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Eildon Primary School has begun providing daily free hot meals to its students. The connection between a healthy diet and development in children is well-recognised and the school hopes the program will make a positive contribution to student wellbeing. The meals are served by staff at 11am each school day and there is enough food to cater for all students. The hot meals are rotated on a random basis and include pumpkin soup, rice and tuna, chicken noodle soup, baked beans, spaghetti and sauce, fruit and milk. Parents are welcome to still send lunches which the children can eat in addition to or instead of the daily free hot meals, either at first or second break. The school would like to thank their staff for helping out with the new initiative which, so far, has proven very popular with the students. -S

**BONUS HOUR OF SLEEP:**  
Daylight saving ends on  
Sunday, April 4 at 2am. Put  
your clock back one hour and  
gain an hour of sleep.



## Major boost for emergency services in Northern Victoria

THE Victorian Government has invested \$2,166,363 in emergency services in Northern Victoria to provide essential operational equipment, vehicles, appliances and minor facility improvements for local volunteers.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes announced 31 local Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Victorian State Emergency Services (VICSES) would receive additional funding to help protect their local community.

"These important projects will give our hardworking CFA and VICSES volunteers in Northern Victoria the equipment and amenities needed to effectively carry out their duties," Ms Symes said.

Locally, \$2263 is going to Acheron CFA for operational expenses, \$193,333 for vehicles and appliances to Alexandra Fire Brigade, and \$48,000 to Buxton CFA for minor facility improvements.

\$120,000 is also going to the District 12 Headquarters for vehicles and amenities.

Unfortunately, the other CFA stations and SES groups in our area missed out this time around.

The investment is part of the government's 2020/21 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) which is providing more than \$14 million to 240 grant recipients across Victoria.

The annual grants program gives volunteer emergency service groups the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$150,000 to purchase equipment including vehicles, trucks, tankers, watercraft and trailers, and for minor improvements including refurbishments and amenities, such as kitchens and change rooms.

The government matches every \$1 paid by volunteer groups with a \$2 co-contribution.

For more information about the VESEP, visit the Emergency Management Victoria website [emv.vic.gov.au](http://emv.vic.gov.au)

More about the Buxton upgrades on page 9.

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# Funding boost for Great Victorian Rail Trail

THE Great Victorian Rail Trail will receive \$1.2 million in State Government money for standout art installations and signs, with a further \$1.7 to develop a new rail trail in Eildon.

The trail is one of 30 regional Victorian projects announced last week to receive funding through the \$46 million Regional Tourism Investment Fund – Stimulus Round.

Mitchell, Murrindindi and Mansfield councils, in conjunction with Regional Development Victoria, are behind the rail trail project.

The funding will go towards creating large scale 'x-factor' art installations along the trail, which aims to boost new and repeat visitors.

Sign 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 business.

The trail funding is a fantastic outcome for the Murrindindi, Mitchell and Mansfield shires.

The Great Victorian Rail Trail is a standout tourism asset, as evidenced by record numbers of visitors in the past year.

Residents and visitors alike are seeking to discover the natural beauty of the area.

The Regional Development Victoria announcement builds on the work that the three councils have done to set out a three-year strategic development plan to enhance and elevate the rail trail to the next level.

These pieces of 'x-factor' large scale sculptural art installations and wayfinding signage will improve and innovate the trail experience to provide a premium visitor experience.

The artworks are expected to become tourist attractions, and it is expected that the art installations have the potential to become as iconic as the silo art trails in regional Victoria.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula said the fund was part of the \$465 million Victorian Tourism Recovery Package.

"Victoria has many natural appeals but the main reason we lead the country in tourism is because we invest in our attractions and its people," he said.

Murrindindi Shire Council also received \$1,700,000 for a rail trail between Blue Gums and the Eildon Rail Trail. The aim

is to "connect tourists and cyclists from the tourist precincts and Outdoor Education Centre to Eildon townships and businesses."



After a hiatus last year due to COVID-19, the Rotary Club of Alexandra is gearing up to run their Annual Art Show over the Easter weekend at Alexandra Community Leisure Centre. Over 330 entries have been received, paintings, drawings, sculptures, and even fibre art, needle felting to be precise. Judge Christie Tiarni will cast a critical eye over the works. Winners in most categories will be declared on opening night, Good Friday, April 2 from 7pm. The most popular work will be decided via a poll of show visitors and decided at midday on Easter Monday. Rotary members have been hard at work selling raffle tickets outside FoodWorks in recent weeks, all to raise funds to continue important community programs. Ross Thompson is pictured, on raffle duty on Friday, March 26. -S

## Black Saturday funding available for community-led initiatives

TWELVE years on from the devastating 2009 Victorian bushfires, FRRR is offering another round of funding to support impacted communities as they continue to rebuild, reconnect and recover.

Supported by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF), the funding is available through FRRR's Grants for Resilience and Wellness (GR&W) program and the Grants for Resilience & Wellness Kinglake Ranges (GR&W Kinglake) program.

The grants of up to \$20,000 will support not-for-profits and community-based organisations to lead projects that aid recovery and build community resilience.

The GR&W and GR&W Kinglake Ranges programs fund initiatives that improve mental health and wellbeing of communities and individuals; enhance wellbeing and resilience of pre-school, primary and secondary school-aged children and young people; strengthen community connections, sense of place and community identity; and increase the community's ability to prepare for future disasters.

To date, FRRR has awarded more than \$4.5 million in grants to local groups, thanks to VBAF funding, which comes

from the generous contributions by the general public following the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009.

Through this round of funding there is a total of \$360,000 available for GR&W grants and a total of more than \$700,000 available for GR&W Kinglake projects.

Nina O'Brien, FRRR's Disaster Resilience and Recovery Lead, said that the impact of COVID-19 has increased the need to support recovering communities to reconnect socially and continue to enhance their wellbeing.

"Despite the restrictions that the pandemic has put on people coming together, local groups report services and activities that

enhance wellness and resilience are still well attended," she said.

"The GR&W programs provide flexible support to respond to issues as they emerge. More than a decade since the fires, communities are focusing on building resilience for the future."

Applications for both GR&W and GR&W Kinglake close at 5pm on Wednesday, April 21.

Potential applicants should visit the FRRR program webpages at [frrr.org.au/funding/disaster-resilience-and-climate-solutions/](http://frrr.org.au/funding/disaster-resilience-and-climate-solutions/)

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# Out & About

WHAT'S ON?

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

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*Alexandra Newspapers* will be closed on Friday, April 2 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 6. See advertisement in this edition for deadlines.

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Alexandra P&A Ladies Committee will hold their AGM this morning, Wednesday, March 31 at 10am in the admin office at the Alexandra Show Grounds. All welcome.

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Alexandra And District Darts Association AGM will be held tonight, Wednesday, March 31 at Rubicon Hotel at 7pm.

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Exhibition Opening Meg Heres paintings April 1 from 5-6.30pm at Marmalades of Yea, Enquires to 0400 340 279.

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See this edition for Easter Church Services.

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Darren Gilbert Exhibition Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday over Easter. 10am-4pm each day. 2742 Highlands Road Highlands.

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Alexandra Rotary presents the 51st Easter Art Exhibition. Opening night Friday, April 2 from 6.30pm. The exhibition will continue all through Easter until noon Monday, April 5.

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Alexandra Speedway is back on April 2 and 3. Two big nights SSA Street Stock Vic Title, also featuring sport sedans, standard saloons, SSA Top and new star juniors and VSC open juniors. Gates open at noon, racing starts at 4pm.

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Head to the Marysville Market on Sunday, April 2 and pick up an Easter bargain.

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**Easter weekend garage sales:**  
**ALEXANDRA:** 5 Aitkin Street from 8am-3pm, Saturday and

Sunday. **EILDON:** 802 Back Road, from 9am, Saturday and Sunday. **YARCK:** 6486 and 6639 Maroondah Highway, from 9am Saturday and Sunday. **YEA: SHED SALE** rear 7 Station Street (Cnr Anne Street) Saturday and Sunday from 8am.

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Murrindindi Shire Council will be running renewable energy workshops throughout April between 5.30 and 6.30pm at the Yea Library. For dates and further details see advertisement in this edition.

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The Yea Show AGM will be held

on Tuesday, April 13 at 7.30pm at the tennis club rooms. For further details contact Rodney Ridd 0417 340 838.

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Tuesday, April 13 at Yea Library, 3pm Virtual Tour of the National Portrait Gallery. RSVP by contacting 5772 0333. For full details see this week's edition of *The Yea Chronicle*.

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Eildon Primary School are holding a drive-in movie night on Saturday, April 24 at 6.30pm. \$30 per car, \$5 walk in. Children under 16 must have parental supervision.



Cartoon by Bev Dick.

## This week's Church Services

**ANGLICAN St Johns Alexandra**  
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*John Jessop, The Anglican Parish of Marysville and Buxton*

THE word 'Easter' comes from 'Eostre' a Saxon goddess celebrated at the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere.

For Christians, it is the annual festival celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

The date of Easter varies and is related to the Jewish Passover full moon but is calculated differently in the eastern and western churches.

In the Bible the Passover (Hebrew 'pesah', Greek and Latin 'pascha', hence the adjective 'paschal') is Israel's annual commemoration of the deliverance from captivity in Egypt.

In the New Testament, Christ is the Christian Passover victim

and embodies the salvation from sin, evil and even death.

This is all very well but what does it mean for us? In order to make sense of the Resurrection, we need to include the crucifixion.

The crucifixion involved Jesus being betrayed by one of his chosen followers, denied by one of his closest friends, Peter, lied about, and suffering gross injustice and finally suffocating and dying in agony on a Roman cross.

In other words, Jesus endured all the evil that human beings can inflict on other human beings.

At any point he could have avoided his ordeal but he chose not to. Why? He did this to show that no amount of evil, not even death, can extinguish or deflect God's love.

## Easter Church Services

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### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7pm - Christ Church, Marysville  
**Commemoration of the Last Supper**  
**Good Friday, April**  
noon - Christ Church, Marysville  
(one-hour Good Friday liturgy)

### **Easter Day, April 4**

8.30am - St Thomas's, Buxton  
**Easter Holy Eucharist**

10am - Christ Church, Marysville  
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For further information  
Reverend John Jessop  
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## St John's Anglican Church Alexandra Easter Week Service Times 2021

**Maundy Thursday:**  
7pm - Holy Communion

**Good Friday:**  
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# Around the recycling cycle

RESIDENTS of Murrindindi, Mitchell and Strathbogie Shires were invited to attend a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 24, to find out what happens to the items we put into our recycling bin. It explored not only some useful dos and don'ts, but also took the participants through the cycle at the processing plant, providing a fascinating insight.

The session was run by Douglas Blair from Rethink Education Centre, and supported by Grace Davis-Williams, Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Education Officer working with Murrindindi Shire Council.

After our recycling bins are collected, the trucks drive to a material recovery facility (MRF). The MRF for our area is located in Bellfield, near Ivanhoe. At this facility, the contents are sorted into five different types of recyclables. Paper is the largest, with the other types being glass, plastic, and steel and aluminium.

Paper includes cardboard, with milk cartons sorted with plastics. Glass recycling can only include glass bottles and jars as they have a specific melt temperature. Drinking glasses and panes of glass cannot be included. Plastic can only be rigid plastic, not plastic bags or other soft plastics, with some exceptions detailed later. Once they have been through the initial sorting process, they are taken to another facility where they are sorted into codes from one to seven. Metals are sorted into steel and aluminium, and even spray cans can be included, as long as they're completely empty.

The first step is that the truck backs into the receiving area and drops the load onto the floor. At this point, it becomes the property of the re-processor. The pile eventually gets about two storeys high. From there, it's loaded onto a conveyor belt and taken into the building.

Manual sorters remove garbage items by hand, and these items are transported to a waste compactor and are buried in landfill. Next comes the removal of large items, such as boxes and big olive oil bottles.

The remainder of the recyclables then start their journey in the automated process. Mechanical screening machines, known as trommels, are used.

The material is dropped into trommel one (T1) and things which have a degree of weight to them are sorted from the other items. This separates out a lot of the paper, such as newsprint and cardboard, although 50 per cent of the paper remains to be collected.

T2 is the second trommel, removing broken glass and therefore potential contamination. The remaining material then bounces up the steep conveyor belt where matter drops to the middle. As flat paper can't roll, it's separated out.

The third trommel removes garbage which might have been missed, followed by

more manual sorting to remove sheet paper from sheet plastic. This needs to be manual as there's currently no way for a machine to tell the difference.

Sheet plastic shouldn't go into the recycling bin in the first place. Sheet plastic includes plastic bags. They can only be recycled via the Redcycle bins in some supermarket chains, who make it into things like landscaping screens. Unfortunately, it's an exclusive contract, so Redcycle bins are unlikely in the area any time soon. Likeminded people could consider taking each others' sheet plastic when they go to areas with Coles and Woolworths supermarkets.

Once sheet plastic had been removed from the sheet paper in the factory, the paper is then squeezed into a one tonne bale, ejected and stacked for transport. Around 380 tonnes of material go through the MRF every day, with around 190 tonnes being paper.

Paper is the lowest price product, and most won't be traded but instead used by a company for a secondary resource, such as a paper mill making feed stock for corrugated cardboard, or backing for plasterboard.

By the time the paper is baled, it's below four per cent contamination, with glass and soft plastic being the main issue. Cleaner paper is worth more, so the price is lower due to the contamination.

Steel is the next thing to be sorted, and this of course can be done through magnets, in this case an overhead belt magnet. It's then baled and put into a furnace to remove the organic materials.

The recycler is then left with aluminium, plastic, liquid paper cartons (such as milk cartons) and glass.

Glass is next as it's heavier. Everything is put into an air classifier, where air blows across the conveyor belt. Lightweight materials lift and are carried up into a cyclone. This is the last process through which all paper is removed.

In the T4, the holes are not round but rectangular, and are the right shape for aluminium cans as most are the same size. Everything with a different shape remains.

Some cans get bent out of shape, but as aluminium is valuable, another machine then used, known as an eddy current separator. In the process, magnets used south/south and north/north to make the cans into mini magnets through changes in the magnetic field. Small amounts of electricity are generated inside the cans and when it encounters a like field at the end of the conveyor, the cans can fly while everything else drops.

Plastics remain. They all need to be squeezed and compressed. There's no need to remove plastic lids from plastic bottles when putting them in your bin as the bottles are all spiked so the air can escape. If this didn't happen, the lids would fly off during the compression creating a very dangerous environment. Everything is then baled together and taken to a super-MRF in Springvale where they use an optical sorter to separate the plastics into the different codes. It is at this point that the liquid paper cartons are removed.

All of the glass is now likely to be broken. It's put into another trommel to separate the small pieces of broken glass from the larger pieces. The different sized pieces are stored in a hopper as it can't be baled. They are taken to Laverton for crushing, where they need a mix of small and large pieces. The Laverton facility also uses technology to separate out the three glass colours – green, clear and amber. They can process a tonne of glass with only one gram of contamination. In Spotswood, it can be repurposed as glass packaging, road base or aggregates in concrete. There is also work being done to develop further markets.

Another Rethink Recycling session is set to be held on Thursday, June 3 from 7 to 8.15pm. To book, visit [rethinkrecycling21.eventbrite.com.au](https://rethinkrecycling21.eventbrite.com.au)




## Recycling quiz

1. Are McDonalds cups recyclable?
2. Are milk cartons recyclable?
3. Can batteries be put in your recycling bin?
4. Which item is the hardest to separate out in the recycling process?
5. Can shredded paper be recycled?
6. Can heat-activated receipts be recycled? These receipts are the ones which turn black when left in the sun).
7. Should you crush the aluminium cans which you put in the recycling bin?
8. Should you do anything special with aluminium foil or trays before they go into the recycling bin?
9. Can you recycle aluminium containers lined with paint or plastic?
10. Can you recycle steel bottle tops?
11. Can you recycle pet food sachets?
12. Can you put green waste into a recycling bin?

### Answers

1. No. The cups are made from liquid paper with a low amount of plastic in the cup. It's not worth the time to re-process at the moment.
2. Not at the moment as they're made from liquid paper, but this may change in the future so you can keep putting them in your recycling bin. Trials are underway and new markets are being sought. They are currently sorted and then used as thermal mass to offset fossil fuels.
3. No, as they can start fires in the truck or in the processing facility. They can be recycled though. They can be dropped off, free of charge, to council disposal depots.
4. Paper bags.
5. No. It ends up as paper dust and damages the machinery. It's best not to shred paper, but if you must, then use it in your compost bin. Consider using a black marker to cross out important details instead of shredding the paper.
6. No. It contaminates the paper being sorted and is not valuable.
7. No. The machines are designed for the standard aluminium can shape and size.
8. Yes. Roll them up into a ball. This means that it's in a shape which doesn't resemble paper. Consider rolling all of your easter egg foil together in a ball.
9. Yes. The furnace will deal with it.
10. Yes. Consider putting them in a steel can and closing them in. More steel is used for bottle caps than cars. They're important to recycle.
11. No. Metalicised plastics can't be recycled.
12. Absolutely not. It can lead to the whole collection in the truck being taken to landfill.



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THE Fire Danger Period for Murrindindi Shire ceased on Monday, March 29, however even though we are starting to experience milder conditions, there is still potential for fires to occur.

If you burn-off, please be mindful that the vegetation is still very dry and it is easy to lose control of small burns. Take care and make sure you have water available at all times and never leave your fire unattended.

Your local CFA brigade can provide you with advice on how to burn off safely, and how to prepare yourself and your property for the next fire season.

Before lighting a burn-off, people are urged to contact their neighbours and register their burn with the Burn-Off Notification Line on 1800 668 511.

Always check and adhere to council's local laws and regulations before burning off. Further information can be found at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Emergency-Management/Bushfire-Prevention-and-Planning](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Emergency-Management/Bushfire-Prevention-and-Planning)

Council requires that people have adequate means available at all times to prevent the escape of fire and to extinguish the fire; the burn area must be cleared of flammable material for a minimum radius of three metres; the fire must be extinguished if you are directed to do so by an authorised officer; ensure all ashes are spread and thoroughly extinguished at the completion of the burn; the smoke must not cause a nuisance; the burn pile must be suitably dry and not include damp or green materials; and the fire must be adequately supervised, with an adult person present at all times.

If your land is less than one hectare, the burn pile must not exceed one metre by one metre.

If your land is more than one hectare, the burn pile must be no more than 20 cubic metres, the fire must not be lit if wind speed exceeds 15 kph, and the burn pile must not be located closer than five metres to the property boundary or five metres to any building.

Any fire that does not meet these conditions requires a permit from council.



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Shire Council

### ACCESSIBLE PARKING PERMIT (APP) SCHEME

Do you hold a Disability Parking Permit? The Victorian Government has made changes to the way you will renew your permit and for any new permit applications.

When you apply for or renew your permit, you will now do so through the Accessible Parking Permit (APP) Scheme and online administration system. The new APP Scheme aligns with the national Australian Disability Permit Scheme (ADPS) and streamlines the application process, making it simpler and consistent across the state. Councils across Victoria administer this scheme for the Victorian Government.

If you need to apply for, renew or replace your disability parking permit, you will need to apply through the new application process. For more information about these changes, including how to apply, please visit Council's website and search 'disability parking permit', give us a call or drop in to one of our service centres.

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### EASTER CLOSURES

Kerbside waste collection will operate as normal over the Easter long weekend. Resource Recovery Centres are open as normal, with the exception of Good Friday, 2 April, when they are all closed – visit Council's website and search 'RRC' for details of opening hours.

Council's Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea and Kinglake will be closed over the Easter break, from Friday 2 April – Monday 5 April. We will reopen at 9.00 am on Tuesday 6 April. Our Mobile Service will also be closed, and will resume its normal timetable on 6 April.

For matters such as stock on roads, dog attacks or unsafe road conditions, including fallen trees over roads, please call 5772 0333 at any time to be connected to a member of our Community Safety or Infrastructure team.

For more information about changes to Council services during this period, please visit our website and search 'Easter' or give us a call.



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Enrolment packs and information can be collected from our office, emailed or posted to you by request.

Enrolments close 7th June 2021.

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Student of the week



#### TILLY MCNAMARA

For her attention to detail in all tasks that she applies herself within the classroom and extracurricular activities. Tilly uses her artistic flair in music every week and is a passionate learner.

### BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students of the week



#### ALICE

Alice has been a great role model for how to care for our school chickens. She takes her job seriously and teaches others. Congratulations Alice.



#### DUSTY

Dusty has demonstrated our school value of growth through his hard work on improving his narrative writing by adding more detail. Well done Dusty.

### ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students of the week



#### Rian, Olivia, Clay and Sam

Not Pictured: Izabella, Lucas, Logan, Eva, Georgia and Will.



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## Trade rules to protect environment and irrigators

THE Victorian Government is consulting the community to manage delivery risks for Victorian irrigators and help protect rivers from unseasonal high flows.

Acting Minister for Water Richard Wynne released a regulatory impact statement (RIS) for consultation on proposed new operating rules for Goulburn to Murray inter-valley trade arrangements.

"We know that delivery risks in the Murray are real, that's why the rules we're proposing will make sure that water traded from the Goulburn can be delivered each year. We want to support our irrigators that rely on trade without affecting others or damaging the environment," Mr Wynne said.

"The arrangements we've had in place over the last two irrigation seasons worked to keep flows to more reasonable levels, we're now proposing a new rule that makes sure we can deliver trade under more sustainable lower flows."

In 2019, the government announced a review of the inter-valley trade rule for the Goulburn River, following two consecutive years of sustained high flows over summer and autumn that caused damage to the banks and ecology of the river.

The high flows are driven by low water availability from New South Wales and increasing trade volumes in recent years.

The initial review showed that the current rules are not protecting the environment of the lower Goulburn River and do not provide a level playing field for all water users to trade water.

Releasing the RIS is the next step for establishing new long-term operating, trade and tagging rules to support trade opportunities, protect existing entitlement holders across Northern Victoria and minimise damage to rivers.

Consultation will run online and face-to-face for six weeks, closing on Friday, April 30. Feedback from the community will be considered before a final decision prior to Thursday, July 1.

For more information go to [engage.vic.gov.au/goulburn-murray-trade-rule-review](https://engage.vic.gov.au/goulburn-murray-trade-rule-review)



## Illegal trail bike riding and four-wheel driving on the rise in Victoria

VICTORIA'S parks, forests and reserves have become more popular than ever for trail bike riding and four-wheel-driving over the last 12 months, and while there is an extensive network of roads and tracks open to the public, illegal off-road activity is increasing.

The Conservation Regulator has issued more than 100 infringements for off-road vehicle use by trail bike riders and four-wheel-drivers since Friday, January 1.

Riding and driving off-road can cause soil erosion and damage native vegetation. The ecosystems in our forests are fragile and vehicles can destroy wildlife habitat.

Authorised officers are patrolling key locations across the state, targeting illegal trail bike and four-wheel driving activity, and on the spot fines of \$165 apply. The maximum fine for riding or driving on closed roads is \$3300, while damaging wildlife habitat can result in a fine of more than \$8000.

Most riders and drivers do the right thing by following normal road rules that apply on public land. The Conservation Regulator works closely with recreational groups and asks them to consider these key points.

All vehicles including trail bikes must be registered and trail bike riders must hold a current motor bike licence.

Stay on the formed roads and vehicle tracks. Do not ride on natural terrain, in streams, or on informal single tracks.

For your own safety, always ride with others and wear full personal protective equipment (PPE), including a helmet. Always carry a first aid kit, as well as a reliable means of communication. Unload and start your trail bike away from residents adjoining state forests. Keep your speed and noise down when in, or near, camping and picnic areas, or approaching other forest users.

For more information on the rules and regulations please visit [ffm.vic.gov.au/recreational-activities/trail-bike-riding](https://ffm.vic.gov.au/recreational-activities/trail-bike-riding)



# Improving safety for ambulance workers

AMBULANCE Victoria's (AV) 6000 paramedics and first responders will soon be using a tool to predict violent and unacceptable behaviour when responding to patients in need of care.

Developed in Norway, this is a world first for any ambulance service and makes it safer for frontline healthcare workers to do their job.

Ambulance Victoria paramedic Brook Sumner has been responsible for the rollout of the Behaviours of Concern (BOC) tool and said it's a game changer.

"Every year, 600 incidents of occupational violence are reported by our workforce and while physical assaults are rare, our staff regularly report spitting, verbal abuse and close calls," Mr Sumner said.

"We know the emotional toll from the 'near misses' can be particularly damaging. That's why we've invested heavily in better equipping the workforce with the skills and knowledge to avoid occupational violence."

Last year, 400 paramedics went through an initial trial using the BOC tool, which has been successfully utilised in more than 1000 cases.

In coming weeks, all 4800 paramedics and 1300 first responders will undergo training in BOC, a simple to use six-item checklist which can assess the level of risk during a callout for medical assistance.

Paramedic Anita Stirling suffered physical and psychological injuries when she was grabbed by a substance-addicted patient who became aggressive last June. "I have no doubt the BOC tool would have benefitted

me greatly had it been available at the time," she said.

"It may well have prevented the situation from occurring, but importantly, paramedics and First Responders now don't have to rely on a sixth sense or gut instinct."

AV attends about 33,000 cases with Victoria Police annually, many involving agitated patients affected by drugs, alcohol and or experiencing a mental health crisis.

"As difficult as it is, we can't, and won't turn our backs on patients with mental health issues or those who are affected by drugs and alcohol and this new tool will make it possible for crews to care for these patients more safely.

"We would like to make a BOC score a universal metric to help communicate risk when interacting with other emergency and healthcare services, including hospital emergency departments, police and correctional services," Mr Sumner said.

"For us, caring for the community is why we come to work each day. We appreciate the community continuing to support us in our work and respecting our staff."

Ambulance Victoria Union's General Secretary Danny Hill said it is a shame that such measures are needed but members are regularly confronted by situations where they experience violence and aggression.

"The union fully supports any measure that reduces risk of occupational violence against paramedics and ambulance workers," Mr Hill said.

"This initiative is designed by paramedics to recognise the signs of



potential aggression early and remove themselves from the scene if they identify a risk. They must put their own safety first."

The Alfred's Emergency and Trauma Centre have also adopted a similar BOC tool, called the Broset Violence Checklist, to further boost staff and patient safety.

Emergency and Trauma Centre deputy director Dr Eleanor Junckerstorff said occupational violence has risen over the past few years and the team is always looking at ways to prevent violence occurring.

"This tool complements the excellent supports and strategies we already have in place to manage patients who are in distress and may become aggressive," Dr Junckerstorff said.

# Buxton Fire Station funding boost

THE fire station at Buxton is set to receive an upgrade with construction of a detached workshop at the rear of the existing building.

The funding is part of the 2020/2021 grants under the Volunteer Emergency Service Equipment Program. This year's grants involve more than \$14 million being provided towards the cost of essential operational equipment, vehicles and appliances, and minor facility improvements across Victoria's volunteer emergency services.

Under the co-contribution requirements, Buxton Fire Brigade is set to provide around \$20,000 towards the overall cost of the works. The brigade has been advocating for a new maintenance area for some years and has applied for VESEP funds over several rounds. "Our goal is to build a stand-alone workshop at the rear of the existing kitchen and office area so maintenance activities can be done away from vehicles and our turn-out area," Captain Matt Carlton said.

"The brigade is very grateful to all the local tradesmen who have assisted the brigade put their applications together over the past few years, providing advice on potential solutions and cost estimates. The council and the Catchment Management Authority have been of great assistance in providing advice around overlays and cultural matters. Work done by Mr John Burke, of BAL Assessments, on a pro-bono basis was key in resolving an issue relating to the bushfire overlay at the station and the brigade is particularly appreciative of his efforts. Local community groups also helped with letters of support as did neighbouring brigades and CFA District 12 management," Captain Carlton added.

It is hoped that construction will commence later this year once design and approvals are completed. The workshop will be 6m x 8m clad in Colourbond matching the current station. It will have room to house a vehicle such as the Alexandra Group Field Command Vehicle and provide a safe area for hose and other equipment to be maintained.

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## Entries now open for Victorian Community History Awards

THE Victorian Community History Awards are held annually to recognise the contributions made by Victorians in the preservation of the state's fascinating history.

Presented by Public Record Office Victoria and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the awards celebrate the people involved in community history projects who are dedicated to telling their local stories and help Victorians to better understand their past.

Entries are now open for 2021 across the following categories: Victorian Premier's History Award \$5000, Collaborative Community History Project \$2000, Local History Project \$2000, History Publication \$2000, Local History (Small Publication) \$1500, Digital Storytelling \$1500, Community Diversity \$1500, Historical Interpretation \$1500, Oral History (presented with Oral History Victoria) \$1500, History Article \$500.

Past award-winning and commended projects have included local history

publications and exhibitions by history groups and museums, sports histories by local clubs and fans, honour boards and displays by RSLs and schools and individual documentary projects, publications, apps and websites by individuals seeking to share the stories of their towns, businesses, and local people.

The 2017 Victorian Premier's History Award winner, John Burch spoke about the importance of the awards to preserve community history.

"Community History is a precious commodity. Across Victoria community organisations are rediscovering and preserving our history, often without any outside assistance," Mr Burch said.

"The Victorian Community History Awards offer these organisations two things, recognition of the importance of what they do and inspiring models of what can be done."

All entries must be received by 5pm Wednesday, July 7. Visit [prov.vic.gov.au](http://prov.vic.gov.au) for details.

## COVID-19 settings relaxed and hotel quarantine set to resume

ON Tuesday, March 23, it was announced that Victoria would further relax its COVIDSafe settings, allowing for more visitors in the home, reduced mask wearing and an increase in the number of people allowed in live music venues and other settings.

Acting Premier James Merlino and Minister for Health Martin Foley announced that following reduced exposure risk and low community transmission, new COVIDSafe settings would commence on Friday, March 26.

Masks are no longer be required in retail settings but Victorians will still need to carry one with them at all times and wear it on public transport, in rideshare vehicles and taxis and in sensitive settings such as aged care facilities and hospitals.

Victorians will be able to host up to 100 people in their home per day. Outdoor gatherings in public places such as the beach or the park can have up to 200 people.

Density limits in venues still operating under more restrictive settings, such as casinos, karaoke venues and nightclubs, have moved from one person per four square metres to one person per two square metres. This is in line with cafes, pubs and restaurants.

Additional people are also allowed in indoor non-seated

entertainment venues with an increase from 50 per cent to 75 per cent capacity however, the limit of 1000 people per space remains. Dancefloors have the same density limit of the venue and the 50 patron cap has also been removed.

There are no longer limits on class sizes for outdoor and indoor physical recreation or fitness classes, and unstaffed gyms have moved from a density limit of one person per eight square metres to one person per four square metres.

In a boost for the economy, the 75 per cent cap on private and public offices workers has been removed, which coincides with a revised flexible work policy for the Victorian Public Service (VPS).

While all workplaces are still required to ensure people can work from the office in a COVIDSafe way, with a density limit of one person per two square metres, they are no longer required to permit workers to work from home.

In further good news for AFL fans and following a successful first round, crowds are now able to increase to 75 per cent for round two.

On the day of the announcement, Victoria had had 25 days with no new cases and there were no active cases in Victoria.

For more information on the new coronavirus settings visit [coronavirus.com.au](http://coronavirus.com.au)

It was also announced on Thursday, March 25 that there will be a return of international travellers to Victoria from Thursday, April 8. The arrivals cap in Victoria will start at 800 people per week and scale up to 1200, subject to capacity and the completion of ventilation works.

Also on March 25, the government released its response to the final report from the Hotel Quarantine Board of Inquiry and said that they are taking action to implement in full or part each of the 81 recommendations.

Of these recommendations, which include the 69 recommendations from the Interim Report, the government has accepted and already acquitted 49 recommendations, accepted and already acquitted four in part, accepted and will implement eight in full and referred 20 to National Cabinet to ensure a nationally consistent approach.

Following the Board's Interim Report, major changes were made to Victoria's quarantine program, including strengthened leadership, oversight and training, embedded public health and enforcement expertise across the program and additional Infection Prevention and Control measures.

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# Keeping busy at U3A

MEMBERS of the Murrindindi East branch of U3A have been busy engaging in a variety of activities as part of this year's program.

Those wanting to increase their physical fitness can try table tennis, golf, walking, cycling, and bushwalking, or to engage your creative side, there are classes in watercolour painting, writing, singing for pleasure, ukulele, fun with mixed media. On the social side, there are lunch and cultural outings.

Exercise your brain with the card or mahjong players, or tackle cryptic crosswords, learn about history or interesting people.

If you are looking for a new challenge, or want to make new friends, give U3A a try. Email [info@murrindindieastu3a.org.au](mailto:info@murrindindieastu3a.org.au)



Happy hour at the trig point on Mount Prospect among the smoke haze on Friday, March 26. -S



Archaeology with Margaret Rae at CH@T in Taggerty. -S



The walking group on the footbridge. -S



The Friday walking group with Libby and Helen, walking from Kendall's Reserve at Rubicon. -S

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## Local SES kept busy on the weekend

ON Saturday, March 27, Alexandra and Mansfield SES were called to search for a boat which had broken down on the previous day in the Big River Inlet on Lake Eildon, between Jerusalem Creek and Goughs Bay.

The two occupants had spent an extra night on a remote part of Lake Eildon when one of their two batteries went flat and the second battery failed. They were well prepared with plenty of food and clothing for their stay, however they had to climb up a steep embankment and 300m up the nearby mountain to obtain mobile phone service.

SES from Mansfield searched for the boat on Friday evening but were unable to locate it.

The Alexandra SES boat crew, launching from Jerusalem Creek, were given a more accurate location on Saturday and despatched the Mansfield SES boat from Goughs Bay. The Alexandra crew located the men at midday, safe and well. The SES crew were able to start the boat and escorted them back to Jerusalem Creek.

Marysville and Alexandra SES were also called to an incident where a woman fell a short distance and seriously injured herself around 11.15am on Sunday, March 28. Ambulance paramedics from Alexandra attended Sugarloaf Saddle and called for SES to assist at a location near Wells Cave.

The HEMS Ambulance Helicopter winched a paramedic into the incident scene and, along with ground crews, attended to her injuries. She was then winched out into the HEMS and transported to a Melbourne hospital.

Fortunately, those hiking with the injured woman had first aid experience, and a doctor happened to be nearby and was able to provide immediate assistance until emergency crews arrived. The HEMS team saved the SES and ambulance members from a difficult carry down the rocky mountain track.



## Palm Sunday Rally in Alexandra

A PALM Sunday Rally was held at the St John's Anglican Church on Downey Street in Alexandra on Sunday, March 28.

The Palm Sunday Peace Rally has been a part of the Australian landscape for many years. This year, the focus shifted from 'Peace in the World' to refugees. The theme of the rally was 'Justice and a fair go for refugees'.

Over the last two decades at least, 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 for them.

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

Supporters of the rally 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.

Rural Australians for Refugees, including the branch in Alexandra, together with St John's Anglican Church held an event to mark this campaign. They unfurled a banner sponsored by St John's congregation to heighten Alexandra's awareness of the cruel treatment of genuine refugees.

# Feel Good, Look Good



## Mother's Day brunch for bowel cancer prevention

THE Jodi Lee Foundation have launched a new initiative for Mother's Day, a way to celebrate the mum at the table and the mum in our hearts.

The Jodi Lee Foundation encourages Australians to participate in this fundraiser by either hosting a Mother's Day brunch in the month of May at home or celebrating at your local eatery with your family and friends and collecting donations to support women who are diagnosed with bowel cancer.

It's a special way to honour mothers who have been impacted

by bowel cancer and particularly those who have lost their lives to the disease, which is the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths in Australia.

Funds raised will assist the Jodi Lee Foundation continue to spread awareness about bowel cancer prevention and to deliver other services to the community, such as their Workplace Program and online symptom checker.

Hosts who raise over \$300 for the foundation with their Jodi Lee Foundation Mother's Day Brunch will go in the draw to win a beautiful diamond pendant

from Mazzucchelli's valued at \$1129. The pendant is part of the 'Every Child is a Diamond' collection where the movement of the diamond in the middle of the pendant is designed to represent the heartbeat of each child.

More than 15,000 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer each year. The Jodi Lee Foundation educates the community about the importance of screening from age 50, acting quickly on symptoms and living a healthy lifestyle for the prevention and early detection of bowel cancer, because if detected early, over 99 per cent of

bowel cancers can be successfully treated.

For Jodi Lee Foundation Community Engagement Manager, Samantha Herbut, this cause is extremely close to her heart.

"Since my mum's passing, I always find this time difficult, especially given it is also a few days before her birthday. By being a part of this initiative and raising awareness, it helps to heal old wounds and take time to honour my mum. It makes me feel like I am doing something I know she would be proud of," she said.

The foundation is hoping that the Jodi Lee Foundation Mother's Day Brunch also raises awareness around ways people can prevent bowel cancer; being healthy and active, taking a screening test, acting on symptoms and also exploring your family history.

If there is a history of bowel cancer in your family, you may be at increased risk. Regardless of your age, consult your GP to understand your risk and discuss bowel screening methods best suited to your situation.

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## Working on solutions for surging demand

VICTORIA'S building and construction industry is currently enjoying a huge boom in activity thanks to the introduction of the HomeBuilder grant scheme, but according to Master Builders Victoria (MBV), that boom is creating significant supply chain issues which are threatening the scheme's undeniable success.

According to MBV CEO, Rebecca Casson almost 80 per cent of Victorian building and construction businesses are currently experiencing significant delays in being able to secure concreters, joiners and bricklayers.

"HomeBuilder has been a lifeline for Victorian home builders and is continuing to drive a forward pipeline of work but some of them are now struggling to keep up with demand for skilled tradespeople and some critical building materials," she said.

"In collaboration with our state and national colleagues, we're currently working with the Federal Government on potential solutions to relieve the pressure on the supply chain and ensure that the benefits of HomeBuilder are maximised."

"We want to avoid a situation where delays in the availability of key tradespeople and key materials, along with escalating costs for both, threaten to undermine HomeBuilder's widely acknowledged success."

The HomeBuilder grant scheme was introduced in June 2020 and provides eligible home owner-occupiers (including first home buyers) with a grant to build a new home or substantially renovate an existing home.

It was developed to activate and bring forward demand to avoid a forecast 'valley of death' for the home building sector at the height of the COVID-19 crisis in 2020 and has stopped thousands of mostly small building and construction businesses from going under and saved thousands of jobs.

Ms Casson said Master Builders had just conducted a national survey of its members to determine the extent of the evolving supply chain problem.

"What we found was that nationally 78 per cent of respondents reported experiencing delays of up to three weeks, along with an up to 10 per cent increase in

the cost of materials and specialist trades and labour," she said.

Ms Casson said the high demand right across the country is exacerbating the challenge for Victorian home builders along with a global shortage of products like timber and steel, and a lack of building product reserves are combining to cause potentially significant delays in the construction of homes and significant price increases.

According to Ms Casson, the Victorian building and construction industry is reporting that 69 per cent are experiencing trade delays; there is an average delay of 15 days for concreters, bricklayers, and joiners; eight per cent of businesses are experiencing trade delays of more than two weeks; and four per cent are experiencing trade costs increases for concreters, structural steel workers and carpenters.

For Ballarat based business Stuart Allen Building, the negative financial impact of supply chain issues has been a significant challenge.

According to Director Stuart Allen, he hasn't seen anything like it in 20 years of being in business.

"Prices are up, we're struggling to get some trades and we're trying to keep clients happy who just want to see their jobs happening and completed," he said.

"We're trying to build a buffer into our contracts but it's a bit hard when you don't know what materials and labour are likely to cost, or for how long."

"HomeBuilder has been a huge success, but unless a solution can be found to these supply chain issues and increased costs, an unintended consequence could be negative cash flow impacts for local home building businesses, resulting in the risk of small business insolvencies and people missing out on their HomeBuilder grants," Ms Casson said.

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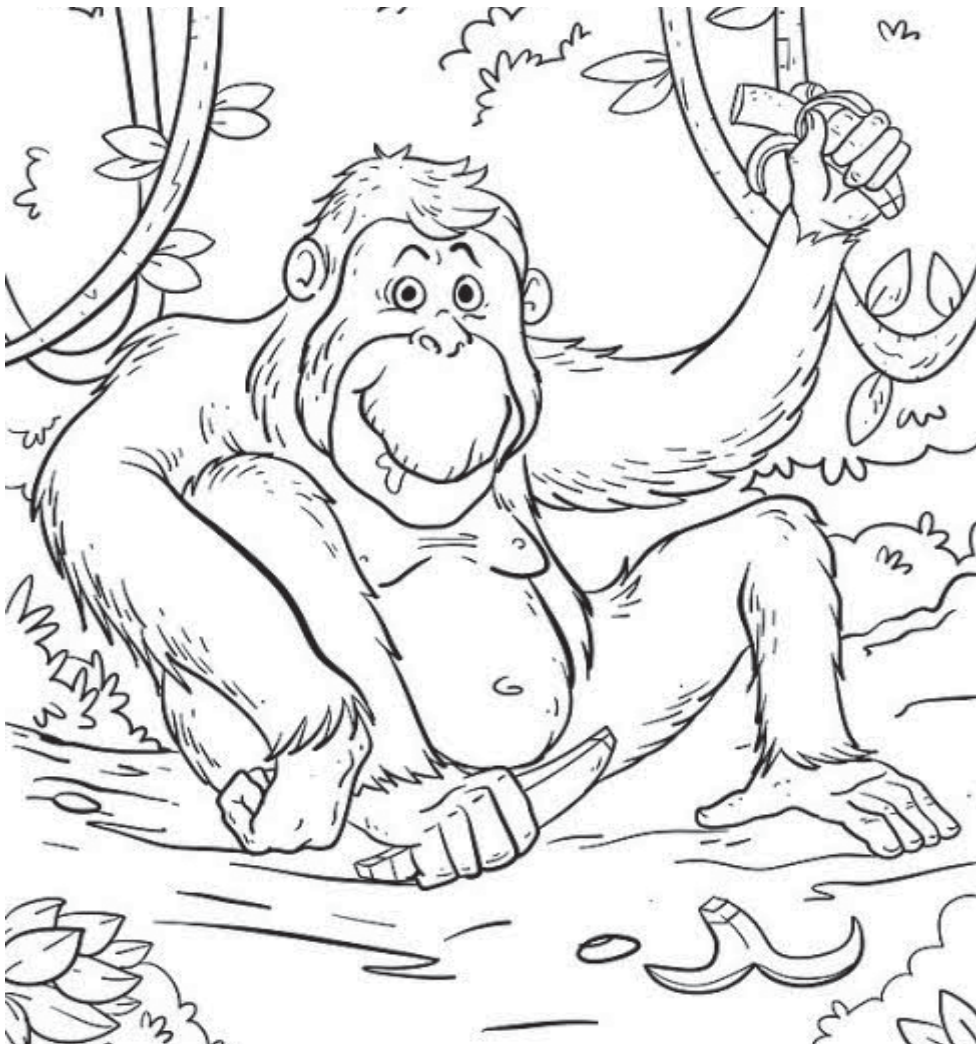
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## Sudoku

### 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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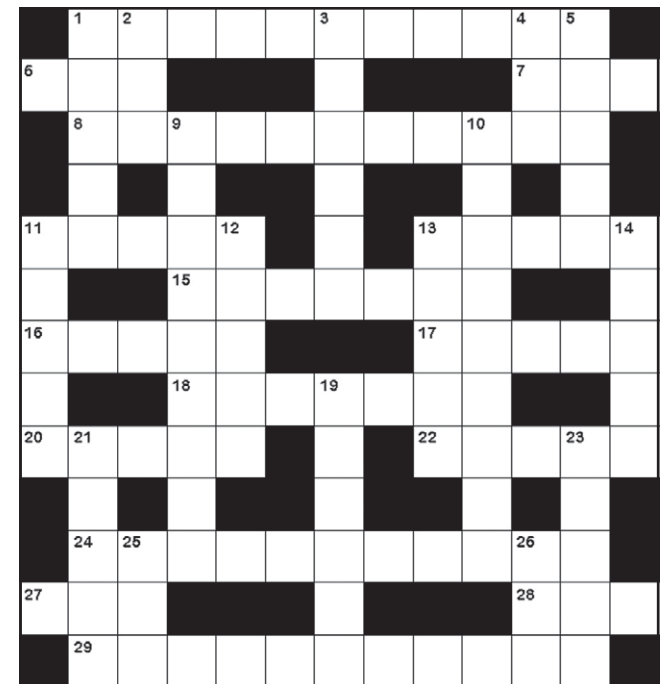
## Crossword

### ACROSS

- A doctor who studies the nature of disease.
- The waging of armed conflict against an enemy.
- An immeasurably long period of time.
- Effectively organised and simplified.
- Round close-fitting brimless cap of soft wool.
- Possum nests high in trees, made of sticks.
- Even more thoroughly unpleasant than usual.
- Relating to or associated with the moon.
- A story about mythical beings or events.
- A raised muffin cooked on a griddle.
- Totally devoid of everything.
- In accord with accepted standards.
- Knows and comprehends what is said.
- The smallest whole number.
- Over The Top...slang abbreviation.
- Preservation from loss or danger.

### DOWN

- No longer current or in fashion.
- The creation of beautiful or significant things.
- A passionate expression of mourning or sorrow.
- Find out or learn with certainty.



- Liquor with water, sugar and spices and served hot.
- Performed again for a second time.
- An account describing incidents or events.
- Show to be untrue or be in contradiction with.
- Linger and leave slowly or hesitantly.
- Submit to another's wish or opinion.
- Cleaned away the dirt with a broom or brush.
- A preparation used in hair styling.
- A natural elevation, like a small hill.
- An urgency of movement and action.
- Indicating the maiden name of a married woman.
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## Word Search: Air Pollution

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## Trivia

**Q: Where was the below image taken?**



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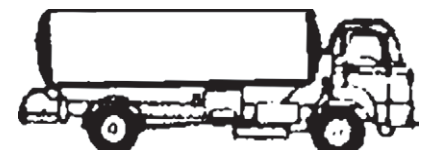
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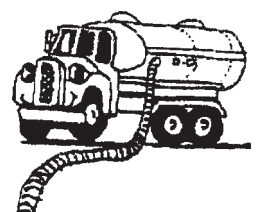


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The warning comes after Consumer Affairs Victoria received more than 4500 queries and complaints related to travel services and holiday accommodation during 2019/2020.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation Melissa Horne said that it's important for all Victorians to research their holidays thoroughly before handing over any personal details, including credit card details.

"It's understandable that Victorians are eager to book trips away with family and friends in the lead up to Easter, but it's important to do your research before handing over your credit card details," Ms Horne said.

"Consumer Affairs Victoria has done an amazing job helping Victorians with advice on travel and accommodation throughout

the pandemic, but it's up to everyone to take the time to understand exactly what they're paying for when booking trips away."

"The advice is simple, read the reviews, check websites to see what other travellers have to say, and always check the company's cancellation policy."

A consumer named Emma purchased what she thought was a 'two-for-one' deal on a cruise in late 2019, only to find she had actually paid for a voucher that could only be put towards a cruise if she paid additional costs.

Emma had to go through a solicitor to get her funds back and is hoping her situation can be used to warn others of the importance of reading the fine print and terms and conditions.

Avoid being disappointed when booking travel and accommodation by researching the accommodation or travel provider by reading reviews and comments on travel websites and blogs.

Book with a business whose website displays clear information regarding booking cancellations, so you know the process if something does go wrong.

If possible, pay by credit card, or debit card using the 'credit' function. If consumers do not get what they paid for, they may be able to seek a chargeback from their bank.

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Travel businesses should take care to make sure their promotional material is accurate, their terms and conditions are clear, and inform consumers of any increase in costs or changes as soon as possible.

Further information on how to protect yourself when booking travel and accommodation can be found at [consumer.vic.gov.au/products-and-services/problem-with-a-service/booking-travel](https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/products-and-services/problem-with-a-service/booking-travel)

## Grants to support volunteers in Indi

HELEN Haines has announced that \$132,000 is available to support volunteer groups in Indi as part of the 2021 Volunteer Grants program.

The Independent Member for Indi is calling for eligible, not-for-profit community organisations in Indi to submit their expressions of interest before Monday, April 19.

Volunteer Grants of \$1000 to \$5000 will help volunteers and volunteer groups to buy small equipment for volunteers, by reimbursing volunteer fuel, transport or training costs, or support promotional activities.

Last year, the volunteer grants funded 18 projects in Indi worth \$63,000 including sporting clubs, CFAs, Landcare groups and health organisations.

Dr Haines said that volunteers were the backbone of the community through a hard 18 months.

"During the bushfires, whenever I visited a recovery centre in Corryong or Walwa or Wangaratta, I was always greeted by volunteers. None of those recovery efforts would have happened without

thousands of volunteer hours committed," she said.

"Through the pandemic, volunteers came out of the woodwork whenever people needed a feed, or social interaction, or a hand in getting groceries or medicines. It's great to be able to give something back to those volunteer organisations".

In order to receive funding, organisations must have been nominated by their Federal Member of Parliament and meet the eligibility criteria.

Each Member is able to nominate organisations to apply for funding in their electorate. The Department of Social Services will then send an application form to nominated organisations to apply for funding in May 2021.

Successful applicants will be announced in November 2021.

To lodge an expression of interest, visit [helenhaines.org/resources/grants](https://helenhaines.org/resources/grants) and submit a completed form by Monday, April 19 by sending it to [helen.haines.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:helen.haines.mp@aph.gov.au)

## GPs active in vax roll out

MORE than 1000 general practices will begin administering vaccines to patients as part of phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccine program.

The program is set to scale up in coming weeks to include more than 4500 accredited general practices across Australia.

Phase 1b targets more vulnerable patients, including older people, some healthcare workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 55, younger adults with an underlying medical condition including those with disability and critical and high-risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processors.

College of General Practitioners President Dr Price said that general practice will play a key role in the vaccine rollout.

"Today is a huge step forward in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. I am one of many GPs participating in this pivotal phase of the vaccine rollout, which is protecting some of the most vulnerable people in our community," Dr Price said.

"I know all GPs would want to be able to vaccinate their patients. This is what we do. Most Australians will

get the AstraZeneca vaccine and many will want to be vaccinated by their usual GP, if they can. That makes sense because most Australians go to their GP for their other vaccinations and many will do just that for their COVID-19 vaccine.

"There are GPs living and working in communities in every corner of Australia and that includes small towns and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We are connected to our communities. We know our patients and they trust us.

"GPs are perfectly placed to increase vaccine confidence and uptake. This is especially true for GPs who engage with culturally and linguistically diverse communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"For any patients who are feeling anxious I remind them that everyone in phase 1b who wants to be vaccinated will be vaccinated, you will not miss out.

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Please contact the Business Manager, Mrs Felicity Melville via email at [felicity.melville@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:felicity.melville@smseymour.catholic.edu.au) for a detailed role description and an application form.

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- Commitment to NDIS and procedural compliance
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Prior to commencing you will need to have an NDIS Worker Screening Check and National Police Check.

**To apply:** Please provide a brief covering letter outlining why you feel you are the best candidate for this role, along with your resume to [careers@menziessupport.org.au](mailto:careers@menziessupport.org.au).

## BIRTHS

### QUICK-DICIERO

Emma and Sandy welcome Philippa (Pip) Joyce into the world on March 23, 2021. Third granddaughter for Di and Ron.

## DEATH NOTICES

### BOOTE, Mary (Marge)

Louise

16/06/1927- 25/03/2021

Passed away peacefully at Kellock Lodge aged 93. Devoted Nan to Amanda and Matt Dean, adored Gran to Chloe, Ella and Hannah. Finally able to rest alongside her dearly missed son Philip (dec). Nan, rest now and always remember just how much you were loved. Enjoy catching up with Dad, I know how much you've missed him. Fly with the owls, Love forever Amanda, Matt, Chloe, Ella and Hannah. NO FUNERAL as per Nan's wishes. Private cremation.

### BOOTE, (Dwyer)

25/03/2021

Our dear sweet aunty Marg, the owls took you on their wings to a peaceful pain free place, will miss your loving smile and laughter. Lizzy, Alan, Andy, Dean and their families.



## DEATH NOTICES

### KYLSTRA, Wytze

(Vince)

After a brief illness Wytze Kylstra passed away on Sunday, March 28 at home surrounded by his family. In the last two weeks of his life, he was buoyed by your messages of love. Thank you for supporting us while we treasured these last moments of care with him. Details of the celebrations of his life at a later date.



### 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.

### STEWART, David

09/08/1946-22/03/2021

Loved husband of Heike, loving father of Steven, Jeffrey and Trevor. Loving father-in-law of Ann and Megan. Loved poppy of Connor, Asher and Caleb. Passed away peacefully at home.

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## WITH THANKS

### STEWART, David

Thank you to Dr Vohra and Fiona, District Nurses Simone and Robyn, Palliative Care ladies and most of all my three awesome boys and daughter-in-law Ann. I couldn't of managed without you all. Heike Stewart.

### WILLIAMSON, Ross.

The family of Ross Williamson would like to thank Russell, Mitch Sunbloom and Ambulance staff for their help on the morning of March 15. Thank you to Steve Bennett, Neil Beer, CFA members, friends and the community for all their support and thoughts. Jane, Bec, Wayne and Family.

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# River frontage licence holders, you must have your say

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish is urging river frontage licence holders to comment on the recently proposed regulations to camp on licensed water frontages. This comes after landowners were put to the bottom of the list during the Victorian Government consultation process.

Consultation via the Engage Victoria website is open now and it is imperative people comment on the proposed regulations.

Ms McLeish says it is disappointing that the Victorian Government has not taken the opinion of river frontage licence holders into higher consideration. It was a missed opportunity to learn from landowner's knowledge and experience before drafting the proposed regulations.

Ms McLeish said, "10,000 farming families did not have a say when the change was made to allow campers on licenced river frontages. Now, it almost seems too late for the state government to learn from their expertise as the regulations are already drafted."

"I have had river frontage licence holders, Landcare groups and farmers contact me, expressing their distress about the increased risk campers can cause to biosecurity and biological controls. There is also concern about fires left burning, pollution to water supply with human waste and environmental damage."



The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) have shared similar concerns about the proposed regulations and fear that landowners have been forgotten by the state government.

Some of the proposed regulations have raised concern. These include campers being allowed to set up 100 metres away from a family home for 28 days. There are questions around the budget for camping

location signage, enforcement staff and maintenance of designated portable toilets.

"I hope the state government listens to landowners, licence holders and Landcare groups very serious concerns now. But I'm not holding my breath," Ms McLeish said.

Land regulation consultation closes on April 19, with the official changes coming into effect from September 1.

## Reforms to making renting fairer

RENTERS across Victoria are embracing more than 130 reforms now in place thanks to the Victorian Government's reforms to make renting fairer and safer for all Victorians.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation Melissa Horne joined renter Heidi at her home in Brunswick to talk about the positive impact the rental reforms have already had for so many Victorians.

"These reforms are about giving renters the right to safe, secure and affordable accommodation, while ensuring rental providers can continue to manage their properties effectively," she said.

"We're delivering on our promise to make renting fair for all Victorians, whether you're a renter or a rental provider, the new laws will make a positive difference to how we view renting in Victoria."

Since March 2020, renters have been able to keep pets after asking their rental provider. For renters like Heidi, this small change has contributed to making their house feel more like a home.

Heidi's rescue cat Bentley and bearded dragon Larry proved to be fantastic companions during the coronavirus lockdown.

Victorians will now also benefit from even more rent rule changes, such as: the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal will only be able to issue possession orders requiring a renter to vacate if it is reasonable and proportionate to do so; a continuation of one of the important coronavirus emergency measures rental providers will need to give a valid reason to end rental agreements. They will not be able to give 'no specified reason' notices to vacate, and a new process for repeated late or non-payments of rent, which will ensure renters in financial distress can only be required to leave when they have paid late when it is fair to require them to do so while giving rental providers more certainty.

Rental providers will also see the benefit of these new laws with stronger accountability for renters, clearer obligations and modern regulation and processes.

The rent reforms affect private rentals, caravan parks, rooming houses and residential parks. More information on the rental reforms can be found at [consumer.vic.gov.au/rentrules](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/rentrules)

## Supporting families with special needs children

By Tricia Mifsud

ACCORDING to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 7.4 per cent of Australian children in 2015 had some level of disability and four per cent had a severe or profound level of disability.

With these percentages equating to approximately 519,000 Australian children, the question can be asked what support is there available for families with children who have special needs.

More importantly, why is there little community discussion about it?

CEO of Inspired Carers Liz Callaghan said that there needs to be more conversation within the community regarding how parents and guardians can be supported as they raise their children with special needs.

"These things [how to support special needs children] are the things that people don't even think of speaking about when given the opportunity to voice their opinions on important matters," she said.

"The only way that change will happen is if awareness grows."

The changes that Liz refers to isn't just about the number of support groups available, or having someone to talk to. Supporting families with special needs children refers to also accessibility of resources, whether that be a playground that is all user-friendly, all the way to the medical services available close to the family.

"Families have to move a long way to enable their child access to services which suggests there aren't services available where they live. That's a big deal, to pack up your family and move for one child," Liz said.

Contributing to the lack of resources is the need for more funding. However, without discussion in the community

about needed more accessibility, funding simply will not be allocated.

For Murrindindi shire residents, Liz says that opportunities like the council's Shaping our Future initiative is the perfect place to voice concerns about issues such as this.

"Consultations are happening at the moment in council around the Shaping our Future. These are the things that should be spoken about but are often forgotten about. It therefore does not then become addressed in future plans."

Further lacking in the discussion of families with special needs children is that research and data collection often neglects studies comparing opportunities for able children and children who require more care.

This makes it extremely difficult for organisations like Inspired Carers to target areas where they can provide extra assistance for the families they support.

In the meantime, the best thing families who need support can do is to reach out. The more they do, the more apparent it becomes that more help needs to be provided to these families.

Liz acknowledged that it can be tough for someone to ask for help but assures that families will reap the benefits when they take the first step.

"To ask for help is difficult, it makes you look vulnerable," Liz said.

"I am always more than happy to reach out to families, but they need to be willing to take that first step and admit that they need some help."

"The help received is tailored to your needs, and how comfortable you are. Sometimes, I may never meet a parent or guardian face-to-face because they prefer phone conversations and that's completely okay."

If your family or a family you know would like to find out more about Inspired Carers, visit their Facebook page.



# Kellock Lodge We Care Appeal Barefoot Bowls night

*Maurie Pawsey-Convenor*

ONE hundred and fourty-four players along with numerous spectators came to enjoy the barefoot bowls night hosted by the Alexandra Bowls Club on Wednesday, March 24.

It seemed as though the whole town was out for the night, on the first post-COVID-19 night held in the town post-rodeo. Thanks to the town shops and businesses, there were prizes aplenty, the barbecue ran hot and a beautiful dinner was provided, with a mega-raffle and the donated prizes to finish off a very successful and enjoyable evening.

Kellock Lodge would particularly like to thank the following businesses: Corner Hotel, Grant Street Grocer, Yenckens, Country Tech, Alexandra Fruit and Veg, Goody's Discounts, Nanny Jan's Third Drawer Down, Sandra Ballingall, FoodWorks, Bedrock Garden Supplies, Nutrien Harcourts, Alexandra Apparel, Waxy Aroma, Alexandra Newsagency, Alexandra Nursery and Alexandra Pharmacy. They would also like to thank all who donated wine, cakes, salads and other items.

After expenses are paid, the profit to the appeal will be around \$3000.

It is assumed that 2021 will be the last year of this appeal. Kellock Lodge now belongs to the community of Alexandra and it needs to be once again financially sound after the events of 2018/ 2019. The appeal stands at around \$750,000. Donations can be made at Kellock Lodge.

CEO and Director of Nursing Jo-Anne Cavill and the Board, led by Larry Fallon, are doing a great job in very difficult circumstances, and the Fundraising Committee and Friends of Kellock are determined to help them achieve a sound financial situation.

You can be a member of Kellock Lodge Alexandra Inc., simply by signing a consent form. There is no fee involved. These forms are available from Kellock Lodge Reception or ring the Convenor of the Appeal, Maurie Pawsey on 5772.2157 or email [maurice.pawsey@bigpond.com](mailto:maurice.pawsey@bigpond.com) and one will be sent to you.

To the current 200-odd members of 'Friends of Kellock', the team is hoping for a busy year in 2021, with a limited number of events, which could include several raffles, a trivia night and stalls at the Open Gardens weekend.



*Don, Ron and Ken at the barbecue. -photos by AR*





## SPORT

# Two big nights of speedway this Easter

Alexandra speedway report  
by Dean Thompson

ALEXANDRA Speedway plays host to one of the biggest and most popular Victorian Speedway titles this Easter long weekend when 40 of Victoria's, South Australia's, and New South Wales best Street Stock drivers arrive in town on Friday and Saturday evening to put on a show not to be missed.

Racing begins on Good Friday from 4pm with three rounds of racing for the Street Stocks supported by Speedway Sedan's Australia Junior Sedan racing, Sports Sedan and Victorian Speedway Council Junior Sedan racing.

Drivers then come back again on the Saturday night to compete in some more qualifying before cars are scheduled into main events.

In the Street Stock line-up nine Alexandra club members will be vying for champion honours with Matt Nelson from Woori Yallock, the current Queensland Champion, the number one driver in that list. Dale Morrison, normally the Alexandra Speedway Club chief steward, recently finished sixth in the South Australian title and is primed for a good run on a track he is a member of, plus add in Adrian Lawrence, Tyler Barton, Dylan Campton, Greg Parks, Kevin Brogmus, Ricky Cornwall and Adam Barkby and the members are ready to defend home turf.

The toughest competitor to defeat in the line-up is Anthony Beare from Mount Gambier. Beare is a four times national champion and a multiple times state champion around Australia, including having won six Victorian titles, the last at Mildura.

Stiff competition will not be limited to the before mentioned, Nelson, who won back-to-back



Scott Seacombe is competing in the Victorian Titles for Street Stocks. -Dean Miller Photography

Queensland titles, Morris Ahearn, Steven Watts, Mick Dann, Jacob Mills, Jason Duell, Adrian Lawrence, Dale Morrison, Jason Degoldi, Stuey Robinson, and Shane Roycroft are just some names.

Fans should come prepared for two days of action with overnight stay on the property allowed and should adhere to Covid restrictions.

On Friday, the very fastest Sports Sedans compete along with the Speedway Sedan's Australia Junior Sedans and Victorian Speedway Council Junior Sedans. On Saturday, the Sports Sedans and Speedway Sedan's Australia Juniors return, and Standard Saloons join the action.



Matt Nelson from Woori Yallock is the Queensland Champion. -S

Spectators, please note anybody coming on Friday night will have to buy a two-day pass. If that spectator for one reason or another

then comes to the gate staff at the end of Friday night needing to leave and not return, the second day's costs will be refunded.

On Friday gates open from 8am, entry fees are \$40 for a two-day adult ticket, \$20 for a two-day aged or disabled pensioners ticket and a ticket for a child aged 10 to 16 years. Children under the age of 10 can attend for free. A family ticket for two adults and three children between the ages of 10 and 16 is \$100.

For Saturday night only, racing starts from 4pm, gates are open from 8am at a cost of \$50 for a family of two adults and three children between the ages of 10 to 16, \$20 per adult and \$10 for children aged 10 to 16 and aged and invalid pensioners. Children under 10 years of age enter for free.

Anybody who requires information can contact 0438 700 124.



The cyclists travelling down Murchison Street in Marysville on Friday, March 26

## The Melbourne Challenge

THE cycling event, The Melbourne Challenge, was conducted across Victoria from March 20 to 26. The event, run by the Chain Reaction Challenge, involves a seven day, 1000km course raising funds for children's charities.

The Nagambie to Marysville leg saw the riders travel through Yarck and Alexandra and down to Marysville.

The final day was Marysville to Melbourne, travelling across the Black Spur, before finishing at Camberwell.

By Friday, March 26, the riders had raised \$1,192,178, almost \$200,000 above their goal.

## Shortage of umpires and volunteers causes concern

AFNC report by Ray Steyger

LAST Saturday, Alexandra Football Netball Club held their third consecutive Saturday of local football at Rebel Park as Alexandra hosted Bulleen Templestowe for a good solid practise match with all players getting a good run. Thank you to everyone who assisted to make for a successful day.

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.

The AFL Outer East had its 2021 season launch last Sunday with one of the subjects discussed being umpires, of which the League is very short and as a result are asking clubs for assistance. If there is anyone interested in earning some extra money by central umpiring, goal umpiring or boundary umpiring please contact Ray Steyger on 5772 2627 to

register with the League. Several junior footballers have already expressed interest in boundary umpiring so if you would like to assist at Alexandra home games, please make contact.

Another subject discussed was volunteers, with a number of clubs reporting a decline in the number of people assisting. Alexandra is in a similar situation so if you would like to help with home game tasks including gate keeping, scoreboard, bar work and timekeeping among other things, please contact Ray Steyger on 5772 2627. The club is also looking for trainers, so again, please make contact.

Alexandra's football pre-season continues for all open age and Under 17 players at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rebel Park. 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 that would like to come along and join in, everyone is very welcome. Any enquiries please contact Ray Steyger on 5772 2627.

In junior football and netball, pre-season training continues with the coaches and training times and

days as follows: Netball - Under 15, Penny Van Lierop, Fridays, 5.15 to 6.30pm, Under 13, Kelly Golland, Thursdays, 4.30 to 5.45pm, Under 11, Emma Kidd, Thursdays, 4.45 to 6.00pm. Football - Under 15, Brad Howell, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4.15pm start, Under 13, Rebecca Clark, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4.30pm start, Under 11, Daniel Crane, Fridays, 4.30pm start, Under 9, Sam Kidd, Fridays, 4.30pm start.

All players and families are 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, Alexandra then having a bye in round two for Anzac Day.

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



## SPORT

# Busy week for golfers

*Marysville golf report  
by Lesley Rundle*

IT has been a busy week for the Marysville golfers with events on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Last Thursday the annual ladies Sandy Wilson Memorial Bowl was held at the club and 77

visiting golfers attended. Clubs represented included Alexandra, Yea, Mansfield, Kew, Devil Bend, Warburton, RACV Healesville and Heritage. Showers were forecast and one of the heaviest downpours of the day soaked the golfers after having played just four or five holes. However, the

weather improved marginally, and the course drained sufficiently for golfers to complete their round. The low stableford scores reflected the heavy conditions and taking advantage of their local knowledge a Marysville team won the Bowl. Congratulations to Heather Jenkins, Helen Howard, and Jenny

Coleman for winning the Bowl with a total of 96 points. Heather, Helen, and Jenny also won other trophies and local Alexandra golfers, Ruth Worland, and Barb Doyle, won the B Grade event and a nearest the pin. Many thanks to all the Marysville members who contributed so much to the

efficient running of the day and to Kellan Fiske and his volunteers for preparing the course so well in difficult conditions. Thanks too to all those who travelled great distances to play at Marysville and who stoically played on in some testing conditions.

On Saturday, the final round of the FoodWorks Murrindindi Masters was held at Eildon. With the first round at Marysville in January having to be abandoned the winners of the major title were decided on the best two of three rounds. Congratulations to member Rebecca Lee for being declared 2021 Murrindindi Masters Ladies Champion with a total of 74 points just one point ahead of another Marysville member Margaret Blair. Rebecca (23) also won the Eildon Mini Masters title with 35 points. Sabrina Stow (19) won the A Grade event with 34 points on a countback from Heather Jenkins (16) and Margaret Blair (29) was the runner-up in B Grade with 32 points. The men's C Grade winner was Brad Kasch (22) with 38 points and Brian Worcester won the nearest the pin on the 12th hole. The 2021 Murrindindi Masters Men's Champion was James Kidd (7) from Alexandra. Congratulations to all the winners both on Saturday and throughout the series. Thanks also to FoodWorks for their ongoing sponsorship of this major local event and to all four clubs for hosting their round so efficiently.

On Sunday, the men were on the road again when the pennant team played the second round against Seymour at Alexandra. Marysville won three and two and the club thanks Andrew O'Shea, Richy Clark, Steve Coker, Mark Leitinger and Keith Atwell for representing Marysville. Their next game is on April 11 when they play Eildon at Yea.

Members are asked to note that the AGM of the men's golf section will be held after golf on Saturday, April 24.

Next Saturday a stroke round will be played for the April Monthly Medal.



Brad Kasch, Margaret Blair, Rebecca Lee and Heather Jenkins. Sabrina Stow was absent for the photo. -S

## Murrindindi Masters wins to Alexandra golfers

*Alexandra golf report by Elizabeth Goss*

THERE were two wonderful wins for the Alexandra Golf Club in the FoodWorks Murrindindi Masters final at Eildon on Saturday. Congratulations to the winner of the 2021 Masters James Kidd, and to Matt Richards who won the Mini Masters with 39 points. Other Alexandra successes were nearest the pins for both Corey and Dillon Jack and the Entry Prize for John Norfolk. Thanks once again to the Reddrop family for their continued sponsorship of this popular event.

The second round of the ladies Foursomes Cup was played on Wednesday. Congratulations to the team of Jenny Fisher and Julie Lyon who though they could not match last week's wonderful score still managed to hang on to the lead and win the cup with a nett score of 141. The days winners were Deb Richardson and Elizabeth

Goss with 97(26)71 and the runners-up were Brenda Lopez and Lyn Capp with 102(28.5)73.5. The nine-hole winners were Jenny Fisher and Julie Lyon with nett 36.25. Nearest the pin on the second were Marg Fahey and Jo Robinson, and on the fifth Sue Greatorex and Ruth Worland. Next Wednesday, April 7 is stroke, Monthly Medal, putts and the third round of the Silver Spoon. Names in by 8.30 for 9am hit off.

There were only eight players on Tuesday. The winner was Peter Vallance with (6) 36 points, and the runner-up was Bob Dodge, back in form, with (15) 32 points. Nearest the pin on the 17th was John Greatorex and on the 18th Peter Vallance. Names in by 11.30 for noon hit off.

Next Saturday, April 3 is a three-person ambrose. There will also be a stableford round on Easter Monday, April 5.

## Eildon host Murrindindi Masters Final

*Eildon golf report by Puttomatic*

EIGHTY players enjoyed the last round of the Murrindindi Masters for 2021 at Eildon on Saturday. Lots of winners for the day saw a nearest the pin on the second to John Norfolk, John Gysberts on the fifth, Dylan Jack on the 11th, Brian Worcester on the 12th and Corey Jack on the 14th. Ladies A Grade winner was Sabrina Stow, and runner-up was Heather Jenkins. Ladies B Grade winner was Cindy Armstrong, and runner up was Marg Blair. Ladies Mini Masters and also Major winner was Bec Lee from Marysville. Men's C Grade winner was Brad Kasch, and runner-up was Glen Mackwell. B Grade winner was Matt Jenkins, and runner-up was Colin Long. A Grade winner

was Peter McNair, and runner-up was Mark Mackwell. Men's Mini Masters went to Matt Richards and Major winner to James Kidd from Alexandra. Congratulations to all winners.

A big thanks to the Reddrop FoodWorks family for their very kind sponsorship of this event. Also, thanks to the volunteers out on the course and the computer operators in the clubhouse sorting the results, and the ladies in the kitchen and on the barbecue for purchasing and preparing the food for the day. Let's hope this event continues and the four local clubs can enjoy the competition and camaraderie into the future.

Next Saturday will be a three-person ambrose, hit off at noon, see you there.



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Thornton and South Croydon women's football teams at their practice match played on March 21. -S

## Thornton women's football team ready to go

### TEDFNC committee update report

ON Sunday, March 21 the Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club women's football team got together to play a practise match with South Croydon. It was great for them to get out on the field and remember what it is like to be able to play as a whole team again. Some of the newer players got to see how to put their skills learnt at training into action. South Croydon was one of the first teams TEDFNC played a practise match with in 2018 when they first formed the women's football team. They are a wonderful side to play; competitive, friendly, and fun.

On Saturday, March 27 the TEDFNC women's team played in the 2021 Women's Football Round Robin at the Yarra Junction Recreation Reserve. Yarra Junction and

Bulleen Templestowe also participated in the round; Coldstream who were scheduled to play withdrew.

Thornton Eildon was short of a few players but were helped by the other teams. Although not winning any of their matches the games were played in good spirit and were a great experience in learning and adjusting to new positions.

Matthew Herridge is the current treasurer. Matt has been involved with Thornton for many years and has been a strong contributor to the executive committee team, bringing a wealth of knowledge and a good sense of humour.

Matthew played for Thornton Eildon Under 14,15,17, and Reserves and Seniors. He captained the Under 15, 17, and

Reserves, he also coached the Seniors in 2018. Matthew gained experience through his years of playing for Box Hill Hawks, Blackburn, Black Rock, and as player coach for Alexandra Reserves in 2016. He lives in Wheelers Hill, but distance does not stop Matthew from having a large presence at the TEDFNC. As the owner proprietor of Herridge Industries, Matthew has strong knowledge around the setup, operations, and dynamics of running a successful business.

He has excellent interpersonal skills which are well displayed on the football field and within his committee roles. Matthew has a strong understanding around the importance of community having access to their football netball clubs and is very passionate in the growth of TEDFNC and can foresee exciting new opportunities within the club's new direction. He is now looking forward to helping the women's football and netball continue to shine.



Fiona Herridge, Matthew Herridge, Tommy and Lachie (front). Matthew is the new treasurer for the Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club. -S

*We warmly invite you...*

Thornton Eildon District Sports Club located in Thornton is a diverse & evolving club! 2021 has seen TEDFNC become a Female community sporting club.

*We warmly welcome anyone interested in joining us:*

**Open Women's Netball 16 years +**

**FREE MEMBERSHIP 2021!**

Netball Club registrations waived for all players\*

Training Thursday 6pm

\*We welcome ALL to training including children, males etc.

\*VNA membership still required only.

We have some exciting events in 2021 & would love to have YOU on board! Please reach out (or simply come along), as we would love to hear from you.

[ALL past/new members/players welcome!](https://www.facebook.com/thorntonnetball)



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