-farm renewable energy is proving to be a powerful tool to help farmers get there.

With consumers demanding lower-carbon products and farmers facing rising energy costs, the integration of solar, bioenergy, and electric machinery is no longer a vision of the future, it's happening now.

Gippsland dairy farmer Sandra Jefford, is working on a controlled microgrid, using solar for irrigation for their property. She can monitor how much solar is powering their operations and how much is exported to the grid.

"We save significantly on power costs depending on the season. We've added more irrigation over the years which has increased our power needs, so we will be adding more solar to one of those sites in the coming months, and potentially more in the future. It just makes business sense to do so.

"Ideally what we want to see is the ability to share excess solar from one metered site to another, across titles, but this needs regulatory change to happen."

Another farmer, Mike Casey in New Zealand, has been electrifying his farm over

the last few years and has the first electric Monarch Tractor in the southern hemisphere. He has recently installed batteries on his farm and converted a ute to electric.

"We have a six hectare cherry orchard in Central Otago with 21 electric machines that saves about \$40,000 a year in energy bills which is a huge amount of inputs.

"The cost of solar and batteries are at such a good price now, that rolling those out will really reduce our costs of operations on farms as well as the cost of living in general.

"My batteries will actually earn an income for the farm over the year," Mike explains.

"I'm on a wholesale electricity contract now, so I can use my large batteries for protection against exposure to the open power market, and that means I can turn what has always been considered a risk, into an opportunity for farming."

Sandra and Mike are two of the speakers at the National Renewables in Agriculture Conference 2025, taking place in Bendigo on July 23. The conference, happening in Victoria for the first time in six years, will bring together farmers, energy experts, researchers, industry leaders and government representatives to explore the practicalities, opportunities and challenges of renewable energy in agriculture.

Conference Founder and farmer Karin Stark says momentum is building across the sector.

"Farmers are increasingly turning to renewables to tackle the challenge of rising diesel and electricity prices. But there's still work to be done in making the right technologies available and ensuring regional contractors and services are equipped to deliver."

She adds that the conference will also explore agriculture's growing role in decarbonising the electricity grid.

"We'll be discussing the evolving distribution network and microgrids, and the potential for smaller, distributed solar projects on farms, say 5MW systems, feeding directly into the local network.

"There are also emerging opportunities for farmers to be paid for providing energy services as new markets develop."



Mike Casey from New Zealand, who has been electrifying his farm over the last few years. -S



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The Farmer's Ag News



Farmers Hayley, Graeme, organiser Anne Danieli, farmer Naomi and Ben from CommBank with a truck loaded with drought support hay bales from Rural Aid. -BD



Lou, the driver of the tractor last Wednesday who was loading the hay bales onto trucks and trailers. -BD



A trailer full of hay with the tractor working away in the background. -BD



Naomi watching the hay bales be loaded onto trucks. -BD

Welcome delivery of hay bales for local farmers

by Bailey Dixon

NINE local farmers received 82 bales of hay from Rural Aid last Wednesday in Gobur, as part of ongoing drought support.

The 82 bales of hay were transported from near Dubbo in New South Wales to Gobur, just north of Yarek, and then divided up between local farmers who needed the livestock feed.

The delivery took two truckloads to transport and was delivered to the Gobur site last Tuesday, where Molesworth farmers Anne Danieli and her partner Lou organised for it to be distributed.

Last Wednesday morning was spent loading the trucks and trailers of the local farmers who were getting the hay bales, with Lou operating the tractor.

The project was brought about by Rural Aid and supported by CommBank. Rural Aid organises hay deliveries into disaster-affected regions in response to requests from registered farmers, with farmers in need able to register for assistance via the Rural Aid website.

The recipients of the Gobur hay drop were selected from the pool of registered farmers who had requested assistance in the area.

CommBank supported the initiative with a \$100,000 donation, which helps Rural Aid provide critical resources such as hay, fodder and water tanks.

Benjamin Ruscoe, CommBank's Executive Manager of Regional and Agribusiness Banking, was present at the Gobur hay drop

and spoke about how CommBank works with Rural Aid.

"We're longstanding partners or relations with Rural Aid, which we're very proud of. Basically, our relation with Rural Aid is a reflection of our broader support for rural communities and helping them rebuild, recover or even thrive in the face of severe weather challenges," Benjamin said.

"CommBank's made a donation in recent weeks, but it's also really important to be on the ground with our customers, listening to their needs and helping them out as much as we can. We'll continue to be advocates for groups like Rural Aid, who continue to do a fantastic job supporting regional Australia."

Hayley, one of the local farmers receiving the hay from Rural Aid, spoke briefly about what a difference the feed will make for her livestock.

"It's a huge difference. Prices have been crazy at the moment and unfortunately I've bought my local hay supplier out and I can't afford to spend what it costs to get hay down from Queensland," Hayley said.

"We've been just hard feeding and mostly chaff and stuff now. The hay will give them nice warm bellies because we're going to have the really cold weather the next two weeks. I'll stretch it out as long as I can."

"I'm so grateful. The other thing is that people expect you to only order truckloads now, it's near on impossible to get individual bales. So this is amazing."

To register for Rural Aid support, visit faa.ruralaid.org.au/



Lou loading hay bales onto the back of one of the trucks. -BD

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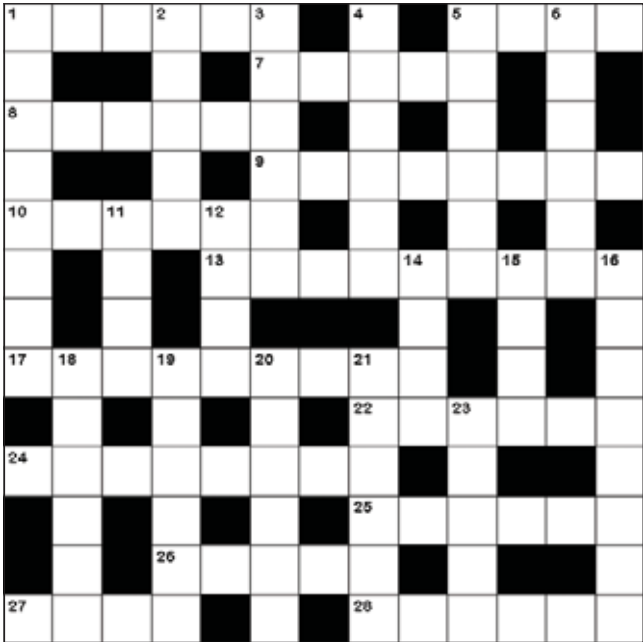
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KID'S PUZZLES

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Grasshoppers that migrate in immense swarms.
- 5. A decorative false pillow slip.
- 7. The butt of a marijuana cigarette.
- 8. A small picturesque cave.
- 9. A mythical being who can change into a wolf.
- 10. A long angry or violent speech.
- 13. Close to the side of.
- 17. A raised geological formation.
- 22. Animals other than human beings.
- 24. Worth its weight in gold.
- 25. Employ or hire someone.
- 26. Sets of players forming sides in a game.
- 27. An island, especially a small one.
- 28. A story published in instalments.



DOWN

- 1. A thread used in surgery.
- 2. Favouring extreme views or measures.
- 3. Small tool used to apply and spread mortar.
- 4. A regular customer.
- 5. A covering for the head, neck and shoulders.
- 6. Wandered along in a leisurely manner.
- 11. Decide on and make a declaration about.
- 12. An accumulation of facts.
- 14. Everyone has left the building.
- 15. Hotels for travellers.
- 16. The outer covering of a bird's egg.
- 18. The words to songs.
- 19. Move out and cease to occupy a house.
- 20. A hollow wooden horse used by the Greeks.
- 21. Think about and worry about constantly.
- 23. A strong feeling of hostility.

Word Search

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FUNERAL NOTICES

CASSEE, Jason.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Jason will be held on Friday, July 4, 2025 at Murrindindi Chapel, 21 Johnston Street, Alexandra commencing at 11am.



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The Chief Executive Officer endorsed the reviewed Road Management Plan 2025-2029 on June 19, 2025 and the plan will come into effect from July 1, 2025. The Road Management Plan applies to all roads that are identified as Municipal Roads within the Murrindindi Shire.

A copy of the current Road Management Plan 2025-2029 can be found on Council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rmp or for inspection at any of Council's Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea.

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New rule changes for energy bills

THE Federal Government is delivering vital reform for energy consumers, announcing a new set of rules for electricity and gas retailers, set to make energy plans fairer for all Australians.

From next year, the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), on behalf of the nation's energy Ministers, will implement new rules that will: Stop sneaky price hikes, preventing retailers from increasing prices more than once a year; prevent customers from being charged more than the standing offer price, if their initial low cost offer changes or expires; ban excessive retailer charges like late payment fees for all retail contracts, and ensure all consumers will be entitled to a fee-free payment method; ensure vulnerable Australians are receiving the best offer from their retailer, placing a stronger onus on retailers to assist hardship customers.

These changes will clamp down on retailers who do the wrong thing, by luring customers in with cheap deals, only to move them onto higher cost plans or impose hidden fees and charges.

Households and small businesses alike will be better off under these changes.

The government are strengthening protections for energy consumers, with the recent announcement progressing their One Click Switch reforms, ensuring consumers get the

discounts they're entitled to, and boosts protections to ensure no one pays more than they should.

The recent outcome by the AEMC provides a final determination of rule changes that were submitted by the Federal Government on behalf of the nations' energy ministers in August last year. The 'improving consumer confidence in retail energy plans' rule change comes into effect on July 1, 2026 and the 'assisting hardship customers' rule change comes into effect from December 30, 2026.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen spoke about making energy more fair for businesses and households.

"Australians deserve a fairer go when it comes to their energy bills. In our second term, we're getting on with delivering reform to ensure that no household or business pays more than they should," Mr Bowen said.

"While we're focused on reducing the costs of energy, the Coalition remain committed to the most expensive form of energy: nuclear energy. The Coalition are committed even after the Australian people sent them a resounding message that they're not interested in the Coalition's nuclear scheme, or the cuts required to pay for it.

"Australians know that only Labor can be trusted to deliver fairer energy prices for households and businesses."

More trout released Victoria-wide for school holidays

AROUND 35,000 rainbow trout are being released across Victorian lakes, giving families a fun, affordable school holiday activity and a boost for local communities thanks to the Victorian Government.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos recently helped to release 2000 rainbow trout into Karkarook Lake, one of more than 70 lakes across the state that will be replenished.

"We know parents are always fishing for fun, healthy and free activities for the school holidays," Mr Dimopoulos said.

"Our nation-leading fish stocking program will ensure Victoria's recreational waterways are brimming with plenty of fish, which will also reel in additional business for local shops and communities."

Backed by the \$96 million Go Fishing and Boating plan and recreational fishing licence fees, Victoria stocks more fish than all other states and territories combined.

The rainbow trout are just some of the 10 million fish the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) has stocked into the state's waters across 2024/25, the third time in four years at least 10 million fish have been released as part of the state government's nation-leading fish stocking program.

The rainbow trout being released were grown at the iconic Snobs Creek hatchery

and weigh approximately 200 grams each making them a great size for newcomers to fishing.

Rainbow trout are an ideal catch for beginners because they take a variety of widely available, low-cost baits and can also be caught with lures cast and retrieved from the shore.

The lakes where they are released are close to residential areas or activity centres. Many of the family-friendly locations feature fishing platforms, walking tracks and nearby playground and barbecue facilities ensuring families and fishing enthusiasts can make a day of it.

To view the full list of Family Fishing Lakes and see what's been stocked at your local fishing spot, head to vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout

More information about bag and size limits, permitted equipment and licensing can be found in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide, available free from most bait and tackle shops, online at vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide or via the free 'Vic Fishing' app on your smartphone.

VFA CEO Travis Dowling said, "There's no better way to spend time with the kids or grandkids these holidays than rigging up, rigging up a couple of rods and heading down to a local lake to reel in one of these rainbow trout. It's great fun, keeps kids off screens and gets them into the great outdoors."

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Levi Campbell, Chase Hilder, Ryder Clacy, Maverick Clacy and Shiloh Clacy after warm up and walking the course -S



Murrindindi's little athletes with their medals. -S

Little athletic stars
head to regionals

A BIG congratulations to the five young athletes who represented Murrindindi at the Northern Country Region (NCR) Cross Country Championships last weekend in Rochester. Each runner gave their best and showed great commitment on the course.

In the Under 14 Boys three kilometre event, Levi Campbell secured second place, with Chase Hilder finishing closely behind in third. Both athletes ran strong, consistent races and handled the course well.

Ryder Clacy placed second in the Under 12 Boys two kilometre event, running a steady and confident race that showcased great control and focus.

Maverick Clacy delivered an excellent performance in the Under nine Boys 1.5 kilometre event, finishing in first place after a solid run from start to finish.

Maverick, Ryder, Chase and Levi have all qualified for State Cross Country to be held on August 9.

In the Under seven Invitational event, Shiloh Clacy showed terrific energy and enthusiasm, finishing in first place with a smile all the way to the finish line.

A big thank you to Jess Clacy for her role as team manager and to Kim Campbell for being a course marshall.

Well done to all athletes on your efforts and achievement, you've made Murrindindi proud at the regionals.

Winter tennis
washouts declared

by Karyn Fraser, Maureen Jewell, Judy Sands and Rhonda Carpenter

THE forecast rain was a worry for captains making the weather call for their matches in Euroa and Mansfield last Monday week but play went ahead.

Moglonemby 2-27 versus Benalla 1-21

On a day of rain delays Moglonemby and Benalla were both just happy to be on the court after struggling to find fill ins.

Greeted with icy winds and a shower of rain both teams then enjoyed a great start to their match. Moglonemby's fill in Annabelle Hayes joined Judy Sands, Robyn Johnson and Lisa Krepp and won both of her sets playing with Judy and Lisa, while Benalla's fill in Lyn Johnston joined Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Deb Siggers to win her first set with Deb. After a third rain delay, a washout was declared.

The partnerships had completed three sets and almost finished a fourth. The match was declared a partial washout with no outright lead, the premiership points and remaining sets split.

Terip 2-23 versus Delatite 0-12

Beneath the black sky backdrop in Mansfield, Delatite met Terip who had included Wappan's Liza Karras.

Delatite's Carolyn Murray and Karyn Fraser worked hard against Terip's Phoebe Macdermid and Frances Lawrence going game for game until at five all, Terip pulled away winning the next three games.

Liza and Jenny Martin were too strong for Kass Thomas and Deb McCormack who achieved three games.

The next two sets could not be completed as the rain persisted. Players scurried for shelter to wait it out, but the rain kept coming. Kass's warming soup and Carolyn's renowned sausage rolls contributed to an outstanding lunch enjoyed by all.

The match was declared a partial washout with no outright lead, the premiership points and remaining sets split.

Euroa 4-40 defeated Creighton's Creek 1-20

The contest between Euroa against Creighton's Creek was a partial washout.

Chris Ellis and Kerry Hewlett won Creighton's Creek only set for the day. Top side Euroa took the points as the match was declared a partial washout with an outright lead and the remaining set was split.

Mansfield 5-46 defeated Seven Creeks 1-21

Seven Creeks' Gayle Furphy and Mary Kelly were Seven Creeks only winners in their match. Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon, Keira McDonagh, Natalie Bergsma and Sophie Yencken won the contest and jumped into third spot on the ladder. Of the three rain interrupted matches in Euroa, and teams waited it out, this was the only match to finish.

All the teams received the games that they had won. Next Monday's matches in Terip, Euroa, Mansfield and Benalla will be the last before the mid-winter break.

Round eight ladder: Euroa 58.5, Terip 51, Mansfield 44, Wappan 44, Moglonemby 43.5, Creighton's Creek 22.5, Benalla 21.5, Delatite 18, Seven Creeks 17.

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SPORT

Winter takes its toll at Alexandra Golf Club

by Dave Silverman

THE weather was the winner last week, as one by one the golf competitions fell by the wayside, and a rather damp wayside it was at that. Last Tuesday's competition was a non-starter because of the forecast rain, and last Wednesday's ladies' round turned into a Grant Street coffee date because of actual rain.

And so, it was that last Saturday, with the main feature on the weather charts being morning fog (in Alexandra, who knew?) followed by a fine afternoon. And so it came to pass.

The fog lingered until the turn, the second nine being played in bright sunshine, resulting in the shedding of many layers of winter clothing.

The day was sponsored by Travis Capp Plumbing, and only 12 players braved the initial cold to enjoy the perfect conditions later in the day.

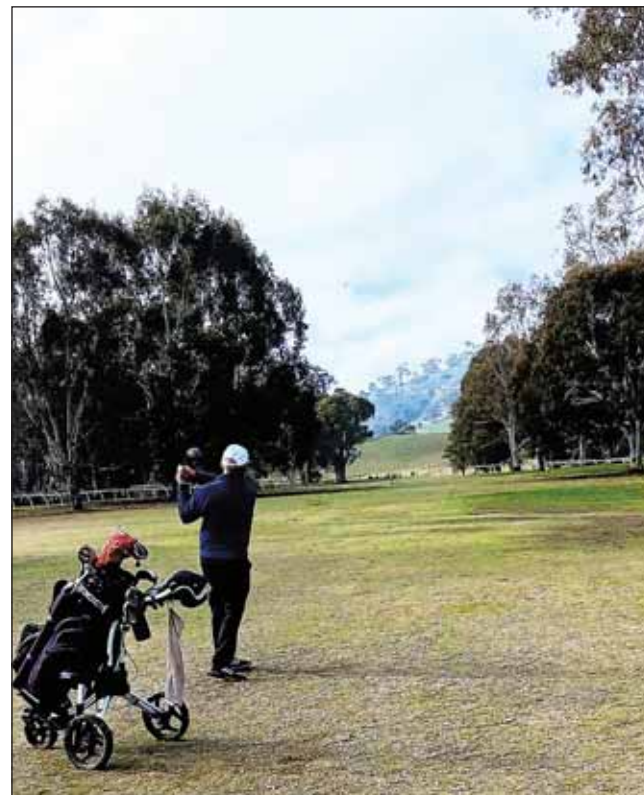
Jared Sloane certainly made the most of the aforesaid conditions. His winning score of 40 points was four clear of his nearest competitor, which was John Steer. Third place

went to Matt Richards on 34, and also on 34 was Leo Dynes in fourth.

Matt was obviously hitting them straight; no surprises there, either, really, claiming three of the five nearest the pins on the way to his third spot. Two, 12 and 18 went to Matt, with five and seven going to Ally Hutt.



Almost tee-off time last Saturday at Alexandra Golf Club. -S



Through the trees to the eighth. -S



John Steer putts on five. -S



Leo Dynes on the fourth tee. -S



Michael Bossonnet sends it on six. -S

Marysville Golfers finally got some sun

by Lesley Rundle

THE weekly Marysville golf report is becoming more like a reflection on the weather conditions each Saturday morning, but last Saturday was a typically cold and dreary start to the day but conditions improved as the day proceeded and golfers enjoyed fine and sunny conditions in which to display and hone their skills. All golfers played a stroke round for the first round of the Winter Aggregate. The ladies winner was the in-form Michele Mansfield (23) with nett 79 and to keep it in the family her husband Brett (16) won the men's competition with nett 67. Jody Doran (12) was the ladies runner up with nett 80 and Drew Kaempkes (16) was the runner up in the men's competition with nett 69. The nearest

the pins were won by Brett on the fourth, Drew on the 18th and Jody on the 11th and ninth. Jody also won the golden Shot. Peter Lilley with 25 putts won the putting.

After play members thanked Adam Littlejohn for doing the presentation. Golfers enjoyed the hot food prepared by chef Bickey in the Pavilion Bar and Grill and for some, whose scores were not their desired outcome, the lunch was the highlight of their golfing day.

There are still a number of raffle books available to sell. If members are able to sell more tickets please see Steve Coker as soon as possible.

Next Saturday both the men and ladies will play stroke for the second and final round of the Winter Aggregate.

Foggy to fine conditions at Eildon Golf Club

by Puttomatic

IT was another cold start last week for the Eildon Golf Club's June monthly medal stroke and count putts competition. Thirteen players competed last Saturday in what started in foggy and cool conditions and ended up fine and a near-perfect day for golf.

Winner for the week was Rod Taylor with a nett 68 on a countback from Wayne Kupke also nett 68. Ball run for the week, Michael McLearn with nett 71, Ian Lakeland nett 73, Ken Collier and Denis McDonald both nett 74.

The club says congratulations to Marian Williamson who took out the

putting competition with 28 putts followed by Michael McLearn and Rod Taylor both with 29 putts for the day.

Nearest the pin winners for the week, on the third Dwayne Cornelius, there were no winners on the fifth or 11th, Denis McDonald was closest on the 12th and Ken Collier was too good on the 14th.

There were two birdies on the drink birdie hole eighth, Wayne Kupke and Rod Taylor but no winner on the 15th. Colin Long was the lucky entry draw winner, and Denis McDonald took out the week's swindle draw and there was no joker draw last week.

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Senior Netballers soldier on



Emily Irwin moving under pressure. -S

Senior Netball

A Grade

Alexandra 39 defeated by Seville 71
Incentive Award: Claire Jungfer, Corner Hotel
Award: Caitlan Haggis.

B Grade

Alexandra 29 defeated by Seville 65
Incentive Award: Mikaela Krijt, Corner Hotel
Award: Ava Krijt.

C Grade

Alexandra 31 defeated by Seville 59
Alexandra Hotel Award: Reece Stewart,
Corner Hotel Award: Carly Hill.

D Grade

Alexandra 13 defeated by Seville 42
Alexandra Hotel Award: Lizzie Butcher,
Corner Hotel Award: Kate Broadway.

Under 17

Alexandra 9 defeated by Seville 49
Koala Cherries Award: Ashlee Collett, AFNC
Club Voucher: Brenna Frost.

On Saturday the club also celebrated their life members and sponsors with a light lunch and afternoon tea supplied by the lovely ladies in the canteen. Nick Wal current Senior and Under 16 Coach and Wayne Miller former President both provided some insights into their respective current roles and time at the club.

This weekend the senior teams will travel to Pakenham to take on the Lions at their home ground.



Caitlan Haggis sizing up her options. -S

Under 13 netballers bring home the win

by AFNC

Junior Netball

THE Alexandra Rebels netball teams all put in a top effort for the weekend with the 13 and under team bring home the win.

Under 11
Seymour 17 defeated Alexandra 6

Awards: AFNC Canteen Voucher: Scarlett Pearce; Reddrops FoodWorks: Ava Hill; Alexandra Sportspower Award: Kaliya Stewart

Under 13
Seymour 22 defeated by Alexandra Red 28

Awards: Reddrops FoodWorks: Gemma Cole, Alexandra Bakery & Cafe: Mia Bruce; Alexandra Sportspower Award: Bella Lamaro

Under 15

Seymour 32 defeated Alexandra Red 26

Awards: Reddrops FoodWorks: Ava Carr; Alexandra Bakery & Café: Cassie Kidd; Alexandra Sportspower: Indi Hoornweg

Once again a big shout out to all the weekly award sponsors for their support of the junior teams and players.

Don't forget Thursday night dinners at 6pm for any junior players and families, along with Happy Hour from 5.30-6.30pm and the weekly member draw that you need to be at the rooms to win.



Award winners for the Alexandra under 13 netballers. -S

Nighttime fishing for Murray cod in Eildon: Local fishing report

by Eildon Bait and Tackle

RIVERS are closed to all fishing, so Lake Eildon and the Eildon Pondage are the main local options.

“In the lake at the moment, those chasing trout are trawling Tassie Devils or similar brands in pink and white. They're picking up brown trout around 40 to 45 centimetres. Working areas are around the Big River arm back towards Goughs Bay,” Craig Parker from Eildon Bait and Tackle said.

“The pondage has small rainbows around 30 centimetres taking Powerbait and brown trout taking lures and flies up to 2.5 kilograms.

“Those that really want to go out and have a crack at the Murray cod, it's pretty much nighttime fishing at the moment. There's plenty of fish from 1.1 metres up to 1.2 metres, taking swim baits from six to 10 inches.

“Some redfin are being caught using worms around the trees in the lake from 15- to 20-metre-deep water. Those redfin are 25 to 30 centimetres.”

Round nine of term two for Alexandra Squash Club

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition
Eagles versus Kestrels

JIM (fill in) versus Jordan: Jim filled in and played to keep the ball alive without hitting winners. Despite this, Jordan made consecutive errors and gave away points to be well behind after game one. Jordan lifted his game with some low winners to win take a game, but the errors continued, and Jim kept well ahead. 65 to 55.

Sally versus James: Sally continues to develop her clever game plan and executed her shots with precision to outplay James despite his long arms and court speed. Sally claimed the victory. 61 to 57.

Michael M versus Oli: Michael and Oli had to face each other while many of their strong shots were rendered useless by the slippery walls. Michael took an early lead only to lose it in the third game. Oli played incredible drop shots to seize momentum. In the final game, Michael copied Oli's style to run away with the win. 66 to 57.

Derrick versus Jim: Wet conditions made it difficult with adapting to being the only option for winning points. Jim wasted only one serve to find his lob serves were skidding out, whereas Derrick persisted too long with

his wasting many points to give Jim and early lead. Jims low hard serves started to fail as Derrick put them away. Altering his serve again, Jim played to conditions to run away with the win. 63 to 50.

Hawks versus Owls

ETHAN versus Tyler: A really great game. The lads have really improved, and both played some great shots, but Tyler managed to claim the win. 50 to 49.

Chris T versus Mick: Enjoyable to watch. Both players cleverly using the unpredictable bounce off the wet walls. Chris had a good run at the start which he held throughout to claim the match. 65 to 61.

Jared versus Matt: Two tied games to begin, leaving the scores dead level at the halfway mark as both players tried to adapt to the balls skidding off the walls. Matt was able to adapt best by using his speed and quick reflexes to handle the unpredictable bounce of the walls to cruise to an easy victory in the second half. 76 to 56.

Andrew versus John: Conventional wisdom was thrown out the window. Andrew was most adversely affected with his underarm shots sliding off the walls and being sent into orbit. John played flat shots that gave him a big early lead. Andrew clawed his way back into the game for a short time, only for the

yips to return, handing John a huge win. 72 to 44.

Thursday competition
Blue Tongues versus Geckos

SAM versus Jodie: It was a close match. Jodie kept the pressure on Sam, but he was in good form and took it all in his stride. Sam increased his lead in the final game to take home the win. 63 to 53.

Daniel W versus Phil: What a cracking game. Phil started ahead, using his calm skill against Daniels fast and furious hitting. Daniel turned it around by reducing errors and making some smart plays. With an even score going into the final game, it was anyone's match to take. When the match came to a close Phil was one point up. 52 to 51.

Frill Necks versus Skinks

KRISTELLE versus Mick (fill in): A well-played match by both players. Mick had some good tricks, mixing up his serves and dropping them short, but Kristelle slugged it out with him and showed him some of her tricks to claim victory. 66 to 56.

Stuart versus Justin: While Stuart's game went up and down each match, Justin kept a relatively consistent score across all games. It was a desperate fight with Justin coming out on top. 64 to 60.

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Rebels reign supreme

by Wayne Miller

THE Rebels’ Seniors and Reserves teams recorded resounding wins over serious premiership contender Seville at Rebel Park.

Reserves

Alexandra 9.12-66 defeated Seville 9.2-56
The Reserves fielding their strongest team in recent years recorded one of their most impressive victories over ladder leader Seville and were never headed winning by 10 points. With their tackling a feature the half back line of Lachlan Collard, Bart Wallace and Nathan

Dundas consistently repelled Seville, with Wallace’s marking a feature. Ruckman Jake Steyger dominated giving the on-ball brigade of Brandon Kapakoulakis, Tom Halligan, Daniel Roper and Cooper Phillips first use of the ball. Conor Heaslip and Harry Correa were other standouts in an even team. Consecutive wins over final contenders and with other key players to return further success should be forthcoming.

Awards: NP on The Run: Brandon Kapoulakis, Future Fit Finance: Tom Halligan: Alexandra Hotel :Bart Wallace; Grant Street Grocer Award: Jake Steyger

Seniors

Alexandra 10-11-71 defeated Seville – 6-6-42

Following on from the previous games big win over Belgrave the Seniors faced a bigger challenge playing Seville at Rebel Park.

In a high standard game the Rebels led at every break to run out 29 point winners in a most impressive performance of fast play of football.

The Rebel defence was rock solid all game led by Tom Boots and Nick Meehan. Another best of ground performance by Mitch Parker supported by Harry Prendergast was feasting on the domination of Lachlan Nankervis in the ruck.

A highlight of the match was captain Ted Watkin’s first goal on the halftime siren after missing over 12 months with a broken ankle. Ted was mobbed by every team mate to welcome his return. He now links up with Will Stewart and Josh Edwards to form one of the most dangerous trio of forwards in the league. Young Rebels Ryan Lucas and Riley Frankcombe continue to impress in a most even team effort where everyone was committed to contest every issue.

This week they will face an even bigger hurdle travelling to Pakenham where both sides will need to bring their A Game.

Awards: Kervale Incentive: Mitch Parker; O’Briens Real Estate: Harry Prendergast; Alexandra Hotel: Ryan Lucas; Buxton Hotel Award: Nick Meehan

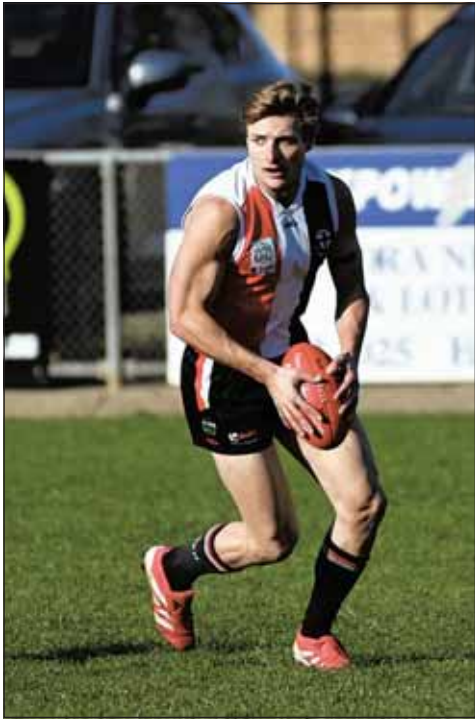
Under 18

Alexandra 1-0-6 defeated Seville 14-15-99

Awards: Bowens Incentive: Ashton Cowell, GWS Award: Ashley Dean, AFNC Club Voucher: Luke Wal; Coaches Award: George Sotiropoulos.



Nathan Georgiadis looking to pass the ball. -S



Mitch Parker judging his options. -S



Alexandra reserves player Tom Halligan implementing a tackle. -S



Luke Wal sending the ball. -S



Mat Wal marking the ball despite competition. -S

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

Football – Reserves

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	458.54	9
Pakenham	394.96	9
Warburton Millgrove	155.06	6
Alexandra	107.84	6
Belgrave	250.77	6
Yea	101.41	4
Powelltown	35.74	3
Yarra Junction	17.82	1
Yarra Glen	17.97	0

Netball – A Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	219.87	10
Warburton Millgrove	227.95	8
Pakenham	240.77	8
Yarra Glen	116.96	6
Yarra Junction	96.55	6
Alexandra	67.49	3
Belgrave	58.48	2
Powelltown	32.77	1
Yea	56.56	0

Football – Seniors

Pakenham	244.44	9
Warburton Millgrove	248.06	7
Seville	174.91	8
Alexandra	107.67	5
Belgrave	103.71	5
Yarra Glen	93.28	5
Yea	93.68	3
Powelltown	47.18	2
Yarra Junction	26.21	0

Netball – B Grade

Seville	320.00	10
Pakenham	258.20	9
Warburton Millgrove	154.10	7
Yarra Glen	103.09	6
Yarra Junction	75.65	5
Belgrave	81.92	4
Yea	63.27	2
Alexandra	50.40	1
Powelltown	37.95	0

Football – Senior Women

Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	10
Wandin	77.77	7
Emerald	65.00	6
Thornton Eildon	50.00	4
Yea	33.33	3
Seville	11.11	1
Officer	10.00	1

Netball – C Grade

Seville	291.40	10
Pakenham	228.89	9
Warburton Millgrove	181.60	7
Yarra Glen	88.62	5
Yarra Junction	85.40	4
Belgrave	76.56	4
Alexandra	74.46	3
Yea	46.26	1
Powelltown	35.19	0

Netball – 17 and under

Seville	404.81	9
Pakenham Lions Gold	208.92	8
Warburton Millgrove	104.45	5
Pakenham Lions Maroon	56.04	2
Alexandra	42.57	2
Powelltown	40.46	1

Netball – D Grade

Seville	379.82	10
Pakenham	297.01	9
Warburton Millgrove	189.70	7
Alexandra	69.17	4
Yarra Glen	79.02	4
Belgrave	72.22	4
Yarra Junction	61.30	2
Yea	48.25	2
Powelltown	26.76	0

Football – Under 18

Pakenham	1051.24	10
Seville	312.60	7
Warburton Millgrove	55.33	4
Yarra Glen	42.76	3
Alexandra	39.56	2
Yea	26.21	1

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Junior Rebels travel across the region

by AFNC

THE Under nine, Under 10, and Under 12 footballers, along with the 11, Under 13, Under 15, and Under Red netball teams, made the trip to Kings Park on Sunday to take on Seymour.

The day kicked off with the eager Under nines and Under 10s, who were full of energy and excitement. These young footballers relished the chance to play alongside their teammates in non-scoring matches, showcasing great teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship from the first bounce.

Awards: Under nine: Noah Dyson, Noah Knight, Cohen Pearce, Fletcher Lynch. Under 10: Logan Heard, Zander Williamson, Joey Creed, Baxter Lamaro.

Under 12 Seymour 14.9-93 defeated Alexandra 1.0-6

The Under 12 team, bolstered by six enthusiastic Under 10 players, took to the field full of excitement and determination. Despite being undermanned, the team gave it their all. While Seymour proved too strong on the day, the young players showed great spirit and played with pride, proudly representing the club

with courage and heart.

Awards: Essence Coffee Lounge: Liam Coghill, Reddrops FoodWorks: Ben Strochetter; Alexandra Bakery & Café: Riley Kirley; Coaches Award: Jasper Koster.

Under 14 Yea 2.1.-13 defeated by Alexandra 18.10-118

The Under 14 footballers hit the road to face the Yea Tigers on their home ground. The young Rebels came out fired up and ready for another strong performance. While Yea was unfortunately undermanned on the day, it didn't take away from the

Rebels' determination to play quality team football. The team worked well together, displaying great teamwork and spirit throughout the match.

Awards: Essence Coffee Lounge: Declan Armstrong; Reddrops FoodWorks: Barry Gysberts; Alexandra Bakery & Café: Mia Heard, Coaches Award: Sienna Heard.

Under 16 Mooroopna 13.16-94 defeated Alexandra 6-3-39

The Under 16 team hit the road again last week, travelling to Mooroopna to take on the Cats. With a few players unavailable, the team lined

up with 16 and put in a solid first half, trailing by just eight points at the main break.

After halftime, Mooroopna found their momentum, kicking six goals to the Rebels' one in the third quarter. Despite the scoreboard pressure, the boys continued to battle hard in the final term, adding another goal, but the Cats proved too strong on the day.

Awards: Essence Coffee Lounge: Fletcher Van Lierop, Reddrops FoodWorks: Hamish Wilson, Alexandra Bakery & Café: Harrison Christie; Coaches Award: Heath Sutcliffe.



The Alexandra under nine and 10 footballers. -S



Tom Clark and Fletcher Van Lierop from the Alexandra under 16 football team struggling to obtain the ball. -S



Hamish Wilson kicking under pressure. -S



The Alexandra under 12 footballers. -S

Close comeback for Thornton Eildon in Yea

by Scott Whitehead

Yea 5.3-33 defeated Thornton/ Eildon 4.4-28

IN women's football last week Thornton/Eildon travelled to Yea to take on the Yea Tigers in the twilight time slot.

From the first bounce it was evident that the game would be one for the memory bank with both teams desperate for the victory.

Yea were first out of the blocks and kicked three unanswered goals while keeping the away team scoreless and held on to a comfortable 21 point lead at quarter time.

With most of the nerves now brushed off Thornton/Eildon began to find the ball and play with purpose. Jade Mewburn with

her racking left foot opened the account for Thornton/Eildon as they began to chip away at Yea's lead.

What was thought to be an ankle injury to Aisha Hendricks which later turned out to be a broken fibula, put a downer on the quarter and left the away team a player short for the remainder of the game. The club wish Aisha a speedy recovery.

The start of the third quarter again had both teams desperate for the ascendancy but neither could break the deadlock. Imogen Paine tried turning the game with a powerful bump which left Yea's captain breathless while both Mia and Sienna Heard continued their good form amassing numerous possessions. The score line however barely changed with Thornton/

Eildon kicking two solitary points while keeping Yea scoreless.

With a two goal lead to Yea and a vocal crowd in support, tracking down the margin would be a difficult task. Lucy McRae and Kristy Pearce had different ideas and soon closed the margin to five points. With only minutes remaining Jade Mewburn was awarded a free kick in front of goals and put the away team in front by one point with only three minutes remaining in the game.

With the ball returned to the centre of the ground for what could possibly be the final ball up, Yea busted out of the middle and sent it deep forward scoring the match winning goal leaving Thornton/Eildon bitterly disappointed by the result and the Yea tigers roaring to victory.

Goals: Jade Mewburn two, Lucy McRae and Kristy Pearce one each.

Awards: Molesworth Hotel and General store, Amber Saric-Skewes; Café Alex, Jade Mewburn; Murrindindi Aged and Home care, Ebony Price; Snobs Creek Holiday Park, Rose Kealy.

Next week Thornton/Eildon head off to play Emerald at Gembrook starting at 10.50am.

Training is every Monday and Thursday starting at 6pm with meals available on Thursday nights for \$15. If you are interested in being a player, supporter or a sponsor you can find details on the Thornton Eildon District Football and Netball Club's Facebook page or by email at tedfnc@outlook.com