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700 blood bank donations

ON Thursday, April 29, Bob Goninon (70) donated blood for the 700th time. The donation was made at the blood bank in Ringwood and "It went alright," he said.

They did have a little hitch on the day. They had made arrangement for members of the family to come along, but unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, they were unable to be there. The blood bank provided balloons to mark the 700th donation, and he was given a gift.

The CFA are involved in the Emergency Services Blood Challenge, and will be using Bob's example as a way of "getting people to get off their duff and go and donate," Bob said.

Unfortunately, there are no blood collection services available in the shire. There was an attempt some years ago to arrange for it to occur, but it wasn't possible.

Seymour is the closest location for people to donate whole blood, where people can donate four times per year. For people like Bob who do plasma donations, Ringwood is the closest, or people can travel to Shepparton or Wangaratta.

Bob's first donation was in August 1970.

Bob generally donates at least 824ml each time he visits the blood bank. Across his lifetime, he's donated more than 576 litres, which is an extraordinary effort. Well done Bob.



Bob Goninon giving his 700th donation at the blood bank. -S

\$148,000 stolen from Alexandra Community Hub

MELANIE Kilgour, known locally under her previous married name, Melanie Gourlay, has pleaded guilty to obtaining financial advantage by deception and using a false document.

She was found in the County Court on Wednesday, April 28, to have stolen over \$148,000 from the Alexandra Community Hub in 2019. The justice presiding over the case was Judge Michael Tinney.

Ms Kilgour was the financial officer at the Alexandra Community Hub. It was found that she used this role to steal the money in 34 separate transactions in July and August

2019. The money was funnelled into her own bank account.

She was earning \$70,000 per year at the time that the offences were committed.

She forged one of the directors' signatures to transfer the money, and the National Australia Bank discovered the mismatch. They contacted the board member who advised that they had not signed any of the banking documents, and had been interstate at the time.

The Herald Sun reported that the National Australia Bank contacted another board

member as well as the treasurer. They also confirmed that the transactions were not authorised. Police were alerted, and further investigations found the extent of the offending.

Ms Kilgour claimed that the money was to pay a builder for home renovations, and said that money she had loaned to a friend had not been repaid.

Kilgour made a late submission to the court that she had been 'scammed' by an overseas lover. Her defence team told the court that she had transferred the money to a Bitcoin account, from which the scammers withdrew it.

Ms Kilgour sold her Alexandra house. \$116,000 from the sale is being held in trust. This is to go to the Alexandra Community Hub. She now lives in Kialla and is a teacher at the Greater Shepparton Secondary College.

Ms Kilgour's bail was extended and she will face court again on June 24.

Community Wood Action

THE Alexandra Community Wood Auction is set to be held on Saturday, May 22 from 10am. There is a change of location this year. It will be just off Bailey Street, at the bottom of the skate park.

They are expecting around 30 trailer loads of wood for auction, from organisations including Koriella Fire Brigade, St Mary's Primary School, Buxton Primary School and The Upper Goulburn Australian Deer Association.

Organiser Andrew Embling explained that when the wood is auctioned, the money is given directly to the community group. It is then delivered, as long as the purchaser isn't too far away.

The auction will help the groups to raise some money, as well as helping people who don't go out getting their own firewood.

If other community groups would like to get involved, contact Andrew Embling on 0418 266 038.

Alexandra Scout Centre official opening

AFTER many years of discussion, applying for grants, the tendering process, the building of the facility and the landscaping of the grounds, the Alexandra Scout Group now have a brand-new facility that they can be proud of. The old hall provided the scouts with somewhere to meet for some 75 years, so hopefully the new facility will do the same.

On Saturday, May 8 invited guests, current scouts and past scouts will be at the official opening of the new facility.

On Sunday, May 9 from 10 to 2pm, they will open up the building for the public to come and have a look through the building.

Have a cuppa with the leaders and find out what scouting is all about. If you are interested in using the building when they are not using it, then you can certainly check it out.

The Alexandra Scout Centre is located at 180 Grant Street, Alexandra, or if you would like any other information, please email gl.1stalexandra@scoutsvictoria.com.au

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WEEKLY
Mon Art Group Eildon 10am-3pm Ph 5773 2306
Tue/Thu Seniors Carpet Bowls 1.15pm
Wed Social Bowls 11am Alexandra Bowls Club Ph 5772 1150
Thu Take off weight naturally 5.45pm 5773 2427
Fri Seniors Social Club 1pm
Sun AA 7pm Anglican Church, Alexandra Ph 1300 222 222
Sun Alanon Recovery Phone 0402 428 086.
Sun Alex & Dist Dog Obedience, training. Ph 5772 1057
Thu 7.30-10pm SES, SES/CFA complex Ph 0418 576 666
Fri Communitea 10am-12pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

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

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

Letters to the Editor

Tree awareness

I AM interested in starting a community awareness campaign regarding the street trees in Alexandra, particularly in Aitken and Grant Streets.

At a superficial level, the trees lining the entrance to town in Aitken Street look pretty in their autumn colour. But on closer inspection, many are not in good shape. They have been stressed by years of drought, many bear scars from interaction with traffic, and of course the butchery carried out in the name of electrical safety, leaving trees lopsided and unbalanced.

I happened to be driving out of Alexandra late one Saturday afternoon last summer when a weather change and accompanying wind gust brought a large tree down not 10 metres in front of me. By good luck no-one was injured, but the consequences could have been very different had I been a second or two further along the road. These trees will not last forever.

A plan for succession planting is required, hopefully in conjunction with a plan to relocate power lines underground. This would remove the need for much of the pruning butchery, improving the appearance of the town entry. Undergrounding of powerlines is an expensive undertaking, but would reduce the fire risk, and the likelihood of power outages

from tree limbs falling onto powerlines.

Yea has recently benefitted from streetscape works, including staged replacement of some of the older trees in the central plantation in High Street, which had been showing signs of dieback and losing limbs from time to time.

Townships such as Bright enjoy an economic benefit from the visitors who flock to town to enjoy the glory of autumn colour. With the right planning and a will to succeed, similar benefits could flow to Alexandra. Let's all adopt this project and make it a reality.

Melinda Jackson, Alexandra

Dot Jackson leaving

DOT has left the district as of Monday, May 3 and moved to an aged care facility in Ocean Grove. I don't think she wanted a sea change but it was for the best.

She was involved in many organisations in her time in Alexandra, including the RSL and Red Cross, and many more, and was renowned for organising school reunions.

Sadly, we couldn't have a public farewell Dot, but you left us as in a puff of smoke, so to speak. No more chats with locals outside the newsagency.

Cheerio Dot. Thanks for the memories.

Pauline Brooks, Alexandra



THUMBS DOWN: To one of the recent weekend events in the shire for ignoring social distancing. We were packed in like sardines with hardly enough room to move.

THUMBS DOWN: To Murrindindi Shire council for not responding to comments regarding the inefficient use of the library for front counter enquiries.

THUMBS DOWN: To all the key stakeholders who have the responsibility for the Eildon Pondage, it's looking very unkept and unloved. The walking track is partly sealed on the Back Road side, unless you walk on the road. On the the Goulburn Valley Highway side there's a long stretch of unsealed potholed road that people have to traverse to walk the circuit. There is a drop toilet on the Goulburn Valley Highway (GVH) side, if you're desperate. The entrance to Eildon via the GVH side is quite unkept and not a good look for a major tourist destination.

THUMBS DOWN: To the shire council contact system. Why can't we ring and be put through directly to a staff member anymore? Instead we can only speak to reception and possibly get a phone call back several days later, if you're lucky.

THUMBS UP: Thanks to the Alexandra CFA for helping with a burn off in Alexandra. Much appreciated guys.

THUMBS UP: To the Marysville Lions for organising a well received, much enjoyed, and well attended concert in Marysville on Sunday.

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Weekly Weather
April 28 to May 4, 2021
Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	HIGH	LOW	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Wednesday	18	8	Wednesday	18	8
Thursday	20	6	Thursday	22	7
Friday	21	9	Friday	21	9
Saturday	19	9	Saturday	20	9
Sunday	17	9	Sunday	17	8
Monday	13	7	Monday	14	7
Tuesday	14	6	Tuesday	14	6

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	12.00pm Mon	1.79^	rising	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	12.00pm Mon	0.56	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	12.57pm Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	12.40pm Mon	0.17	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	12.46pm Mon	0.52	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	11.27am Mon	0.53	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	3.94	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.39^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	12.00pm Mon	1.65^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	12.00pm Mon	-0.08^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	1.00pm Mon	1.87	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	11.34am Mon	0.79	steady	

****ISSUED AT 1.16PM ON MONDAY, 3 MAY 2021**

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra*	10.4mm
Buxton	13.5mm
Eildon (AWS)	8mm
Flowerdale	10mm
Kinglake	16mm
Lake Eildon	13mm
Marysville	16.8mm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	18mm
Yarck	8mm
Yea	15mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
*Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week	275.95m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	56.4%
Metres below full supply	12.95m
Daily inflow	500ML
Release	4000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	68%

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We thank you for your continued support

Winter warming beanies

by Carolyn Weeks

IT'S time to get out your knitting needles and start creating your fabulous beanies. The Murrindindi Beanie and Fibre Festival (MBFF), on Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25 is fast approaching and you too can join in the fibre fun.

Some people are surprised that anyone can enter, from beginners to those more experienced. The organisers encourage people of all ages to participate. This year's theme is 'Aliens and Outer Space'.

MBFF committee members Sue Wynn and Esther Coad were excited this week to hand over a cheque for \$1000 from last year's festival to Alexandra Rotary to go towards Rotary supplying wood for the elderly and disadvantaged during the coming cold winter months.

The MBFF would like to thank Alexandra Rotary for their welcome and ongoing support of the Beanie Festival and providing this service to the community.

Also, Rotary Alexandra would like to thank the MBFF committee for their financial support to help



Chopping the firewood, ready for delivery. -S

defray the costs of wood deliveries to the elderly and infirm. Rotary Alexandra wood supplies to Legacy widows and those in need, as referred by Alexandra District Health. Over 50 trailer-loads or 80 cubic metres were delivered to 15 households over the last year.

"Without people knitting or crocheting beanies or winter warmers for the festival, the committee would not be able to continue. We anticipate a wonderful COVIDsafe event, including all our creative stall holders adding to the occasion, and the town of Alexandra coming alive once again to all things

beanie in the lead up to the festival," event coordinator Carolyn Weeks said.

The Alexandra Library Knitting Group is held every Friday from 2 to 4pm. To download brochures including the entry form, visit beanie.org.au or send an email via the contact page also on the website.

Beanie Festival brochures also include drop off points in Yea, Alexandra and Melbourne. It's free to enter and donate your beanies, with monies raised always going towards local charities within Murrindindi Shire.



Tom Farrell, John Sharwood, Esther Coad, John Cannon and Sue Wynn at the cheque handover. -S



New citizens for Murrindindi Shire: Rajesh Vohra, Vandana Sarpal, Michael Krivsky, Rima Fox and Bakhshish Singh officially became Australian Citizens at a ceremony held at the Alexandra Shire Hall on Thursday, April 22. Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Sandice McAulay and Acting CEO Michael Chesworth were both pleased to congratulate the shire's newest residents. -S



The entrance sign to the Snobs Creek Falls. -S



The Cascades viewing platform. -S

Snobs Creek Falls closed for upgrade

THE cascade viewing platform at Snobs Creek Falls will be closed to the public until early June while works are undertaken to improve the safety and experience of visitors.

The upgrades include the replacement of the cascade viewing platform, new handrails, and some sections of the steps. They will also be sealing Snobs Creek Road to link with the existing carpark.

The upgrades are part of the \$105 million Victoria's Great Outdoors which aims to get more people, from all walks of life, outdoors and enjoying nature.

The upgrade of the suspension bridge at Ned's Gully at the Cathedral Range State Park is expected to be completed by June.

Running for a cause

COVID-19 restrictions mean that the locations for the Mother's Day Classic run are limited to certain places, such as Mansfield or Lilydale, so Lisa Stanchinotti has decided to do her run locally in Thornton.

Thornton is an all-women football and netball club, and Saturday, May 8 will be the first home game. Lisa chose this date and location for the run as it seemed like a great way to raise awareness for a great cause.

Lisa and Bailey the dog will be starting their run at 6am and finishing at 3.25pm. Lisa's aim is to run as many laps of the footy ground over the day as possible, while Bailey might stop for rest breaks and pats.

She will stop to strap the netball and football players as the club's trainer, and will also be on the bench during the football game as the trainer.

"Hopefully I'll get to sneak a few extra laps in during the quarter and half time breaks," Lisa said.

She will run for approximately 20 minutes after the game, finishing off the day running with some of the players.

Jana Andreou from Keik by Jana, a young club member with her newly started

business, is making cookies and cupcakes to sell on the day. Cupcakes are \$5 each, and cookies are \$4 each or three for \$10. Jana is donating her time to make these and profits made from the sale of them will go to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Another fundraiser will be to guess how many laps Lisa will run over the day. Whoever's guess is the closest will win a hamper that will have a range of goodies in it. They're still looking to add things, so if anyone would like to contribute something, Lisa would be very grateful.

People are welcome to join Lisa to run a few laps. To do this, they are asking for a gold coin donation. They are also encouraging people to wear pink clothes, and if anyone does want to join Lisa for a lap, she'll have something pink for them to wear.

For more information about the Mother's Day Classic or to make a donation, visit mothersdayclassic.com.au/fundraisers/BaileyStanchinotti/mothers-day-classic-2021

Donations can also be made direct to Lisa. She can be contacted on 0416 211 266.

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Blokes singing big in pretty little Yarck Hall

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Hume Goulburn Group
Creative Arts Exhibition
Saturday, May 8
At the Yarck Hall 10am - 3.30pm
Admission is \$5.00
Exhibits include - Handcrafts, Patchwork, Cookery, Preserves, Floral Art, Photography and much more

CWA Branches will also have stalls with lots of goodies for sale

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ANGLICAN St Johns Alexandra
9.30am Eucharist each Sunday
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Ph 5772 1167
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Contact: Ps Steven Turner
Ph: 0413 127 283
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Pastor Daniel Kriss
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St. Andrews, 37 Downey Street, Alexandra
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Out & About

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Bingo at Rubicon Hotel, every Tuesday, eyes down at 10am. All proceeds go to the Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club.

Yea and District Memorial Hospital invites you to attend a farewell celebration for Director of Nursing, Lorina Gray at Beaufort Manor Yea on Friday, May 7 from 3.30-6pm. For further details or bookings

contact Jacky Baynes 5736 0410.

Alexandra and District Basketball Association will hold their AGM on Monday, May 11 at 7.30pm at the Alexandra Leisure Centre. All players, parents, coaches, and umpires are invited to attend. Full details in the Classified section under Meetings.

Yea Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Association AGM will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at the tennis club rooms at 7.30pm. For details contact Rodney Ridd 0417 340 838.

Koriella CFA will be conducting an exercise on Friday, May 14

from 6pm at 1009 Spring Creek Road. External emergency services will be in attendance, including the army. Supper will be provided, all welcome. On Saturday there will be a community thank you barbecue from 11am at the Fawcett Hall, with entertainment by Ruckus from 2pm. The army will be staying on for the weekend while they conduct community engagement and comms testing.

Alexandra Bowling Club AGM will be held at the bowling club on Sunday, May 16 at 11am. This will be followed by presentation of trophies for season 2020/21 and a barbecue.

Home Creek-Spring Creek Landcare Group and Murrindindi

Climate Network invite you to a Farm Forestry Field Day on Sunday, May 16 from 1-3pm. RSVP for logistics and catering purposes by May 10. Contact Rita 0411 168 840 or email rita.seethaler@tuti.com.au. Further details in this edition.

Homewood CFA AGM and Bi-annual elections will be held on Monday, May 17 at 7.30pm at the fire shed. Apologies to 0411 171 363.

The small business bus will be set up in front of Eildon Bait and Tackle 14 Main Street, Eildon on Wednesday, May 19. To book your session visit business.vic.gov.au/sbb or call 13 22 15.

POLICE REPORT

PEOPLE are reminded that they will be fined for overtaking traffic on the Black Spur in locations where there is an unbroken white line. Dash cam footage may be used as evidence.

POLICE would like to remind

people taking photographs of the poplars on Marysville-Buxton Road can and will be charged for being on the road. The charges could include failure to leave a road area when directed, or remaining on a road longer than required.

Council's front office in Alexandra

MURRINDINDI Shire Council was asked whether there are any plans to move the council front office from the library back to the council office.

Acting Shire CEO Michael Chesworth said, "We made a decision to move our customer services to the Alexandra Library temporarily in early 2020, while repairs took place to the external façade of the main office building, including around the entrance.

"Following the temporary closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided to continue offering council

customer services from the Alexandra Library for the time-being. However we are currently reviewing this approach to determine the best location for our customer service reception in Alexandra.

"The customer service reception area as it is currently set up in the Alexandra Library was intended to be temporary. If we do decide to offer customer services from the Alexandra Library on a permanent basis, we will be making improvements to the physical layout to enable a better experience for staff and customers."

Succession planning for Alexandra trees

MURRINDINDI Shire Council were contacted with regard to the letter from Melinda Jackson on page 2 of this edition. The letter expresses concern about the appearance and health of some of the roadside trees in Alexandra.

Vito Albicini, Director Assets and Development at council said, "Council regularly inspects the health and condition of trees on council-managed land across Murrindindi Shire. Following the severe weather events early last year, many trees in Alexandra were damaged. At this time, council's arborist assessed trees on Grant, Aitkin and Downey Streets, as well as on several other streets in Alexandra. Following this assessment, some trees were either removed or had their branches cut as they were deemed unsafe. The remaining trees in these areas were found to be in good health.

"We understand that certain trees on the streets mentioned

above have been trimmed to ensure they don't interfere with the power lines above. This work is carried out by AusNet Services contractors. We also understand there is some concern about the health of the trees and their appearance. In the coming weeks, council's arborist will carry out another assessment of these trees to determine whether or not they are in good health.

"Council care of trees on council-managed land includes assessment about tree replacement where trees are nearing the end of their life-cycle. In replacing trees, we work together with the community to decide on a species of tree that is suitable to the area, one which has a suitable growing habit and provides an attractive visual amenity.

"Currently, there are no plans to divert the power lines in these areas underground."

Inspired Carers morning teas in Alexandra

IN a March edition of *The Alexandra Standard*, Liz Klein, coordinator of Inspired Carers shared how important it is for the community to engage in discussion about supporting families with children with additional needs.

As part of her work, Liz hosts morning teas to discuss NDIS, how to support loved ones and to simply be able to connect with families living in similar circumstances.

The Grant Street Grocer will host two upcoming morning teas, which the community are invited to attend. On Tuesday, May 11, at 10am, the focus of the morning tea will be about carer wellbeing, and how to look after yourself as well as the child you care for. On Friday, June 4, also at 10am NDIS discussion and more will take place.

RSVPs are essential and can be made by contacting Liz on 0497 483 319 or by emailing coordinator@inspiredcarers.org.au

Ruth Selover exhibition

ALEXANDRA artist Ruth Selover is exhibiting her works at the Alexandra Information Centre throughout the month of May.

She explained that the works in the exhibition came about after a friend asked her to do a painting.

While painting it, Ruth started to "realise how important and how much fun we had drinking tea and coffee, and any sort of beverage, whenever someone comes. You always sit down and give them a cup of tea, so I started doing paintings of those environments. Then realised how many times we went to all the cafes."

Central to the exhibition are the cafes of Alexandra.

The inspiration behind the works was, "How important it is, and how social it is, having beverages, cups of tea and coffee and glasses of wine and water, and everything like that," Ruth said.

Ruth comes from a background as a graphic designer. She worked in the marketing department of *The Age* for six years, as well as working for advertising agencies.

She's always been involved in creating art, "as a passion."

Ruth is also proud to have designed her own house in Vickery Street. "People seem to call it the coloured house," she said. "So it's got its own name."

She's found that women in particular seem to like the house. "It's girl architecture," she said. "I think it has a fun, inviting side to it. I just like colours."



Ruth Selover. -KM

Alexandra Primary School and Rennie's at Acheron



*Kristy Nicholson (Art/Drama Teacher)
Alexandra Primary School.*

STUDENTS in years three to six from Alexandra Primary School were recently treated to a morning of artistic delight at Rennie's at Acheron. Renowned artist Marian Rennie invited the students to be a part of a large sculpture exhibition entitled *Within the Land*.

An assortment of artists from around Australia had their incredible sculptures, made from materials such as wood, wire, metal and clay, placed strategically around Marian's gardens.

As 2020 was such a life-altering year across the world, the teachers sought to gain the students' reactions and feelings about their own lived experience. This year students created sculptures that represented their thoughts, feelings and memories of 2020. They planned and sketched their ideas about isolation, fear of the virus itself and time spent in their home environment. They then transformed these ideas into 3D form, through clay sculpture. Their part of the show was titled *My 2020*.

Upon arrival at Rennie's, students were invited to explore the astonishing sculptures and view their own work. The students then visited the Studio Gallery, the Rennie Gallery, to talk about Marian's own life, artworks and inspirations.

Marian Rennie, and owner of Little River Winery at Taggerty Christine Challen, prepared a delicious morning tea of homemade sausage rolls, quiches, sandwiches and party pies for all 80 students plus staff. They felt very spoilt indeed.

Students now know what it is like to exhibit their work in a 'real-life' exhibition. The school hopes that creative partnerships between Alexandra Primary School and local artists will continue to provide students with unforgettable and formative experiences.

Thank you to Marian Rennie and Fallon's bus service for ensuring that the students had a fabulous day out.



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Alexandra senior citizens report

by Philip Smith

THERE was a good turnout for Friday’s social meeting, with everybody in their usual boisterous mood. The club song didn’t go too badly, but the *Happy Birthday* for Jack went extremely well.

President Gai then updated everyone on upcoming events. Everyone is looking forward to the movie and afternoon tea next Wednesday. The outing to Mooroopna Golf Club for lunch is now confirmed for Thursday, May 13. It’s good to be able to get back to doing some activities at last, after such a long break.

Roma produced her usual smooth performance as Jokerster, with Jean’s seemingly endless supply. As I noted last week, there are several members of the club who are going to get very fat on chocolate, if they don’t stop winning the Batts Raffle all the time. Nothing changed this week. Roma, Ian and Mike are quite happy to let the status quo continue.

President Gai closed the meeting, and unlike last week, there seemed to be a slight reluctance to head to the lunchroom for afternoon tea. Once there though, the mood changed, with a feast of goodies being devoured in short time. With comfortably full tummies the Card Sharks

and the UNOists got down to enjoying their usual Friday afternoon games.

The weekly schedule at the hall presently consists of social meetings each Friday at 1pm, with the first one of the each month being the business meeting. The carpet bowlers play every Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm. The bridge group play on Monday afternoon at present and the Card Sharks play 500 every Friday after the meeting, as do the UNO group.

The club would love to hear from anyone who is at all interested in any of these activities. Either just turn up to the hall in Bayley Street or get in touch with president Gai or myself on 0467 369 092 for more information.

Bowls: Tuesday saw Roma’s blacks go down 6-5 on the last end to Ron’s yellows. On Thursday Ron’s blacks were down nine shots after three ends but fought back to only go down 7-10 to my yellows.

Would you believe: The story of *Cinderella* came from China.

Phobia: The fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth is known as Arachibutyphobia.

Food for thought: One in five children in the world have never seen the inside of a classroom.



Dot Jackson moved permanently to Alexandra in 1989 after a long nursing career. She was involved in setting up the Red Cross Patient vehicle, CFA and many other community groups during her time in Alexandra. After suffering poor health over the last few months, she has made the decision to leave her community and is moving to aged care in Ocean Grove. She is sad to be leaving behind the many children she has helped nurture and will never forget any of them. -KM

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Patricia Seyboth with some of her creations. -S

International talent calls Alexandra home

MURRINDINDI Shire is home to many creative individuals, from artists and musicians to writers and landscape designers. One bright star among them is Patricia Seyboth. Originally hailing from Brazil, Patricia’s passion is the creation of beautiful objects, be they exquisitely decorated baked goods, handmade costumes, or themed installations for large events.

With her diverse array of talents, pinning down a label for what Patricia does is not easy. Perhaps she is best described as a ‘craftswoman’.

Patricia’s background includes creating experiences for global corporate clients such as Volvo and Audi. Her work has been displayed at trade fairs, product launches, street campaigns, graduation ceremonies and public events. She has created art from recycled car airbags, constructed a person-sized working mobile phone, and designed Easter and Christmas displays for her city in Brazil. In her new home of Alexandra, many people will know her for her iced biscuits

made to look like animals, characters and vehicles.

Patricia’s talents were recently on display in a farmyard-themed fifth birthday party for her youngest daughter. Pastry pigs, bags of popcorn looking like woolly sheep, a beehive piñata, a farmhouse cake and big number five constructed from straw were just a few of the highlights to delight the children who attended.

Along with her partner and two daughters, Patricia made the big move from Brazil about three years ago. They hope to become permanent residents and remain in Alexandra, contributing to the local community and enthusiastically participating in Australian life. “Patricia creates things that make the world a more beautiful place” was how a friend once described her gift. Hopefully, Patricia can stay here and continue to find opportunities to bring beauty to this little part of the world that she now calls home.

Need for Feed project



Buxton’s Ernie Hadfield, truck driver Jeff Johnson and Marysville Lion Norman Fiske in the final stages of securing the Need for Feed hay. -S

HAVE you ever stopped to think of the effort and energy that goes into getting a massive load of hay on the road?

The Marysville and District Lion Club is participating in the Lions ‘Need for Feed’ project, this time for flood affected farmers in northern New South Wales.

Coordinated by Marysville Lion Norman Fiske, generous donations of hay, time, labour and machinery enabled this truckload of hay to join the lions club Need for Feed Anzac Weekend convoy to head north.

On Wednesday, April 21, 44 donated bales were loaded onto this low loader headed for farmers in the flood affected area of Kempsey.

Thanks to Norman’s organisation the donated hay was ready when Jeff Johnson, Director of Bark King, Montrose, and his

low loader arrived right on time. Also ready and waiting to put his big tractor into action and skilfully stack the hay onto the truck was Buxton’s Ernie Hadfield. Then came the joint effort of securing the load.

Twenty-four bales were donated by Julia Foletta, 20 by Ernie Hadfield and Jeff donated his time and his truck. The cost of Jeff’s fuel and meals came from Lions donations. Norm gave many hours of his time and made many phone calls to make it all happen.

Norman has another load of donated hay that will be on the road soon. If you would like any information about the Need for Feed project please phone Norman on 0408 103 086.

Rail Trail Industry Forum

by Tricia Mifsud

ON Friday, April 23, the second Great Victorian Rail Trail (GVRT) Industry Forum was held via Zoom between representatives from the Murrindindi, Mitchell and Mansfield Shires as well as business owners across the three shires which benefits from cyclists using the trail.

The forum provided updates on projects happening along the GVRT as well as providing businesses the opportunity to provide feedback on such projects and collaborate with other owners on how to benefit from the cyclists riding the trail.

Usage statistics

Statistics provided at the forum demonstrated a steady growth in the number of cyclists using the trail each year. Three counters are placed along the trail in Mansfield and Mitchell, with four in Murrindindi to calculate the number of cyclists.

It was recorded that the GVRT was used 117,447 times in 2020 across all three shires: with areas of the trail in the Mansfield shire recording the most cyclists with 71,764. Murrindindi recorded 19,058 cyclists while Mitchell recorded 26,625.

The overall number of cyclists increased by 25,149 from 2019, a great improvement on the number of local and travelling cyclists utilising the trail.

Alarna Timmins, Tourism and Promotions Officer for Mitchell Shire Council said at the forum that a combination of the COVID-19 pandemic, marketing and new businesses in the area contributed to the growth of numbers.

"We've seen some steady increase in the usage of the trail over the years, but a particular note is the usage of the trail last year. It was really great to see that people wanted to experience the great outdoors more and get some fresh air," Timmins said.

There are positive signs that a growth in cyclists will again increase in 2021, with the comparison of quarter one 2020 to quarter one 2021 also showing an increase of riders.

In quarter one 2020, a total of 21,169 riders were recorded along the trail, while in quarter one 2021, this was more than doubled to 45,241 recorded cyclists.

Signage

There are co-currently two signage projects in planning and production for the GVRT being interpretive and directional signage. The interpretive signage is designed to tell stories of the rail trail, while the directional signage will ensure an easier ride for cyclists, with towns and facilities being identified much clearer.

"We're looking at putting in interpretive story boards that will highlight the trail, whether that be the trail history, environmental history or cultural heritage. We have drafted the content for those," Timmins said.

"We also have the directional signage. For those who have been on the trail many times, you may be aware that there is some inconsistencies across the 134kms on the type of signage that is used, and essentially this program is to look at what we gave and refine it across the trail."

"[For example] Yea is 5km ahead. It's also used to help people find towns at [junctions on the trail]."

Manufacturing and installation of these signs are planned to be completed by the end of June.

Seymour extension

In 2018, Mitchell Shire Council adopted the Seymour Structure Plan that identified four potential alignment options of the GVRT connecting through to Seymour.

300 letters were sent out to potential landowners and other stakeholders that would be effected by any of the potential alignments. Forty-three written responses were received, 42 of which came from landowners.

Council passed the resolution on the alignment that would pass east of School House Lane in Seymour. This proposal will go through private property, however there is currently no further funding for land acquisition. Considerations also needs to be made on the trails direction once in the main township of Seymour.



DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET 2021-2022 OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Council is pleased to present its draft Annual Budget for 2021/2022 for community feedback after it was endorsed for public exhibition at Council's Scheduled Meeting on Wednesday 28 April.

The Draft Budget will be available to view on our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/publiccomment from 30 April 2021 until 28 May 2021. You can also view it at our Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake, including our Mobile Service.

If you would like to make a submission to Council about the Draft Budget, you must do so in writing by no later than 5.00 pm on 28 May 2021. Submissions can be sent via email to governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au, or posted to Manager Business Services, Murrindindi Shire Council, PO Box 138, Alexandra, VIC, 3714.

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Carer Gateway in the shire

CARER Gateway is a new service which provides support to people in a carer role within Murrindindi Shire and beyond. It was the result of a great deal of consultation with carers and support agencies across Australia.

Jason Watts, program leader at Carer Gateway, said that the service 'went live' on April 6, 2020. It was one of the results from a federal government review into carer services.

Mr Watts explained that, "One of the things the commonwealth wanted to do was have a consistency of support to carers, whether you're in Darwin or Daylesford." They wanted to have a single source of information and a single entry point to get the support that people need.

The program went to tender, and in Victoria, a consortium of agencies was successful. The consortia is led by Merri Health, with Family Care being one of the partners delivering Carer Gateway in our region. The region consists of Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Moira, Strathbogie, Murrindindi, Mansfield and Benalla Shires.

Mr Watts has recently been in Alexandra, catching up with Pathways for Carers and Menzies Support Services.

To be eligible to take part in Carer Gateway, the carer role must be ongoing or likely to be ongoing for at least six months, with exceptions for palliative care situations. There are no citizenship, residency or visa requirements. People can be in receipt of other government supports (such as Home Care or NDIS) and their carer can still access Carer Gateway. They can also provide support to people whose caring role is ending or has recently ended, through counselling and linking them to other supports in the community.

Carers can be people of any age. The youngest carer they've worked with was an eight year old, caring for a parent with a mental health issue. They have a specific worker to help young people in a carer role. One of the challenges is that if young carers

disengage from the education system, they potentially have some poor outcomes. There is support available to help them through.

The key person for Carer Gateway is the carer. "It's really about them and what their support needs are, and how they can be supported to continue in that caring role," Mr Watts said. "We know that carers put their own needs last, often."

The federal government is keen to increase the support delivered to carers, from 130,000 unique contacts per annum to about 700,000 unique contacts over the next five years or so.

They want to create awareness, and to equip carers with knowledge and skills, and help them to manage their stress. They also want them to have better access to crisis and emergency supports. The organisation seeks to have an early intervention approach.

In regional areas, carers have been somewhat left behind. Under Care Gateway, there are a variety of ways to access services, including web based or in person.

The national level supports, which are largely online, consist of the Carer Gateway website which includes a variety of resources and frequently asked questions.

They also have access to up to six free phone counselling sessions per year regarding their care situation, online carer coaching modules, an online peer support forum, and online skills development courses. A login is required for access.

At the local level, their main role is around carer support and planning. They work one on one with carers to identify the challenges, strengths, and where they need support. They then help to provide that support through linking with support agencies in the community.

They also offer free in-person counselling for up to six sessions per year, including in Murrindindi.

They will also be launching local in-person carer coaching and peer support sessions in the second half of 2021.

Emergency respite is also available, and they are keen to be responsive to people's needs. There has historically been a lack of respite options in the shire, but Carer Gateway have agreements in place with several providers in Murrindindi to provide access to emergency respite. Emergency respite might be required in unplanned situations including where the care situation is likely to break down within a 72 hour period, perhaps due to a carer needing to go to hospital or the carer needs to go elsewhere to be with another family member who is unwell, for example. It may also be for mental health support reasons.

Emergency respite is provided through calling 1800 422 737, and will be coordinated locally. Residential respite or in-home respite may be provided, depending on the circumstances.

They also have carer-directed packages, providing the services needed in a way which suits them. This might include packages for young carers, helping them to remain engaged in education, for example, or to help a carer to reengage in the workforce, for example.

Family Care is a partner in the Orange Door program. Orange Door has recently activated in the Murrindindi Shire area. They also work closely with organisations such as Wellways to address mental health challenges.

Their aim is to build awareness about the services they can provide, and to provide a holistic view of the family unit, and that the role of carers is considered.

Family Care have traditionally provided some state government-funded family support services into Murrindindi Shire, and they are continuing to build relationships with other providers and to get the message out that they now have commonwealth funded carer supports. They have the ability to be quite comprehensive, given that they now have both state and federal funding.



Jason Watts. -S

Through the collaborations, they can spot families needing support in a variety of ways, and help them to gain that support. They hope to be able to spot challenges early, intervening before things become much larger issues. It's about "early intervention and prevention, before we get to a crisis situation," Mr Watts said.

To contact Family Care, call Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737, Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm. For an interpreter, call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 to arrange a call to speak with them. The website can be found at carergateway.gov.au

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The history of Mother's Day



ANNA Jarvis, an American woman started campaigning in the year her mother died, 1905, to have an official day recognised where mothers could be honoured. Three years later in 1908, the first larger-scale of the event was held, a public memorial held by Jarvis in honour of her mother.

After years of pushing for the day to be recognised, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation in 1914 making Mother's Day an official holiday to be celebrated on the second Sunday of May each year.

Around the world, Mother's Day is celebrated on different days of the year, although most countries choose to celebrate the day on the second Sunday of May, proving Jarvis' power in pushing for the holiday. Some countries choose to celebrate on March 8 in alignment with International

Women's Day, while others choose March 21 in alignment with spring equinox

After succeeding in having Mother's Day officially recognised, Jarvis was still not satisfied with how the day was celebrated. She wanted Mother's Day to be a day of dedication expressing love and gratitude to mothers, and acknowledging the sacrifices they make for their children.

However businesses like florists and card-makers were now using Mother's Day as a way to make profit, the commercialisation defeating Jarvis' purpose of the day. From 1920, Jarvis fought against businesses from profiting off Mother's Day, even using her own money to take profiteers to court who she believed used Mother's Day name 'in vain'.

Today, we continue to purchase flowers, beauty products, meals and cards for our mothers, evidently proving the lost battle between Jarvis and the businesses. However, it is with these gifts that children spoil Mothers with their favourite things, something these women may not do every day as they continue to look after their families.

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Emergency services training in Marysville



Carrying a victim out of the bush. -AR



CFA members preparing to douse the fire from the aircraft. -S



Preparing for a line-search through the bush. -AR



The emergency services training in Marysville involved the CFA, SES, police and Ambulance Victoria. -AR



A helicopter searching for the missing man near Steavenson Falls. -AR



Emergency personnel treating 'injured' plane crash victims. -AR

ON Saturday, May 1, emergency services from Marysville and surrounds came together to conduct a simulated rescue scenario, responding to a mock light plane crash in the bush near the reservoir in Marysville.

The event included Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria (AV), SES from Marysville, Alexandra and Healesville, and CFA from Marysville, Buxton and Narbethong.

After a safety briefing in the morning, crews received an 'alert' for an aircraft in distress at an unknown location. All agencies quickly kicked into response mode, and began coordinating a search to locate the aircraft. An Incident Management Team was established at Marysville Police Station, before better coordinates were provided by Police Search and Rescue via radio. Crews then made their way to the 'crash site' in the bush near Marysville, where they were faced with aircraft debris, smoking distress flares, and several very vocal role-players, making for a very realistic and high-pressure situation.

SES Marysville Unit Controller Josephine Hunter commented on the importance of conducting realistic simulated events. "It's critical that our crews are exposed to high-pressure situations in a safe environment, and have the opportunity to build up the skills, resilience and inter-agency networks

that make our genuine operations run smoothly. A vital step in any operation is the coordination phase, so it was great to see the Incident Controller and Agency Commanders coming together to plan out their response".

Together the emergency services crews worked to make the scene safe and conduct the rescue operation. Each agency had tasks to complete based on their skill set, and the operation was unable to be completed without the different services working together and sharing their expertise.

"At all the incidents we attend, our services rely on each other to get the job done safely. It's important we each have good knowledge of each other's capability, and the flexibility to adapt to the situation. An important take away from our training day is just getting to know each other's names and personalities a little bit better; this can make all the difference in the heat of battle" Ms Hunter said.

The day was made possible by the commitment of a small planning committee made up of representatives from each agency. The organisers would like to thank all who attended and made the day such a success.

"Importantly, the day would not have been possible without the help of our generous supporters, so we'd like to send a giant thank

you to our role-players, Helico Australia for lending genuine aircraft 'debris' for realism, Lake Mountain Alpine Resort for lending a shuttle bus for transport, Victoria Police SAR Squad for their advice and input, and Alexandra Newspapers and the Triangle News for their assistance".

As if to demonstrate the importance of our emergency services, the day didn't end there. While participants were getting ready to enjoy a barbecue lunch, several genuine operational alerts were received. The CFA responded to an unattended campfire at Narbethong directly from the training event, extinguishing the fire quickly.

Ambulance Victoria responded to an injured mountain bike rider on a trail near the Lake Mountain Summit, and requested the assistance of SES Marysville. The combined AV and SES team responded with a wheeled stretcher carrier, and assisted with moving the patient to HEMS which had landed at nearby Snowy Hill carpark.

At around the same time that afternoon, Victoria Police responded to reports of a missing male at Steavenson Falls. After conducting an initial search, police requested assistance from SES Marysville, who were able to divert a crew from their team at Lake Mountain. The missing person had several medical conditions that added an urgency to the job.

Police began walking the many bush tracks leading away from the falls. As part of the quick scale-up additional resources including SES Alexandra and Ambulance Victoria were activated, and Police Air Wing attended; making for two helicopters working in the area near Marysville.

SES and Police were able to conduct search planning via radio while en route, thanks to the combined radio channel utilised as part of the mornings training.

SES Controller Josephine Hunter commented on the benefits of utilising shared communications. "Thanks to the early use of a combined radio channel, we had good intel before we even arrived on scene. In a stroke of good luck, one of our crew members travelling in our rescue vehicle spotted a male matching the missing persons description among the crowds in the main street of town. After approaching and confirming his identity, SES and Police were able to safely transport the male back to his group at the falls, making for a speedy resolution to what could have been a protracted event."

Well done to all the emergency services for their efforts over a very busy Saturday and weekend, and for their continued dedication to working together to provide the best possible service to their community.



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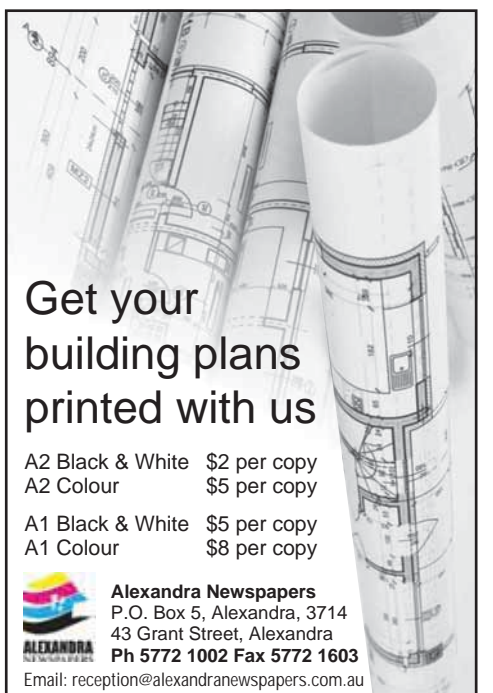
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Orchestra performs in Marysville



Maestro Gerald Keuneman OAM from the Victorian State Concert Orchestra. The orchestra performed in Marysville on Sunday, May 2 and was hosted by the Marysville Lions Club. Dave's Audio Productions, run by Dave Dickinson, provided the sound equipment and set up free of charge. -AR



Steven Coutes. -AR



Due to COVID-19, the orchestra has been unable to perform together since October 2019. Their performance in Marysville was their first time back on the stage together. There were 50 musicians on stage. -AR



The ticket sales went towards supporting victims of the New South Wales floods. -AR



Samantha Robertson. -AR

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More GPs for rural areas increases access for patients in the bush

INCREASING numbers of doctors are training to become GPs in regional, rural and remote areas, which will deliver significant benefits to patients and communities in the bush.

The Australian Government's 2021 Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program selection process has seen the largest number of acceptances (1434 doctors) in several years, more than 100 additional doctors than last year's intake.

Of these, the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine is allocated 150 training places, and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is allocated 1350.

Federal Regional Health Minister, Mark Coulton said almost 700 of these doctors will undertake their training in regional,

rural and remote locations across the country.

"The evidence does tell us that if you train in the regions you are likely to stay in the regions and that's why we are focused on supporting the rural training pipeline," Minister Coulton said.

"Rural and remote communities want safe and high quality primary healthcare services delivered by well-trained GPs with training in an extended rural skill set.

"Through work which is underway on long-term workforce and training reforms we want to look at opportunities to provide greater supervision and support for doctors

and practical ways to build a sustainable and highly trained medical workforce."

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt, said the Australian Government is strongly committed to bridging the city-country divide in providing health services to all Australians, by continuing to build the rural medical training pipeline.

"The AGPT Program is a central element in this and this latest intake means more doctors studying, training and working in regional, rural and remote locations," Minister Hunt said.

Minister Coulton said the Federal Government understood that doctors who study and train in rural locations are more likely to choose to work and live there permanently, enjoying the benefits of a rural lifestyle.

"These high acceptance numbers show the AGPT program is working, with particular benefits for communities who may struggle to attract a GP," Minister Coulton said.

The AGPT program is for doctors interested in training to become a GP in Australia. Doctors can be placed anywhere, in cities or regional, rural and remote areas. Most successful applicants in this latest intake have already started training, with the rest to start in the next three months.



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Regional job opportunities hit record levels around the country

THE demand for workers in regional Australia has hit an all-time high, with more than 66,200 jobs available in regional towns and cities across the country, according to the Regional Australia Institute (RAI).

RAI CEO Liz Ritchie says this is the largest number since records began, surpassing the demand during the mining construction boom a decade ago.

“Regional job vacancies now account for nearly one third of all vacancies across the country. The last time the labour market was this strong was during the mining construction boom in 2011-2012,” Ms Ritchie said.

“Back then, the overall economic situation was defined by the country’s two-speed economy, with job ads narrowly based in the resource-rich states and industries.

“By contrast, the current strength in the regional labour market is broadly based across all states and territories and occupations, with the greatest demand being for professionals and skilled tradespeople.”

In March 2021, a record number of jobs were advertised in regional areas of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory. In Queensland and Western Australia, regional job vacancies were not far below previous records, while in the Northern Territory, regional job ads have been trending higher over the past eight months.

RAI Chief Economist Dr Kim Houghton says the Dubbo and Western NSW Region recorded the strongest annual growth, with job ads up by 117 per cent in the year to March 2021.

“Each and every one of the 32 regions outside of the mainland state capitals had more vacancies in March 2021 than in the previous month and also more vacancies than a year earlier,” Dr Houghton said.

The stand-out sector driving labour demand in regional areas is Health Care and Social Assistance, followed by Public Administration and Safety, then the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services sectors.

Extraordinary growth in shire house prices

MURRINDINDI is at the top of the list of regional house price increases, according to a report from Domain.

The median house price in Murrindindi grew from \$425,000 in March 2020 to \$560,000 in March 2021, an increase of 31.8 per cent. House prices in

Murrindindi are up 83.3 per cent from five years ago.

Alpine Shire was the next in the list with 31.1 per cent, then South Gippsland on 23.7 per cent, Hepburn on 22.5 per cent and the Macedon Ranges on 21.8 per cent.

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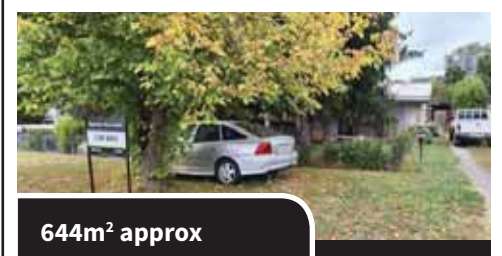
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Have wood heaters serviced before warming your home

AS the temperature drops and the autumn leaves fall, Victorians are warned to have their wood heater serviced to avoid a potential fire hazard.

It is important to have a wood heater serviced regularly to reduce the risk of unintentional fire.

Wood heaters and flues should be serviced each year by a registered or licensed Mechanical Services plumber to ensure it operates efficiently and does not put lives at risk.

The VBA's State Building Surveyor Andrew Cialini said consumers need to play it safe when keeping their homes warm.

"Wood heaters that have not been cleaned and maintained properly, present the added risk of flue and chimney fires with the possibility of combustible materials such as built up creosote (wood tar), twigs and other debris catching fire," he said.

"Outside the house, it is also important to keep combustible materials, such as overhanging tree branches, well clear of flues."

Mr Cialini said regular servicing of a wood heater and its flue system addressed key risk factors.

"It removes creosote, or wood tar, that has accumulated in the heater or flue. This substance is highly combustible, it can build up quickly and block the flue, leading to inefficient heater operation and cause fire."

"A check of the flue system will also help ensure it is free of defects and flammable materials such as grass, small twigs and other debris that may be the result of birds nesting in the flue or surrounding chimney cavity."

Tips for operating your wood heater: follow the manufacturer's instructions for lighting, fuelling and operating the wood heater. use paper or kindling wood to get the fire started, only use dry, seasoned wood, arrange the wood so plenty of air can circulate around all sides, always leave the air control open for at least 20 minutes after starting or refuelling the fire and do not overfill the heater or try to burn logs that are too large.

For more information about the safe operation and maintenance of wood heaters visit the VBA website vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/guides/wood-heaters-flues



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Standard



launch of the Lake Eildon masterplan

A NEW Great Lake Touring Route, iconic walking trails, fine dining and more accommodation options are part of a new plan to take Lake Eildon to the next level as a tourist destination.

Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas joined representatives from Mansfield and Murrindindi shire councils, Goulburn Murray Water and Tourism North East to launch the Lake Eildon Masterplan.

“Lake Eildon will soon be known for much more than its serenity, this plan is an opportunity to implement an

exciting shared vision, creating thousands of new jobs,” she said.

The plan, supported by \$150,000 from the state government’s Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund, has identified four “game-changers” for Lake Eildon that have the potential to unlock significant investment in tourism and enable Lake Eildon to become one of Victoria’s premier destinations.

The four key areas of focus are resort-style accommodation, the development of various nature-based precincts, a skyline touring route, and investment in sewage infrastructure to increase the region’s appeal for investors and improve the local environmental.

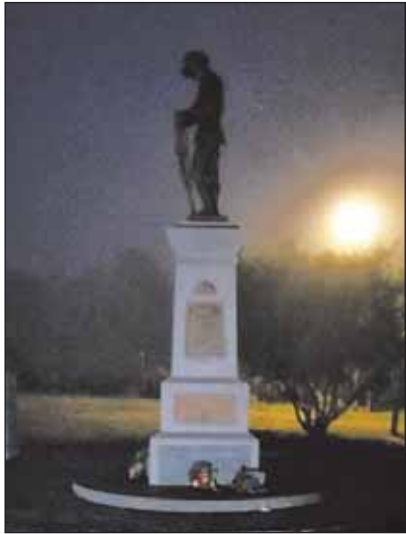
Lake Eildon is already one of Victoria’s most recognisable and popular recreational lakes. The projects identified in the masterplan have potential to increase the region’s visitor economy by \$470 million over the next 10 years, creating an additional 2500 jobs in the region.

A further six priority projects and 23 secondary projects have been identified that could have significant impacts on Lake Eildon’s economy.

The state government is already taking steps to realise the benefits of the masterplan, recently announcing \$1.77 million towards the Blue Gums to Eildon Rail Trail through the Regional Tourism Investment Fund Stimulus Round.

The government is working with representatives from a range of organisations responsible for Lake Eildon to provide leadership for the region and drive long-term delivery of the plan, which is part of the Goulburn Regional Partnership Outcomes Roadmap.

Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish said, “Lake Eildon’s recreational and tourism industry has been calling for funding support from the state government for years to put their Master Plan into action. It’s a shame they didn’t realise what was right under their nose sooner. I am disappointed that no one with a business stake on the lake has been included in the Management Steering Group.”



The memorial at Alexandra taken just on dawn. -Ken Ackerman

April council meeting updates

THE April Ordinary Murrindindi Shire Council meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28 at the Yea Council Chambers with all councillors present for the meeting. This was the first face-to-face council meeting held since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Draft of Annual Budget 2021/2022

Council was presented with the draft of the Annual Budget for 2021/2022 and now ask for community feedback after it was endorsed for public exhibition.

Council’s Mayor Sandice McAulay said this budget is this council’s first, following the October 2020 election where councillors were elected to serve the community of Murrindindi Shire for a four-year term.

“It appears we have weathered the worst of the Coronavirus pandemic in Victoria. As your newly elected council, our focus is now twofold; to assist community recovery, post-pandemic and to create a budget that will help us to deliver the vision we are developing jointly with our community for our four-year term,” Cr McAulay said.

“This Budget is being developed in parallel with the ‘Shaping Our Future’ project, which is designed to elicit community ideas and opinions about what is important for our community over the next four years. This project will inform our new council plan, including a vision which will guide council’s work over the next four years.

“I’d encourage you to take a look at our draft budget to see what we are proposing.”

The Draft Budget identifies that council will spend \$50.6 million to deliver services and improve infrastructure. \$14.7 million has been allocated to the Capital Works Program with highlights of the program including \$4.3 million to be spent on roads and paths; \$123,000 to improve safety at swimming pools; \$4.9 million to replace Break O’Day Road Bridge in Glenburn, the Yea Caravan Park Bridge and the Yarrck

Road Bridge and widening Snobs Creek Road; and \$668,000 for works on the Alexandra Youth Precinct project.

Other initiatives covered in the draft identify that \$25,000 has been allocated for the development of a Reconciliation Plan to recognise and celebrate the traditional owners of the land; \$80,000 for the development of programs which relate to the environment and mitigating the effects of climate change; and over \$100,000 in funding for a range of tourism and business development initiatives.

The Draft Budget will be available for viewing on council’s website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/publiccomment from Friday, April 30 until Friday, May 28. You can also view it at one of the Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake, including the mobile library.

If you would like to make a submission to council about the Draft Budget, you must do so in writing by no later than noon on Friday, May 28. Submissions can be sent via email to governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au, or posted to Manager Business Services, Murrindindi Shire Council, PO Box 138, Alexandra, VIC, 3714.

Draft of Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030

Council has endorsed the draft of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 and now ask for the community to have their say on the proposal and whether council are heading on the right track with the strategy.

The draft of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 invites the community to provide feedback on a number waste management issues addressed, these issues including diversion of waste out of landfill; regulatory and industry changes; the cost of managing waste; business industrial and commercial waste management; illegal dumping; management of the Alexandra landfill; the environment impact of waste;

and encroachment on landfill sites and resource recovery information.

Cr McAulay said the draft strategy sets out a vision for the future of waste management in our shire and proposes some really exciting and ambitious goals that we can work towards as a community.

“We think this is a progressive and forward-thinking draft strategy, which reflects the ‘circular economy’ model. This model seeks to eliminate waste and the persistent consumption of resources by directing waste back into the economy to be reused or recycled into new materials and products,” she said.

“What is clear is that the strategy needs everyone to be on board, community and council, for this to be a success. That’s why I encourage you to read the draft strategy and share any ideas or feedback you have with us. You might have some great ideas to help community members across the shire reduce the amount of waste they produce.”

You can download a copy of the draft online from The Loop, at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au or copies will also be available at the Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake, including the mobile library.

To provide your feedback, you can complete a short online survey on The Loop or join one of the online workshops, which will be held at 10am on Thursday, May 13 and at 7pm on Wednesday, May 19. If you prefer, you can drop in and complete a paper survey at one of the Library and Customer Service Centres, including at the mobile library. Feedback must be submitted by Friday, May 28.

Toolangi Discovery Centre

Council was presented and carried the motion of a proposed amendment to facilitate an expanded range of uses at the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre (TFDC) by rezoning the land to Public park and

recreation and revising zone provisions to allow for an expanded use of the current facilities.

It was recommended to council that the Minister of Planning authorise Murrindindi Shire Council to prepare an amendment of C71 to the Murrindindi Planning Scheme; which would see the rezoning of the land from Public Conversation and Resource to Public Park and Recreation; introduce TFDC as an incorporated document; and to amend clauses 36.02 (Public Park and Recreation Zone) and 72.04 (Documents Incorporated in this Planning Scheme) to reference TFDC as an incorporated document.

Mr Fraser clarified what it would mean by TFDC being considered an incorporated document.

“An incorporated document will provide for a number of different uses that will occur on the site but won’t require planning permits, so it’s a special document for that particular site,” he said.

Councillor Ilona Gerencser moved the motion expressing how pleased she was to see the amendments finally take place.

“It’s great to see that this is finally moving forward after sitting still for such a long time. I know I’ve had a lot of inquiries about what was happening to it... and I think it’ll make a lot of people very happy,” she said.

Grants and Contributions program

The Outdoor Education group was allocated \$15,000 for the Eildon Wanggai Development Project, the Yea Show was given \$2500 to upgrade their website, making it compatible with phones and tablet devices, Bev Aisbett was allocated \$2000 towards her self-publishing project, *Meeting Little IT – How to Make Friends with Anxiety*, a Children’s’ book on anxiety, Koori Kids were given \$500 towards NAIDOC Week school activities, and the Marysville Lions Club were given \$7500 towards the Marysville Music Weekend.

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Any queries: please phone 5773 2285.

Applications close MAY 9, 2021

MEETINGS



Alexandra & District
Basketball Association Inc.

P.O. Box 385 Alexandra VIC 3714

Our AGM will be held on **TUESDAY May 11** at 7.30pm at the Alexandra Leisure Centre. We encourage and welcome all player, parents, coaches and umpires to attend.

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BIRCHALL, Lucas Robert
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Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
Your soul will live in me.
We'll miss you now
Our hearts are sore
As time goes by
We'll miss you more
Your loving smile
Your gentle face
No one can fill
Your vacant place.

Gone Fishing

Funeral details to be announced.
or see McCormack website.



DEATH NOTICES



BIRCHALL, Lucas
The Committee and Members of the Yea Football Netball Club would like to extend our sincere condolences to Julie, Bradley and Benji on the recent passing of Lucas Birchall. The Tiger family is here for you all.

PERRY, Wykeham Lindley
26/05/1936-25/04/2021
Much loved son of Wykeham Snr and Mavis (both dec) of Dalewyke, Buxton. Dearly loved husband of Wilma. Loved brother of David, Helen, Ann, Les, Mary, Susan (dec), Jane and Catherine. Much loved father of Susan, Michael, David and Gillian. Cherished Grandfather of Rebekah, Emily, Lauren, Olivia and Daniel J Wykeham, his namesake. Proud Great Grandfather of Bonnie. Brother-in-law of Jessie Townsend.

Rest peacefully.

DEATH NOTICES

PERRY – Wykeham Lindley
Accomplished local landscape artist.
Passed away April 25, 2021
A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 8, 2021 at 1pm in the Marysville Anglican Church, 1139 Buxton Road, Marysville.
After the service a gathering of family, relatives and friends will be held at 'Dalewyke', 410 Buxton-Marysville Rd to celebrate Wykeham's life.
If you wish to add to tributes for Wykeham please contact Marg Perry on 0407820531 or margles12@bigpond.com or post on website below.



PERRY, Wykeham

Dearest eldest brother to Les and Marg. Uncle for Liza, Nick, Manda, Vincent, Sarah, Dave, Rachel, Sam, Eva, Lucy, Will, Iris, Annabelle, Esther, Pearl, Louis, Wykeham. Wonderful memories of farm days and the best big brother anyone could have.

DEATH NOTICES

PERRY, Wykeham
A wonderful artist, a life member, as well as a true gentleman who will be sadly missed by all the members of the Eildon Art Group. Rest in Peace.

PERRY, Wykeham
Dearly loved brother in law to Jessie, Uncle to Daniel, Jodie, Jason, Brooke and Georgia. Treasured memories forever in our hearts.

POWER, Maureen Anne.
27/06/1943.
Died peacefully on Friday, 23/04/2021.
Loving sister of Garry (dec), Jeffrey and Kath. Loved aunt of Nicholas and Vicky, Andrew and Alex, Daniel and Hannah. Great aunt of Suphan, Kaia, Will, Harry and Ivy. Much missed.
Funeral details: Friday, May 7 at Yea Cemetery at 2pm.

WEBB WARE, Ken
25/01/1927 - 02/05/2021.
Passed away peacefully at Rosebank Yea. Dearly loved husband of Ursie (dec), and loving father of Catherine and David, and David and Sarah, Margaret and Eugene, and John and Jenny. Loved and loving grandfather of Hannah, Matthew, James, Hugh, Luke, Emily and Angus. A memorial service is to occur at a later date to be advised.

WITH THANKS

The **Kylstra** family would like to thank everybody who joined us in the celebration of Wytze's life, as well as in the time leading up to it. People who made us delicious food, who sent us cards, flowers and kind words, who helped with the setting up along the river and who played music. You are incredibly appreciated.



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Kellock Lodge appeal update

by Maurice Pawsey

CITIZENS of Alexandra and district, your aged care facility and Friends of Kellock are moving into the last year of the 'We Care' appeal.

We reported last time on the Bare Foot Bowls night which raised some \$3500, thanks to the Alexandra Bowls Club. This week we banked \$2413, thanks to the community support for the first firewood raffle, won by Sharon Fox. This sum also included \$150 for sale of some wonderful relish donated by Pam Petersen and \$155 for seedlings donated and sold by Veronica Hendrickson.

We are hoping for another wood raffle very soon and we have two donated watercolour artworks to raffle later in the year.

Friends are delighted to advise that, subject to any COVID-19 restrictions, Jan Fallon and her committee are considering another ball, possibly in September. Get ready for a great night of dancing and festivities.

Also, look forward to the Open Gardens Weekend, on October 23 and 24. The Fallon Garden will be open and Friends of Kellock will be running cake, plant and food stalls. Members of Friends are asked to think about potting plants, getting ready for cakes, etc, and being available to take a turn on one of the stalls.

After that, we do need to refer to the appeal. We assume that 2021 will be the last year of this appeal and we would like it to be a good one. Kellock Lodge now belongs to the community of Alexandra and we need to ensure that it is once again financially sound after the events of 2018/ 2019. The appeal stands at around \$760,000. Donations can be made at Kellock Lodge. I remind you that a number of previous donors are making second or even third donations. Some almost weekly.

CEO and DON 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.

Now that Kellock Lodge is ours, it is time to think about how we recognise that ownership. 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, and one will be sent to you by return email. Remember, in the future, it is the members who will appoint the board.

Thank you, Alexandra and District.

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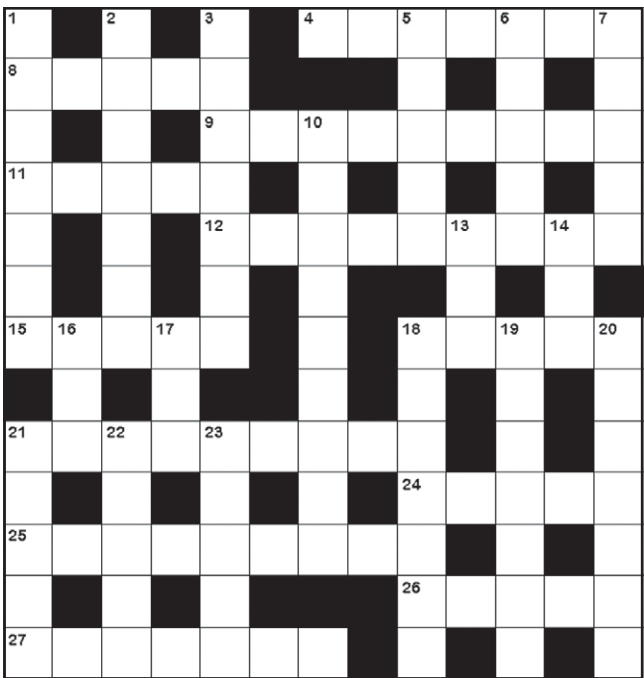
Crossword

ACROSS

- 4. A term of endearment for a beloved person.
- 8. An open area with targets for shooting.
- 9. To clear of all blame and suspicion of wrongdoing.
- 11. Put your thoughts and ideas down on paper.
- 12. Felt a sense of sorrow over something.
- 15. Anticipate with apprehension or terror.
- 18. Turn outward in an awkward manner.
- 21. Headstrong, wilful and stubborn as a mule.
- 24. A person who avoids the company of others.
- 25. A traveller who stays for only a short time.
- 26. So strange as to inspire a feeling of fear.
- 27. Lumps of gold as found in the earth.

DOWN

- 1. Wandered around shops not necessarily buying.
- 2. Made in earlier times and valued for its age.
- 3. Regarded with awe, deference, and devotion.
- 5. Liquorice-flavoured seeds used to flavour foods.
- 6. Strictly accurate in performance or amount.



- 7. A thick woollen fabric that originated in Scotland.
- 10. Discuss the terms of an arrangement.
- 13. A fixture for drawing water from a pipe or cask.
- 14. The longest division of geologic time.
- 16. Take property illegally by using violence or force.
- 17. A subdivision of a play or opera or ballet.
- 18. Suffer from intense and oppressive heat.
- 19. Where clothes are washed and ironed.
- 20. Had an intense desire or emotional longing for.
- 21. Many times at short intervals.
- 22. Jargon that has replaced normal words or phrases.
- 23. One of a series published periodically.

Word Search: Outdoor activities

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Jokes

- Q: Where do pencils come from?
- Q: What is the fastest country in the world?



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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Trivia

- Q: Where was the below image taken?



Sudoku

Difficulty: Medium

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9. Every row and column and every group of 9 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.

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Riders outside the Peppercorn Hotel in Yea. -S



Top conditions give shooters opportunity

ECDRA report by Leigh Enfield

SATURDAY was a much better day for the patient East Central District Rifle Association (ECDRA) shooters to find those ideal breaks in the wind and mirage conditions. The winning technique for the day was to identify the problem wind conditions, wait them out patiently, and then move quickly, but not sacrifice perfect shot release once the window of opportunity opened.

But shooting had to wait for a brief committee meeting, where resolutions were passed and tasks allocated for the last of the safety, environmental and aesthetic improvements to be put in place.

Three ECDRA shooters took advantage of the practice day to learn the day's idiosyncrasies early, and then put down perfect scores. That confidence will bode well for the Nagambie Rifle Club sponsored Variety Charity Meeting next Saturday, and Open Prize Meeting on the following Sunday, both at Bendigo's Wellsford Rifle Range. These meetings will attract Victoria's best, so top form is critical.

Most pleased was newer ECDRA member Randell Underwood with his top range score for the day of 60.7. Randell has put down a number

of perfect 60 scores recently, and evidently final touches he has made to his ammunition preparation put his up there with the best.

Randell's 60.7 demonstrates that he is now mastering the solo wind-reading skills that distinguish full-bore competition.

Both of the hardened campaigners, president Terry Gee (60.6) and club captain Neal Hambridge (60.4) managed a perfect score but were outdone. Terry opined that his own pennant shooting was set to improve now that another wind-coach was there for the team.

ECDRA is going from strength to strength recruiting new members and the club is now courting Violet Town local, Zac Economou, again a relative newcomer to F Class competition, but no novice to the shooting sports generally like Randell. Zac used his regular, but not at all unsophisticated, farm work rifle to shoot an incredible 59.5. No wonder vermin levels in the district are on the decline.

Visit the website ecdra.com.au for more information about the club and the sport. Use the links to explore shooting competition on Saturdays and practice and development on Wednesday mornings.

Riding the rail trail

JOANNE and John Kasch from Pack Saddling Australia have been running horse riding tours along the Great Victorian Rail Trail for the past five years, with many returning again and again.

Speaking at their most recent camp, Ms Kasch explained that the riders need to have their own horses, but that the tour includes food and boutique accommodation. All different dietary requirements can be catered for.

John Kasch joins the riders on the journey, while Joanne provides support. They take a minimum of four and a maximum of six people on the journey.

The tours support a variety of local businesses along the way, including shops, cafes and restaurants, as well as the accommodation providers.

The tours can operate throughout the year, except in January and February when it tends to be too hot. The rides tend to be easy for the horses. Children are welcome to come along as well, as long as they are competent riders and have a parent or guardian accompanying them.

Pack Saddling Australia offers its guests a unique opportunity to explore and experience the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

On a recent ride, the riders left Tallarook and headed off for a five night, six day journey, covering over 120km. They stayed in boutique accommodation venues along the way, including Trawool Estate, Peppercorn Hotel, the Molesworth Wine and Food Company, The Yack Cottage and the delightful Woodfield Shearing Quarters.

The riders, from all around Victoria, enjoyed riding through the historic Cheviot

Tunnel, watching the early mist rise from the beautiful Goulburn River and even riding across the walking bridge of Bonnie Doon. At the end of the trail, riders relaxed and chatted and made plans for their next adventure.



All of the horses are well cared for on the journey. -AR



One of the horses enjoying the break. -AR



The group of riders enjoying the evening at Woodfield Shearers Quarters near Merton. -AR

Look for the fish and you will catch them

Fishing report by Craig Parker from Eildon Bait and Tackle

LAKE Eildon has started to cool down and the trout in the lake are holding up in the river arms and inlets waiting for some welcoming rain to start their spawning run, these fish are getting caught flat lining Tassie devils and diving lures in the F13 rapala. Use your sounder to find the schools of fish and either make runs up and down through the schools or drift and cast into them.

Murphy cod are starting to fire up with some bigger sized fish taking baits off the banks during the evening or slowly trolling the drop offs during the day. Find schools of small redfin, they will most likely have a cod nearby.

Yellow belly and redfin are taking scrub worms, yabbies and vibes around the trees

and rock walls, the Delatite Arm, Woolshed Inlet, Bolte Bay, Jerusalem Creek, and Goughs Bay are the main areas to target.

Eildon Pondage is still giving up the odd brown trout around the 3kg mark taking scrub worms, Mudeyes, and lures, while the rainbow trout have put on some size and weight and fish around 800 g are more common, powerbait, local dough, scrub worms, Mudeyes and lures are all worth a go.

The Goulburn River is still at a high flow of 5000 ML but fishing the larger slower water using unweighted scrub worms and lures are working well, with powerbait in salmon egg colour taking some nice fish. The Rubicon, Acheron, Stevenson, and Snobs rivers will have brown trout starting to head upstream to spawn, so these are worth a look.

Until next week, fish hard.

Rising in the autumn leaves



by Jennifer Roony

ON Sunday, May 2 at the Alexandra Pony Club, there was a smaller than normal group of riders. This gave the children a chance to get to know each other on a one to one basis.

Dan Anderson, a parent instructor for the intermediate group of kids, said, "All the children regardless of skill or confidence level at the start of the day had a good try and improved as they went along. Their level of confidence grew during the comradery among the children and the cheering of the parents, every child was successful in each show jumping round. It was great watching the kids abilities grow right before your eyes."

Liza Grange-Perry and Dan Anderson ran the games session of

the day which consisted of weaving poles team relay, where the kids had to work together. Then it was time for a barrel race for a little bit of individual fun where kids work as a team with their ponies or horses."

Lilly is a long standing junior member of the club but was a new comer to being an instructor at the Alexandra pony club on the day. Lilly was up to the challenge with teaching certificate work to the beginner groups of children attending the pony club rally. Lilly also participated in a C Star certificate work zoom session in conjunction with fellow member Annabelle Grange-Perry. A big thank you to all parents who helped on the day.

Dan, Heidi, Piper, Annabelle, Renee and Holly, Kailey and Liza ready for an Autumn Rally. -S



Annabelle Grange Perry enjoying some jumping. -S

SPORT

Home games for Rebels

report by Ray Steyger

THE AFL Outer East League round three of the 2021 season played last Saturday saw the club's Under 17 team have a bye.

Football

Seniors

Alexandra 11.8-74 defeated Warburton Millgrove 8.16-64

The Seniors made two changes, Jack Hehir, and Cooper Phillips in, to play their first senior games, to take on Warburton Millgrove. The first quarter was an even contest with both teams having five scoring shots, the Rebels a little more accurate with three goals to one. The second quarter was also an arm wrestle as the Rebels took a 10-point lead at half time.

The Rebels kicked away in the third quarter with four goals to one, but the visitors were not done and had nine scoring shots to two in the last quarter, but their inaccuracy in front of goal was costly, the Rebels finishing 10 points ahead at the final siren. Alexandra 11.8-74 to Warburton Millgrove 8.16-64 in what was a very entertaining and high standard game of community football.

Awards: BMH Roofworx - Jordan Laurie-Rhodes. Healesville Toyota - James Box. ITEC Earthworks - Ted Watkin. Buxton Hotel - Harrison Kelly. Shamrock Hotel - Ryley Norris.

Reserves

Alexandra 4.2-26 defeated by Warburton Millgrove 26.15-171

The Reserves started the day with a number of changes and a few players short, as the visitors took control of play in the first half, well drilled and efficient by hand and foot, increasing the scoreboard margin each quarter. Great to see father and son, Scott, and Jordan Ferrier, play a game together, both would have slept well on Saturday night. The Rebels were undermanned but worked hard against very good opposition, Alexandra 4.2-26 to Warburton Millgrove 26.15-171.

Awards: Shepparton Volkswagen - Jordan Rice. Caltex fuel card - Ryan Lucas. Alex Sportspower - Brodie Humphries. Buxton Hotel - James Southam. Shamrock Hotel - Jordan Ferrier.

Netball

Netball awards: Caltex \$25 fuel card award - Sally Eastwood.

A Grade

Alexandra 39 defeated by Warburton Millgrove 72

Awards: Coaches' - Ellie Hedger. Corner Hotel - Jorja Gesler. Shamrock Hotel - Caitlan Haggis. Grant St Grocer - Riley Thomas.

B Grade

Alexandra 40 defeated by Warburton Millgrove 50

Awards: Coaches' - Candice Pearce. Corner Hotel - Brooke Pearce. Shamrock Hotel - Jaxmin Collett. Grant St Grocer - Carly Hill.

C Grade

Alexandra 25 defeated by Warburton Millgrove 48

Awards: Coaches' - Hana Duldig. Corner Hotel - Louise Chapple. Grant St Grocer - Laura Westwood. Essence Coffee Lounge - Emma Bowe.

D Grade

Alexandra 24 defeated Warburton Millgrove 18

Awards: Coaches' - Emma Whitehead. Corner Hotel - Michelle Jack. Grant St Grocer - Louise Hurrey. Essence Coffee Lounge - Taylah Dean.

The gate raffle was won by Mandy Westwood, meat tray by Jason Degabriele and the bottle of wine by Dave 'Jacko' Dowling.

This coming Saturday, 8 the Rebels travel to Kinglake for round four in three games of netball and three games of football, the D Grade netball playing Thornton Eildon. Everyone is welcome to come back to the Shamrock Hotel for the awards.

Do not forget to order your club merchandise. Thursday night dinners have two sittings, for juniors and then seniors after their respective training with main course and sweets - adults \$15 and kids \$10, everyone is welcome.

Thursday's Rebel Raffles started last Thursday, and the winners were Len Jenkins, Gerard and Pip, Sharon Hedger,



James Box in the Seniors match. -S



Sam Kidd in the Seniors. -S

Alan Webb, and Scott Ferrier. The Joker Jackpot will be worth \$800 this week so come along and buy some tickets at \$1 each but you need to be at the club rooms at 8pm for the draw.

Junior football netball

The Alexandra Football Netball Club junior teams travelled to Broadford last Sunday for four games of football and two games of netball. The Under 9s and 11s football have a game which is non-competitive and non-scoring so there is no win loss for these competitions. The Under 11s netball had a bye.

Football

Under 15

Broadford 11.11-77 defeated Alexandra 3.6-24

Awards: Miljkovic Family - Charlie Hill. Essence Coffee Lounge - Noah Campbell. Reddrops FoodWorks - Luke Wal. Alexandra Bakery and Café - Riley Frankcombe. Hadfield Contractors - Casey Collett. Coaches' - Caleb Carden.

Under 13

Broadford 9.10-64 defeated Alexandra 6.7-43

Awards: Essence Coffee Lounge - Fletcher Van Lierop. Reddrops FoodWorks - Toby Lucas. Alexandra Bakery and Café - Xavier Cowell. Bundalaguah Engineering

Netball

Under 15

Broadford 17 defeated by Alexandra 20

Awards: Reddrops FoodWorks - Mikaela Lyttle. Alexandra Bakery and Café - Chloe Wales. Sponsor - Rose Hurrey.

Under 13

Broadford 7 defeated by Alexandra 11

Awards: Reddrops FoodWorks - Ashley Collett. Alexandra Bakery and Café - Talia Nash. Sponsor - Milly Wales.

A very big thank you to the above award sponsors for their continued support of the junior footballers and netballers. Next Sunday is the first home game of the season at Rebel Park, hosting St Mary's for three games of netball and three games of football, the Under 15s football hosting Yea for a match at Rebel Park for a full day of junior sport. Entry is free, the canteen is open, and everyone is welcome. If anyone can assist with the canteen on home games during the season, please speak to Melissa Crane and Shona Miljkovic.



The Under 11s in action against Broadford. -S



Sarah Mooney and Kirby Welch in A Grade Netball. -S



Jorja Gesler in A Grade Netball. -S



Matt Wal in the Under 13s. -S



Heath Sutcliffe in the Under 13s. -S



The Under 9's in action against Broadford. -S

Speedway returns to Alexandra this Saturday

Speedway report by Dean Thompson

ALEXANDRA Speedway begins its much-anticipated dog-leg racing season with the first of three events through the dog-leg this Saturday. The night will be headlined by the Crash and Bash Association along with a feature event for ladies sedans and all club classes as support races.

Crash for Cash is the big event for the Crash and Bash Association with both their ladies and open categories competing. The ladies field includes Lea Judd who has been the dominant driver this season, with the likes of Sharon Morrison, Kellie Latham, Kirsten McKendry, and Clare Lynch keen to spin Judd out of contention on their way to victory.

Many of the big hitters are in the line-up for the open class with the Victorian champion Neil Davey back to compete against the likes of Brad Warren, Steve Mitchell, Jason McKendry, Jason Judd, Craig McKendry, and Jarrod Hughes.

Competition for the Queen of the Valley ladies open Sedan race has attracted a strong field of racers. Lea Judd, Ricky Lee Basten, Felicity Roycroft, and Bianca Brown all have strong podium results this season in various events around the state.

A monster line-up of Sports Sedans has entered with too many drivers to pick a winner. However, watch Damien and Brendan Miller, four-time 100 Lap Derby winner Luke Fallon, Zac Swanson, Steve Kershaw, Darren Forrest, David Donegan, Gareth Wilson, Lee Beach, and Tim McPherson, they are just a third of the field competing. Always outstanding, Sports Sedan racing at Alexandra is not to be missed.

In Street Stock action watch for Ricky Cornwall, Tyler Barton, Leigh Gooding,

and Shane Roycroft to be in line for the win while in Junior Top Stars, Jayden Bryant, Linken Paterson, and Dylan Barrow will continue their battles for supremacy.

The New Star Junior line up is interesting with various drivers having good results at other venues in the last month. Watch for Maddy Capon, Toby Parks, Rye Orme, Billy McBride, and Sam Cherry to perform well. In the Junior Sedans for six cylinder and above cars, Linken Paterson, Dylan Barrow, and Bradin Claridge are in competition to assume the lead driver mantle in this class.

Racing starts from 4pm, gates are open from noon at a cost of \$50 for a family of



Jarrod Hughes in his banged up Falcon, one of the favourites in the Crash and Bash. -Dean Miller Photography

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 disabled pensioners. Children under 10 years of age enter for free.

Anybody who requires information can contact 0438 700 124.



Steve Kershaw, one of the favourites in Sports Sedans. -Vern Parker Photography

Eildon to play Yea in Pennant final

Eildon golf report by Puttomatic

A BEAUTIFUL sunny day saw a good roll up for the Graeme Smedley Memorial shield event at the Eildon Golf Club. A 4bbb stableford was undertaken with nearest to the pins on the 12th to Rod Taylor and the 14th Colin Long. There were no birdies on the eighth. Shield winners were the combination of Rod Taylor and Lyn Capp with 43 points. Runners-up were Kerry Power and Grant Walters with 42 points. Entry draw to Mark Mackwell, swindle and pick for the joker to John Beale.

Congratulations to the Pennant winners who played at Eildon on Sunday. Results now show that Eildon will play Yea in the final on Sunday, May 23 at a venue yet to be decided.

Next Saturday will be the Don Reid Stableford Aggregate event, byo partners, followed by presentations at the Rubicon Hotel that night.

Hope to see you there.

A big week of golf for the ladies

Alexandra golf report by Elizabeth Goss

A BIG week for the ladies at the Alexandra Golf Club, hosting the first round of Pennant on Monday and their Annual Tournament on Thursday as well as a Par round on Wednesday. The big event, the Tournament, was off to a chilly start due to Alexandra's proverbial fog but the sun soon came through for a beautiful day. Congratulations to the Scratch Shield winner A Grade player Sandie Wicking (86) from Kilmore. Congratulations also to all the other winners. The B Grade scratch winner was Marion Williamson (96), and the C Grade scratch winner was Pauline Brooks (105), both from Alexandra. The A Grade handicap winner was Glenda Woods 91(16)75 from Seymour, the B Grade winner was Di Holdsworth 99(26)73 from Yea and the C Grade winner was Di Mac Kenzie 109(45)64 from Marysville. Nearest the pin on the second was Lauris Truscott, on the

fifthJan Wealands, on the seventh Glenda Woods, on the 12th Cheryle Anderson and on the 18th Gail Leigh. The small teams went to Judy Pearson, Di Holdsworth and Di MacKenzie with 216. The Vets winner was Di MacKenzie.

Tuesday winner was Dave Silverman (13) 37 points, and the runner-up was Peter Valance (5) 36 points. Names in by 11.30 for noon hit off.

On Wednesday, the Par round Division 1 was won by Jenny Fisher (19) +4, at her best playing Par, and the runner-up was Jo Robinson (22)-1. Division 2 was won by Joan McDonald (34)-1 and the runner-up was Lyn Capp (30)-2 on a four-way countback. The nine-hole winner was Dawne Cann with +2. Nearest the pin on the second was Jenny Fisher, on the fifth Jo Robinson and on the 18th Sandy Wettenhall. Next Wednesday,

May 12 is Stableford. Names in by 8.30 for 9am hit off.

The May Monthly Medal was played on Saturday with Mark Robinson winning with a commendable 72(3)69. Mark also won A Grade. The A Grade runner-up was Michael Bossonet 82(11)71 on a countback from Damon Malcolm 83(12)71. The B Grade winner was Steve Darmody 93(21)72, and the runner-up was Jarrod Williamson 92(19)73. The ladies winner was Ruth Worland 89(18)71, and the runner-up was Marg Fahey 87(13)74. Nearest the pin on the second was Mark Robinson, on the fifth Barb Doyle, on the seventh Matt Thornton and Marg Fahey, on the 12th Lindsay Wilson and Barb Doyle, and on the 18th Mark Robinson. Steve Darmody had the fewest puts with 26. Ball run down to Damon Malcom, John Steer, and Corey Jack. Next Saturday, May 8 is Stableford. Names in by 10.30 for noon hit off.



B Grade Scratch winner Marion Williamson. -S



C Grade Scratch winner Pauline Brooks with club Captain Helen Findlay. -S



The Tournament's Scratch winner Sandra Wicking. -S

ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION



Result Round 1

3PR	def	Taggerty	5-6
Buxton	def	Jaggers	6-5
Panthers	def	Arrowsmiths	4-7
Raging Bulls	def	Mt Pleasant	7-4

Ladder	Pts	%
Arrowsmiths	4	
Raging Bullseye	4	
Buxton	4	
Taggerty Pub	4	
3PR	0	
Jaggers	0	
Mt Pleasant	0	
Panthers	0	

Tons

A Greco 100, Mark Edwards 120 100 100, Scott Kerr 100, Greg Gilmore 123 100 100 100, Dave Nicklos 115 139, Bob Mayfield 100, Bob Benghamy 100 100 100, Greg Elder 100 100 100 100, Warren Nelson 100, Wayne Elliott 100, Andy Tobias 100 100, Bed Cooper 120 120 140 100 100, Darren Witholds 100 116, Dave Cooper 126 100 101, Jason Renolds 130 100 134, Brad Petersen 101 120, Rodd Petersen 121, Levi Renalds 108, Max Dunn 100, I Harris 100 100 100, Mark Robinson 140 140 140 115 100 100 125 125 138, James Weatherald 121 100 100 120, Wayne Kupke 134 116 100 100, Pat Browning 100 100 100, Roscoe Penny 100 100 100, Leigh Turnbull 100 100 100, Steve Ritchie 100 101 135 100, Jason Masters 100 140 100 100 101

HIGHEST PEG OF THE WEEK:
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Thornton women's football team secure first win for season

report by Sarah Stevenson

CONGRATULATIONS to the Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club (TEDFNC) women's team for their win last weekend against Olinda at Olinda's home ground. Hopefully, it is the beginning of great things to come, with the development of our team going forwards, and reaping the awards on the score board.

The club hosted their Jumper Presentation night last Thursday, with a fantastic turn out in attendance. The club appreciates and value the support immensely.

Healthy meals were provided for all those in attendance, and now, because of a successful grant obtained at the beginning of the year we can provide healthy meals, at no cost to members of our community. Thursday meals will continue each week for the duration of the season, the club welcomes all for a healthy cost-effective meal to all. It is a great way to meet new people and enjoy our slice of paradise.

This Tuesday, May 4 will see AusKick kick off at Thornton for children aged five to 12 years, to get active and learn some great skills while connecting with new friends. Auskick is on every Tuesday from 4.30 to 5.30pm until July 6. Children need to be registered online at playhq.com/afl/register/da2c7d

This coming weekend, TEDFNC will have its first home game for this season. Women's netball starting at 9am against Alexandra, and women's footy starting at 1.30pm against Officer.

UGFM Community Radio will be broadcasting the women's football match from 1pm. This is a first.

TEDFNC have named this round 'Pink Round' in support of raising awareness for Breast Cancer, in conjunction with resident trainer Lisa Stanchinotti and her buddy Bailey who will be running as many laps of the oval as possible from 6am until 3.25pm.

The club has got behind Lisa and her cause, close to her heart, to raise funds for Mother's Day Classic. Donation tins will be around the club on the day, with fundraising cookies and cupcakes for sale, plus other little extras. We are sure our first home game is going to be one to remember, and warmly invite our community to support women in sport and a very worthy cause at the same time.

Netball Yarra Glen 30 defeated Thornton Eildon 10

report by Teneille

THORNTON made the journey on Saturday for their game against Yarra Glen. After last week being such a competitive game, they were ready to give it another shot. But, as the game drew closer, they were shy of a full team. Sadly, Heather Mason had to sit this one out due to illness. She was missed on the court. Luckily, Liz Westwood and Georgie Beggs stepped in for this game. Georgie made a great addition to the shooting team, partnering up with Sarah and working so well together in the goal circle. The mid-court saw Liz, Hannah, and Charmaine running continually and doing their best to bring the ball back down the court. Unfortunately, halfway through the third quarter Hannah came off due to injury and Thornton felt the impact. The defensive side saw Maddie and Teneille in the ring, with Liz as WD with great turnovers again. The team tried their best to show their efforts on the scoreboard this week but were unable to get it where they wanted it. The final score being 30 to 10.

The team is keeping their spirits up and learning something new every week. Go Roo's.

Football Olinda 2.2-14 defeated by Thornton Eildon 2.6-18

report By Sarah Stevenson

THORNTON travelled to Olinda last weekend, welcoming first

Shinboner gamer Kirstie Wild into the side, and with several ins and outs this weekend, making up good numbers coming into the game still.

Overall, the game was hotly contested, a solid game from both sides, with a constant battle all the way to the final siren which saw Thornton Eildon secure their first win for the season.

Sophie Penney kicked the first goals but continued her amazing efforts throughout the whole game, being a driving force in the front line. Somaly Herridge showed her experience, always putting in constantly, and reaping the rewards by kicking the winning goal for the game.

There were incredible efforts from each and every team member, with all taking on coaches Tash Hay and birthday boy Allan Dunlop's feedback and direction. Both coaches are pleased that every team member is putting in the effort for their teammates and starting to see the team grow together.

Shannon Whittaker is a strong, natural footballer who is brand new to the sport this season.



Peter Weeks and Mike Dalmau from UGM with Matt Herridge (centre). UGFM will be providing their first ever broadcast of a women's match. It will be Thornton versus Officer on Saturday. -S

Shannon started out strong but finished her game early, being carried off the ground with a knee injury. The club wishes Shannon a speedy recovery, she has the club's support as well as being missed out on the field.

The team song was sung loud and proud after a nail biting last five minutes of the game. With a bit of luck from the football gods at our home ground next week, we can do it all again.

Once again, thank you for the amazing amount of support from sponsors, family, friends and to Yarra Junction who came down to support during their bye.



Halina Sheerman receiving her cheque for \$500 for the big bucks lowest call of the week on 47 calls. -S



The Thornton team following their first win of the season. -Jo Szwedyc

Suggested that golfer needed trailer to transport trophies home

Marysville golf report by Lesley Rundle

LAST week was a busy week playing golf away from Marysville with golfers playing Pennant and playing in the Ladies Tournament at Alexandra. In the first round of the Ladies 2021 Pennant season Marysville played Kilmore at Alexandra. Marysville won 3-2. Thanks to Gail Leigh, Helen Howard, Jenny Coleman, Beverley Bellman and Jillian Chandler for representing Marysville and gaining the win. On Monday Marysville played Yea at home and the results will be given next week.

On Thursday, eight ladies played in the Alexandra tournament and played the first few holes in heavy fog. Once the

fog cleared it was a glorious day weather wise and all players enjoyed the well-maintained course. Di Mackenzie (43) won the C Grade competition with an excellent nett 64 which was the best nett score of the day. Di also won the veterans event, the small teams competition and a raffle. It was suggested that she may need a trailer to transport all her trophies home. Di also received five Dalhousie Player of the Year points. Congratulations to Di, a new golfer who is enjoying playing on local courses. Gail Leigh won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole. Many thanks to the Alexandra ladies for their hospitality.

On Sunday, the men's Pennant team played Alexandra at Eildon. Unfortunately, they lost with one square and four losses

but congratulated Alexandra on their excellent win. Thanks to Alan Howard, Andrew O'Shea, Travers Stow, Peter Jeffrey, and Steve Coker for representing Marysville. All the Marysville Pennant players wish those teams who are going to play in the finals all the best.

On Saturday at home both the men and the ladies played a stroke round for the May Monthly Medal and the ladies round included the third round of their Championships. The ladies daily winner was visitor Julie O'Shea (19) with nett 74. The medal winner was Jody Doran (16) with nett 75. The men's medal winner was Ray Jones (16) with nett 70 and Steve Berry (9) with nett 73 was the runner-up on a four-way countback. The nearest

the pins were won by Peter Lilley, Mark Bambery (2) and Steve Coker. Jody Doran won the putting with 28 putts. During the presentation members celebrated the birthdays of Heather Jenkins and Travers Stow. Next Saturday both the men and ladies will play a stroke round and the ladies game will include the first round of the Barton Shield.

Members are asked to attend a working bee at the club on Sunday, May 30. Details of tasks which need to be carried out will be given nearer the time. Also, firewood is now available for members to purchase and Kellan Fiske can be contacted to arrange a pick-up or a delivery.