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# Food Share celebrates first birthday

VOLUNTEERS and supporters gathered on Wednesday, April 30 to celebrate the first birthday of Murrindindi Community Food Share.

When they opened their doors just 12 months ago, they had a simple but powerful vision, to support the community's health and wellbeing by addressing food insecurity in Murrindindi Shire.

Foodbank Victoria reports that 37 per cent of people living in regional Victoria experience food insecurity, more than in metropolitan Melbourne.

Foundation Murrindindi Executive Officer Robyn Hill said, "Over the past year, our monthly food share events have grown from an initial distribution at our first event last May of 217kg of food, to our most recent event in April where we provided 1019kg of food in just three hours.

"In total, we've distributed over 9000kg of food, welcomed over 950 people, from 15 different locations, hosted two events with free haircuts by Spencer the Salon and several more where the Rotary Club of Alexandra warmed bellies with delicious soup and a roll. These additional activities boost self-esteem,

increase conversation and engagement and grow personal connections.

"During this process we have built something far greater than just a food share. We've nurtured a community of kindness, dignity, and connection.

"This hasn't happened by chance. It's happened because of the incredible commitment of our partner organisations (such as Reddrops FoodWorks, Menzies Support Services and Yea Community House), our generous donors, including the amazing monthly delivery of potatoes from Dobsons, and local community groups who collect and

deliver food to us, those who provide small and large financial contributions that keep us going and the many individuals who share our belief that everyone deserves food on their table," Robyn said.

"Our growth has been supported by two grants, one from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to insulate this shed and establish the Murrindindi Food Relief Network. This will further extend the support we already provide to existing food relief organisations such as the Faith Cupboard in Eildon and Alexandra Community Hub. Our grant from AGL Hydro has allowed the purchase of our fridge and freezer and a contribution towards the food that fills it and we're thrilled to have a full fridge for our food share event tomorrow.

"To our volunteers, rain, hail or shine, you show up. You sort, you pack, you welcome and help our visitors, you smile, and you remind us what real community looks like, ably lead by our own team member Sasha. You are all the heartbeat of this place.

"Thank you for backing a vision that puts people first. Your support has helped turn this grassroots effort into something strong, sustainable, and full of promise.

"And finally, it gives me great pleasure to officially launch our newest initiative, the Food Share Fresh garden. The new space will allow us to grow veggies and herbs and they will add to the fresh food offer we will be able to provide. It also gives us an inviting and safe space to host additional events that support our participants' wellbeing.

"As we look ahead to our second year and beyond, I feel nothing but gratitude. This first year has proven what's possible when we come together with purpose and compassion," Robyn said.



Organisers, volunteers and supporters celebrating the one year anniversary of the Murrindindi Community Food Share, located in Alexandra. -AR

# Murrindindi Shire welcomes new citizens

IN a joyful ceremony held on Tuesday, April 29 at Alexandra Council Chamber, Murrindindi Shire Council officially welcomed six new Australian Citizens as part of a special citizenship event.

Hosted by Mayor Damien Gallagher, together with Deputy Mayor Anita Carr and CEO Livia Bonazzi, the ceremony brought together families, community leaders and council representatives to witness and celebrate this important milestone in the lives of the new citizens.

The conferees, Frederick, Ritchie, John, Yumeng, Robert, and Alexander, have pledged their commitment to Australia's democratic values and were presented with certificates of citizenship in front of an audience of family and friends.

In attendance were guests including Michelle Jack, Secretary Alexandra Football Netball Club, Neil Robinson, Alexandra RSL and Alexandra Football Netball Club, Annie Robinson, Alexandra RSL and Football Netball Club, Martine Sloan, Red Gate CWA, Noel McIlwraith, Rotary Club of Alexandra and Murrindindi Foodshare, John McIlwraith, Friends of Rotary, and Cindy McLeish MP who were pleased to congratulate the shire's newest Australians.

Council will proudly host a further two Citizenship Ceremonies throughout 2025.

To learn more about becoming an Australian citizen, please visit the Department of Home Affairs website at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au) or call the Citizenship Information line on 131 880 during business hours.



Council CEO Livia Bonazzi, Michelle Jack, Secretary Alexandra Football Netball Club, Neil Robinson, Alexandra RSL and Alexandra Football Netball Club, Annie Robinson, Alexandra RSL and Football Netball Club, Mayor Damien Gallagher, Frederik Meert, Ritchie Frew, John Bush, Yumeng Yang, Robert Taylor, Alexander Sloan, Cindy McLeish MP, Deputy Mayor Anita Carr, Martine Sloan, Red Gate CWA, Noel McIlwraith, Rotary Club of Alexandra and Murrindindi Foodshare, and John McIlwraith, Friends of Rotary. -S






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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.*



*[Our apologies for the error. -Ed]*



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The weather was kind to them with beautiful autumn days to explore and enjoy what is here. They were extremely happy with their visit and the generosity of garden owners welcoming them to their gardens.



*Members of the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society  
visiting a local garden. -S*

The members discussed future activities and have pencilled in a Mansfield trip for

If you fancy joining our group please come along to the Bayley Street clubroom on a Friday afternoon. Meanwhile stay safe and keep smiling.



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Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

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## Thumbsup/down Monday 10am

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Ray with his sons and daughters, along with their partners and children, who were there on the day. -S

## Happy Birthday to Ray Norris

RAY Norris has celebrated his 90th Birthday with a gathering of four generations of family and many friends on Saturday, April 12 at the Alexandra Masonic Hall.

In all, there were near to 100 people in attendance including daughter Sandy from Queensland, eldest son Peter from Alexandra, daughter Colleen from Mildura and youngest son Gary from Somerville and their respective families.

Ray was born and bred in Alexandra and worked locally all his working life commencing in the logging industry, as well as running several businesses.

His children describe their father as having a great commitment and love for his Masonic Lodge as well as his family and friends.

They say he has always been a caring and kind person who is known for his cheekiness and sense of humour.

Ray is still an active member of the Masonic Lodge and he still attends several meetings a month, his connection with the lodge dates back many decades.

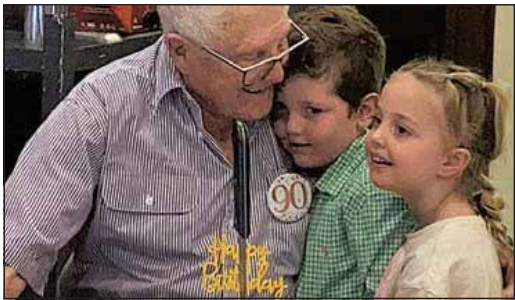
Mr Van Lernanberg from the Euroa Masonic Lodge congratulated Ray on reaching such a milestone and commended him on his length of service with the Lodge.

Peter Norris also spoke and congratulated his father on his milestone birthday and thanked all the people in attendance particularly those that had travelled long distances to help his father celebrate his birthday.

In an emotional speech Ray responded to the best wishes showing his appreciation for those that put together his special day and came to help him celebrate.

With assistance from his great grandchildren, four year old Grainger, and four year old Isla, Ray blew out his candles after a boisterous rendition of Happy Birthday from the guests.

The family would also like to thank the following people for assisting with the catering: Christeen and Kelsey Purcell, Lynn Cashmore and Debra Sheppard.



Ray and great grandchildren, Grainger and Isla, who flew in to help Ray blow out the candles on his cake. -S



Ray with his grandchildren.



The Helen Haines team celebrates. -S

## Labor wins majority and Helen Haines wins Indi

THE Australian Labor Party was the clear winner in the Federal election, held on Saturday, May 3, but locally, the preference was still for independents, with incumbent Helen Haines taking the seat of Indi.

Dr Haines received 52,515 votes (58.49 per cent) in the two candidates preferred count once all of the ballots had been counted, against Liberal James Trenery, who received 37,270 votes (41.51 per cent), with a swing of 0.45 per cent.

The first preference count saw Helen Haines receive 38,637 votes (43.03 per cent), Labor's Mitch Bridges 7186 votes (eight per cent), Liberal James Trenery received 27,851 votes (31.02 per cent), One Nation's Athol Thomas received 6233 votes (6.94 per cent), Greens' Alysia Regan received 2943 votes (3.28 per cent), Libertarian Tim Quilty received 1445 votes (1.61 per cent), Family First's Michael White received 1601 votes (1.78 per cent), Legalise Cannabis Party's Ben Howman received 2622 votes (2.92 per cent), and Independent Mark McFarlane received 1268 votes (1.41 per cent).

There were 89,786 formal votes and 5161 informal votes (5.44 per cent).

Around the polling stations, James Trenery won Narbethong (73 votes to Helen Haines's 52), Yea (292 to 270), Glenburn (82 to 60) and Thornton (91 to 52), but all other polling stations in the shire went to Helen Haines.

Taggerty saw Helen Haines on 124 to James Trenery's 103, Marysville 155 to 113, Kinglake 261 to 141, Flowerdale 109 to 77, Eildon 119 to 111 and Alexandra 446 to 440.

Once the electorate results became clear, Dr Haines posted on Facebook, "Thank you, Indi. I'm honoured that you have placed your trust in me to represent you for another three years. It is a responsibility I take seriously and one that I carry with great pride and gratitude. I will continue to use my position as your independent representative to deliver local impact and

national influence, in housing, to help cost-of-living, for better healthcare, childcare and regional infrastructure, and for continued action on climate change. From Kinglake to Corryong, Mansfield to Wodonga, thank you to people across Indi for sharing your views, your issues and your hopes, and for participating in our democracy. It is the biggest honour of my life to represent you as Federal Independent Member for Indi and I will continue to make every minute count."

James Trenery posted, "Thank you, Indi. Though we didn't get the result we hoped for this time, I want to say a deep and sincere thank you to everyone who stood with us, especially the incredible people of Indi. Your support, energy, and belief carried us every step of the way. To the volunteers who gave their time, heart, and effort: we are so grateful. You made this campaign something truly special. This isn't the end. It's just the beginning. We are more determined than ever. Together, we will keep building, keep showing up, and keep working, harder than ever, for the future we believe in. Let's stay connected, stay strong, and keep going. Indi, we're just getting started."

Labor's Mitch Bridges posted, "To the people of Indi: thank you. Whether you voted Labor or not, know that I believe in this region. I'm proud to have fought for a government that believes we deserve to train here, stay here, get paid what we're worth and raise families with the support they need. We may not have won the seat, but we've earned something powerful, momentum. This wasn't a one-shot campaign it was the start of something lasting. A movement to show that Labor values belong in Indi. There's more to learn and more work ahead, but for now, let's celebrate a thumping Labor victory. Congratulations of course to Dr Haines for a third victory, and well done to James for the fantastic effort. Hope to see you all again soon."

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### THURSDAY, MAY 8

Yea Arts Inc are running a free Business of Art workshop in Alexandra. The first workshops in the series include photo and video essentials and social media and brand building for creatives and are led by Sam Hicks. Spaces

are limited. To book a spot visit [yeaartsinc.org](http://yeaartsinc.org)

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### FRIDAY, MAY 9

Yea spring drop weaner sale. For more information visit Yea Saleyards website or facebook page.

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### SUNDAY, MAY 11

Mother's Day Luncheon at Holmesglen at Eildon. Bookings are essential for this

three-course luncheon showcasing the finest local produce, and a complimentary glass of sparkling on arrival. Visit the website at [holmesglenateildon.com.au](http://holmesglenateildon.com.au) or call 5774 2631 to book.

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### MONDAY, MAY 26

Yea Water Tigers AGM will be held at 6pm at the Yea Community House. General meeting will follow at 6.30pm. enquiries to secretary at [yeawatertigerscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:yeawatertigerscommittee@gmail.com) or phone 0459 248 488, new members welcome.

## Connect, contribute and celebrate at Murrindindi Shire Council's Volunteer Expo

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is inviting all volunteer groups and anyone interested in volunteering to their Volunteer Expo at the Alexandra Football Netball Club on Saturday, July 5.

In the spirit of this year's National Volunteer Week theme, 'Bringing Communities Together', council is hosting the expo to connect you with opportunities that suit your skills, interests and passions, and help local groups grow their numbers.

Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back, build new skills and boost your wellbeing. It also strengthens community connections and lets you support causes that matter to you. From helping local charities and environmental groups, to working with animals, assisting emergency services or preserving local history, there's something for everyone.

The Volunteer Expo aims to connect community groups with people keen to contribute their time and talents. Local organisations will showcase a range of volunteer roles to suit different interests and skill sets. Whether you're just starting out or looking to grow your group, the expo is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference in our shire.

In the lead-up to the expo, Networking Pop-up Sessions will be held in Marysville, Eildon and Alexandra. All events are free and open to everyone. These sessions offer a relaxed opportunity to meet representatives

from local organisations and find out how you can get involved.

They are a great way to explore your options before the main expo. Whether you are new to volunteering or just want to meet people and learn more, these networking events are the ideal starting point, so head along and enjoy a hot beverage on council.

For a full schedule of these networking events, and to register your attendance, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteernetworking](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteernetworking)

If you would like to host a stall at the Volunteer Expo, volunteer groups can register to showcase their opportunities. Prospective volunteers can also register for a ticket to attend. Registrations close Monday, June 23.

For more information and to register your stall or attendance, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteere expo](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteere expo) or call council on (03) 5772 0333 and ask to speak with their Community Capacity Building Officer.

Murrindindi Shire Council is pleased to advise this event was made possible by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Community Development Fund. For more information on the Community Capacity Building program visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communitycapacitybuilding](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communitycapacitybuilding)

Murrindindi Shire Mayor Damien Gallagher highlights the critical role

volunteers play in strengthening the community.

"Volunteers are the heart of our shire, and this expo gives everyone a chance to find out how they can get involved whether it's supporting a local cause, gain new skills, or simply connecting with others, we encourage all community members to attend.

"We're proud to celebrate the generosity and dedication of our volunteers through events like the Volunteer Expo, the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and the Community Awards. These events celebrate the spirit of community and recognise the generous individuals who give their time to help others. Supporting volunteers is central to what council does, it strengthens our communities and benefits us all."

Bronwyn Ondracek, said of her experience volunteering locally; "As a new arrival to Marysville and approaching retirement, I started volunteering at MiRa (Marysville Information and Regional Arts). This allowed me to learn about the attractions and the history of the area to assist the visitors and also become connected with the locals, many of whom have become friends.

"Now that I am retired, I divide most of my volunteering between MiRa and U3A. Both give me pleasure, allow me to meet a wide range of people and help me to feel that I am contributing to the area. Volunteers are the backbone of small communities and new volunteers are always welcomed warmly."

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## Beyond the Beats a resounding success

MURRINDINDI Shire Council congratulates the young organisers and performers who brought the Beyond the Beats event to life in Eildon on Sunday, April 13. The afternoon featured five local artists and drew a crowd of 55 attendees from across the shire and surrounding areas.

The event was planned and delivered by the youth Planning Crew of Issy, Tarni and Liv, who coordinated decorations, snacks, hosting and photography. Their dedication and hard work ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for all. The venue was full of colours, disco balls and fun with the

Planning Crew creating an event and space that will not be forgotten.

Council also thanks Pixie, Janine and the team at Pixies @ the Billabong for generously hosting the event. Their support made the gathering possible and contributed to its warm and inclusive vibe.

The performers, Lilah Galbraith, Alexis Farley, Samuel Harris, Tayla Anne Music and James Whybrow, showcased a wide range of styles and talents. Events like Beyond the Beats offer local musicians the chance to gain experience performing live, while also helping build confidence and community connections.

Council is committed to supporting opportunities where young people can take the lead in shaping and delivering events, building skills in planning, communication and leadership along the way.

Mayor Damien Gallagher and Deputy Mayor Anita Carr attended the event to show their support for local music and youth-led initiatives.

Mayor Gallagher said, "It was fantastic to see our young people come together to create such a vibrant and engaging event. Their passion and creativity are truly inspiring."

Deputy Mayor Carr added, "I was in awe of the young, local artists and the energy and talent they all displayed on the big stage. Events like these are vital for fostering community spirit in Eildon and across Murrindindi Shire and supporting our local young artists.

"Music has the power to bring people together, and our artists showed the musical talent on offer across Murrindindi Shire. Everyone involved should be proud of the event's success."

Tayla, from Tayla Anne Music, one of the local performers at the event said, "It was a wonderful afternoon event for the community, especially for the young ones who enjoyed a fun day out, a fantastic way to support local artists. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it."

Beyond the Beats was supported by funding from the *Push All-Ages Grants Program*, part of the Victorian Government's 10,000 Gigs initiative.

Young people interested in performing or being involved in future events can follow the Murrindindi Shire Youth Facebook and Instagram pages for updates and opportunities.



Attendees at the Beyond the Beats event in Eildon. -S

WHAT'S  
ON?





The Eildon book sale. -S

## Books galore at Eildon Epic Book Sale

THE Eildon Epic Book Sale was held on Easter Saturday and Sunday, at the Eildon Community Centre, raising money for a community gym in Eildon.

It was a popular event, with many people coming through the doors of the community centre to browse and purchase books. Thousands of secondhand books were on offer, providing something for everyone's tastes and interests.

The Epic Book Sale will run again on the long weekend in November, so put

it in your diary for next time. If anyone has a passion for books, and would like to join our committee, please email [eildoncommunitygym@gmail.com](mailto:eildoncommunitygym@gmail.com)

Sincere thanks to the following for their generous help: The Eildon Lions Club, Goulburn River Books, The Eildon Opp Shop, Eildon Primary School, Eildon Action, The Alexandra Opp Shop, The Hall family, Carl, Marg, Goulburn Murray Water, Stace Newman Builders, and all of the people who donated books to us.

## Many opportunities at your local op shop

YOU never know what you will find in an opportunity shop. It's a bit of a hunt. Some days there's nothing and then other days you will hit the jackpot.

With the cost of living these days, many people are struggling to pay bills, feed and clothe their families, and opportunity shops are a great way to save a couple of dollars along the way.

Sustainable fashion can include promoting circularity through recycling, upcycling, and repairing clothing. There are seven R's when it comes to sustainable fashion. These include: Rethink (by changing your thinking about your purchasing decisions is the starting point when it comes to sustainable fashion), Reduce (Less is more), Reuse (Having pieces that you can reuse over time in your wardrobe means you're not buying more as fashion trends change over time), Repair (Don't throw away, try and mend your favourite pieces), Rent (Why buy when you can rent. Some opportunity shops have a rental section of high end pieces you can rent for an upcoming event instead of outlaying a large amount of money for one occasion when you may not use the piece again), Recycle (Old garments can have a new lease of life as fashion does make its way again through the ages), Resell (Give your clothes a new home. Sell them on buy swap and sell sites, give them to a friend or donate them to your local opportunity shop. Only donate them if they are in a condition you would use them in, opportunity shops aren't a dumping ground).

In the state of sustainability report 2024 by Sustainability Victoria, the question was asked of survey participants whether buying second hand is the way to a more sustainable fashion industry. Seventy-two per cent said it reduced the amount of new clothes they subsequently bought.

The report states, "According to the Australian Fashion Council's Roadmap to clothing circularity, Australians on average buy 56 new pieces of clothing per year.

"A total of 67 per cent of Victorians already buy or sell second hand clothes and other items, which contributes to a circular economy."

The benefits of donating to your local opportunity shops is endless. This includes the shops giving back to their local community groups so they can benefit. It's a circle of giving. Using opportunity shops, whether you're buying or donating, contributes to the effort towards reducing landfill. The volunteers in these opportunity shops also have an important role and sense of purpose in their community, and contributing in the sustainability efforts and a better future for all.

Go and visit your local opportunity shops in the Murrindindi Shire, these include Marysville, Eildon, Yea, Alexandra and Flowerdale. You may be surprised what you will find.

## Proposed safety works in Murrindindi Shire

COUNCIL has received funding through the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Safer Local Roads and Streets Program (SLRSP), in partnership with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to deliver road safety signage upgrades, speed limit reviews and other road safety works at eight locations across Murrindindi Shire.

Council want to hear from you about the proposed changes, including speed limit reductions. Visit council's website to learn more, and provide feedback at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/safer-roads](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/safer-roads)

Feedback is open until Sunday, May 18. Please note, at this stage funding is only available for the following areas: Jerusalem Creek Road, Eildon; Skyline Road and U T Creek Road, Eildon to Devils River; Ghin Ghin Road, Ghin Ghin to Highlands; Killingworth Road, Killingworth; McMahon's Road, Kinglake; Extons Road, Kinglake Central; Yarek Road and Top Road, Ruffy to Terip Terip to Gobur, and Whanregarwen Road, Molesworth to Whanregarwen.

## Best Start Best Life



## Four-Year-Old Kinder is becoming Pre-Prep.

In 2025, Pre-Prep will be available for 16-30 hours per week in Murrindindi Shire.

Pre-Prep means more time to develop important social and emotional skills. Learning through play helps children explore, solve problems, communicate and create, while making friends - getting them ready for school and life.

Enrol for 2025. Speak with your preferred kinder service or local council today about how to register for a place or to learn more visit [vic.gov.au/pre-prep](http://vic.gov.au/pre-prep)



# Combined forces to make the biggest morning tea

LAST week Greta Vallance and U3A combined to make this year’s Biggest Morning Tea a huge success. In total \$733 was raised for the Cancer Council. Greta and her trusted team of workers including Kerry, Judy and Helen hosted a lunch/morning tea for 40 guests.

People gathered on the gorgeous verandah surrounding her home as well as in the shade of the crepe myrtle trees. The weather was perfect. Everyone was greeted like a friend and people happily enjoyed the company of those they were seated with. Options for

lunch included soup and sandwiches. Also scones with jam and cream were kindly donated by Karla from Café Alex. Other generous personal donations included money for sandwiches and four raffle prizes, which of course added to the gift to the Cancer Council. Everything was served outside in fine style by Greta’s “dream team”.

As well as a nice lunch, Greta was also able to persuade four keen gardeners to open their gardens to the U3A community. Three of these homes were in local Alexandra and

one was just down the road in Thornton. Two of them were city gardens and the other two were larger, one being on a farm property. The gardens were not intended to be in a competition, but rather to highlight the result of what can be achieved even after a very dry summer. The gardeners had each worked hard to showcase their own patch at its best. One gardener was even found mowing her grass at 7am on the day in order to reduce the mess of leaves which had fallen overnight.

U3A is a self-help, non-profit organisation with courses and activities to encourage the ‘over 50s’ to keep socially active in their retirement years. The Biggest Morning Tea including Garden Appreciation Tour, was part of this. The visitors were able to enjoy a delicious morning tea and see some amazing gardens. It was good for body and soul. Combined with the heart-warming feeling of raising money for cancer research, Greta’s Biggest Morning Tea was a huge success.



Val and Louise in a garden in Thornton. -S



Mike, Alison, Margaret, Lynda and Sally in a Thornton garden. -S



Bob, Stephen, Christine and Tim. -S



Greta and her dream team, Helen, Kerry and Judy. -S



The U3A Garden Tour group. -S



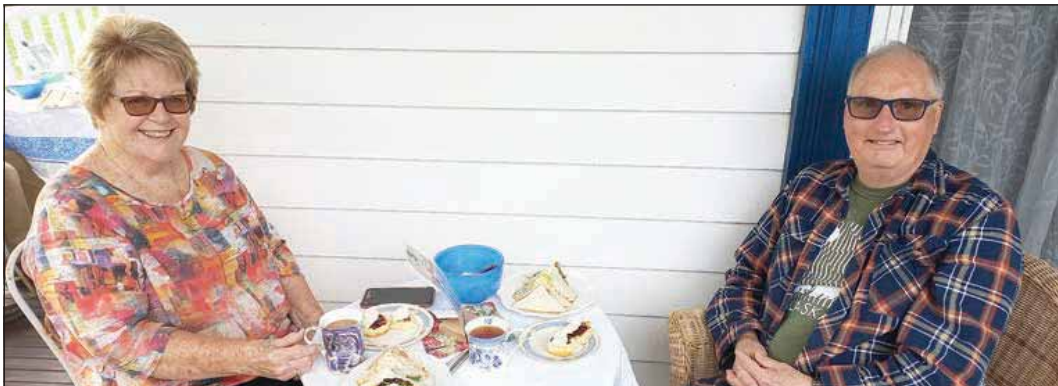
The tables in the garden. -S



Simon, Andrea and Val. -S



Margo and a scarecrow. -S



Lorna and Colin. -S



Cleve, Tony and Sandra. -S



# MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



## DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET FEEDBACK

It's that time of year again, Council has prepared its draft Annual Budget for 2025/2026!

Our Annual Budget outlines the broad range of services we provide to our community and the funding required to deliver these services.

We're inviting you to read the budget and provide feedback at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/budget](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/budget) or in person at our Library and Customer Service Centres.

**Feedback closes on Wednesday 28 May.**

## VOLUNTEER EXPO

In the spirit of this year's National Volunteer Week theme, 'Bringing Communities Together', Council is hosting a Volunteer Expo to help you find your perfect volunteer match.

**When:** Saturday 5 July from 1.00 to 5.00 pm

**Where:** Alexandra Football and Netball Club, 53 William Street, Alexandra

**Reservations:** Free, but essential for catering and venue capacity purposes.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Volunteering offers the opportunity to learn more about our vibrant and diverse community and develop interests you've always wanted to explore. From arts and literature to bettering our environment, working with animals, or supporting emergency services, and local history, there's a group for you.

Visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteerexpo](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteerexpo) or call Council on 5772 0333 for more information.

This event was made possible by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Community Development Fund.

## PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS

Council has received funding under TAC's Safer Local Roads and Streets Program, in partnership with the Department of Transport and Planning for road safety signage upgrades, speed limit reviews and safety works. Works are proposed at eight locations across the Shire.

Council welcomes feedback on the proposed speed limit reductions and other road safety works. Visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/safer-roads](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/safer-roads) and complete the survey.

**Feedback closes Sunday 18 May.**

## COUNCIL PLAN CONSULTATION COMING SOON

Over the past year we have heard from the community about what matters most for the future of our Shire.

We've taken that feedback and shaped it into a draft Council Plan, to guide our priorities and decision-making over the next four years, and a refreshed Community Vision, outlining where we want our community to be in 10 years.

Now we want to check in - have we heard you correctly? Consultation will open 29 May and close 15 June.

## COME AND CELEBRATE IDAHOBIT IN YEA

All community members should feel welcome and included in our community. In celebration of IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex Discrimination and Transphobia), Council is hosting a flag raising ceremony at 10.00 am on Friday 16 May outside the Yea Library.

Join us for morning tea and empowering reflections as we celebrate and support the LGBTQIA+ community.

## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

Flu season is coming, and we understand the whirlwind of caring for small children. Amidst the chaos, don't forget the essential: immunisation. It's a shield against preventable diseases!

We're thrilled to offer free influenza immunisation for children aged 6 months to 4 years. Protect your little ones from the flu! Remember to bring their Child Health Record Book and Medicare Card on the day.

For additional information about the flu and the vaccine, email us at [immunisation@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

Book online at [murrindindi.book.vaxapp.com.au](http://murrindindi.book.vaxapp.com.au)

## ALEXANDRA BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Council is inviting all businesses and entrepreneurs based in Murrindindi Shire to join us for a casual and friendly complementary business breakfast gathering.

This is a great opportunity to network with fellow business owners, gain insights from a guest speaker on improving your online visibility, and hear updates from Council regarding key projects, initiatives and events. Learn more on our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/business-breakfast](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/business-breakfast)

## GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS SUPPORT

Calling all local community groups! Have you got an idea for your community? Council's Grants and Sponsorships Program provides up to \$5000 for community projects that:

- improve the liveability of our towns and places
- build connections
- create opportunities for participation in the local community
- improve health and wellbeing
- protect our natural environment
- assist communities to plan for the future.

Find out more at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants)

If you'd like assistance with preparing your grant application, please call 5772 0333.

## STAY INFORMED

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news) or follow us on Facebook.

## GET IN TOUCH

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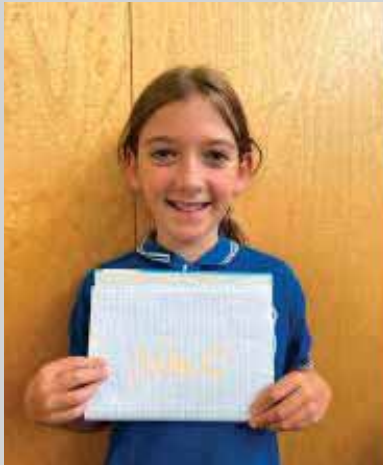


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**Student of the week**

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## ALEXANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Isla O.**

Isla shows the school values consistently. She is a kind and courteous student who does her best. She approaches her learning with a smile. Isla has a welcoming smile and is friendly and kind to others. We are proud to have you in our learning community, Isla. You are a star.

## EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Shannon**

For showing Integrity as he wrote a lovely story about a rain drop called Flo. He used interesting preposition openers, like “Nearby...” Well done, Shannon.



**Shannon**

For showing the school value Cooperation by being a great helper both in the classroom and around the school. Well done Sophie.

**Student of the Week**

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## A successful Murrindindi Children’s Network Annual Conference

ON Thursday, May 1 Murrindindi Children’s Network presented the 2025 Early Childhood Conference: Exploring Neurodevelopment at Holmesglen in Eildon.

Councillor Sue Carpenter emceed the event, with four guest speakers throughout the day. There was outstanding attendance from early childhood educators, allied health workers, specialists, and anyone interested in the early childhood sector.

The conference focused on some important aspects of childhood development, this included navigating mental health, connection with infants and young children, safety and attachment, using play to develop the brain, and preparing young children for the digital world that we live in.

First speaker of the day was Robyn Papworth who was back by popular demand. Robyn is the founder of *play move improve* and is an exercise physiologist and developmental educator and also a strong advocate for early intervention and neurodiversity.

Robyn spoke of how children are struggling with movement as they are addicted to screens, Robyn said “Anyone under two should have zero screen time, not televisions but devices in hands.” Its not just movement that screens are affecting, since the introduction of screens children have 1000 less words in their vocabulary.

Screen time reduces language, fewer back and forth interactions, limited sensory inputs and decreased eye contact. With screen time children are only getting auditory and visual stimulation

and they aren’t receiving tactile, taste, smell, vestibular input (sensory information which detects changes in head position, motion, and balance) and proprioception (the body’s ability to perceive its position and movement in space). Strengthening all these areas leads to a regulated child and overall wellbeing.

Another interesting highlight of Robyn’s presentations was the connection between brain development and joint attention. Having joint attention is the ability to share focus on an object or event with another person, this promotes engaging in a shared experience. As children are struggling to connect, they are showing signs of lack of eye contact, difficulty with transitions, limited emotional expression, challenges of co-regulation as they are resistant to join in

activities and prefer screen based activities. Gaining joint attention builds a critical pathway for social development, language development, and emotional regulation. To help children develop joint attention, we as adults need to learn joint attention. Eye contact triggers oxytocin release, it is something we can all benefit from.

Other speakers of the day included Wendy Burton, a senior consultant and infant mental health practitioner, Emily Walters, a creative arts therapist, and Sumudu Mallawaarachchi, a research fellow from the Australian Research Council centre of excellence for the Digital Child talking about the effects of the digital world on children’s development.



*The conference was a very well attended event. -MP*



*Councillor Sue Carpenter opened the conference and emceed the event. -MP*



*Councillor Sue Carpenter introducing the first speaker of the day Robyn Papworth. -MP*



*Robyn Papworth had some very insightful information for everyone to walk away with. -MP*



# Best Start Best Life

## Become a kinder teacher or educator. Financial support of up to \$34,000 available.

The Victorian Government is delivering Free Kinder.  
And that means thousands of new jobs across the state.  
Financial support to help you study and Free TAFE  
courses are available.

Learn more at [vic.gov.au/kinder](https://vic.gov.au/kinder)





# Snobs Creek Hatchery holds annual open day

THE annual Snobs Creek Hatchery Open Day took place last Sunday, May 4, giving the public a behind the scenes glimpse into the work being done to keep our waterways stocked with all species of fish.

All three hatcheries were on display, with a planned tour route beginning in the conservation hatchery and taking attendees through the native fish hatchery and the salmonid hatchery. Workers from the hatchery

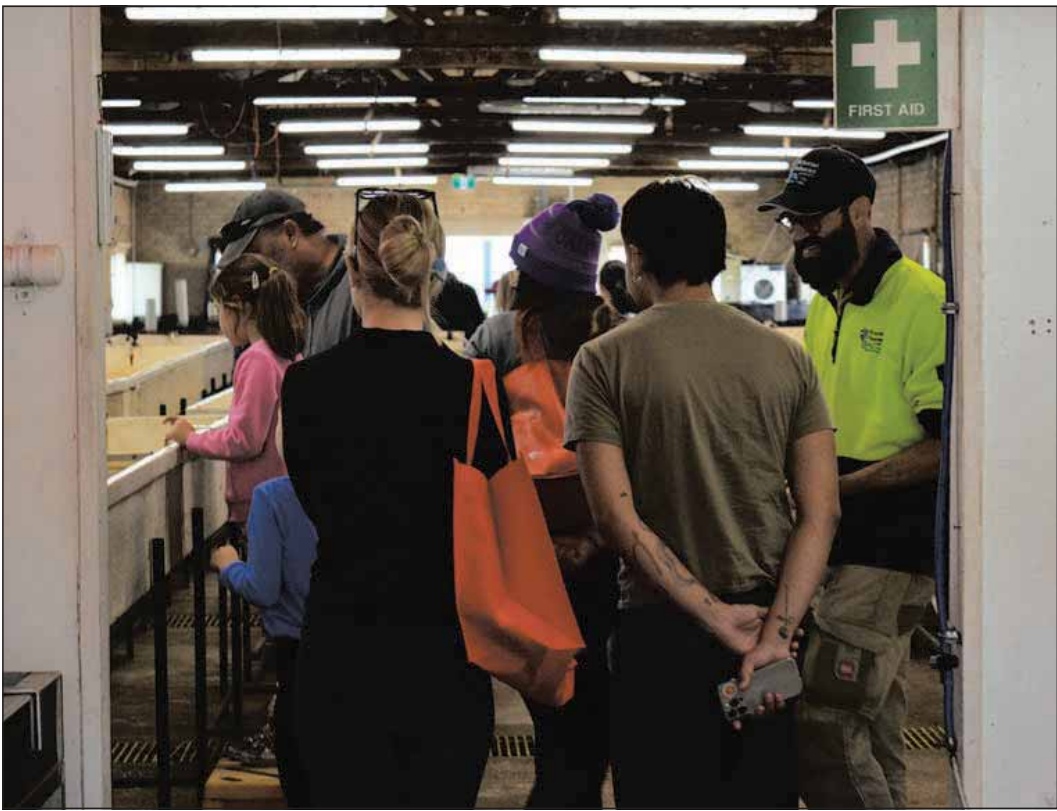
were available every step of the way to field questions to and have a chat with.

Once people made their way through the hatcheries, there was a general area with a number of activities available. Cooking demonstrations, fish dissections and fishing talks, live music, childrens' activities, a fishing simulator and more.

Catering was provided by the Eildon Lions Club.



Members of the public were guided around the hatcheries by helpful staff. -BD



The crowd made their way through the hatcheries, seeing the various fish being bred. -BD



Gary Constantine demonstrating how to cook fish at the open day. -BD



The live music at the event, providing a fantastic backdrop to the open day. -BD



Fisheries officers were on-site talking to attendees about the work they do. -BD

## VOLUNTEER EXPO

5 JULY 2025

Looking to make a difference in your community? Or already volunteering and keen to grow your group?

In line with this year's National Volunteer Week theme, 'Bringing Communities Together', Council is hosting a Volunteer Expo to help you find your perfect volunteer match.

**When:** Saturday 5 July from 1.00 to 5.00 pm  
**Where:** Alexandra Football and Netball Club, 53 William Street, Alexandra  
**Reservations:** Free but essential by Monday 23 June.

Enjoy some light refreshments, connect with local groups, and hear from experienced volunteers.

To book your ticket or stall, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteere expo](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteere expo)

Not sure where to start? Come along to one of our free Networking Pop-up Sessions to meet with local organisations over a hot drink, on us!

For session locations, times and to register, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteernetworking](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/volunteernetworking)

For more information, call Council on **5772 0333** and ask to speak with our Community Capacity Building Officer.

This event is part of Murrindindi Shire Council's Community Capacity Building Program, made possible with funding from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Community Development Fund.



One of the tanks in the conservation hatchery and its filtration system. -BD



An enthusiastic fan with Robbie Fishing, a YouTuber who vlogs his fishing adventures. -BD



Chinook salmon eggs almost ready to hatch. -BD



# Draft budget delivered at special meeting of council

ON Wednesday, April 30 Murrindindi Shire Council held the Special Meeting of Council at the Alexandra chambers.

Mayor Damien Gallagher opened the meeting, there was an apology from Councillor Sandice McAulay, there were no requests for planned leave. No disclosures or conflicts of interests were expressed about the meeting or the agenda.

Councillor Hilderbrand introduced the endorsement draft annual budget 2025/26 to the public for consultations as required by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Some key points as explained was council is budgeting for \$44.5 million to run services and facilities, the budget returns and operating surplus of \$330,000. \$17.2 million is allocated for capital works with most of it going into existing infrastructure.

There will be a community waste charge of \$129 that will apply to all properties, this will cover waste services that will benefit everyone. This amount is already in the kerbside charge. There is no increase for kerbside waste collection charges even with the shift to the four-bin service coming soon.

“This is a cautious budget with only a few new incentives, due to the ongoing financial pressures facing council it also flags a need for future conversations with the community about what services and facilities we can sustainably provide.

“Submissions on this budget can be made until May 28, and the community members can speak at that night’s council meeting. Final adoption is scheduled for June 25,” Councillor Hilderbrand said.

Councillor Carr asked if the projects not listed in the budget but actively trying to get

funding for, such as the drainage project in Thornton if they can be added to the budget after its been adopted, and once the funding is received can the works for these projects go ahead?

It was explained that the budget can always be adjusted to accommodate grant funding for projects that arise after the budget is adopted, as the budget gets reviewed quarterly. The capacity is also reviewed as there is already committed works for the year. The timing of it will depend on the capacity to deliver.

Councillor Carpenter asked about the community waste charge to be confirmed that will all properties being charged, does that include the commercial and industrial properties? This was confirmed there is no exception.

Councillor Lording asked if we have a major event how do we incorporate it in the budget how does it work? It was answered that we can recognise the financial impacts and review of the budget and we can meet outside of the quarterly schedule to make financial decisions if there is a need to respond to an emergency. We can consider to deferring projects if we need to free up resources and it also depends on the scale and the availability of external funding assistance.

Council have factored in a rate increase where the total rate revenue from rates, the increase will be three per cent and that’s in line with the rate cap set by the state government. They are factoring in one per cent for supplementary valuations that might occur through the year. This has been reasonably consistent with other years. Council are looking to borrow funds of two million dollars to fund projects that will

provide a return back to council. Council will commence borrowings early in the financial year anticipating a term of around seven years and a term of around five percent.

Consumer price index will come into around 3.2 per cent and capacity to increase revenue is three per cent.

Mayor Gallagher asked as we are in the third quarter of this year’s budget is there anything that will impact the current year budget? Every year in December it is forecasted where they will land at the end of the year and if things arise. These can be variations, to capital projects or grant funded projects they can be followed over to the following year. However if there is over-expenditure or under-expenditure on council funded services or projects that hasn’t been forecasted it will impact the cash position when the new budget is started. Council aren’t anticipating any significant or material variations that will impact on the cash position next year.

To compliment the state governments support for business and workers who is dealing with the transition away native timber harvesting, council budget supports the community economic reliance away from that industry by being successful securing grants from the forest transition fund to support many new projects.

The budget highlights contain important operational and capital projects and initiatives under the three strategic directions established in consultation with the community in the draft 2025-2029 council plan. The projects that will support this will include, \$4.3 million to build 14 units as part of the Eildon Key Worker Accommodation Project, helping local businesses attract and retain staff by providing essential housing (partly grant funded); Upgrades up to \$453,000 at the Yea Saleyards, including technology improvements, renewed water troughs and expanded shade structures; \$380,000 to establish an Integrated Forestry and Carbon Offset Project; \$77,433 to continue the Forestry Transition Program, including investment in Community Capacity Building (grant funded); \$49,000 for strategic land use

planning to incorporate housing development opportunities into the Murrindindi Planning Scheme; \$104,000 to continue biodiversity and environmental management across council managed roadsides and bushland reserves; \$194,000 allocated to council’s Grants and Sponsorships Program to foster local initiatives and community-led projects; \$20,000 to develop the next four year Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan; \$20,000 to install additional power points at the Yea Shire Hall to enhance its function as a community emergency response and recovery centre; \$260,000 for the Leaping Into Resilience Program, equipping communities to better prepare for disasters and major emergencies (grant funded) ; \$100,000 to maintain youth participation and resilience programs following the withdrawal of state government funding; \$270,000 for upgrades to playgrounds, barbeques, park furniture and irrigation across public parks and recreation reserves; \$400,000 to continue the renewal of council’s footpath and shared path network, enhancing access and safety; \$80,000 to kickstart the first year of implementation of the Council Plan 2025-2029; \$1.4 million for bridge renewal, including \$40,000 to install signage on council’s bridges with official names and load ratings; \$20,000 to support deliberative community engagement on the future of building and recreation assets across the shire; \$25,000 for an online public building booking platform to support hirers of public facilities; \$400,000 to undertake minor and major drainage renewal and upgrades to reduce local flood risk and improve stormwater management; \$95,500 to continue council’s digital transformation in collaboration with Mansfield, Strathbogie and Benalla Shire Councils, and \$20,000 to undertake efficiency reviews and productivity improvements/

The draft budget is available online on council’s website and hard copies at customer service centres including the mobile library. Submissions can be made online or by written assistance. People can also speak to their submission at the scheduled council meeting and do it in open forum.

## Slowing to 40km/h rule expanded to protect roadside workers

THE Victorian Government is protecting roadside workers and emergency services, who are there for Victorians in their most vulnerable moments.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne recently announced the Road Rule 79A will be expanded so workers and volunteers can get their jobs done, without fearing for their safety, whether responding to an accident, a vehicle breakdown, or a life-threatening situation.

“Incident response, roadside assistance and breakdown towing vehicles are there for us when we are in need. This change acknowledges the risks they take and our commitment to keeping them safe,” Ms Horne said.

“It is the responsibility of all drivers to familiarise themselves with this road rule and to always slow to 40km/h past responding vehicles, for the safety of workers and all road users.”

Road Rule 79A was first introduced in 2017 and requires drivers and riders to: Slow to 40km/h when passing stationary emergency or enforcement vehicles with flashing red, blue, magenta, or yellow lights;

approach stationary emergency services or enforcement vehicles at a speed that will allow them to stop safely if required and not increase their speed until a safe distance from the scene.

From July 1, Road Rule 79A (RR79A) will be extended to include accident towing, breakdown towing, roadside assistance, and all incident response service vehicles.

Currently, RR79A only applies to police vehicles, emergency vehicles, enforcement vehicles, and VicRoads Incident Response Service vehicles.

These changes come following a review into the road rule which considered the scope of the rule, compliance rates, penalties, and safety benefits.

The review found that there was a strong case for expanding the scope of vehicles covered by RR79A to increase safety for those who respond to road accidents, and the experiences of people in the industry.

The colour of the flashing lights included in the road rule will not change.

For more information about Road Rule 79A please visit [transport.vic.gov.au](https://transport.vic.gov.au)

Victorian

Law Week

19 – 25 May 2025

Event

Planning for the Future

Hosted by Lily Cox in partnership with Alexandra District Health

This event aims to empower residents in our rural community by providing essential information on Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney, Medical Treatment Decision Maker and Advance Care Planning documents.

Where law meets life

Learn what to do and where to get help when life and the law meet.

When: Tuesday 13 May 2025

Time: 2pm

Where: Alexandra RSL

44 Grant St, Alexandra

Register your interest now!

Phone our Mansfield or Alexandra office or email [enquiries@malryanglen.com.au](mailto:enquiries@malryanglen.com.au)

Keith Potger

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8pm Sat 17 May

Alexandra Shire Hall

Dave Arden

“Songman”

8pm Sat 16 August

Homewood Hall

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## Sundays just got a whole lot tastier at Philip Lobley Wines

TUCKED away in the rolling hills of the Yea Valley, Philip Lobley Wines invites you to experience the perfect pairing: handcrafted wines and wood-fired pizza.

Every Sunday, the cellar door transforms into a relaxed haven where good food, fine wine, and great company come together under open skies.

Pizza Sundays are more than just a meal, they're a tradition in the making. Bring your friends, your family, or simply yourself, and enjoy artisan pizzas topped with fresh, local ingredients, all baked to perfection in their roaring wood-fired oven. Sip on their small-batch, naturally made wines while soaking in the serenity of the vineyard.

Whether you're a wine enthusiast, a pizza lover, or just looking for a laid-back Sunday escape, Philip Lobley Wines delivers warmth, flavour, and genuine country hospitality. From crisp whites to complex reds, every bottle reflects their passion for sustainable winemaking and their love for community.

Join them this Sunday to unwind, indulge, and make memories that taste as good as they feel.

Pizza Sundays run from noon to 5pm every Sunday at Philip Lobley Wines in Glenburn. Bookings are encouraged, call 0447 166 377.



*People can enjoy good food and wine at Phillip Lobley winery. -S*

## Black Spur Inn: Local flavour, legendary history

AT the heart of Narbethong, the Black Spur Inn isn't just a place to eat, it's part of Victoria's living history.

Built in 1862 along the legendary Black Spur Drive, the inn has welcomed gold prospectors, timber workers, and travellers for over 160 years.

Through bushfires, floods, and decades of change, the Black Spur Inn has remained a proud symbol of resilience, hospitality, and community spirit.

The Black Spur itself, once a trail for Indigenous people journeying to Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, became a vital link for prospectors and adventurers.

Even today, the towering Mountain Ash forests and winding road inspire awe, and the Black Spur Inn stands ready to greet visitors with a warm welcome and a true taste of local life.

Since 2006, Di and Jim Kennedy have lovingly restored and reimagined the inn, blending its historic charm with the best of modern country hospitality.

Their Garden View Restaurant celebrates local produce, regional wines, and locally roasted coffee, crafting menus that tell the



*The Black Spur Inn pictured in 1918, some 56 years after it opened, demonstrating its long history. -S*

story of the land and the people who call it home.

With 17 cosy rooms, lush gardens, a bright glass-walled restaurant, and space for couples, families, and groups, the Black Spur Inn invites guests to slow down, savour local flavours, and reconnect with nature.

A new chapter is now unfolding since late 2024, with the inn rebranding to Black Spur Inn – Country Guest House.

While the look evolves, the heart remains unchanged: local pride, warm hospitality, and quality food and wine at every turn.



*Di and Jim Kennedy, the passionate owners of the Black Spur Inn. -S*

Bookings are essential. Visit [blackspurinn.com.au](http://blackspurinn.com.au) or call 5963 7121 to secure your table.

Come for the history. Stay for the hospitality. Savour the local flavours.

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**Cellar Door, open Sundays**  
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**Wood fired pizzas**  
**and wine**

Bookings preferred  
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1084 Kinglake Glenburn Road,  
Glenburn 3717.







## Let's Eat winner

THE winner of the April 'Let's Eat' \$50 voucher was Sandi Swan from Alexandra. Sandi will be having a \$50 feed on us at Flowerdale Hotel.

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



**Your chance to WIN a \$50 meal voucher**

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Eligible venues this month:

Sedona Estate - Philip Lobely Wines - Black Spur Inn  
(Circle one venue of your choice from above list only)

For your chance to win a \$50 voucher, return this entry by noon, **Wednesday, May 29.**

Alexandra Newspapers,  
43 Grant Street or  
PO Box 5, Alexandra, 3714

**Photocopies will not be accepted.**

**One entry per household.**

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

## Always the right time to treat someone special

THERE are many opportunities to treat those special people in your life to something delicious, such as a gourmet meal, a refreshing glass of wine or some nibbles.

Occasions like birthdays, holidays, Mother's Day,

or Easter are the obvious choices, but with the great selection of local businesses just around the corner in Murrindindi Shire, the opportunity exists at any time.

Plenty of people use Murrindindi as a meeting

point to catch up with family, or stop at fabulous local wineries or pubs for a relaxing Friday evening.

When it is just too hard to cook your own dinner and host family at your house, local venues provide an option that allows both you and your guests to have a good time, without all the stress of preparation.

With Mother's Day happening this weekend, consider taking your mum somewhere special to acknowledge all the hard work and kindness she gave to you over the years.

Regardless of what the occasion is, it is always a good time to take someone special out to eat at one of the many amazing locations in our beautiful shire.



*Sedona Estate's Cellar Door is open every weekend. -S*



## Safety issue for school children

COUNCIL was asked to provide advice on how council is addressing the safety issue of the leaking pipe, and subsequent moss/slime, at the children's crossing on Nihil Street, near the corner of Webster.

Council responded, "Council has inspected the drainage at the corner of Nihil and Webster Streets, Alexandra, following safety concerns raised. We identified that private stormwater is regularly flowing into the council drain, contributing to slime and grass build-up.

"Council's drain is functioning properly, with no structural issues identified. The property owner has been informed, and

at this stage we don't believe there is a water supply leak on their land. The water appears to result from regular stormwater and garden watering.

"Council recently cleaned the area to remove the slime and grass, however build-up has since reoccurred. Given the location near a school crossing, we have scheduled more frequent cleaning, with council's street sweeper now programmed to clean the kerb and gutter every two weeks.

"If this approach does not sufficiently address the issue, council will look at other ways to improve safety and monitor the area to better understand the water source."

## Nexus Primary Health and Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health to unite

NEXUS Primary Health (Nexus) and Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health (SCCH) are pleased to announce the two organisations will merge to form one community health service designed to deliver better, more connected healthcare.

From Thursday, January 1 2026, Nexus and SCCH will merge into a new single entity to create a more resilient community health service for people who live in the Hume, Macedon Ranges, Mitchell, Murrindindi and Strathbogie local government areas.

Joint Board Chair, Peter Donlon, said the decision to merge has been made after the exploration phase confirmed that uniting the health services would improve access to safe, high-quality, and sustainable healthcare and community services to people living across the organisation's catchment areas.

"This is the beginning of a significant journey, one that will strengthen the way we deliver care to the communities we serve and ensure our sustainability long into the future," said Mr Donlon.

"Over the coming months we will begin the process of integration. This will be a comprehensive process involving consultation with staff and key stakeholders, including the development of a new name for the unified entity."

SCCH's Chief Executive Officer, David Wild, said staff will play a critical role in the merger. "Our staff are the backbone of our organisations. We will keep our teams

informed at every stage and invite them to contribute to both the operational aspects of the merger and values and the brand of the unified entity. All members of our teams will play a critical role in shaping the new organisation," said Mr Wild.

"It will be business as usual for staff and clients while this consultation takes place. Any operational and structural changes will follow all enterprise agreements, awards and other workplace requirements."

Nexus's Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Ciccossillo said that clients and the local community will also have the opportunity to contribute to the design of the new organisation.

"We know that our local communities have unique needs and care deeply about both organisations. That's why we will also engage the community and give locals the opportunity to contribute to the design of the new organisation's brand and values.

"While we are in the early stages of the process, we are excited about working together to deliver high quality care into our local communities. We will continue to share updates throughout the transition to a unified community health service. We are committed to delivering better, more connected healthcare for our communities into the future."

The two organisations will begin implementing the merger from Wednesday, April 30. The merger will be complete by Thursday, January 1 2026.

## Maintongoon-shot film to screen at major short film festival

A LOCALLY-shot psychological horror film is set to make its big screen debut at one of Victoria's most prestigious short film festivals this June.

*Snap*, a tense and atmospheric thriller filmed entirely in Maintongoon, will screen as part of the 2025 St Kilda Film Festival on Sunday, June 8 at 8.30pm and Sunday, June 15, at 4.45pm at St Kilda Town Hall.

The film follows a lone photographer at a mountain cabin who grows suspicious that she might be someone else's subject.

Shot over just three days in 2023 at a family-owned cabin nestled in the Maintongoon hills, *Snap* was created on a micro-budget by an ambitious team of young Victorian filmmakers. The crew embraced the region's natural beauty, crafting a visually immersive and striking viewing experience.

Directed and shot by 20-year-old filmmaking duo Lily Lunder and Koko Crozier, *Snap* continues the pair's passion for telling female-led stories with psychological

depth. Their previous collaborations have screened at Flickerfest, Melbourne Women in Film Festival, and the Sony Catchlight Film Festival. They also recently completed their debut feature film *The Offing*, which featured locations across the region including Buxton, Taggerty and Yea.

The film was written by Simon Digby, whose family generously offered their Maintongoon cabin as the primary filming location. Currently studying a Master of Creative Writing at the University of Melbourne, Digby's script offers a chilling exploration of the fine line between observer and observed.

With its moody visuals, eerie score by composer Thomas Law and haunting final twist, *Snap* offers a distinctly regional take on themes of perspective, vulnerability, and the unease that lurks when we realise we are not alone.

More information is available at [stkildafilmfestival.com.au](http://stkildafilmfestival.com.au)



# The Farmer's Ag News



A foggy morning in Yea meant that it was chilly at the saleyards, but there were still a large number of cattle for sale across a variety of breeds. -BD



Prices were high despite continuing dry conditions. It has become cold before it has become wet. -BD

## First fog of 2025 at Yea cattle sale

by Bailey Dixon

AROUND 3000 cattle were yarded at the Elders and Nutrien Store Sale last Friday, May 2, in the first brisk and foggy cattle sale at Yea for 2025.

A number of pens included Yea Football Netball Club (YFNC) signs, with the rebirth of YFNC's Cattleman's Club. Farmers around the shire donate some of their cattle to be sold, with the profits being donated to the football netball club.

The first row was dedicated to cows and calves.

One pen of 15 Angus steers with an average weight of 636kg made an average of \$2260 per head, equalling out to 355c/kg.

Breeds on the day tended towards black Angus cattle, but there were also some Charolais and Herefords, etcetera.

Yea and District Memorial Hospital were providing free flu vaccinations on the day.



A red Angus and a black Angus calf for sale. -BD



The first lane sold was cows and calves at last Friday's sale. -BD

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### The Rabbit Trap

By Jed Dunstan

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## Collision on Melba Highway

A COLLISION occurred between a decommissioned fire truck and a 4WD towing a caravan last Monday, south of Yea on the Melba Highway at 3pm.

Emergency services responded, including Yea CFA Rescue, ambulance, police and Alexandra SES. The highway was closed until 6.30pm on the Monday.

Two male patients were taken to hospital, one via air ambulance and the other by road. Both patients survived.

Highway Patrol will continue to investigate to determine who was at fault for the collision.



*The scene of the collision on the Melba Highway south of Yea. -S*



*The Alexandra Shire Hall was filled to the brim with members of the Murrindindi Shire community. -BD*

## Big turnout for Just a Farmer movie screening in Alexandra

LAST Friday evening *Just a Farmer*, an Australian-made movie dealing with themes such as the struggles of farm life and farmer mental health, was screened at the Alexandra Shire Hall.

The screening was well-attended by the Murrindindi Shire community, with the Alexandra Shire Hall packed to the brim. The event was organised by Embassy of Ideas.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Damien Gallagher emceed the event, which was funded by the State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and supported by Murrindindi Shire Council, Alexandra Events, Alexandra District Health, Yea and District Memorial Hospital and the Goulburn Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

The Alexandra Show Committee cooked up a storm to provide soup and supper for those attending.

Leila McDougall, the filmmaker and actress, and Warren Davies from *The Unbreakable Farmer* took to the stage after the film was shown to discuss how the film came about and how mental health can be discussed in the farming community. They also answered questions from the audience.

Jen Wood from Alexandra District Health and Sarah Austin from Yea and District Memorial Hospital followed, providing more insight into dealing with mental health in a rural community.



*Leila McDougall, the filmmaker and actress, speaking with Warren Davies from *The Unbreakable Farmer*. -BD*



*Jen Wood from Alexandra District Health and Sarah Austin from Yea and District Memorial Hospital talking about mental health. -BD*



*Mick De Groot from Ambulance Victoria speaking to the audience at Hour with an Ambo, held in Eildon. The presentations was very informative and lots of great questions were answered by the presenter. The sessions are being held each month, with different health topics to be covered. -S*

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# Alexandra Secondary College discovers Japan

by Max Gleeson

*FIFTEEN Alexandra Secondary College students accompanied by three teachers have recently returned from a 15-day tour of Japan. The college offers Japan Tours to students in Years nine, 10 and 11 who are currently studying or have previously studied Japanese. The tour is offered biennially, and this is the 14th tour the College has run since its first tour in 1995. While the route travelled has always been the same, Tokyo-Hiroshima-Kyoto, the sites visited on each tour are varied slightly to ensure that each group has a unique experience. The tour is a self-guided one and is led by Jacki Tossol who has led each of the college's 14 Japan tours. Being self-guided means students receive a more authentic experience, as they observe and model common rules of Japanese etiquette and become aware of the sights, smells and sounds of Japan just as the locals experience them.*

*Year 10 student, Max Gleeson who participated on the recent Japan Tour has prepared the following report.*

FROM starting in busy Tokyo with the wet dreary weather, to sunshine in Hiroshima, then to Kyoto where things really slowed down, our tour through Japan was an amazing journey for us all.

## Tokyo

Tokyo was a highlight, but it was ridiculously busy. For example, on our way to Disneyland on the subway during the peak hour rush, we were packed into a train like little sardines where no one could move. Miss Waters was actually pushed off the train by people needing to get off and then forced back in by the crowd needing to get on, before eventually being shoved into a priority seat.

Tokyo's biggest highlight was definitely Hakone, an onsen (hot spring) mountain village in a volcanic area in the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park. The day was spent with the Uchino family who previously lived in Alexandra. With their helpful guidance the day ran smoothly. We are extremely grateful to Keni, Miku, Sayaka and Takeshi for all their help.

Disneyland was amazing; however, the arctic weather did not help us enjoy it. No lines meant more rides though!. And of course Team Lab (digital art museum) was definitely worth the visit.

## Hiroshima

Hiroshima was a big change from Tokyo. Someone made the comment that Hiroshima was extremely similar in looks to Melbourne. We were then informed that Hiroshima is actually Melbourne's sister city.

First, we walked to the Shukkeien gardens, some great history and a magnificent garden. It was amazing to see how perfectly kept everything was. Some of us nearly fell into the pond that was in the centre of the garden whilst trying to get koi to suck our fingers.

The following day started with a walk to Hiroshima castle. We walked through the castle right to the top stopping to look at artefacts. Many students stopped at the top of the castle to get a coin engraved and to take in the view over the moat. We saw an Australian Eucalyptus tree in the castle grounds which is still alive after suffering from being atomic bombed in 1945.

Later in the day, we visited Peace Park and the A-Bomb Dome. Our guided tour through Peace Park by an atomic bombing survivor was awesome. The Peace Museum in Peace Park was confronting and very sad to walk through, but the history was very interesting.

Visiting Miyajima Island, said to be one of the three most beautiful locations in Japan, was one of the highlights of our visit to Hiroshima. We were surprised on arriving to be photo bombed by our librarian, Felicity Smith who was travelling in Japan at the same time as us. We started by having a good look at the massive torii that is the entrance to Itsukushima Shrine. We then travelled up to the top of Mt Misen by cable car where we enjoyed the views over the Seto Inland Sea across to Shikoku. We walked back down the mountain but when we realised we were running late for our cooking class the pace picked up. Our cooking class was enjoyed but a lot of us were confused with the strange flavouring within one of our mimi manju. Japan has many 'different' flavours. We finished up just in time to catch a glimpse of the sunset behind the torii. It was low tide so we could walk right up to it. It was huge. We then took a ferry back to the mainland and a train back to Hiroshima.

The next day we woke up nice and early in time to catch a bullet train to Kyoto.

## Kyoto

We finally made it to Kyoto and things started to slow down.

Our first night in Kyoto was nice and relaxed. We went for a walk back to the train station for dinner and then went to the top of the station to see a light show and an amazing view of Kyoto Tower in full light. We also did some small appreciations to one another on top of the station. Kyoto Station was built back in 1997 but still appears cutting-edge in design and like a hangar out of 'Star Wars.'

On our second day we visited Kiyomizu-Dera, a huge water temple. Once entering the site, Mr Nadj informed us that part of it was closed and this part usually had fun

activities. So just down from where the place was closed off Mr Nadj started running the said activities with us. I have never felt more like a tourist receiving stares from everyone that walked past. We then made our way down to Maruyama Park for lunch and onto the Kamo River for a walk back to our hotel. That night we explored our first electronic superstore. A group of us found the massage chairs and then spent every night after testing them out.

Iga Ueno was very interesting. The ninja show was definitely the highlight of Iga Ueno, it was comedic while still showing us what it was like to be a ninja. After lunch we caught a train to Nara. We were informed by Mrs Tossol to not feed the deer. But of course, after exploring Todai-ji temple, a few of us bought ice creams. We were swarmed with deer, chewing on our jumpers and sneezing on us. They just would not quit.

The Golden Pavilion was awesome to see. We had perfect weather to see the sun beaming off the gold leaf covering the temple.

The following day we walked the Path of Philosophy, It was awesome. Mrs Tossol claims it was the best cherry blossom she had ever had on any of the 14 tours she has been on. The cherry blossoms were in full bloom with a light breeze making it snow petals. We then had a buffet dinner, followed by karaoke where most sung their hearts out.

Spirits were down through the group once back in our rooms realising this was our last night in Japan. But most mentioned trying to return in the future.

A huge thank you to our teachers Miss Waters, Mr Nadj, and Mrs Tossol.

The biggest thanks of course goes to Mrs Tossol for the months of preparation and hard work she put into this trip. We are forever grateful.



Staff and students from Alexandra Secondary College in Hiroshima. -S



A beautiful backdrop in Hiroshima. -S



Students enjoyed Miyajima island. -S



The Kiyomizu Kyoto temple. -S



# KID'S PUZZLES PUZZLES

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## Word Search

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D K Q H R A L C U Y F V W A Z  
E N W M Y L O N O L G R T A B  
M W R C J Q E C M X P S X X P  
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### Words that start with "C"

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| CAMERON | COAT    |
| CHAIR   | COLOR   |
| CIRCUS  | COMET   |
| CLIMB   | COURAGE |
| CLOUDY  | CRAYON  |
| CLOWN   | CRUNCHY |

## Math Square

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### Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.  
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Each row is a math equation.  
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## Jokes

- Q:** What do you call a bear with no teeth?  
**A:** A Gummy bear
- Q:** What vegetable do sailors hate the most?  
**A:** Leeks

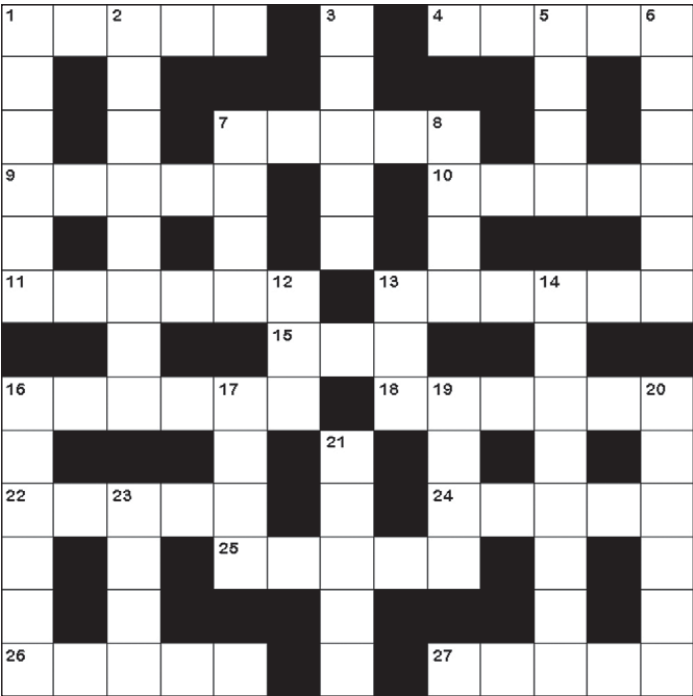
## Crossword

### ACROSS

- Wrinkle your forehead.
- Green spot in a desert.
- Payed out money.
- A squeaking sound.
- A mistake.
- Loving and indulgent.
- Dangerous acts.
- A single thing.
- A blue-violet colour.
- Burrowing marsupial.
- Legally punishable.
- Mix up or confuse.
- Stuff with a spicy paste.
- A secret rendezvous.
- Cover with liquid before cooking.

### DOWN

- Compelled to comply.
- Took offence.
- A search.
- Go bad.
- Gains points in a game.
- The rind of a fruit.
- Something typed.
- A thick messy substance.



- Make clothes by stitching.
- Unimportant people.
- Brought from a foreign country.
- A deep yellow colour.
- Using speech rather than writing.
- Multiply by three.
- Take delight in.
- All of a nation's warships.

## Word Search

G U B F N W Z G N A Z V C J C  
T E G L K N F V A R F A P N H  
O O C V U R L N J I L R T O A  
R R P K O E N E G F D R N G M  
T C P G O A T U D F C A Z A E  
O W D W O N A O M Q Q P D R L  
I V Q G Q N C V N H S R U D E  
S I V G A Q H V G G A K F D O  
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Z E J C G R E L I D O C O R C  
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### Reptiles

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| BEARDEDDRAGON | GOANNA      |
| BLUETONGUE    | IGUANA      |
| CHAMELEON     | LIZARD      |
| CROCODILE     | SNAKE       |
| FROG          | THORNYDEVIL |
| GECKO         | TORTOISE    |

## Cryptogram

### Reptiles

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$$\frac{S}{8} \frac{4}{4} \frac{9}{9} \frac{L}{14} \frac{L}{14}$$

## Math Square

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### Fill in the missing numbers.

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## Sudoku

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

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## Australians reported scam losses fell by almost 26 per cent

THE National Anti-Scam Centre's latest *Targeting Scams Report* found scam losses reported to key organisations fell by 25.9 per cent to \$2 billion from January 1 to December 31, 2024, showing the efforts from all contributing stakeholders are reducing the financial impact of scams on Australians.

The report combines data from Scamwatch, ReportCyber, the Australian Financial Crimes Exchange, IDCARE and Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

According to the combined data, scam reports also fell by 17.8 per cent to 494,732 scam reports for 2024 compared to 601,803 in 2023.

"While we are encouraged by the drop in reported financial losses, we acknowledge scammers are sophisticated and highly motivated criminals. We need to remain vigilant and pivot our defences to maintain this downward trajectory," ACCC Deputy Chair Catriona Lowe said.

"Combining and actioning the intelligence we and partners receive through reports is a key element of this effort.

"Scams lead to more than just financial loss. We know that the impact on scam victims and families is all too often life changing, and scams have negative effects on relationships, mental health and well-being."

The top five scam types in the combined data were investment, romance, payment redirection, remote access and phishing scams, which jointly accounted for more than 70 per cent of the total combined losses.

Investment scams resulted in the highest overall combined losses, with \$945 million reported lost in 2024.

However, the work of government and stakeholders including through initiatives such as the investment scam fusion cell have led to a decrease of 27.3 per cent from the \$1.3 billion reported lost to investment scams in 2023.

"We continue to be concerned about the high individual losses and emotional impact of scams. Scammers often make contact on social media and groom their victims over long periods of time. We urge Australians to never take investment advice or give money to people they have only met online," Ms Lowe said.

"We're committed to providing ever better protection for Australians against increasingly sophisticated scams and are confident that our coordinated efforts across government, law enforcement and industry will continue to drive losses down."

In 2024, the National Anti-Scam Centre referred more than 8000 URLs for takedown, including 6000 to the National Anti-Scam Centre takedown service and over 2000 investment related scams to ASIC. Of the over 6000 URLs referred to the NASC takedown service, 92 per cent were successfully removed, avoiding an estimated \$36 million in losses. The National Anti-Scam Centre also referred 10,355 suspected Facebook scam URLs to Meta for further investigation.

A more detailed analysis about scams reported to the National Anti-Scam Centre's Scamwatch service which received 249,448 reports in 2024, a 17.3 per cent decrease compared with 2023.

Financial losses reported to Scamwatch decreased by 33.1 per cent with \$318.8 million in 2024 compared to \$476.8 million in 2023.

"We encourage everyone to report scams they see to help

keep all Australians safe. One of the best weapons we have is the intelligence gathered in reports from Australians," Ms Lowe said.

Scamwatch data shows that the most reported contact method leading to financial loss was social media. There were 7724 reports about social media scams leading to financial loss in 2024 with overall losses of \$69.5 million.

Phone scams had the highest overall losses for contact method with \$107.2 million reported lost across 2179 reporters.

Bank transfer continued to lead to the highest overall losses when it came to payment methods with overall losses of \$141.7 million reported to Scamwatch.

Scamwatch data shows that losses incurred by First Nations people increased by 73.1 per cent to \$6.5 million in 2024. The National Anti-Scam Centre will focus efforts to reach First Nations communities in 2025.

In terms of likelihood to experience a financial loss, people aged 35 to 44 reported the most Scamwatch reports with loss.

Those aged 65 and over continue to report the highest losses of any aged group at \$99.6 million in 2024, a 17.6 per cent drop since 2023.

Reported scam losses for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities decreased by 36 per cent from 2023.

Overall losses for reporters with disability decreased by 32.6 per cent compared to 2023, with losses of \$20.8 million

Reported losses for small business were 24 per cent lower than 2023 with \$13.1 million in losses.

Even though the report shows a considerable decline in scams across Australia, it's still important to not become complacent. Never give money or your information to any if your unsure, Ask yourself is the message or call fake, if you have doubts contact the business they say they are by sourcing their number by yourself.

If you do find you have been scammed, act quick, contact your bank immediately if there is any unusual activity or they obtain your information or your money. Report any suspicious activity to Scamwatch at [scamwatch.gov.au](http://scamwatch.gov.au)

## VEAC report delayed

THE Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's *Assessment of the values of State forests in eastern Victoria* was delivered to the Minister for the Environment, Steve Dimopoulos, on April 28.

The report was due to be released publicly by April 25, but this did not happen.

The assessment informs the work of the Great Outdoors Taskforce in its provision of advice and recommendations to the Minister on the future use and management of state forest areas, with VEAC not required to undertake public consultations or make recommendations.

The purpose of the assessment was to identify the biodiversity, ecological, geological and geomorphological values of the specified area; the historic heritage, social and economic values of the specified area; and the current and likely future threats to those values, including climate change.

## Lake Mountain provides update

AS mentioned in the last edition, Alpine Resorts Victoria were asked a series of questions regarding their operational plans for the 2025 winter season.

In recent years, staff have been accommodated in Healesville, but this year there will be a change. Lake Mountain General Manager Callum Brown said, "All staff accommodation will be in Marysville for the 2025 season. This is a great outcome for both Lake Mountain and Marysville, improving our staff logistics and ensuring

the economic impact from the staff is captured locally."

He also advised that "Cross country trails will be groomed daily when there is sufficient snow to safely operate the machinery."

When asked about the increased prices for toboggan field access, equal highest in the state with Mount Baw Baw, Callum responded, "The relative cost of tobogganing has not increased in 2025 as the activity price includes the provision of a compliant toboggan. Due to the high volumes of recreational

users in our toboggan park, it is imperative that safety of all patrons is the highest priority. Use of non-compliant toboggans within the space will be strictly managed this year by providing these as part of the access arrangements. We are working with the Marysville businesses to support this important transition. Additionally, we have also made several improvements to the park to ensure access is streamlined and have expanded the snowmaking area to include the Koala Creek zone."



# May monthly medal started for Marysville Golfers

by Lesley Rundle

ON Thursday, April 24 the nine holers played the final round of the Summer Competition. Congratulations to Ian Harris on his victory with a total, across all rounds, of 43 points. Gail Leigh was the runner up with 38 points. Last Thursday was the first round of the Winter Competition with an ambrose game on the front nine. The winners were Meredith Doery (14) and Mark Alexander (2) with a nett score of 31. The runners up were Amanda Rattay (12) and Glen Rattay (4) with nett 33. Nearest the pins were won by Brian Worcester on the fourth, Gail Leigh on the ninth which included a birdie putt. While the nine holers were playing, Heather Jenkins and Lesley Rundle were playing in the Lancefield ladies tournament. Although they were not successful on the golf course Lesley won a lovely hamper in the raffle and Heather was presented with a birthday gift so the long journey to Lancefield was definitely worthwhile. This week's Dalhousie ladies Bowl is nearer to home at Yea and five Marysville ladies will be playing.

The Saturday golfers played a stroke round for the May monthly medal and the ladies round included the third round of the Barton Shield. The ladies medal winner was Gail Leigh (10) with nett 76. The runner up was Lizzy Matthews (38) just one shot behind with nett 77. The qualifiers for the Barton Shield from this round were Lizzy Matthews and Mim Page who will join Gail Leigh, Margaret Blair, Meredith Doery and Heather Jenkins in the final later in the year. Mark Bambery (24) won the men's monthly medal with nett 68 followed by Steve Coker (17) with nett 69. The nearest the pins were won by Lizzy Matthews on the fourth, Andrew O'Shea on the ninth and Brian Worcester on the 18th who also won the Golden Shot. Andrew O'Shea won the putting with 26 putts. After play members welcomed visitor David Douthwaite to the competition and were pleased that Michele Mansfield and Liz Matthews joined the ladies competition. Members also acknowledged Heather Jenkin's Birthday by sharing a cake and singing a rendition of Happy Birthday. Next Saturday both the men and ladies will play a Par round with the men playing the first round of the Par Shield.



The 2025 Men's Mixed Pennant Winners. -S

The mixed Sunday Pennant team playing in Handicap Division two following matches against Strathbogie, Yea, Eildon, Whittlesea and Alexandra finished on top of the ladder and qualified for the finals. Last Sunday in their final match they played Yea at Woodend and were thrilled to win the Pennant with a three to two win. Members congratulate and thank Richy Clark, Alan Howard, Keith Atwell, Steve Coker, Helen Howard, Peter Lilley, Mark Alexander and Glenn Rattay for representing Marysville in the 2025 Pennant season.

Last Monday the ladies, in the first round of the Dalhousie Weekday Pennant competition, played Yea at Yea and Marysville had a good win four to one win against Yea. Well played ladies and they next play Lancefield at Seymour in the second round.



Michele and Jody with the Autumn leaves.

## Vale Keith Stackpole

by Janice Dunston

IN the 1970s I was the Marysville ladies' golf captain, and it was hard getting sponsors for our annual tournament, which usually attracted 30 to 40 players.

So I decided to phone Dunhill who were renowned for their famous sports tournaments. I never expected Keith Stackpole to answer the phone.

I explained I was trying to find a sponsor for our golf tournament, expecting that would be the end of our conversation, but he was very pleasant and said he would be happy to help us.

Every year a gentleman would arrive with substantial trophy prizes for our winners and continued to do so each year until cigarette advertising became illegal.

Needless to say it was so successful we had to have a shotgun start with over 120 entries.

So thank you Keith Stackpole, a very kind and approachable man.

## The Smedley Four Ball Best Ball Stableford takes place

by Puttomatic

LAST Saturday Eildon had 17 players compete in our annual Smedley Memorial Four Ball Best Ball Stableford competition. It was a smoky start with the annual local burning off taking place. Once again the course is standing up great and with the greens firming up a bit; they were quicker than we have seen for some time but rolling fantastic.

In a closely fought contest and having only four points separating first from last place, the pairing of Dennis Seamer and Kevin King was too good this year with a score of 39 points, winning on a countback from Colin Long and Peter McNair with the ball run going to Michael and Sandi McLearn also with 39 points and Leigh and Nick Munro on 38 points.

The nearest the pin winners this week was Mark Mackwell with his second shot on the third, John Gysberts took out the closest on the fifth, Dennis Seamer was the best on the 11th, the other Dennis, Dennis McDonald was too good on the 12th and Peter McNair did the job on the 14th. We saw two birdies on our birdie drink hole eight Kerry Power and Dennis McDonald. Other winners, the entry draw was taken out by Michael McLearn, Ian Lakeland had a spin of the swindle and Mark Mackwell tried his luck with the Joker draw.

Special thanks to Peter McNair for supplying afternoon tea of venison sandwiches thanks Pete they are always a favourite and we appreciate your skills behind the barbecue.

Next week is our Don Reid day, Don is a long time member and supporter of our club so please go along and join in what will be a great day with the competition being a Stableford two person aggregate, bring your own partner.

Congratulations to all our winners hope to see you at the club soon.

## Resurrection of the oldies

by Dave Silverman

TUESDAY'S Stableford round attracted a field of 14, who played in fine, mild conditions. The wind was strong enough to be a factor on some shots, but, by and large, it was a very pleasant day.

It was a youngster (by Tuesday's standards, anyway), James Fulton, who walked away with the win last week, his 37 points well clear of second-placed Bruce Colville's 33, and Steve Darmody took third, also with a 33.

James claimed the nearest the pin on 17, with seven going to John Greator, and Bill Wind taking 18. The rundown vouchers went to Brad Newton, John Mosley and Greateo.

Similar weather conditions for the ladies on Wednesday, but only a small field of seven turned out for a two person ambrose. The winners were Judy Pearson, Sandy Wattenhall and Sandra Morris (yes, I know there are three of them) who carded a net 65.66. Second place went to Deb Richardson and Sue Greator who had a net 68.75. Deb and Sue also cleaned up on the nearest the pins, taking seven and 18.

Saturday proved that you write off the old blokes at your peril. The event, sponsored by Alexandra Bricklayers, was a stroke round, with 19 players vying for the coveted monthly medal, and it was your humble scribe who overcame a bad start to post the best score of the day, an 80 net 68, to take the May Medal. Second spot went to Jared Sloane with a net 71 and Greg Millard was third with a 72. John Steer and John Norfolk both had 73, giving them fourth and fifth respectively, and Michael Bossonnet came in sixth with a 74.

Trevor Biffin had the fewest putts, with 30, and nearest the pins went to Todd Galloway on two and 18, John Norfolk on five, Russell Purcell on seven and yours truly on 12.

## Junior netball home teams play to win

by Michelle Jack

ALL netball for the weekend was played on Friday night with Alexandra Black taking on Alexandra Red in both the Under 13s and 15s. The Under 11 team had the bye.

Both our Under 13 teams played with Alexandra Red 25 defeating Alexandra Black 12.

### Awards

Alexandra Black: FoodWorks: Ruby Bermingham, Alexandra Bakery & Café: Asha Vine; Sportspower: Tilly Miljkovic.

Alexandra Red: FoodWorks: Zeldia Van Lierop; Alexandra Bakery & Café: Harper Williamson; Sportspower: Koa Parker.

### Under 15

#### Alex Red 40 defeated Alex Black 27

The under 15 teams girls both showed their skill and determination and did the club proud, but again the Alexandra Red team were too strong coming home winners.

### Awards

Alexandra Black FoodWorks: Nikita Lyttle; Alexandra Bakery & Café: Holly Williams; Sportspower: Bella Twitchett.

Alexandra Red: FoodWorks: Hannah Weeks; Alexandra Bakery & Café: Taya Barkley; Sportspower: Madison Birch.



## SPORT

# Alexandra juniors take on Wandong



*The Alexandra Rebels under nine and 10 players. -S*

by Michelle Jack

IT was a busy weekend for our junior footballers, with the under nines, 10s, 12s, and 16s making the trip to Wandong to face the Radiers on their home turf, while the under 14s played at home against Broadford.

Although the under nines and 10s competitions are non-scoring and focused on fun and development, the kids showed great enthusiasm and teamwork. There was no shortage of smiles as they enjoyed running around with their mates and learning the game.

Encouragement Awards for these age groups went to Leo Jager, Harvey Hill, Bodhi McKenzie, River Lamaro, Tahj Parker, Angus Hedger, Declan Heard, and Noah Knight.

## **Under 12 Wandong 16.12-108 defeated Rebels 1.0-6**

THE Under 12s faced a tough challenge against a strong Wandong outfit. With the help of some under 10s stepping up to fill the numbers, the team showed great determination and spirit. Despite the final score the group never gave up. Full credit to the players and coach Sam Kidd for their continued commitment and

teamwork in representing the club each week.

### **Awards**

Essence Coffee Lounge: Angus Barkley; FoodWorks Award: Beau Nash; Alexandra Bakery & Café: Lucas Creed; Coaches Award: Jace O'Sullivan.

## **Under 14 Alexandra 5.11-41 defeated Broadford 4.3-27**

AT Rebels home ground, the under 14s battled it out in a tightly contested game against Broadford. Quarter time saw Alexandra lead narrowly, 1.2 to 0.2. The second quarter was a strong defensive effort, with the Rebels holding Broadford scoreless. However, the Roos came out firing in the third, kicking three unanswered goals to the Rebels' three behinds, swinging the momentum their way.

In the final quarter, the Rebels rallied with a brilliant team effort, booting three goals to one and securing a hard-fought 14-point victory.

### **Awards**

Essence Coffee Lounge Award: Harrish Balansag; Reddrops FoodWorks Award: Charlie Broadway; Alexandra Bakery



*The Alexandra under 12 players. -S*

& Cafe Award: Josh Northmore; Coaches Award: Jaidyn Dimech.

## **Under 16 Wandong 5.4-34 defeated by Alexandra 15.18-108**

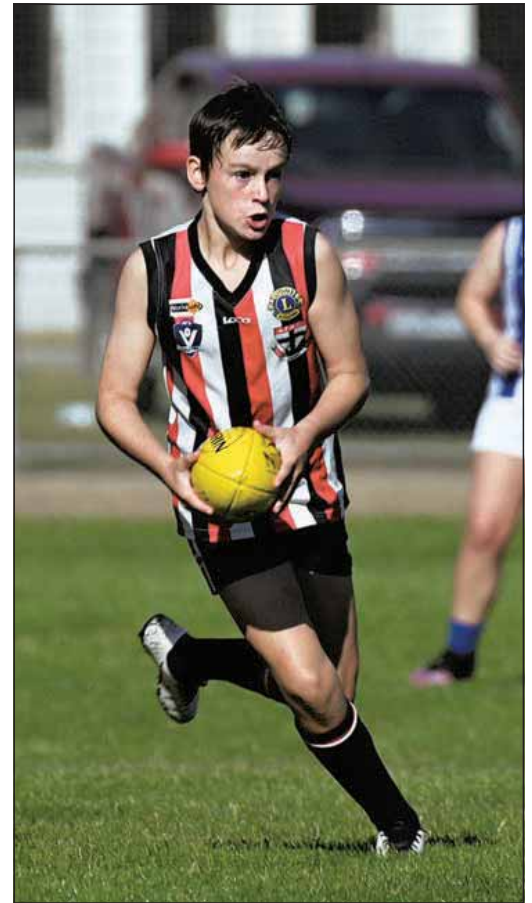
THE under 16s also made the journey to Wandong, and thanks to four under 14s players who jumped in the car straight after their home game to lend a hand, the Rebels were able to field a full-strength side. Their efforts were rewarded with a dominant

performance, as the team came home easy winners.

Well done to all teams, players, coaches, and families for a strong weekend of junior footy.

### **Awards**

Essence Coffee Lounge Award: Jaidyn Dimech; Reddrops FoodWorks Award: Josh Northmore; Alexandra Bakery & Cafe: Levi Campbell; Coaches Award: Billy Baker



*Under 14 player Charlie Broadway moving with the ball. -S*



*Nathan Webb from the Alexandra under 14 side kicking the ball. -S*

## Rebel Netballers smash out all games

by Michelle Jack

### **Netball awards**

A GRADE: Alexandra 67 defeated Powelltown 28. Incentive Award: Ellie Hedger; Alexandra Hotel: Catilan Haggis.

B Grade: Alexandra 47 defeated Powelltown 37. Incentive Award: Beth Cairns; Alexandra Hotel: Emily Van Lierop

C Grade: Alexandra 37 defeated Powelltown 26. Alexandra Hotel Award: Rose

Hurrey; Corner Hotel Award: Brodie Wheelhouse.

D Grade: Alexandra 27 defeated Powelltown 10. Alexandra Hotel Award: Elly Gambrell; AFNC Club Voucher: Emiliyah Del Conte; Corner Hotel Award: Lizzie Butcher.

Under 17s: Alexandra 25 defeated Powelltown 22. Koala Cherries Award: Samantha Fraser; AFNC Club Voucher: Regan O'Toole.

Next week we see the Rebels back at home taking on Yarra Glen in five games of netball and three games of football.



*B Grade netballer Ash Frankcombe. -S*



*B Grade player Emily Irwin looking to pass the ball. -S*



# Reserves and Seniors take the win

by Michelle Jack

## Reserves

**Powelltown 6.5-41 were defeated by Alexandra 6.7-43**

ON Saturday, May 3 there were five teams of netball and two teams of football travel to Powelltown.

There were a few changes to the Rebels' reserves side last week, with Will Goonan and Brendan Musgrove joining the team. Both brought strong energy to a tightly contested match.

The first half was a defensive battle, with limited scoring opportunities for either side. By halftime, the Rebels led with two goals, three behinds (15 points) to Powelltown's one goal, three behind (nine points).

After the break, both teams lifted their intensity. Powelltown came out strong, booting three straight goals, while Alexandra replied with two majors for the Rebels. As the siren sounded for three-quarter time, the Rebels held a narrow two point lead.

The final quarter saw both teams trading blows, each managing two goals and two behinds. In a nail-biting finish, it was a crucial smother by Brendan Musgrove in the dying seconds that sealed the win for the Rebels, who held on to triumph by just two points. Final score Alexandra 6-7-43 defeated Powelltown 6-5-41.

Awards: NP on the run: Josh Crane; Future Fit Finance Award: Brendan Musgrove; AFNC Club Voucher: Daniel Roper; Simpson Fuel Card: Mitch Parker; Buxton Hotel: Nathan Georgiadis.

## Seniors

**Powelltown 10.9-69 defeated Alexandra 6.7-43**

THE Seniors had a late change ahead of the clash with Powelltown, with Ryan Lucas ruled out and Luke Wal stepping in. The Rebels were slow out of the blocks, and Powelltown took full advantage in the opening term, booting five goals, four behinds to Alexandra's three goals four.

After some stern words from the coach at quarter time, the Rebels responded with renewed intensity. They dominated the second quarter, slotting four goals while holding the Towners to just one, turning the deficit into a 12-point lead by halftime.

The third quarter saw the Rebels hit top gear. With clean ball movement and relentless pressure, they piled on another five goals to Powelltown's single major, taking firm control of the match.

Despite suffering injuries to Harry Prendergast and Charlie Boots, which limited rotations, the Rebels pushed through fatigue in the final term. They added another five goals to Powelltown's three, finishing strong and sealing a convincing win. Alexandra 17-15-117 defeating Powelltown 10-9-69.

Awards: Kervale Incentive: Lachlan Nankervis; O'Briens Real Estate: Riley Frankcombe; Simpson Fuel Card: Mitch Parker; Buxton Hotel: Nathan Georgiadis.



Seniors player Sam Turner chasing the ball. -S



Lachlan Nankervis competing for the ball. -S



Reserves player Tom McKinlay sending the ball further down the field. -S



Lachlan Collard passing the ball along the field. -S

## Squash is back up and running

by Kristelle Leary

### Monday Competition Eagles versus Falcons

JORDAN versus Eric: A nice game by both players, but Jordan was much too strong taking all four games and the match. 85 to 36.

Sally versus Mick (fill in): Mick was playing at another level on the night. Despite a number of air-shots he still claimed each game to take home the victory. 71 to 40.

Michael M versus Simon: Opening with a tied game. Michael took control of the match going forward, finding himself in the winner's box. 63 to 50.

Derrick versus Jack: Derrick came out strong and he kept a cool head throughout.

Jack's frustrations got the better of him, relinquishing the victory to Derrick. 50 to 39.

### Hawks versus Kestrels

ETHAN versus Lochlan: A great game to watch. Both players had some great shots. Ethan's quality serves made all the difference and won him the match. 63 to 46.

Chris T versus James: Having moved up a level, Chris showed he is ready by cruising to a victory over James. 68 to 49.

Jared versus Justin: Jarrod's game continues to improve. His boasts off the side wall wrong-footed Justin numerous times. Jared claimed three games and the win. 61 to 52.

Andrew versus Jim: Neither player could get the upper hand early with serves being

picked off. Andrew got the early lead by reducing errors, causing Jim to tighten up his serves and playing combinations that sent Andrew into a five-point deficit. Jim held the lead until the end. 55 to 50.

### Thursday Competition Blue Tongues versus Dragons

BETH versus Hilary (fill in): The match started close with Hilary taking the lead. The lead that Hilary held only grew with each game, securing Hilary's victory. 73 to 48.

Sam versus Travis: Lots of long rallies, running and great shots. The game was closer than the score suggests, but Travis found his groove first to take the match. 66 to 47.

Daniel W versus Michael H: Multiple long rallies. It was closer than the score shows,

Daniel losing game two by seven points was his downfall. Michael won all four games and the match. 64 to 48.

### Frill necks versus Geckos

BLAKE versus Randy: Blake had beautiful variation in his serves and won the first three games. There was a great fight back from Randy in the last game, but Blake still took the match. 71 to 48.

Kristelle versus Sam (fill in): Sam was still warmed up from his first match and too control of the match. Struggling to connect the ball to the racquet, Kristelle lost her marbles and the match. 73 to 47.

Stuart versus Phil: A close start and finish to the match. Stuart lost his way in the middle two game, boosting Phil's win. 85 to 48.



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## Thornton Eildon smash another game



The Heard girls making history together. -S

by Scott Whitehead

### Thornton Eildon 5.7-37 defeated Officer 2.4-16

AFTER almost a month off, Thornton/Eildon women's football club headed to Officer for round four of Outer Eastern Women's football. Before the bounce excitement was growing among the visiting team with the inclusion of champs Mia and Sienna Heard. The twins have been a part of Thornton/Eildon football club family for many years and after a long wait were now eligible to pull on the blue and white stripes.

The first quarter was tighter than expected with Officer matching the visitors with their physicality and skill. Thornton/Eildon's Jade Mewburn kicked truly to open the away teams account but that was the only major Thornton/Eildon could muster and at quarter time scores were level.

In the second quarter Thornton/Eildon put the foot down a little and outscored their opponents by two goals to give them a comfortable lead at half time. Trinity Tebbutt and Lucy McCrae opened their account with a goal each as the defence held strong to return any of Officers forward entries.

The start of the third quarter saw an ankle injury to Thornton/Eildon's clearance queen Tahnee Heard, and Xahlia Stevenson, who was taken to hospital for scans on her right arm which later revealed a fracture which will sadly keep her out for at least a month. With the vacancy in the midfield, Izzy Weston rose to the challenge in her first game returning from injury and racked up possessions as though

she had no opponents. Imogen Paine at half back lifted her work rate and like a switch had been flicked Thornton/Eildon began to dominate the contest while limiting Officers scoring opportunities to nil. Emma Whitehead, from full back, was creating highlights of her own with her running bounces setting up a coast-to-coast goal that delighted the faithful watching from the sidelines. At the sound of the three-quarter time siren Thornton/Eildon led Officer by 13 points.

At the break the coaches requested one last full quarter effort to ensure the drive home was not a sombre one. Jamee Cousens continued to relish in her new colours as did Maya Fuller who was finding the ball at will. Officer continued to fight hard, but an almost full-strength Thornton/Eildon did not allow their opponents to score in the second half and ran away delighted winners by 21 points.

Goals: Trinity Tebbutt, Lucy McCrae two each, Jade Mewburn one

Awards: Molesworth Hotel and General store: Izzy Weston; Café Alex: Lucy McCrae; Murrindindi Aged and Home care: Mia Heard; Coaches award \$20: Sienna Heard

Next week Thornton/Eildon are at home against Seville with the game starting at 12.30pm and with the return of many players for the first time in a long while, the coaches will have to make some tough selection calls.

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 & netball clubs Facebook page or by email [tedfnc@outlook.com](mailto:tedfnc@outlook.com)

## Historic Winton presents a huge two days of historic motorsport

THE 48th Historic Winton will be held on May 24 and 25 at Winton Motor Raceway, and it will be two full days of historic car racing and vehicle displays of the elegant, the rustic, the weird and wacky.

Presented by the Austin 7 Club, Historic Winton is well known as being Australia's most popular historic race event showcasing racing cars from the very beginning (more than 100 years ago) to the mid-1980s.

The Shannons Car Park features 'Pride of Place' vehicles while heritage displays of emergency services and other types of vehicles are exhibited around the track.

"There is so much to see and do that we provide a courtesy bus to take visitors to the various attractions around the outside of the track," Historic Winton Organiser, John Kessner said.

A unique feature of the event is the trackside camping at Winton Motor Raceway.

"There's room for 700 motorhomes, caravans and tents," John said.

"For safety reasons, no pets are allowed though, as we can't have them accidentally running onto the track."

He said that Historic Winton is well reputed for its friendliness with competitors meeting here once a year from all over Australia, many become lifelong friends.

Preceding Historic Winton is the Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour on Friday, May 23. Motoring enthusiasts tour the rich and varied sights of Benalla and surrounds. To add to the fun, Austin 7 Club, "President's Choice" trophies are awarded to participants with 'stand out' vehicles.

John said that the Austin 7 Club was currently celebrating its 75th Anniversary and it's 400 plus members are proud of its achievements and impact on motorsport in Australia.

"We have been holding events at Winton Motor Raceway for more than 50 years and Historic Winton for 49 years.

"Our Club history includes our formative role in motorsport in Australia with us being on the founding committee of the first motorsport peak body and we introduced Observed Section Trials (or mud trials) to Australia," John said.



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## Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

### Football – Reserves

	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham	580.00	4
Seville	522.73	4
Yea	159.68	2
Belgrave	171.78	2
Warburton Millgrove	80.18	1
Powelltown	44.78	1
Alexandra	39.10	1
Yarra Junction	34.66	1
Yarra Glen	18.36	0

### Football – Seniors

	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham	295.12	4
Seville	163.13	4
Warburton Millgrove	297.14	2
Yarra Glen	123.21	3
Yea	108.70	1
Alexandra	85.02	1
Powelltown	54.79	1
Belgrave	58.55	0
Yarra Junction	29.92	0

### Football – Senior Women

	Percentage	Wins
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	4
Wandin	75.00	3
Emerald	66.66	2
Thornton Eildon	66.66	2
Yea	33.33	1
Seville	0	0
Officer	0	0

### Football – 17 and under

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	616.67	4
Pakenham Lions Gold	406.98	4
Pakenham Lions Maroon	47.06	1
Warburton Millgrove	40.26	0
Alexandra	34.42	1
Powelltown	23.40	0

### Football – Under 18

	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham	10416.67	4
Seville	565.45	3
Yarra Glen	93.21	2
Warburton Millgrove	18.37	1
Alexandra	8.04	0
Yea	18.31	0

### Netball – A Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham Lions	390.24	4
Seville	200.72	4
Warburton Millgrove	156.60	2
Yarra Glen	121.05	3
Yarra Junction	119.46	2
Alexandra	63.04	1
Yea	56.02	0
Powelltown	24.46	0
Belgrave	38.71	0

### Netball – B Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	385.14	4
Pakenham Lions	368.42	4
Yarra Glen	121.94	3
Warburton Millgrove	99.17	2
Yarra Junction	74.44	2
Alexandra	33.83	1
Yea	51.83	0
Powelltown	50.58	0
Belgrave	51.83	0

### Netball – C Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham Lions	310.39	4
Seville	276.00	4
Warburton Millgrove	120.93	2
Yarra Glen	92.03	3
Alexandra	67.67	1
Yarra Junction	77.97	1
Powelltown	49.59	0
Yea	42.86	0
Belgrave	45.36	0

### Netball – D Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham Lions	641.38	4
Seville	315.09	4
Warburton Millgrove	137.50	2
Yarra Glen	90.65	3
Yea	65.43	1
Alexandra	46.88	1
Yarra Junction	63.25	1
Powelltown	18.45	0
Belgrave	37.88	0