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In the swim are Magenta Connolly, Program Coordinator, and committee members Sam Hicks, Tiffinie Reeves and Marg Rouse. (Absent – Jason Krijt, Rod Falconer, Meg Dunn and Jacqui Caswell). -KM

Program coordinator for new indoor pool

THE committee of Alexandra Indoor Heated Pool Inc. has welcomed Magenta Connolly to the team as program coordinator.

The program coordinator's role will be aligned with a work plan that caters for the expressions of interest received from the community including learn to swim, from babies through to school aged children, and the establishment of a program schedule that will include water aerobics and water therapy for adults.

It is planned for other water based classes to be considered as community needs are identified and demonstrated to be feasible and sustainable.

Ms Connolly will also interact with the group's stakeholders prior to assessment classes being announced for the learn to swim program. Initial contact with parents will be via email.

Ms Connolly's start date is planned for this month and the committee looks forward to a long and happy relationship with her.

The team has not set an opening date as yet as the last three have been shut down due to COVID-19 but it's believed to be getting close. The committee plans to soon showcase the all access lift that was installed on March 16.

Look for updates in the *Alexandra Standard* and on Facebook. It is also possible to register an expression of interest for classes on Facebook.

Celebrating Gender Equality

By Tricia Mifsud.

TO celebrate Gender Equality month in March, the Murrindindi Shire Council is hosting a range of events to encourage inclusion and equality of all people.

From Monday, March 22 to Sunday, March 28, The This Girl Can campaign will also run, and be fully supported by the council.

The month will conclude with Victoria's First Gender Equality Act 2020 coming into play on Wednesday, March 31.

Murrindindi Shire Mayor, Councillor Sandice McAulay said that the commencement of Victoria's first Gender Equality Act marks an important time for women, not just in our state, but across the country.

"The Act means that councils, just like ours, will be required to take real steps to achieve gender equality in the workplace and in the community," Cr McAulay said.

"To mark this momentous occasion, we thought it would be a great idea to create a 'Gender Equality Month' and use it as an

opportunity to showcase some of the fabulous ways council can influence change and take action to help improve gender equality in our communities through the services we provide."

Community members will be treated to a number of ways to celebrate the month. The Alexandra Library is hosting the 'Women in Film' festival. Screenings will be held on Wednesday, March 24 and Tuesday, March 30.

The Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club (TEDFNC) Women's team is holding a "free,

friendly, no obligation" training session on Thursday, March 25 to encourage girls to come down to the club and see if the TEDFNC is the place to begin their football journey.

Know a special woman in our community who deserves some recognition?

The council is asking for video or written submission of the wonderful women in Murrindindi, sharing what about them has inspired the community.

The videos don't have to be anything fancy, or the picture submitted in the written response a flashy portrait.

Just something to showcase what makes the woman you are talking about so inspiring, find out more the events running in the shire for Gender Equality Month, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/genderequalitymonth

To find out more about the TEDFNC Women's team training night, contact Tash on 0430 119 420.

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RE-OPEN 9am TUESDAY, APRIL 6**

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★ EGN - 5PM WEDNESDAY MARCH 31. ARTWORK - 5PM WEDNESDAY MARCH 31. ★

★ CLASSIFIEDS INC DEATH NOTICES - 5PM WEDNESDAY MARCH 31 ★

★ TRADES WILL REMAIN THE SAME - NOON THURSDAY ★

★ EDITORIAL, SPORTS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - 10AM MONDAY, APRIL 5 ★



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Letters to the Editor

A need for change

OVER many years we have heard the same conversations over and over again but have we truly been listening?

Many words have been spoken however actions are few and we must all be aware that words without actions are useless.

Recently there have been two damning reports, one relating to aged care and the other to Victoria's mental health system.

Despite there being many promises, money provided etc the reality is that little has changed and sadly it grieves my heart that the same conversations will probably still be occurring for many years to come with little change having taken place.

Because until we proffer the same rights to all, treat all with dignity and respect and proffer appropriate treatment, care and support to all, the reality is that those who are disabled in whatever way, the elderly, the vulnerable and marginalised will remain unequally yoked from others.

They deserve better.

We do not need to continue to ostracise, estrange or punish others for being disabled, aged, vulnerable or marginalised for being different in what ever way. The choice was not theirs in the first place.

In a world where we can be anything, let's be kind.

And as to the environment and climate change, well it is a similar story. Let us all be the change and seize the day.

Name and address withheld by request.

Missing the gym

SUE Hendy's *Move it or lose it* article in *The Standard* of March 17 ably outlined the necessity of maintaining agility and strength through exercise as we age. It reminded me how much I, and other Triangle residents, miss our gym at Marysville.

Until COVID landed the Alexandra hospital and council had been providing a permanent space for gym equipment, gym sessions and a trained supervisor in the Marysville community centre. The sessions ran three times a week initially and then twice a week, but were often subject to supervisor availability.

Our dedicated supervisors travelled much further and had to arrive even earlier to set

up. Principally utilised by older residents, some were recovering from surgery or have serious medical conditions requiring regular exercise therapy. Admittedly numbers attending the gym fluctuated according to the season and personal commitments. We are consistently reminded of the importance of social engagement. Until COVID our gym also gave us that.

Despite owning some basic exercise equipment, routine, repetitive home exercise became boring; I lost motivation and my strength and agility suffered. Not everyone wants expensive gym equipment in their home.

Walking has been a pleasant alternative but is weather dependent, requires a walking companion for safety (and social) reasons, and is not the be-all and end-all exercise.

Apart from its limited hours, Marysville Gym fulfilled our needs, all with the perfect backdrop of Gallipoli Park.

Following the well-attended meeting on February 10, subsequently reported in *The Standard*, a committee has been working to address concerns expressed by the involved parties.

It has been 12 months since the gym was open. That's a long time to be without a regular exercise routine at any age. When you are over 60, as most gym attendees are, it is critical.

My question is when, where and how can our gym resume?

Surely our health services and our community benefit having a more able population.

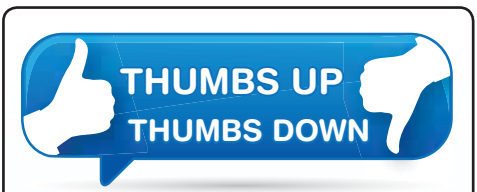
You can chat with councillors on this or other matters in the Murrindindi Shire's *Shaping our Shire's future* sessions. Please register your thoughts via the online survey at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/shapingourfuture

*Julia Foletta
Buxton*

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THUMBS UP: To the writer of the article 'Move It or Lose It' in last week's Standard. It certainly reinforces the need for our community gyms to open as soon as possible.

THUMBS UP: To Jan, Angela, Donna, Heidi, Dr Roland, Dr Tom and all the theatre staff at Alexandra Hospital who made it so easy to have the new lenses fitted to my eyes. All the better to see you with. Many thanks, very professional, helpful and really grateful.

THUMBS DOWN: To the two men standing in Grant Street, Alexandra around midday on Saturday, March 6, who referred to a young woman walking past them by using an offensive racist term.

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UGFM 88.9 Yea / Highlands
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UGFM 94.5 Kinglake Ranges
- WEEKLY**
Mon Art Group Eildon 10am-3pm Ph 5773 2306
Tue/Thu Seniors Carpet Bowls 1.15pm
Wed Social Bowls 11am Alexandra Bowls Club Ph 5772 1150
Thu Take off weight naturally 5.45pm 5773 2427
Fri Seniors Social Club 1pm
Sun AA 7pm Anglican Church, Alexandra Ph 1300 222 222
Sun Alanon Recovery Phone 0402 428 086.
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Thu 7.30-10pm SES, SES/CFA complex Ph 0418 576 666
Fri Communitea 10am-12pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

- MONTHLY**
1st Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
1st Wed Alexandra Lions dinner meet, Mt Pleasant 0427 595 318
1st Sat Alexandra Quilters RSL Hall 10am-4pm Ph 5772 3257
2nd Tue Alexandra District Garden Society Meeting Ph 5772 2285
2nd Sat Alexandra Market - at Station Street Ph 0427 509 988
2nd Sat Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
3rd Wed Alex Lions business meeting, rear RSL hall 0427 595 318
3rd Thu Alexandra Ladies Probus Club 10am RSL Ph 5772 2946
3rd Thu Community Potluck dinner 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas
3rd Sun Alexandra RSL meeting at noon. Ph 5797 6269
4th Tue Yarck CWA Meeting, 10.30am Yarck Hall.
4th Thu Redgate CWA Meeting 1pm, Ph 5772 1202
Fri after 3rd Tue Field Naturalists excursion Ph 5772 1189



For a \$5 annual fee for one line, your club or organisation's regular meeting dates will be listed each week. Not only is this a reminder to your regular members but also a good source of what groups are available in the community, when they meet and a contact phone number.

Weekly Weather
March 24 to March 30, 2021
Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	HIGH	LOW	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Wednesday	19	14	Wednesday	19	13
Thursday	18	8	Thursday	18	8
Friday	20	12	Friday	21	12
Saturday	16	9	Saturday	18	9
Sunday	17	9	Sunday	18	9
Monday	20	8	Monday	20	9
Tuesday	21	9	Tuesday	21	9

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	1.48^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.49	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	10.55am Mon	0.60	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	11.15am Mon	0.17	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	10.45am Mon	0.51	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	10.30am Mon	0.46	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	3.55	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.37^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.19^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	0.04^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.47	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.12am Mon	0.79	steady	

****ISSUED AT 11.16AM ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021**

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra*	9.39mm
Buxton	4mm
Eildon (AWS)	6mm
Flowerdale	6mm
Kinglake	8mm
Lake Eildon	8mm
Marysville	3.7mm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	5mm
Yarck	10mm
Yea	6mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday
*Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	277.49m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	60.8%
Metres below full supply	11.44m
Daily inflow	500ML
Release	1000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	62%

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DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday noon
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
Early General News	Thursday 5pm
Classifieds	Monday noon
Editorial	Monday 9am
Sports Editorial	Monday 10am
Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
Thumbsup/down	Monday 10am

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We thank you for your continued support

Probus back after a year

TWENTY EIGHT Alexandra Ladies Probus members enjoyed their first get together in 12 months after an enforced break caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ladies were entertained by Josie Parsons on the keyboard and Danielle Carey belting out Julie Andrews melodies among others.

Danielle is the new Speech Pathologist at Alexandra District Health and works with people who have difficulty swallowing medication, food and drink.

There was plenty of tea, coffee and cakes for the ladies to enjoy while they listened to Danielle and Josie. The meeting was conducted at the Alexandra RSL on Thursday, March 18.

If you would like to become a member of Probus contact Pat Jane 5772 1157. If you have an upcoming function and need some music contact Josie Parsons on 0477 332 276.

Development fund grants open

THE Triangle Community Development Fund 2021 grant program is now open and grants are available to community groups for projects that meet the eligibility criteria and are within the Marysville and Triangle area.

The Triangle Community Development Fund grant program is funded by the State of Victoria and administered by the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation.

The fund supports grassroots projects in the Marysville and Triangle region, via grants to incorporated organisations, so long as the project has a charitable purpose and benefits the whole community.

The application process is managed online through the Smarty Grants system.

Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation (MTCF) is an independent,

community-owned and governed philanthropic organisation focused on creating and supporting a successful and resilient Murrindindi Shire.

The Foundation was formed in 2012 to support local communities in their continued recovery following the 2009 bushfires, their role has since expanded.

Information about the Triangle Community Development Fund is available at the MTCF website marysvilletrianglefoundation.org.au. The grant round closes on May 10, 2021.

To discuss a project or to find out more about the grant program, contact robyn@marysvilletrianglefoundation.org.au or phone on 0488 007 688.



Danielle Carey and Josie Parsons provided the entertainment. -KM

Enjoying a good time after a long break was a joy for the Probus ladies. -KM



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New Agriculture Victoria officers appointed

AGRICULTURE Victoria has appointed 22 new authorised officers and inspectors to improve response to biosecurity and animal welfare issues.

Five of the 22 new staff are based in the region and two staff have statewide roles.

The new Authorised Officers and Inspectors cover a wide range of issues including animal biosecurity and animal welfare, plant biosecurity, weeds and pest animals, and agricultural and veterinary chemical use.

Biosecurity Operations Acting Program Manager Rachel Cairns said that the new staff was an important addition to Agriculture Victoria's resources to address issues day to day as well as in emergencies.

"The training has been a comprehensive program to prepare staff for their roles where they work with industry and community to improve biosecurity and animal welfare outcomes," Ms Cairns said.

"They also monitor for pests and diseases, issue certifications for produce, investigate agricultural and veterinary chemical use and alleged animal cruelty, as well as issue fines for non-compliance with laws that protect Victoria's domestic and export markets."

The Authorised Officer training program is usually completed in-person, however due to restrictions in 2020, all training needed to be completed online, which was a first for the program.



Ross Williamson. -S

CFA stalwart passes

THE Yea CFA lost a leader and one of its longest serving members with the passing of 1st Lieutenant Ross Williamson on Monday, March 15 2021.

Mr Williamson joined the CFA in 1982 as a Reserve firefighter, serving his community including as Captain, for 22 years.

A statement on the Yea CFA's Facebook page recognises Ross Williamson's contribution as prolific, adding that he was a much loved mentor for so many members of the brigade, he made time and supported anyone who wanted to learn.

As recently as Sunday, March 14, Mr Williamson briefed a local brigade on rescue operations and the role of the CFA and how brigades can work even better together.

Wide ranging tributes were posed on the brigade's Facebook page from friends and colleagues who knew and had worked with Mr Williamson over the years. Many described him as a "ripping bloke" who gave of his self and time adding that his passing will be a huge loss to the Yea and district community.

Ross Williamson leaves a legacy to the brigade and the wider Murrindindi community.

This week's Church Services

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A fun market Friday at Taggerty

THE Taggerty Twilight Market, this Friday, March 26 promises to again be an event not to be missed.

Presented by the Community Hub at Taggerty (CH@T), the market will run from 6-9pm and will feature a wide range of traders including food stalls, local wines and craft beer.

Entertainment will be a big feature of the night with the *Zampoñistas, Bolivian Pan Pipe Marching Band* as the headline act. Dressed in ponchos, the band will weave in and out of the market crowd, twisting, turning and spinning as they play.

Also performing will be the popular Triangle Steel Band. The group has proven popular at local events since its formation after the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires in the Marysville and Triangle District.

The market site is on the Taggerty Thornton Road and entry is by a gold coin donation.

The market is registered as a COVID-safe event and attendees are asked to ensure they have a face mask with them for times when social distancing may not be possible.

Victorians asked to explain why they didn't vote

THE Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging Victorians who were sent an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice to respond by the 28 day deadline with a detailed explanation.

The notice, which is a not a fine, asks apparent non-voters for a reason for why they appear not to have voted in the 2020 local council elections.

A detailed response with supporting documentation, where possible, will help to determine if the excuse is

considered sufficient, while ignoring the notice, or not providing a sufficient reason for not voting, may result in an infringement notice and a penalty of \$83.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately, said that recipients should contact the VEC for assistance if unsure what to do, rather than ignore the notice.

"If you need help understanding what the notice means and what you need to

do, you can call us on 1300 551 575 or visit our website at vec.vic.gov.au. We are seeking from you a reason why you appear not to have voted," Mr Gately said.

"I also encourage you to sign up to our VoterAlert service, to make sure you're notified whenever there's a state or local council election happening."

People can sign up at vec.vic.gov.au/voteralert to receive important reminders about upcoming state and local council elections.



This friendly fellow is ready to welcome visitors on the spotlight tour. -S

A chance to see the Greater Glider

A SPOTLIGHTING event in Rubicon on Saturday, March 27 will give participants a chance to see the Greater Glider and other nocturnal animals in their natural habitat.

The event, organised by the Kinglake Friends of the Forest, will commence at 7pm at Thornton Recreation Reserve. Participants will then drive together to the spotlighting site, taking a peek at the stunning

Snobs Creek Waterfall along the way.

The Greater Glider is Australia's largest gliding mammal. The gliders are about the size of a cat and range in colour from black to white. They can glide up to 100 metres between trees, using a membrane between fore and hind legs.

Greater Gliders were once common in the wet and damp

forests of Victoria. But this fluffy eucalyptus-dweller has become increasingly hard to find. Greater Gliders are highly sensitive to change in the forest landscape, in particular climate change, fire, and logging.

Data before last summers devastating bushfires showed that their numbers had already crashed by 80 per cent in the preceding 22 years.

Kinglake Friends of the Forest has reported Greater Gliders are thriving in certain areas of the landscape. Last month in Narbethong several gliders put on a sensational show including glamorously posing next to magnificent old trees and even a rarely seen glide.

Readers interested in joining the spotlight night can register their interest by email to kinglakefriendsoftheforests@gmail.com

Boost for rail trails

TWO major rail trail projects in Murrindindi will benefit from the Regional Tourism Investment Fund - Stimulus Round.

They are two of over 30 projects across Victoria that will benefit from the \$465 million Victorian Tourism Recovery Package that follows the recent success of the Melbourne and Regional travel voucher schemes.

Murrindindi will join neighbouring municipalities Mitchell and Mansfield in receiving a \$1.2 million grant to install art installations and signage along the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

The project will see the creation of large scale 'x-factor' art installations along the rail trail to boost new and repeat visitors. Signage upgrades from Tallarook to Mansfield and Alexandra will provide interpretation along the route and also guide users into town centres to support economic activity and local business.

Blue Gums to Eildon Rail Trail will also receive funding of \$1.77 million to connect tourists and cyclists from the tourist precincts and the Outdoor Education Centre to Eildon townships and businesses.

The investments in key local projects will create jobs in construction and drive visitation and ongoing employment.

Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas said the projects will add vibrancy to local communities and ensure ongoing jobs while providing important immediate impetus through construction work.

"The investments in the great outdoors will ensure more Victorians can access nature with their families and help our regional communities recover," Ms Thomas said.



DISCOVER YOUR BACKYARD IN AUTUMN

While Bali, Boston and Barcelona might be off the list of places to explore for a while, why not invite your friends and family to visit over the coming months and discover Murrindindi Shire's spectacular show of autumn colour. Crisp morning walks, scenic country drives, leafy parks and gardens ... and all right on your doorstep! Discover the many great things to see and do in Murrindindi Shire this autumn.

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OPENING NIGHT

Friday 2 April	6.30pm	\$20
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Saturday 3 April	10am - 5pm	\$5
Sunday 4 April	10am - 5pm	\$5
Monday 5 April	9am - 12noon	\$5

Alexandra Leisure Centre, Maroondah Highway, Alexandra

Pollies back Landcare

A NEW group, the National Parliamentary Friends of Landcare, has recognised the impact Landcare has on the environment, and the role Landcare plays in communities around Australia.

The Parliamentary Friends of Landcare was formally launched at Parliament House in Canberra last week with Senators and Members of Parliament, national and state Landcare organisations, Landcare groups and volunteers,

and Landcare supporters from across the country.

The Hon David Littleproud, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management; the Hon Julie Collins MP, Shadow Minister for Agriculture; the Hon Sussan Ley, Minister for the Environment, and Ms Terri Butler MP, Shadow Minister for the Environment all spoke of their support for the Landcare movement.

The establishment of this Friends group signals to the community the wide parliamentary support and recognition for Landcare and the invaluable role Landcarers play in caring for our country and building resilient, productive landscapes.

The Chairs of the National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia welcomed the group and thanked Senator Ciccone and Senator Davey and the large

number of parliamentarians who expressed their support.

National Landcare Network Chair, Dr Patrick O'Connor said the formation of the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare is a significant step forward in highlighting the important and inspiring work the Landcare movement does for the environment across Australia.

"The National Landcare Network looks forward to

supporting the group and growing ties between parliamentarians and our Landcarers to help build understanding through all levels of our community," Dr O'Connor said.

Parliamentary Friends of Landcare will enable members of parliament to directly connect to the work of Landcare on the ground, strengthening the Landcare movement for the future.

Alexandra District Health staff recognised

STAFF at Alexandra District Health were recognised last week at a special staff service awards ceremony.

Service award presentations are usually held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting, around November each year. But with the delay of the Annual General Meeting and the impact of COVID-19 restrictions throughout 2020, the separate ceremony was held.

The ceremony provided an excellent opportunity to recognise the dedication of Alexandra District Health staff and the work they do, especially during the challenges faced over the past 12 months.

CEO Debbie Rogers was joined by Kim Flanagan, Board Deputy Chair, and Steven Hogan, Board Director to present the 2020 service awards to staff, as well as a handful of awards from the previous year for staff who were unable to attend the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Service Awards presented for 2020 were: 10 Years - Anne-Marie Ellis, Karen Bates, Lynette Bennetts and Natasha Bowater. 20 Years - Heidi Hunter, Angela Warren-Smith, Kerry Wall and Sally Musgrove.

Service Awards presented for 2019 were: 10 Years - Michelle Weeks. 15 Years - Jeanie Hurrey, Heather Shaw, Chris Wasley and Simone Russell. 20 Years - Donna Leng.



Kerry Wall displays her 20 year award with Kim Flanagan, Board Deputy Chair, and Steven Hogan, Board Director. -S



Angela Warren-Smith received her 20 year award from Kim Flanagan, Board Deputy Chair, and Steven Hogan, Board Director. -S



Heidi Hunter celebrates her 20 years with Kim Flanagan, Board Deputy Chair, and Steven Hogan, Board Director.

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Palm Sunday rally comes to Alexandra

THE Palm Sunday Peace Rally has been a part of the Australian landscape for many years.

This year the focus will be justice and a fair go for refugees.

The rally will be held on Sunday, March 28 at 11am outside St John's Anglican Church Downey Street, Alexandra and will feature a banner unfurling.

Rally convenor, Reverend Dr Paul Dalzell said that over the last two decades Australia's refugee policy has meant that many genuine refugees have been locked up indefinitely in detention in far flung places,

or in harsh conditions in capital cities.

"Recently, many refugees have been removed from community detention and left to fend for themselves, without accommodation, income, or support. The community, through refugee support groups has been left to find food, accommodation and work," Reverend Dalzell said.

"This year Amnesty International has thrown its weight behind the campaign for improving the conditions of refugees and asylum seekers.

"We are asking for an end to long term off shore or local detention of asylum seekers,

an abolition of temporary protection visas and access to Australian support mechanisms once a person has been recognised as a refugee, and an acceptance of New Zealand's offer to take 150 refugees per year," he added.

"Rural Australians for Refugees, including the branch in Alexandra, together with St John's Anglican Church is holding the event to mark this campaign. We will be unfurling a banner sponsored by St John's congregation to heighten Alexandra's awareness of the cruel treatment of genuine refugees."



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To find out more, please give Council a call on 5772 0333 or visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/shapingourfuture

PROPOSED SPEED ZONE CHANGE

Following a review of the speed limit along West Bridge Road and a section of Kinglake-Glenburn Road (from the front of The Gums Camping Area to West Bridge Road), Council will apply to Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) to reduce the speed limit on these roads from 100km/hour to 80km/hour.

This application follows a community consultation where the community's views were sought about the change. The majority of submissions received were in favour of a speed reduction to 80km/hour. A number of community members wanted the speed limit reduced further, to 60km/hour. However, RRV has indicated that it would not support this further reduction, given the road's location is in a rural setting with sparse development.

If agreed by RRV, the speed limit reduction to 80km/h is likely to occur in the coming months.



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VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Are you looking for a new direction or a different challenge? Do you love living in Murrindindi Shire and have some time to promote our wonderful region? Murrindindi Shire Council is supporting the Alexandra (Alexandra Tourism), Marysville (MiRa Marysville) and Yea (Y Water Discovery Centre) Visitor Information Centres to recruit new volunteers - and we need you! For more information, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/visitorinfo or call 5797 3394.

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For more information, please visit the 'jobs' section of our website or give us a call.

GENDER EQUALITY MONTH

Did you know that Victoria's first Gender Equality Act commences on 31 March 2021? To recognise its significance, Council is promoting initiatives and events throughout the month of March that celebrate gender equality.

We're also calling on Murrindindi Shire residents to submit short videos and written stories about women in our community who inspire you or have had an impact on your life in some way. We'd like to recognise these amazing women and share your story on Council's website and Facebook page!

For more information about the Gender Equality Act and to find out how you can get involved in these events and initiatives, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/genderequalitymonth



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Student of the week



AMELIA GODDEN

Amelia has settled into Alexandra Primary School and really kicked off her school journey with a bang. Amelia shows the school values every day. She is friendly and kind and always shows care for others. We are proud to have you in our learning community, Amelia. You are a STAR.

MARYSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the week



JAYDEN DODEMAIDE

For his enthusiasm towards Numeracy and increasing his confidence and participation in class. Well done Jayden.

BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students of the week



CONNOR

Connor has demonstrated our school value of growth when tackling new challenges in mathematics. Congratulations Connor.



ELLA

Ella has demonstrated our school value of kindness by helping her friends when they are sad or hurt. Well done Ella.

EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students of the week



Lillian Fraser Lilly has shown resilience this week by sounding out all of the letters in all of her spelling words. Champion effort Lilly.

Tyler Ward and Leo Woodward For showing the school value of Resilience by making a big leap in their Lexile reading level.

Mia Tatham For showing resilience by trying her best working through the questions for Kangarou Sans Frontier.

ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students of the week



Mitchell, Eli, Annaliese and Riley

Not Pictured: Isaac, Hayley, Chloe, Xavier, Lanty, Harry and Piper.

Student of the Week

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European Wasps out in force across the shire

IT'S that time of year again. Autumn has well and truly arrived and the shire is starting to see an increase in European Wasp activity.

Murrindindi Shire Council wants to remind everyone that everyone needs to lend a hand when it comes to controlling wasp numbers.

Council's Environment Portfolio Councillor, Karine Haslam said council has received an increased number of calls about wasp numbers and nests over the last couple of weeks.

"It's important to be on the lookout for nests over the next couple of months. February through to April is their most active months and we're getting a lot of reports on wasp activity, particularly in Thornton and Eildon" Cr Haslam said.

"Each one of us has a responsibility to destroy nests if we find one on your property. Sometimes they are hard to identify as they're usually in the ground. But if you keep a lookout during the day when wasps are more active, you're more likely to spot them leaving and re-entering their nest."

For more information on European Wasps, including how to identify wasps and nests and procedures on how to safely eradicate them, please visit council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au and search 'wasps'.

People requiring further advice on how to deal with a wasp nest on their property or to report a nest on council land can contact 5772 0333.

Have your say on the Domestic Animal Management Plan

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is asking for its residence opinions on how the current Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) can be improved.

The DAMP outlines council's strategic approach to the way animal management is delivered across the shire, and with the

community's input council can ensure all needs are met.

The plan aims to minimise attacks on animals and people from dogs, address over-population and euthanasia rates of both dogs and cats, minimising "nuisance" reported from cats and dogs,

and promoting animal registration and identification.

Once revised, the plan will be active for the next four years, until 2025.

To have your input into the review of the DAMP, visit surveymonkey.com/r/6SKBPD8



Carlos is keeping a sharp eye on the Animal Plan review. -IB

The diner with a difference

THE start of America's iconic highway is at the intersection of Jackson Boulevard and Michigan Avenue in Chicago, and now Route 66 extends all the way to Alexandra with Kazza's Diner coming to town.

The love of old cars, all things USA and rock and roll leads Karen Stillman to embark on her latest enterprise, a genuine American diner complete with life size statues of Elvis and Betty Boop to arrive very soon.

Karen is no stranger to the district, she is a popular Zumba instructor and she recently sold Alexandra Panels and Towing, a business she and her husband John operated for close to 22 years, and now she is ready for her next adventure.

Karen first came to the district close to 43 years ago to help her parents in their take away food and service station business, known as the Golden Spur.

For some years she moved to Toowoomba in Queensland to run a take away café and corner store there. And now she is back doing the things she loves, cooking and serving people. So if you are a big fan for burgers, Churros and really good hot dogs give Kazza's Diner a try.

The menu is extensive. First there is a wide range of burgers, from the Gremlin burger to the Cadillac Burger, add to the list donuts, Churros, Smoothies, chips and finger food, milk shakes and thick shakes and you have an impressive menu that will satisfy even the hungriest of souls.

Beyond the food the attraction of Kazza's Diner is its 50s American atmosphere in addition to Elvis and Betty Boop the place captures the golden era of rock and roll with its amazing memorabilia collection that adorns the walls, a feature of which is the collection of American number plates from just about every major US state.

Kazza's Diner opens its doors on Saturday, March 27 so why not take a journey down Route 66 and experience some of the great food and hospitality that is on offer.

Kazza's Diner is open six days, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7.30am to 8pm and Sunday 9am to 8pm, and is closed on Tuesdays.

As Elvis once said "You've got to follow that dream, wherever that dream may lead."



Karen Stillman displays some of the memorabilia that will decorate Kazza's Diner

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Haines and McKenzie take a stand

TWO members of federal parliament have joined the voices calling for action on sex discrimination and violence against women.

Dr Helen Haines, Independent Federal Member for Indi, said that leadership in parliament will bring about the changes to the workplace.

“Here in the Parliament of Australia we’ve seen and heard of the most horrendous allegations of serious crimes against women. This has to stop, but words alone won’t make it stop. It’s action. It’s leadership,” Dr Haines said.

Senator Bridget McKenzie added that the Women of the National Party stand with the Australians who have raised concerns regarding violence against women, unsafe workplaces, and the perceived lack of justice for those who have endured sexual assault.

“We are proud to strongly represent the women of regional Australia, and by already being in parliament and in the room, we can ensure their concerns are raised within this place,” Senator McKenzie said.

Dr Haines said that the Sex Discrimination Bill that was presented to the house last week gave a strong sign to women.

That’s what I call on the government to show that its words have meaning. Show some leadership. Work with us. We’re not here to play party games. We’re not here for political stunts. We are here to do real things for real people,” Dr Haines said.

Dr Haines added that the people in the Indi electorate were

interested in action that will see women feel safe, describing the legislation today as an important journey that was long overdue.

Senator McKenzie said that all Australians should feel safe when attending their place of work and federal parliament was no different.

“Indeed this building should lead by example. We will always stand up for women, particularly for those from regional Australia, who raise concerns regarding unsafe workplaces or poor workplace culture,” Senator McKenzie said.

“As Senators and Members of Parliament, we will continue to work within this building to bring

forward their concerns and drive change,” she said.

Dr Haines said that she had a bill before the House called the Commonwealth Parliamentary Standards Bill 2020 that would establish an independent commissioner who could address serious workplace complaints.

“It’s a bill that has been sitting in the house since October last year. I’ve called upon the government and I’ve met with the Attorney General several times to allow me to debate that bill. These are reforms that can actually make a difference,” she said.

Quad bikes high on 2020 farm safety stats

QUAD bikes and tractors continue as the leading cause of death and injury on Australian farms, according to annual statistics released by AgriFutures Australia. Despite the increased safety attention on quad bikes last year, the number of deaths continued to rise.

The National Farm Injury Coronal Database revealed 58 on-farm deaths were reported in 2020, the same number of cases reported in 2019. Quad bikes and tractors again reported as the leading causes of injury.

AgriFutures Australia Senior Manager, Rural Futures, Jennifer Medway said that while the statistics show progress is being made in some areas, its alarming to see the increase in deaths from quad bikes and side by sides.

“Side by sides have long been considered a safer option to quads, but the numbers don’t back that up. They are only now increasing in popularity and are already making a sizable contribution to the death toll,” Ms Medway said.

“In fact, well over a third of on-farm deaths in 2020 are directly attributable to quad bikes



and side by sides alone. If you add tractors into the mix, these three vehicles shockingly account for over half of all on-farm deaths.”

Rural Research Development Corporations (RDC) Executive Officer, Andrew Barrett said the figures are another sobering reminder that the cost of human life incurred in the production of food and fibre is still too high.

“As a sector so proud of innovation and progress, we must be equally concerned and focused on why so little has changed in our health and safety record over time,” Mr Barrett said.

Research has shown a year-on-year increase in quad bike deaths and as the popularity of side-by-side vehicles increase, so has the deaths, making it one of the top three agents of death within the agricultural sector.

The lucky ones get caught.

Right now, Victoria Police are out in force catching drivers doing the wrong thing. Catching these drivers helps protect them from harming themselves and other road users. It’s up to all of us to drive safe these holidays.

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Hands across the garden

NATIONAL Close the Gap Day was held last week on March 18. Yea Hospital staff showed their support for the campaign and our Aboriginal community

by creating their first colourful Sea of Hands to highlight the need to focus on and address the significant health gap.

The Sea of Hands was proudly displayed in the front garden area of the hospital.

Close the Gap is an Australia wide campaign launched in 2006 that focuses on creating awareness about the health inequities which exist between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the rest of the Australian population.

Together, Australia's Peak Indigenous and non-indigenous health bodies are working together to achieve equality in health and life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Louise Sharkey Acting Director of Nursing said that Aboriginal people (on average) have higher incidents of kidney disease, diabetes and cancers, to name just some notable health concerns. They also have a considerably shorter life expectancy than non-Aboriginal people.

"Yea Hospital staff showed their support for the Close the Gap Day campaign and our Aboriginal community by creating their first colourful Sea of Hands," Ms Sharkey added.

She also thanked Hospital Board Director Dr Jennifer Keast for her attendance and to the hospital's Integrated Health Promotion Worker, Heidi Stewart, for coordinating the event and the staff for displaying their inner artistic sides.



Hospital board director, Dr Jennifer Keast, and Integrated Health Promotion Worker, Heidi Stewart, inspect the garden of hands.

Staring a new life after an historical offence

VICTORIANS who have carried the unfair burden of a minor historical offence will have a better chance to turn their lives around, thanks to new laws passed by parliament.

The *Spent Convictions Bill 2020* removes the barriers faced by those who previously committed an offence but have since proven that they are able to rehabilitate and be active members of the community.

"The days of past minor offences dictating the course of someone's entire life are over. These laws will give hope to many Victorians doing it tough," Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes said.

"We're proud to deliver a fairer scheme that allows people to move on with their lives and fully contribute to society while protecting community safety.

"People will no longer struggle to get a job, find a home, or undertake volunteer work because of old criminal records. This unjust reality has damaged too many lives for far too long, but that changes today."

The reform will serve to protect people from the discrimination and stigma that can come with historical convictions, but this does not mean their criminal record will be "wiped".

Police and courts will continue to have full access to criminal

history information and complete records will still be released when required for certain employers and third parties to make necessary risk assessments.

Convictions for eligible minor offences will become "spent" and no longer show up in a police check after 10 years, or five years for a juvenile conviction, if the person does not re-offend during that time. The scheme also makes discrimination on the basis of a spent conviction unlawful.

Some convictions will only be eligible to become spent by application to the Magistrates' Court and only after a magistrate has carefully considered a range of factors, including rehabilitation and any risk to public safety.

These changes will benefit some of the most vulnerable members of our community who are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system, such as Aboriginal Victorians and young people.

By breaking down the barriers created by minor convictions, the Bill will create better access to employment, education, and housing for Aboriginal Victorians.

The labor government worked with the Aboriginal community, justice sector, law enforcement and victims' representatives to develop new legislation.



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Alexandra seniors

A SMALLER crowd than usual turned up on Friday for the weekly Alexandra Seniors' social gathering. Those missing will need to produce an absent note next week.

With the trading table starting proceedings it took a while to get the club song out of the way and get the meeting underway. There was no particular items to be discussed, so after a few interesting anecdotes from members it was over to Roma and the best array of jokes we have had for a while.

Ron rolled out the wheel and Barbara, Stefanie and Val took away the goodies. With everyone champing at the bit to get to the afternoon tea, President Gai closed the meeting. When all and sundry were suitably fattened up, the card sharks and the UNOists got down to business for the rest of the afternoon.

Here is our usual reminder about our weekly schedule at the hall that presently consists of social meetings each Friday at 1pm, with the first one of the each month being our business meeting. The carpet bowlers play every Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm.

The Bridge group play on Monday afternoon at present and the card sharks

play 500 every Friday after the meeting, as do the UNO group. Of course all of these activities are being done while applying the appropriate sanitising and distancing procedures until the situation changes. We would love to hear from anyone who is at all interested in any of these activities, either just turn up to the hall in Bayley Street or get in touch with President Gai or Phillip Smith on 0467 369092 for more information.

Tuesday's bowls game came down to the wire, when Kevin's last shot snatched victory from defeat with a 9-7 win. Two mats down on Thursday and on mat one Joyce and Kevin resumed their battle, with Joyce avenging her 20 point humiliation of last week with a 7-6 victory. On mat two Ron rode his luck to down Phillip's lot 10-9 in a nail biter.

Interesting facts: Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are at least 50 years old. Although 27 times smaller, Norway's total coastline is longer than that of the United States.

Let's all move: In Bhutan, government policy is based on Gross National Happiness, not Gross National Product.



Let's get Ellie a purple wheelchair



Ellie and Sarah share a very special friendship.

by Tricia Mifsud

EVERYONE in the Yea district knows Ellie Gay. And if you're one of the few who don't know Ellie, you'd definitely know her crazy purple hairdos.

In February, Ellie sustained a spinal injury which has left her with no use of her legs.

"I don't remember anything about the accident. All I remember is that I had a couple friends over for some drinks and cards. We decided to go outside and have a ride in our John Deere gator, which is our farm vehicle," Ellie said.

"My mate was driving and I don't know if he misjudged the landscape of the property, but almost next minute I was apparently thrown from the vehicle and I think the gator landed right on top of me."

However in true Ellie spirit, only three weeks after her accident, she has learnt how to sit up by herself, and use a wheelchair.

With such improvements, Ellie has moved to the rehabilitation facility at the Royal Talbot Hospital in

Kew to prepare for her return back to the life she has missed out on for the last month.

Ellie has remained positive over the last month, grateful that she will be able to return back to doing most of the things she loves.

"I work at Yea Automatic in customer services. I am going to be able to do 90 per cent of my job when I'm back. My boss is even redesigning the store so that I can be completely independent when I am back."

Sarah Wilkins, who has been best friends with Ellie for the last 20 years created a Go Fund Me page to help raise funds to purchase a "whiz bang purple wheelchair".

In only 11 days of the fundraiser being live, generous donors have contributed \$8205 to help fund the wheelchair.

"It has been absolutely crazy! We've only been here for five years but the community have been magnificent," Ellie said.

"I don't think I understood what community really meant until I moved to Yea. It wasn't my injury

that I needed to understand, the biggest thing I've got my head around is community."

"When I'm back home, I'm going to have to start at FoodWorks and work my way back down saying hi to everyone and letting them know I am back."

Prior to Ellie's accident, she was a woman on the go, attending to her farm. The funds raised will go towards purchasing an electric, four-wheel-drive wheelchair so Ellie can continue to do all the things that she loves.

"The wheelchair will be something to help me out on the farm, pruning the fruit trees, and just to get around the property easier," Ellie said.

Any leftover funds after purchasing the wheelchair will go toward supporting further medical bills and house and car modifications to make Ellie's transition back to everyday life as smooth as possible.

If you would like to donate, please visit au.gofundme.com/lets-get-ellie-a-whiz-bang-wheel-chair

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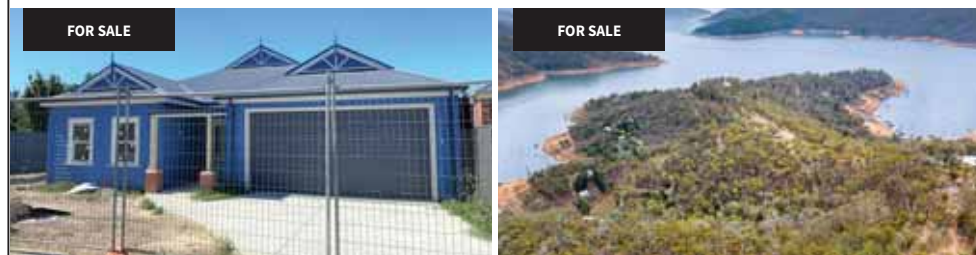
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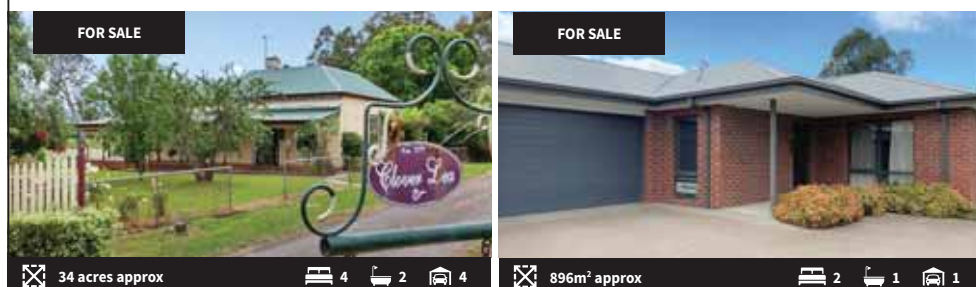


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REIA reports a rise in housing and rental prices across most of Australia

REAL Estate Institute of Australia's (REIA) latest report, Real Estate Market Facts found that in the December quarter 2020, the weighted average capital city median price for both houses and other dwellings increased in the Australian residential property market.

REIA President, Adrian Kelly said the weighted average capital city median price increased by 6.0 per cent, for houses and by 0.9 per cent for other dwellings.

"The weighted average median house price for the eight capital cities increased to \$825,205. Over the quarter, the median house price increased in all capital cities."

"At \$1,211,488, Sydney's median house price continues to be the highest among the capital cities, 46.8 per cent higher than the national average."

"At \$490,000, Perth has the lowest median house price across Australian capital cities, 40.6 per cent lower than the national average. Over the 12 months to the December quarter, the weighted average capital city median house price increased by 6.6 per cent."

"Other dwelling sales in the December quarter 2020, the weighted average median price for other dwellings for the eight capital cities increased to \$601,345, a quarterly increase of 0.9 per cent."

"Over the quarter, the median price for other dwellings increased in all capital cities except Adelaide. Over the 12 months to the December quarter, the weighted average capital city median price for other dwellings increased by 0.6 per cent."

According to Mr Kelly, house rents in the December quarter, the median rent for three bedroom houses increased in Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra and Darwin and remained steady in Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart.

"Over the past 12 months, the median rent increased in all capital cities except for Melbourne and Hobart where it remained steady."

"Other dwelling rents during the quarter, the median rent for two bedroom other dwellings increased in Perth, Canberra and Darwin, remained steady in Brisbane and Hobart but decreased in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide."

To order a copy of the report visit, reia.asn.au/product/reia-reports-subscription-remf/

Record broken for auctions cleared

RECORDS were shattered last month with February recording the highest ever auction clearance rate for the month of February in Victoria.

Real Estate Institute of Victoria data shows that February 2021 recorded an 84.8 per cent clearance rate from more than 3000 auctions. It's the highest rate in 11 years, beating out an old 2010 record with an 84.0 per cent clearance rate.

While lockdowns, international border closures, and tightened purse strings have affected many markets it has not spelled disaster for the Victorian property market as many doomsayers said it would.

Some 17 suburbs were a hot commodity last month, having cleared 100 per cent of listings.

This year's performance has been boosted by support measures such as incentives for First Home Buyers, mortgage repayment holidays, and low interest rates. High demand across the state has also been fuelled by an increase in activity following Victoria's devastating lockdowns which saw thousands of auctions cancelled.

While the times are ripe for Victoria's property market, there will be pain ahead for mum-and-dad investors. Changes to the Residential Tenancy Act coming into effect at the end of this month will disrupt the market with more red-tape and increased ownership costs.

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AUCTION: Saturday 3rd of April 2021 at 11.00am

Solid Brick Veneer, Family Home in a Great Street

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- Kitchen/Dining Area
- 3 bedrooms with great natural light
- Separate laundry
- Bathroom with shower, bath and vanity unit
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- Separate toilet room
- Set on an exceptionally generous block of land of 762m2 (approximately)

Situated in a lovely, quiet street with delightful views of the hills going towards Taylor Bay

Would suit the first home buyer or investor looking for a brick home that was built as a housing development in the 1970's

The home is sturdy stock and will suit someone with flair to bring it into the modern era.



It will come up a treat for anyone who has the inclination for a good buy and a willingness to do some renovations.

The entry foyer leads into a spacious living area that has a heat bank, it also has views towards the back garden which gives it a peaceful ambience but could be further enhanced by installing a sliding door that leads out onto the deck.

There is a kitchen/dining area that is spacious but could be integrated into the living space or you could leave it as is.

The laundry is situated near the back door. The bathroom has a

separate bath and shower plus a vanity unit. There is a separate toilet room for your convenience.

Three good sized bedrooms offer exceptional natural light and views towards the front garden.

The backyard is of good proportions and is relaxing with the hills as a backdrop.

This house is a little gem and I would urge an inspection as you will see what value there is to be had.

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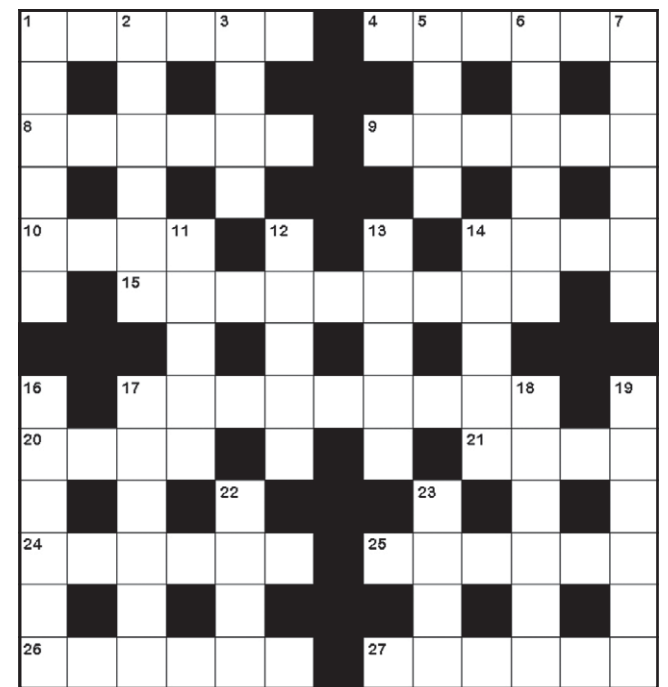
Crossword

ACROSS

- In a warm-hearted and agreeable manner.
- Frowns with dislike or displeasure.
- Go back to a previous place or condition.
- The occupation for which you are trained.
- A system of weights used for precious metals.
- Having an oblique or slanting position.
- Infamous by way of being extremely wicked.
- A special benefit that's not for everyone.
- A loud, resonant warning device on a car.
- Divisible by two without a remainder.
- Aroused to a state of turbulence and anger.
- The popular taste at any given times.
- Travelled along on one's course or direction.

DOWN

- A traditional Japanese art of unarmed combat.
- A community of people organised into a single state.
- Knowledge gained through tradition or anecdote.
- Squeeze things tightly into a too small space.



- Large marine snails used as food in Europe.
- Distributed here and there without order.
- Have a strong, often melancholy desire.
- Understand the sense or meaning of things.
- A young female horse under the age of four.
- A sudden or abrupt strong increase.
- A physiological need to drink.
- Express warm approval and admiration of.
- Escaped or avoided by cleverness or deceit.
- To have in mind for a particular purpose.
- A bitter quarrel between two parties.
- The source of an artist's inspiration.

Word Search: Kitchen Safety

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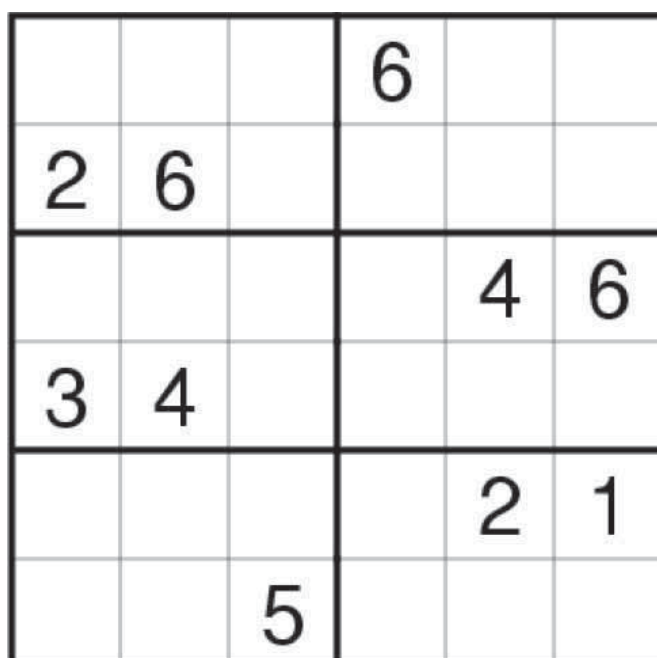
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- REVOLVE
- ROTATE
- SOLAR ECLIPSE
- TIDAL BUDGE

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Difficulty: Medium

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 6. Every row and column and every group of 6 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.



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Q: Where was the below image taken?



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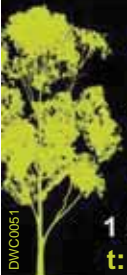
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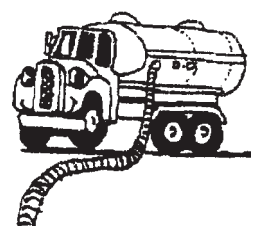
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Discover your backyard this Easter

WITH the colourful days of autumn almost upon us and Easter and school holidays just around the corner now is the perfect time to discover our district with family and friends.

The Alexandra Timber and Tramway Museum is open over the Easter weekend, April 3 and 4, between 10am and 4 pm and more generally every second and fourth Sunday of each month.

The Museum gives a great insight into the rail history of the area as well as the chance to ride on a heritage train. It is perfect for the young and the young at heart.

A monthly market also operates in the Museum's grounds on the second Saturday of each month from September through to May.

The Kin Playspace at Gallipoli Park in Marysville is a fantastic adventure playground suitable for all ages. With interactive play equipment, meandering paths and beautiful sculptures and nature art, there is something to suit kids of all ages.

There are also free barbecues, picnic facilities and an undercover area. The play space sits right next to the Steavenson River, creating an ideal destination for a day trip.

For those interested in a family-friendly walk, there are the Steavenson Falls. From the start of the trail at the car park, it's an easy stroll to the base of the waterfall.

Those looking for more of a workout, can choose a more challenging route to the upper viewing platform to take in views over the falls and beyond to Marysville. For those looking to start their walk from Marysville, the 7km return walk to the falls via the Tree Fern Gully trail is a great choice.

The Y Water Discovery Centre is an excellent place to discover the important role that water and wetlands play in our natural environment. The centre hosts some fantastic interactive activities for children and information which captures the history and importance of the Yea Wetlands.

Outside, you can venture along the boardwalks and tracks within the wetlands,

which meander around the lagoons and billabongs formed by the Yea River. The wetlands are home to platypus, Rakali and a wide variety of fish. Visitors may also be lucky enough to spot a shy swamp wallaby or one of the many species of frogs that live there.

For a bit more adventure, there is a range of family-friendly mountain bike parks in Murrindindi Shire. Buxton, a short distance from Marysville, is home to one of the most popular mountain bike parks. It offers a fantastic range of trails of varying lengths for riders of all abilities and is set among towering gums. For those just starting out, there is a short 500 metre 'green' trail, which loops through the bush, close to the river.

Both Lake Mountain and Eildon offer a range of mountain bike trails to keep avid bike riders entertained, including the epic Cascades trail running from the top of Lake Mountain all the way down to Marysville.

Murrindindi Scenic Reserve is an ideal choice for a family camping adventure. Located between Yea and the Kinglake Ranges, the reserve boasts a selection of great camping spots, all set along the Murrindindi River.

Pack the tent, sleeping bags and mats and the cooking gear or roll in with a camper trailer and set up a campsite among the bush. Get the marshmallows ready and enjoy the starry skies in true camping style. The next day, take a stroll along the river or walk to the foot of Wilhelmina Falls.

There's so much to see and do in Murrindindi's backyard this Easter. To find out more visit discoverdindi.com.au/yourbackyard or drop into one of the Visitor Information Centres, chat with a friendly local volunteer and pick up an Official Visitors Guide or phone one of the Visitor Centres for a guide to be mailed.

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MEETINGS

ALEXANDRA RACECOURSE AND RECREATION RESERVE PUBLIC MEETING

To be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7.30pm in the Goldfields Room at The Corner Hotel, Grant Street, Alexandra. At this meeting nominations will be accepted from each of the user groups as well as 2 community nominations for appointment on the reserve as the Committee of Management for a term of 3 years. The current committee's term will expire on April 14.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be accepted on the night.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting the Alexandra DELWP office or at the meeting. For further enquiries, please contact the secretary, Barb Gamble on 0417 013 701.

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Applications close:

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DEATH NOTICES

WILLIAMSON, Ross Milton

14/10/1958-15/03/2021
Died peacefully at home. Loving and caring husband of Jane, father of Rebecca and Wayne. Father-in-law of Matt and Ananya, grandfather of Chloe and Kaiden. You will be forever in our heart and sadly missed, and always loved by all who knew you.

WILLIAMSON, Ross
Steve, Alicia, Caitlyn and Chole will miss you mate, thanks for everything. Rest in Peace.



WILLIAMSON, Ross
District 12 staff and volunteers are saddened by the sudden passing of Ross. We acknowledge his significant contribution as the Captain of the Yea Fire Brigade (22 years), to the Yea Road Accident Rescue team and his time spent as a Deputy Group Officer, Yea Group.

Ross was the recipient of a National Emergency Medal, a National Medal 1st Clasp and a 35 Year Service Medal. The Chairman, Board, Management and members of CFA regret the passing of their colleague and offer their deepest sympathy to his family, to the Yea Fire Brigade, surrounding brigades and their communities.

DEATH NOTICES



WILLIAMSON, Ross
The Yea CFA will miss you greatly and wish to offer our condolences to the family. Great mate. Great colleague and great mentor. We will always miss your great stories. Ross will never be forgotten.



FUNERAL NOTICES



MEADE, Tom
The committee and members of the Yea Football Netball Club would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends on the passing of Tom Meade. Tom was Yea Senior Coach in 1971 and 1972.

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MEETINGS



Yea-Kinglake RSL
Annual General Meeting
RSL Hall, Friday, March 26, 2021 at 11.30am. Enquiries to secretary 5796 9353.

MEETINGS

ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, March 31.
7pm at Rubicon Hotel.

EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
AGM will be held in the Multi Purpose Room on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7.30pm.

THE ACHERON CFA
Brigade Biennial General Meeting and Elections will be held at the Acheron Hall at 10.30am on Sunday, March 28, followed by morning tea. All welcome.

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Recreation Reserve redevelopment seeks donations for completion

THE Alexandra Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve Redevelopment Project is nearing completion.

Once completed, in 2021/2022, the reserve and associated facilities will be one of the best of its kind in the state. It will be a precinct that you would normally only see in regional cities or large urban areas. A precinct that all will be proud of, that you will be able to enjoy with your family and friends.

\$600,000 saw completion of Stages 1 and 2 which created a high-quality netball precinct. Stages 3 and 4 are now underway to provide a fully accessible multi-purpose community building, rooftop solar power generation, a power upgrade to the Reserve and new hi-tech oval lighting to the value of a further \$2.04 million.

However, a further \$200,000 is required to bring the project to completion. This need for extra funding is due to a number of factors; grant funding was pledged in 2018, based on 2017 costings and quantity surveys with construction commencing in late 2020; additional costs have been added to the demolition of the existing building and public toilets, car park and general reserve landscaping, and additional regulatory requirements and increased standards; costs have also been impacted due to lapsed time, COVID-19 impacts and other factors out of control of the project team.

To date there has been no call on users of the Recreation Reserve, local community



Works near completion but with more to go. - S

groups, individuals, or businesses to financially support this project. However, a decision has now been made to ask for public donations.

All donations to the \$200,000 fundraising effort are tax deductible and can be made via the Australian Sports Foundation. The Alexandra Football Netball Club, the key driver of the redevelopment, has registered the project and associated fundraising campaign, and all donations will ensure that the finishing touches to the project are completed with quality and in a timely way.

For more information and to make a tax-deductible donation go to asf.org.au/projects/alexandra-football-netball-club



Help is needed to complete the project. - S



Family day out at the races. -TM



Georgia, Grace and Ashley take in the Alexandra race day fun.. -TM



A group of friends travelled up to enjoy a day at the races. -TM

SPORT



Secondary colleges bowls competition held at Yea

Yea bowls report by Viv Cavanagh

THE Secondary Colleges Southern Ranges Round Robin sports competition was held on Friday, March 5. Lawn bowls was included as an alternative sport to volleyball, cricket, and tennis. The junior games of bowls were played at the Yea Bowls Club. Six rinks were used with four games being played. Although many players were new to the game of bowls, an enjoyable day was had by all, with FCJ College from Benalla coming first and second and Mansfield Secondary College in third place. The attending staff were very grateful for the use of the facility and the coaching help supplied by Yea Bowls Club members.

Students deep in discussion as to the result.

A good day for Peter and David McNair

Eildon golf report by Puttamatic

A SMOKEY, but fine day welcomed players to Eildon Golf Club for the March Monthly Medal, final round of the Summer Cup, and Golden putter. Nearest the pin on the 14th was Kerry Power, but no takers on the 12th. There were no birdies on the 15th but a birdie to Russell Haack on the eighth saw a free drink for his group. A Grade and Monthly Medal winner was Peter McNair with a great score of 78(13)65. Peter also won the quarterly competition with a brand-new Titleist golf bag going his way. B Grade went to David McNair with 85(18)67. Certainly, a good day for the MacNair's. Ball run to Russell Haack with nett 66 and Peter Phillips nett 68. Least putts to Russell Haack with 24.

Entry draw to John Beale, swindle to Peter Phillips and pick for the joker to Marion Williamson.

Next Saturday sees the final round of the Murrindindi Masters at Eildon, hope to see you all there.

Great effort by junior tennis teams

Alexandra junior tennis report by Rebecca Stone

IT was great to see the kids back playing competition tennis this 2020/21 Summer Season. There were two junior teams representing Alexandra in the local Broadford & District Tennis Competition. Both teams played consistently well throughout the season, qualifying for the grand final, which was held in Kilmore on Saturday.

Section 5 played Kilmore. Despite being the underdogs, many rallies were had. Lovely groundstrokes were played, and a positive mindset was maintained.

The children enjoyed themselves and were super proud of their achievement and development over the season. They were presented with a runners-up trophy each.

Section 4 played Wandong and got off to a slightly nervous start. However, despite losing one of the first sets of the morning they rallied together to storm home as premiers. The team served well, were quick to win a volley at the net and hit some tactical groundstrokes.

Oliver Hoornweg was steady as ever and did not drop a single's set all season. Fittingly he was

presented with the Best Player for Section 4 medal.

The children are now looking forward to the Winter Competition, which begins next term, and are hoping to enter another team, making three in total.

Alexandra Lawn Tennis Club has two morning social sessions, Monday and Friday, and a Thursday night round robin. Keith Turner coaches on Wednesday afternoons.

If you or your children are interested in playing or being coached, please take a look at our Facebook page, or contact Rebecca Lyttle on 0405 055 993.

Jenny Fisher and Julie Lyon win first round of Foursomes Cup

Alexandra golf report by Elizabeth Goss

THE first round of the ladies Foursomes Cup was played last Wednesday. The winning team, with a great score, were Jenny Fisher and Julie Lyon 87(23.5)63.5. The runners-up were Sue Greatorex and Ruth Worland with 91(19)73 on a countback from Marg Fahey and Barb Doyle 87(14)73. The nine-hole winners were Dawn Cann and Sandy Wettenhall with a nett 35. Nearest the pin on the seventh, and on the 12th were Sue Greatorex and Ruth Worland. Next Wednesday, March 31 is a par round. Names in by 8.30 for 9am hit off.

There were 10 players on Tuesday, March 16. The winner was Ian Shearn with (32) 38 points, and the runner-up was John Mosley 20) 37 points. Nearest the pin on the 18th was John Greatorex. Names in by 11.30 for noon hit off.

Next Saturday, March 27 is the Murrindindi Masters at Eildon so please make sure your names are in. There will be no competition at Alexandra. The Alexandra course will be closed on Sunday 28th for pennant.



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Record breaking night at Alexandra Speedway



Daryl Logue proudly displays his winning sign for the wingless sprint winner. Daryl set new records for one lap and eight laps. - S

Speedway report by Dean Thompson of DMT Sports Media

SATURDAY night at Alexandra Speedway was a record-breaking night with no less than eight new track records set during a furious night of action, resulting in wins to Healesville's Linken Paterson, Pakenham's Damien Miller, Darren Nelson, James Oliver, and visiting Wingless Sprint race driver Daryl Logue from Morwell.

Wingless Sprints were back at Alexandra for the first time since 2014 and on a track much different to when they were last at the venue, they soon wiped the previous records. Daryl Logue claimed new one lap and eight lap records during qualifying for a 20-lap final race of the evening. In

qualifying, former Alexandra Junior Sedan racer Jessie Garlick claimed one of the six heat wins with brothers Wayne and Daryl Logue, Travis Evans, Luke Schneider, and visiting New South Wales racer Coby Elliott all among the winners.

Initially, Elliott took charge of the final race, leading the first five laps before Daryl Logue took control of the lead on one of the biggest tracks the class races on, if not the biggest and fastest. Logue went on to claim the win from Elliott, his brother Wayne Logue, Schneider, and Scott Irons.

On his way to a Sports Sedans feature race win, Damien Miller smashed the one lap record previously held by his younger brother by half a second, while his nearest rival on race night, Lee Beach broke the previous eight lap record during qualifying. Miller won the 15-lap final from Beach, Dale Smith, his father Russell Smith, and Robert Garlick.

Unlimited Sedan's returned to Alexandra and Darren Nelson broke the single lap record, and the 15-lap record during the evening. Adam Monti was the driver that looked good for a potential win after claiming two heat race wins in the lead up to the final race, before Nelson smashed his opposition with a huge victory in the final from Lennie Bonnici, Monti, Stan Brown, and Anthony McKean.

Jayden Bryant, Linken Paterson and Dylan Barrow shared wins in the Top Star Junior Sedan racing with Barrow breaking Todd Moule's previous one lap record, in a race he did not win. Paterson was never headed over 10 laps in the final as he beat Barrow, Bryant, Rhys Meakins and Luke Cornfoot.

James Oliver was the only driver to win two out of the six qualifying races in New Star Junior Sedans, with his sister Christine winning one along with Riley Lawrence, Billy McBride, and Maddy Capon. James Oliver went on to claim back-to-back victories at Alexandra Speedway, defeating Lawrence, Capon, Christine Oliver, and Jack Kershaw.

The next race meeting at Alexandra Speedway is Easter Saturday and Sunday when the Victorian Street Stock Champion will be decided, with 40 or more cars in that category anticipated along with club racing support.



Damien Miller powers his car on to victory in the sports sedans and set a new record for one lap. Napier Photography

Lakeside win annual challenge

Marysville golf report by Lesley Rundle

IT was in 2011, after the fires, that the Lakeside Golf Club from Albert Park decided to come up to Marysville to play golf and to support the town and the club with the rebuild. Former Marysville Golf Club members Andrew and Jan Wheeler knew the then captain of Lakeside, Don Read, and the Marysville v Lakeside Challenge was established. The Lakeside members are unable to play at home for three weeks during the preparation and racing program for the Formula One Grand Prix, so the golf challenge is held annually close to the Labour Day weekend. This year, although the race was not held, the Lakeside members were keen to come to Marysville as planned. Last Saturday, in perfect autumn weather, 54 visitors and about 30 Marysville members played a stableford round. The ladies winner was Gail Leigh (11) with 38 points followed by Heather Jenkins (19) with

35 points on a countback from Lesley Rundle and Lakeside member Liz Blockley. Lakeside members won the men's section with Toby Turnbull (30) winning with 37 points on a countback from Bob Wilkie. The ladies nearest the pins were won by Gail Leigh (2), Lesley Rundle and Jillian Chandler, and Aiden Chamberlain, Alan Howard, Peter Watkins, and Steve Coker won the men's. To decide who wins the perpetual trophy the scores of all players from each team are added up and divided by the number of players. The Lakeside golfers narrowly won the trophy with 28.81 from Marysville who had 28.44. So, after 11 years Lakeside have won six times and Marysville five times. Congratulations to the Lakeside golfers and hopefully the tradition will continue next year. As is custom after events such as this many people were thanked for their contribution to the day and many Marysville members assisted both on the day and behind the scenes.

Special mention must be made of Kellan Fiske and his band of greenkeeping volunteers for their efforts in preparing the course so beautifully. For many of the Lakeside members this was their first visit, and they were very complimentary about the condition of the course, but I think would have preferred to have less trees to hit. Don Read, and Helen and Alan Howard spent many hours planning the day and for that, all those present were grateful. Glen Fiske and his helpers prepared a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all as they sat on the decking overlooking the course. The House of Golf were also thanked for sponsoring the challenge.

Last Thursday five ladies played in the Kilmore Bowl and despite some excellent individual scores Marysville were pipped at the post by Romsey in the team event. This week it is the Marysville ladies turn to host their Sandy Wilson Memorial Bowl and at the time of writing



Don Read of Lakeside, and Alan Howard had a good round at Marysville.

75 players from the Dalhousie District and further afield had registered to play.

The Dalhousie District men's pennant season started on Sunday and Marysville, playing in Handicap Division 1, played Yea at Seymour. The outcome was a draw with each team winning two matches and one match was squared. Thanks to Steve Coker, Keith Atwell, Richy

Clark, Alan Howard, and Steve Berry for travelling to Seymour during a very busy time at their home club. Next week they play Seymour at Alexandra.

Next Saturday golfers will gather at Eildon for the final round of the FoodWorks Murrindindi Masters. Names of those wishing to play must be given to the captains as soon as possible.

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Racing season ends on a high

Alexandra race report by Robyn Walsh

AT Royal Alexandra Race Club on Saturday, the picnic racing party that commenced in February rolled on into March for the Alexandra Cup. The atmospherics were very different to recent Cup meetings due to a massive, week-long DWELP burn off in the nearby forests. But they raced and the racing was brilliant.

Shaun Cooper had a great day out. After riding a treble last meeting Shaun rode a double on Saturday. He rode the Don Dwyer trained Dishy's to win the Thompson Family Racing Stable 1300 Hcp. His next was a narrow win for trainer Charmaine Barnes on Shujukku in the Alexandra Veterinary Clinic 1300 Maiden Plate. The two wins secured Shaun's position as Alexandra's 2021 Leading Rider.

Troy Kilgower brought eight horses to this and the previous meeting. Picnic clubs relish such strong support from trainers like Troy. After several wins last outing and a number of placings on Saturday, Troy became Alexandra's Donate Life 2021 Leading Trainer.

The old guard were lurking in the wings. A highlight was the boil over in the feature race, the 2021 Schoolhouse Thornton Alexandra Cup. Two old stagers, eight-year-old Derek the Viking, ridden by senior rider Ray Douglas, snatched the Cup from younger rivals in an exciting tussle to the winning post. In another senior moment, Craig Kirkpatrick, with his one ride for the day, won the Darlingford Waters Boat Club 1540 Hcp on Catbluroo.

The young ones booked the meeting. The Rubicon Hotel Motel 1300m Hcp was won by Viking Myth trained by Gary Mallinson and ridden by apprentice Jack Virgona. In the Alexandra FoodWorks 1840m, Maddison Morris pegged back one



McLoud Sisters: Sally, Yvonne, Jane, Judy, Veronica and Ruth. -TM



Dean, Suzie, Madie and Heath. -TM



Four generations coming together for the races: Cheryl, Cherrie, Tayla and Paigan. -TM

for young women to win the last on the Nicole Dickson trained Laststrikeyourout.

It was a great meeting that nudged the Tier 3 COVIDsafe limit of 1000 people. The big screen and music were a hit. Alexandra's Amazing Hat Competition wasn't even spoiled when some tizzy blokes put on a tanti because they didn't win. Car parking was at a premium and the horse stalls were so full, the companion ponies were squeezed out to make room for the big horses.

Apart from a great day's racing and all the fun, the highlight for the club was the induction of two new life members, Neil Parkinson, and Alan Robinson. Alan 'Robbo' Robinson used to work as Clerk of Course with his father, Basil, more than 20 years ago and now drives the starting stalls tractor. Neil 'Rocky' Parkinson has worked behind the scenes preparing the track and grounds for so long that 'Robbo' couldn't

remember who had been connected with the club longer.

The season got off to a wobbly start, but due to the hard work of all the Alexandra Race Club volunteers, it ended on a high. Thanks to our sponsors for their support and to all the racegoers who enjoyed the season. We look forward to seeing you all jabbed up and smoke free in October.

Football returns to Alexandra

AFNC report by Ray Steyger

LAST Saturday, Alexandra Football Netball Club had their second consecutive Saturday of local football at Rebel Park as Alexandra's local and Melbourne-based players got together for a training run in the morning. The Eastern Football League's East Ringwood then played the GVFL's Mansfield Football Club for two games of football. Thank you to all the AFNC volunteers for their assistance which was also appreciated by both visiting clubs.

This coming Saturday, March 27 the Alexandra Rebels are

hosting the VFA's Bulleen Templestowe Football Club in two games of football. Start times should be around mid-day but will be confirmed later in the week. The canteen and bar will be operating, and entry is free, everyone is welcome. Memberships and merchandise orders will also be available.

In 2021, the AFL Outer East Football Netball League Division 2 commences on Saturday, April 17, and Alexandra travels to Yarra Glen. Alexandra then hosts Broadford at Rebel Park for round two on Saturday, April 24 which will see the clubs working with the Alexandra RSL to

celebrate Anzac Day, entry on the day is by donation with all proceeds to go to the Alexandra RSL. Thank you to *Alexandra Newspapers* and the Murrindindi Shire Council for supporting this important event.

Alexandra's football pre-season continues for all open age and Under 17 players at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rebel Park. Under 17 football will be coached by Michael Harper, Corey Jack, and Len Jenkins. Pre-season training for all open age netball players continues at 6pm on Thursdays at Rebel Park. The club and coaches are pleased to welcome all past

players, football and netball, and anyone who would like to come along and join in, everyone is very welcome. Any enquiries please contact Ray Steyger on 5772 2627.

Junior football and netball pre-season training has also started and the club and coaches welcome all past players, football and netball, and anyone that would like to come along and join in, everyone is very welcome. Any enquiries please contact Ray Steyger on 5772 2627. All 2019 registered players are invited to re-register for 2021 through the Game Day system

for football and the VNA system for netball.

The SDJFNL competition will start with round one on Sunday, April 18 with Alexandra travelling to Euroa, the final fixture still to be confirmed by the League.

With the new Alexandra Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve community facility progressing well, the club is pleased to announce that there will still be a chance to visit the site following the previous open day being cancelled due to the snap COVID-19 lockdown, details will be confirmed and announced in coming weeks.