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Peppers Marysville was awarded the prestigious title of Regional Accommodation of the Year at the 2025 Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence last week. More on page three of this edition. Pictures are staff from Peppers Marysville at the awards. -S

Council approves Eildon Key Worker Housing project

MURRINDINDI Shire Council conducted a special meeting on Wednesday, August 13, to discuss the Eildon Key Worker Housing project. Cr Carpenter was on planned leave.

Cr Carr said that she was not declaring a conflict of interest, but would like it noted that she has an interest in items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 5.1 on the agenda. She stated that she was a community member on the deliberative panel, and knows most of the submission-makers, both for and against.

In Open Forum, Cleveland Aitken spoke against the Eildon Key Worker Housing project, the development of land and dwellings. He lives next to the site. He said that council named him as being in support of the project, at the initial decision, when he is in fact "completely opposed" to the later iteration. He asked that council delay the decision for independent input into the decision, and noted council's advertising error at the site. He asked council to contact the minister and to say that there are objections. He said, "Are you going to address these shortcuts or is this common?" Mayor Gallagher said that he has provided information

which will be posed to council officers later in the evening.

Mike Dalmau, president of the Lake Eildon Houseboat Industry Association (LEHIA), spoke on the same project during Open Forum. He said LEHIA strongly supports the Eildon Key Worker Housing project due to the lack of housing stock, the age of the homes in the area and the proportion of non-residential owners. The primary school currently has less than 20 students. He suggested that council and local groups put together a welcome kit for new residents.

Cr Lording asked how many people would be hired by LEHIA members and the rough timing. Mr Dalmau responded that "you can't put the cart before the horse... but we believe that there will be significant demand coming up."

Charlotte Bisset, CEO of Outdoor Education Group (OEG), spoke in support of the project. OEG has 71 employees who live in Murrindindi Shire and 111 who travel to Eildon regularly as their work base. The organisation spends just under \$1 million annually, in the shire including fuel and food. She said that affordable accommodation was an ongoing barrier for attracting staff to the area.

Eildon Key Worker Housing project

Background, process and council's role

The report, presented by Cr McAulay, provides an overview of the history of the project, strategic alignment and decision-making process. The officer recommendation was that "council note the information in this report, including the timeline decisions leading to the development of 10 Eighth Street and 18 Twenty-first Street, Eildon, for key worker housing."

Ben Harnwell said that under the planning act, council is responsible for all planning decisions in the shire, including council's own planning applications. The Eildon Key Worker Housing project, an external town planner was engaged to develop and submit the applications. This was done by a team separate to the planning team and was assessed according to the planning scheme.

Cr Hildebrand asked about the businesses showing interest in the project, and Mr Harnwell said that there are conversations underway.

Questioned by Cr McAulay, the officer said that the covenants were removed and land re-zoned on March

24 at both sites under ministerial delegation. They followed up on July 25 and sought additional legal advice to ensure that everything was done correctly. The report found that the minister followed due process and excluded herself.

Mr Harnwell said, "The community had agreed to use this land to fund the reserves. It's just a slight pivot on instead of us selling it, we're actually creating an ongoing income stream that will repay council back for the cost of the reserves." He said that no individuals were mentioned as a result of the community consultation. He also stated that if there is low demand, the units could go on the open rental market, but they are not fit for social housing. He said that the buildings will be high quality and built to last.

Councillors voted to note the report.

Planning Application - 18 Twenty First Street, Eildon

This land is general residential zoned and not impacted by any overlays. The planning application is for the development of land for six dwellings and a six-lot subdivision.

Five objections and one submission of support were received

by council. The objections relate to the loss of open space, traffic impacts and car parking.

It was considered that the application is consistent with Murrindindi's Planning Scheme. The work of council officers was acknowledged by the councillors.

Council voted unanimously to issue a notice of decision to grant a permit, with 37 conditions outlined in the application.

Planning Application - 10 Eighth Street, Eildon

This application is for the development of land for eight dwellings, an eight-lot subdivision, and removal of native vegetation.

Twelve objections were received, along with two submissions of support. The objections raised "issues in relation to amenity, loss of public open space, traffic, noise, and questioned the demand for such a development."

In both cases, it was noted that the dwellings are prefabricated rather than transportable.

Council voted unanimously to issue a notice of decision to grant a permit, with 40 conditions outlined in the application.

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Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

THE club's weekly activities began with two tables of bridge on Wednesday afternoon. On Friday, members welcomed Gai and Phil Smith, former president and secretary visiting from their home in the north of the state and

enjoyed the catch up over refreshments.

Arrangements for *Morning Melodies* in Lilydale on Wednesday, September 3 are in place and there are still a couple of places at the table. Treasurer Dave had everyone in stitches with his jokes and the chocolate

winners were Ian (again), Jeanette and yours truly.

After the refreshments members adjourned to the usual games of 500 and UNO. If the club's activities sound interesting why not come along and join in on a Friday afternoon. Meanwhile, stay safe and keep smiling.

THUMBS UP
THUMBS DOWN

THUMBS UP:

To the person who put up the big pot hole ahead sign on the roadside to Alexandra, just past the turf farm. You are gold. Your care and concern for other motorists is appreciated. May you have years and years of safe motoring. Toot toot.

THUMBS UP:

To the civic minded person who erected a warning notice and circled the 'craters' on the Goulburn Valley Highway between Thornton and Alexandra. It got some belated attention.

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Steve Lynch captured this beautiful sunrise over Alexandra on Friday, August 15, with attendees at the Man Walk enjoying the view. -Steve Lynch

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WEEKLY

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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

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

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

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

2nd Tue Alexandra District Garden Society Meeting Ph 5772 2285

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

3rd Wed Alex Lions business meeting, rear RSL hall 0427 595 318

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

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

4th Thu Alexandra Redgate CWA Meeting 1pm, Ph 0402 804 517

Last Fri Carers Group 10am Grant Street Grocer. 0418 402 455

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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.

Weekly Weather

August 20 - August 26, 2025

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra

Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	3	17	Wednesday	2	17
Thursday	7	18	Thursday	7	19
Friday	7	15	Friday	7	15
Saturday	4	16	Saturday	5	16
Sunday	3	14	Sunday	3	15
Monday	8	14	Monday	9	14
Tuesday	5	13	Tuesday	5	13

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon (TW)	9.00am Mon	0.62	steady	Below Flood Level
Rubicon River at Rubicon	9.00am Mon	0.54	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	9.00am Mon	0.62	steady	Below Flood Level
Home Creek at Yarck	9.50am Mon	0.20	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	7.23am Mon	0.73	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	9.00am Mon	0.30	steady	
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	9.00am Mon	0.78	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	9.00am Mon	4.13	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	9.00am Mon	0.54	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	9.00am Mon	1.95	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	9.00am Mon	0.31	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	9.00am Mon	2.16	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	9.00am Mon	1.18	steady	

*ISSUED AT 10:09 AM AEST MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra	8mm
Buxton.....	15mm
Eildon (AWS).....	9mm
Flowerdale.....	12mm
Jamieson.....	12mm
Kinglake.....	23mm
Lake Eildon.....	8mm
Mansfield.....	11mm
Taggerty	10mm
Yarck	9mm
Yea.....	11mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	275.83m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	56.1%
Metres below full supply.....	13.07m
Daily inflow	2000ML
Release.....	4700ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	70%

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We thank you for your continued support

Alexandra SES volunteers honoured for long service

FROM floods to late-night emergencies, four dedicated Alexandra SES volunteers who have seen it all have been officially recognised with well deserving long service awards.

Peter Elward led the list of recipients, receiving a prestigious 35 year long service medal in honour of his decades-long contribution to local emergency response.

He was joined by Peter McKernan, who was recognised for 15 years of service, and Shannon Mitrow and Nigel Adams, who were both awarded for 10 years of dedicated volunteering.

The awards were formally presented by SES Operations Officer John Newlands, while Alexandra Unit Controller Trevor Evans had the honour of handing out the medals and congratulating each recipient.

"These awards reflect not just time served, but a true sense of duty, professionalism, and heart," Trevor said.

"Peter Elward has been a steadfast member of Alexandra SES, including being in charge of search and rescue and is one of our rescue boat coxswains.

"He has seen a lot over his four decades of volunteering and even does it alongside being a CFA volunteer and former Koriella Brigade Captain."

The Alexandra SES unit, made up entirely of volunteers, plays a critical role in responding to a wide range of emergencies, including storms, floods, road accidents and search and rescue operations. Volunteers undergo continuous training and are on call 24/7.

The Alexandra SES are currently welcoming new volunteers. Those interested in joining or learning more can visit viceses.com.au or visit the Alexandra SES Facebook page.



SES Operations Officer John Newlands, Peter Elward and Alexandra Unit Controller Trevor Evans. -S

Peppers Marysville wins 'Regional Accommodation of the Year'

PEPPERS Marysville has been awarded the prestigious title of Regional Accommodation of the Year at the 2025 Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence, recognised for delivering an outstanding guest experience and maintaining impeccable standards across all aspects of its operations.

Achieving the highest mystery shop score in the category, Peppers Marysville has been applauded for its warm and professional reception service, to immaculate guest rooms, premium facilities, and exceptional food and beverage offerings.

Its guest rooms are sleek, with contemporary décor with plush king-size and twin beds, spacious layouts, and breathtaking views of the Yarra Ranges through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Reception and hospitality is professional, welcoming staff delivering warm, personalised service.

Facilities and amenities offer a luxurious Wellness Spa, outdoor heated pool, fitness centre, sauna, tennis court, and flexible event spaces.

Dining excellence at Andiamo Restaurant and Bar which showcases seasonal, locally sourced produce from the Yarra Valley and High Country, with Italian-inspired dishes paired with regional wines in a relaxed, rustic setting.

Scenic locale and tranquility, nestled in Marysville's heart, just 90 minutes from Melbourne, surrounded by the Yarra Ranges National Park and serene riverside environments.

Guest experiences align with the judges' praise. Visitors frequently emphasise the resort's serene natural setting, spotless accommodations, and attentive staff. Many highlight the seamless blend of modern comfort and immersive nature-based escapes, reflecting the resort's design ethos of harmony with the landscape.

Peppers Marysville offers an inviting escape for leisure travellers, wedding parties, corporate events, wellness-seekers, and outdoor explorers. With 100 contemporary-styled rooms ranging from superior king and twin rooms to expansive one and two bedroom suites, the resort caters to diverse stays, from solo retreats to full family getaways.

Weddings, hens weekends, conferences, and private gatherings flourish here with dedicated meeting and event spaces that accommodate up to 350 guests, all complemented by tailored catering, scenic backdrops, and flexible offerings.

Telstra upgrade in Marysville

TELSTRA will be upgrading its mobile base station that services Marysville to bring new 5G coverage to the area.

Telstra 5G delivers increased capacity, which means more consistent speeds, smoother streaming and typically faster download times. Delivering 5G to the area will also help boost the area's existing 4G performance.

Mobile services in the area will be temporarily affected while the upgrade works are underway.

Some disruption is required while the upgrade is underway, but Telstra said

they will only be switching off the site when they need to and will have it back online as quickly as possible.

Landline services, NBN internet services, and mobile coverage from other providers will not be impacted. Telstra mobile customers will receive texts advising of the upcoming work.

From Wednesday, August 20 to Friday, August 22 there will be network disruptions with the site restored each evening.

On Saturday, August 23 to Sunday, August 24, the site will be online.

From Monday, August 25 to Friday, August 29, the site will be fully offline.

Telstra customers can continue to make calls and send texts during disruption to mobile services by switching on Wi-Fi Calling. This is a free setting on most popular mobile phones and allows your mobile to make and receive mobile calls while connected to Wi-Fi.

Business owners can talk to their bank about connecting their EFTPOS terminals to their NBN or Wi-Fi connection to prevent delays in processing transactions.

Film, food and conversations this R U OK? Day: Murrindindi Shire Council

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is inviting community members to join a series of free film events in September to mark R U OK? Day, encouraging people to check in, share stories and strengthen connections.

R U OK? Day is a national reminder to ask, "Are you OK?" and listen with care. You do not need to be an expert, just be present and ready to listen. Whether it's a friend, neighbour or someone new, a simple conversation can make a difference.

To bring our community together, council is hosting free film nights in Alexandra, Yea and Kinglake, featuring Australian films that celebrate resilience, connection and the spirit of rural life. Each evening event includes a barbecue and the opportunity to connect over hot drinks and friendly conversation.

Bring the whole family along to *Runt*, based on the Craig Silvey novel about a girl and her dog saving the family farm. It will be screening at the Yea Shire Hall, 27 High Street, Yea on Thursday, September 11 with doors opening at 5pm for a 6pm start.

Runt will also have two screenings at the Alexandra Shire Hall, 55 Grant Street, Alexandra on Friday, September 12. Doors will be opening at 1pm for a 2pm afternoon

screening and 5pm for a barbecue and 6pm screening.

Missed out on the other sessions of *Just a Farmer?* Head along to the Kinglake screening at the Ellimatta Centre at Kinglake Trust Reserve, 94 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake on Thursday, September 18. Doors for this screening will open at 5.30pm with the film starting at 6.30pm. Please be aware this film is rated M and contains themes that may be confronting.

Local community groups, generously donating their time, will prepare the barbecue before each screening, so guests are encouraged to arrive an hour early and enjoy some food and time with neighbours.

Before the film, a local mental health professional will share practical tips for recognising when someone might be struggling, starting a caring conversation and maintaining connection.

After the screening, guests can enjoy a warm drink and a light supper, practise R U OK? conversations and contribute to the Wellbeing Wall by sharing how you care for your mental wellbeing.

While entry is free, RSVPs are essential for catering and safe venue capacity purposes. To

register or to leave your tip on the Wellbeing Wall, visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/RUOK-2025 or call council's Community Engagement unit on 5772 0333.

For more information about health support services, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthservices

If you or someone you know needs immediate support, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Community Wellbeing Portfolio Councillor Jodi Adams, said, "Spending time with friends, family and our wider community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We

are fortunate to live in a place where people genuinely care for and support each other.

"If you are finding things difficult, please remember it is always ok to ask for help. Reaching out and staying connected means you never have to face challenges alone. I look forward to coming together this R U OK? Day to share a movie, connect with one another and celebrate the strength of our community."

The Kinglake event is made possible with support from Goulburn Regional Drought Resilience Plan, and the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

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Council approves Eildon Key Worker Housing project

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Eildon Key Working Housing - awarding of contracts

Tenders closed on May 30 and five tender submissions were received at the close of tender.

It was proposed by council officers that two locations be awarded to different tenderers, with Tenderer A1, Millbuilt Pty Ltd, being awarded the contract for construction at 18 Twenty-first Street and Tenderer B1, JMB Constructions (AUST) Pty Ltd, being awarded the contract for construction at 10 Eighth Street. The names of the tenderers were included in the minutes rather than during the meeting.

Council will take on the civil and ancillary aspects of the development, and these have been removed from the scopes.

Councillors approved the tenders.

Endorsement of Municipal Association of Victoria Motions

Murrindindi Shire Council is a member of the Hume Region Local Government Network, consisting of councils from the northeast of Victoria.

At its recent meeting the network resolved that Strathbogie Shire Council, on behalf of the network, submit four motions for consideration at the upcoming MAV State Council meeting scheduled for October 10.

These motions seek to achieve the following: Measures to improve the financial sustainability of rural councils. Reconsideration of the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund fees and collection method. Drought assistance for the Local Government Areas represented by the network. Reconsideration of fee increases by the State for the mining and quarry sector.

While the exact wording of these motions is yet to be finalised, this report sought council's endorsement of the intent of the motions, and that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated to work with the network councils to finalise the wording.

Council endorsed the motions.

Out & About

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

No bookings required, adults \$10, family for \$25, dogs are free. Event includes market stalls, museum rooms, food trucks and a gift for each dog.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Menzies Support Services Community Meeting from 5pm onwards at 49 Nihil St, Alexandra. They are calling for committee members.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

There will be a public meeting taking place at the Molesworth Public Hall on September 10, starting at 7.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate new committee members for the Committee of Management for the Molesworth Public Hall Reserve.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Community consultation around the Alexandra Community Leisure Centre Plan closes. Feedback around the plan can be submitted via The Loop up until this date.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

The Alexandra Timber Tramway is hosting heritage train rides for both you and your dog on Saturday, August 23, 10am to 3.30pm at 7 Station St Alexandra.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Alexandra Opportunity Shop AGM will be held on Monday, September 8, at 10am in the RSL Hall.

Eildon's monthly PotLuck dinner a success

FOUR months ago, Eildon's most innovative duo took on a challenge, to replicate the success and popularity of Alexandra's monthly PotLuck dinner.

It was a task that would have daunted most, but not Karine Haslam and Kerrie Malley.

"Kerrie and I attended Alexandra's PotLuck at the Embassy of Ideas, and immediately we felt it would be perfect for Eildon," Karine said.

"The food was great, the chatter among attendees was loud, and everyone seemed to have a great night."

Thus began the search for a venue in Eildon that would be ideal to host a community gathering. Karine and Kerrie saw the dinner as perfect for families, friends and strangers to socialise while enjoying a multi-course dinner prepared by the attendees.

Not surprisingly, the centrally located Eildon Bowling Club, which has a fully equipped kitchen and well-stocked bar, was Karine's and Kerrie's first choice.

The club had no hesitation agreeing to host the PotLuck dinner, graciously free of charge, on the second Tuesday of each month.

Karine and Kerrie elected to trial the event for three months, with a decision on

its future to be made, depending on its success or otherwise.

"Late autumn into winter isn't the most ideal time to persuade people to leave the comfort of home, but when about 20 people attended the inaugural dinner we were cautiously optimistic that we could build on that number," Kerrie said.

"Everyone loved the surprise element and quality of the food on offer that night.

"There are no stipulations on what people can contribute. It is entirely their choice of soup, main course or sweets. That's the beauty of it. As the name PotLuck implies, you never know what might be on offer."

Each of the four dinners held thus far has seen numbers progressively increase, and last Tuesday night's get-together, despite inclement weather, drew about 50 diners, a number of whom travelled out from Alexandra.

The Alexandra group included returnees and first-timers, who have pledged to come back again.

For the first time, extra tables had to be utilised to accommodate the larger than expected group.

"If the success we had continues, I confidently predict that our PotLuck dinners will be a permanent fixture in Eildon," Karine said.

"Kerrie and I get great pleasure that people have embraced it enthusiastically, and it is gratifying to hear so many positive comments that it has been a night of great food and lots of fun."

The next Eildon PotLuck dinner will be held at Eildon Bowling Club at 6pm on Tuesday, September 9.



Happy diners catching up with friends and meeting new friends. -S



The kitchen area at the Eildon Bowls Club. -S



There is a fully-stocked bar at the venue. -S

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Christmas fundraiser at Acheron Hall

THERE was a full hall in Acheron on the night of Saturday, August 9 for the annual fundraising event. The night included Christmas-themed costumes and a fabulous dinner with all the festive trimmings catered by the team from the Grant Street Grocer.

The feature item of the auction was an eight kilogram pumpkin which saw some energetic bidding from several parties until it sold for \$300.

The best costume of the night was awarded to Damien Gallagher and everyone enjoyed a fun evening with plenty of community spirit.



Joanna (best costume runner up), John (who donated the home grown pumpkin), Gail (with her well-won eight kilogram pumpkin), Tim (chief auctioneer), Pam (Acheron Hall Committee representative), and Robyn (best costume runner up). -S



Slime in the gutter at the Nihil Street children's crossing. -BD

The Nihil Street children's crossing

THE issue of slime in the gutter at the Nihil Street children's crossing has been raised again, with concerns that it could easily cause children to slip and maybe injure themselves.

Council was asked to provide further information about the issue and how they plan to resolve it.

Council responded, "An inspection of the school crossing at Nihil and Webster Street has confirmed that the water pooling is due to excess water from private property and is not a structural issue.

"Community safety is council's top priority. Our engineers will continue discussions with the owners of the property. In the meantime, we will continue to maintain the site with regular cleaning and street sweeping to improve safety and reduce inconvenience for pedestrians.

"We welcome requests from the community if they see the problem building up between services so we can attend the issue as needed."

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Lincoln has had a fantastic first semester of growth. He is demonstrating focus and determination when completing tasks and self-motivation in all areas of his learning. Lincoln has been recognised by others for care and support to his peers when they need it and showing respect with both his words and actions. His increasing resilience is wonderful to see when facing new challenges. Keep up the great effort Lincoln, we are so proud of you. to have you in our learning community. You are a star.



Riley is a kind and hardworking student who consistently demonstrates attentive listening and shows respect to everyone around him. He approaches his learning with enthusiasm and focus, always giving his best effort. Riley's thoughtful nature and positive attitude make him a valued member of the classroom. He sets a wonderful example for others through his respectful behaviour, strong work ethic, and caring interactions with his peers and teachers. Well done Riley.

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Special National Medal Presentation in Buxton

LAST fortnight the Buxton CFA brigade held their regular quarterly brigade meeting at the fire station and were joined by two guests from CFA, who travelled up from Melbourne to make a very special presentation to one of the valued brigade members.

Deputy Chief Officer Gavin Thompson AFSM and Group General Manager Matt Davies were the guests for the brigade meeting. Gavin and Matt were afforded the opportunity to address the meeting ahead of the presentation. Gavin spoke about the challenges and opportunities ahead of him as the recently appointed Officer-in-Charge of the North-East Region. Matt talked about his first six months in his role as manager of CFA's Infrastructure Services area.

Following the meeting, Matt assisted Gavin in presenting a National Medal for Service to Carmel Denham. In inviting Gavin to present

the National Medal to Carmel, the Captain thanked Secretary Jenny Tonkin for her efforts in pursuing the award of this honour for a non-operational brigade member. We believe this may be the first time this award has been bestowed on a CFA member who hasn't served as an operational firefighter.

In 2011, the National Medal regulations were amended to clarify that service by a member to fulfil the primary function of an approved organisation (such as CFA) may include providing remote assistance in relation to which the member is exposed to the risk of psychological trauma alone.

Carmel is a returned veteran of the first Gulf War, having served as part of an Australian medical contingent on USNS Comfort. After her Navy Service, Carmel started with CFA joining Boronia brigade in 1994, initially as an Auxiliary member and later as a Brigade

member in 2004, and supported the Boronia brigade in many ways.

In 2009 Carmel became a Critical Incident Street (CIS) Peer in District 13 and continued in that role until 2014 when she transferred to Buxton brigade. As a CFA Peer, Carmel supported various members exposed to traumatic events as well as members travelling from regional areas to undergo treatment in various Melbourne hospitals.

The citation for Carmel's award, in part, says "over all the years, Carmel has supported many CFA members in her Peer role, providing support, guidance, comfort and advice to many and is an involved, supportive and diligent brigade member."

"Carmel unhesitatingly supports her brigade in any way she can and is particularly focussed on ensuring that the wellbeing and

health and safety of our members is monitored and managed appropriately.

"Her contribution to helping everyone to achieve our mission, while remaining safe ourselves, is significant and valued".

The National Medal recognises long and diligent service in organisations that protect life and property, often in situations involving risk to those members. Carmel's service to CFA is an ideal example that you don't have to be on the fireground to be exposed to risk, especially the risk of being exposed to psychological trauma.

Thank you to Matt and Gavin for attending the special meeting and congratulations to Carmel on her award. The brigade is very fortunate to have people like Carmel in the small, but busy, brigade.



Pictured from left to right: Mr Matt Davies, Group General Manager Infrastructure Services, Deputy Chief Officer Gavin Thompson, Officer-in-Charge North East Region, and award recipient Carmel Denham. -S



Deputy Chief Officer Gavin Thompson, Officer-in-Charge North East Region presenting Buxton CFA's Carmel Denham with a National Medal for Service. -S



The Mount, Dame Pattie Menzies Centre in Alexandra. -S



Pictured are Dame Pattie Menzies, shire President Kath Cooper, and Senator Margaret Guilfoyle, Commonwealth Minister for Finance, at the opening of the Dame Pattie Menzies Centre in 1981. -S

Volunteers strengthen local disability and aged care services

DAME Pattie Menzies Centre Inc., trading as Menzies Support Services, is a not-for-profit organisation with over 40 years history in the Alexandra area.

Volunteers, and support from the community, have been essential in the establishment and operations of this organisation since the 1970s.

Dame Pattie Menzies Centre, the property in Alexandra known as The Mount, was established as a direct result of an enormous community lobbying and fundraising campaign.

Dame Pattie Menzies, born Pattie Leckie in Alexandra in 1899, became the patron of Dame Pattie Menzies Centre in 1978.

In 1979 The Mount was purchased by the local community with funds raised locally and matched by the federal government.

The Poll Shorthorn Society donated cattle to establish a working stud on site at the same time.

At the fundraising event to raise the \$20,000 deposit for The Mount, Dame Pattie Menzies autographed nearly 200 car stickers and these were sold. Pledges from the night totalled \$20,625, plus one bullock.

Over 40 years on, Menzies Support Services is still providing disability supports to people in Alexandra and surrounds, with group programs at The Mount providing opportunities for socialising and skill development, support in the wider community

to access services and opportunities, and support in people's own homes to assist in activities of daily life.

Since 2020, Menzies Support Services have also delivered community aged care services including personal care, respite, domestic assistance, and social group activities. Service users include people receiving funding from Commonwealth Home Support Packages, Home Care Packages, and Veteran's Affairs.

Dame Pattie Menzies Centre Inc. is an incorporated association, governed by a volunteer Committee of Management, and is calling for new committee members, and members of the association.

Committee members are involved in setting strategic directions of the organisation, attending monthly meetings to approve general business items and policies, and considering legal and financial matters.

Committee members may contribute to other adhoc activities including working bees and attending official events. Ordinary members have no obligation to do extra duties, executive members tend to handle those. All voting rights are equal.

Becoming a committee member is a meaningful opportunity to influence local service delivery, collaborate with a passionate and skilled team, gain governance and leadership experience, and the satisfaction of giving back to your community.

Another way to support the organisation is to become a member of the association.

These members have voting rights at the Annual General Meeting in October, however no periodic meeting attendance is required.

Membership renewals and application forms can be obtained from Menzies Support Services at 49 Nihil Street Alexandra, requested by email or post, or by submitting

the online form at: menziessupport.org.au/dpmc

A community meeting will be held at the Menzies Support Services office, 49 Nihil Street Alexandra on Thursday, August 28 at 5pm. All are welcome.



Menzies Support Services Community Meeting Thursday, August 28, 2025. 5pm onwards.

Call for Committee Members

Strengthen Local Disability and Aged Care Services in Alexandra

Are you ready to contribute your expertise and leadership to a vital community organisation?

We are seeking expressions of interest from committed individuals to join the Committee of Management of a respected not-for-profit organisation delivering essential disability and aged care services in Alexandra, Victoria.

This is a unique opportunity to help shape the strategic direction of a service that supports some of our most vulnerable community members. Committee members play a key governance role, ensuring the organisation remains sustainable, responsive, and aligned with its mission and values and strategic direction.

We welcome interest from individuals with experience in:

- Disability or aged care services
- Community development and advocacy
- Finance, legal, or corporate governance
- Strategic planning and leadership
- HR and Recruitment
- Lived experience as a carer or service user

Prior board experience is not essential — we value diverse perspectives and a strong commitment to community service.

What You'll Gain:

- A meaningful opportunity to influence local service delivery
- Collaboration with a passionate and skilled team
- Professional development in governance and leadership
- The satisfaction of giving back to your community

How to get involved:

Menzies Support Services will be hosting a Community Meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 49 Nihil Street, Alexandra.

For a confidential conversation please contact Dave Beattie, president on 0448 009 200.

Help us build a more inclusive and supportive Alexandra — your contribution matters.

Know more by submitting the online form at menziessupport.org.au/dpmc

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Eildon hosts free fishing festival

ONE of Victoria's most popular fishing regions will again be home to all things angling next month when the Goulburn Fishing Festival is held at Eildon's Lions Park.

Last week the Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos said the ever-popular annual event was held on the first Saturday every September to mark the opening day of trout fishing season in Victoria's rivers, creeks and streams such as the nearby Goulburn River.

Running from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, September 6 the free Goulburn Fishing Festival is hosted by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) and will include a range of family-friendly activities, free kids' fishing clinics, cooking demonstrations, a casting competition and a nighttime fireworks display, all in the heart of the Eildon township.

The festival is based at the Eildon Pondage, which boasts great shoreline access and is regularly stocked with brown and rainbow trout, many of which weigh several kilograms making for a memorable catch for anglers of all ages.

Free learn-to-fish clinics for kids will include expert guidance from Fishcare Victoria to teach youngsters casting, rigs, baits and what to do if they catch a fish.

Kids who participate in a clinic will also receive a free fishing rod to take home with a tackle box, and links to online instructional videos through the VFA's Little Anglers Hub. Spots in the clinics always go fast so parents are encouraged to get in quickly and register.

Families can help expert staff from the nearby Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery stock trout into the pondage and there will be market stalls, face painting, educational activities, fly casting lessons and an aquaculture stall with free tastings of locally-grown trout.

The event will also see 1500 huge 'stonker' brown trout stocked into the Goulburn River below the pondage, providing great fishing at riverside reserves nearby that are easily accessible.

The Goulburn Fishing Festival will be held on Saturday, September 6 at Lions Park on Riverside Drive in Eildon and families are encouraged to keep fishing and exploring the local area before enjoying the fireworks display at 7pm.

For details about the Eildon event, including registration for clinics, visit vfa.vic.gov.au/goulburnfishfest



A wreath was laid by the Alexandra RSL to commemorate those who served and those who lost their lives in the Vietnam War -BD

Alexandra RSL commemorate Vietnam Veteran's Day

ALEXANDRA RSL members gathered on Monday, August 8 to commemorate Vietnam Veteran's Day.

Former Alexandra RSL President Henry Andrews spoke about his experiences in Vietnam, and led those in attendance in a commemorative ceremony.

A wreath was laid to pay respects, the *Ode of Remembrance* was recited, *The Last Post* was played, and the *Australian National Anthem* sung.

Attendees then gathered in the RSL Hall for tea, coffee and reflection.



Attendees listened to Henry Andrews briefly recount experiences in the Vietnam War. -BD



Alexandra RSL veterans turned out to commemorate those who served in Vietnam. Pictured are Jeff Gilbert, Henry Andrews, Neil Robertson, Bob Benghamy, and Bob Pearson. -BD



ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE PLAN

Community consultation closing Sunday 24 August

Have you shared your vision for future of the Alexandra Community Leisure Centre? If not, there is still time.

Murrindindi Shire Council, in partnership with Alexandra Secondary College, is exploring options for the future of the Centre. This work will inform concept plans to guide redevelopment, including potential locations and facility upgrades to better support sport, recreation, emergency support and community use.

Your input will help shape a centre that meets the needs of local clubs, students, youth and the wider community.

To provide your feedback, complete the online survey or share your ideas on The Loop by scanning the QR code or visiting murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communitycentre

For more information or assistance, contact Council on **5772 0333**.

Murrindindi Shire Council is pleased to advise that funding for this project is made possible by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments under the Commonwealth - State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

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Attendees and musicians at the Boite Choir event with Jose Ramos-Horta. -S

Celebrating 50 years of Timorese culture in Australia

STUDENTS from Buxton Primary School, Middle Kinglake Primary School and Yea Primary School were among the students from around Victoria attending the Boite Choir event, *Mai Fali Eh! Boite Schools Chorus 2025*, held at the Melbourne Town Hall on Tuesday, August 12.

Fifty years have passed since the first Timorese refugees fled their homeland in the face of invasion, arriving in Australia in December 1975. A quietly resilient community is celebrating survival and achievements this year.

The Boite Schools Chorus joined the celebrations, proudly presenting *Mai Fali Eh!* an uplifting musical project bringing together over 700 students from across Victoria to learn about and celebrate the rich culture of Timor-Leste.

The Boite Schools Chorus sang a repertoire originally developed by leading Timorese singer

and songwriter, Ego Lemos with Australian musician Andrea Khoza. The songs were a collection of traditional and contemporary pieces. Marking the 50th anniversary of Timorese migration to Australia, the powerful program honoured the community's resilience, language, and traditions through song, storytelling and performance.

Students took part in statewide workshops leading to three spectacular concerts, two at Melbourne Town Hall, one at Mount Clear College in Ballarat. This massed-choir performance was a highlight of the year. The energy was electric when the stage filled with hundreds of young voices, live music, and a joyful demonstration of cultural connection.

The choir was led by expert choir director, Stella Savy and the Mystic Trio (Paulo Almeida, Jose Mesquita and Filomeno Bioveda), and the event was attended by President of Timor Leste, Jose Ramos-Horta.



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The Farmer's Ag News

David Littleproud's comments on Agriculture Roundtable transparency

LEADER of The Nationals David Littleproud said the Victorian Government's Agriculture Roundtable recently was shrouded in secrecy, with the invite list, the agenda and the outcomes not publicly available.

Mr Littleproud said Agriculture Minister Julie Collins was clearly hiding details of the meeting.

"Labor's agriculture roundtable today is disingenuous, without any outcomes, just a statement of platitudes from the Minister about how important agriculture is," Mr Littleproud said.

"The roundtable is supposed to be about increasing productivity, but the only productivity that has been given in agriculture since the election has been to US beef producers, and making it easier for them to import their beef into Australia, so Prime Minister Anthony Albanese can obtain a meeting with US President Donald Trump.

"If Labor really wants to protect and help our farmers, they should be proudly releasing

their agenda and their outcomes and be transparent about the process.

"But Labor doesn't want accountability because it knows their policies are hurting the agriculture sector. They have done nothing for productivity in agriculture and they know it."

Mr Littleproud added he would have been prepared to work in a bipartisan way with the state government at the roundtable, but wasn't invited as Shadow Agriculture Minister.

"Productivity is going backwards. Farmers are struggling and selling their farms, and when supply goes down, prices go up. The best Labor could offer today was 'constructive discussions', which means no goals, no outcomes and no opportunity. Farmers don't want another talkfest, they want policies that will actually help productivity."

Mr Littleproud added the state government must drop its plan to tax farms held in self-managed superannuation funds worth more than \$3 million, while also reducing green and red tape, and stopping farmers from being forced to bear the burden of a reckless race to renewables.

No clarity around drought support delays

LIBERAL Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell recently demanded answers from the Victorian Government over delays in approving farmers' applications for drought support grants.

Farmers suffering from the devastating effects of the drought are eager to make use of the *Farm Drought Support Grant Program* and start work on projects to make their farms drought resilient into the future.

Ms Lovell told parliament that she had been contacted by a constituent who submitted an application for a drought support grant back in July, but almost a month later had still not received written in-principle approval for his project.

"It is completely unacceptable that Victorian farmers suffering the devastating effects of the drought are still waiting to have their drought support grants approved, almost a month after applying," Ms Lovell said.

"The state government must explain why it is taking so long to approve grant applications for drought support projects, and tell farmers what the government will do to speed up the approval process."

Capturing and making efficient use of rainfall is time critical as winter draws to a close and spring arrives, but farmers may be stuck waiting for grant approvals.

Alexandra Newspapers contacted the Victorian Government to ask about delays to drought support.

Questions included: How many drought support grants has the state government received and how many have been approved? What is the average approval time for drought support grant applications? How many drought support grant applications have been submitted in Murrindindi Shire? How many of those have received approval?

Opportunity was also given for government to respond to the claims made by Ms Lovell.

The Victorian Government failed to answer most of the questions, instead supplying the below response.

"The Allan Labor Government is investing a total of \$144 million to provide appropriate drought support to every primary producer in the state.

"All farmers can access the *Farm Drought Support Grants Program*. Across the state, we're also investing a further \$5.9 million to continue critical technical decision-making support, mental health services, timely farm debt mediation and engagement activities for another 12 months.

"We're also reducing the costs of doing businesses for our primary producers with a \$6.3 million fee and duty relief package.

"Rural Finance can be contacted on 1800 260 425 if applicants would like to enquire on their application status.

"To view the full range of financial, technical and wellbeing support available to drought impacted farmers visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

"We've been listening to farmers and communities who are doing it tough, that's why we're delivering real help, right now.

"We are receiving a strong response to the range of grant and payment programs being offered to support farmers during drought, including the *Farm Drought Support Grants* administered by Rural Finance.

"More than 2450 grants have already been provided across the state, and Rural Finance continues to process applications as quickly as possible. Rural Finance is onboarding additional staff to deal with this surge in demand."

Farmers express voice on state of the state

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is urging farmers and regional Victorians to have their say on the biggest issues and opportunities facing their communities through the first ever *State of the State: Farmer Priorities Survey*.

VFF President Brett Hosking said the VFF-led survey comes at a time when frustration in farming communities is reaching boiling point.

"We know that our members are coping it from all sides, whether it's the drought, conflict over land use, or new taxes. The feedback from communities I visit is that they're not being heard.

"We know we have a big task ahead to cut through with decision makers. This survey is about getting the data to support our advocacy for the next 12 months as we head towards a state election.

"We want the facts and figures to demonstrate where there's widespread concern to help us focus the minds of decision makers. We also want to make sure our advocacy is on-target and delivering maximum impact for members," Mr Hosking said.

Mr Hosking urged people across regional Victoria to take a moment to share their thoughts and share the survey through their networks.

"Five minutes is all it takes to share your thoughts on issues that could well and truly shape our industry for decades to come," Mr Hosking said.

The survey is open until August 14. The survey can be accessed by visiting the VFF website.

The Trap

By Jed Dunstan



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Have Your Say On The Right To Work From Home

AS part of its plan to enshrine the right to work from home in law, the Victorian Government is encouraging Victorians to have their say at engage.vic.gov.au/wfh

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Industrial Relations Jaclyn Symes opened a consultation last week to all Victorians ahead of legislation being introduced to the Parliament next year.

The consultation brings together workers and employers alike to ensure the proposed laws reflect the real-world experience of

working from home: what's fair, what's practical, and what's already working.

Under the proposed laws, if you can reasonably do your job from home, you will have the right to do so for at least two days a week, whether you work in the public sector or private sector.

Consultation won't determine whether working from home should be a right, we already know it should be. This is about making sure the rules are appropriate.

As part of the consultation, the government will consider the types of businesses and the size of businesses that will be covered by the proposed law, as well as the definition of remote work, and who is able to do it.

Roundtable discussions with industry will also be held from September 2025. Stakeholders, peak bodies and unions can register their interest for the roundtable consultations at engage.vic.gov.au/wfh

Survey data will reveal what Victorians think about working from home, including

whether employees have ever been denied a request to work from home, and whether they still feel unable to ask for it in their workforce.

Working from home works for families and it's good for the economy.

It's popular. Flexible working arrangements are utilised by workers and businesses alike, with more than a third of Australian workers, including 60 per cent of professionals, regularly working from home.

It saves families money. It saves Australians on average \$110 a week or \$5308 every year. That's more money back in the pockets of hardworking Victorians at a time when every dollar makes a difference.

Working from home gets more people working. It supports women with children, carers and people with a disability to work, and it's better for business with workforce participation 4.4 per cent higher than before the pandemic.

It cuts congestion. Victorians are now spending less time commuting, saving more than three hours in their week on average. That's three fewer hours sitting in traffic and three more hours back in your life.

Benefits of working in regional Victoria



THERE are a number of benefits to finding work in rural Victoria over being employed in the bustling metropolis that is Melbourne.

Aside from the relaxed and community-focused lifestyle that country Victoria offers, there is also more demand for workers in regional areas.

According to the Victorian Government website, "more than 75,000 new workers are expected in regional Victoria by 2026, 60.7 per cent of whom will require higher-order skills."

"Across regional Victoria, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and education and training are forecast to need the highest number of new workers by 2026: 22,600, 8900 and 7100 workers respectively."

With more demand for workers, especially in skilled industries such as the ones listed above, there is more opportunity for career growth. Demand for workers leads to hands-on experience, and a smaller pool to choose from means more businesses are likely to upskill their workforce.

Housing can be more affordable in regional Victoria, with both the median sale price and the median weekly rent lower for regional according to the Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV).

Based on current data, the median sale price for metropolitan Melbourne is \$924,000 while in regional Victoria it is \$620,000. The median weekly rent for metropolitan Melbourne is also higher at \$580 per week compared to \$480 in the regions.

A Commonwealth Bank study in partnership with the Regional Australia Institute (RAI)

from 2021 found that more Australians were choosing to live in regional areas.

"Capital cities in NSW and Victoria experienced the largest net migration outflows at 49.5 per cent and 46.4 per cent respectively," the study reads.

Commonwealth Bank's Executive General Manager for Regional and Agribusiness Banking, Grant Cairns said that the study showed positive growth for regional Australia.

"The index demonstrates how Australians formerly living in capital cities have embraced remote ways of working as an opportunity to experience what these areas have to offer, while those already in regional areas are finding reasons to stay," Mr Cairns said.

"I'm optimistic about what this growth means for regional Australia, as more people experience the liveability of our regional areas and embrace the associated work-life balance and affordability."

Regional Victorians also indicate better when it comes to mental health according to the Department of Health.

"When it comes to social capital (the networks of relationships among people), rural Victorians fare better than metropolitan Victorians on a number of indicators associated with mental and physical health," the Department of Health website reads.

"Indicators show that adults who live in rural Victoria (20 per cent) are more likely to belong to an organised community group than those who live in metropolitan Melbourne (18 per cent).

"Indicators of social isolation show that adults living in rural Victoria are more likely

to not be socially isolated (39 per cent) than all Victorian adults (36 per cent)."

The quality of life working in the regions includes more of the natural world and more time outdoors, which has been shown to positively influence health.

Therefore, when making the difficult decision of working in metropolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria, make sure to take all these factors into consideration. It may make a difference.



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- Please scan the QR code for the **Skills Summary Form** to upload as a cover letter.
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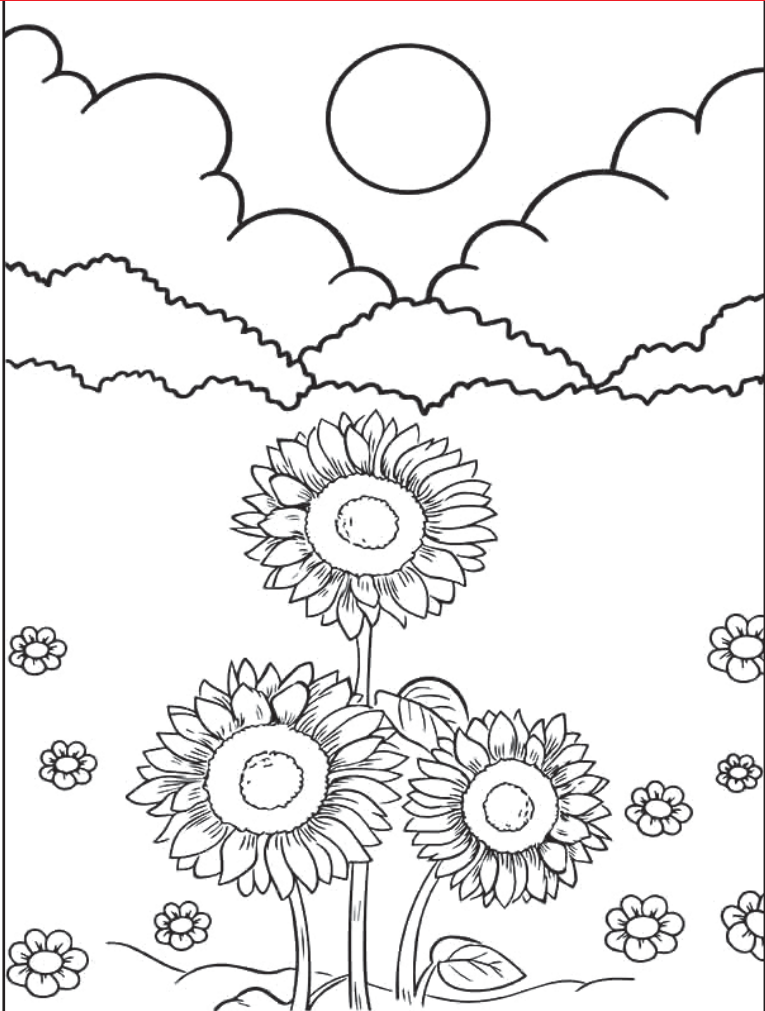
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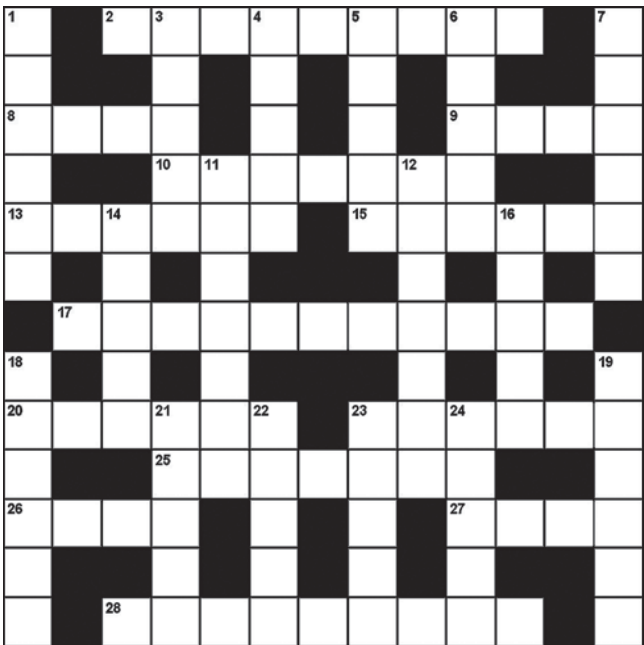
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ACROSS

- 2. Grind or pound into a fine powder.
- 8. A thin wedge of material used to fill gaps.
- 9. Strong dark German beer.
- 10. A very intense and uncontrolled fire.
- 13. Short-tailed wildcats valued for their fur.
- 15. A petty officer in the Navy.
- 17. A large stringed instrument.
- 20. Deliver a sermon.
- 23. A systematic manner of doing things.
- 25. Elegant and tasteful.
- 26. A clever witty remark.
- 27. Taken by mouth.
- 28. Lightly carved into the surface.

DOWN

- 1. Push and shove.
- 3. Alter the balance of a recording.
- 4. Petty quarrels and squabbles.
- 5. Hear a court case again.
- 6. Sacred and forbidden.
- 7. Stops sleeping and becomes alert.
- 11. Lack of care and attention.



- 12. Opponents that cannot be beaten.
- 14. Lacking experience of life.
- 16. Cow bred primarily for milk.
- 18. Neither clear nor transparent.
- 19. Short descriptive poems of rural life.

- 21. Savoury jelly made with meat stock.
- 22. Nocturnal mammal of Africa.
- 23. One who practices the art of mime.
- 24. Used to refer to unknown others.

Word Search

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A D H M S B X X R E P Y W Y B
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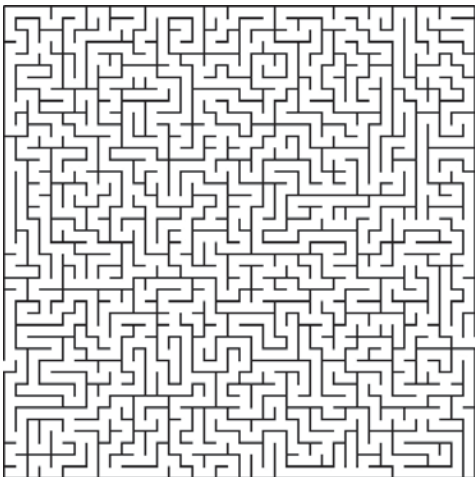
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Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

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Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9.
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Jokes

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A: Because they don't have the guts.

Q: What do you get if you cross a dinosaur with a pig?
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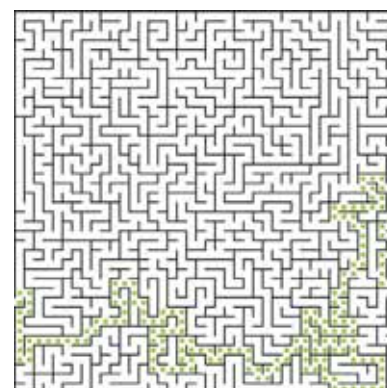
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MORE Victorian families are slashing their power bills by upgrading to energy-efficient heating and cooling with the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program.

Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio recently announced 99,000 households have used the program this year, with participation on track to exceed 170,000 by the end of 2025.

These upgrades are helping Victorians stay warm in winter, cool in summer and take control of their energy costs.

More than 41,000 households have already accessed discounted heating and cooling upgrades in 2025, saving households up to \$5530 on the cost of upgrading appliances and more than \$1000 on their annual energy bill.

So far this year more than 18,000 households have upgraded their inefficient gas water heating to electric, saving them up to \$330 off their energy bills annually.

Hot water systems are one of the most popular upgrades, with savings of up to \$2030 available off the cost of installing a locally made energy-efficient hot water system when you combine a Solar Victoria rebate and a Victorian Energy Upgrades discount.

A new all-electric home with solar can save up to \$1820 a year on energy bills. An existing home can save around \$2000 annually by going all-electric with solar.

Last year the VEU saved households almost \$54 million off their energy bills, putting money back in the pocket of Victorian families.

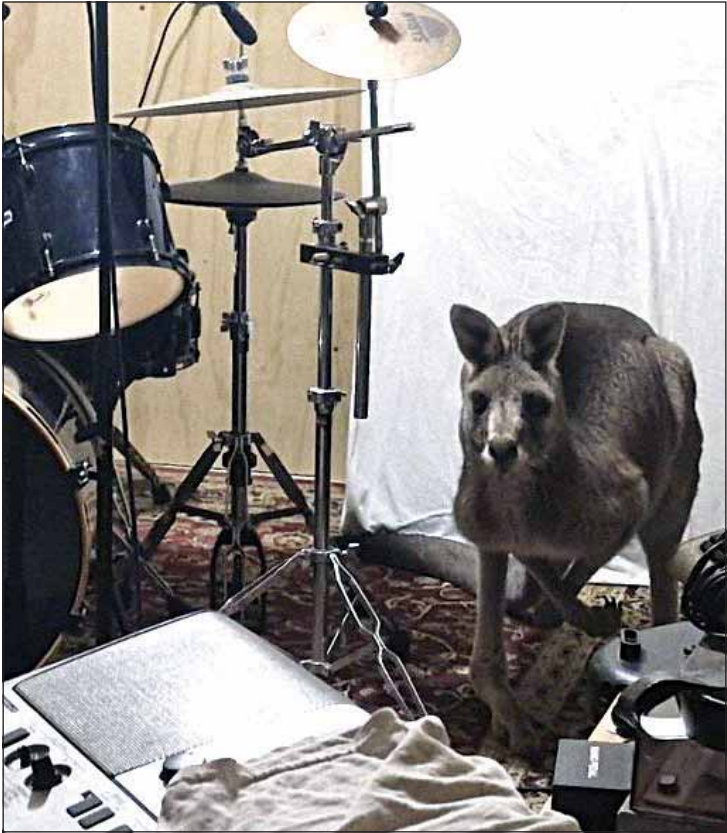
Victorians can access discounts on a wide range of upgrades including reverse cycle air conditioners, heat pump hot water systems, induction cooktops, weather sealing and more.

A Strategic Review of the program is currently in place to make it easier for Victorians and businesses to get involved and start saving money on their energy bills, findings of the review have been submitted and the government is now considering our response.

The program also supports businesses and tradespeople delivering installations, supporting 2700 jobs and boosting the economy. For more information, visit energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades



The wedge-tailed eagles on the bank of Lake Eildon. -Ashley Catha



The kangaroo in the music room. -S

Animal tails

Ashley Catha managed to capture a remarkable sight on the banks of Lake Eildon on Saturday, August 9, describing it as “the most beautiful display of nature and wildlife at its finest.”

Two stunning wedge-tailed eagles locked claws and performed a dance to impress a female. He said that they put on a show all day, and that it was like a scene out of a *National Geographic* documentary.

Meanwhile, Kate Turner from Murrindindi Ranges Wildlife Shelter Inc was called to an unusual event in Clonbinane. A kangaroo had been a frequent visitor to Mark and Mary’s yard over the last couple of weeks, and decided to take shelter in their music room. When Mark noticed a lump under his eye he called for help.

Kate was able to walk in and place a blanket over him and sedate. All without a single drum roll. The kangaroo has now received the moniker, Ringo.

In another animal tale, Robyn Hill’s chicken, Betty, decided to hitch a lift in the tray of son Charlie’s ute while he was delivering wood from Buxton to Snobs Creek. Charlie thought he saw a black hen out of the corner of his eye, but didn’t think it was one of theirs.

When it was discovered back at home that Betty was missing, Charlie went back to look for it, along with other people. They had no luck, so Robyn decided to put it on Facebook.

Fortunately, a lovely lady found Betty and looked after her overnight. Betty was completely unfazed by the whole experience and remains “very much a people person.”

The moral of the story is, always check the tub of your ute if you have chickens wandering around. They may decide to go on an adventure.

If you have photographed any unusual animal moments, let us know about them.



Charlie with Betty the chook. -S

Preparing Victorian schools for bushfire season

THE Victorian Government is making sure schools across Victoria are well-prepared for the upcoming bushfire season by providing grants to clear vegetation growth and reduce the risk of fire.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll announced 345 campuses across 330 government schools would share in \$8.4 million to carry out essential maintenance work as part of the *Bushfire Preparedness Vegetation Program* (BPVP).

“We know how devastating bushfires are, that’s why we’re continuing to support schools to be as fire-ready as possible,” Mr Carroll said.

“We’re continuing to invest in the maintenance projects that matter most, to make sure all Victorian schools are in the best possible condition and to protect classrooms and facilities in the event of a bushfire.”

There are a number of schools in Murrindindi Shire supported by the program, including Buxton Primary School, Flowerdale Primary School and Flowerdale Uniting Kindergarten, Kinglake Primary School, Kinglake Ranges Children’s Centre, Kinglake West Primary School, Marysville Primary School, Marysville and District Kindergarten Association, Melbourne Sports Institute Marysville, Middle Kinglake Primary School, Penleigh and Essendon Grammar Eildon campus, Rubicon Outdoor School Thornton campus, and Toolangi Primary School.

The program was introduced in 2018 to help schools undertake essential vegetation clearance around the school buildings prior to the bushfire season and in line with municipal fire danger periods.

Schools receiving funds are listed on the *Bushfire At-Risk Register* (BARR). These schools are required to undertake vegetation works on a regular basis to reduce the risk of harm to the school’s community and buildings in the event of a bushfire.

The *Bushfire Preparedness Vegetation Program* also includes a School Support Program, providing two school visits to each participating schools by an accredited Bushfire Planning and Design consultant who develops a *Vegetation Management Plan*.

Schools can also engage additional bushfire related professional services, such as a Bushfire Attack Level expert, to provide further advice and support in reducing their bushfire risk.

Victoria is one of the most bushfire-prone areas in the world and that’s why everyone should have a bushfire plan and the VicEmergency app downloaded on their phone. For more information on bushfire preparedness and to create your fire plan, visit fireplanner.vic.gov.au

For a list of schools receiving funding under the *Bushfire Preparedness Vegetation Program*, visit vic.gov.au/bushfire-risk-register-barr

Alexandra Squash Club: Round four of term three pennant

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition
Australorps versus Leghorns

JORDAN versus Eric D: There was no holding back on this court. Jordan was merciless and absolutely dominated the match, over doubling his opponents score in a landslide of a match. 103 to 51.

Laura versus Jess (fill in): Laura put in the effort to keep the games as close as she could. The tenacious Jess was too experienced, winning three games to take the match. 59 to 47.

Chris versus Ben F: There was no more than two-points different in any game. Ben happened to be on the losing side of these points and did not manage to take a single game. Chris claimed the win 70 to 61.

John versus Phil: Phil stayed consistent throughout with John getting better as each game went on. When the final buzzer went off John was triumphant.

Isa Browns versus Silkies

TYLER versus Lochlan: A close and entertaining game. Tyler had a good third game but was kept guessing because of Lochlan's

drop shots which made all the difference and claimed the win. 61 to 56.

Daniel W versus Justin: A fast paced, big hitting game with some lovely squash played. It was close all the way through until the end when Daniel snatched some extra points to win. 65 to 60.

Andrew versus Michael H: Great rallies. Andrew played some great boasts off some deep shots. Michael had some killers returns to Andrews serves, but in the end Andrew claimed the victory. 66 to 60.

Thursday competition
Golden Retrievers versus Whippets

KRISTELLE (fill in) versus Travis: Starting strong, Kristelle won the first two games with ease. Travis changed up his game and came home with a wet sail to steal the win. 68 to 59.

Daniel K versus Phil: This one went to script with Daniel hitting the front early and being in control for the rest of the match. The accuracy of Daniel's shots gave Phil no options or room to play and drove him near to insanity. 81 to 34.

Dachshund versus Labradors

ERIC D (fill in) versus Eric F: Ambidextrous playing by Eric F, blowing all our minds. A confidence boost for both players. Eric F was too strong and claimed the match. 66 to 47.

Blake versus Jess: Jess started strong and went into the final game with a lead. Blake turned the tables, taking the final game with a solid lead to win the match. 61 to 53.

Lucas versus Sam: Shots were consistent and fast. The rallies were long and both players worked hard for every point. With a grand lead of two-points, Sam was the victor. 65 to 63.

Daniel W versus Michael M: The first half saw Daniel dominating, not putting a foot out of line. Danny was flying high while Michael was playing on his knees. Everything became lucid for Michael in the final game and he pulled out an extraordinary game to tie the match. 56 to 56.



Blake is in prime position to return Jess's serve. -S

Alexandra football and netball juniors travel around the district

LAST Sunday, Alexandra's under nine, under 10, and under 12 football teams, along with the under 11 netballers, travelled to Nagambie for their matches.

The under 13 Red netball team took on St Marys Green at Kings Park, while both the under 13 and under 15 Alexandra Black netball teams played against the Tigers at Yea Recreation Reserve.

The under 16 footballers travelled to Kialla to face Tongala, and the under 14 footballers played their final home-and-away game of the season against Broadford, at Broadford.

Football

Under 12

Alexandra 1.7-13 defeated by Nagambie 6.9-45

Awards: Essence Coffee Lounge, Clay Hilder; Reddrops FoodWorks, Liam Coghill; Alexandra Bakery and Café, Spencer Simpson; Coaches Award, Jasper Koster.

Under 14

Alexandra 12.10-82 defeated Broadford 3.1-19

Awards: Essence Coffee Lounge, Sam Weisse; Reddrops FoodWorks, Evan Smith; Alexandra Bakery and Café, Declan Armstrong; Coaches Award, Elijah Weeks.

Under 16

Alexandra 11.11-77 defeated Tongala 6.5-41

Awards: Essence Coffee Lounge, Renee Pearson; Reddrops FoodWorks, Melissa Crane; Alexandra Bakery and Café, Michelle Jack; Coaches Award, James Cowell and Eli Van Lierop.

Netball

Under 11

Alexandra 25 defeated Nagambie 2

Under 13

Alexandra Black 27 defeated Yea 23

Awards: Reddrops FoodWorks, Tilly Miljkovic; Alexandra Bakery and Café, Asha Vine; Coaches Award, Liesse Hogan.

Alexandra Red 21 defeated by St Marys Green 32

Under 15

Alexandra Black 27 defeated by Yea 45

Awards: Reddrops FoodWorks award, Bella Twitchett; Alexandra Bakery and Café, Ruby Friswell.

The club now look towards the first round of finals which will see the under 14 footballers take on Seymour, the under 16s play Tongala again. The under 13 Alexandra Red team will face Broadford and the under 15 Alexandra Red play St Marys. Keep an eye on the club's socials for further information on final locations and times.

Smiles and sunshine at State Cross Country Championships

THE sun was shining and spirits were high as four young athletes from Murrindindi represented their club with pride at the Little Athletics State Cross Country Championships, held at Lake Dewar in Myrniong, an undulating and windy course full of twists and turns, about an hour northwest of Melbourne. The event was held on Saturday, August 9 and the athletes had been training in anticipation for it.

In the under nine boys division, Maverick Clacy powered through the challenging terrain to secure an impressive eighth place.

"It was really hard but lots of fun," he said with a grin.

Big brother Ryder Clacy tackled a packed field of 85 runners in the under 11s, navigating a tough and crowded course to finish a commendable 31st.

In the under 14 boys three kilometre race, Levi Campbell and Chase Hilder both delivered strong performances. Levi crossed the line in eighth place, while Chase followed closely in 19th, marking solid results in a competitive field.

The endurance and determination shown by all four athletes will no doubt serve them well as they prepare for the upcoming athletics season, kicking off in October.

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

Football – Reserves			Netball – A Grade		
	Percentage	Wins		Percentage	Wins
Pakenham	385.68	15	Seville	210.62	15
Seville	474.19	14	Pakenham	205.30	13
Alexandra	159.56	11	Warburton Millgrove	194.35	13
Warburton Millgrove	198.04	10	Yarra Glen	130.82	11
Belgrave	197.30	9	Yarra Junction	91.38	7
Yea	97.63	6	Alexandra	76.52	6
Powelltown	28.55	4	Belgrave	68.56	5
Yarra Glen	21.18	1	Powelltown	35.11	2
Yarra Junction	14.86	1	Yea	54.02	0
Football – Seniors			Netball – B Grade		
Warburton Millgrove	235.74	13	Seville	323.86	16
Pakenham	225.37	13	Pakenham	231.71	14
Seville	202.02	13	Warburton Millgrove	160.34	12
Belgrave	119.39	10	Yarra Glen	112.52	10
Alexandra	119.33	9	Belgrave	87.89	8
Yarra Glen	82.96	7	Yarra Junction	68.25	6
Yea	81.91	3	Yea	59.34	3
Powelltown	43.69	3	Alexandra	54.43	3
Yarra Junction	25.09	0	Powelltown	39.59	0
Football – Senior Women			Netball – C Grade		
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	14	Seville	301.37	16
Wandin	78.57	11	Pakenham	201.79	14
Emerald	60.71	8	Warburton Millgrove	172.51	12
Yea	50.00	7	Yarra Glen	99.30	8
Thornton Eildon	34.61	4	Yarra Junction	83.33	7
Officer	14.28	2	Belgrave	80.27	7
Seville	7.69	1	Alexandra	80.88	5
			Yea	51.60	2
			Powelltown	30.13	0
Netball – 17 and under			Netball – D Grade		
Seville	433.95	15	Seville	371.74	15
Pakenham Lions Gold	211.35	12	Pakenham	272.69	14
Warburton Millgrove	81.51	6	Warburton Millgrove	194.67	13
Pakenham Lions Maroon	54.73	4	Yarra Glen	82.01	6
Alexandra	49.17	4	Alexandra	76.44	7
Powelltown	48.75	4	Belgrave	70.39	6
			Yea	55.38	5
Football – Under 18			Yarra Junction	53.14	3
Pakenham	1107.69	15	Powelltown	29.73	0
Seville	351.93	12			
Warburton Millgrove	43.91	6			
Alexandra	40.22	6			
Yarra Glen	37.73	3			
Yea	36.73	2			

SPORT

Keith Atwell blitzes the field at Marysville Golf Club

by Lesley Rundle

LAST Thursday the nine-holers played stroke on the back nine holes of Marysville

Golf Club and Keith Atwell blitzed the field. On a handicap of nine Keith finished with a nett 35 which included an excellent 10 putts.



Some of the Marysville golf ladies fishing for a lost ball. -S

The runner-up was Mark Alexander (4) on a four-way countback with nett 37. The nearest the pins were won by Gail Leigh on the 11th and Glen Rattay on the 18th.

The Saturday competition was a mixed stableford game with Gail Leigh (11) winning with 37 points from Drew Kaempkes (14) with 32 points. The in-form Gail won the nearest the pin on the ninth and 18th and Keith Atwell was the closest to the 11th pin and won the Golden Shot.

Next Saturday if numbers permit a four ball best ball game will be played otherwise a stableford round will be played.

After play the club raffle was drawn by the lady Captain Lesley Rundle with Margaret Blair acting as scrutineer. The four lucky winners were Jeannie Rainbow who won the \$1000 cash, Myles Coker won the Little Cathedral Wine, Paul Martin won the Bunnings Voucher and Pat Orwin won the trailer load of firewood.

The club would like to thank all those members, friends of the club and other Dalhousie golfers for supporting this initiative and many thanks go to Steve Coker for organising the raffle.

Dates of events to be noted are the club AGM on Saturday, September 6, the Junior Invitational Day on Saturday, September 13 and the clinics to be held on Friday, September 26. Details regarding the compulsory registration for the Junior Day and Clinics are on the club's website and Facebook page.

Peter McNair returns to form at Eildon Golf Club

by Puttomatic

WITH the weather looking a bit threatening, the short rain burst didn't deter the 10 keen players who braved the elements to compete a stableford competition last week at Eildon Golf Club.

Peter McNair had a welcome return to form with a terrific 36 points taking out the win on a countback from Ken Collier also with 36 points. Ball run winners last week, Michael McLear with 33 points, Michael Lynch 32 points and Marian Williamson 31 points.

Nearest the pin winners, Rod Taylor was the closest on the third with his second shot, no winner this week on the fifth or 11th. Rod was also the closest on the 12th and Phil Dally was the best on the 14th.

There were two birdies on the birdie hole eighth, Ian Lakeland and Peter McNair no winner this week on the 15th. Other winners, Michael Lynch had a win with the entry draw and Michael McLear tried his luck with the swindle draw.

Next Saturday, August 23 will be a stableford round with draw partners after the game.

Alexandra and Seymour gear up for annual darts inter-league match

THE Alexandra and District Darts Association and the Seymour and District Darts Association are set to face off in their much-anticipated Annual Inter-League Match on Saturday, August 23, at On Point Brewery in Alexandra.

This friendly yet fiercely competitive event is a highlight for both associations, showcasing the best local darts talent from both regions. Spectators can expect an afternoon of sharp shooting, big scores, and thrilling finishes, all in the lively atmosphere of one of the region's favourite venues.

In addition to the action on the oche, there will be plenty of raffles running throughout the day, giving attendees the chance to take home some great prizes.

The public is warmly encouraged to come along, cheer on the players, and enjoy a great day out. Whether you're a darts enthusiast or just looking for some local entertainment, head down to On Point Brewery for an afternoon of great beer, great food, and great darts.

Sunshine across the district for winter tennis

by Judy Sands and Rhonda Carpenter

GLORIOUS sunshine greeted players across the district for round 13. In Euroa, Creighton's Creek welcomed Terip, and Moglonemby hosted Euroa, while Benalla hosted Delatite and Wappan welcomed Seven Creeks in Mansfield.

Moglonemby versus Euroa

In perfect weather Moglonemby were up against the ladder leaders Euroa. Moglonemby's Judy Sands and Marlene Hanrahan won the first set eight to three against Lyndall Bigland and Ruth Nolan while on the other court Danielle Scotis and Lisa Krepp lost two to eight to Julie Harrington and Robyn Johnson.

By the second set Danielle had warmed up and won her set with Judy eight to six, Moglonemby's Marlene and Lisa also won eight to seven. However, Euroa won the last two sets eight to five and eight to six with Euroa winning the match by three games, the exact margin as round one.

There were long rallies, plenty of lobs, drop shots and a lot of fun, but Creighton's Creek and Terip were having much more fun on the other courts judging by the laughter, banter and chatter from the players.

Creighton's Creek versus Terip

Creighton's Creeks' Chris Ellis and Debbie Seach were up against Frances Lawrence and Phoebe Macdermid, and the Terip pair were up seven to three before Chris and Debbie made a comeback narrowly losing in a tie break.

Kerry Hewlett and Annabelle Hayes had a much quicker set against Meg Ford and Jenny Martin winning eight to one. In the second set the two left handers, Frances and Meg, won eight to five against Chris and Kerry and Debbie and Annabelle won eight to three.

The last two sets were both eight to two with Creighton's Creek's Chris and Annabelle

and Terip's Phoebe and Meg having wins. At the end of the day the teams were three sets all, but Creighton's Creek won on games 38 to 30.

Benalla versus Delatite

In Benalla Kate Campbell, Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Deb Siggers, delivered a masterclass on the lawn in perfect weather.

Delatite's Karyn Fraser, Carolyn Murray, Deb McCormack, Loretta Armitage and Deb Mims combined well, enjoyed great sets on the grass courts, and Benalla's wonderful hospitality.

Benalla won 6/48 to 0/13.

Wappan versus Seven Creeks

Wappan welcomed Seven Creeks to ideal conditions in Mansfield and Anna Speirs, Jenny Bell, Rhonda Carpenter, and Carol Watts took both openers, one in a lengthy battle.

Rowena Ellis, Nicola Enright, Julie Brook, and Mary Kelly found their range and cross court angles in the sunshine. Rowena and Julie won their set comfortably, patiently playing lengthy rallies and serving strongly.

Wappan won 5/44 to 1/23.

After round 13 the ladder has Euroa 93.5, Terip 79, Wappan 77, Moglonemby 76.5, Benalla 61.5, Mansfield 55, Creighton's Creek 43.5, Seven Creeks 27, and Delatite 27.



ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION COMPETITION LADDER 2025 ROUND 16

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	PTS
1	Kill Bills	16	14	2	126	50	56
2	Panthers	16	14	2	121	55	56
3	Buxton Hotel	16	13	3	125	51	52
4	Alex Bowls Club	16	9	7	93	83	36
5	Arrowsmiths	16	8	8	102	74	32
6	Bucky Pub	16	8	8	90	86	32
7	On Pointers	16	6	10	70	106	24
8	On Point 26ers	16	4	12	66	110	16
9	Beer, Bulls & Boobs	16	4	12	63	113	16
10	Dart Vaders	16	0	16	33	143	0

RESULTS
BUXTON HOTEL def BUCKY PUB 8-3
PANTHERS def ALEX BOWLS CLUB 8-3
ON POINTERS def DART VADERS 6-5
BEERS, BULLS & BOOBS def ON POINT 26ERS 7-4
KILLBILLS def ARROWSMITHS 7-4

TONS
R. Sproles - 116, 115
R. Holt - 106, 113
K. Davies - 100
E. Collett - 101
J. Masters - 100, 100
B. Arnott - 100, 140, 140, 100
W. Nelson - 121, 100
P. Dalley - 100, 140, 100
P. Collyer - 100
G. Lund - 100, 100, 100
G. George - 118, 100, 131, 104
C. Parker - 100, 100
G. Davies - 124, 121
G. Gilmore - 123, 140, 101, 100, 140, 101, 121, 125
A. Hutt - 100, 133, 118
R. Mayfield - 140
C. Hutchins - 110
G. Elder - 125, 100, 100
R. Bates - 100, 100, 101
S. White - 140, 100, 140, 100, 100, 100
Z. Kilroy - 121, 100, 100, 140, 180, 100, 140, 100
S. Kilroy - 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100
D. Kilroy - 140, 100
J. Billman - 121, 121
L. Clequin - 100
C. Turner - 100
M. Robinson - 120, 139, 105, 100, 180, 100, 100, 140, 135
D. Withoos - 121, 101, 100, 125, 140, 125
M. Jenkins - 100, 100, 100, 100
D. Cooper - 100, 100, 121, 112
M. Edwards - 100, 100, 100
J. Farnan - 100
L. Ronalds - 100, 100, 100
S. Ritchie - 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 180
L. Turnbull - 100, 100, 100, 100, 140
R. Penny - 180

HIGHEST PEG - Vicky Hodgson 94
180s - Mark Robinson, Zane Kilroy, Steve Ritchie, Ross Penny

Clear weather but minimal numbers at Alexandra Golf Club

by Dave Silverman

ONCE again last week at Alexandra Golf Club, despite the weather being almost perfect for golf, it was the bare minimum required for a competition that entered on Tuesday.

What a competition it was, a real turnup for the books, with your humble scribe (Dave Silverman) pulling one out of nowhere to take the win with 37 points. Dan Burns came in second with 35, and third was Greg Ebinger with 34.

The same trio also claimed the nearest the pins, with Dave Silverman on seven, Dan on 17 and Greg on 18.

Nine ladies played Stableford last Wednesday, and the weather was once again very kind to them. Barb Doyle was the pick of the bunch with 32 points, two clear of second-placed Marg Fahey, with Sue Greatorex two further back in third.

The nine-hole winner was Bron Howell with 14 points, and nearest the pins went to Barb on two, Judy Pearson on seven and Deb Richardson on 18.

With quite a number of regulars up north, and a few more put off by the threat of rain, it was touch and go for the Saturday competition, but in the end eight players enter in the stableford round, sponsored for the week by Hedger Constructions.

As it turned out, the rain went around the club and the afternoon was fine and cool. John Steer was the winner with 37 points, four clear of Luke Heard who came second, with Damon Malcolm third with 32. Always a steady player, Steery's putter was on fire, and he sank two long putts, at speed, and narrowly missed several more on his way to the win.

Of the five nearest the pins on offer, only two, seven and 18, were claimed by Damon Malcolm.



Leo Dynes cleans up for a four. -S



John Greatorex for par on five. -S



Ross Malcolm on 14. -S



John Greatorex on six. -S



Dave Silverman chips up to 18. -S



Leo Dynes on six. -S

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Rebels off to the finals

by Wayne Miller

THE Rebels made the long journey to Belgrave for the final home and away game for season 2025, with both sides having already secured a place in this year's final series.

FOOTBALL

Reserves
Alexandra 10.12-72 defeated
Belgrave 4.5-29

THE Rebels sitting in third place on the ladder had to win to guarantee the double chance.

Fielding a near full strength side against fifth placed Belgrave, the team hit the ground running with fierce tackling and creative ball use a feature across the four quarters and with all players fully committed a dominant team win resulted.

The defence was rock solid led by Brendan Musgrove, Scott Heveren, Lachie Collard Nathan Dundas and Wil Goonan restricting Belgrave to four goals for the match.

The midfield of Jake Steyger, Branden Kapakoulakis, Conor Heaslip, Toby Ward and Rob Andrew's created countless opportunities to forwards Bart Wallace, Michael Coombs and Brent McDonald.

The standout performer was Tom Halligan whose aggression at the ball was topped off by many possessions and two goals.

Since a loss to Pakenham in round 12 the reserves have been undefeated and go into the Qualifying Final at Yarra Glen next Saturday full of confidence.

Awards: NP on The Run, Brendan Musgrove; Future Fit Finance, Scott Heveren; Alexandra Hotel, Conor Heaslip; Buxton Hotel, Tom Halligan.

Seniors
Alexandra 11.10-76 defeated
by Belgrave 20.9-129

WITH both teams locked into an Elimination Final at Healesville next Sunday the game was a chance to start planning for the following week. The seniors went into the game missing five regulars and rested full back Nick Meehan early in the game.

The small ground did not suit the Rebel's running game and after half time went into caretaker mode with many positional changes made to the lineup.

Nathan Georgiades, Tom Boots, Lachlan Nankervis, Sam Boots, Jonathon Grimwade were some of the Rebel's better performers.

Congratulations to both teams on making the finals and now must take their games to the next level when contesting finals.

Awards: Kervale Incentive, Tom Boots; O'Briens Real Estate, Ben Cooper; Alexandra Hotel, Luke Wal; Buxton Hotel Award, Josh Crane.

Under 18
Alexandra 2.4-16 defeated by
Pakenham 31.15-201

Awards: Bowens Award, Luke Frith; Gary Warren Smith Motors, Ashton Cowell; ANFC Club Voucher, Sam Harris; Coaches Award, Ben Geldart.

NETBALL

A Grade
Alexandra 41 defeated Belgrave 51

Incentive Award, Jaz Collett; Corner Hotel Award, Maddy Northmore.

B Grade
Alexandra 37 defeated by Belgrave 50

Incentive Award, Sarah Mooney; Corner Hotel Award, Maddy Northmore.

C Grade
Alexandra 29 defeated by Belgrave 38

Alexandra Hotel Award, Caeley Palmer; Corner Hotel Award, Phoebe Kidd.

D Grade
Alexandra 19 defeated by Belgrave 21

Alexandra Hotel Award, Kelsey Purcell; Corner Hotel Award, Lizzie Butcher.

Under 17
Alexandra 16 defeated by
Pakenham Maroon 25

With Alexandra's under 18s, reserves, seniors, D Grade, and under 17 netballers now looking ahead to this weekend's first round of finals, there's plenty of action to look forward to.

On Saturday, August 23 at Yarra Glen, the under 17 netballers will face Pakenham Maroon at 9am, D Grade will play Yarra Glen at 10.50am, and the reserves will take on Seville at 12.15pm.

Then on Sunday, August 24 at Healesville, the under 18s will play Yarra Glen at 10.20am, followed by the seniors taking on Belgrave at 2.20pm. Best of luck to all teams as they begin their finals campaigns.



Alexandra seniors player Tom Massey booting the ball. -S



Tom Halligan from the Alexandra reserves being tackled. -S



A Grade player Maddy Northmore. -S



Under 17 netball player Abby Milijovic. -S



Under 18s player Luke Wal. -S