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Director Medical Services Poranee Buttery, Associate Nurse Unit Manager Lisa Smith, and Associate Nurse Unit Manager Luke James. -S

## Revitalising paediatric health care at Alexandra hospital

ALEXANDRA District Health (ADH) is proud to share information on the training achievements of the Urgent Care team and purchase of a new paediatric equipment trolley.

From time to time, babies, children and young people, paediatric patients, suffer illness or injury. For ADH to provide timely and effective care when children need it most, now and into the future, the health service took decisive steps to enable it to drive sustainable ongoing improvement in paediatric care.

Thanks to a generous donation from Eildon Community Opportunity Shop, ADH purchased a paediatric equipment trolley and stocked it with resuscitation equipment suitable for different ages of paediatric patients, who range in size and needs, from small babies to young people on the cusp of adulthood.

To ensure staff are equipped with suitable knowledge to use their new tools, the health service invested in the training of a group who work in urgent care regularly, three senior

nurses and two of doctors, in a systematic and structured approach to the assessment and early treatment and stabilisation of seriously ill or injured babies, children and young people.

ADH is proud to announce that all five members of the group successfully completed the Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) course to become certified APLS providers. Congratulations to Lisa Smith, Luke James, Louise Christison, Laura Carter and David Deelen. Their knowledge and the connections they formed with regional attendees from Mansfield and Wangaratta will support growth of ADH's paediatric capability and aspiration to continually improve, as well as support the wider region to care for children. This initiative builds on the strong foundation of twice-yearly nurse led resuscitation training from PIPER-RCH and increases numbers of APLS-provider medical staff.

The Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) course is a national course and is run

in many locations across Australia and New Zealand, capital cities and regional towns. ADH staff attended a course in Wangaratta, facilitated by paediatric specialists from the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) and Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH), regional paediatric specialists from Victoria and NSW, a highly experienced regional paediatric trauma surgeon, remote area rural generalists, specialist nurses and rural nurse practitioners. The APLS team taught a rigorous curriculum focused on a structured approach to caring for the seriously ill or injured child. There were workshops, skills stations, simulations and a range of assessments. To support their learning during the face-to-face course, the ADH team studied and completed on-line training in the lead up to the course.

The teams' achievements and the generosity of the community in helping to purchase new equipment, mean that ADH can look forward to caring for all ages with greater confidence and best practice.

## Alexandra bank agency to close?

MURRINDINDI Shire may see a reduction in the current services offered by Bendigo Bank.

It's understood that while it was announced that Bendigo Bank is set to close 10 branches in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania, other services including agencies and ATMs may also be reduced.

The Victorian branches set to close are in Ballarat Central, Bannockburn, Malop Street in Geelong, Korumburra, South Melbourne and Yarram, however Bendigo Bank agencies, in addition to branches, are also set to be impacted.

It appears that the Alexandra agency of the Yea Community Bank, which operates under Bendigo Bank at the Alexandra Newsagency, will close in October. The ATM in Eildon may also be removed. It will leave Alexandra without a brick and mortar bank, and Bendigo Bank customers will end up paying more to access funds without local ATMs. The services available via the post office in Alexandra will continue.

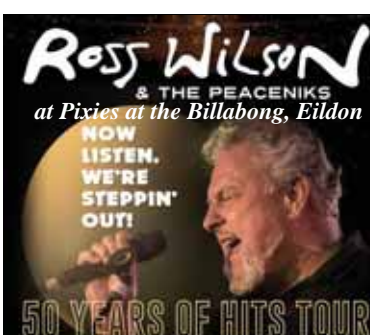
The status of the agency in Marysville, operating under the Upwey Bendigo Bank is as yet unknown.

The Yea Community Bank services in Yea are expected to continue as normal.

Bendigo Bank refused to confirm or deny the changes. A spokesperson from Bendigo Bank simply said in an email, "Bendigo Bank's purpose is to feed into the prosperity of its customers and the community. The bank has more branches per customer than any other Australian bank and operates Australia's second largest regional branch network. Bendigo Bank communicates changes to its business that impact its people, customers and communities promptly whenever relevant decisions are made."

The ABC reported on July 8 that the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank posted a statutory net profit after tax of \$216.8 million for the half year ending December 2024.

The big four banks, Commonwealth Bank, NAB, ANZ and Westpac, all agreed to keep the doors open on their regional branches until at least 2027, but it was too late for Murrindindi Shire where all of the branches had already closed.



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Letters to the Editor

Recycling

AS a proud Murrindindi resident and full-time recycler, I'm a little concerned that some locals are treating the new four-bin system like it's optional, like coriander on a curry or sunscreen on a cloudy day.

We've been upgraded. From the trusty two-bin setup, red and yellow, to a full four-bin system. That's like going from dial-up internet to NBN and still choosing to send a fax.

Why the change? Because in 2020, China stopped accepting Australia's rubbish. And so they should. We'd been shipping off unsorted waste and calling it recycling. Eventually, they said, 'No thanks. Deal with your own mess'. And so we should.

Because, we would never off our own back, and Government of Victoria responded with the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*, a move to reduce waste and recover more resources. And the four-bin system is how we make that happen at home.

Here's the rundown: Yellow (mixed recycling), Green (food and garden), Purple (glass bottles and jars), and Red (landfill, the bin of last resort).

Change can be confusing. But we went from cash to cards, Melways to GPS, and somehow mastered QR codes during a pandemic. If you can binge-watch on Netflix, you can sort your bins.

Let's not be *That House* on bin night. You know the one. Overflowing red bin. Glass in the wrong spot. Even the cockatoos look disappointed.

Murrindindi, let's sort it out, literally. The rest of the world is doing it and so can we.

If your dog can learn which cupboard the treats are in, you can learn which bin to put things in.

*Proud Murrindindi Recycler, name and address supplied but withheld by request*

Four-bin kerbside collection service: a shared step forward

I'D like to thank residents who have recently shared their views in the *Chronicle* and *Standard* regarding council's new four-bin kerbside collection service. While many understand the environmental benefits and long-term cost savings, we recognise that others are feeling uncertain or concerned about the changes.

This is a significant shift, introduced not only to support better resource recovery and reduce landfill, but also to meet mandatory requirements set by the Victorian Government as part of the state's transition to a circular economy.

We welcome these conversations and would like to offer some additional context to help explain why this change is necessary, how it was designed, and how council is supporting residents through the transition.

Any major change to a long-standing service, especially one as routine and universal as kerbside collection, will prompt questions and adjustments. This is especially true for many rural residents who are now included in the kerbside collection service for the first time, and who have responsibly managed household materials for many years. We respect those efforts and have designed the system with flexibility in mind.

Rural properties along the service route have the choice to opt into the food and garden organics (FOGO) service if it suits their household needs. Many have chosen not to, and that's perfectly fine, however it's important to note that organic material must not be placed in any of the other bins, as this will be treated as contamination.

The reality is that Murrindindi Shire only diverts 32 per cent of household materials from landfill, well below the state average of 49 per cent and 40 per cent for similar rural municipalities. This shows we have more work to do. The new system gives us the

ability to catch up and keep more materials in circulation as valuable resources.

This is not just about compliance, it's about fairness for all rate payers now and for future generations, as well as keeping costs in check. The state government landfill levy is increasing, and the more we send to landfill, the more we all pay. If council had not acted, residents would be facing higher costs in the near future under the old system.

Some have asked why a property that generates little waste should be included. The answer is that the government's *Circular Economy Act* mandates multiple streams of waste collection for residents at the kerbside wherever practicable across the municipality. Murrindindi Shire Council's implementation has been carefully designed to achieve consistency and equity. Like other shared services (roads, libraries, emergency support, etcetera), a universal base system ensures it's fair and functional for the whole community. Council also offers additional support, including extra bin capacity at no extra cost for households managing higher garbage volumes due to nappies, incontinence products, or medical needs.

It's worth noting that burning refuse on rural properties, while once common, is not an environmentally sound solution, contributing to air pollution and undermining resource recovery efforts. Safe, managed collection is now the best practice.

This change is about building a smarter system that treats materials as resources, not rubbish. Together, we can reduce what goes to landfill, reclaim more value, and shape a system that serves our community now and into the future.

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5772 0900

Non-emergency police assistance

131 444

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UGFM 106.9 Alexandra / Lake Eildon

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MONTHLY COMMUNITY GROUPS

WEEKLY

Tue Women's Walk @ 7am @Embassy of Ideas

Sun Alex & Dist Dog Obedience, training. Ph 0456 583 611

Fri Man Walk @ 7am meet at RSL Hall

Fri Communita 10am-12pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

MONTHLY

1<sup>st</sup> Wed Alexandra Lions dinner meet, Corner Hotel 0427 595 318

1<sup>st</sup> Thur Murrindindi Men 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Tue Alexandra District Garden Society Meeting Ph 5772 2285

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Alex Lions business meeting, rear RSL hall 0427 595 318

3<sup>rd</sup> Thu Alexandra Ladies Probus 10am RSL Ph 0428 976 252

3<sup>rd</sup> Thu Community Potluck dinner 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Alexandra RSL Ph 0409 950 913

4<sup>th</sup> Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.

4<sup>th</sup> Thu Alexandra Redgate CWA Meeting 1pm, Ph 0402 804 517

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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	1.38	rising	Below Flood Level	
Rubicon River at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.65	steady		
Acheron River at Taggerty	10.00am Mon	0.67	steady	Below Flood Level	
Home Creek at Yarek	9.52am Mon	0.19	steady		
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.52am Mon	0.50	steady	Below Flood Level	
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	09.00am Mon	0.34	steady		
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	10.00am Mon	0.75	steady		
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	3.49	steady		
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.45	steady	Below Flood Level	
Goulburn River at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.07	steady	Below Flood Level	
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	-0.08	steady	Below Flood Level	
Goulburn River at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.40	steady	Below Flood Level	
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	10.00am Mon	0.79	steady		

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Weekly Weather

July 16 - July 22, 2025

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra

Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	7	11	Wednesday	7	12
Thursday	3	10	Thursday	3	11
Friday	3	13	Friday	3	13
Saturday	4	12	Saturday	4	12
Sunday	4	11	Sunday	3	12
Monday	7	13	Monday	8	13
Tuesday	6	12	Tuesday	6	12

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DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra ..... 8mm

Buxton..... N/Amm

Eildon (AWS)..... 2mm

Flowerdale..... 8mm

Jamieson..... 2mm

Kinglake..... 39mm

Lake Eildon..... 1mm

Mansfield..... 2mm

Taggerty ..... 2mm

Yarek ..... 4mm

Yea..... 6mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week.....276.36m

Capacity as at 9am Monday.....57.6%

Metres below full supply.....12.54m

Daily inflow .....1000ML

Release..... 1100ML

Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....80%

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# Concerns over the Eildon Key Worker Housing process

EILDON local Cleve Aitken has expressed concern about Murrindindi Shire Council's planned Key Worker Housing project.

On June 16, some of the surrounding residents received notice about the planning application to develop the land for an eight lot subdivision, eight dwellings, and the removal of native vegetation and removal of reserve status from the land at 10 Eight Street, Eildon.

Cleve stated that prior to the creation of the deliberative panel, a survey was held where 100 people voted to retain the parks and 30 to sell.

In December 2022, the shire was presented with a petition with 150 signatures asking that the parks not be sold.

Cleve states, "As a member of the deliberative panel that met over three days to consider the pros and cons of raising \$400,000

to part-fund the development of the Eildon Splash/skate park, the panel was informed that being a large project it would be delivered in stages."

The panel of 25 people were given two options. One was the sale of underutilised open space/over-surplus council land. The second was for council to apply for additional funding to support the construction of a senior play space, installation of a flying fox and swing area, and the delivery of a new skate park and bike pump track. Their aim was to reach an 80 per cent consensus. Twenty-three out of the 25 agreed that the land be sold.

During the second meeting in February, the panel were advised by council's Director of People and Corporate Performance Michael Chesworth that if the two parks were not sold at 10 Eighth Street and 18 21<sup>st</sup> Street that the splash park would not proceed.

Navy Blue Planning have submitted an application on behalf of Murrindindi Shire

Council, and the application may be heard at an upcoming council meeting if the number of objectors is over five. Otherwise, the decision may be made internally, unless a refusal is recommended. Confirmation of this intention was sought from council but not received by the time this newspaper went to print.

Cleve submitted an objection to the application, citing loss of character, loss of privacy, building noise, noise pollution, burdensome precedent, the petition, the survey results, the initial deliberative panel advice, the removal of the restrictive covenant without consultation, parks and open spaces being for the benefit of residents and visitors, it will remove the opportunity for recreational activities, transportable homes being unsuitable to the town's character, concern that the project will be like an American style trailer park, the lack of consideration for the people impacted, the change to the original scope of the deliberative panel, the

lack of publicly available research or proof that key worker housing is required, and the lack of a public business plan for the proposed development.

Furthermore, he also questioned the accuracy of some of council's statements presented to the Planning Minister, particularly regarding the Deliberative Community Panel's 'strong preference' for the sites to be developed for Key Worker Housing, council's statement that the beneficiaries of the covenant have provided evidence of support for the development, and the statement that the panel was "reconvened so council could provide an update on the availability of the Regional Worker Accommodation funding and advise that it will contribute other budgeted funding to the reserves upgrade."

The skate park is now finished without the \$400,000 from the land sale, the initial purpose of the deliberative panel.

Cleve also stated that although he and fellow neighbour Dennis Seamer are beneficiaries of the restrictive covenant, neither have ever been notified of its removal. The restrictive covenant was removed on March 24 and the land became zoned Residential.

## Murrindindi Shire Council receives Community Development Grant

MINISTER for Agriculture Ros Spence said that the Victorian Government is investing more than \$2 million towards several projects as part of Round Two of the Community Development Fund, to create jobs and help former forestry communities thrive long term.

"We're helping more businesses and workers transition to new and existing industries like agriculture and tourism, proving employment and boosting the local economy," Ms Spence said.

Among the projects, it was announced that Murrindindi Shire Council will receive a \$130,000 grant to go towards its Murrindindi Farm Forestry project. The project will analyse the current state of farm forestry in Murrindindi and identify future opportunities, establish a pilot Farm Forestry Interpretive Centre, and develop a small-scale timber processing pilot project.

The project will explore the potential for small to medium-scale plantations on farming land, supporting income diversification through products such as sustainably harvested timber, firewood, carbon offset credits, eucalyptus oils and native food production.

Applications are now open for Round Three of the program which will make a further \$5 million in funding available to eligible organisations in and around the townships of Noojee, Alexandra, Taggerty, Buxton, Marysville, Yarra Ranges, Heyfield, Yarram, Nowa Nowa, Swifts Creek, Orbost, Koondrook, Benalla and Corryong.

For more information or to apply for Round Three visit [deeca.vic.gov.au/forestry](http://deeca.vic.gov.au/forestry)

## Council to decide on own planning application

MURRINDINDI Shire Council was asked whether it would be accurate to say that council will be deciding on its own planning application, with regard to the Eildon Key Worker Housing project.

In response, a council spokesperson said, "We welcome the opportunity to clarify the process and ensure community confidence remains strong.

"Murrindindi Shire Council will consider two planning permit applications for the Eildon Key Worker Housing project at an upcoming council meeting.

"This project is the result of years of strategic planning and extensive community consultation. The Eildon sites were identified through council's Key Worker Housing Strategy.

"Originally earmarked for sale to help fund the Eildon Reserves redevelopment project, the sites were retained by council following successful funding through the Victorian Government's Regional Worker Accommodation Fund.

"In October 2024, council secured funding to deliver 33 bedrooms of key worker housing across 14 dwellings at 10 Eighth and 18 Twenty-First Streets, Eildon.

"Community consultation held in early 2025 significantly shaped the design and layout of the proposal. The resulting plans reflect local preference for modest, free-standing dwellings in a landscaped setting suitable for families and key workers, an outcome welcomed by the community, especially in light of recent state changes to General Residential Zone controls which now permit much denser development.

"Had these sites been sold on the open market, they could have been developed more intensively, with buildings up to three storeys tall, reduced setbacks, and with far less open space. By retaining ownership and leading

the project, council has ensured that new housing can be delivered while preserving neighbourhood character and maximising residential amenity.

"An independent planning consultant was engaged to prepare and lodge the applications, to ensure objectivity, and assessment has been undertaken by council's Statutory Planning team, separate from the project delivery team.

"This is a standard and widely accepted process under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, which provides for councils to determine planning applications relating to their own land. Councils across Victoria do so regularly, especially when delivering projects with clear community benefit.

"The planning applications have followed the same process as any other permit, including public notification, opportunity to object, referrals, and assessment against the Murrindindi Planning Scheme.

"Council also went beyond the standard notice requirements to ensure the community was informed. Although fewer than five objections were received by the due date, for each of the two applications (the threshold for officer delegation to make a determination on a permit).

"Councillors have chosen to consider the applications at a public council meeting as an added demonstration of transparency and accountability.

"This is a carefully planned, community-informed project delivering a much-needed outcome for the Eildon economy, undertaken with integrity, transparency, and strong local support.

"All submissions will be considered, and those who made a submission may speak to council before a decision is made."



**THUMBS UP:** To council for removing the wooden planter boxes from the footpath in Grant Street, Alexandra. There are enough obstacles cluttering up the footpath already.

**THUMBS DOWN:** Why did my green bin not get emptied when my neighbour's did? Strange.

**THUMBS UP:** To the very helpful and thoughtful man at Yenckens for helping me with car products and tips. Service above and beyond as usual at Yenckens.

**THUMBS UP:** A huge thank you to all that have helped me in my recovery since hospital. Everyone please know that your assistance and care has been totally appreciated. Sincere thanks, Heather Hunter.

**THUMBS UP:** To the very friendly new people running the Thornton Service Station. So many new essential items on the shelves, great coffee, and a really good choice of take away food. It is great to have these young people supporting us, so come on Thorton residents, let us all give them our support.

**THUMBS UP:** To Cass and team at NP on the Run Healthcare. What a great service to have available in the community.

**THUMBS UP:** To Murrindindi Shire Council. I reported a dead kangaroo in a park just after 9am. It was removed just on three hours later.

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## Letters to the Editor

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Council has promoted the new system extensively through direct mail to every household, and paid advertising in local newspapers and on radio, Council newsletters, and online channels. We have launched the *LoopedIn Councils* app to set reminders, check collection schedules, and know which bins to put out when. Comprehensive information, including feedback from the extensive community consultation that informed the service design, is available at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/fourbins](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/fourbins) including a detailed Frequently Asked Questions section. Collection calendars can be downloaded from council's website, picked up from any of council's Library and Customer Service Centres, or mailed out upon request. They are also available for collection from council's mobile library. If residents have questions or need support, we encourage them to get in touch. We're here to help.

We thank all residents for adapting, participating, and continuing to share feedback as we improve and refine the service.

Livia Bonazzi, CEO Murrindindi Shire Council

## Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

FRIDAY'S Social Meeting opened in a sombre mode with members being advised of the passing of our president, Marg Hall the previous day. The members held a minutes silence to remember Marg and followed up recounting memories of their time with Marg.

A Lancashire lass, well known in Alexandra where she was a school teacher, Marg was a keen Bridge player and a wealth of knowledge. The club extends our sincere condolences to Marg's family and friends. Rest in Peace, Marg.

There were two tables for bridge on Wednesday and a good turnout for Friday's meeting when members were reminded that the AGM will be on Friday, July 18 at 1pm in the Bayley Street clubroom and don't forget annual fees are due. A list for those attending the Christmas in July Lunch to held at the Rubicon Hotel on Thursday, July 24 is on the desk. Please put your name down if attending.

The club always welcome new members so if you feel like a chat and a cuppa come along on a Friday afternoon and join us. Meanwhile stay warm and safe with a smile on your face.

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7 Station Street,  
Alexandra  
All information can be found at:  
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including CWA morning tea  
and cake stall  
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### THURSDAY, JULY 17

2030Yea Ethical retirement investments with Q&A with John Agostinelli, Ron Litjens and Munira Chowdhury. 6.30-7.30pm at Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre.

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### FRIDAY, JULY 18

Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club AGM will be held at the Bayley Street clubrooms at 1pm. All welcome.

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### SATURDAY, JULY 19

Market @ Yarck including CWA morning tea and cake stall. Plants, soap, preserves and jams and much more.

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Alexandra Museum and steam train rides 10am-3.30pm. For more information contact 0427 509 988.

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### SUNDAY, JULY 20

Strath Creek Country Market 9am-1pm. Pioneer Reserve, Strath Creek. Enquiries to Mel at [strathcreekcm@gmail.com](mailto:strathcreekcm@gmail.com)

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### MONDAY, JULY 21

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

National Renewables in Agriculture Bendigo 2025. Hear from farmers and industry experts. Scan the QR code in this edition for details or visit [renewablesinagconference.com.au](http://renewablesinagconference.com.au)

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### 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.

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Speak with council at an open community meeting in Yarck from 5-7pm at Yarck Memorial Hall. See ad in this edition for full details or email [governance@murrindindishire.vic](mailto:governance@murrindindishire.vic) or phone 5772 0333.

## Church Services

### ANGLICAN

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

### CATHOLIC

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

### UNITING CHURCH In Australia

St Andrews, Downey Street,  
 Alexandra  
 Worshipping, Welcoming  
 Sharing the transforming love of  
 Jesus. Services 10am each Sunday  
 Contact 5772 2362

### OASIS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Loving God, Loving People,  
 Loving Life  
 118 Grant Street, Alexandra  
 Meeting every Sunday @ 10am

### MOUNT CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

37 Grant Street, Alexandra  
 Pastor Daniel Kriss  
 Services 10am every Sunday  
 Phone 0400 282 536  
[mccbc.com.au](http://mccbc.com.au)

### THE VINE

A Christian community part of the Baptist  
 Union of Victoria  
 Sunday 4.30pm service  
 Kids program during school term  
 Meets at St Andrew's, 37 Downey Street,  
 Alexandra  
 Contact - 0438 642 559



It's vital to drive to the conditions in winter. -Gillfoto

## Adjusting to changing road conditions key to winter safety says RACV

THE ability to adjust your driving to suit wet and frosty road conditions across Victoria is crucial to lowering the winter road toll, according to the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV).

As of July 7, 2025, 159 people have lost their lives on Victorian roads in 2025, a 12 per cent increase on the same date last year.

RACV Head of Policy James Williams said wet and slippery conditions dramatically increase the risk of crashes, especially when drivers fail to adjust their behaviour to suit the changed conditions.

"During winter, roads are often slick from rain, frost or black ice, and that means you need to allow for longer stopping distances," Mr Williams said.

"Tailgating, following too closely behind another vehicle, is especially dangerous in these conditions, and we urge all drivers to leave plenty of space between their vehicle and the one in front."

The warning comes as recent Victorian Government data shows that 60 per cent of wet weather fatalities in 2024 had occurred at night and across regional Melbourne, further highlighting the dangers drivers face and the need for caution at this time of year.

In addition to driving cautiously in the wet, Mr Williams cautioned motorists that may be driving on roads that are covered by black ice.

"Black ice is a dangerous proposition for motorists because it's difficult to detect and can lead to a loss of control over your vehicle," Mr Williams said.

RACV recommends that when in cold conditions, to keep an eye out for a 'glossy surface' on the road, which can be black ice.

For motorists who encounter black ice on the road, RACV recommends: Gently lower your speed. A sudden and forceful hit on the brakes could cause the vehicle to skid; try to keep the steering wheel straight (if possible); if the rear of the car slides to the right or left, gently adjust your steering wheel to the direction of the slide. This helps realign the front wheels with the direction of travel.

Mr Williams also reminded motorists to check their vehicle's condition ahead of the winter months to reduce the risk of breakdowns and improve safety on the road.

"Basic maintenance goes a long way. Check your tyres have sufficient tread,

make sure your lights and windscreen wipers are working, and top up your coolant and washer fluid," Mr Williams said.

"It's also worth checking your battery, which can struggle in colder temperatures."

RACV's top winter driving safety tips include: Increase following distance in wet or icy conditions to allow more time to stop; avoid sudden acceleration or braking, especially on slippery surfaces; never drive through floodwaters, it's not worth the risk; prepare your car for winter by checking tyres, lights, wipers, and fluids; slow down and drive to the conditions, particularly in fog or low visibility; if entering a Victorian alpine resort in winter, you must carry snow chains, not only for your safety, but you can face substantial fines if you do not comply.

"Most importantly, plan ahead, check the weather and traffic reports before heading off, and be patient on the roads," Mr Williams said.

For more information on winter driving safety, visit the RACV website at [racv.com.au](http://racv.com.au)



# Marion Miller Knowles: a poet, journalist and philanthropist

MARION Miller Knowles was a well known Australian journalist, poet and charity worker.

She was born at Woods Point, the daughter of James and Anne Miller. Her father had a store in the town.

The family later owned and lived at St Fillans in Narbethong. St Fillans had been built by former Victorian Premier, James Munro.

Her first poems appeared in *The Australasian* in 1893, publishing under the pen name, John Desmond.

She soon began working as a journalist at the Advocate in Melbourne in 1899, running the Women's and Children's pages until she retired in 1927. In addition, she was involved in charities including the Melbourne Catholic Orphanage and Wattle Day appeals.

She married Joseph Knowles in 1901. Sadly, her husband died in 1918, aged 60.

In 1914, an event was held at the St Kilda Town Hall to honour her mother. The address stated, "Having learnt that St Fillans this year attains its 21st anniversary under your occupancy, we could not let this opportunity pass without expressing our congratulations and our sense of your unfailing personal kindness. This address and the accompanying gift betoken our admiration, our affection, and our gratitude. It has fallen to few people to brighten, as you have done, so many lives."

Another newspaper article in the same year stated, "Mrs Marion Miller Knowles is one of Melbourne's foremost workers both in the literary world and in different branches of women's organisations... Her mother who has a large boarding establishment in the hills at Narbethong, near Healesville, is an extremely popular woman and her friends and admirers are legion, there is never any difficulty about filling St Fillans with paying guests, who, indeed, consider themselves much favoured if they are able to secure rooms by arranging

for them months ahead of the time for which they are wanted." At the time, St Fillans could house 50 guests at a time.

Mrs Annie M Miller, Marion's mother, passed away in November 1921. Her obituary outlined her birth in Ireland, and her marriage to well-known pioneer, gold buyer and general merchant James Miller, as well as her hospitality at St Fillans.

It was announced shortly after her passing that "St Fillans, Narbethong, is to be opened as usual in December. It will be conducted by the [four] sisters and brother of Mrs Marion Knowles."

Marion began receiving a pension from the Commonwealth Literary Fund in 1931.

In 1938, she was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire, recognised as being "a well-known Australian writer of books for girls."

After she passed away in 1949 aged 84, 'Lillian A' wrote of Marion in the *Advocate*, "It is amazing that a lady that lived such a retired life has accomplished so much for charity, for public good. Her love for children orphaned, and the unfortunate ones of life was very deep.

"She was admired for her femininity and was a sincere friend to her own sex. Her great charity was not ostentatious, she never sought the limelight or social prominence.

"Marion Miller Knowles well deserved the honour of MBE conferred on her. Nothing was more sad to see this singer of rhymes declining of late years to a wraith of her former self. The spiritual beauty about her shall ever be in memory. How beautiful to leave a fond memory that shall never fade and poetry that will live."

Another obituary in the *Sun-News Pictorial* spoke of her writing and said, "Mrs. Miller Knowles conducted the Catholic Soldiers' Comfort depot during World War I, and was

former honorary secretary of St Joseph's Home, Surrey Hills. She was a well-known worker for children's welfare."

During her life, she published seven novels, a book of short stories, and 11 books of poetry.

She had two sons, Adrian, an RAAF prisoner of war, and William, a well-known solicitor.



Marion Miller Knowles. -S

## An extract from the poem, *The Black Spur*

*THE following poem appeared in the Marion Miller Knowles book, Song of the Hills.*

**FAR where the shadows are drifting o'er mountains, king-like in their grandeur**

**Clad in their own royal purple, tipped with its ermine of snow,**

**Lieth a land that is lonely, but fair as the forfeited Eden**

**Where lingered, pure-hearted and happy, the first plighted lovers of earth.**

**Bright is the flow of its rivers; filling the wood-land with music,**

**Singing a song that is wordless, joyously wander they on.**

**And, with the vows of a lover, the winds through the branches above them**

**Answer their song, or grow silent, faint with love's passionate pain.**

**For the waters list but to one love, and far must they travel to greet him,-**

**Strong in his strength he awaits them - the mutable, fathomless sea.**

**When in her sorrows enshrouded, night passes onward in silence,**

**And, like a sultana unveiling, the dawn blushes deep on the hills,**

**Swiftly the sun's golden fingers open the lattice leaf-woven,**

**And dip in the stream's crystal flowing his myriad jewels of fire!**

**Down where the pebbles' mosaic, with shadow and shine alternating,**

**Paveth the bed of waters, the long sedges flutter and float,**

**Ever and ever down-bending, as seeking for deep-hidden faces,**

**The grasses and maiden-hair quiver, athrill to the sighs of the wind.**

**Seeking and sighing for ever, like the spirit of man, are the grasses -**

**Seeking and finding not - even so, even so, is the spirit!**



## Alexandra Secondary College Open Night

**WEDNESDAY 6TH OF AUGUST 6.00PM TO 8.30PM**

Come along to our combined Open Night for families who are interested in what Alexandra Secondary College has to offer. There are also specific sessions for families of students who in 2026 will be starting Year 7, 9, 10 or VCE. It's one evening where we will present all of the information you need.

**Families just need to attend the sessions that interest them.**

The entire College will be open for families to take guided or self guided tours. Staff from the different learning areas will be available throughout the College for parents and students to talk to and also there will be displays of everything the College has to offer.

TIME	SESSIONS FOR 2026 CLASSES	LENGTH	ROOM
6.00pm	Information session about YEAR 7	30 min	Library
6.30pm	A showcase of the opportunities that ASC students look forward to from Year 7 to Year 12	15 min	Library
6.30pm	Information session about YEAR 9	30 min	M8
7.00pm	Information session about YEAR 7	30 min	Library
7.00pm	Information session about YEAR 10	15 min	M8
7.30pm	Information session about LATER YEARS	30 min	M8
7.30pm	A showcase of the opportunities that ASC students look forward to from Year 7 to Year 12	15 mins	Library
6pm - 8.30pm	The college is open for families to look around, visit different subject areas and speak to our teaching staff.		



## SPEAK WITH COUNCIL AT AN OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING IN YARCK

**Wednesday 30 July from 5.00 - 7.00 pm**

Would you like to speak to Council about topics or issues that affect you and your community?

Council is hosting an Open Community Meeting in Yarck from 5.00 - 7.00 pm on Wednesday 30 July 2025 at the Yarck Hall, 6583 Maroondah Highway, Yarck.

You will have five minutes allocated to talk directly with Murrindindi Shire Councillors about issues or ideas that are important to you and your community, and you may be speaking in front of members of the public, as well as Council officers.

If you, or your community group, would like to speak to Council, you are invited to attend the meeting. Prior registration is not required, we'll greet you and collect your details on the evening.

For more information, email [governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or call Council on 5772 0333





# VFA building a bright future for native Macquarie perch

CONSTRUCTION is underway on a multi-million-dollar Macquarie Perch Recovery Centre to bring ‘Maccas’ back to their former glory in Victorian rivers and creeks.

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) CEO Travis Dowling said the project was backed by a \$15 million Victorian Government investment in upgrading and expanding the Victorian Fisheries Authority’s Snobs Creek and Arcadia fish production facilities to produce more native and threatened species.

The centre, at the renowned Snobs Creek Hatchery near Eildon, will produce up to 500,000 Macquarie perch fingerlings a year to help restore wild populations of the threatened native species which was once prevalent through northern and north-eastern Victoria.

“Macquarie perch are one of our treasured native fish and this dedicated hatchery facility and ongoing research work to ‘crack the code’ on producing Maccas will give us the best chance to restore wild populations,” Mr Dowling said.

“While ‘Maccas’ are currently protected in Victorian waters, we hope re-establishing their numbers means opportunities for the next generation of recreational anglers to enjoy catching these wonderful native fish.”

In addition, up to 500,000 trout cod will also be grown in the recovery centre, making use of the cool water naturally available which is well suited to growing these species.

The build includes world-class water recirculation technology that can re-use up to 400,000 litres per day while the facility will give hatchery staff the ability to manipulate air and water temperatures and light levels to maximise production and mimic the natural environment.

The centre will house more than 100 tanks, troughs and incubators used to hold fish of all sizes, from large broodfish in 1000-litre poly tanks through to small fibreglass troughs where eggs hatch into larvae.

Incoming water from Snobs Creek itself will be treated using ceramic membranes filtration and UV sterilisation. It will then be recirculated throughout the system with underground sumps filtering, disinfecting, heating and re-oxygenating the water using innovative equipment and technology.

The centre will put into practice what is being learned through a three-year partnership led by the Victorian and Federal Governments to ‘crack the code’ on how to reliably breed Macquarie perch in captivity.

The Cracking the Code project is supported by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, a range of government, university and community organisations and research partners. It is examining nutrition, hormones, the timing of breeding and more to understand how to consistently produce fingerlings for stocking.

Further north at the VFA’s Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery, construction continues on a major expansion that will see production capacity skyrocket toward six million Murray cod and golden perch each year.

Speaking on the phone, Brian Mottram, Senior Manager of Hatcheries for the Victorian Fisheries Authority, said, “We’re building a purposely built centre to breed Macquarie perch into the future. Macquarie perch are one of our critically endangered fish. They’re around the north east region in particular, then they had a bit of a demise over the 10, 20, 50 years. Things have changed. A little bit of climate stuff, but also predation from other species and habitat loss. We’re doing lots with catchment management authorities to help improve the habitat. Stocking is one tool that we can use and we want to be able to breed them now.

“We’re having some success with bringing wild fish [Macquarie perch] in, but we want to be able to breed them, keep fish in captivity like we do with other fish, like golden perch which we can keep in tanks, and other fish. We breed Murray cod and trout cod successfully as well. We want to be able to hold these fish at Snobs Creek. This building will allow us to hold adult fish at various ages and different genetics and we’re working on the breeding techniques in the project called ‘Cracking the Code’ in collaboration with NSW and other stakeholders to look at getting the best result we can as far as breeding these fish into the future,” he said.

Asked about the challenges of breeding Macquarie perch, Brian responded, “That’s what we’re looking to find out. We aren’t getting consistent results from holding them in captivity and being able to breed them. To be honest, we haven’t had the space to hold them appropriately in tanks and give them the feed and nutrition that they need. Now, that might not be the only ingredient we need, but we’re working with Deakin University on a feeding ration which will fulfill their diet so they can get into breeding condition.”

He added, “The drought has affected waterways and we need to work with local people to manage that. We have rescued some Macquarie perch from areas where we thought they were. They were getting too isolated and there was a potential of the waterway drying up. We did that earlier in the year and those fish are being held and they might become part of the breeding program or some will get returned to their waterway.”

Asked why the new centre is important, Brian responded, “This is going to give Macquarie perch a real focus. The breeding in the past hasn’t given the space to allow us to efficiently hold and breed these fish. We’ll have purposely built tanks. We can alter the water temperatures in those tanks to mimic what happens out in the wild. We can look at daylight, we can alter the daylight. We can alter things to give them the best opportunity to breed in captivity.”

The building works are currently underway, with the earthworks completed and footings put down. The framework should also be up by the time this newspaper goes to print.

The building is expected to be finished around October, and it will then be fitted out with tanks and associated plumbing, sumps



A Macquarie Perch. -S



The building works for the new hatchery are well underway. -S

and filters. All works are expected to be completed by December. The building works are being done by a Mansfield company, Cronin Constructions.

Asked whether additional jobs would be created, Brian responded, “There’s obviously jobs with the construction, and we’re still working out our workforce at Snobs Creek as to how much extra work. It’ll depend on how it works, but we’re not expecting a major job increase but more a change in priority from some staff that are already there.”

Murray cod have been bred at Snobs Creek for the past 20 years. The hatchery is unique in that it can grow both cold water species such as trout, as well as warm water species like Murray cod. The Murray cod breeding

program will be moved to the new hatchery at Arcadia, freeing up more space for trout cod and Macquarie perch at Snobs Creek. They’re not planning on adding extra ponds at this stage.

He added, “At the moment we get fish from the wild and we can breed about 100,000 fish a year. Our aim is to breed 500,000 fish a year. It’s going to be a progressive stage, but in three to five years’ time we want to be growing half a million of these fish and putting them out into local waterways where they can reestablish populations and become the fish that once was.”

The endangered Macquarie perch cannot be taken by fishers from any waterway in Victoria.

## Local news and the global fight for our share

WHEN people pick up the Alexandra Standard, they expect more than just headlines. They expect honest reporting about what is happening in their neighbourhood, from Alexandra, Eildon and Marysville to Yarck and the wider regions.

Local papers like this one do more than defend democracy, they live its values every day by earning trust and staying connected to the people they serve.

But that work is under threat when global tech giants profit from sharing our stories without paying their fair share to keep local reporting alive.

That is why Australia’s push to force companies like Google, Meta and TikTok to pay local and regional publishers matters so much in communities across our region. The News Bargaining Incentive would help ensure local papers, including this one, are not left carrying the cost while international platforms pocket the profit.

Last week, Canada scrapped its own digital services tax after Donald Trump threatened tariffs in retaliation. The backdown made headlines worldwide and sparked fears Australia’s plan might face similar pressure.

But the powerful US tech lobby has made it clear that Australia’s approach is different, and less likely to attract the same backlash. Unlike a broad digital services tax, Australia’s measure is focused on making Big Tech fairly compensate local newsrooms for the trusted reporting our towns rely on.

The Computer and Communications Industry Association, which represents Amazon, Apple, Google and Facebook owner Meta, told The Australian Financial Review that while Australia’s scheme is still on their radar, it is not seen as a direct attack like Canada’s tax was.

That is reassuring for local publishers working to keep journalists in work and

trusted news in towns like Alexandra, and the small rural communities that depend on fair and accurate local coverage.

Meta has already walked away from paying for Australian news, while Google has kept up agreements covering more than 200 outlets. But the risk remains that without strong laws, tech companies could stop paying any time, leaving local papers, and the communities they serve, worse off.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has ruled out backing down during trade talks, and Assistant Treasurer Daniel Mulino says the new law is still a “key priority” for the government.

Under the plan, any platform that refuses to pay would face a new charge worth hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Those that strike fair deals with local publishers can offset that charge, giving them a clear incentive to support trusted local news instead of fighting it.

Former Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) chair Rod Sims says Australia must stand by its own laws, describing this as vital for a healthy democracy. That is especially true in towns like ours, where local papers are often the only connection people have to independent information about what is really happening in their own backyard.

Local papers like the Alexandra Standard have a responsibility not just to exist, but to earn and keep trust. We do this by being present in the community, asking tough questions, celebrating local wins, telling uncomfortable truths and giving people a place to feel heard.

As the government prepares to release its long-awaited consultation paper, local publishers will be watching closely. Because when it comes to holding Big Tech accountable, this fight is about more than just billion-dollar companies or trade deals. It is about whether our region keeps its local stories, its local voice and its local trust.



# KID'S PUZZLES

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### Words starting with "M"

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## Math Square

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The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.  
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## Jokes

**Q:** My dog ate a bunch of scabble tiles, I took him to the vet to be examined.

**A:** Still no word yet.

**Q:** Why was the picture sent to jail?

**A:** It was framed

# Bird flu update

TO date Victoria has a strong track record in containing H7N8 avian influenza, with no new cases since February 2025, this major milestone is safeguarding the state's world-class poultry industry.

Victoria's agricultural industry is backed by a \$36.7 million *Victorian Budget 2025/26* investment which included \$20 million to make sure the state is well prepared to respond to biosecurity threats and emergency diseases now and into the future, including avian influenza.

This funding helped to bolster Agriculture Victoria's capacity to respond to the avian influenza outbreak, this includes training staff to build up their capability to respond to the outbreak and investing in equipment to make sure staff have the right tools for the job.

On Friday, June 13, quarantine was revoked on the four infected properties near Euroa and the control order surrounding the area was lifted.

As part of the response staff collected 20,600 samples to test for the virus and issued more than 2100 permits that had to be meticulously assessed to allow poultry and other materials to continue to move safely around the state.

The owners of 350 properties in the surrounding region played a vital role in the response by following strict quarantine and movement requirements for their poultry, helping to stop the outbreak from spreading further.

Agriculture Victoria led a coordinated response, working closely with the poultry industry and community to contain the outbreak.

Community and industry support, hard work and cooperation, are key to helping to maintain an effective outbreak response to this high pathogenicity H7 strain of the avian influenza virus.

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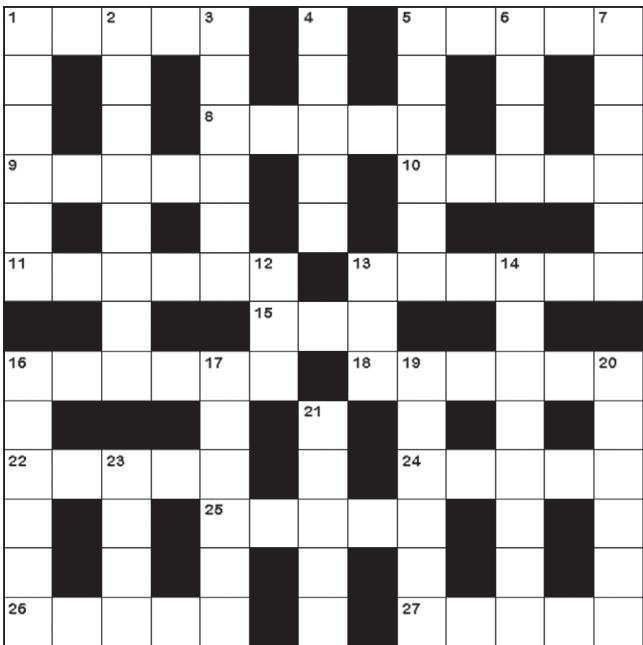
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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. A steel tower supporting high-tension wires.
- 5. A measure of the weight of precious stones.
- 8. Assess or estimate the worth of something.
- 9. A large moving mass of animals.
- 10. Clothing suitable for formal occasions.
- 11. Coil around in a continuous series of loops.
- 13. A sculptured figure of a human or animal.
- 15. Have an obligation to pay a debt.
- 16. Requiring immediate action or attention.
- 18. A jerky pulling movement.
- 22. Competed in a speed contest.
- 24. An evil supernatural being.
- 25. Handwear that covers the hand and wrist.
- 26. The yellow, spherical portions of eggs.
- 27. A legal document of ownership.



DOWN

- 1. A style that arouses sorrow and sympathy.
- 2. Gaining skills and knowledge.
- 3. Prayers said on nine consecutive days.

- 4. A ballroom dance in triple time.
- 5. The positive balance in a bank account.
- 6. Very common and widespread.
- 7. To disarrange or rumple.
- 12. A parcel of land with fixed boundaries.
- 13. Repair with a needle and thread.
- 14. A rundown apartment building.
- 16. Lacking in restraint or discipline.
- 17. Pushes someone gently.
- 19. Small gnawing, furry animals.
- 20. Deal with a situation competently.
- 21. A solemn pledge of faithfulness.
- 23. A room where a prisoner is kept.

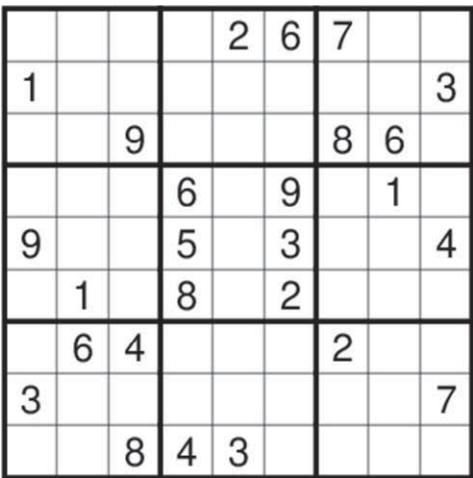
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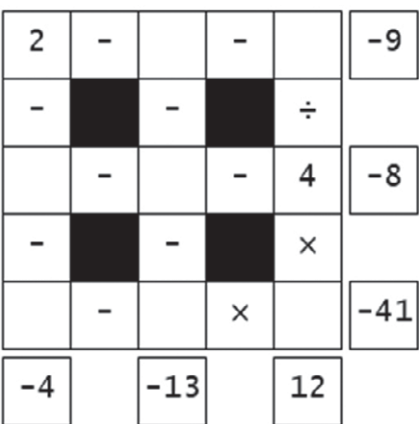
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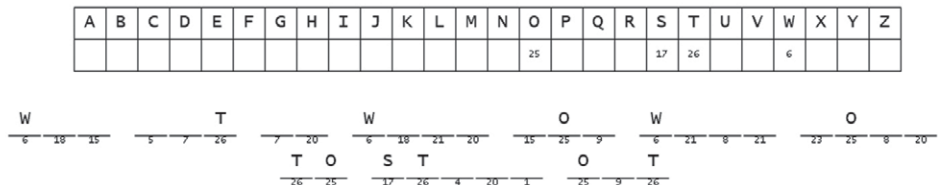
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Livestock handling workshop at Yea Saleyards

THE Victorian Farmer's Federation (VFF) Stock Sense department held a livestock handling workshop last Wednesday at the Yea Saleyards. Around 30 people attended the workshop, which ran from 9.30am to 2pm and included lunch and tea and several guest speakers. Stockyard design specialist Mark Bennett opened the event, speaking about how to design yards for best practice with stock handling. FarmSafe keynote speaker Dom Thurbon spoke about farm safety from the perspective of behaviour and science, and Jack Briscoe did a low stress livestock handling demonstration in the saleyards.

Participants asked insightful questions and shared their own experiences along the way, leading to strong engagement and a like-minded community conversation. The workshop was funded by the *Cattle and Sheep and Goats Compensation Fund* and was aimed to help livestock producers maintain and improve their animal health and welfare. Stock Sense reported that they received great feedback from participants. For future Stock Sense events, visit the VFF Stock Sense Facebook events page or visit their website at [vff.org.au/stocksense](http://vff.org.au/stocksense)



Those attending listened intently to the presentations on farm safety from Dom Thurbon. -BD



Jack Briscoe gave a livestock handling demonstration during the workshop. -S



# The Farmer's Ag News

## Local farmer receives cattle experience in New Zealand

by Bailey Dixon

MURRINDINDI local Oscar Lawson was recently announced as the 2025 recipient of the Trans Tasman Exchange through Angus Australia.

The program provides him with the opportunity to visit New Zealand and gain exposure to their cattle industry, broadening his experience in the field.

Oscar, who grew up in Murrindindi on his parent's farm, Paringa Livestock, said the program was an exciting opportunity for him as he looks towards working in the industry.

"I was somewhat surprised. I have been looking for an opportunity like this to leverage my career forward post-university, both internationally and domestically. I was shocked but very grateful to receive it," Oscar said.

"It's going to really help my involvement in the breed and the feedstock industry as well. Help me get my foot in doors once I graduate university."

Oscar is currently studying a Bachelor of Agriculture in business at Marcus Eltham College, a three-year course focussing on financial and productivity metrics in line

with human resource management as well.

Oscar spoke to his studies, as well as prior experience in the Australian cattle industry.

"We visit farms for our case studies, and we try to unpack those metrics and apply them in a systematic process to understand what's driving different returns and how we can improve operationally to get the best returns per hectare," Oscar said.

"I had two years out of school working extensively in the Northern Territory and into

Western Australia for Australian Agricultural Company and Teys Australia Charlton Feedlot. And this was along with working in the family business, in order to get some operational experience.

"Through Marcus [Eltham College] I've been able to leverage my knowledge of actually applying management and realising how important management is in a lot of ways. Farm managers have a huge role in the next 50 years, showing that correct management is the solution."

"Within that seedstock industry, having that influence in genetics is massive. It's still underestimated, the power of genetics in feed conversion. The impact that has on methane emissions is massive, and finishing cattle earlier, at a younger age."

The scholarship program gives him a mix of structured visits and personal opportunities, Oscar explained.

"It's a mix of structured visits and industry meetings and workshops, and then I've got the opportunity to also plan my own way, plan my visits," Oscar said.

"It's more an opportunity to visit a number of different systems over there, whether it is grass or grain-based systems, genetics or commercial, finishing systems; it's going to be a great opportunity to get my foot in the door and see some amazing business systems over there.

"Their [New Zealand's] system is so much different to ours, in terms of accessing commodities and running cattle, it's done a lot differently."

He has already lined up visits with Cleardale Station, Twin Oaks, Te Mania and Rissington Cattle Company while he is overseas.

"All three of them are bull producers with a big focus on

natural capital grazing and have similar breeding objectives in maximising returns per hectare, dollars per hectare and kilograms of liveweight production per hectare. They are the biggest profit drivers in any livestock production system," Oscar said.

The Angus Australia scholarship program will help with his career aspiration to become a livestock manager.

"Obviously networking and meeting like-minded producers, I'm hoping that it will leverage my career and finding employment where I can maximise my farm involvement with any business," Oscar said.

"I'd like to thank Nancy Crawshaw from Angus Australia for organising this ongoing and amazing opportunity, and I look forward to my involvement within the breed in the future."

Oscar's adventures in New Zealand will be documented and made available on the Angus Australia website once the program ends. More information about the opportunities for leadership and growth in young people can also be found on the Angus Australia website.



Oscar Lawson working on the farm. -S

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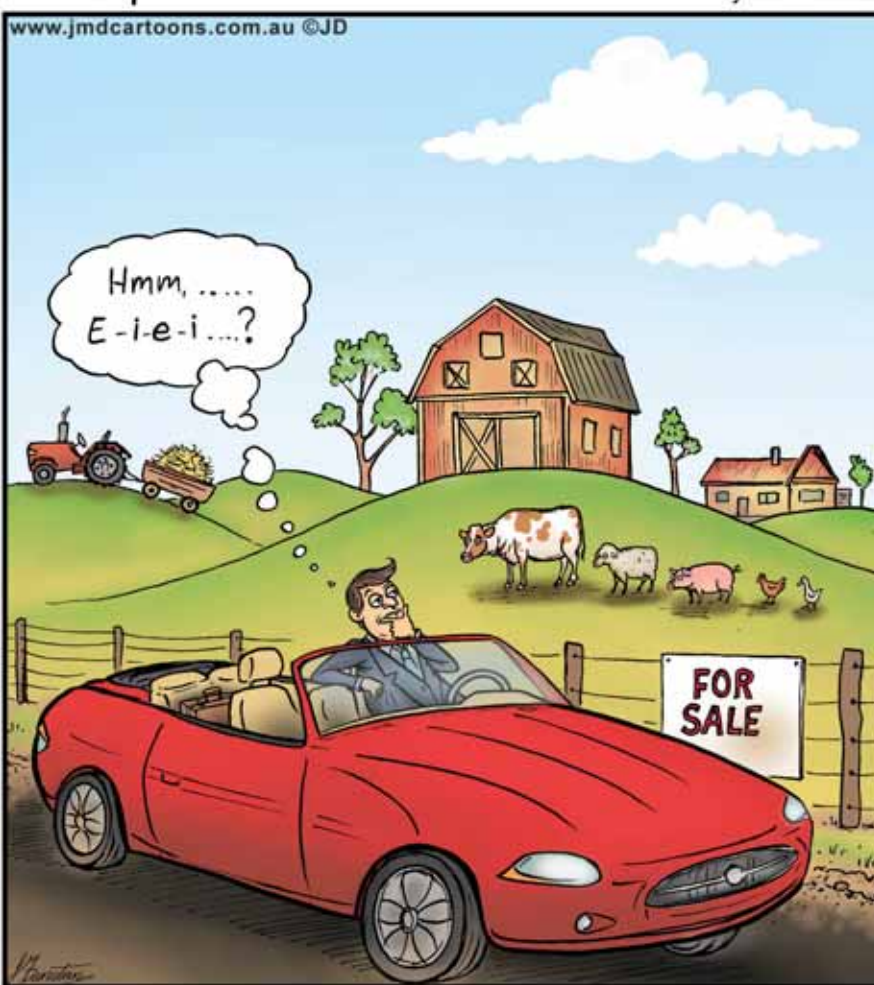


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## TLaWC monitoring dwindling numbers of bogong moths

MATT Shanks from the Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLaWC) spoke recently with David Marr on ABC Radio National about their work investigating the dwindling numbers of bogong moth, or deberra in native language.

TLaWC are working with the University of Melbourne to undertake this task, given the cultural significance of bogong moths to the Taungurung people.

“They mean so many things. They were a source of food, I guess first and foremost, in that spring and summer season, to fatten us up to get through to winter. That migration of bogong moths is an indicator for seasonal change for our ceremonial and other obligations to Country,” Matt Shanks told ABC Radio National.

“It indicates a time to meet with other nations in these areas where bogong moths could be found in the summer periods for trade, for marriage, for dispute resolution, for ceremony and law. They’re a trigger for a whole bunch of things, and they serve a whole bunch of purposes for the Taungurung and for other nations in and around the alps.”

Bogong moths provide food for animals, birds and people, including the Mountain pygmy-possum, which the TLaWC has also been monitoring.

“We’ve supported research in collaboration with our monitoring for bogong moths and Mountain pygmy-possums for parts of the alpine country. Just that energy transfer [of possums eating moths] provides energy and food for plants and feeds our soils and travels down into our waterways. It’s an incredibly important resource and cultural indicator as well,” Matt said.

Asked whether they just disappeared overnight or if there were signs, Matt replied that they’ve been noticing strange behaviour for a while.

“There’s been fluctuations for some time with different kinds of disturbances, but it’s exactly those kinds of questions that we are collaborating with partners to start to try and answer, because it has unfortunately been a lack of data that has meant a lack of action to support deberra,” Matt said.

“When you consider different land uses, there are considerations in and around light pollution and the changing climate. There’s a really specific temperature range that they look for that time of year when they estivate in the high country, and it’s changing.

“We’ve been involved in monitoring since the 2021-22 season, and before that we were heavily involved in monitoring for Mountain pygmy-possum and we started to notice some trends because pygmy possum’s food source wasn’t as prevalent then. It was through that project that our connections to the current research occurred.”

Matt also spoke about the factors required for bogong moths to breed in Victoria, given they are born in Queensland, migrate south to the Victorian high country to breed, and then migrate back.

“They navigate through observation of the Milky Way, so light and using Earth’s magnetic field, and they’re able to pinpoint quite small when you think of it in the grand scheme of things, elevation profiles that they require, which are upwards of 1500 metres. There’s not that many peaks that high in the high country that have the caves and the crags that offer the protection they require,” Matt said.

“We’ve worked with local landholders and catchment management authorities to come across a grinding stone in the Central Highlands of Yea, which only gets up to an elevation of 600 or 700 metres at the highest point. There’s lots of granite, so lots of candidate places for the bogong moth to be in the right time.

“These grinding stones, we have them analysed for bogong moth residue, so that tells us one of two things. Either we’re carrying this huge stone up to the high country to grind moths, or moths are much closer to that source. That’s telling us that moths at different times and in different climate conditions, are obviously lower,” he concluded.





A further CCTV image from the same evening at Keppel Cafe. -S

## Business break-ins reported

POLICE are investigating a series of break-ins at businesses in Murrindindi Shire across recent days.

In the early hours of Thursday, July 10, a break-in occurred at a business in Kinglake. On the evening of Sunday, July 13, two businesses in Marysville were also burgled.

If you have any information, please contact the police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you see something, say something.



Police are keen to speak to the individual seen in this CCTV footage. -S



The damage behind the counter at Keppel Cafe. -S

## The original Molesworth: Army lieutenant or British Member of Parliament?

SOMEWHERE around 1855 both Molesworth and Yea were officially named by government surveyor Thomas W Pinniger, though records of this event are scarce.

There are two possible options for where the name Molesworth came from, with both options being based around historical figures.

The first option is that Molesworth was named after Sir William Molesworth (1810-1855), a British Member of Parliament and colonial secretary.

Sir William Molesworth was the Chairman of the Transportation Committee that recommended the transportation of convicts to New South Wales be abolished.

The second, perhaps more viable option, is that the town was named after Lieutenant

James Molesworth of the 7th Royal Fusiliers, who died in Crimea during the Crimean War.

The 7th Royal Fusiliers were an infantry unit led by Colonel Thomas Lacey Walter Yea, after whom the township of Yea is named.

An article in *The Sydney Morning Herald* from December 14, 1854, places the 7th Royal Fusiliers in Crimea.

"Meantime the English boats were nearing the shore, not in the order of the programme, but in irregular groups; a company of a regiment of the Light Division, the 7th Fusiliers, under Lieutenant-Colonel Yea, I think, landed first on the beach to the left of the cliffs," the article reads.

A later article in *The Argus* from September 1855, tells of the Battle of the Great Redan,

during which Colonel Yea was killed (and possibly Lieutenant Molesworth, under his command).

"Officers killed in the attack on the Redan. Major-General Sir Robert Campbell, who had the left attack, and Colonel Shadforth, who commanded the storming party under his direction, were both killed. There was also killed Colonel Yea, of the Royal Fusiliers, who had the right column," the article reads.

The Surveyor General of Victoria at the time that both Yea and Molesworth were named was Andrew Clarke, who had served in Colonel Yea's regiment of the 7th Royal Fusiliers. Given that Clarke potentially guided the township of Yea to be named after Colonel Yea, it seems likely that he guided the township of Molesworth to be named after Lieutenant Molesworth.

The Victorian Government's Department of Transport and Planning website, VICNAMES, lists both theories under historical information regarding the town of Molesworth.

"Named in 1855 by government surveyor Thomas W. Pinniger, either after Sir William Molesworth (1810-55), British M.P. and colonial secretary (1855), or after Lieutenant James Molesworth (died Malta, 1854) of the 7th Royal Fusiliers – Colonel Yea's regiment (see also Yea)," the website reads.

Records of the reason behind the name Molesworth, if they do exist, are virtually impossible to locate, and we are left simply with interesting possible theories about the origin.

## SPORT

### A shot gun start for the Stableford round

by Lesley Rundle

LAST Saturday in fine conditions all golfers played 'stableford with a twist'. Each player played a stableford round and kept a note of points gained. After play players were put into random pairs and the two scores were totalled and the pair with the most points won the competition. The winning pair was Drew Kaempkes (15) with 37 points and Keith Atwell (16) with 28 points, a total of 65 points. They won on a countback from Steve Berry (11) with 29 points and Adam Littlejohn (22) with 36 points. A shotgun start meant that all players returned to the clubhouse at the same time for the draw and the presentation. The nearest the pins were won by Andrew O'Shea on the fourth, Drew Kaempkes on the 11th, Gail Leigh on the ninth for a birdie and David Douthwaite on the 18th

who also won the golden shot. Next Saturday the men will play the third round of the Par Shield and the ladies will play stableford

As many members and friends of the club as possible are asked to assist with the working bee on Wednesday, August 6. There are a number of jobs to complete and many hands make light work. Please let Steve Coker or Peter Lilley know if you are able to assist.

The club thank and acknowledge the Murrindindi Shire Council for their grant and support towards the 008/2024 project. Thanks also to the many organisations and supporters who assisted the club with the ongoing recovery thus enabling the club to continue to prepare and present the course for all members, visitors and the community to enjoy. The support is very much appreciated.

### Low numbers for Alexandra golf games

by Dave Silverman

ONCE again, it was a week in which the course was not asked to defend itself against any serious challengers on Tuesday, with only four people turning up, and the minimum requirement for a competition is six. The four played a social nine, then the rain came, and home we went.

The story was even more stark on Wednesday, with the ladies deciding, almost with a hive mind, that coffee and cake in Grant Street was the better option.

Even on Saturday, it was by no means a certainty that enough players would register to play, and in the end, it was a field of eight that played a Stableford

round in what turned out to be quite mild conditions.

Naturally, the recent rains have made it a very different course, with very little run left in the fairways, meaning that the game has to be adjusted accordingly.

One player that didn't seem to have any trouble making those adjustments was John Steer, who had a real day out. He won the day with 39 points and picked up nearest the pins on two and 18. Todd Galloway came in second, seven points behind Steer on 32, and with the nearest the pin on seven. Simon Rouget was third on 31, and the only other nearest the pin to be claimed went to Trevor Biffin on 12.

### Cooler weather doesn't deter Stableford round

by Puttomatic

ELEVEN players made it to Eildon last weekend to contest a Stableford round in cool conditions. Ken Collier took out first place honours with 34 points and just one clear of Phil Dally who finished with 33. Next in with 31 were both Colin Long and Peter McNair securing the ball run.

Nearest the pins were hard to come by with only one of the five on offer being achieved. Well done to Ken Collier who was successful on the 14th and went on to birdie the hole.

In his return from some time out from the game, Kerry Power was successful with a birdie on the 15th while the eighth went unclaimed. Colin Long claimed the entry draw prize with Don Reid snaring the swindle.

A big thank you to Sandi and Michael McLear for providing afternoon tea with some great sandwiches for after the game.

Until next week, take care and happy hitting.



SPORT

# Clean sweep for the Alexandra Football Netball Club

Report on page 15 of this edition.



B Grade player Chloe Wales with her eye on the prize. -S



C Grade player Lauren Benson. -S



A Grade player Jorja Gesler running through the banner for her 100th game. -S



Under 17 player Milly Wales focused in the match. -S

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POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	PTS
1	Buxton Hotel	11	10	1	40
2	Panthers	11	9	2	36
3	Kill Bills	11	9	2	36
4	Arrowsmiths	11	7	4	28
5	Alex Bowls Club	11	6	5	24
6	Bucky Pub	11	5	6	20
7	Beer, Bulls & Boobs	11	3	8	12
8	On Point 26ers	11	3	8	12
9	On Pointers	11	3	8	12
10	Dart Vaders	11	0	11	0

RESULTS

ON POINT 26ERS def KILLBILLS 7-4  
BUXTON HOTEL def BULLS, BEERS & BOOBS 9-2  
ARROWSMITHS def DART VADERS 10-1  
BUCKY PUB def ALEX BOWLS 6-5  
PANTHERS def ON POINTERS 7-4

TONS

K. Davies – 114, J. Masters – 100, 125, 100, B. Arnott – 100, 100, 100, 100, W. Nelson – 100, 121, P. Dalley – 100, 100  
P. Collyer – 100, C. Parker – 100, 100, B. Ettridge – 100, 121, 100, C. Sherman – 101, G. Gilmore – 100, 100, 100, C. Hutchings – 100, A. Hutt – 105, 100, 100, G. Elder – 125, S. White – 140, 100, 100, 140, A. Bull – 100, Z. Kilroy – 121, 100, 140, 140, 180, R. Welsh – 100, 100, 100, 100, 135, 100, 100, 100, D. Kilroy – 125, 100, 100, 100, J. Billman – 140, 118, T. Crispen – 100, 121, 140, 140, 100, 100, 125, 108, C. Turner – 100, 100, 110, L. Clequin – 100, 140, 100, M. Read – 114, 171, M. Robinson – 115, 100, 140, 140, 128, 140, 100, 140, 125, 180, 135, D. Withoos – 100, 125, 121, M. Jenkins – 140, 100, 100, 100, 140, M. Edwards – 100, 140, L. Ronalds – 118, V. Hodgson – 124, 105, S. Ritchie – 100, 100, 140, 100, L. Turnbull – 100, 100, 100, R. McCullum – 100, 100

HIGHEST PEG – Terran Crispen 108  
180'S – Mark Robinson, Zane Kilroy

<div>Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders</div>					
Football – Reserves			Netball – A Grade		
	Percentage	Wins		Percentage	Wins
Seville	438.85	11	Seville	204.22	11
Pakenham	351.21	11	Warburton Millgrove	199.71	10
Warburton Millgrove	161.30	7	Pakenham	238.22	10
Alexandra	115.86	7	Yarra Glen	127.22	8
Belgrave	189.09	6	Yarra Junction	93.18	6
Yea	109.29	5	Alexandra	72.77	4
Powelltown	33.65	3	Belgrave	55.88	2
Yarra Glen	24.98	1	Powelltown	34.48	1
Yarra Junction	17.88	1	Yea	54.11	0
Football – Seniors			Netball – B Grade		
Warburton Millgrove	232.58	9	Seville	298.53	12
Pakenham	212.65	10	Pakenham	269.23	11
Seville	160.19	9	Warburton Millgrove	140.55	8
Alexandra	119.06	6	Yarra Glen	109.50	8
Yarra Glen	98.49	6	Yarra Junction	74.11	5
Belgrave	99.35	6	Belgrave	73.44	4
Yea	94.38	3	Yea	62.54	2
Powelltown	44.54	2	Alexandra	50.16	2
Yarra Junction	27.17	0	Powelltown	42.21	0
Football – Senior Women			Netball – C Grade		
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	11	Seville	285.27	12
Wandin	81.81	9	Pakenham	227.11	11
Emerald	62.50	7	Warburton Millgrove	164.86	8
Yea	45.45	5	Yarra Glen	94.01	6
Thornton Eildon	40.90	4	Yarra Junction	87.98	5
Officer	9.09	1	Alexandra	78.52	4
Seville	9.09	1	Belgrave	67.70	4
Netball – 17 and under			Yea	45.74	1
Seville	431.15	11	Powelltown	33.77	0
Pakenham Lions Gold	232.56	10	Netball – D Grade		
Warburton Millgrove	87.96	5	Seville	328.10	11
Alexandra	42.90	3	Pakenham	307.24	11
Pakenham Lions Maroon	49.30	2	Warburton Millgrove	187.98	9
Powelltown	42.32	1	Alexandra	69.10	5
Football – Under 18			Yarra Glen	79.82	4
Pakenham	1169.67	11	Belgrave	60.78	4
Seville	414.81	9	Yea	52.98	3
Warburton Millgrove	36.24	4	Yarra Junction	59.83	2
Yarra Glen	42.26	3	Powelltown	30.12	0
Alexandra	36.87	3			
Yea	33.25	2			



## SPORT

# Clean sweep for the Alexandra Football Netball Club

by Wayne Miller

ALEXANDRA Rebels Seniors and Reserves recorded big wins against Powelltown to further enhance their finals aspirations.

## Football Reserves Alexandra 13.12-90 defeated Powelltown 1.4-10

THE Rebels continued their excellent recent form with a resounding win over Powelltown, their attack on the ball in a real team effort was evident from the opening bounce to the final siren.

The inclusion of Bart Wallace into the side in recent weeks was again a highlight with another dominant display this time playing

at full forward taking countless marks and finishing with seven goals.

The defence led by Scott Heveren and Lachie Collard continually turned the Rebels from defence into attack.

The midfield with Jake Steyger continuing his dominance in the ruck getting the ball to a powerful running group in Harry Correa, Tom Halligan, Connor Heaslip and Toby Ward was evidence of what this team can achieve in the run to the finals.

Brandon Kapakoulakis with another outstanding game is the architect of the team with his experience and skill winning countless possessions.

The crowd roared when popular captain Michael Coombs kicked two late goals in his 150th game to cap off a great game.

With more inclusions in the following weeks the boys are forming a formidable squad to pick from.

Awards: NP on the Run, Michael Coombs; Future Fit Finance, Bart Wallace; Alexandra Hotel, Harry Correa; Buxton Hotel, Connor Heaslip.

## Seniors Alexandra 24.11-155 defeated Powelltown 6.3-39

THE seniors took to the field with Nick Meehan, Josh Edwards, Jonathon Grimwade, Thomas Massey and William Goyder either injured or unavailable from the previous week, replaced by Harry Prendergast, Nathan Georgiades, Stephen Steiner and under 18 players Luke Wal and Josh Crane.

In a brilliant display the Rebels dominated every facet of every minute of the game.

Scoring 11 goals in the second quarter, a feat rarely achieved in any game of football with the opposition failing to trouble the scoreboard was champagne football.

The defence led by Tom Boots and Harry Aikman was impassable, the midfield of Lachlan Nankervis, Mitch Parker and Ryan Lucas and a forward line with Wil Stewart (six goals) supported by Ted Watkins and Luke Spence with three goals each stood out in an even team resulting in a 116-point win.

Awards: Kervall Incentive, Lachlan Nankervis; O'Briens Real Estate, Luke Spence; Alexandra Hotel, Ben Jack; Buxton Hotel, Ryan Lucas.

This week Alexandra play Yarra Glen at Yarra Glen who defeated them at Rebel Park earlier this season, with both teams needing to win to continue their campaign to become serious finals contenders.

## Under 18 Alexandra 6.9-45 defeated Yarra Glen 3.5-23

Awards: Bowns Incentive, Jake Marchetti-Gleeson; GWS Award, Toby Lucas; AFNC Club Voucher, Ash Dean; Coaches Award, Jamie Shawcross.

## Netball A Grade Alexandra 75 defeated Powelltown 38

Incentive Award, Caitlan Haggis; Corner Hotel Award, Jorja Gesler.

## B Grade Alexandra 53 defeated Powelltown 51

Incentive Award, Emily Irwin; Corner Hotel Award, Regan O'Toole.

## C Grade Alexandra 50 defeated Powelltown 10

Alexandra Hotel Award, Caeley Palmer; Corner Hotel Award, Lauren Benson.

## D Grade Alexandra 35 defeated Powelltown 23

Alexandra Hotel Award, Ebonni Coombs; Corner Hotel Award, Emiliiah Del Conte.

## Under 17 Alexandra 20 defeated Powelltown 15

Koala Cherries Award, Chelsea Webb; AFNC Club Voucher, Regan O'Toole.

On Saturday the club also hosted their first Men In Action day with special guest speak former Western Bulldogs player Tom Boyd. Tom spoke at half time about his life as a professional footballer and also his work as a mental health advocate.

This event was well supported by locals and the club thank everyone that attended. Thank you to the volunteers who helped run the day in Roxanne, Simon, Ben, Himali, Brent and Katherine and everyone else that chipped in.

The club's next upcoming major event will be the Ladies Day which will be held on Saturday, August 2 when the club take on Yarra Junction at home. Tickets are available now through TryBooking.



Seniors players Ed Aujard. -S



Reserves player Michael Coombs celebrating his 150th game. -S



Seniors player Mitch Parker taking a mark. -S



Reserves player Scott Heveren not letting the football out of his hands. -S



Tom Boyd with the group from the function. -S



Auction winner of the signed Jersey Brent McDonald with Tom Boyd. -S



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The Thornton Eildon women's football team resplendent in their new First Nations uniforms. -S

## First Nations Round for Thornton/Eildon footballers

by Scott Whitehead

**Thornton/Eildon 3.4-22  
defeated by Yea 6.7-43**

IN women's football last week Thornton/Eildon hosted Yea for the First Nations Round

with the home team proudly wearing their new indigenous jumpers that were designed in co-operation with local artist Sammy Trist.

The jumpers representing the local rivers, spirits and a proud representation of community. Prior to the game players

and supporters from both teams gathered to hear from Aunty Aurore of the Taungurung people. She spoke of her proud indigenous heritage, the importance of the land the team gathered on and the meaning of the smoking ceremony that both teams participated in.

At the first bounce it was clear that the game was to be played out in a fierce but fair battle with both teams desperately needing the win to keep their finals hopes alive. In what would be a high scoring first quarter it was Yea who would kick the first goal, but Thornton/Eildon's Kristy Pearce returned fire with a goal of her own. However, it was Yea who had the ascendancy and headed into the first break with a 13-point lead.

In the second quarter the contest evened out with the ball rebounding from backline to backline. Bechet Cousens at full back defended as though her life depended on it while Mia Supple, Xalia Sutton Stevenson and Caroline Fulton continued to work tirelessly to support Bechet. Jade Mewburn was switched into the midfield with immediate results kicking Thornton's only goal for the quarter while Yea themselves could also only manage one goal for the quarter.

With the margin now 15 points in favour of Yea, the away team was seemingly in control, but Thornton/Eildon was not yet done. Lucy McRae and Anna Pitt continued to impact each contest which saw the ball enter deep into the home team's forward line finding Lilah Weaver-Galbraith 10 metres in the clear resulting in her first goal in football. Yea however had a slight advantage scoring a major late, again outscoring Thornton/

Eildon to take a handy 21-point lead at three quarter time.

With belief learned from the previous game against Yea a fortnight earlier where Thornton/Eildon came from three goals down to take the lead in the last quarter only to be beaten in the final moments, the final quarter was set to be an encounter that would entertain the supporters that had gathered from both teams.

As the battle intensified and with the ball moving from end to end it was Yea's early scoring opportunities that would see them take victory by 23 points with both teams only scoring singular points for the quarter.

Later that evening a knowledgeable crowd gathered and were entertained by Music Trivia with this year's winning team of the Heards and Fitzpatricks pipping back to back winners the Whiteheads by a couple of points.

Goals: Kristy Pearce, Lilah Weaver-Galbraith and Jade Mewburn, one each.

Awards: Molesworth Hotel and General store, Bechet Cousens; Café Alex, Mia Supple; Murrindindi Aged and Home care, Anna Pitt; Snobs Creek Holiday Park, Kristy Pearce.

Next week Thornton/Eildon head into the bye and have the week off before the remaining two games of the season.

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

## THORNTON EILDON

ARTIST: SAMMY TRIST



**DESIGN INSPIRATION:**

Our design was created with women, community and empowerment in mind, while still embracing our local taungurung landscapes and fauna, we have symbols representative of the local Goulburn and rubicon rivers. The 5 lines representing the Kulin nation, (community strength together), women with Coolamon and digging sticks representing strength, resilience and knowledge. As well as the diamond in the middle represents the ancestors- bundjil the wedge tail eagle the creator spirit and waa the crow the protector spirit.

A breakdown of the new First Nations uniforms for Thornton Eildon. -S